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#### A SCENE IN SPIRIT-LAND.

GIVEN THROUGH MRS. SWEET, PURPORTING TO BE BY MRS. HEMANS. As the unclouded splendor of day is passing ingreen, spread out their arms inviting to repose and forth sweet music, such as is never heard by mortal ears, add a charm to the pure and happy scene. A low and gentle melody breathes upon rits are approaching to join the ones already present. Their robes are bright and shining, and their countenances are radiant with the light which and peaceful to look upon, and yet they look gentle and loving. No shadow of earthly passions remains graven upon their scraph-faces. There is a glow of light, a gladdening, blissful feeling pervading the atmosphere in which they move. They are approaching the Spirits who are waiting to receive them. And now, they greet each other with a glad smile of welcome. A deep and unutterable joy seems to be welling up within each heart as it greets and welcomes the other. And those who each others' hands. They now bid each other recount to their companions the result of their labors, for they have been upon earth laboring earnestly have accomplished as faithful workers, whose labor is that of love and undying hope in the redemption the task which I had to fulfil was hard. I spoke gave the lessons which were given me. Some would listen, and some would turn away unheeding, than those who were clad with authority which the law giveth. But some hungry souls who were thirsty for a draught of eternal truth received the words gladly and freely, and they became joyous dom. And when the jewels are gathered together, the beauty of their Spirits will be drops in the cup along; few would listen to my pleading voice, but become leaders of the people, to rule the multitude, curb not our ambition, clip not our soaring wings in their upward flight, but let us speed onward. ever onward, until we have reached the highest pinnacle of worldly ambition, and when all our wishes are satisfied, when our hearts no longer yearn and struggle for worldly aggrandizement, when we gain that for which we are laboring, then we will listen to your pleading voice, then we will put the world beneath our feet and turn our

to the mellowed light of its sunset beauty, a band Father to be the guide of thy youth, and He will of happy Spirits were reposing beside a sparkling surround thee with such guides as will uphold thee fountain, whose clear and pellucid waters reflect ten in the hour of trial, and save thee from the great thousand colors of changing beauty as they sparkle pitfall of temptation. And when thou art old, thou in the ambient light. Flowers of immortal fra- canst look upward with a brightening eye and a grance give forth sweet perfumes to the celestial living knowledge that there is within thee a hope meditation. Birds of rare beauty whose notes give the unrevealed book, whose pages are all unfolding wisdom, the boundless and unchanging love of thy heavenly Father. And I tell thee, O beloved guide, the air. I look up, and behold a company of Spi- that some did stop and harken to my voice, and I wreath of undying flowers, which only Spirits might see, and when they approached those hearts. cometh from God. The wisdom of the holy pre- they would draw near and call them blessed; sence sets upon each countenance, making it fair for lo, the still small voice of love had found an echo within their hearts. I blessed them, and their pathways shall be angel-lighted, and they shall give to others consolation and comfort through their short journey of life on earth. Another Spirit now speaks. It is a female.-

Her eyes are meek and dove-like; tears have often bedewed her cheeks, and her Spirit hath been chastened and purified through suffering and great from my earth journey, thankful that God hath have last come sit beside the fountain also, clasping permitted so feeble and unworthy a Spirit to join where man does lip-homage to his Creator, and blue firmament and the twinkling stars, when I hands with those who love the cause of their Fath- I've watched the word as it fell coldly and without told them of the loving Father who permitted us er so well. My first mission was to seek out the sorrowing, the broken-hearted ones of earth. O! and unceasingly, each in a different direction, and how many, how numberless they are, and how I they now assemble to speak of that which they wished that every tear which came forth from the but created a confusion where they were not un-rejoicing in their newly found life, for lo, they exfountains of my heart, could be turned into a bless- derstood or rightly applied. I found no resting claimed! Heaven hath come to earth, and made ing for them. I lingered about them long. I whise place for the sole of my foot in the structures earth seem bright and glad. It is within us it i of their fellow-man. One says, beloved teacher pered to their hearts of peace and hope. I spoke which had been erected by the hand of man, as beyond us, it is all around us. And the mourners to them of the place where all tears are wiped the altar whence his prayers should ascend to were comforted, and the sick were healed, and the the words of wisdom which were given me. I from the mourners' eyes, and when a sorrowing heaven as a sweet incense before the throne of doubting, faltering ones were gently led along by a mother grieved for her child, I brought the idol of God. The cold and heavy atmosphere oppressed hand which was strong and able to guide. And her heart, and set it before her, that it might point and retarded my ardor, and with difficulty I pene- the glad tidings ran faster and swifter; it was taforgetting that truth could come through other her upwards and then. I told her that a link had been established between her and heaven, a sympathetic chord which would ever draw her there. but she must keep it untainted. She must not snap it asunder by the cares and engrossing loves in the knowledge of cternal and progressing wis- of earth. Her heart grew more hoping, and now she is not without the streng h of hope.

I then spoke to a sad and erring daughter, whose of my gladness. And another said, I went to crushed and weary Spirit desired the rest of obliearth full of mighty resolutions to do the will of vion. Her hopes had once been lighted by the my Father, to turn the hearts of men from mam- trusting faith of love, and her poor Spirit had learnmon, to the purifying and ennobling influence of ed to curse the name, to wish that it might be the knowledge of the love of God to them through blotted forever out of the records of Heaven. A the years of their past forgetfulness, their slumber-blight had fallen upon her young life. O, weary ing unconsciousness. And I thought I would speak and sad were the upbraidings of her Spirit, when with the voice of an entreating angel, that I would conscious at times of its true but degraded nosistir up the depths of their Spirits to see the dark-tion. She would have courted death with her own ness of their ways, the downward tendency of hand, but the future was fearful, and when she had their paths. I approached the young; they would thrown herself prostrate upon the earth, I drew fluences held their sway, my voice could blossom, it would beautify and strengthen, it of Love will not be heard breaking their long sinot hear me; their future was opening before near and whispered to her poor lacerated, despairthem in rose-tinted colors, their passions and ing soul words of hope beyond the grave. She strengthening energies were gaining daily force could not at first hear me, but gradually a great from the reckless impulses which hurried them quiet and peace fell upon her Spirit, and she child of slavery, and as he breathed his simple mists, and not perceived by the awakened soul, thought she was in a dream, a dream of childhood said as in answer to my entreaties: "time enough, and happiness, of innocence, and love. I bent over we are young, we are happy, we are striving to her shattered form, and spoke in whispers which her heart might hear. I told her of repentance to sway the great mass, to step in the places of upon earth, yea, and of hope beyond the earth, those who are daily going out from amongst us; With words of entreaty and soothing sympathy I titude and virtue, where strength would be given ed. But she arose and went her way, resolving to profit by the warning which had been breathed to and as I left her, "friends" whose Spirits had long been unable to approach her, nestled close beside thoughts to Heaven." I passed from the young to the old. Some would hear me doubtingly, misfriends in the form who will receive her, she will trusting the sound to be that of earth, so long had its delusive power enchained their souls and kept vet rise up purified and blessed, and enter upon her the poor wayward desponding heart. I whispered, place thy hand upon our heads and bless us with Each muscle is relaxed; his eye closes upon the the grave. them from all that was bright, that was fair or Spirit-life with a hoping, throbbing joy, thanking "child of toil and captivity, there is a brighter sun the Father's blessing, if thou wilt guide and direct outer world. His ear no longer drinks in each beavenly in their nature, that they could not raise God for His mercy, and meeting face to face with their faith nor extend their grasp beyond the sphere where all their affinities were enshrined. Prayers they could utter with their lips, but they were not up.

And next, I visited the poor orphan, crying for the fresh outgushing of the heart, but they were those which had been given by rule to be repeated bread, shivering with cold, uncared for and sufferas a form through other lips. It was sad to leave ing. How cold and cheerless the life before that them so unbelieving and yet so needy, so ignorant orphan! I looked, and near him were his parents of the life which they were soon to enter, and yet, sad and unhappy, because of the misery of their O, kind and loving guide, I had to pass on ; my pre- child. O, sad sight! there were none to give it cious time could not be thus wasted in talking to bread, but the cold unwilling hand called charity, hearts of stone! The idols of gold and silver ever and on all sides were snares and pitfalls, everything oppression can efface. into cepted the Spirit-forms, the Spirit-voice from to mislead the little wanderer, and nothing to chertheir hearts, and verily, I said within my soul, "it ish, to warm the little hungry heart with the full- their masters. I strove, and would fain have movis not well that men should grow old in forgetfulness of their higher and eternal life, for, as man's rounding dangers. When night had come upon have besought them not to imprison the immortal Dost thou see now, that the Spirits are parting each Then the germs of mighty deeds, hereafter to blos-

one after another to thy astonished soul, the infinite of my Father for His unbounded mercy to me, and beating, pulsing heart of humanity. It only shows their Spirit-home, and tell them of what mercy into waves, and the winds will take up the story, tal purity among those who have been redeemed great joy, happy to return and work out my part from sin and suffering through the love of the in the great struggle of right over all. Father, and in the light of eternity shall our Spirit | Another now speaks. Her floating robes sparkle see what the little seed hath grown to, which was in the soft and mellow light even as gems of beauty so small as to be almost unseen; its rays will be- and rare brilliancy. Her brow is bound with a

have wandered up and down, and I've penetrated clasped my Spirit-form to their hearts, for they sorrow. She said: "O loving guide, I come back into the secret recesses of man's most hidden mo- knew me, they remembered my voice as in time of tives. I have stood in the sacred places of earth, yore, and when I spoke of my home beyond the nower upon the hearts of those who heard it, for to return to cheer and to comfort, to love, to guide many thoughts whose birth was of earth. Sad and who responded to its call, were made partakers of tion of the living heart, by which it forces outward snow on the faded flowers; no rude blasts of disdispirited, I sought a willing ear somewhere else. I a living joy forever within their reach. The veil the vital current, and its succeeding expansion, by content moan and shrick through the desolate ed with truth and everlasting light of heaven I to commit errors at which their souls would shud same. And as all outward Nature is but the corchild of Nature was more receptive, more congenial entreaty, and love to their Father, to surround when once we have learned this language, Nature dance and song, where wine and all its exciting in- found a resting place, wherever its bright flowers guage where the voice of Wisdom and the melody the base avarice which would extort the last farthheard, my footsteps were turned aside. Sad and would make the inner light of all hidden mysteries lence and breathing forth their everlasting hymn to before the Father's throne as a sweet smelling in- infinite delight and awakening wisdom through the bill from beneath its sheltering wing and pours cense of gratitude. I said, "pray on, hope on, growth of that precious flower; and to them who forth its matin note, as the flowers unfold their poor slave; thy bondage is of earth, not of heaven; and far happier in the Spirit-home than the one and hallowed the scene. It was divine and heavengently led her Spirit into the paths of duty, of rec- who calls thee slave and lashes thee with many ly to behold Spirits and mortals mingling heart thus onward through the hours of toil, growing stripes of suffering. My Spirit grew glad as I gaz- with heart, for I saw the earthly Spirit grow better her to live a repentant life. O, how she wept and ed; I grew stronger to proceed on my mission of and purer. I saw it become more expansive and ment of his task, till the sun reaches his meridian wished she might die while the happy dream last- love. And then, I beheld another poor, ignorant, loving, more like the little child before its heaven- height; but as that luminary declines in the calm untaught child of slavery, whose heart had never born nature has been corrupted and corroded by West, and, one by one, the evening stars dot with been taught other than bitter and resentful feelings, the soul of selfishness. But it did not take from their diamond points the azure cope of Night, a grasp. her Spirit. Her life now seemed of some worth, the springs of whose love had been turned into the brightness of the Spirit to give to the mortal, change, manifest even in the external organization, task master, because of the chains which cut the and surrounded the Spirit, that more might be giv- morning. A milder divinity now seems to rule his her. The work of healing had commenced in her flesh and the bonds which held the soul down on a en the mortal. The result of my mission to earth, destiny. A soft hand is laid upon his form,heart, and with the assistance of Spirits, and of level with the brute. O, sad and dreary picture! kind teacher, is ended for the present, and if thou Gently he is led to his couch of repose. An influ-I strove to breathe some hope, some comfort into wilt but give us thy approving smile, if thou wilt ence soothing and sweet comes like the falling dew. shining for thee beyond the starry heavens; there those bright beings, whose dewey breath, whose are peaceful homes, placid and fair, where thou return cheerful and glad, and as thou dost recede ers in vain unlock their perfumes. As outward warm and striving hearts were exerted to raise her shalt yet rest thy weary limbs; there are angel- from our view, floating in the light of thy purity, consciousness and memory fade and become dim, And they also thought they had a beautiful dream, art great in wisdom, thou art benignant and kind, gentlest sway. By day his outer will controlled and

And I strove to approach those whom they call heart hath its only abiding place, he would fain be found by the little waif floating on its tempest- their tenderness, and wished to move their Spirits words which are spoken by the unfolded wisdom are inseminated into the chambers of the receptive unless he can hear one.

linger forever within the precincts which only seem tost bosom, I drew near and blessed the orphan; I to act in accordance with the dictates of Nature; of those Spirits who have come from their bright mind. Then deathless affections are kindled upon to him as the brightest heaven which his soul can pressed him to my heart, and prayed to my Father but the circumstances of custom and of law had but distant home to counsel and strengthen those the heart's altars, and many a bereaved Spirit, aspire to, and when the unwillingly leaves it, his in heaven to send angel-guides to watch over the riveted its chains so firmly about their hearts as to whose task it hath been to develop and make use- lonely on earth, then clasps the object of its inmost soul finds no sympathy, no pleasure in the opening immortal germ, to influence some benevolent heart darken their better judgment and render them deaf ful in the sphere which they left, the labors which love. Hand in hand they wander through Elysian future before him." And I again spoke to the to cherish the little withering flower, to give it to the appeals which their own hearts often uncon- they are fitted to perform? youth and said: O! young man or young maiden, some bosom to which its little heart might nestle in sciously made to them. I blessed those who were One speaks in a gentle yet commanding voice, pause and think; thy heart is warm and bounding, the spring-time of its life and twine around here- gentle and kind to the flesh and blood which their and says: Thou hast done well, my children the flowers of thy youth are blooming brightly, after with love and affection. I watched him while money had purchased, and I prayed to my Father thou hast been faithful and unwearied; each hath and making thee glad in the sunlighted beauty of he slept in his infantile innocence and desolation, to open their hearts to the soft tones of His loving performed a part, and each hath given to earth their gorgeous coloring; but the flowers of thy and I said: "I pray thee, O Father of the father- mercy, and make them the instruments of giving some light, some awakening hope. In the name of der objects of her truest love. She leads them youth will perish, many of the hopes which thou less, to cast a strong bulwark about this innocent life eternal to those who were their bondsmen, for the Father we bless thee; return upon thine angeto the Society for the Diffusion of Spiritual Knowledge, wouldst realize will prove delusive, the vain shalone than of lic mission, and perform it well, the harvest is truly with them on the green banks of slowly flowing dows of thy own longing, and mock thee at last learn to call thee his Father, and know thee as such necessity, and I said within my soul, when the great, but the laborers are few; we will pray that with bitter disappointment. Give car now, to the forever." Many sympathetic Spirit-friends were heart hath been opened by the Spiritual unfolding the Lord of the harvest would send forth more laappeal of love, hearken to the soft and pleading gathered round the lone child, and each one of true light and loving practical works, they will borers to gather up the jewels, to brush away the voice of angel-lips. Beings etherial and pure, lov- resolved to do a part to assist in leading that child see their error and the gentle persuasion of the ing and anxious, surround thy youthful steps; turn, aright, through life's checkered path. He was con-still small voice from within will guide them aright, turn not away, shut not thy heart against their ducted through the aid of Spirits to a sympathetic and the oppressed shall be cared for and lifted up, gentle influences, but lift up thine eyes and ask thy heart; the neglected one was cared for; a kindly and their Spirits shall be made as fair and as pure, hand was stretched forth, and the little one's head as trusting and loving in the simplicity of their now slumbers beneath a friendly roof. Thou wilt faith as those who have raised them. Verily, the say, gentle teacher, that my prayers were answered, light of each good deed becomes a star of rejoic unworthy as I am. Many, many scenes of suffer- ing in the home of the Spirit to greet it at its ening and of misery, of desolation, and disappoint- trance. Therefore, beloved teacher, I come back ment were witnessed by me while my carth-jour- from my mission hoping, for a power hath been air, and majestic trees whose foliage is of living of eternal life strong and undying. And death ney lasted, and my Spirit shall watch through their breathed upon the people, a voice hath thrillshall not dim thy happiness, but it will open to thee lives the good work which was given me the power ed their hearts, a feeling unknown and undefined to begin, and I will bless and magnify the goodness by mortals is pervading, is expanding the great I shall stand ready to greet each one as they enter a ripple here and there, but the ripples will grow and protecting care hath followed their lives; for and bear the glad tidings over the face of the placed upon their brows a talisman of hope, a they will yet shine bright and glowing with immor- earth. And so I returned rejoicing with exceeding

> come those of refulgent light and dazzling beauty, chaplet of lilies. Her voice is soft and musical as as time develops in its unceasing progress the im- the tones of an ælian harp; its vibrations thrill mortal attributes which belong to each unfolding through every listener as the touch of a fine-toned instrument. Yea, said she, I come from earth Another speaks who has left earth. I came, glad and rejoicing, my friends. They welcomed me said he, to report my work as only begun. Lo, I with open hearts and outstretched hands: they verily, pomp and circumstances are but the impres- and direct, they hailed my approach with iov unsions of an hour, and the sound of many words speakable; their hearts became one great temple of trated the gross element which was filled with so ken up and conveyed from heart to heart, and all sought the home of the lowly. I approached the was rent asunder which had kept the loving caress couch of the suffering, and verily, they received of friends so long unfelt, so long unknown, whose ing streams, is the correspondence in the human me, they repelled me not, but with heartfelt tears labors are now being rewarded by being recognized form of this universal law. The ebb and flow of they received the comforting influence from my and loved. And I told them also to beware of the great tides of the ocean, now flooding the shut out the very light of heaven from your anx-Spirit to theirs, and where the humble and upright those who had left the earth sad and unhappy, shores and bays, and now withdrawing its waters man spoke forth the thoughts which come freight- whose influence had often unconsciously led them into its own bosom, is a sublimer illustration of the stood by, and breathed strength, and hope, and der if they knew their source. I directed them to respondence of Spiritual realities a manifestation comfort to his soul. For the simple and honest look up with the eye of trust, with the heart of to the outward senses of the laws of Spiritual life, to the influences of indwelling light than those them with holy teachers, whose love and wisdom whom forms, and ceremonies, and outward garbs would lighten their pathway and make them a light even the rudest and least perfect forms of matter passions. of piety had surrounded by their gross and heaven- unto others. I told them that truth born of God find a tongue and speech in which to address mandefying influence. Where mirth and revelry, the was a pure and beautiful gem, and wherever it kind. Then truly there will be no speech nor landispirited, I left the scene of mirth and revelry. I reveal themselves clear and undimmed to the inquirsought the lowly cabin of the poor, the oppressed ing soul, for what now seemed dark, enveloped in prayer, a Spirit stood by, and took it up and laid it would in its unfolding progress become a source of ternal sphere. And as each bird withdraws its received me, I gave the words which thou gavest glad leaves to the flushing beams, so man feels his thy poor bleeding heart will be freer and brighter me, and many Spirits joined with me, and blessed Spirit drawn to his accustomed toil and finds truest streams of hate, because of the oppression of the but greater power and stronger light overshadowed comes over the resolute and eager toiler of the our foetsteps again among earth's children, we will floating sound. The fragrance of a thousand flowfriends whom the fetters of earth no longer bind, we shall hear the soft and gentle murmur of thy the inner senses ope. With noiseless step, serene waiting to welcome thee, and deck thee with flow- voice still approving and upholding us with thy ad- and calm as Night's radiant queen or fairest stars, ers to cheer up thy sad and desponding Spirit." vice in the tasks which have been given us. Thou his Spirit friends draw near. Now is their hour of And they wondered in their darkness if heaven thy heart doth throb with every heavenly emotion they poured forth in streaming influxes essential was so beautiful a place, and if angels were so beau- which cometh from God, and we know that thou life and strength into each fibre of his form and tiful and bright. O, that low whisper, that softly dost send thine influences to earth, and thy sympa- organ of his mind; now the Spiritual efflux ebbs breathed prayer, left an impress behind which no thies through us, who can mingle with earth's at-{again towards its unbounded deep. By day our mosphere when thou couldst not. Therefore, bless Spirit-friends come forth to us, by night we return ness of affection, and no arm to protect from sur- ed their hearts with pity and charity. I would cometh down through the channels of his mercy, open arms, enroll our names as one of theirs.—

rough and unsightly covering which envelops many, that none may be lost or overlooked. Thy sympathies are still with earth: thy labors must be on earth until others are prepared to fill thy place, whose sympathies with it are closer than thine; meanwhile those chords which draw thee thither pered consolation. By day we wander forth like have drawn thy friends up to thee. And now labor for the reward which thou knowest is beyond, and future shall be one bright vista of unfolding glo- the gentle ministries of the cherished and beloved. ries, and thou shalt be partakers of eternal light and wisdom, and bask forever in the sunlight of the smile of thy heavenly Father.

### SLEEP.

"No man who sinks to sleep at night Knows what his dreams shall be: No man can tell what wonder-sight His inner eye shall see."

[Epic of the Starry Heaven. "The Spiritual ministry of Night

Is all unknown. Day rules the sensuous mind, But Night the fettered Spirit doth unbind, And through the silver palace-gates of light, In dream and trance she bears the soul away To the wide landscape of the inner day. Her cities are the stars, and she delights To lead mankind in vision through the deep, Where angels their mild mysteries closely keep From outer sense; she kindles up the lights That guide her guests in journeyings through the heaven The electric waves of other bear them on; Shafted with fire their arrowy path is given. Till they are bosomed in the horizon, Whose orb of quickening is the Spirit-Sun

The souls of men are wanderers while they sleep; And life's continuous current ever flows, Whether to outward bliss the pulses leap, Or languid glide in silence and repose. And could one mortal tell of all he sees. Recalling Night's close-curtained mysteries, The breeze that bears to heaven man's common though Would bear such mighty gladness, and be fraught With such entrancement, that the skies would thrill In sympathy divine. One little rill From the full ocean of interior bliss, Flowing through earth, would change

Into a new Elysium; Heaven would smile Familiar as the roses all the while."

[Lyric of the Morning Land. There are two great movements which in alternate succession rule and pervade all created Nature, the systolic and the diastolic. The contracwhich it draws backward within itself the returnwill be to us no longer mute and meaningless, but ing pass you with scarce a look or word of com-

the quickened ear of each living Spirit. Day wakens man to outward life. Morning with its breezy call summons to activity in the exever more positive, more bent upon the accomplish-

fields of blessedness and peace.

Then, too, the mother, ever yearning towards her heart's darlings, left in a cold and friendless world, is often permitted to draw forth their Spirits and enfold once more in her longing arms the ten forth through meads of starry flowers and reposes streams; infusing many a sweet thought and pure sentiment into their minds and hearts, hereafter to flow forth in noblest acts, or be shrined within as a source of serene and sweetest joy.

Thus parent and child, husband and wife, lover and beloved, meet in the realms of sleep; and those silent shades are forever vocal to the Spiritear with soft greetings, gentle responses and whishired laborers to our toilsome duties, and like them. spent and weary, we return home at evening, to when thine earthly mission is accomplished, the mingle in dearer associations, and be refreshed by

> O Night, in thy close-curtained realms hearts meet Whom Death bath severed. With thy ebon wings Thou hoverest o'er a sorrow-stricken world: And to the downy plumage of thy breast Thou welcomest the sons of sorest toil. Thou bathest in thy gentle dews not flowers Alone. Healer of wounded hearts! 'tis thine To nour the soothing balm. Thy reign is peace.

Could the mysteries of that world be fully revealed to us, could the treasures of the internal memory be poured into the external, the poorest would be rich in inward experiences. And vet as the Spiritual degree of man's mind becomes more and more opened, the external mind becomes more conscious of the interior life. And as man goes onward and upward in the pathway of a true and divine unfolding, (not in the spurious progression of a developed selfhood, which reigns in discordant spheres, and dazzles by its false glitter many unwary minds in the external.) he comes more and more into the possession of that eternal inheritance which the Father hath provided. And thus, as he is prepared for it, and can bear it. new wonders will be ever dawning upon his consciousness, till the earth-life becomes swallowed up in the divine.

"When the perfect man is come, Earth and heaven shall be his home; In alternate periods he In them both shall seem and be. Heaven by night and earth by day Shall he hold his wonder-way."

HESPERUS.

THE WINTER OF THE HEART.—Let it not come upon you. Live so that good angels may protect vou from this terrible evil-the winter of the heart. Let no chilling influence freeze up the foundations of sympathy and happiness in its depths: no cold burthen settle over its withered hopes, like

chambers Your life paths may lead you amid trials, which for a time seem utterly to impede your progress, and ious gaze.

Penury takes the place of ease and plenty; your luxurious home may be exchanged for a single lowly room—the soft couch for the straw pallet the rich viands for the coarse food of the poor.-Summer friends may forsake you, and the unrity-

You may be found to toil wearily, steadily on, to earn a livelihood; you may encounter fraud and ing till you well nigh turn in disguss from your fellow beings.

Death may sever the dear ties that bind you to earth, and leave you in fearful darkness. That noble manly boy, the sole hope of your declining years, may be taken from you, while your Spirit clines to him with a wild tenacity, which even the shadow of the tomb cannot wholly subdue.

But amid all these sorrows, do not come to the conclusion that nobody was ever so deeply afflicted content when performing his allotted labor. And as you are, and abandon every sweet anticipation of "better days," in the unknown future.

Do not lose your faith in human excellence, because your confidence has sometimes been betrayed, nor believe that friendship is only a delusion. and love a bright phantom which glides from your

Do not think that you are fated to be wiserable because you are disappointed in your expectations, and baffied in your pursuits. Do not declare that God had forsaken you, when your way is hedged about with thorns, or sepine sinfully. when he calls your dear ones to the land beyond

Keep a holy trust in heaven through every trial: bear adversity with fortitude, and look upward in hours of temptation and suffering. When your locks are white, your eyes dim, and your limbs weary; when your steps falter on the verge of Death's gloomy vale, still retain the freshness and buoyancy of Spirit which will shield you from the winter of the heart.

THE ANGLO SAXON.-Rev. Theodore Parker lately delivered a lecture in Cincinnati, from which the following is an extract:

The Anglo-Saxon statesman is a keen observer us holy ones forever. And forevermore, we shall labor unceasingly for the love of the Father, which labor unceasingly for the love of the Father, which congregated hosts of many armies receive us with has immense practical power, but little ideality.—

The Anglo-Saxon is more moral than pious. He observes forms, but is not devout. He formerly would not believe in the soul's immortality unless time becomes shorter upon the sphere where his the earth, and no covering or scarce a shelter could Spirit which God hath made free. I appealed to to go their respective ways, and dost thou hear the som into action and thoughts profound and keen, he could see a ghost, and now scarce will believe in the Footsteps of their Labora.

"PROBATION." have come to pass that honesty and humility will be reap." characteristic of all reasoning and theorizing, and men become willing to follow truth, be it ever so much opposed to their previous habits, then and to judge—i. e. the sufferer. not till then, will consistency be something less rare, though always precious as "jewels." We are reminded of this truth by the constant recurrence of facts, which not only in Spirit, but in the most literal manner do violence to everything like consistency, both in religion and philosophy. It is Nations are predicated more or less on the dominant religion, and that the philosophy of that religion gives coloring to the variations and shades of culture peculiar to the age. This is almost a truism, so uniform is the history of the world in its illustration, but emphatically is it true of christendom, be it Catholic or Protestant. Among the fundamentals of all sects, so far as they pretend to have any system or philosophy to their theology, we know none more generally received than the doctrine of probation, which may be defined as that theory which makes man's existence on the earth a trial, the efficacy and virtue of which fits him for the test of fellowship in the Spirit-world. Pendent to this theory is the doctrine of "rewards and punishments," the very mention of which reminds us of the dark scenes in civil (?) and ecclesiastical history, in which "the very air is heavy with the sighs of the martyred dead, the prisoned reformer, and the conscientious Christian." Indeed. this doctrine of "rewards and punishments," has been the sine qua non of Protestantism, and has been so generally incorporated into the make-up of Christendom, that to this day it lives on the "statute book" as a qualification for the truth and reracity of all sworn witnesses in our courts of law. True, the application of the test is not now insisted on with the same positiveness it was only a few years ago, but it is no less a point of law, that all shall believe in "future rewards and punishments." We mention this fact not to discuss the doctrine of rewards and punishments, but to show the importance of the degma of "probation" to the reader. for without rewards or punishments there could be no such thing as trial in any sense we are now accustomed to use the word. If, however, the law has become neglectful in not enforcing this point, the Church is still positive in vindicating the solemnities that gather round the responsibilities of life in sight of the fact that all probationers are expected to make their "calling and election sure," since "in the grave there is no repentance," and "after death no change." Of the truth or falsity of this philosophy of Probation, we shall offer no remark at present, as we bring it into court only to have it bear witness against some of the issues made by an apostate ministry and a corrupt and irreligious press, who make use of every means to ridicule and degrade Spiritualism. Were it not for the historical fact that the dominant religious feeling gives color to the other departments of society, we would be at loss how to comprehend the issues which members of the press make upon Spiritualism, since the facts and premises of its philosophy are of a character that speak alike to the plainest sense and the most exalted mind. These facts, instead of ignoring the doctrine of probation, make it principle, for the revelations which the past five years have given, illustrative of Spirit-intercourse and its phases, makes the declaration of Christ ("the kingdom of heaven is within you") not only authoritative, but final in Spiritual science, and gives a dignity and importance to Spiritual culture which the dogmatic theologian and bigot has failed

And yet, in sight of the plainest induction from any of the fundamentals of Spiritual life, not a few of the editorial press are ever ready to select some phase of Spiritual intercourse, and set it forth in the most ridiculous manner, the better to bring the whole thing into contempt. The most painful part of the reflection is in the fact, that not a few of the ministry join hands with these "hirelings of the press," and in their desire to do and say something that may be injurious to Spiritualism, forget that they are sapping the foundations of their own creeds, and the order and virtue of society, so far as one or both of these depend on religion for vitality and power.

The following will illustrate these remarks, for while it proves that the culture of this life goes with us to the Spirit-sphere, the Spirit of the ar-

perience at a Spiritual sitting in Pawtucket, R. I., a few days since.

The medium was Mr. H., who had been an auctioneer. A few moments previous an intemperate old man by the name of W. had died. He had sold his effects, and himself bid off a copper tea-kettle for a few cents. And now on calling for the Spirits to respond, the "raps" came and spelled out the name of old Mr. W.! He was asked "if he wished to make any communication," and the answer was "Yes." So he proceeded and spelled out by the raps, "I will take my tea-kettle!" The teakettle was then simmering on the cook-stove which stood in the room! and while the astonished "medium" heard its humming "response" and the message of old Mr. W., he became horribly frightened, and it was a long while before he was content to sit down for the raps again. However, in the process of time this shock was partially forgotten, and Mr. H.'s wife persuaded him to sit again for the 'sounds." They had no sooner "formed the circle" than this same old Mr. W. announced himself again, and rapped out by the alphabet, "I will take my tea-kettle." This was so perplexing to the medium that he refused to sit any more; and soon after the tea-kettle aforesaid was among the missing, and I do not know that it has been heard to family paper.

Now is it not a little singular, if there is no doubt of immortality, and no need of Spirit-manifestation to awaken men to a more living and posi- sion that some one had made love to "our paper." tive sense of the necessity of preparing for another when we learned that it had stopped to make a and a better world, that all such undeveloped more practical and permanent arrangement, as the phases of Spirit-intercourse are selected for publi- editors and publishers are determined to fight the cation and comment, while the celestial wisdom good fight of practical right and Spiritual culture. power and beauty is passed by with indifference and hope the following will stimulate many to do and neglect? We think it not only singular, but the "one thing" needful—subscribe. unexplainable on any other supposition, than that of general skepticism in a future state of being; subject that might, with propriety, come within its province to interesting the culture of this life has anything to do in the culture of this life has anything to do investigate and discuss. Such it will continue to be. Art, Scinose Vitardina Philosophe both Stitute and discuss. in fitting the soul for the expansive harmonies of the Spirit-world, then all neglect must be punished shall be given, and to him that hath not shall be Alternative shall be given, and to him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath," the plain sense of which is, that "he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong that he hath done without re-

spect of person." We see no absurdity, therefore, spect of person." We see no absurdity, therefore, in "an intemperate old MAN" asking the medium for his "tea kettle," for it might have been the only point of union in their spheres. And if uniformity of concession, and agreement of testimony doing manly battle for progress and right so long that dotters are not proved the doctring of "probation" the royals.

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THE NEW ERA. This well-known sheet has been doing manly battle for progress and right so long the doctring of the labors of Hercules.—

The royals of "probation" the royals of "probation" the royals of the labors of Hercules.—

The greater the difficulty, however, the greater the inducement to proceed. NEW YORK, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1855. can prove the doctrine of "probation," the revela- that few words will be needed from us in calling to proceed. When in the course of human events it shall proves "that as you sow, that shall you also larged and generally improved in its "make-up,"

Caution to Suicides.—We learn from a gentle-man who is intimate in Spiritual circles, that there dress and external of the reformer, and he should has recently been a communication received from a late poet who committed suicide, who expresses great regret for his rash act, as he has not changed for the better, and does not find himself any better appreciated among the Spirits than he was here. a generally acknowledged truth that the laws of He is still discourted, and yearning passionately for formatory and Spiritual elements, rather than to the unattainable, and is deprived of the solating make issue with the faith of any. thought that he can end all by the aid of a razor or prussic acid.—N. Y. Sunday Courier.

In sight of these facts it is a "melancholy jest" for men to make light of the lessons of life, and ignore the teachings of the Spirits, since heaven or hell must ultimate from these earth relations. We do not hold to torments or punishments in the angular or agonizing sense of those words, but we do attach deep meaning to them, so much so as to consider it moral suicide for any soul to be forgetful of the claims of Spiritual culture and moral In sight of these facts it is a "melancholy jest" getful of the claims of Spiritual culture and moral

Christian ! be ye layman or minister, editor or nechanic, in the church or out of the synagogue, is it wise to ignore and make light of the testimony good type on clear paper at one dollar per annum, have the additional evidence of Mr. James A. Aus- acquainted with him in the earth-sphere. A rap which this new unfolding of Spiritual life is giving mostly devoted to reform and Spiritualism. It has tin, who made it a matter of personal examination. in the affirmative was quickly returned. to the age? Is it the part of the sage to neglect commenced its second volume, with every appearthat, which in the most significant manner seeks to ance of good health and long life. This paper dis- where, but we will need more testimony than the make the citizen civilized, the Saint Spiritualized, cusses nearly every phase of reform and progress, and the philosopher religious? No!! And yet and may be too radical for some, but its columns Spiritualism does all this, for it shows the picture are free for the pros and cons of the controversy, be so depraced as to intentionally do so much evil form? of life as it is, not "through a glass darkly" for it so that none need suffer from partialism or dogma- as must result from such irreligious falsification of would have all men repent of error and wrong, and come into fellowship with God and his gov-

as in a personal and selfish one, it is true, that "he following, which we find in the prospectus. that is wise, is wise for himself." "Judge thou."

### PAPERS OLD AND NEW.

Whatever may be the fate of many of the newspapers now in existence, no one can doubt but as humanity unfolds, the culture and philosophy that come with its development will need proper organs for their dissemiation and popularization, so that new papers will be called into existence with the fresh developments and expanding phases of progress. Competition in the newspaper department, like competition in every other sphere of life, will work for good, since it will not only cheapen the general tariff of prices, but be a stimulant to the Spiritual culture of those working in the editorial family. When the monied reward fuils, love's labor commences, so that it will be true in the battle of newspaperdom as in the battle of life, "he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved."

In the meantime, we are pleased to see that the reformatory families are determined to multiply and sustain progressive organs, for the advocacy of their respective views. We know what prudence would say about "sustaining a few good organs," &c., but the unfolding of the mind needs new phases of culture, as the development of the body requires different sized garments.

While, therefore, we feel the need of caution and prudence in a business sense, we also see the necessity for multiplying the phases of culture, that all may be brought to a knowledge of the truth.-To the "man of money," the multiplication of papers may be more significant of speculation and dollar-and-cent enterprize, than reform and progress, since there are times when cant is marketaor a moment remember that there is progress in soften censure, since it has been well said, that that he who acst the hypocrite pays homage to

To the really reformatory and honest, the Spiritual and progressed, who accept the mission of life with all "its ups and downs, its alterations, its bran new plans and speculations," as the unfolding of the divinity that shapes these seemingly inconsistent ends, nothing can be lost to human and Spirit good, that is laid on the altar of humanity with clean hands and upright souls, be the organ of their propagation permanent or transient.

Among the new candidates for patronage and handsomely printed paper, called "THE WOMAN'S ADVOCATE." It is about the size of our issue or a ry 26. 'trade" may say and do about this, we cannot say, but it is plain that to "this complexion must we come at last," if the issue for woman's rights and woman's independence is to ultimate in any thing practical and useful. That great changes must come to the future of labor, must be self-evident to every thinking mind at all acquainted with the improvements in machinery and the many branches of the mechanical arts, so that of necessity, the rules of trade will have to yield to the competition natural to progress and the pressure of the times. We hope, therefore, "The Woman's Advocate" will receive the fellowship and cooperative aid of the reformatory public, that the experiment may be fully tested, since there are many who doubt the practical ability of woman for any thing so hazardous and complicated as the "makeup" and publishing of a paper.

"The Woman's Advocate" has a fine heading, illustrative of the practical of the paper; and is in its "make up," judging from this number, a good

THE UNA. This well-known organ of Woman's Rights we had missed from among our exchanges for some time, and had almost come to the concluand angel-eloquence of the most soul-searching We wish the "Una" and all concerned success,

ence, Literature, Philosophy—both Spiritual and natural—the science of Association, or the Re organization of Society, and individual development, will each receive their due share of at-

tions of Spirit-intercourse have made it a fixed fact attention to the fact that the third volume is in so that while the clear type and good paper please kind. To illustrate this, let the following have its full the eye, the matter and liberal Spirit of the argusignificancy, as it comes from the one best qualified ment will be acceptable to the mind. It may be there are those who may not sympathize with many of these discussions, but reform must have the be heard until it is plain to good sense that there is no virtue in him. Brother Hewitt is not of that class, for his mission, so far as we understand him, is and has been to unitize and harmonize the re-

The following from his prospectus will give all needful explanation to those who wish light.

Address 'New Era,' No. 15 Franklin street, Boston, Mass." Spiritual Universe. This is a neat weekly is-

tism. The editor is liberal and tolerant, while doing the living and dead. duty for progress and reform. That reform means

following, which we find in the prospectus.

"We believe that no man should yield his judgment implicitly either to Spirits out of, or Spirits in, the form. Many Spirits are as fanatical in the Spirit-life as they were in the earthly.—
They see but comprehend not. Educated as they had been on carth, could it be expected otherwise? To check this, and promote a healthy and living religion is the object of the Spiritual Universe paper.

The paper will advocate the principles as given in the prospectus of the first number; it will take a free and untrammelled course in regard to all subjects connected with the wants of human progress.

Candid articles upon all subjects will be admitted, and though devoted principally to the advancement of the Harmonial Phil-

devoted principally to the advancement of the Harmonial Phil-osophy, it will be free for the admission of well written articles on any of the reform movements of the age—advocating pro-gression in all things."

How far we may or may not agree with the general nethod by which these new and old organs of reform and progress do and shall elaborate the philosophy of the future, it were useless to say, since each must rise in its own order and glory, but so we wish them success and God-speed.

### SPIRITUALISTS IN DANGER.

It would seem from some accounts we have read

It is not, however, complimentary to the efficacy of the newspaper press of this city, to call to mind all that has been said in them on the need and necity polity, and knew how little has been effected, udging from the following. Nor is it to be wondered at, when we remember the lack of sense bility? shown in the blind and indiscriminate manner of good in their mission.

is not only calculated to make the "angels weep," young and mislead the unsuspecting. We did not a practical question by giving it a little attention? ntend to write on the necessity of city reform, but to call the attention of the reader to the following done more to bring the subject before the public usefulness, we have received No. 3 of a neat and extract from the daily Sun of this city, which was and been more efficacious in producing conviction the subject of remark in the Conference of Janua. of Spirit-intercourse than the positive and unqualiting at least three feet from it.

with us to the Spirit-sphere, the Spirit of the article and its general publication shows the intent of the writer and the obvious purpose of the editors.

A Departed Spirit sending for his Tea-Kettle.

A Departed Spirit sending for his Tea-Kettle.

A Skeptical investigator of Spiritualism gives to the Boston Times the following chapter of his experience at a Spiritual sitting in Pawtucket, R. I., a "trade" may say and do about this, we cannot spiritual street, put is about the size of our issue or a trifle larger, published weekly at Philadelphia, "at trifle larger, published weekly at Philadelphia, "at trifle larger, published weekly at Philadelphia, "at the has given the police instructions to hunt out every member of the tribe in the city, and report them to him. He is 'down' on humbug and imposture. This is right; and we hope the Mayor will go on until he finds out the dens of the lottery-policy dealers, who predict fortunes as seldom realized as are the predictions of those who study the 'stars'—not Chief Matsell's —and play tricks on the fancies of superstitions politicians and any lay tricks on the fancies of superstitions politicians and stock gamblers in Wall street, put through a 'course of sprouts' by our energetic Mayor." by our energetic Mayor.'

The particular item in this extract, is the position assigned to the "Spiritual rappers," and the company in which they find themselves.

good sense or religion to cherish contempt for any of the family of man; but we wish to call the attention of the church member and those that so refer to the manner in which the popular religionist treats a class of phenomena that is as positive another column, thinking the while, that like or still more sinin its teachings, and as authoritative in its conclu- gular cases have been effected by Brother Spear. sions as any other class of facts in science. But nnfortunates of crime, want and social wrong, in the prisand common honesty is, that while they ignore the phenomena and its conclusions, they disgrace their catch-penny press are ever wont to make on Spiritualism, be the believers ever so exceptional for the good work, that it may become a great joy unto all people, character, intelligence and social position.

So far as Mayor Wood may be instrumental in eforming the evils and errors of city life, we bid him God speed, and we hope the moral sense of society will sustain him in his efforts; but when he will probably be no news to the reader.

In order to report progress, however, we give

PROGRESS OF MORAL REFORM IN THE CITY.—The city government has commenced the work of moral reform by indicting three or four gamblers and six or seven keepers of houses of ill-fame. There are probably as many as five hundred gambling houses in this city, and the number of infamous and disorderly establishments is much greater. There are also hundreds of establishments is much greater. There are also hundreds of lottery offices under various discusses, where tickets are sold, and where the drawings of the Maryland and Delaware lotteries are duly received and declared. Thousands of dollars are spent in these places every week, and the sale of policies was greatly increased after the distribution of the funds raised at the fashionable concert and ball for the poor, recently given at the Academy of Music.

BROADWAY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RAGGED indomitable courage and great forethought entitle shall find to a rank in all society. Like the humble shall for the poor, recently given at the Academy of Music.

These facts go to show that the work of moral reform is this

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city has only commenced. We expected that the new city government would give us clean streets—that we should be relieved from the load of fifth lying upon our great syennes; but now do to Paulina W. Davis, Washington, D. C."

We may remove three feet of mud on Broadway, but

Surely, amid such a state of things, the Spirit popularization, that charity may suffer long and be at 3 o'clock. Admission 25 cents. Children half- great millenium of truth, for if the vilest of the in Spiritual science, for the evidence conclusively progress of development. The paper has been en- of man needs to have faith in good, and hope in its

# WHOM SHALL WE BELIEVE?

Under the head of "Spiritualism in California," ve published in Nos. 28 and 30, two very extraordinary communications purporting to come from the Spirit of a Mr. Lane, which we copied from doubt, until a San Francisco correspondent to the to be "marvellous wise," and assure us they never believed the statement. Now, we do not wish to get a reputation for wis-

dom at the expense of the good faith we delight to cherish for the moral integrity of our neighbors, and are therefore free to say that we had the best

As the case now stands, there is falsehood somerandom say-so of an irresponsible correspondent to make us believe that man even in California. can

The reader will do well, therefore, after reading something with him, and is comprehensive of the the following, to call to mind or refer to Mr. Aus-self had nearly forgotten it, as his uncle Thomas Reader, in a celestial and heavenly sense, as well general relations of life, will be evident from the tin's letter published in No. 28 of the Christian Spiritualist, as it is in nearly all particulars a con- is now a man of fifty years and upwards. tradiction to the statement of the Tribune's corres-

> "There is a joke out, which will probably attract great atten-tion on your side of the water. The Editor of the Pioneer, some months ago, inserted in his magazine an article which pre-tended to contain communications from the Spirit of a Mr. Lane, in the other world. The story was written with a good Lane, in the other world. The story was written with a good deal of power, and created a great sensation, particularly among the Spiritualists, who supposed it to be all true. The leading medium here, in a communication to the Chronicle, spoke of it as true; but the Editor of that journal hinted that it was not true, for he had seen the manuscript two weeks before 'The Eventful Nights of the 20th and 21st August,' which was the title of the article. It is said that not long since Mr. Ewer, the Editor of the Ploneer, received a letter from New York, signed J. W. Edmonds, with information that the writer had received a communication from the Spirit of Mr. Lane, and felicitating Mr. Ewer on his success in interpreting the truths of Spiritualism. Now, it happens that there was no such man as Lane. The Spiritualists will, no doubt, ascribe the mistake of Mr. Edmonds to lying Spirita."

The reader will also remember this was written far as they make God the author and finisher of for the Tribune, where editors have not been either ritualism and its phenomena.

### BR. JONATHAN KOONS' ROOMS.

The reader will find on page fourth of this issue new in the testimony, but if it is read with the low the Spirit's monition in future. proper attention and subjected to a discriminative cessity of reform in the various departments of the reality of Spirit-intercourse, for what possible motive can there be in so many persons giving a like testimony in favor of a falsity or an impossi- with me?

We press this question home, and insist that our attack, which most of the editors, reporters and opponents give us an answer, for if it can be provble and reform fashionable; but if all such could paragraph writers exhibit in their classifications of ed that in this historic and measurably enlightened our newspaper issues do not more of eril than of timony, but to call the attention of the reader to brother I have not seen; he is not in my sphere. the letters of Br. Koons and his friends, which give We are happy in knowing Mayor Wood has al- a detail of his past losses, sufferings and present

> We know of few instrumentalities that have ral manifestation, if there ever was one. fied testimony of all that have visited these Spirit-Rooms. Shall Br. Koons be sustained in his mis- it wish to communicate with? sion of good, that he may be the instrument of converting thousands in the South and West?

# BROTHER J. M. SPEAR.

Among the phases of mediumship as yet developed, we know of none so important to the world, or efficacious of direct and positive good, as the Healing Medium. It is true, nevertheless that all manifestations of Spiritual power are efficacious, since it heals the bleeding wounds of doubt, and gives new life to the Spiritually dead; but the healing medium proper, that gives peace of mind while attending to the suffering needs of the sick, We should, however, have passed this by as con- the diseased, and the undeveloped, has the most exalted mistemptible in the extreme, were we permitted by sion, since good is accomplished as a premise for all future unfolding, without which happiness and progress would be diffi- He will be General Bayley or A. H. Stuart, proba- I leave it with you and the friends of progress. cult if not impossible.

The Brother whose name heads this article, is somewhat known as one of this class, from the fact that he has been the read with attention the statement of Brother Atwood, found in his seat in Congress. This you may depend on.

The humane efforts of this brother for years, in visiting the what is most surprising and painful to good sense one in and about Boston, should be a strong recommenda tion of his present mission, and we hope that whatever of difference there may be between his theory of reform and the ments have raised quite an excitement in our usual- of light, truth, Spiritual freedom, universal liberty method by which he gets at the philosophy of Spiritualism, and ly quiet city. own religion by approbating the filthy issues which the more generally received views on those subjects among the Spiritual family, that when the mission is practical, and so obviously calculated to do good, all will unite in helping in on

"I WAS SICK AND TE VISITED ME."

The subscriber having been quite thoroughly educated by the Association of Beneficents, will

JOHN M. SPEAR.

Nixox proposes to give the proceeds of his Saturday ever opportunity offers, but remember his indusafternoon exhibition for the benefit of the above tion "worship not man." music by well known and "eminent artists." Rev. wielding this that he conquers mighty foes; then U. Clark will deliver an explanatory lecture during look not for a substratum within the precincts of a the unfolding of the panorama.

# THE SPIRITS IN VIRGINIA.

Norfolk, VA., Jan. 22, 1855. MR. EDITOR: One of those wonderful circum-

stances that seems so inexplicable to the masses, but which a few of us in this place, in spite of the the Pioneer of San Francisco. At the time we frowns of orthodoxy, have dared to believe promade some comments on the character of the tes- ceeds from the manifestations of Spirits, occurred timony if true, and its tendency if false, but con- in this city an evening or two since. A few gentlecluding in the belief that it was true, since posi- men had formed a circle for the purpose of testing tive testimony was given to that effect. Since then, the truth or falsity of the doctrine of Spiritualism. not a few have asked about the reliability of the They were actuated by a thirst for knowledge and communications, but few if any expressed positive truth, and nothing more, and were perfectly sincere in their object. They met at the house of Doctor Daily Tribune of this city gave us to understand Mash, who has for some time been impressed with it was a "joke." Since then, not a few have got a full conviction of the divine mission of this muchabused, yet ancient mode of intercourse between the departed and their friends in the earth-sphere. There were present, Dr. Mash, Biggus Woodhard, H. Newcome, D. W. West, James Green and Richard Love. After the circle was formed, the manifestations soon began, Mr. Biggus Woodhard acting presumptive evidence in the world for its truth, for as medium on the occasion. Mr. James Green insue, a little short of medium size, printed with aside of the positive testimony of the writer, we quired if there were any Spirits present who were Mr. Green.-Will the Spirit hold communication

with me?

Spirit.—Yes. Mr. G.—Will the Spirit tell me his name in the

Spirit .- Your uncle, Thomas Green.

None of the persons present knew that Mr. Green had an uncle by that name; in fact he him-

sponsive rap.

Spirit.-Your old friend, Joseph De Pine.

Your friend, JOSEPH DE PINE."

Very shortly a great rapping was heard under the table, and on it, the company at the time sit- reflects our "great humanity."

wish to relieve him. Dr. Mash.—Who is the person? Spirit.-Richard Love.

ing my mind on that question.

Yours for progress,

HENRY CLAY."

[For the Christian Spiritualist.] "Worship not the man."-A. J. D.

at their dwelling, or will receive them at his place a thrilling interest of no ordinary capacity. The are often counteracted; so in this case. Our visitors attempts to make the law the agent by which to of abode, (Melrose, Mass.) While charges will series are to be completed this, Friday evening, and increased ten per cent, both in number and superput down Spiritualism, we apprehend he will find not be made for services, offerings of gratitude will as his vessel is like the widow's cruise of oil, we riority of minds. Here I desist, you have the it a very difficult thing to accomplish. Good sense, be thankfully received. When desired, his daugh- expect a crowded house, with the best of the wine facts. The matter is with you and the friends of however will suggest the propriety of attending to ter (Mrs. S. B. Butler) will accompany him to reat the last of the feast. His mind is truly the truth. I assume no responsibility. While my health, those positive violations of law, of which there are cord the things said. He may be addressed at adorning of America, versed as he is in the scien- means, and mediums at command, and Spirits wish so many in the city, before he meddles with the Bela Marsh's, 15 Franklin-street, Boston, for a tem- ces, and arts and civilization. He reaches out with to use me, I am ready, willing and anxious to serve porary season. Love's labor should be without a force and influence of electrical fire; he pierces my fellow men and aid in promoting the cause of the breast with a glittering sword of love, and reform. Melrose is seven miles from Boston, on the Maine moves as on the wings of complacency, out-disthe following from the N. Y. Herald of January 31. Railroad. Residence first house East of the depot. tancing the stars of sarcasm and reproach. His strong adherence to that Bible truth is, "Speak | ERRATA.—In our issue of January 20th, we pubevil of no man." He is the man that chases a lished an article under the heading of "Propuler EXHIBITION AT HOPE CHAPEL SALOON, No. 720 thousand and puts tens of thousands to flight. His AGAIN," in the rending of which the following cor-Broadway for the Benefit of the Racced indomitable courage and great forethought entitle rections should be observed. Instead of "a Queen School.—Those wishing to give a helping hand to him to a rank in all society. Like the humble shall trample down her Empire," read an iron wheel the humanitary efforts of the Ragged School en- Nazarene, he is the congenial Spirit from the high-shall, &c. Instead of "the great battle of creation terprize can do so in a way that will repay them in est to the lowest of God's heritage. Then I would will be fought" read the great battle of Nations will

School. The exhibition consists of a "Pictorial But the principles of truths, for this is the shiels Tableaux of the Life of Christ," with appropriate of his indwelling worship. God is truth. It is by

Davis, Edmonds, Partridge, Brittan, or any other; Saturday afternoon, February 8d, commencing but through the lineage of such mediumship to the being, may not the virtue of the virtuous fill theirs? The lectures are now closed; Mr. Davis has de-

livered his course with a depth of pathos and argument that knows no abatement, short of eradicatng some of the errors common to man.

That splendid palace, erected by the noble Standford, who has given birth to the giant hall of this city, is now being cleaned for another reception .-The gentlemanly and courteous liberality of a Greenfield, who is the proprietor of this noble establishment, and who has so decorously waited upon his audience, is entitled to many thanks .-The Gas Company who light the Hall, paid their respects by its illumination in a most brilliant man-

But what shall we say of Mr. Davis? His words are, "worship not the man." Retiring and modest in all his deportment, he explores his subjects only as wisdom can explore them. He is the rich boon of the philosopher, the consoler of the widow and the solace of the orphan. His words burn like fire upon the altars of the hearts of hungry starving souls. And hundreds witnessed this happy reception by crowding to the Hall long before it was opened. Mr. Davis is a gentleman, a scholar, and a Christian; as such we recommend him to all.

In behalf of the friends for the Corresponding Auburn, January 19, 1855.

### LETTER FROM JONATHAN KOONS.

MILLFIED, Athens County, Ohio, KIND EDITOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST: I desire

to say a word in relation to the proposition which died when he was a child not six years old, and he appeared in the 35th No. of your edition in our behalf, in consideration of our loss of property by Mr. G.—What has my uncle Thomas to say to fire. This, truly, was a serious loss to us, as far as temporal comforts are concerned; but thank hea-"Place not thy heart on the riches and treasures ven, its conflagration revealed to us a rich treasure of mundane life; they are perishing, and take wings of knowledge, pertaining to modern sectarianism, unto themselves and fly away; rather set your "love those who love us and hate those who hate thoughts on the imperishable riches of that eternal us," which we considered an ample remuneration sphere which is to last and endure forever. Be for the loss sustained. Consequently, we were concharitable to your indigent neighbor, help the distent with our exchange, under a hope and expectatressed, relieve the needy, encourage the faint- tion that sooner or later we would be left unmohearted, and assuage the woes of the down-trodden lested and undisturbed in our heavenly and inand sorrow-stricken. Do this, and you will have structive communion with Spirits, and thus, in the fulfilled the whole duty and destiny of man, and end, enabled to rebuild and replenish quietly our will serve and please your Creator infinitely better loss with our own labor and industry. Three years than if you knelt on soft cushions and lisped in this coming April, the phenomens first made bare responses the whole litany of the Church, as itself known to us in its singular but peculiar and as it is now established on earth. You have much wonderful manner. Since then, our doors have their faith, and work for the brotherhood of the race, complimentary or decent in their reflections on Spi- to amend in your life; heed my words, be warned been opened, and all wishing not to build on a and be faithful to the end. THOMAS GREEN." "blind saith," but to investigate the truthfulness of This exhortation struck all present as particular- the phenomena, have been free to do so "without ly appropriate to Mr. Green; for being wealthy, money and without price," no charge being made amassing a fortune by the closest economy, it was for our time and services in sitting for the manifesf the doings of Mayor Wood, that we are like to an account of a visit made to the Spirit-Rooms of well known that he neglected (this he himself con- tations of Spirits for the gratification of others. have some reforms in our city government effected, Jonathan Koons by Br. Haskell, Editor of the Spirit- fessed) many opportunities of doing good to his Our reward in the community has been persecuton, which have been crying "trumpet tongued" to Advocate, published in Rockford, Ill. As this is fellow-man by charitable deeds. Mr. Green was slander, ridicule, and fire, in the conflagration of heaven and earth for reformation, during many the third report that has been published in our co- greatly struck by its appropriateness to his case, our barn, stored with the fruits of our labor and lumns on the subject, it may seem there is nothing and has resolved, as he informed the circle, to fol- economy. This loss to us was incalculable; a large family of helpless children depending on our year's Mr. D. W. West inquired if there was any Spirit crop, were left without bread, the necessary comreflection, it will give new and convincing proof of present who would communicate with him. A re- forts of life. The loss of which, attributing the cause to the unchristian cries of "Devil, Humbug, Mr. W.—What Spirit desires to communicate Delusion, Fraud, down with it, crucify him, &c.,' which may be heard, Sunday after Sunday, from the sectarian pulpits in the surrounding vicinity, Mr. W.-I am glad to hear from you; what have stirring up the people to hate and wrong doing, has been our gain. The cause of evil should be placed "There is a letter in the Post-Office for you from where it belongs. Knaves plan, and fools, dupes, men and things. In fact, so general, indiscrimin- age men will club together for imposition and Washington. The writer wishes to purchase your execute. The destruction, however, was not so this very "make-believe philanthrophy," it would ate and reckless has this style of writing become, imposture, what is to save the world from universal French Spoliation claim. Do not sell it—the bill complete as the confessing-good would have wished. that it is a question of serious moment with the skepticism? We did not write the above heading, will pass Congress. The President will not veto it. To think of men professing to be the children of thoughtful and religious mind, whether many of however, for the purpose of philosophizing on tes- All the claims will be paid. I am happy. Your Christ, on the ensuing day after the conflagration, saying, that their rejoicing could only be increased could they add that "Koons and his family had It may be well to state that Mr. West in compa- perished in the flames." My Spirit guides teach ready stopped one filthy sheet, and we hope the wants. Not long since, we called attention to this ny with Dr. Mash called at the Post-Office next me the great law of love-good for evil, love for rest will share a like fate; for the present violation subject, and we are happy in being able to report morning, and a letter was, sure enough, there for hate, kindness for revenge. There is no better, of law and decency in most of these flash papers, progress, so far as to say some money has been re- him, from W. G. S. & Co., Washington city, offer- nobler, or wiser plan of dealing with the wrongs ceived, and we have the names of friends good for ing to purchase his claim, just as the Spirit had we meet with. To have unfortunate victims arbut tends in the most direct manner to corrupt the fire dollars each. Spiritualists, will you make this mentioned. We ask where could have been the raigned for wrong doings may satisfy the LAW psychology in this? It was certainly a supernatu- and gratify the selfish man; but to forgive our enemies, and by a consistent course teach them love and good for hate and evil, satisfies the soul and

In spite of the efforts to check our correspon-Dr. Mash.—What Spirit is present, and who does dence with Spirits, yet has our desire increased, and not a thought arises to desist, to deprive our-Spirit.—Henry Clay. There is one present who selves of the glorious treasures, intellectual and is greatly disturbed in his mind about the result of Spiritual, of the heavenly spheres. Nay, we had the coming election for Governor in your State. I rather spend an obscure life under some lonely cleft of rocks, than to lose these rich treasures, feeding on homely fare and having coarser raiment.

I need not tell you my astonishment, mingled Richard Lore.—The Spirit of Henry Clay will with the gratitude I felt as I read the communicaindeed greatly relieve my uneasiness, by enlighten- tion of An Inquirer, in relation to myself and situation. It is impossible to put my feelings upon this "Henry A. Wise will certainly be defeated; the subject on paper. I put myself in the hands of candidate of the American party will be elected. others. Silence often speaketh more than words.

bly the latter. The great American party have my In conclusion, I would add that it never was our Spirit-sympathies and respect. They will elect desire nor object to become notorious. But if it is often find fault with the Spiritualists because they medium of some wenderful cures. If any one doubts of the the next President. Your Congressman, General the wish of Spirits and man that we should be progood that can be done in this way, we advise such an one to Millson will, after his term expires, neter again take moted to the unenviable position of becoming ebjects of persecution for the promulgation of light and knowledge, we can only exclaim as did a good one Many other manifestations were made, but at of old, not our wills, "but thine," oh Spirits and present I have not time to enumerate them. I moral reformers "be done," and we will resign ourwill give you more anon. These Spiritual develop- selves to our position, submit to our lot, in behalf and love. Upon this subject I am done. The barn was burned, our entire crop of wheat, oats, threefourth of our hay of this year, a new wagon, plows and other farming utensils. All this is true. It is equally certain that it was set on fire for the Mr. Editor: Mr. A. J. Davis has delivered four purpose, avowed, of destroying our means to relectures at Auburn, to an audience filling one of ceive and accommodate visitors who were daily either visit the sick, disharmonized, inconvenienced the most splendid Halls in the United States, with coming to investigate the phenomena. Bad desires Yours for progression,

JONATHAN KOONS.

# Noetry.

And Poesy too shall lend her sid. Persuading as she sings,-Scattering o'er your shaded earth Sweet inceuse from her wings,

[From the Crisis.] CLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE.

BY MES. E. M. GUTHEIR.

I see them coming in their might, With trophies from the battle-field. Those veterans in the war of right, With truth their weapon, faith their shield. I see the sad, dark lines of woo That stretched so far along the plains, Fade, as the moon-light shadows go, When sun-rise in its glory reigns; I see the slave arise a man And sink his fetters in the sea, And in dim distance now I scan The mass of sad humanity.

Rising like dead men from their graves In one harmonious brotherhood; For peacefully above them waves The tree of knowledge pure and good. And lot I see highways of thought Linking the earth unto the skies—A vital path by lightning wrought, On which our prayers and wishes rise; I see the earth, this "vale of tears," Transformed into a bleet abode, And sight, and sorrows, groans and fears All buried 'neath the blooming soul.

Hark! Now I hear a joyous sound Like that which roused creation's birth—And winds and skies, and stars resound. The anthem swelling from the earth, Beings all glorious walk the sod. With souls devout and hearts unstained. They rear the image of their God, And Gwell in Paradise Regained.

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> [From the Knickerbocker Magazine.] KINDRED SPIRITS.

BY A. PLOYD FRAZER.

Gentle as the weeping-willow Sighs responsive to the breeze, Or the morning-zephyrs whisper To the half-unfolded leaves— Bend the chords of kindred Spirits,
Wakeful to each other's strains; Each the other's impulse sharing, Knows its joys, and feels its pains.

Sweetly as the wing-harp troubles,
Swept by fairy hands unseen,
Where the genil haunt the bowers,
In the summer wood-lands green—
Speaks the silvery voice confiding,
Breathing through its tranquil tone
Thoughts whose depth of latent being
Stirs the fountains of our own.

Fondly as the waking flower,
From the drowsy air of night,
Smiles to greet the pleasant morning,
With its cheerfulness and light—
Turns the lonely heart from sadness,
Yielding to the mystic tie,
Which transmits the sweet assurance
That a sixty soul is night

That a sister soul is nigh. Pure the source, O KINDRED FRELING Whence thy sweet impulses flow; Lending hope, and joy and gladness, Man, without the, ne'er might know Thou dost preach of love immortal— Love beyond the sphere of Time: Thou hadst, sure, thy birth in Heaven; Earth is not thy native clime

WHIA'T B WESEL If I know what I dosire,
I wish that men were truer,
That honest men were plentier,
And rogues and knaves were fewer.

I wish that truth was current coin In common conversation;
That men were honored for their worth,
And not for wealth and station.

I wish that Christians would agree
To follow Christ's example;
That ministers were good and true.
And their provisions ample. I wish that country papers were
As good as men could make them;
And furthermore, I wish that all
Good citizens would take them.

BROOKLYN SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE AND LECTURES. -On Sunday, February 4, there will be two meetings at the Brooklyn Institute, Washington street, viz.: Conference at half-past ten, A. M., and at tations. The public are respectfully invited to at-

tend.

Nore.—The Brooklyn Spiritualists have taken and lectures every Sunday afternoon at three seven o'clock. The Institute is situated on Washington street, one door from Concord street, one block from Fulton street, and but about five minences, and the public generally, are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

# LETTER TO DR. DODS.

effect of the cause of that sin of ignorance. Now God being determined before the sin was committed that some should be saved by his Son's death, and that some should not, that his love might be the more made manifest, elected such as he chose

so, and loves all who fear him and obey him, yet hopes of his getting through it at all. He revived and the cause sustained; and if we do not come up and do he keeps them in ignorance of many things relative for a time, and soon went into another more vio- something, the phenomena here must cease. Mr. Koons must arms, then the internal heart of mankind will open, expand its to himself, lest a knowledge of himself should make lent than any former one. The alarm was given either be assisted or he must abandon the manifestations for the their vainglorious over him; and in blindness he that he was dying, that his eyes were glassy, face keep the ball in motion. Will we do our duty? chastises them for that they know not, but to make and limbs cold. At this point, his sister became in- For more than two years has Mr. Koons been engaged in giv- Principle of Wisdom. When men and women become suffithem love him the more, through fear of disobey- fluenced by a Spirit purporting to be my Spiritual ing these public demonstrations to prove the fact of Spirit-Intering him, when his requirements are many of them director. I was directed to go into the room. I did things and abuse has he suffered since he commenced. Very of so doubtful an origin and meaning, as to have so, and followed the directions given through her, few have suffered such persecution. He goes on in the even puzzled the heads of the wisest of his lawyers, and in half an hour he arose from his bed and said tenor of his way, doing good for evil, and thus living out his re-

dictions in this plain revelation.

his enemies and punish them for mere revenge, &c., about the gas works. long after it is out of their power to harm them- I then learned for the first time in my life any selves, him, or any one else, for the very simple thing of the power of Spirit-healing. I learned Abstract of the Proceedings at the Conference at No. 553 kill their God, them he will pardon and receive in- health; but the matter did not rest here, for from Inded to in another column. He thought charity should be exto spill in obedience to the dictates of the Father, accompany many of the curses performed by these picture, purporting to have been produced in like manner, rephas been applied to their souls as a cleansing cradi- mediums. It is very common for the old school resenting the head of Bembrandt. It was an etching in the cator, it is all of no use, whether they are elected physicians to say to the friends of a patient, "there or not, though it is said they cannot be, unless they is little or no hope of a recovery, &c.," when some contained, in the margin, the name of the artist, which corres- ask justice is to ask condign condemnation. According to the are finally saved.

ing to make his instruments of salvation in enlightthe whole world into the knowledge of himself, one great grand jubilate of resurrectionized souls, to live with him in heaven in happiness forever; ordained children's misery, but calls upon those whom he has saved by his partial decrees, to rejoice with him, that he has put them into such torblame, and they shout and praise the just God who has redeemed them, and damned their brothers and sisters. This knowledge increases their joy, and the wails of the despairing wretches, burning and broiling on the red hot coals of God's righteous anger, adds fuel to their fires of love, and a new song arises, of glory to God for his justice in saving them through grace and mercy, in preference to those whe are condemned. For they are loud in their praise, that it is not any good thing in them that they are thus saved, but through the imploring pardon for their sins and prayers for their release.

### ANOTHER ORTHODOX CONCESSION.

FRIEND TOOHEY: On Sunday morning last, Jan. 28th, Rev. Alexander S. Leonard, Rector of Emanuel Episcopal Church, corner of Prince and the manner they are developed. As yet, the sci-Spiritualism, from the text, "What have we to do tended, has never been able to account for or tell martyrdom at the stake. In fact, it was a hope that could enawith thee? Art thou come to torment us before what causes ulcers, tumors, scrofula, white swell-ble the Apostles, when shut up in prison, surrounded with dark-

He took the ground that those questions were asked by demons, who took possession of certain ginate. Sometimes they speculate upon some imathree o'clock, P. M., the Rev. Uriah Clark will give persons at that early period. In regard to modern ginary causes, but it satisfies only the speculator Spiritualism, he stated that many of the best minds or persons susceptible to his influence, but the law he of the age, in all classes, were to be found among its advocates. They could claim one if not two of the Lecture Room of the Brooklyn Institute for thinking they could exclude the theory so confitheir own Bishops. Scientific men had investigated, one year from 1st inst., and will hold two meetings dently set up by its adherents, but they had been on each Sunday, and one each Wednesday evencompelled to yield and to fall into the rank. For Spirits, although many do not believe in Spiritualtruth has not been let in upon that principle, that the minds
truth has not been let in upon that principle, that the minds
of collections have been so long chained in superstitions darking. Until further notice, there will be a Conferhimself, he had not investigated, but was willing to ism, but believe the instructions received as merely of religionists have been so long chained in superstitious darkship and brotherhood; and, by actions, prove your knowledge of the truth. Men are not to be condemned because they differ. ence every Sunday morning at half-past ten o'clock, take the testimony of those whose veracity and o'clock, and every Wednesday evening at half-past thought traced the source of the phenomena. He soundness he could not doubt, and who had as he declared his belief in modern Spiritualism, but contended that the Spirits were evil, and cautioned his hearers not to dabble in it. He took the ground utes' walk from Fulton Ferry. All Spiritualists that they were evil, because he believed Revelation who usually attend the several New York Conferences, and the public generally, are cordially innew Revelation could be of God. If his premise was wrong, of course his conclusion was wrong.-Another reason why they were evil, was because their communications were infidel in their tendency. The Bible was in the main set aside. I have giver This salvation can come only through the name but a meagre idea of his discourse; it is a good of Jesus, as the crucified son of the Father, sent to step that he has made. Let us be glad at the first do the Father's will. Now this damning sin of step taken towards the right point. When he in ignorance is no excuse for ignorance, for it is as- vestigates, he will embrace the great truth, that serted, they might know if they would, though it is our friends as well as our enemies may and do talk also said, that in the first place, when man was to us from the Spirit-land. May his eyes be openfirst made, and of course very ignorant, he de- ed to receive the heavenly light now pouring down sired knowledge, and for striving to gain knowl- upon us in such rich effulgence from the Spirit edge in opposition to God's will, (for fear he, man, world. It is a cheering fact, that one of our would know as much as he did, being a jealous conservative ministers has proclaimed his belief in God,) was the cause of His displeasure, and the the great and blissful doctrine, that the Spirits still cause also of all the evil that has been in the world live and walk among us. He has answered the ever since. So the sin of present ignorance is the great question,—if a man die, shall he live again? Yours for humanity.

#### [For the Christian Spiritualist.] SPIRITS HEALING THE SICK.

LOCKPORT, Jan. 7th, 1855. from the foundation of the world, as children of Mr. Editor: Among the vast amount of writings his favor, called the righteous, while the remainder and teachings relative to Spiritualism, I notice that he left exposed to all the perils of the devil's war- that branch of the subject which is of the greatest fare, without providing for them. Yet is it said, importance to man receives the least attention. It notwithstanding this foreördination of an Almighty seems to me that this important branch of the sub-God, that provision is made for all, and if all do ject should be brought before the public mind with not come forward and accept of the terms of sal- its benefits, and its philosophy explored. I have vation, it is their own fault, and God can justly reference to the power vested in Spirits to heal the send them to hell, although he has decreed that sick through mediums. I will give a brief account they should be lost even before they were born .- of the operations and doings in the healing art in Yet this is no excuse for them, because they do this place and vicinity. About last February, while not know whether they are elected unto salvation or I was sitting in my office, I felt a powerful influnot, and are inexcusable if they do not repent and ence to go some where; after resisting for an hour accept of the offered mercy to all, although at the or so, I went to a house, but finding the desire in same time it is decreed that they must not accept, another direction, continued, and finally went to yet still is the invitation proffered to them as if the house of Mr. Riggs. (I had traveled about a they could accept, and if they do not, God in wis- mile.) I inquired after the health of his brotherdom has a perfect right to damn them for being in-law, who had been sick for some time. I was intercourse. We have long seen the trouble, and wished it were just what they are, through his foreordination, informed that the Doctor had given him up as in our power to make some suituable improvement for this without any knowledge on their part. Yet still hopeless on the Friday previous, and that they had family and the visitors. further, it is urged that they alone are to blame, kept life in him until that time by rubbing, but hope it will be seconded by the friends of reform everywhere. that God has given them their choice; although he rubbing only relieved him for the time. His spasms has previously put it out of their power to choose were of the most violent and acute nature, and by his own will, and that his purpose must be ac- would last from one to two hours, with about an gether with a year's crop, and the small amount of funds laid up lity is the external rind, of which justice is the bark, and of

have ever lived, has failed to reconcile the contra- eased with taking poisons (leads and gases) into his suggest an additional sum of \$500 for the purpose of building s lungs and stomach, obtained by putting gas pipes barn, and thus make him comfortable in-doors and out. Now it is said that this God has a right to hate into his mouth while using lead to stop leakage,

reason that their father and mother disobeyed him, that others had practiced it to some small extent, and because they would not or could not believe but what has been the result? For myself, I have that he in the shape of his son, who was a man, been thronged with persons requiring Spiritual aid died for them. But his especial people, those through me as a healing medium ever since, and whom he chooses from the foundation of the world the results are truly wonderful. Numerous are the Mayor Wood putting down fortune tellers, and all those engagas his favorites, though they do disobey, if they cases pronounced by physicians as incurable, now fested by the writer of the paragraph. The substance of his rewill only believe that they were wicked enough to enjoying either sound, good or much improved marks upon this point will be found appended to the article alto his everlasting favor. It makes no difference that extraordinary experiment, numerous persons we could practice. how much these wicked ones may love one anoth- in this place have been induced to be developed as A picture was exhibited for the inspection of those present, er, unless they will believe in this atonement through healing mediums, and their practice is very exten-purporting to have been produced without the direct agency the Son, and believe that his blood which he chose sive, and much joy, and many interesting incidents of a medium, an account of which was given in our last issue. friend of the patient would relate the wonderful pended exactly with the fac-similes of Rembrandt's name now This God is Allwise, and yet so ignorant that he cures of a healing medium. The medium is sent extant. knew not what to do with his children when he for; injunctions of secresy are laid down; the me- Sunday evening. She took a slate, while in a circle, and, after found that they had become wicked, and by va- dium influences the patient; the doctor visits the accretaining that both sides were free from writing or marks, rious projects at different times destroyed them, in patient the next day; sees a great change for the placed it under the table, and requested the Spirits to write uphopes that they would become better; but being better; leaves more medicine; medium takes care examination, a name and a few words were written upon it. constantly disappointed finally gave up the attempt, of it; influences the patient; the next day the doc- This writing was perfectly intelligible to one member of the forgiving love. But neither of these belong to the man who and left one chosen race and took another, that he tor says, I hit the nail that time, and says the change circle, a lady, who had recently lost a friend whose name was might fulfil his wise purposes to redeem sinful man. is so great that a recovery is favorable; and so Those upon the earth at this time, he is endeavor- goes the matter for from two to six days; doctor snything about it. The lady was present and could testify to smells something mysterious in the matter; makes the fact ening others, through this revelation, as it is called, strict inquiries; finds nothing satisfactory; but had received a short time since at Mr. Conklin's Booms. Having of his will. He intends thus, it is said, to convert sees none of those symptoms peculiar to the effects always received communications from an uncle through Mr. produced by his poisons; leaves the patient, curs- Conklin, he went with the desire to get something from him; and at least to save all who are thus converted into ing the common humbugs of the day; sometimes the physician says the patient cannot live, and one while those not converted are to go to hell, and to tified that the patient has been visited by a medium es or desires did not control communications. The last commuhowl in despair because they are cast off. Now and is well; the doctor is raving, abuses the parthis living God not only takes delight in the fore- ties, says the patient is only magnetized, is urged to call, does so, sees the patient free from disease; leaves crest-fallen, muttering to himself the maledictions and denunciations he will heap on the mements, saying that they themselves are alone to dium when he sees him. Now, this is not the case with all physicians here, for several have told their patients honestly, there was no help for them in tients to me. I have treated three old experienced physicians for diseases they said could not be cured by their methods, also treated cases in the families of two other physicians, and in all these cases, they are honest enough to own their experience in the most satisfactory manner. A constant practice for nearly a year, with an extensive observation, has to the learned and very dignified critiques of the literary man brought before me much that is beautiful. The in the New York Tribune; and whatever all these persons may goodness and mercy of God, who might as justly Spirits who guide in this matter were of the highhave condemned them to everlasting flames if he est order of talent while on earth, and their experand it gives to man his pre-eminence above the beasts. I know had chosen, as those whose cries reach their ears, rience in the Spirit-world has added much to their of nothing more inspired, more glowing, more full of hope, store of knowledge. Some of the directors are anstore of knowledge. Some of the directors are an-cient Greek philosophers, while others are of but cle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not few years' experience in the Spirit-world. Their made with hands, eternal in the heavens." It seems that he anxiety to bring the healing art as a science before the world is great. For the benefit of the world, they are explaining the causes of all diseases and imperishable tabernacle. The great truth of Spiritualism has of love; but when we have love, how can we forbear having Thompson streets, N. Y., preached a discourse on entific world, as far as my observation has exings, and in short, all kinds of cutaneous diseases. &c., or how they are formed, or where they orithat causes all diseases is so clear by Spirit-explanation, that it carries conviction and proof to all who investigate it. I have conversed with many eived from the Spirit-world to shake the church to its foundsintelligent physicians, and they are all interested with the philosophy of diseases as given by these a knowledge of the matter obtained by myself through a clairvoyance, without explaining what a single day be made longer to believe in these narrow views-

if it prove to be as true as the teachings indicate. take hold of a religious faith. It has been a censurable offence I hope that if the healing art has as great a claim thoughts. And this brings us to the subject agitated this evenas it appears to have, that more attention will be ing-charity. We do not sufficiently consider the influences paid to it. Friends will excuse me if my style of which have been brought to bear upon their minds-under very poor, and as a writer have but little or no experience. My mediumship has not been limited to difficult, perhaps impossible, when we know an individual has the healing art, but has expanded into various

oranches of the natural sciences. J. G. ATWOOD. Yours &c..

### SKELETON ESSAYS. NO. I.-PRESENTIMENTS.

What have hitherto been regarded as presenti- such as we have not seen since the days of Luther-no, nor ments are nothing less than Spirit-interpretings.-The Spirit is permitted to see and hear in advance what must inevitably enter the organization of his ing to this subject of charity. For one, I do not believe so much or her existence to experience. Consciousness of this becomes evidenced in the memory in the same

makes the whole a truth.

There is much deduction of this sort lost from neglect, indifference, and from a struggle with over, whose whole being is under a dispensation of you upon the same principle that Gods deals it out to the Unithis sort, whose spheres of vision are imbued with the rays of eternity. This external indication is so that charity is the highest virtue; another invokes the Spirit of whispered to them from the eternal world. It breaking through the veil of life, and it solves the roblem of its own, and others' fate.

# Correspondence.

ATHENS COURTY, O., Jan. 24, 1855.

We fully concur in the movement of "An Inquirer," and The man has been unfortunate. He is poor. His lodgings are unfit for any kind of comfortable accommodations. His barn was a good one, but this has been entirely destroyed, to

wayfaring man though a fool need not err therein, ate. He recovered his strength in a very short this family and accommodate the numerous visitors that are though all the knowledge of the wisest men who time and became healthy and robust. He was diswe hope to hear a favorable response to this call. We would

AZARIAH PRATI.

Broadway, Friday Evening, Jan. 26.

[PHONOGRAPHICALLY EMPORTED.]

Mr. Tooliey read a paragraph taken from the New York Sun of to-day, which will be found in another column, in reference to ed in a similar business, and commented upon the Spirit maniercised toward all such persons, as this was the greatest virtue

Mr. Barnard mentioned the fact of his having seen another highest style of the art, and in perfect accordance with the pe-

Mrs. Taylor related a fact which occurred at her house last written upon the slate, and understood the fact referred to in the communication, although no other member of the circle knew

but, to his surprise, received one from his sister, telling him to dence of it. The man is and has been surrounded by circumcome again, and she would give him more. He went again, expecting to get a communication from his sister, but this time visit of the medium is sufficient. The doctor is no- received one from his uncle. This convinced him that his wishnication from his uncle was as follows: "My dear nephew, there are many, very many creeds and doctrines on earth, and it requires time to clear the mind from earthly prejudices. Hence come the different circles and different teachings; yet all that emanates from the home of the freed Spirit, bears with it the one grand and universal truth of man's immortal progress.

Mr. Odell also stated he had been in a circle where he had seen a foot and hand, which were evidently produced by Spiritnal power, as, under the circumstances, they could not belong to any member of the circle. They resembled a human hand and their practice, and have brought or sent their pa- foot in all particulars, but were more beautiful in form than any he had ever before seen. Mr. O. was cross-questioned rather closely by some persons present, but gave his testimony in a very straightforward manner, convincing those open to conviction, that it was as much a fact as anything which ever occurred

within his consciousness. Mr. \* \* \* \* spoke with reference to the article in the Sun which had been read by Mr. Toohey. I have seen all sorts of criticisms upon Spiritualism, from Philander Doestick's down say in regard to it as a fact, it is no less true that upon the idea. as admitted by all, is founded all our happiness for the future, more soul-cheering, than the words of the Apostle, when he was a Spiritualist that not only believed but Enew that when are speaking rather of the effect of the principle of love being this body mouldered back to dust, he would be clothed upon by the house that is from heaven, glorious in its immortality-an inspired the hearts and souls of thousands, enabling them to go through the trials which they have endured. The early Christians were buoyed up by this great truth, even while suffering ness, to rejoice in triumph and sing psalms. Spirits came then; they came to Peter and unlocked the prison doors. Was he a is no fear of truth, though the great Mayor of this city and his doubter? I thought at first these manifestations were very wonderful indeed; but the more I think, the more I wonder that people should doubt. All men practically doubt. If you ask a minister of the gospel if he doubte the truth of Immortality, will feel himself insulted; but if you tell him you not only believe but know it by demonstrable evidence, although I have heard it remarked that there has been truth enough retions. But they are laid deeper and stronger than the granite blocks upon which they stand-upon the natural religious prin-

exercise as much liberty as in political matters, we should not for clairvoyance is. But they say, it matters not, only not for a day should we be made to cherish them. They fear to for a man to think on these subjects, at least to express his injured us, to cherish the same feelings as before: still. I do be-Here it is possible not to have a Spirit of revenge, of retaliation toward that brother or sister. If I have an enemy in the world I do not know it, and I do not want to know it; I am sure I feel no enmity towards any one. Let us exemplify the principle of Christ something better than those who claim to have all their light direct from God. It is not because there is not religion enough, truth enough, but it is not properly directed to right ends and objects. Were it so, we should witness a reform

ness. If people were, as regards their religious sentiment

Dr. Hatch remarked: The subject of charity has been alluded to this evening. It strikes me that there is a great error pertainin the principle as those who have spoken of it this evening, I demand justice, not charity; and as far as I have been able to realize the dealings of God towards mon, it has been upon the degree as the record is faithfully kept. The reaplane of justice. He, in His every department, has dealt out son endorses the experience, and our perfect faith justice to all His children; and when we violate any of His laws, it is not charity or sympathy we receive from the Infinite, fathoms the possibilities of connection until analogy but plain, simple justice. It appears to me that charity is found ed upon the absurd notion that I am right and you are wrong, therefore it is necessary for me to exercise it. Certainly it is humiliating for an individual to demand or solicit charity. I recognize myself as an individual, standing alone before my things merely material. There are those, more-

Mr. Randolph followed: The subject is charity. One thinks

true, that the mystic voices of angels seem to have justice. There is a higher principle than either. We cannot have charity, because we are not constituted of such elements as will melt at suffering; nor are we made of such stern stuff as hears the muffled footstep of approaching death, to demand and deal out and exemplify rigid justice, according and it sees the shadowy form of evil, yet unborn, to our conceptions. But we are made of such stuff that the divine Spirit of love can come down and thrill our souls. Let us feel the love which comes from God; let us expand the vessels of the inmost heart, and let the human Spirit come forth in all its native aspirations towards God, and drink in the divine influences which come from His great throne. Then shall we feel a love which shall bear the human race upon its swelling and rising billows; and we shall have no need for stubborn justice, no necessity for exercising charity, for all-embracing love includes them all; and in the Spirit of love and melting affection, such EBITOR CHEISTIAN SPIRITUALIST—Dear Sir: In No. 85 of as God feels for man, we can look with pity, with a philosophic our paper we noticed an article from "An Inquirer," calling eye, upon the foibles and faults of our neighbor; and thus we upon the friends of reform to throw in their "mite" and aid shall rise above the necessity of exercising charity. Because we in building Mr. Koons a suitable and comfortable house and may see that the individual is not to be pitied so much as loved; barn, and have him so situated, that he may be better able to then we will no longer attribute the faults to the individual, but entertain those coming to investigate the great fact of Spirit- to the source where they properly belong-to the conditions and circumstances which curround the individual, and have sur-rounded him from birth. We need more love and less justice. Have we an idea of justice? No; but we have an idea of retaliation, and we call it jdstice. There is no such thing as justice in the world. Spiritualism is destined to develop a true idea of God-like justice. No man occupies a position so high but he feels at times love towards those who are beneath him; then he feels something still deeper than charity, of which charhas previously put it the most power to choose where the phase previously put it the most power to choose with the most power to choose the proposition of the phase part of the most power to choose the proposition of the phase part of the phase part of the proposition of the phase part of the phase part of the proposition of the characteristic power of the phase part of the proposition of the phase part of the part of the phase part of the phase part of the phase part of the part of the phase part of the part of the phase part of the part of the phase part of the phase part of the phase part of the part of the phase part of the phase part of the part o

unfolded, like a sweet flower, and will shed its fragrance over all the world. There will be no such thing as justice. Justice is a saccident. When the true man shall be unfolded, the idea of justice will be so expanded that there will be no such conception of it as now exists. As I look at justice at this moment, I see a pair of scales in which one man is weighed against another. This is not right; this is not justice. When the love which comes down from God enters into the human soul, and is the motive principle which stirs the man to action, he will rise above these crude conceptions. When man is inspired by the great thought of eternal love, he will rise above the angularities which have marked the churches for ages. And Spiritualism is that which will unfold him so that he can receive this grand that which will unfold him so that he can receive this grand that which will unfold him so that he can receive this grand that which will unfold him so that he can receive this grand the formula is a sweet flower, and will seave to the purchaser. All electers containing orders should be post-paid.

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and all things in it, are progressing out of this idea of justice and it will be merged into the conception I have of divine love.

Mr. Toohey remarked: I thought I tried to make myself understood, but it appears I did not. I will try now to fill up that deficiency. I thought the article I read from the San was sufficiently broad in the premises to warrant a few assumptions. I assumed that the man who wrote that article was destitute alika culiar style of Rembrandt's productions when on earth. It also of the principles of truth and verscity. Now for such a man to fairest appreciation of justice, he would be reduced to the lowest grade of physical and social servitude. It may be well for the man whose soul has attained some degree of truth and purity to ask for justice. I have myself said, I ask nothing of God but justice; but it was a presumptuous speech, and will not bear analyzing. James Martineau said, there is a pity that is downright insult. There is another pity that is the veriest essence of love; there is a charity that contains the elements of a Godwrote that article. We will embalm it as far as type can do it. IMr. T. made further remarks on this subject, the purport of which, as above stated, will be found in another column.]

> Dr. Hatch followed: I hope you will bear with me for a mo ment. There are too many ideas and words to give even a passing notice of them all. But I have heard nothing which infinences me to dissent from the opinion I first advanced. This Editor has been the subject of discussion. He is accused of willful misrepresentation. For one, I cannot see the least evi stances that have caused him to write just such an article. It was not for him to say whether he would be surrounded by them or not; it was in accordance with the great principles o Nature. And the man needs as much charity for himself wh will so severely condemn an individual as the individual himself; and no more, because each, in his respective place, is surrounded by circumstances which have made him what he is. repeat it. I demand no charity. I do not say that I demand justice from your stand-point, but upon the great principles of Fourth-avenues. truth and the brotherhood of man. I do not expect anything more or less than justice from my God. I have never experienced anything but justice from His hand; and I will venture to say all have had the same experience. Point to one solitary nstance of God's dealing out charity instead of justice, and yield the point. And now, my friends, what do we want? I said that the idea of charity came from the assumption that we were right and they were wrong. If you believe as I do, if things appear to you as they do to me, you do not pretend to exercise charity towards me. Could they have crucified Jesus, had they known and realized the real character of the individual whom they were condemning? If I relieve a man in his necessities, is it charity that I exercise? No: for he is a brother of mine; and if he is surrounded by circumstances requiring it, it is no more than justice that I should deal to him a portion of THE GREAT PIANO & MUSIC ESTABLISHMENT OF what I have. And in the last agonizing hours of dissolution, when I stand in the heavens before my God, however much my life may desire charity. I expect nothing but His simple justice. seasoned with that love which constitutes the beauty and the

excellence of His character. Mr. \* \* \* \* remarked: I wish to make one word of explanation. Mr. Randolph spoke of a principle above both charity and justice. I think this is a distinction without a difference. I do not know the difference in principle between love and charity. It is certain that when we speak of charity as a principle, we acted out. This is making a distinction when there is but one principle involved. I agree with friend Randolph in his view

Mr. Conklin said: I have never before spoken in a Confererence, but I think Spiritualists should countenance such articles as the one read to-night from the Sun; and further, should glory in the fact that man, and especially the author of this article, has condescended to speak so highly of Spiritualism. There is no fear of truth, though the great Mayor of this city and his whole police battle against it; I think it will stand; and I think Spiritualists should join with one accord and send a petition to Spiritualists should join with one accord and send a petition to of prices forwarded to any address, free of charge. cles as the one read to-night from the Sun; and further, should Mayor Wood to ferret out Spiritualism and do away with it-IMr. C. here became entranced by Spirit-influence, and spoke as follows:] We have not left our bright abodes to sow the seed of discord. We have not penetrated through the repulsive atmosphere of earth for any other purpose than to harmonize. who have tasted the good word of truth, and who can look beyond the things of time and sense and say, in your inmost soul, I know I have a continued existence, should not, in order to arrive at the definition of the word charity, waste your time in arguments. If thy brother is in error, pity; censure not; assume not to know the truth; gently extend the hand of fellowof the truth. Men are not to be condemned because they differ. A two-fold conception of truth createth discord; and, as the nind is prepared to receive, so it giveth to those that can approach that mind. There are many, very many, who are now moving in darkness in the midst of light, who are not prepared to receive its rays from celestial spheres. Buch need practical charity, gentleness, forbearance, not censure.

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Such vigor to the arm of right,
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And strive with stern Herculean will
To blind, to numb, to crush, to kill,
To sear its hydra-headed foe.
Oh, God! the cause of right is thine!
The souls of men belong to thee!
We know that we shall yet be free!
Ob, God! youchsafe us strength divine.

Thus ran my dream one winter's night When all without was dark and drear. The atorm was wild. I woke in fear; I prayed and slept till morning light, And woke a wise man. My dream Recalled, I pondered o'er and o'er, And as I pondered more and more, My soul expanded with the scheme Of life which it revealed. I saw That life shall be the boon of all, And truth, on error's final fall, Become the universal law.

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Forgive us, redress us!
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Teach us content with thy fatherly dealing—
Teach us to love thee,
To love one another, brother his brother,
And make us all free—
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Show us that avarice holds us in thra!!—
That the land is all thine, and thou givest to all.
Scatter our blindness;
Help us to do right, all the day and the night—
To love mercy and kindness;
Add us to conquer mistakes of the next. Aid us to conquer mistakes of the past; Show us our future to cheer us and arm us The upper, the better, the mansions thou hast:
And, God of the grave, that the grave cannot harm

[From the Weekly Comet.]

### REFORM

It is with no little pride that our Judge and our people should recur to the fact that, at the late session of the district court in this and our sister Parish, there was not a single charge for the grand jury to investigate. Perhaps this thing has never before occurred. Does this not argue an improvement in public morals and a disposition to observe the law? and yet to assign any particular cause would be out of the question. But that there is a mighty revolution going on in our country, more powerful than war and bloodshed could make it, is very evident. Every thing social, moral and political is stamped with the impress of reform. We do not altogether agree with those who with "foreeodings dire" predict a great civil war. The time has now arrived in the history of our country, when mind in its most powerful and peaceful workings must carry on all great schemes without the aid of physical force. Though human nature in the abstract is just what it has always been, it is operated upon by different influences, its desires are more elevated, its passions more subdued and its workings more peaceable. Men are getting to view things in a different light. They are forming quite different estimates of each others' merits and placing the standard of individual greatness upon he lifted up axes upon the thick trees," nor him who with giant strength can hurl destruction and always remember that he should know where his hopefully recovering. brother is, should always display a sensibility to the sorrows and a satisfaction at the happiness of others; whose soul should ever go out in warm pulses to the help of those about him. Joanna

"Who will not give Some portion of his ease, his blood, his wealth, For others good is a poor frozen churl,"

But in proportion as men's views of greatness and usefulness change, so do they change in the selection of those whom they place in power; and all these give character to the nation, and if competent, zest to public authority and laws; all reforms must, in a great measure, depend upon those who serve the country. Though not specially called upon to do so, there is none who may not of their wedded union. If her husbahd should coffin, and bending down she imprinted a kiss up- peculiar sensation,—every nerve felt its power. At should be the care of every patriot to strike single day, the "spell" upon his destiny would be the repose and happiness of his soul. As she did the violin was taken up and played in concert

"If each would seize the occasion where his virtue Might aid his country, to the public good, His share conferring, states to less of fill Exposed, would thenceforth stand secure and flourish."

This truism of Euripides should find a hearty response in every patriot, and now while the work of reform is going on, in everything human, cause them to lay hold of the golden opportunity of serving their day and generation. Whether placed in the chair of state or occupying the humble control of the family circle, whether in the pulpit or on the bench, one may do something for the common

JESUS AND THE DEAD DOG.—THE MOST BEAUTI-FUL OF ALLEGORIES.—A very old Persian story says: Jesus arrived one evening at the gates of a good, walked through the streets into the marketplace.

And he saw at the corner of the market some

It was a dead dog, with a halter round his neck. by which he appeared to have been dragged more unclean thing, never met the eye of man.

rence.
"Faugh!" said one, stopping his nose, "it pol-

And Jesus heard them; and looking down comare not equal to the whiteness of his teeth."

Then the people turned toward him with amaze-This must be Jesus of Nazareth, for only he could terrestrial existence. find something to pity and approve even in a dead dog;" and being ashamed, they bowed their heads various courses of the table had been duly served in the widow's heart, now paling cheeks like the before him, and went each on his way.

of one or two minds; that they rose into existence very nearly cotemporaneously, and were built by traveling companies of masons, under the direction traveling companies of masons, under the direction to the light of kindred and brother.

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#### [From the Philadelphia Sunday Mercury.] THE BIRDLING PHANIOM. A Startling Narrative of Psychological Phenomena.

BY M. HARDIN ANDREWS.

[CONCLUDED.]

The wife was amazed at what she beheld. She could now no longer doubt the perfect sanity of her husband, while her unbelief in omens or supersenses. Everything that her husband had describ- | "pale yellow" canary bird appeared in the room, | former occasions of sorrow and death. ed as the teachings of his trance or vision, was fluttered a few times around the body, uttering a presented in tangible reality to her perceptions. sort of anxious or frightful chirrup, then darted tale of Psychology and Presentiments. It was She had, however, little time for reflection upon through an open casement, and was seen no more! early in June. The swallows chased each other in until you have thus proved it all a deception, do ed Spirit: do thy work in every human heart, and their mysterious, solemn and portentous importance, before her her hushand again addressed her: The distress of the poor wife may be better ima-

"This, Lizzy, is the monument I beheld in my gined than described; but, as before remarked, death-dream. Promise me that you will cause one she was a woman with a well balanced brain, and to be procured as nearly alike to it as may be, and bore with a philosophy of resignation, somewhat erect it at the head of my grave, with only such unusual with her sex in view of the heavy chasinscription engraved thereon as may tell the sim-tenings of Providence, her present affliction and ple story of my birth and death. One thing more bereavement. She desired that a speedy consulta-I have yet to ask of you, my dear and loving wife. Ition of physicians should be held, with a view to a the sunbeams, in the depths of their summer green. It is this: Let there be no unnecessary parade or post mortem examination of the dead body of her ceremony at my funeral; let my grave habiliments, husband, to ascertain if his death had been the reinstead of the usual shroud or winding-sheet, be sult of poison, or of some lurking disease, unknown the clothing of my ordinary wear, and have me to her, incident to his organization. The inquest element, while the bee hummed in merry mood as placed in the grave with my head toward the set- and medical investigation took place—but nothing it pursued its honied errand from flower to flower. ting, and my feet to the rising sun. Promise me was discovered indicating poison or decaying men this, sweet sharer of my sorrows and joys hereto- tal and physical powers. He had died in the full joy among all things of Nature, the last relic of the marking the tablet of every age, reaching over the fore, and all my thoughts and wishes will be ful- flush and vigor of his manhood—without disease late happy family was buried at the side of her filled in this life."

shall be faithfully performed," was all that the accordingly was duly rendered. The body was grief-stricken wife could utter, as she threw her- buried in the secluded grave, by the brook and self about his neck, and yielded to his last linger- the willows, where the wild roses bloomed and the and many in Baltimore, who were acquainted with the parties ing fervent kiss, and a prolonged embrace of thrill- melody of birds resounded in the depth of the dents of the foregoing narrative. The occurrences were before ing warmth and tenderness. There was no eye to forest shrubbery and trees, while the white marble the advent of the "Rochester Rappers." and the now common witness that holy interchange of bliss and fidelity memorial was not omitted from the requirements belief in "Spiritual manifestations," though the works of Davis between husband and wife, save the "All-seeing- the departed had enjoined in fulfilment of the sevone" of the great God of love and Nature.

They returned to their homes with the same silence that had been observed between them on the ally "set his house in order," previous to his degoing forth therefrom to the habitations of the mise. The writings at which he had engaged himself the canary birds were living, or mere phantom creatures, condead. The husband soon after retired to a small the day previous to his death, proved to be a draft comitant of optical and mental imperfections, are left to be deroom, and occupied himself during the rest of the of his will; while his business with the attorney day in drawing up a copy of his will, and other in- was with a view to the collection of funds due him, cidental legal papers, while his wife resumed her and the closing up of his temporal affairs, as one usual domestic avocations, with more than her quitting business entirely, or about to journey usual cheerfulness and assiduity of purpose.

The day following was the anniversary of the death of their second child, the little "Willy." relict would be likely to require during a life of the Spirit-room of J. Kooss, at Athens County, whose soul's departure to the world of Spirits had wrought the mental aberration of the father, and brought such deep grief, and comparative desolation in the late small but blissful family circle.

The father rose at an early hour, in the seeming enjoyment of his original health and spirits, and set about some ordinary duties that had been neglected by him entirely, for many months, with that thoughtful care and consideration for the wants of his family, as had been his wont in the first years of his married life. He was gay and conversable to a degree that augured a hope in the bosom of his fond wife, that the strange hallucination that had for the entire year past fettered his being, was "clothed again in his right mind," and speedily resume his whilom habits and pursuits of life. His wife did not forget that that day was the anniversary of the loved departed one. She even ventured by wires, and small bells hung along the wires. higher grounds. That is not the great man now, who the death of their lost and only child; nor had the alone to the "Garden of the Graves," at the witchwho with giant strength can hurl destruction and death among his enemies. Nor yet he who lifting sion to any of the various mysterious matters that himself far above his fellows by the ambition of bad to any of the various mysterious matters that token or manifestations by which she could be in the small end, and about an inch in diameter at himself far above his fellows by the ambition of had so long absorbed and shut out his soul from all formed of the bliss or gloom of the soul of her the large end—That part of the room occupied by his soul and the success of his toil, only seeks his sense of worldly things; and she so guarded her husband in the world of Spirits. individual glory and preferment. But he is the own expressions and conduct to present no cause great man who loves his neighbor as himself, who for the return or the aggravation of the mental death of her husband, the widow retired to rest at by shutters, and when the door is closed, all are

only survive through the few short hours of that on his pallid brow, and breathed a brief prayer for length the tambourine dropped on the table, and every blow for his country that circumstances will banished, and joy and happiness would once more so, the dead form instantly changed into a canary around the room, for some time; the trumpet was be their portion, undisturbed by terrible apprehen- bird, which opened its mouth and distinctly utter- also used by the Spirit, producing a soft tone, like that the "bitter cup" might be removed—that Willy's departure." The bird bent his tiny neck utes; then the Spirit took the harmonicon and her husband might not die, at least on that dread caressingly to her lips, opened its bill and put out played several tunes accompanied with the bass an aged mother and a young sister.

tion with that very day, which he had so strenu- sion altogether.

But the fatal hour approached—it came! The

down the cup and exclaimed: "Wife, friends!-I am going! The Spirit of

Willy is here! There! there!-I-I His speech remained unfinished. He fell from natural agencies, of whatever kind, was complete his chair to the floor, there was a slight groan, and ly shaken-nay, entirely removed. She could not a sort of choking, rattling in his throat-and he question the palpable evidences of her unclouded was dead! Precisely at the same moment, a small same bird, or its affiliated predecessors, had done on me say, come and witness for yourselves—scru- as anthems are caught up by the islands of the

Thus was the presentiment or prediction fulfilled! "Certainly, my dear husband, your every desire dict in such cases, "Died by the visitation of God," willows, in that lovely "Garden of the Dead." eral specialities of his mysterious vision. The gentleman who were the subjects of the "Psychological pheyoung widow realized that her husband had literto another land. His property was found amply sufficient for all the wants and luxuries which his many years, after he had himself departed to that Ohio, I would remark that the most direct way to bourne from whence no traveller returns." But this place, from Cincinnati and the West, at this glittering gold, and the pomp and pageantry of life, have no charms for the stricken heart, or the bereaved soul. The widow could find no consolation in her loveliness—there was now no joy left to fill up the aching void of her heart. Though she good exercise to climb the hills. When the Ohio prayed "God's will be done, it was before she could bring herself submissively to say to Chancey.

I arrived here Dec. 10, 1854, and found Mr prayed "God's will be done," it was many weeks

"And when He takes away, He takes but what He gave."

She at length became possessed with the strange to the surrounding scenery. desire to have the Spirit of her husband manifest al length about to be dispelled—that he would be itself to her in some special manner or other, and story, and made of logs. In the room is a table

in whatever sphere of life he may be thrown, will malady from which he was now apparently so night, and falling into a slumber, dreamed that her snugly secured. husband stood by her side, as he had usually ap-After the morning meal was over, he casually peared when in the heyday of his health and hapremarked to his wife, that from his long negligence piness. He addressed her in some endearing terms, of his business pursuits, his affairs had fallen into and she put forth her arms to receive his caresses, some confusion, and that, by consequence, it would when she auoke and realized that she had only drum, announced that the Spirits were present be neessary for him to have some consultation dreamed! To make "assurance doubly sure," she Then followed a powerful shaking of the table and the New. with his attorney, with a view to their proper arose from the bed and lit a lamp, as if she would given to commence the music. Mr. Koons comadjustment or regulation. His wife noddingly ac- in this way convince herself of his tangible presquiesced in the necessity of his plans, and saw him ence or otherwise, although such procedure was time to the music for some time; then, after a modepart from his home on such an errand, with a but an act of supererogation, since a full bright ment's cessation, another tune was commenceddegree of joy she had not experienced for many moon beamed into the chamber, and revealed every months, for she ardently longed for the dreaded object with the distinctness of the light of day.-'anniversary" to pass over without a realization She threw up the casement, and allowing the cool- of the mediums, for a moment, then supended over of the events foreboded in his vision, though some ing zephyrs of the evening to fan her brow, return- my head-at the same time I felt a blow on my vague and indefinable fears possessed her breast as ed to her couch, and again dreamed of seeing her vading my whole frame;—again, as it passed to the sequences of all that was yet in store, of husband. She saw him as he lay a corpse in his truck me three times, producing each time a sions of calamity, or unquieted by superstitious fears ed:-"I am happy in heaven, Elizabeth, where a sweet, female voice, accompanying the violins and forebodings. Oh, how fervently she prayed you will meet me on the second anniversary of our and bass drum. At length the Spirit handed me day of prediction! She, however, soon brought her ruby little tongue, as if ready to receive a drum. All, now, seemed harmonious: the Spirits less powerfully in developing fraternal sentiments herself to say-"God's will be done," when she crumb of food from the parent canary. Then, as were now seen moving about the room with a bit set about the usual cares and duties of her house-hold, which now consisted of herself and husband, the little creature flew down her throat and choked a rection, as if delighted with the music of the violin. A hand was seen, by the light of phosphorous; but her speech, when she awoke, and found that what not very distinctly—the light was not sufficient. How her heart bounded within her bosom for she had seen and heard were only the vagaries of When the music ceased, the Spirit spoke through joy, when she saw her husband return to their the sleeping hour. She had "dreamt a dream the trumpet, some questions were asked and an babitation at the dinner hour, in the full glow of which was not all a dream!" At least she fancied health and spirits, accompanied by his friend the latter than any spirits, accompanied by his friend the latter than any spirits accompanied by his friend the latter than any spirits accompanied by his friend the latter than any spirits accompanied by his friend the latter than any spirits. health and spirits, accompanied by his friend, the that the poor little bird remained lodged in her munication; but could not to-night, but would do attorney, whom he had invited home with him to throat for several days afterwards, when it was so before I left the place. The Spirit then said we dine. The day was now rapidly drawing to its suddenly and mysteriously released from its singu- will meet you again to-morrow night-bade us close, and there was nothing that indicated immediate danger or death in the circle of their home. It is contain protuberance in her pack and if the performance. certain city, and he sent his disciples forward to diate danger or death in the circle of their home. regard to a certain protuberance in her neck, as if prepare supper, while he himself, intent on doing Yes, she now felt the "anniversary" would pass she had swallowed the core of an apple, whose without the dread approach of the angel—he would presence was coincident with her dream and the Spirit-room—The performances were similar to was, fitted to every variety of taste and instinct, at a village called Trouville, in the district of Rouen, three days subsequent thereto. Indeed, such was those of last night. While the tambourine was her soul expanded with none of the "fair humani- by audibly rapping with hammers on the walls and people gathered together, looking at an object of the dinner table her husband conversed with the choking sensation she experienced during the passing round; and he drew near, to see what it was succeed together, looking at an object of the dinner table her husband conversed with the choking sensation she experienced during the passing round, it rested in my lap, and I took hold ties" which, in our less classic but more glorious doors. He spoke with a human voice, although he time of the clogment of the example and the choking sensation she experienced during the passing round, it rested in my lap, and I took hold ties" which, in our less classic but more glorious doors. He spoke with a human voice, although he time of the clogment of the example and ties" which, in our less classic but more glorious doors. 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He spoke with a human voice, although the passing round, it rested in my lap, and I took hold ties" which, in our less classic but more glorious doors. He spoke with a human voice, although the passing round, it rested in my lap, and I took hold ties" whic gence upon the ordinary topics of the times, and tually concluded to call in a surgeon to make an inseemed to have forgotten entirely the circumstances cision for its displacement, when it was suddenly seemed to have forgotten entirely the circumstances cision for its displacement, when it was suddenly as well as to his wife and family; and the sign of the human race feel, act and aspire, for one puras well as to his wife and family; and the sign of the human race feel, act and aspire, for one puras well as to his wife and family; and the sign of the human race feel, act and aspire, for one puras well as to his wife and family; and the sign of the human race feel, act and aspire, for one puras well as to his wife and family; and the sign of the human race feel, act and aspire, for one puras well as to his wife and family; and the sign of the human race feel, act and aspire, for one puras well as to his wife and family; and the sign of holy water failed to through the dirt; and a viler, a more abject, a of his vision, and its fearful foreboding in connect removed by some agency beyond her comprehen for a moment; they then took paper and placed it pose and to one end—the common good and glory the cross and the sprinkling of holy water failed to

And those who stood by looked on with abhor- ously insisted theretofore, would be his last in life From the night of that double dream the wailing guest at dinner, his animated deportment and ra- her husband, and now fully believed the voice of to blame for their skepticism, by reason of the perpassionately on the dead creature, he said, "Pearls tional and cheerful conversation, left no room in the canary of her dream, which declared that she version of their rulers and clerical guides. Angels "Willy."

part, by his declining wine, and drinking his health a cambric collaret, intended for the latter, and fin- to you;" and then bid me good-night; and all was and divine influence upon civilization. To science,

nodded approbation of this, and the usual senti- my work is done?" She stretched forth her hand ed the room and apparatus, saw that there was no art, that was symbolic, it has imparted Spirit; to ment of long life, prosperity and happiness, was to present the article to her little sister—she smiled exchanged between the parties. In raising the through a tear which glistened in her eve—her exchanged between the parties. In raising the goblet of water to his lips, the host cast his eyes upon the dial of the mantel-clock—instantly put a moment before bloomed on her countenance vanished in fitful streaks, like the midnight dances of themselves to us, and commune with us. Let noble, reciprocal and harmonizing in civilization, the northern lights, and her soul had gone to meet its Spirit-mate in heaven! The canary bird, too, and if he can longer disbelieve, he would doubt contain the spirit that room and witness these Spirit-performances, ing and necessity of every heart prompts to acceptance, individuals and nations have become and if he can longer disbelieve, he would doubt the spirit free than the spirit strange as it seemed, again was present at the flight even his own existence. of the soul to its home in the phantom world. It came and went as suddenly and mysteriously as the and commune with their friends in the body, let it expands to the remotest bounds of the earth, and commune with their friends in the body, let it expands to the remotest bounds of the earth, and commune with their friends in the body, let it expands to the remotest bounds of the earth, and

Little more remains to be told to conclude our

sport, twittering as they flew over the clear waters not expose your own ignorance and bigotry by de- God's kingdom will come, and his will be done on and lakes of the cemetery. Every bush, every nying that Spirits can and do thus commune with earth as it is in heaven, and the earth will be, as tree, yea every branch, sent forth the music of the singing birds. The very air seemed redolent with melody, from the bold song of the thrust, to the pleasant chirrup of that king musician, the grasshopper. The fields and the leaves were in the loveliness and freshness of youth, luxuriating in The yellow butterfly sported the live long day along the flowery banks of the stream, alighting through human angels, extending over a history of ter how intimate the families of both may be,) occasionally to lave its fairy wings in the cooling On a day like this she died; and on a day of equal apparently of any kind whatever. The usual ver- husband, by the singing brook and the weeping

[Note.—There now living in Philadelphia several individuals, and are able to attest to the truth of the material facts and inciand other writers on Supernal Theology had made their appearance, and become familiar to the minds of both the lady and "presentiments" and "dreams" are referable to the impressions traced on the brain by such mystic writings, or whether termined by those better versed in mental alchemy and metem-

### [From the Spirit Advocate.] A VISIT TO J. KOONS' SPIRIT-ROOM.

DECEMBER 13, 1854. For the benefit of those who may wish to visit season of the year, is by the Railroad from Cincinnati to Lancaster, and from Lancaster to Chancey, (40 miles,) by stage; from Kootz's Hotel, in Chancev. to Koons's, is about two miles, over a hilly road; and for those who are able to walk, it afford iver is navigable, visitors may come by boat to Pomeroy, and then by stage to Athens, and thence

Koons and family occupying a "double log-house, in a very romantic spot among the hills, surround ed with a good stock of apple and peach trees which give something of the appearance of comfort

The "Spirit-room" is about 12 by 16 feet, one startling revelations of the previous day passed ing "hour of night when apparitions are wont to the table above mentioned, on which are various from her mind as mere chimeras of an excited appear," but there came no shapely form in grave articles. In addition to the drums, are two violins, the " Circle" and spectators, is about equal to ten At length, however, about six months after the seats. There are two windows in the room, closed

Spirit-room,—I was the only stranger present. Afon the table, by the "large stick" of the bass menced playing on the violin, and the drums heat the drums beat, and the tambourine was shook over our heads and passed round the room, backward and forward, sometimes resting on the heads left thigh, which was like a shock of electricity per-

According to appointment, we were again in the on the table, and with my pencil wrote the follow- of man.

in a goblet of cool fountain water. The attorney ishing the same, she remarked—" There, mother, still. Perhaps I ought to have said that I examin- that was only speculative, it has given faith; to

To those who believe in a future state of existing lized! Wide and wider, every day, this influence tence, and yet doubt the power of Spirits to visit extends. From the heart of great central nations tinize everything most thoroughly—satisfy yourselves—scrubell selves whether these things are "got up" to deceive the credulous; and if you can detect any trickery or imposition, then proclaim it to the world; but comprehend, and accept them alike. Go on, blessmortals.

### SPIRITUALISM-ITS ANTIQUITY.

To the honest objector, we would offer a sugges tion. Spiritual Communication is a divine institution or appointment, or the foundation of every Religion in this land is baseless. The Bible is a collection of Spiritual communications, made thousands of years. If its claims, in this respect, be true, Spiritual Communications must be the result of Eternal Law: the Law of God, respecting the unfolding and perfection of mind. We are not supprised to find, therefore, Spiritual communion unsearchable Past, and antedating all reliable history. Its altars stand, or moulder, in silent eloquence, upon the hill-tops of every land. Not a sacred book of any people, that does not recognize

external vision, Spirits have returned to influence

and help those left behind. Hence, we find impres-

sible persons, through whom Spirit-messages of

Centuries, we see Spiritual light, striving to enter the institutions of the world. Avarice and selfish assumption first denounce its mediums, then flatter, and alas! too often bribe them, into the shameless purposes that characterize the superstition and tyranny of every clime. Now the den of lion opens to a Daniel and then he is seated among the nobles of the realm. Now, Joseph is a dreamer in prison, and then, Viceroy of mighty Egypt. Now, Paul and Barnabas are mobbed by a rabble, and then, worshipped as gods. Now, Anaxagoras is followed by the most powerful Athenians as a Philosopher, and then, persecuted and driven into exile, for impiety to the reigning divinity. Now, Socrates is honored as a Moral Philosopher, the wisest of men; then, ridiculed, in a comedy, for magical arts, and then doomed to drink the hemlock. Now, Pilgrim Fathers profess inspiration to assert their rights as religious men, and then, burn witches for similar till the golden sun should set. No: the birds should claims. "But wisdom is justified of her children." and the eternal laws of mind and matter make drink in the air and sunlight, or the trees to toss themselves known to all who desire to obey them. Except, sir, in periods of great and general corruption, such as have usually preceded some tremendous revolution in society, and the downfall of mistaken but well-meaning parent; from the lips of some world-encumbering State, whose vice has long exerted an unrestrained power, and where three unintelligible sermons, sandwiched between hypocrisy walks unblushingly upon the high pla- Sunday schools, and finished off at nightfall by te-Sadducees; never doubt of "angel or Spirit." The Sadducees; never doubt of "angel or Spirit." The releases your weary victim! No wonder your reasoning head, and the feeling heart, everywhere child shudders when the minister tells him that admit that our claims to the sensual world are but temporary; that we belong, essentially, to a higher world, from which we have a divine birth, and towards which, through new scenes of development unfolding new powers of action and enjoyment, we are pressing toward that perfection and purity we call God-more in adoration than in comprehension. Our Spiritual affinities are in everything proclaimed. The order and regularity of the Universe; the wonders and beauties of Nature, find a man next to me said to his neighbor: "How's response in every uncorrupted and cleansed heart, flour to day?" "Why, rising; we made a nice which utters its faith by day and by night. Faintly thing of it this morning—a few thousands." which utters its faith by day and by night. Faintly it is heard amid the monstrous creations of Oriental Mythology, and its light steals through the veil of error and fable that swell the soul of the Occidental hunter and warrior. The elegant and graceful forms of Grecian art proclaim it, and the rude Pagoda of Indus hides it not beneath its gorgeous me said to his neighbor, "Shipping business bad, There are two windows in the room, closed trappings. It flowed in streams of honeyed eloquence from the lips of him for whom the city of now for five thousand dollars less than you could Minerva mingled her darkest cup. It breathed two months ago, and freights are awfully low."

The They lan retreat of Cicero, and was profrom the Tusculan retreat of Cicero, and claimed by Aurelius from the throne of the world. said to his neighbor, "What's the news from Eu-Spirit-room,—I was the only stranger present. After all was arranged, and the circle seated, the light was extinguished, and very soon a heavy blow an superstitions, by the return of the Holy Nazing the light was brought to light from the darkness of Jude-light was extinguished, and very soon a heavy blow an superstitions, by the return of the Holy Nazing the light was brought to light from the darkness of Jude-light was extinguished, and very soon a heavy blow are needed to be a superstition of hundreds of his friends. It is

But if it still be asked, how it is possible for Spir- worth a hundredits to return, I answer, by the same method through which they leave the world. How do they great city where a man can eat without having leave? Let the skeptic answer. If it be asked such talk crammed down his throat with his food? how can they converse, we answer, how can men Money-money-money-Buffalo Courier. converse on earth, thousands of miles apart, by an earthly Telegraph? Are we told, by the medium

CHRISTIANITY.—The influence of Christianity upon civilization cannot be mistaken. Admit all collateral issues—art, science, commerce and human and relations among individuals and races, still to Christianity we must look for the cement which has combined all other influences, given them vitality, and brought them into harmonious action for the common good of mankind. The possession or culture of whatever is beautiful has a beneficent effect on the human race, hence the happy influence of art, science, commerce and letters; but the possession and culture of these alone, never elevated a people to the zenith of civilization.

subtle and outwardly refined as she was, was still cold in the midst of her pantheism as one of her Phidian statues. With a God for every passion ing new under the sun: and faculty of the mind; with religion, such as it "A. D. 1273. An evil Spirit caused great alarm

"To Mr. HASKELL—There are many of your alted civilization, so far as outward splendor was place, he answered: 'I shall not depart; nay, "Faugh!" said one, stopping his nose, "it pollites the air." "How long," said another, "shall to this very hour, that it was the intention of her this foul beast offend our sight?" "Look at his foul beast offend our sight?" "Look at his husband to take his own life in some secret and the widow no longer mourned as one who would not be conforted. A calm serenity of mind was hers this foul beast offend our sight?" "Look at his husband to take his own life in some secret and the widow no longer mourned as one who would not concerned, to a lofty pitch without the aid of Christianity, but never, until Christianity had broken the marble gods, and contentment your labor will be instrumental in reclaiming the marble gods, and removed their habitation have no fear of that." This Spirit haunted the nave no fear of that." This spirit haunted the nave no fear of that. This spirit haunted the nave no fear of that. This spirit haunted the nave no fear of that." this foul beast often our signt? Look at his missand to take his own the in some secret and torn hide," said a third, "one could not even cut a shot out of it." "And his cars," said a fourth, of the death of his so fondly beloved child—but and largeled and bleeding." "No doubt," said a fourth, "all draggled and bleeding." "No doubt," said a fourth, "he hath been hanged for thieving." "No doubt," said a fourth, of the death of his so fondly beloved child—but fifth, "he hath been hanged for thieving." "No doubt," said a fourth, of the death of his so fondly beloved child—but many sext the evidence of the presentiment or vision vouchsafed to man's state of immortality. Men are not, generally, ligion, the central spring of life, become a power many lascivious and scoffing speeches. At last, now his assiduous attention to the wants of his ment of the presentiment or vision vouchsafed to man's state of immortality. Men are not, generally, ligion, the central spring of life, become a power many lascivious and scoffing speeches. At last, guest at dinner, his animated deportment and ra- her husband, and now fully believed the voice of to blame for their skepticism, by reason of the per- divine and intensely humanizing, pervading all the feelings and influencing all the actions of man .- return again after Easter, which he never did." her breast for any such apprehensions or suspicions should meet her husband in heaven on the ensuing are waiting for their redemption from the thrallow in regard to his exit from the scenes and triefs of a spriver sarry of his demice and that of their shill dom into which they are drawn; but the pervertistic; a periodic inspiration, shaped by poetic tistic; a periodic inspiration, shaped by poetic ment, and said among themselves, "Who is this? in regard to his exit from the scenes and trials of a anniversary of his demise, and that of their child, sion of man is so great that they will not believe creeds and delphic formulas. Christianity, formed their own senses.—God speed the day of their de- and fitted for the sterner wants and tenderest con-In sooth, the "beautiful destroyer" already lay liverance. Given by Spirit-friends, by the favor fidences of the human heart cast aside the cold theories of the age of marble gods; their philosoand removed, and the wine and walnuts only early lily, and again scattering over them the rose rapidly, not more than three feet from me; and more intimately to God, as a father, friend and pro-The above was written by the Spirit-hand, very phies, oracles and myths; and introducing man remained to be discussed, as a portion of the social and the rainbow. Consumption had marked his when finished, the paper was handed to me, and tector, inspired in him a new and warmer faith and Macauley stated to Mrs. Stowe that all the family feast. He pushed the decanter toward his prey. Anon the angel hurled the fatal shaft, and and my pencil returned to me; I saw the hand trust. As Christianity taught men to see God in a cathedrals in Europe were undoubtedly the result legal friend, and gaily invited him to fill his glass, "life's fitful dream was o'er." It was the "anni-

him who denies the immortality of the soul visit rests. Inspired by this precept, which the yearning and necessity of every heart prompts to acmore than civilized—they have become Christianerst, a Paradise.—N. Y. Mirror. A REFORM NEEDED .- One of the ugliest peculiar-

ities incident to New Eengland society needs a speedy reformation. We allude to the bad custom of gossipping over a pleasant and harmless intercourse between young people of opposite sexes. What we mean is this:—If a young man is polite, and renders himself agreeable to a young female friend in "the beaten way of friendship." (no matstraightway begin the sly whisper and the open cavil. Busy tongues pour into greedy ears the welcome news that Mr.——was seen walking once or twice with Miss——alone in broad day! Or, if the above mentioned gentleman invites his friend to the theatre or a concert, it is all over with them—a wedding may be expected shortly.

What is the consequence of all this foolishness on the part of lookers on? Simply this:—a quiet, inoffensive young man is deprived of the society of a it. Ever since death removed human beings from good-tempered girl, who would improve his manners and be of great service to him as a friend. Very often, if he be denied social interchange of conversation in this way, or a ramble with a pleasant Wisdom and Love have been received among all companion, he will look elsewhere, not unfrequent-nations, and in all ages. All along the line of the ly out of the pale of respectability, for his associates. It is a bad custom worth mending, this constant espionage thus tryannically held in our day, and we hope good sense and a better policy will tend to drive out so foul and wicked a practice.-Boston Transcript.

> FANNY FERN'S OPINION OF SUNDAY .- This should be the best day of all the seven; not ushered in with ascetic form, or lengthened face, or stiff and Sweetly upon the still Sabbath rigid manners. air should float the matin hymn of happy childhood; blending with the early song of birds, and wafted upward, with flowers' incense, to Him whose very name is Love. It should be no day for puzzling the half-developed brain of childhood with gloomy creeds, to shake the simple faith that prompts the innocent lips to say, "Our Father." It should be no day to sit upright on stiff-chairs not be more welcome to warble, the flowers to that to-morrow is Sunday!" From whence does this sad lament issue? From under your roof, O dious repetitions of creeds and catechisms, till sleep "Heaven is one eternal Sabbath." Oh, mistaken parent! relax the over-strained bow, prevent the fearful rebound, and make the Sabbath what God designed it, not a weariness, but the "BEST" and happiest day of all the seven.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A SENSITIVE MAN IN NEW YORK.—I dined one day at the Irving House. The

Dined next day at the Astor. Man next to me observed to his friend, "Well how's Erie?" "Oh! down, sir, down—dull, very dull; but there's monlev in it.

Dined next day at St. Nicholas. - Man next to isn't it?" "I should think so; you can buy a ship

INFIDEL REFORMERS.—To the shame of the of Electricity? You have then our answer, And Church it must be confessed that the foremost men we would press the inquiry by asking, if men, by in all our philanthropic movements, in the intera knowledge of an Eternal Principle of Nature, can pretation of the Spirit of the age; in the practical daguerreotype a human countenance upon a me-tallic plate, think you it must be impossible for tion of abuses in high and low places; in the vin-Spirit-friends to stamp an idea, a thought, a sendication of the rights of man; and in practically tence, a book, upon a human intellect? And redeeming his wrongs, in the moral and intellectual which is the most reasonable, to suppose that God, regeneration of the race, are the so-called infidels (?) in the constitution of his universe, left no means of in our land. The Church has pussilanimously left communication for his children, or that he has giv- not only the working oar, but the very reins of salen to all the agencies of reciprocal approach and utary reform, in the hands of men she denounces as inimical to Christianity, and who are practically doing with all their might for humanity's sake, that which the Church ought to be doing for Christ's sake; and if they succeed, as succeed they will, in abolishing slavery, banishing rum, restraining licentiousness, reforming abuses and elevating the masses, then the recoil upon Christianity will be disastrous in the extreme. Woe, woe, woe to Christianity, when INFIDELS (?) by force of Nature or the tendency of the age, get ahead of the Church in morals; and in the practical work of Christianity, in some instances, they are already far, far in advance; in the vindication of truth, righteousness and liberty, they are the pioneers, beckoning to a sluggish church to follow .- N. Y. Evangelist.

SPIRIT-RAPPING IN OLDEN TIMES .- The following Greece, with her arts, her philosophy, and the is an extract from the Chronicle of Florence and vast intellect which animated her leading minds, Worcester, a new book recently published in England. It affords another proof that "there is noth-

drive him away. Moreover, when the priests con-Architecture, sculpture, painting and poetry ex- jured him, in the name of the Lord, to quit the

The following lines were found at the bottom of a vote for Alderman at the late election in

> WHAT WE WANT. Experience, that's stood the test: Conscience, to say what's right; Intelligence, to know what's be Backbone to stand the fight.

SLANDER. The flying rumors gathered as they rolled Scarce any tale was sooner heard than told: And all who told it added something new, And all who heard it made enlargements