

the political and military chieftains of the day, and wait the future summons to fight in a better cause.

Paragraphical.

"Life is but an endless flight of winged facts or events—a series of surprises."

"It Moves."

The Independent announces that during the month of January the publisher received four thousand and ninety-seven new subscribers to that paper!

When Robert Bonner ran the circulation of the New York Ledger up to half a million, or less, we rejoiced heartily, not because the Ledger was so invaluable and altogether excellent a journal, notwithstanding clergymen so generally recommend it...

Our gratification is not less sincere at the success of the Independent, occupying as it does a higher round on the progressive ladder. We wish it might reach a circulation of an hundred thousand.

The world moves, unmistakably. Yesterday light literature, to-day vivacious theology and free politics, to-morrow pure philosophy and rational freedom.

Peace and Plenty.

If anything were wanting to satisfy the country that the civil war, of which we have heard faint rumors, has not yet begun, it would be found in the accounts furnished by the Washington correspondents of Mrs. Lincoln's first Ball!

Of course when the Chief Magistrate of a great people permits and participates in such festive and expensive occasions, we may feel assured that peace and prosperity attend his administration, and that the country is altogether in a flourishing condition.

Candor compels our mention of one or two alarming indications. It was observed that at the head of the supper table was placed "a large helmet in sugar, signifying War," while on a side-table stood a "Fort Pickens" made of cake.

Truth Better than Poetry.

Timothy Titeomb, the most widely-puffed literary writer of modern newspaperdom, somewhere writes: "The body is to die, so much is certain. What lies beyond? No one who passes the charmed boundary comes back to tell."

Thus deliberately does this writer, whose valuable works are commended to the young, assert our absolute separation from those gone before. This he declares, in the face of the testimony of thousands of witnesses, the testimony of a thousand denials!

How does the simple truth of the kind return of departed friends, on errands of love and mercy, transcend in beauty and in attractiveness to every human heart, the cold, repulsive negation, we have quoted.

Prophetic.

In the exordium of the African Delegation to the Spiritual Congress (see "Present Age," page 116) occur these words: "The people who enslave thee shall prove thy eternal benefactors."

If freedom should come to the slaves of the South through the liberalized enactments of the Confederates, made to secure foreign aid, this sentence will find a literal fulfillment. Certainly at present there is as great a probability of this as of any material aid to the cause of freedom at the hands of the Government at Washington.

What One Can Do.

A subscriber who feels interested in the establishment and support of a free journal, testifies to his interest, by forwarding four dollars to renew his own subscription for two copies, and with it the money for eighteen more at club rates, eleven of which he advances!

Victoria a Swedenborgian.

Slowly but surely is a more rational and hopeful view of death supplanting the popular superstitions. It is now stated that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, instead of leaning towards the Church of Rome, have accepted Swedenborg's view of death and a future state. A letter in the Montreal Herald says:

"Prince Albert, like the late Duchess of Kent, King Leopold, and others of their serene and royal relatives, was a believer in the Swedenborgian interpretation of the Bible. Neither he nor the Duchess of Kent underwent the ministrations of any clergyman, administration of the sacraments, &c., in their last moments, though they both habitually took the communion at Easter.

And it is hinted that the unhopful calmness and resignation with which she has hitherto borne up under the irreparable loss she has been so suddenly called upon to bear, may possibly be due to the consoling character of the convictions thence derived in regard to the nature of the transition that the world calls Death, and which are usually found to exercise so powerful an influence over the minds of those who become conversant with the works of the author referred to.

The Force of Example.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1862. A. J. DAVIS & CO., DEAR SIRS: Our Brother, W. L. L., of Waukegan, has spoken my sentiments. All who can pay two dollars for the HERALD OF PROGRESS ought to do so.

News by the Bushel. A California correspondent writes that twenty-seven bushels of magazines and newspapers two or three months old, arrived the day before at the San Francisco Post Office in so wet and damaged a condition, that the address was in most cases illegible.

An Inquisitive Nephew to his Uncle.

BAY STATE, JANUARY 25, 1862. DEAR UNCLE SAM:—Since my last letter to you I have been told many things that are going on in your affairs, and I have heard many comments upon the consequences of the debt you are accumulating.

Father says it is a good exercise in composition for me to write letters to you, so I am going on with my questions.

By all that I hear, it would seem that money is something that represents the value of labor, and that the amount needed in the country is just so much as carries on exchanges between one producer and another; that producers being generally very busy among their cattle, and in their fields, and factories, and houses, have to leave it to the genteel people to do the respectable business of regulating these exchanges.

Now, dear Uncle, with all your intellect can you not devise some plan by which you will get this instead of letting these genteel folks have all of it?

They talk a great deal round here about how

you are getting cheated, dear Uncle! They say that millions of dollars are being taken from you by thieves and robbers, and that to pay for all this swindling you are going to tax your people besides what you tax them to pay war expenses. They tell about your buying shoddy blankets made from old clothes; composition shoes, ring-boned hoops, and gins that won't fire! Now, amid all your cares, did you ever get time to think that all these costs are going to come out of the poor, hard-working part of the people; the men and women who work all day in factories and sleep so many in a house as they do about here; and the men and women who produce the butter and cheese, and flour and grain, and meat and milk, that we all eat every day?

Since my last letter to you I hear that lots of politicians of "various shades" as they say are planning for a new party and a new Charter to take the place of the old Constitution, which is sometimes called "Ironside."

Now, Uncle, I suppose you know if all this is for the best, but if it is will it answer for you to have the same kind of Governors you have had since I have been your nephew?

Uncle Sam's Vicious Cur.

DEAR UNCLE: Suppose you have a dog in your family—a mischievous pestilent imp of a cur—that you tolerate because some of your boys find him highly useful and agreeable.

Others do not like him, and think him a nuisance, and call him hard names. Then his friends sing his praises, extol his virtues, and his enemies magnify his faults, and make more determined opposition to him, until such a din is raised about your ears that it rouses you from your after-dinner nap, and you roar out, Compromise!

So the quarrel is quieted, but the dog is not. He grows larger, more vicious and intolerant than ever, and his friends, knowing that something must be done, attempt to take possession and forcibly silence the opposition.

Would you build dog anew kennel, give him a brass collar, with the family name engraved upon it—or would you, if you had a loaded pistol in hand, give him his eternal quietus?

New Publications.

THE SPIRITUAL MAGAZINE, JANUARY, 1862.—Contents: 1. How was Revelation given in the Olden Time? 2. The "Saturday Review." 3. Contradictions of Spirits. 4. Spiritualism in America. 5. Mr. Colchester's New York Circles. 6. Sleep. 7. The Process of Death. 8. Mr. C. H. Foster. 9. Correspondence.

REVUE SPIRITUALISTE, 1862, No. 12.—Contents: 1. Thoughts on Prayer. 2. Life of Baron L. de Guldenstubbé (continued). 3. New Ultra-mundane Communication from the Spirit of Johard. 4. The Manifestations at Rodés—A Letter. 5. Displacement of Coffins in Burial Vaults. 6. Review of Foreign Spiritualist Journals. 7. Dr. Mure's Homeopathic System. 8. Decisions. 9. Review of a "Refutation of the doctrine of Spirits." 10. The Medium Mlle. Desirée Godu and Dr. Morhéry—New Facts and Incidents.

Persons and Events. "He most lives who thinks most—feels the noblest, acts the best."

PERSONS AND EVENTS.

George Wm. Curtis delivered his lecture on "National Honor," in the regular course at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

W. H. Burleigh, long known as a temperance lecturer and worker, has lectures on the War and other live topics, which he will deliver before lyceums and other meetings, if applied to in Brooklyn.

Alexander R. Holladay announces himself a candidate for the seat in the rebel Congress made vacant by the death of ex-President John Tyler.

Professor O. S. Fowler is to deliver a course of lectures, on Human Life, in Milwaukee, about the middle of this month.

Dr. H. G. O. Dwight, who two months since returned from a thirty years' missionary life in Constantinople, was killed suddenly, Saturday,

January 25th, on the Troy and Rutland Railroad, by the force of the wind breaking a car from its coupling and throwing it down an embankment. Two of his sons are in the United States Army. Mortimer Thomson (Doubtska) who has been for several months among camps and on the battle-fields as a correspondent of the Tribune, is now lecturing in rhyme on "The War and its Humors."

Princess Kaitzoff Massolaki, writing under the name of Madame Dora d'Istria, has issued a work entitled: "Women in the East," which is intended to set the Western World right on the Oriental position of the sex, in opposition to the misrepresentations of ignorant writers.

Professor Edward Peet, of the New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, died January 27, aged 35 years. We believe his widow is a mute. Mrs. Sarah A. Wright, an authoress, at a recent fire, at 194 Hudson street, in this city, lost her clothing and a manuscript work of a thousand pages, ready for the printer.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

Our latest advices from Europe by the steamer Nova Scotian are to Jan. 23. —A terrible catastrophe occurred on Jan. 16th at Hartley New Pit, near Newcastle, Eng., in the coal mines.

—The French Budget shows a deficit for 1861 in the national revenue of \$201,600,000, or over 1,000,000,000 francs.

—The Italian Chamber of Deputies, after a sharp discussion, voted a duty of 40 per cent. on railway passenger receipts.

—The official Gazette of Spain formally announces that the Queen is en route.

—From Mexico we learn, by the arrival of the steamer Panama, that the invading Spanish army had been defeated at the National Bridge, near Vera Cruz, in a five hours' battle.

—The Treasury-note Bill has passed the House at last.

—The streets of New York are to be salted no longer. The horses should hold a meeting for rejoicing.

—It is affirmed that movements in Missouri upon Columbus have been deferred by positive orders from Washington not to move.

—The Young Men's Association, at Albany, are very much afraid to open the doors of their hall, which would not be closed against any band of negro minstrels, to the State Anti-Slavery Society.

—A collection, in behalf of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, was taken up in the Old South Church, Boston, a short time since, and the amount received was over \$4,000.

—A correspondent of the Portland Advertiser advocates a tax of \$5 per head on dogs; one on bachelors from 25 to 40 years and over; one on widows, according to age and incorrigibility; and a third tax on widowers, double that on bachelors—the estimated amount of which would be \$36,000,000—and also be beneficial in abating all the nuisances thus taxed.

Pulpit and Rostrum.

"Every ones' progress is through a succession of teachers, each of whom seems, at the time, to have a superior influence, but it at last gives place to a new."

The Grand Man.

A LECTURE,

DELIVERED BY MISS EMMA HARDINGE AT CLINTON HALL, NEW YORK, SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 19TH, 1862.

Photographically Reported for the Herald of Progress, by Andrew J. Graham.

As man is the grand culminating point in the Universe in which all rays of light center, in which all forms, animate and inanimate, blend their influence, so is the totality of the race the Grand Man. A man you may spell out the destiny of the individual in the little section of time called earth-life, by analogy in the long series of individual histories conjoined in the one grand page of human history, may yet also predicate the history of the Grand Man. As the destiny of every atom, like the creeds of Brahma among the Hindoos is written on his skull and engraved on his brow, so the history of the Grand Man may and can be predicated from the various experiences and forces of which the race is composed.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—United States demand notes are reported to be plenty at Richmond. How do they get there?

—A new rifle armory has been started at Newark, New Jersey. It has undertaken a government contract for 40,000 rifles, with the privilege of increasing the number to 100,000.

—The President has concluded to assume command of the army and navy, as constitutional Commander-in-Chief. Gen. McClellan remains in command of the Department of the Potomac.

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