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PAGE FIRST contains contributions of great suggestiveness and importance to mankind.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS were not prepared in time for this number.

Our next number will contain another "Ancient Glimpse of the Spirit-Land."

THE MENTAL WORLD is everywhere stirred deeply in these days. The progress of mankind...

See the Battle Creek Debate, published on page second. It will be observed that, from first to last, the Advent brother fails to grasp the great principles of the spiritual movement.

Acknowledgment.

We have received two dollars from "C." Newport, and one from "E. H." Lockport, for William McGibbon, which sums have been appropriated towards his rent from May 1.

Re-opening of the Ports

It is generally believed that before many days have passed, President Lincoln will, by proclamation, re-open several of the most important southern ports.

Progress of the War.

The week past has been one of decided visible progress in the work of crushing the rebellion. Generals Burnside, Butler, Mitchell, and Halleck, in their respective locations, have made important advances, all tending to weaken the foe.

Much speculation has been occasioned by the visit of the French Minister to Richmond, and reports abound as to his peculiar mission there.

The increased weakness of the rebels is abundantly apparent, and each week will serve more clearly to reveal the utter desperation of their cause.

Later intelligence represents the battle at Williamsburg to have been most desperate, and attended with heavy loss to the enemy.

Gen. McClellan followed close in their rear, and at Williamsburg a sharp engagement took place, resulting favorably to the Union arms.

The West Point to intercept the rebels. At the West three brigades of Gen. Buell's army have seized the Memphis and Charleston R. R., between Corinth and Grand Junction.

The operations of Commodore Porter's flotilla, at New Orleans, seem to have been immensely successful. After a desperate engagement all the rebel forts and batteries were captured, and their gun-boats and floating-batteries, fire-rails, &c., destroyed.

The enemy are reported to have destroyed, with their own hands, from eight to ten millions' worth of cotton and shipping. A wholesale destruction of property, chiefly cotton, seems to have

followed the reverse at New Orleans. All along the river, planters are setting fire to their cotton, and rolling their sugar and molasses into the river.

Our School-House.

Every object in Nature is a study for man. There is not a flower that germinates, grows, and blossoms—there is not a rock that is formed, whose particles are aggregated, and which, in turn, are disintegrated—there is not a rivulet that sings on its way through rocky banks and enameled meadows—there is not a visible thing that does not unite in the chord of universal harmony vibrating throughout Creation.

The whole world is but a school-house for infant minds. Within it are distributed abundantly, apparatus upon apparatus to illustrate all the truths which can be known by those who are placed as students within its beautiful influences.

So the real true character will bear all kinds of light, and in the darkest hour, whenever one ray of light penetrates its gloomy enveloping, the pure gem will sparkle clear and bright as a diamond!

A Good Light.

Some one has given the following bit of advice: "If you are looking at a picture you try to give it a good light. Be as courteous to your fellow-creatures as you are to a picture."

Then we thought of this application: If you are passing judgment upon a fellow-mortal, have charity, afford him a good light, and give him the benefit of his fine appearance.

Private virtue, integrity, and all human excellencies, are brilliant and resplendent enough, we all know, in the blaze of a good light.

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As a matter of charity then, we reach the sentiment, give every fellow creature the benefit of a good light. At the same time commend us to those souls, simple and true, which need no ostentatious adjusting to secure a favorable light, but which beam clear and pure from the darkest corner.

The White Man's Country.

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The assertion that this shall be a white man's country is strangely inconsistent with the proposition to extend and perpetuate the "peculiar institution," since it is well known that the servile race invariably increase in a much greater ratio than the enfranchised, and that slavery prevents the immigration of fresh populations from European nations.

"If I wished to do that race the greatest good, I would extend slavery everywhere; re-open the slave trade under wholesome regulations, and throw around it the whole protection of the Government. Then in less than half a century we should have not only the Southern States, but the whole country Africanized."

To slavery alone, as every school-boy knows, we owe the presence, in this land, of nearly every person of African descent. That it is the interest of slavery to encourage the increase of the servile race, and to discourage that of the free, no man in his senses could fail to perceive.

On Sunday morning, May 4, seventy-nine new members were admitted to fellowship in Henry Ward Beecher's church. A very large proportion, it is stated, were from the Sunday-school, that hot-house for church transplanting.

The edifices 'twas beautifully decorated with flowers. Doubtless these sweetest of Nature's offerings were emblematical of the beauty and luxuriance which abound in natural paths.

It will be seen by a reference to our advertising columns that Dr. and Mrs. Spence have located at No. 52 Bond Street, where those desiring treatment for physical or mental diseases can consult with them.

bonds, that to luxuriate and bloom in freedom.

Equally strange is the fact that in the darker dungeons of superstition which abound all over this fair land, the dim twilight of Plymouth Church contrasts so powerfully with their deeper darkness that its confines are believed to be almost as dangerous for "little stray sheep" as the unfenced and unhedged fields of Nature's vast temple.

Wounded Soldiers.

Arrangements are now perfected by which our wounded soldiers are well cared for. At Yorktown and elsewhere on the coast they are put upon hospital steamers and brought to this city, furnished, meanwhile, every needed attention.

The Western Sanitary Commission.

The Western Sanitary Commission makes another appeal to the patriotic for funds to carry on their enterprise, and for fear there may be some misunderstanding with regard to this enterprise, we make the following statements:

General Halleck has given this Commission the supervision of the hospitals in his department, and, in connection with them, the floating or steamboat hospitals that accompany the movements of his armies.

They have now in hospital at St. Louis some six thousand sick and wounded. The inhabitants of St. Louis have given largely, but they have suffered more in proportion than any loyal men.

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A Brave Woman.

The wife of Sergeant R. D. Brownell, of the Rhode Island Volunteers, and cousin to the avenger of the lamented Ellsworth, figured conspicuously in the engagement at Newbern. The regiment were without colors, and Captain Grant drew from his bosom a small American flag, which Mrs. Brownell held aloft, cheering the men as they rallied about it.

The Fugitive Slave Law.

We extract the following from the speech of Wendell Phillips at the Anti-Slavery Anniversary:

"There is an old adage, 'The devil is an ass.' He always is, and when he framed the Constitution he put the fugitive slave clause in it, and that fugitive slave clause, in my apprehension, has been the mightiest, strongest weapon which the abolitionist has had to produce this uprising of the people.

when it came to embody for itself a plan of political life, it made a practical monster, which has been throughout, fastened upon its heart like a vampire. An admission of absolute human freedom and equality of rights before the law, tapering down to a legal prescription of the rights of human slavery under the law!

Our American artists have drawn a devil with sharper contrasts than this of Cruikshank. Following the old masters, his is but a sorry, herbivorous impossibility; ours is a carnivorous absurdity. Look at him. By way of head, there is the Church to save souls, and by way of lower extremity, there is the slave-pen for our marketable brethren and sisters.

But it needs not that I should act as cicerone, this nondescript of American art is in open daylight, a sight for gods and men. Now, in order to life and locomotion, Nature demands that we either bring the feet into symmetrical correspondence with the head, or reduce the latter to the possibilities of the feet.

Poetry.

"The truly beautiful ever leaves a long echo of harmony in the soul."

For the Herald of Progress. THE DYING IMPROVISATORE. LINES ADDRESSED TO A PORTRAIT.

Yes! there is sadness in those deep, clear eyes, And o'er that angel brow the shade of thought Hath passed, though mantles yet a youthful bloom On that calm cheek.

Unceremoniousness of that young pale brow, There lurks a fire all hidden which consumes The spring time of thy life, and thou dost chant, Swan-like, thine own death-dirge, dear child of genius!

For the Herald of Progress. SYMPATHY. IMPROMPTU.

BY A. W. FENNO.

"What love is, if thou wouldst be taught, Thy heart must teach alone— Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one."

Though thou art far away, dear Love, in thy cold northern clime, I feel the beating of thy heart as if still pressed to mine.

And did we dwell fore'er apart, as far as pole from pole, Still, still would thrill the electric cord that binds us soul to soul.

I know by that, dear gentle one, thy brain is throbbing now; But it shall quickly pass away beneath my mighty will.

"This spirit answering spirit when forms are far away; 'Tis Sympathy's untarnish'd chain, linked at Creation's birth,

Which binds in strong, but gentle bonds, all lovely hearts on earth; And heart's doth speak to answering heart in sweet and thrilling tones, As the unwhommed sea responds unto the sea-bells' moans.

CINCINNATI, March, 1862.

Progressive Literature.

All things are engaged in writing their history. The air is full of words, the sky of visions, the ground is all movements and signatures, and every object around you is busy, which speaks to the intelligences.

Public Library of Boston.

THEODORE PARKER'S LIBRARY.

An intelligent correspondent of the Evening Post furnishes the following interesting letter respecting a most creditable institution of the Modern Athens.

THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In this institution Boston asserts her originality and her magnificence most remarkably. Her Free Library is pre-eminently a Boston affair, and, as an educational apparatus, may safely be set down as second in no sense to her complete school system, world-renowned as it has become.

One night, more than two years ago, as he was standing in front of the Opera House, with the cold wind playing among his thin locks and lifting the rents in his tattered garments, a lady, in stepping from a carriage, upset his basket with the rustling wealth of her bound skirts.

The library, oddly enough, seems to lose nothing of its attractiveness from the condition of national affairs. In fact, notwithstanding the absence from the city of so many now in the army, the number resorting to the institution has constantly and largely increased.

THEODORE PARKER'S LIBRARY.

Second only to the munificent gifts of Mr. Bates in importance and value is the bequest by Theodore Parker of his fine library to this institution. I gladly accepted the invitation to make this remarkable collection of books my first object of observation.

There are in most of the books autographs of the former owner, and in some of them pencillings characteristically amusing.

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found an illustrated description of this celebrated South-facing monument, whose name between the general belief that it was first discovered and applied by one Guillotine during the French Revolution, thirty three centuries after this similar thing of the year 1811.

In the same institution an old Puritan relic in the table now belonging to his grandfather's grandfather was displayed in part in the history and vicissitudes of the Parker family.

Who the Good Angel Was.

We remember, and possibly many readers of the Mirror have not forgotten, an old man who for two years preceding the 25th of last December, stood almost nightly in front of the Opera House, with a basket of fruit beside him.

"Never mind, madam," said the old man, "there is little harm done; and, besides, the fault was mine."

"Oh, what a thing is the human heart! One moment it may be marble—the next, a single tear or word may melt it. The slight scowl of displeasure vanished from the fair face, and upon the meek old man fell the radiance of a smile, the warmth of which he had not felt for many a day.

After that night, the old man fared better. Men who were strangers to him frequently bought his fruit without waiting for the change for the ten or twenty dollar piece handed to him.

More than ever was the old man puzzled, as week after week he found himself the continual care of some one unknown to him. Yet he did not relinquish the humble occupation of fruit vender. The money he received through the mysterious porter, as well as the generous amounts frequently dropped into his hand in return for his wares, was not squandered in idleness.

At ten o'clock that night the old fruit-seller was dying. He was conscious, and knew it, yet he smiled as the life-heat left him and the pulse beat lighter and lighter.

Play that we learn philosophy by rote, and play at heroism. But the wiser God says, take the shame, the poverty, and the penal solitude that belong to truth-speaking.

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might have expected from an only child. All she had done for him—the sacrifice she had made in remaining unknown to him for two years—might have been forgotten in the mist of the young lover's mind, and if he had not speak the word of the promise as he pronounced the second clause, it was almost in the heart, and through the ascending angle on the breast that passed the weary veil to a better land.

A Romance at Sea.

The Secretary of State at Madrid has communicated to the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States in Spain the following declaration, translated through the Minister of Marine, and made before the captain of the port at Taragona, by D. José Booth, captain of the Spanish brig *Alto*.

"On the 23d of July last, at seven o'clock in the morning, in north latitude thirty-seven degrees eight minutes, and west longitude thirty-four degrees thirty minutes, being bound for Spain, from New Orleans, after being out thirty-three days, I perceived a boat with people, who were wearing a white handkerchief, and pulling in the direction of my brig.

"A little further north, I perceived two other boats, all belonging to the American bark *Alto*, Captain Thomas H. Lawrence, of New Bedford, whence he had sailed forty-three days before. The men of the said boats, numbering in all eighteen, having been taken on board, exhausted from fatigue, were provided with food and clothing, and seeing the despair of the captain on account of the loss of his family and his vessel in the midst of the sea.

"We passed the day without perceiving any vessel, and the night overtaking us without having attained our purpose, we passed it with the utmost vigilance, the captain being in a state of extraordinary prostration and anxiety, which increased my determination to continue my enterprise.

How much does it cost to say, 'I thank you'? Why not practice it at home? To your husband, your children, your domestics? If a stranger does you some little act of courtesy, how sweet your smile of acknowledgment!

Should an acquaintance tread on your dress, your very best, and by accident tear it, how profuse are you of your 'never minds—don't think of it—I don't care at all!' If a husband does it, he gets a frown; if a child, he is chastised.

A gentleman stops at a friend's house, and finds it in confusion. He don't see anything to apologize for—never thinks of such little matters. Everything is all right—cold room, crying children—perfectly comfortable. Goes home where the wife has been taking care of the sick ones, and working her life almost out.

Why not use freely that golden coin of courtesy? How sweet they sound, those little words—'thank you,' or 'you are very kind.' Doubtly, yes, thrice sweet from the lips we love, when heart-smiles make the eyes sparkle with the clear light of affection.

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has neither force is nor whimsical, but values men only as channels of power. He is the only man who has ever done any good for his fellow-men and popular masters. He is the only man who has ever done any good for his fellow-men and popular masters.

Besting replies to Goethe's mother, who chides her disregard of dress: "If I cannot do as I have a mind, in our poor Frankfurt, I shall not carry things far." And the youth must rate at its true mark the inconceivable levity of local opinion.

The story is told of a party of British noblemen who a few days since, near Manassas, found one of our pickets reading the *American*. Curious to discover the character of the work, which seemed to interest the common soldier of the American army, they asked to be permitted to look into it.

"I am astonished to see you interested in literature of this character!" "I was looking over one of my own sketches of campaign life," was the simple reply.

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