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Led to the Light.

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CHAPTER XXI.

THE BANK ROBBERY: CAN THE ETHEOPIAN CHANGE HIS SKIN, THE LEOPARD HIS SPOTS?

There is depravity; it may not be total and unredeemable, vet so remote in its origin, far-reaching in its consequences, that the dogmatists are pardonable in advocating man's absolute evil tendencies. The refined and elevating virtues are the thin veneer over the inherited animalities. The veneer is constanly being worn through. There is constant reversion to the old brutal type. Redemption or salvation means the unswerving sway of the spiritual, damnation the control ham." of the passions.

A story is told of a captain sailing the sea, meeting a ship with her sails set before the wind. She was deserted. Not a sailor on board to hold her helm or trim the flopping canvas. The mate went on board and made examinations. The log gave the ship's name, where from, and bound for a great metropolis of the East. The last record showed where she then was, thousands of miles from her present position. She had drifted by wind and current out of her couse, awaiting helplessly the coming storm, which would overwhelm her. A crew was placed aboard the abandoned craft, her sails were set to catch the breeze, a firm hand seized the helm, and with intelligence vibrating from keel to topmast, she caught the wind in every straining sail, and, like a great bird, sped onward to her harbor.

How like that ship are many human lives. Men lay their course for some great object. They receive praise, and high hopes are entertained as they sail out into the mists of life's great sea. Many, many give thereafter no report. They never enter harbor. They are over-confident and the storm comes without warning; a rock lies in ambush; they meet a spectre in the fog, an ice-mountain torn from the arctic's breast and are swept down, or, perhaps, they find their compass false, and, instead of steering over the wide, free sea, they meet the reef and are torn by the angry surf.

A few with Patience at the helm and Truth and Right for captain and pilot, battered and storm-worn, with shredded sails, make the desired harbor with a confidence that comes of unswerving obedience to duty and neglect of no obligation.

There are those who are lost on the wide wastes of life. They set sail with high expectations, and every wave was hurled back in defiance. Now they drift unguided, without posite, without even a glance at his surroundings. "Your taste purpose, directly away from the harbor for which they started, needs improving. We drink brandy here." into unknown wastes, awaiting the overwhelming storm. Lost! utterly lost, unless, by good fortune, they are met and a divine charity adjusts their compass, gives them the charts, and ing further orders. with directing intelligence, brings them safely into port. How infinite the number of those who drift on the pathless sea of Life, lost! hopelessly lost!

These reflections arise at this part of our narrative, because of the characters which here confront us, and their career of crime.

The evangelist had come to New York with two great objects in view. He intended to embark for England after the raid on the bank, taking Stella Stanwick with him as his acknowledged wife. He had brought his share of the rare stones and jewelry taken from Baum at Hampton, intending would have driven the officers of the society for suppression to sell them abroad. He had formed the acquaintance of Hale of vice frantic. Splendid specimens of art were there by at Keller's saloon, where he met him in the small hours of French artists, and costing fabulous prices. Here and there the night after the meetings, with that freemasonry which ex. in advantageous points, were statues, and, in the middle of ists among thieves, they became intimate. Hale had come to Fordham with the intention of attempting the safe of the local bank, but Howarth dissuaded him, for fear he would be caught and he wished to hold him in hand for a purpose of his own. This man had rare ability as a mechanic, and would have won a name by his inventive skill had he persued a legitimate course. On the contrary, his inventive genius was directed by his criminal inclinations. There is a class of lawbreakers, born such, whose highest enjoyment is in notoriety gained by crime. To make a universal key that would open any lock was an achievement he labored to attain. He had experimented in alloying and tempering steel to, make drills and saws that would cut the case-hardened metal as a diamond cuts glass. He had chisels as thin as paper to drive into the crevices of safes, and yet so strong they could withstand the blows of a heavy sledge. He invented a sledge that gave scarcely ary sound from its blows. His reliance was on his drill, which cut out a circular core large enough for the insertion of the hand or to place a cartridge within the safe. The composition and tempering of this steel was a secret with of evening. He ordered supper, after which he went to his him, wh ch, had he chosen to make public, would have secured him a fortune.

When he told Howarth of these inventions the evangelist saw at once the power they gave, for they placed the keys of the safes in their hands. He did not, however, betray himself by intimating to Hale his estimate of the tools he had noted that the partition through which the receiving tellers made, but saidlto him casually :

"There is no use losing time on such game as this country bank, with a paltry thousand or two, and more risk than you cal to throw a dark cloth over the glass and thus completely would have in capturing a million from a city concern."

Hale, "before I had my drill, and once we were so long getting a hole into the door, daylight came unawares, and we came near being taken like rats."

"Now, I have a plan, Napoleonic, and will show the bloated bond holders how idle it is to attempt to hold their treasures against inventive genius."

"What is your scheme?" eagerly inquired Hale.

"I have a friend in New York who has broken into more safes than any man out of prison. He never was caught but once, and then was given away by a traitor. He has been prospecting, and found a city bank which he proposes to relieve of its idle cash. It requires, unfortunately, a large outlay."

"For tools? I can supply them." "Oh, no. It is this way. The bank is located at the corner of a business block. There are stores on either side, and one of these being vacant, I sent money to my friend O'Brien to rent it for me, ostensibly to put in a stock of goods.

windows to obstruct the view. When it is arranged we will saying which he inverted the flask over his mouth and let it go on there, and then the real work will commence, which is run to the last drop.

to cut through the wall between the store and the bank." "It will take longer time to cut through the wall than into the safe with my drill," confidently responded Hale.

"You must understand," said Howarth, "that this will not with a table." be boy's play. It requires more cool courage than for a soldier to face a canon.

"Yes, yes," impatiently, "you are insulting me talking about courage. Give me a letter of introduction to O'Brien

and I am off. "And when you have everything ready I will bring Keller with me."

"Ha! ha!" laughed Hale, "his change of heart did not "Lasted for all purposes. When it ceased to be profitable,

Such were the eventful episodes which preceded Howarth's visit to New York. His crimes had always been committed in disguise, which, throwing off, he appeared in his clerical attire, and it were impossible to refer the criminal to him, for the criminal had dropped out of existence. Hale and O'Brien might care for themselves, and would, probably, fall of a kind. into the hands of the police in twenty four hours, but he

transformed into an evangelist, would go to darkest England

to proclaim the gospel, unsuspected and above suspicion. When he reached the city he learned that his plans had been executed to the letter. The store-room had been rented, the table . the packing-cases piled so as to screen the windows, in which a few goods had been displayed. Hale had brought the finest tools he could make, and cartridges of an explosive, which, though no larger than a lead pencile, and giving scarcely any sound, would smite with irresistible blow. Having satisfied himself on these points, Howarth made the call on Stella before narrated. After which he went to a fashionable bathing establishment for a luxurious bath, gave himself over to a barber and then returned to the Hoffman House, where he twenty dollars on the board: met Keller for dinner.

The saloon-keeper was not at home in the luxurious oppulance of the place. A hard chair at the oil-cloth covered table of a free-lunch dive would have suited him better than the upholstered seats in which he sank. There are more costly hotels than the Hoffman, but none of more historic interest, for in it has originated great schemes of State, and the slate been made up for the great officers of the nation.

Howarth arranged to meet Keller in the bar-room of this caravansary. He found him seated at one of the small tables with a bottle of beer before him.

"Beer!" scornfully said Howarth, as he seated himself op-

The waiter brought a bottle of that liquor with cut glasses expressly designed for its use, and respectfully stood await-

"You can go!" said Howarth.

Keller contrasted his own saloon with the palatial splendor which surrounded them. The walls of the great room were adorned with fine paintings, most of them life-size portraits of the leaders of the Democratic party. Between the casings of the tall windows were mounted heads of wild animals, as deer, elk, and the bison. Especial attention was called to the satyrs and nymphes, especially lighted to bring out realistic effects of the nude figures, which approached the ragged edge of propriety, and, had it been hung in a common saloon the room, forming a hollow square, was the bar, embowered in luxurious palms and blooming exotics. Keller might have one thing to comfort himself: The liquors he dispensed from behind his dingy bar might not be as aristocratically named, and the place not have the glamour of brilliant lights and tropical foliage, but it was equally brutalizing and even more deadly in its effects.

The contrast between the hangers on around the box stove covered with tobacco juice at Fordham, and the elegantly dressed gentlemen who were assembled here in groups, conversing in confidential tones was even more striking. The affairs of State were discussed hourly in his saloon and settled as they are in every other; here, however the men who seat and unseat rulers, assemble, and out of the geniality, encouraged by wine and the smoke of Havanas, men start on the race for highest municipal, State, and na. tional offices with fairest chance for winning.

After dinner Howarth took a siesta, and when he awoke the lamps on the street were glimmering in the falling shadows room and put on his disguise, an indestinct grey suit, irongrey side-whiskers, painted his cheeks redish brown, whitened his eye-brows, and drew on a slouch hat. It was ten o'clock when he and his companion passed around the corner of the doomed bank. A light was hazily burning within, and he performed their work, was formed of alternate pannels of wood and glass. It occurred to him that it would be practiscreen their operations from those passing the windows. He "I have had experience cracking both kinds," replied gave the signal at the door of the store-room, and they were admitted by Hale, who closed and locked it. O'Brien came forward, and, with an oath, seized him by the collar:

"Why are you here, you dog of a spy?" he hissed through his teeth.

Howarth replied with a hearty laugh:

"Why, old man, do you not know me?" His assailant let his hand drop, with another oath at his blunder, and led the way to the excavation in the wall.

"You see, we are through one and well into the other, and there are two or three hours left before it is time to break quite brought to the test. Hale adjusted one in his device for drivthrough."

"It is a tedious wait," replied Howarth, producing a flask. "To keep up courage, we'll take a taste all around."

served for a cup, filled it and drank, then Keller and O'Brien did the same. When it came to Howarth, he said :

He will secure a lot of packing cases and pile them near the apt to drink again very soon. Let us enjoy it while we may," themselves with the spoils and depart.

Keller produced a deck of cards. "Ah, ha! that's a daisy," said the evangelist, "and as we have no chips to fool with. This packing-case furnishes us

They played a series of interesting games for small stakes, until Howarth grew weary. "One more game," he said, "one worth the candle. It is

Keller's, deal and he will give us winning hands all round." With the singular self-control, which gave him mastery over himself, Howarth's face was devoid of expression and apparant interest. Mechanically he placed ten dollars on the

table as his ante, remarking that ten called twenty. Hale said dubiously he would pass, and O'Brien also let it go by. Keller considered his hand good and placed twenty his heart hardened. He was a roarer at a revival! his shout on the board. Howarth, with, imperturbable manner, returned his cards to the pack, and taking a ten dollar bill from would electrify the house. He was my right bower at Forda roll, placed it on the pile, saying:

"It will now be a jack pot." O'Brien and Hale gingerly placed their twenties on the

pile. Each drew cards and Hale's prospects brightened. "I'll break the pot for a V," said he.

"I am in it with you!" chuckled O'Brien, for he held three 'Oh, I'll stay in the game," responded Keller, hesitatingly

'and what will you do about it?" Howarth took up his cards, gave them a quick glance, and turned them down, saying as he threw a ten-dollar bill on should I be alarmed?"

"It will cost you five each to draw cards."

ere drawn, "Make your bet," said Howarth in a low voice. Hale, when he saw his hand, said he would pass out Brien was aglow with confidence. There could not be a bet-larging. He paused for a moment only, for his mind was ter hand, and he matched the ten. Keller was equally ardent, made it twenty better. Howarth, who had scarcely examined his cards, responded without hesitancy, as he placed into the next side street, and then broke into a run for the

"It will cost you a hundred more to see my cards, at the same time placing that amount as the stakes."

Keller and O'Brien exchanged glances, and then they sought to read the face of their opponent. They might as well have attempted reading the thoughts beneath a mask. They felt assured that he held a winning hand, else he would the window. not show such confidence, and they threw their cards on the

"An interesting game," said Howarth in a low expressionless monotone. "For a pastime for gentlemen I know of nothing better."

What cards did he hold that make him so confident? As y lay on the table where they had been thrown, Hale turned them over, and saw a pair of sevens. The mask he was able to throw over his face betraying not a thought or emotion was as valuable to the gambler as the mobility of feat- of the bolts echoed through the empty store-room, but the ures expressing every passing feeling was to the evangelist.

"Here," he said, pushing the pile of money toward the others, "take and divide it between you. I do not want it, and you may. When you play again do not hang your thoughts on your sleeve, and keep a bold front, even if you have but a pair of deuces or nothing at all. Now it is time we were at

business." As he spoke the bells in many a lofty tower struck one They were a moment out of time with each other, and sounded like an attempted chime, as the clang of one after another beat on the air.

The Catholic bell leads with a shout for the Virgin Mary and then comes the hightoned Lord we are proud of you Episcopal, and lagging behind the clang of old, "hark, from the tombs," an excitent revival hymn by the bye.

Keller was sent out on the street to watch and give alarm if they were in danger. The others began work in removing the wall. The blows of the sledge made by Hale, sounded loud in the stillness which reigned. The honest people of the great city were in repose and there was a hush in the rushing arteries of its life. As in the wilderness, the quiet birds and beasts seek their nests, their burrows, and lairs, those of prey stealthily go forth, in the city there is a class who prey on their fellows, and the night is the season of their activity. They scorn labor, and to avoid productive work, they become the hardest workers. They plot and scheme to rob honest industry of the fruits of its labor, and end in prison where they are compelled to toil in degradation. Paradoxical as the statement may appear, it is true, he who would live without work, must work most, and leisure is gained most surely by toil.

They chiseled into the wall by turns. They found the second wall offering little resistance, for the cement which held the bricks was little more than sand. A glimmer of light came through, a few blows more and the core of bricks were removed. They could look into the banking room. They the consolation to know that I am dead, and that my-last listened, it was silent as a tomb. They drew back and enlarged the cavity that they might have more ready exit in case of surprise.

"There is no fear of that," said Howarth, "our arrangements are perfect, and the surprise will be on the part of the bank officers when they come in the morning."

"I will not be taken," responded Hale, "I was given away once, and I swore when I regained my liberty the traitor should die, and I kept my word, although she was a woman.' "See that your revolvers are all right," cautioned O'Brien,

"If we need 'em, they must not fail us."

The cavity was large enough for them to readily pass through and they prepared for the final move. Hale had the tools in a canvas bag, O'Brien the sledge, and Howarth a roll of black cloth which he had taken from a case, to drape over the glass pannels. They glided with cat-like movement into the room, Hale produced his universal key and unlocked the partition door and entered. Howarth threw the cloth over the partition and they were secure from observation. The great safe was before them. Its door shut so closely that the thinnest wedge could gain no entrance. The drill must be ing it, which was a frame with clasps holding to the safe in such a way that by a screw the drill could be pressed with the same offence. Do human lives run in cycles, defined by great force. It would cut around a circle several inches in the forces of heredity, and must we follow the steps of our He handed it to Hale, who, taking off the cap, which diameter. The first revolution cut out a heavy shaving, and the next into the heart of the plate. Honesty was defeated comes before us as the great question of the present: by dishonesty. They were jubilant, a pine board would have HOW SHALL WE OVERCOME THE DAMNING TRAITS "Here's to success! If we are not successful, we'll not be offered as much security. Within an hour they would load

There is one thing in this fleeting world we may be cerain of, and that is that there will be change. The form of its coming no one can know. The most perfectly planned scheme, may, in a moment, vanish into air, and the elements which we considered the foundation of our success prove our rnin. The cashier of the bank had been in its service many years and its business had become a part of his life. He boasted that for all those years the bank had not lost a dollar through him, and had not been attacked by burglars. What especial credit he saw in the latter fact was not apparant to others, but gave him complacent satisfaction. He had, on the evening in question, felt indisposed and retired at eleven. He fell into a half conscious state and awoke with a feeling of unrest and foreboding. It grew stronger and stronger, his mind becoming prenaturally active. There was a sensation of something being wrong; what or where he could not determine, and this consciousness increased until it became so painfully acute he arose. As he did so he heard a voice, say-

ing: "The bank, the bank !" "I'm a fool," he said to himself, "but I must take a run down to the building. If I find it all right I can come home and sleep, and sleep will not be mine if I do not."

He hailed the first car and was soon alighted at the corner in front of the building. The light within was burning and the usual stillness of the hour past midnight prevailed.

'Oh, what a fool I am to give way to such whims! The safe is known to be so strong no one has attempted to break into it all these many years, and why this particular night

He crossed the street and slowly walked along the front, looking in through the windows. As he did so, his eyes in-The players put up the amount with confidence. Cards voluntarily were riveted to a blank portion of the side wall, and, as he looked, he saw a spot flake off and fall to the floor. The spot continued to flake off, and a hole appeared, rapidly enwrought to that intensity that thought comes with the rapidity of lightning's flash. He walked on past the building, turned nearest police station. As he ran he remembered that the adjoining store had been apparantly unoccupied for some time,

and he fathomed the whole scheme. Keller, in order not to attract observation, had walked to the next block in the opposite direction, and, although he had seen the cashier as he passed the building, he did not notice his brief stop before In less time than the telling, six policemen were on their

way with the plan of capture well conceived. When they reached the store by the side of the bank, Keller was nearly a block in the opposite direction. He was too far away to give alarm, and to do so would be certain capture, he therefore beat hasty retreat. The policemen massed themselves against the a door of the store, and with united effort burst it open, and, guided by the light coming through the aperture in the wall, they ranged themselves on either side of it. The breaking burglars, having started the drill, were absorbed in their work, trusting to their watchman, and referred it to a passing vehicle. The cashier went to the front of the building and began calling police, bringing several of those worthies to the scene.

The burglars rushed to the hole like rats, for men are cowards when engaged in crime. Howarth was first, and as he went through on his hands and knees, he was seized by the nape of the neck, pressed to the floor, and iron cuffs slipped on his wrists. He was too surprised to utter a loud word. O'Brien followed and was captured in the same manner, but his spontaneous Irish nature expressed itself in a loud howl of fright. surprise, and pain:

"Howly mither, the divil has got me."

Hale was thus warned of his danger. Seeing escape cut off in front, he drew his revolver and shouted:

"Come on? I'll not be taken alive. I'll shoot the first man who enters like a dog."

An officer, brave or foolhardy, sprang through the opening and stood face to face with the desperado, who, true to his word, fired into the face of the officer, but at so close range the aim was uncertain and the ball clipped his left ear. Hale did not have time to fire again, for a ball crushed into his breast. He staggered, the revolver dropped from his hand, he reeled forward, and sank nerveless on the stone floor. Recovering slightly from the shock, and with strength of will, he said: "Officer?" The policemen, hardened by scenes of cruelty, stood around with the awesome feeling engendered by death.

"Officer, you have done for me. I made you do it, and better me than you. Promise me-write to my mother. I left her ten years ago, and have not sent her one word. She had marvelous expectations of me. Her love for me I have made a torment to her. At least after my blasted life she will have thoughts were of her."

"I will cheerfully" replied the officer, "give me her name and address."

"Yes-the green hills, and-and the spring of clear water -springing out of the rock-cold, it was sweet and cold-oh, for God's sake, man, give me water."

"Your mother's name?" questioned the officer, seeing his mind wandering.

"My-mother-yes-you must know her name. Evan-Evan--- ge---."

His mouth filled with blood, there was a spasm, and it was over. His mother did not have the poor satisfaction of reading in a strange hand-writing that her son was at rest. With him perished an invaluable secret in the alloy and tempering

Howarth and O'Brien passed the remainder of the night in the Tombs, where they had leisure to meditate on the futility of their expectations.

of steel, which inventive genius may not rediscover in many a

Was it a co-incident or are men held in the clutch of unknown forces? Howarth was captured for the same crime and on the same day and year of his age as was his father, and his grandfather one year earlier had met punishment for ancestors downward as well as upward? Theorizing may not be admirable into this chronicle of events, yet this subject

OF HEREDITY?

[To be Continued.]

OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.



J. FRANK BAXTER

Was born in the historic town of Plymouth, Mass., on the eleventh of November, 1841. His mother was religiously imbued and biased, yet mediumistically organized; and his father, while morally upright, was just her opposite, for he was very positive in nature and materialistic in thought. From the former he inherited his mediumistic organization, so fraught with potentiality, and from the latter his practical turn of mind and inquiring disposition.

Mr. Baxter's mediumship first demonstrated itself as such in the Fall following " The Advent," at Hydesville, N. Y His father, with a few others in Plymouth, being anxious to test the great, reputed fact, that if people would in circle sit hand in hand, about a table, a certain power would be manifest and influence felt through objects and persons, betokening spirit interference, called parties, seriously inclined, to his house to experiment. Some twenty or more met for some weeks with no results and, wearying, were about to disband, when one gentleman said: "Every evening we meet I am impressed to desire the boy asleep in adjoining bed-room and I would like to try once or twice more with him at the table." "The boy asleep " meant little seven-year-old Frank Baxter. The experiment was tried on the next evening of meeting, and, to the astonishment of all, the long, heavy extension table was suspended independent of human aid, and raps were distinct and many. Ever after, in the boy's presence, the "circles" were successes. Mr. Baxter, as he grew in years, developed into not only a physical medium of power, but into a writing, a personating, a trance, and a test medium Spirits would personate till recognized, and then hold personal and convincing communication with their mortal friends. Often communications would be written through his hand, as well as essays and disquisitions on various subjects, questions, or themes, submitted in testing the ability Finally spirits besought the young man, for this was mostly during the teen-hood of Mr. Baxter, to receive their communications, and impart or send them to their various friends in different parts of the country. Hundreds upon hundreds of these were sent, and many letters of verification were received in response; most of them, in a spirit of thankfulness, spoke of or reviewed the communications, while some in their bitterness of prejudice, not to say bigotry, cursed and threatened. These communications were always sent gratuitously, and with full explanation. It proved to be a glorious work, and Mr. Baxter has been abundantly honored, as he has in his later travels met so many, strangers to him, who declared themselves converts to Spiritualism by this means of his early mediumship, and, too, in instances, where some who once scoffed, and even cursed, have seized his hands in joy apologized, and poured on him their heart felt blessings.

It would be very interesting could these messages, or some at least, with the correspondence entailed, be presented, for much has been preserved, some of the earlier matter in possession of Dr. I. Carver, now of Plymouth still, and most of the later data in the care of Mr. Baxter himself. Dr. Carver was an investigator these years with Mr. Baxter, and has many dissertations, as well as communications, given through life she has become an angel of light, with heart full of sweetthe mediumship of Mr. Baxter, and among them a series reviewing the full book of Genesis.

So interested were the Spiritualists and the local public in his phase of mediumship, that the former with his consent organized a public circle in an open hall, and there met several years weekly. During this time hundreds would crowd that hall nightly, and they have not forgotten the many trance utterances, communicated messages, and inspirational songs, any more than the greater demonstrations of superhuman power in physical manifestations-spirit lights and flashes, suspension of objects, tables, etc., levitation of persons, raps, and even jarring of building. In these seances was one gentleman, Dr. Benj. H. Crandon, whose conjunctive presence with Mr. Baxter was productive mediumistically of marvelous phenomena. A harp built in, under and out of reach in one of the heavy tables would not only emit volumes of sound, but at times accompany the voices in harmonic chords, and at others play independently sweet airs A long counter about which the members of the organized circle sat would be raised bodily from the floor sufficiently high for all sitting to look directly across into the eyes of those opposite, the line of vision being below the raised table. Mr. Baxter for eighteen times, twice on each of nine consecutive evenings, was lifted bodily thirteen feet, and placed head, back, and heels to ceiling, and there carried horizontally for twenty five feet, and then was let down and carefully placed on the table at head of the room, and this, too, in the presence of about two hundred people every time.

Mr. Baxter has not only been a medium, but an investigator and student. He could not for a long time satisfy himself that the suprahuman power was spirits, a conclusion which, by the increasing power and evidence, finally he was forced to admit, so that when twenty or so years of age he

thoroughly believed and declared. Mr. Baxter fitted himself for a teacher, intending to make it his profession, and did teach most successfully in the public schools of Massachusetts for seventeen successive years, from 1860 to 1877 inclusive. He than began to feel that Spiritualism was more than a belief, and found no satisfaction short of declaring it a knowledge. Then he felt he had a message for the world. His duty was to proclaim what he knew; and although teaching, yet Sundays he went out to teach and to demonstrate, for he still maintained his mediumistic powers, though somewhat varied in phases. He had became clairvoyant and clairaudient, and as he would relate his past experiences, read his essays, or lecture before large and eager audiences always, he would exercise his mediumship and describe spirits he clairvoyantly saw, teil what he anceship, and recognize the spirits described, by their char- good.

acteristics portrayed, narratives of events given land by their (Written for the Light or Taurie) names freely spoken.

Not fully knowing, sometimes, just where to draw the line of demarcation between results from decarnated and those of incarnated spirit (for we are in a realm of psychological and psychic phenomens which - while from one source, the spirits-yet may be from either the hither or the nether side the boundary), he would find himself mystified by finding he had described, as the world would say, "a person alive." This was done in a certain instance in 1877, before not less than 10,000 people, and a howl went out and denunciation followed. A school board demanded Mr. Baxter to give up his promulgation of Spiritualism or resign his position-"Spiritualism I can not yield; but rather than say I will, and so act the hypocrite, I will, if I must, give up the school."

Twenty three years of service in the lecture-field, not only teaching the history, the philosophy, and the practical bearing of Spiritualism, but demonstrating at the close of many of his lectures the facts of immortality and spirit-return, he has by his lectures firmly driven the nails of argument and sense and by his mediumship he has clinched them down into incontrovertible conclusions.

And now his work goes on unabated. His success in the field has been in many respects phenomenal. He is now, as from the start he has been, rated with the first, looked at in my wife that my mother was very sick, and that she would any capacity in which he labors for our great cause of all causes-Spiritualism. A gentleman, a scholar, a lecturer, an orator, an organist, a vocalist, and a medium, he is successful wherever he appears, and is kept steadily, without even solicitation on his part, at work. His appointments, made and in negotiation, look many months ahead, yes, even well into 1894. God speed the work! Angels bless the worker!

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTHJ

AN INFANT'S TRANSITION.

H. A. BUDINGTON.

Lily Billings, who lived only four hours in earth life, writes brough Carrie E. S. Twing, medium:

Dear Sister of Earth Life: Unused to fields terrestriai, I have come to-day from my home far above any place, where dwell the inhabitants of the old home, even as I visit in spheres above you, to say a few words of blessing to your

My home is where the spirits of light meet in their blest consultations, to send down strength to the children of dark-ness. My home is where the angel choirs practice their sweet refrains. My home is where the soul of beauty is, and where no corruption can come. We descend to do good, but the spirits of darkness would not care to live long in our pure atnosphere. Still every tie of the physical life, though but a breath, is kept sacred, and we haste to earth at call of burdened souls, who have the least natural tie to bind them to us.

I sing. My fingers are at home on any instrument that has secreted within its depths true harmony; and so live on, only in earth's lessons, knowing there is sorrow.

I remember not the years of my existence. I stand by you, and you feel that years press upon you. They have never touched me in their flight; and still on this side you will be richer than I, for you will have the growth that comes from knowing sorrow. Tenderly yours, LILV.

COMMENTS - This infant sister of my wife passed on ixty-four years ago. Her parents buried the little form, not having named her. Some thirty years ago my wife received this short message through her own hand, purporting to come from an aunt to the mother: "You little know how much we love one of your children in our spirit world; we call her

And since then this name has been recognized by all the family, and has been engraved on her little head-stone.

Many a mother who has lost her little lamb at birth will read the beautiful message, and hope that her's also has been as fortunately developed in spirit life. No little waif is neglected there. Still-born children are cared for with more than a mother's tenderness by motherly spirits, and the weak and crushed bud helped long and patiently to bloom in the pure upper country.

Wives, who seek to rid yourselves of the burdens of mothrhood by infanticide, know that all your unborn children live; and angels, with tears in their eyes at your cruel conduct, take these germ children who have never been allowed to breathe, and do all they can to supply in spirit life those conditions for growth and development that you have denied them. Unwilling mothers, you will meet all your murdered children. They will know you killed them. Will you dare to meet them? What sorrow, what remorse, what years of suffering you will have to endure for this crime of forcing your offspring prematurely into spirit life!

It was thus in the case of Lily. Her parents wanted her to live, but the thread of physical life was too frail. In spirit ness and love of all that is beautiful and good, yet she find that she never can get all the rich experiences that are the result of a long earth life. All children should have a chance to live here till a natural death translates them.

Springfield, Mass.

Materialized and Spoke.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

I know that your readers will be interested in an instance of phenomena that occurred last summer while my sister and were sojourning at Cassadaga. During the season of the camp-meeting we took occasion to attend a materializing seance at the rooms of Mrs. Stoddard-Gray, her son, DeWitt Hough being the medium. On this particular evening our sister-in-law materialized in full form and came out the cabinet, extending both her hands toward us. We were immediately invited to go to her, when she locked arms with us both, one being on each side of her. We walked into the middle of the room, and gave her an introduction to the company. On returning to the cabinet she said, " Ch, girls, isn't this grand, that you know we can come back."

Then came another spirit giving her name "Lillie," who after a little hesitancy, said "Bailey," and was at once recognized by my sister, Mrs. Walters. She went forward and then said, "I would like an introduction to your sister." And on being made acquainted, she said: "I have seen you, Mrs. Lyman, with your sister, and felt that I would like to have you know that I had been with you and Mrs. Walters while you have been together at Cassadaga very many times."

How tangibly real is the presence of our dear ones when they can materialize. MRS. MARY C. LYMAN.

Levitation.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.]

Although I am an old-t me Spiritualist, and have seen many mediums, I unhesitatingly say that Bro. Geo. V. Cordingly is one of the most convincing and best test mediums I have ever seen. At a seauce held at my house, Ennis, Tex., in April last, Mabel, the little daughter of Mr. F. J. Wilbrinks (one of my neighbors), was taken up from the outside of the circle, lifted over the heads of the sitters, and placed in the middle of the table in a reclining position, without a perceptible jar of the table, her bair filled with roses, etc. As the little girl weighs over sixty pounds, I consider this a remarkable test of spirit power. The facts as given above could be substantiated by affidavit of all the sitters in the circle if necessary. I will further say that I am intimately acquainted with Bro. Cordingly, and can personally vouch for heard them say clairaudiently, and voice their communica- his honesty as a medium. He staid at my home for days at a tions. People in his audience would acknowledge acquaint- time, and we have had tests innumerable, and all of them crated her life to spreading the pospel. She has a good voice

PSYCHIC PHENOMENA. DR. GEORGE F. WEST.

In March, 1884 I was going from Toronto to Hamilton to see Dr. Stone, D. D. When I arrived in Hamilton, which was Eighth Avenue, Cakland, Cal., through the mediumship before day, I concluded to wait in the depot until the doctor would go to his office. At about ; o'c'ock I started for the doctor's office, the streets being full of people at the time. All at once I heard a voice saying, "cross over," so I obeyed. Presently the same voice said, "that is Dr. Stone." I did not stop to speak, but went on. When I came to Dr. Stone's office I went in and a lady appeared. I told her that I wanted to see Dr. Stone, but felt impressed that I should not, and re lated what had occurred. She asked me if I knew the doctor, and I replied that I did not, and had never seen him. She then brought me a picture with the likenesses of a number of ministers on it, and I immediately pointed out Dr. Stone as the man I had passed in the street when the voice spoke. The doctor had gone to Toronto and would not be back until the

On Monday morning, February 29, 1892, while sitting at the breakfast table I had a vision, and went in the spirit to England, where my parents lived. When I came out I told never get off her sick-bed. On the following Sunday morning, March 6th, I had a similar experience. At this time I found that my mother had passed over into spirit life. My wife being present wanted to know what I had seen, and I told her that mother had passed over. She said "No, that can't be." 'Yes," I said, "she stands right here by me" On the follow ing Thursday night I related my experience before the Rutherford Circle of Rochester, N. Y. I was at that time residing in Rochester, and speaking for the Spiritualist Fraternity. I also related my experience in public meeting the following Sunday evening at the Odd Fellows' Hall. I expected to get proof in at least two weeks, but owing to my having changed my residence my letters were returned to England, and it was two months before I received a letter from my father giving me the particulars of my mother's death. He stated that my mother passed out at the very time that her spirit appeared to me, and that one week prerious to her death my mother had said that I stood by her

"In the month of May, 1891, I came to Dr. Geo. F. West, magnetic healer, for treatment, he being a perfect stranger to me. While sitting with him he became entranced and went to England and visited my home in Glostershire and saw my mother sitting, as of old, in her little thatched cottage reading the old family Bible. The Bible was on an old teen sitters was a skeptic to our grand philosophy, who, being oak table, and after reading she closed the Bible, fastened the clasps, put it up on a shelf, turned up the top of the table tions were not genuine, and concluded to expose the pheand placed it against the wall. She gave him her name in nomena. The skeptic undertook to mislead the circle by full, dispelling all doubts as so her identity. I then propounded the question: 'Who is my guardian angel?' He posed this trick and warned the skeptic not to repeat it. But said: 'Do you recollect when you were about seventeen years this the doubter could not do. While the circle joined hands, old you got acquainted with a young lady, and you loved her as you never loved another. You were cruelly parted and sent a wanderer over the face of the earth. It was not long after that she passed away into spirit life, and she has been your guardian angel ever since.' I did not ask her name, but went again on the morrow and asked if he could get her name. After a moment he said: 'Is it possible you have forgotten Amelia?' Ob, the joy of that hour! He said: 'Now I see the most beautiful thing I ever saw in my life. She is standing by your side holding a wreath of flowers over your head in the shape of an arch. They are pink and white, and each letter forms a letter. It spells Amelia. Now it is changed to Camelia.' He called to his wife and asked : 'What does it mean?' She replied that 'there was a flower called I. W. Cooper and Mrs. A. A. Matthews, Bellefontaine, Ohio; the Camelia, and they are pink and white.' He said: 'That is the flower composing this arch.' I went home a happy man, She went with me, and has never left me since. WM Moss."

449 Central Avenue, Rochester, N. Y. Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.]

A PSYCHIC EXPERIENCE.

DR. W. M. FOSTER.

In reference to the statement by Mr. Stead of the Review of Reviews that he is able to communicate with spirits still in the flesh, when at a distance, by psychic means, permit me to record one of many experiences of my own apropos

While residing in Queensland, Australia, a few years ago became connected with a company in which, as the presiding officer, I took great interest. When I first became connected known as "hot water," and I took immediate steps to infuse new life into it. Knowing that there remained a considerable amount of unsold stock in the hands of our London broker, who seemed unable to dispose of it, I wrote a long letter to another firm of brokers, whose name had been suggested to the Board of Directors, and who authorized me to act in the matter, asking the firm in question to try and dispose of the stock and cable us the money, of which we were sadly in need. The six weeks necessary for the transmission of the letter passed, and day by day went by, but no cable, until we reluctantly came to the conclusion that we might have to walt for a "long time" for the money if we expected it to come from that source. At this time I was impressed that our spirit friend should be able to give us some information on the subject, and thus show that spirits take a practical interest in the welfare of those left behind. At a seance held at my residence that evening, myself being the medium, I detailed the whole transaction and requested that our spirit friends watch the progress of negotiations, if negotiations were going on, and report to us daily, and daily for three weeks were the transactions in connection with the sale of the stock, 16,000 miles away, reported to us, giving full names of the parties interested, (particulars which were afterwards confirmed in every detail) until one day our invisible reporter stated that the first installment of money had been cabled to our local bank account, and would be received on the morrow Next day, the cablegram instructing the bank to place the amount named by our spirit friends to our credit, was received by the bank officials, and the money duly placed at our disposal. Twenty-eight days later our unseen informant told us that another installment of a given amount had been cabled and was duly confirmed by the bank on the day following. Remember, we were about 16 000 miles from London at the time, and six weeks were necessary for the transmission of a letter, so that we had no means of getting the information at the time except in the manner given here, or by cable. 1039 Market Street, San Francisco, Cal.

A Fourteen-Year-Old Preacher.

Kate Harbin, the fourteen-year-old preacher, has been holding meetings in various parts of Indiana for some weeks past. This is the same girl who surprised the people of this State with her sermons three months ago. She has overflowing houses every night, and the excitement incident to these meetings is intense. Miss Harbin is the daughter of a poor mechanic, and is uneducated. She claims to have been mira culously cured of blindness four years ago, and has conse-A. WHITING. | and is entirely without embarrassment in the pulpit.

AT HOME WITH THE SPIRITS.

To the Editor of the lient or TRUTH The following is a description of a materializing seaso beld at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Dorety, 17 Mrs. C. Fulton

At this scance not so many forms materialized, there being but eleven, while at the last we had forty two; but in lies thereof we were given more marked phenomena. First can-Althea of the cabinet spirits to magnetize the room, following which Mr. Carstens wife Annie appeared, and after talking with him dematerialized outside of the cabinet.

Evylin, a niece, next came to Mr. and Mrs. Dorety, followed by Emma Abbott, who thanked us for giving them the oppor tunity of manifesting to humanity the fect that they con. tinued to live, and then passed from one to another of each of those forming the circle with a few kind words to each one Eliza and Mary next gave their names from the cabinet with out materializing.

Then Effic and Louie, two little cabinet spirits, appeared ogether, and floated in the air talking to us meanwhile. Annie now materialized outside the cabinet for Mr. Carstens, and wearing beautifully illuminated robes. Daisy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dorety came next, and talked with papa and

Charlie Watkins, the chief cabinet control, then gave us an address in a materialized form, which would suggest the idea that the time may come when a sufficient number of people will become so in harmony as to make an atmosphere in a public hall sufficiently delicate for the spirit to deliver an address from the rostrum in the same manner as given to us in this private circle.

Harry next materialized, a young man in a suit of black, and wearing a mustache, and talked; with his father, Mr.

Louie and Effie now again entertained us, after which Jennie, a sister of Mr. Dorety materialized and talked with Mr. and Mrs. Dorety.

The room was then darkened, and a number of spirits, some of whom had before manifested, appeared in brightly illuminated white dresses, which closed the seance. The spiritual teaching given in connection with these seances is of a high order. Yours fraternally, Jos. H. DORETY.

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

REPORT OF A SEANCE.

R. R. ODER.

On the night of April 20th Mr. J. G. Sutton, a trumpet and physical medium, of Anderson, Indiana, gave seance at the home of R. R. Oder, Rushsylvania, Ohio. In a circle of thirinfluenced by dishonest motives, supposed that the manifestamaking lights by means of matches, but the chief control exand the medium, Mr. Sutton, was held by both hands, a guitar came floating around the room near the ceiling, being played upon by the medium's chief control. Our skeptic disengaged his hands from the sitters next to him and was reaching for the instrument as it came near him. He also was preparing to light another match. At this time the guitar was floating in the air, but taking a sudden turn it went over the heads of other sitters and was projected with sudden violence towards the would-be exposer, striking him directly on the bridge of the nose, and leaving a mark that his corporeal body will carry to the grave.

I consider the above episode to be a splendid test of spirit manifestation, and can be testified to by the following persons. Dr. Sutton and wife, R. R. Oder and wife, Minnie Taylor, Henry Arbigast, Charles Garwood, and Dr. C. M. Fisher, all of Rushsylvania. All of the above named persons have had splendid tests in Mr. Sutton's sesuces, and cheerfully recommend him as an honest, faithful worker in the cause of

SPIRIT-PHOTOGRAPHY.

[To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.]

Now that so many seem to be investigating the phenomena known as "spirit-photography," I wish to relate a series of experiments that have just been made with J. S. Cravers of Springfield, Mo.

My first experiment was made with him in his own rooms with his material when I went in the dark-room and saw the plate put in the plate-holder and after making the exposure saw the plate developed. My next experiment was to go to an art supply house and buy a new box of plates, and after opening the box myself, saw the plate [placed in the plate holder, and, after the exposure was made saw the plate developed. The next three experiments were made with plates from my own box, and, in addition to that, they were marked In each instance I went into the dark room and saw the plates put in the holder and saw them taken out and developed.

Thomas "was not in it"though for skepticism, and we made another experiment: We went to a photograph gallery, run by a minister of the Christian denomination, and there, with plate furnished by the photographer, and using his camera and allowing him to focus the camers, make the exposure and develop the plate, everything done in the light and no dark exposure, a face was produced on the plate. Our orthodox brother said: "There is more proof of immortality than the orthodox Church, has offered in the last eighteen hundred years.

Sunday, April 231, found us at the little town of Marienville, Mo., and ready for another test of the truth of immortality. In the presence of a small audience a plate, which was prepared and furnished by a local photographer, was exposed on the platform at the afternoon meeting and two faces in addition to the sitter were on the plate. In this case as in the last one narrated, the plate was furnished, placed in the plate holder, and developed by a strange photographer, not manipulated by the spirit photographer, and all was done in the light, except what every photographer is obliged to do in the dark room. Under these conditions what can be said of spirit-photography?

Brother Cravens is now ready to go out in the work, and I would advise any who wish to test spirit-photography to correspond with him in regard to his terms for engagements which are very reasonable. He has agreed to attend the Merrimac Island Camp-meeting, which will give the people of the Northwest an opportunity of securing photographs direct during the first three weeks of July. W. H. Back.

St. Paul, Minn

CONCERNING BEOUESTS.

There are, no doubt, many who would be willing to help the cause by requests if a way could be jointed out which would be held as binding in the courts. At request we have had the subject theroughly namined by eminent counsel in this State, and herewith print a form which, we are assured, will stand and afford the giver an opportunity to help in some degree the great work

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"He's true to God who's true to man; wherever wrong is done, To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the all-beholding sun, That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaves most base Whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all their race." JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

AN IVANHOE IN THE LISTS.

When the name of Chauncy M. Depew is attached to any thing in the literary or controversial line it carries weight with many people. He has contributed a tract to the cause of Christianity in answer to Mr. Julian Hawthorne, which is considered by the religious world as a complete substantiation of the claims of Christianity as the cause of the world's progress and civilization. It is specially designed for the skeptical.

Mr. Depew takes the ground that the decline of Grecian and Roman civilization is to be accredited to the pagan influence of their respective religious, and the Dark Ages following the inception of Christianity due to the continuing influence of paganism, and not until 150 years ago did Christianity become into its present prosperity. Furthermore, that no free thinker has had much of anything to do with it.

It has always been a favorite theme of theologians and Churchmen to ascribe the growth and prosperity of a nation to its religion, when as a matter of fact, which all careful research abundantly proves, the exact reverse is true. The circumstances which fix religion are by no means dependent on religion, and no religion professed by any country can with safety be used as a criterion of that country's civilization The prevailing impulse of a people if left to themselves is to produce wealth, not religion, and thus religion, literature and government are invariably the effects, not the causes of their civilization. Climate, soil, and foods determine in general all civilization and progress. Nothing is plainer in history than the fact that a country which remains in its old no exception. When it was young the people were ignorant of its essential truths. Their idea of religion was one of marvels and miracles. In the proportion that their ignorance became obliterated their desire for the marvelous disappeared.

For this reason the canonization of saints took the place of the deification of heroes. Mythology had gods for everything; Christian Rome has saints for everything. The statue of Diana of Ephesus was usurped by the statue of Mary and the babe, and so it has gone on from that day to this. Every image of virgin and babe, whether it be hewn from the marble of Carara or moulded in plaster and hawked about the streets by a lazzaroni, is a sign and symbol of that gigantic job which foisted the dreams of pagan mythology

into the hypochondria of Christiant heology.

The religious opinions of any period are among the symp toms by which that period is marked. Mr. Depew is scholar root upon barren rocks as to expect a mild and beneficent religion to be accepted among savages. Upon what ground then, can it be maintained that Christianity is the cause of mark the rise and progress of civilization certain mental peculiarities or convictions have left their impress on the morals and philosophy of the age. When we perform an act is the result of, some antecedent. Thus it is that the volume provided we understand the antecedent causes. The religion tion can be had without price. of a country has no more to do with this than has the criminal percentage of its population. Each performs its share in making up the totality of experiences. Moral laws do not progfess. They are stationary, and Christianity is based on moral laws largely. The golden rule has not changed for 3 000 years, but intellect has grown and expanded with wonderful strides even within the last century. Will Mr. Depew ascribe the advance of intellect to Christianity when many of the giant intellects of the world, including Kant, Hume, Leibnitz, Boehme, Haeckel, Humboldt, Faraday, Compte, Voltaire, Paine, Spencer, Huxley, Wallace, Varley, Franklin, Jefferson, and thousands of others more or less noted have written against Christianity? These are among the "free thinkers" who, Mr. Depew says, have done nothing for the progress of the human race.

We had looked for better things from Mr. Depew than his tract. Perhaps he has been palming off one of his mild jokes on Rev. Mr. Judson, who vouches so strongly for its value and availability in confounding the skeptical.

POLITICAL ACTION.

of pride in saying that they have lost all interest in politics. It seems to us that this is a very unwise position, and one measures of reform are gained through party organization form, if at all.

and effort. To go out of politics is to resounce the only means whereby governmental reforms can be accomplished

The mistake is made by confounding partitan strife and corruption of office with true politics, which is the science of ust government. As an integral part of the nation from which no one can for a moment escape, it becomes evident that all have the profoundest interest in politics; and there is only the choice left, to forward by the means at hand the processes of government, thus having a voice in the making and without any voice

In the passage or attempted passage of the recent laws discriminating against mediums and healers, what the result only regret the Record has to express concerning these of the latter would be is well illustrated. The most passive were awakened to the reality that there was only one way of preventing the enactment of such laws, and that by concentrated action through political channels.

The best and wisest men of the past have consecrated their lives to politics as the most effective means for the advancement of mankind, and have thereby made their names synonymous with greatness. Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Gladstone, an endless list of names who have labored in this direction and by this means, led the nations onward. The happiness and prosperity of a nation depends on its politics. and by the same means come ruin, poverty, and despair.

Hence it is self evident, that Spiritualists having the best ight should take an active part in the questions of the day They should be vigilant and carefully watchful, not only for the opportunities to press needed reformatory measures, but to repeal unjust enactments. Never before was there as much need of this vigilance, for there is evidently a well-matured and preconcerted plan to pass oppressive legislation, especially along the line of Sunday observance, mediumship, and censorship of the liberal press.

The Republicans and Woman Suffrage.

The resolution making woman suffrage one of the issues of the next Republican presidential campaign, presented at the convention of the Republican League Clubs at Louisville, Ky., recently, was adopted by a large majority and amidst great enthusiasm. Thus the ground has been broken for the seed of an abundant harvest in the field of American politics; and if the plan is not a catch-vote scheme on the part of the Republican party leaders, the day of their regeneration is at hand. If they are sincere, and are proven to be so, the LIGHT OF TRUTH can assure them of the sup port of many prominent Democrats amongst the Spiritualists and Liberals, who are pledged to sustain any measure looking to the enfranchisement of women. Party lines can not and will not hold these men on an issue of this character.

To be sure, the paid hirelings of the subsidized press throughout the country will fling their inuendoes and drivel upon the issue, and seek to drown popular clamor by contempt. That is what they are paid for, and doubtless they will earn their salaries, but the sentiment of the people, when divorced from strict party lines, is overwhelmingly in favor of granting to woman a right to which she is constitutionally entitled. So long as the ballot is withheld from her the National Constitution and many State Constitutions are, so far as she is concerned, a farce. Women can not rightfully be taxed without representation any more than men can be, under a representative form of government. Our constiturecognized as the lever which has brought the western world tions are spread out with a preamble which declares that "we, the people," do enact thus and so; then we proceed to disfranchise one-half the people. Thus we pattern after the rooster who calls all the hens around him to see him eat the

The LIGHT OF TRUTH hails the patriotic stand taken at Louisville, and will watch the outcome of it with faith in the protestations of those who supported it, well knowing that sooner or later the universal acclamation of the people will demand that a free and unrestricted ballot shall be the weapon of every citizen, male and female.

EDUCATING MEDIUMS.

Concerning mediums, Dr. Sara E. Hervey writes in a communication to appear later, that she meets with "mediums ignorance will always remain in its old religion. Christianity is who say they do not care to read at all, and hardly know what is in our own papers. I think this is a great mistake," adds Dr. Hervey, "for learning of the experiences of others would often prevent them from making some very egregious errors. Education of the right kind will draw to mediums wisdom-spirits, who give truths instead of ignorant and fallible opinions.

Dr. Hervey is right. Mediums should keep themselves that class who "knows it all," and who will hardly get to read this unless some of our readers send them marked copies. Education in popular science, rhetoric, logic, down to a little syntax, would add immensely to public acceptance and regard for many who are good and true mediums outside of this embellishment. Spiritualists excuse much, but investigators do enough to know this. As well might we expect seed to take not; and it often makes an intelligent Spiritualist feel uncomfortable around the temples, when he has brought an intelligent stranger to hear a medium discourse "grand truths" and the same is couched in faulty grammar or erroneous progress and civilization? Throughout all the stages which statements. Let the mediums, therefore, who need it, educate themselves in the first principles or qualifications required by a public teacher, and they will have no more reasons of complaining about reporters criticizing their work on the rostrum we do it from some motive, and the motive is governed by, or or elsewhere. There is nothing that commands respect so much as a little intellectual polish. Truth may be accepted of good or the volume of evil in any country is subject to from the "mouths of babes," without criticism, but not from constantly recurring laws, and can be predicted with certainty adults in this age of general enlightenment, and when educa-

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The Spiritualists' International Corresponding Society will assist enquirers to understand Spiritualism. For list of members, literature, public meetings, etc., send stamped envelope to J. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 14 Berkley Terrace, White Post Lane, Manor l'ark, Essex, or to W. C. Robson, 166 Rye Hill Newcastle on Tyne, England.

The above, though but a portion of a circular, explaine itself. But to bring it nearer home we will add that Mrs. E H. Britten and J. J. Morse constitute two out of three English presidents, while Mrs. A. E. Newton and Mrs. M. R. Palmer are the American presidents, the sixth residing in Australia This society has been in existence since January, 1891, and the second annual report records: "Literature distributed, 31,000; letters answered, 407; students' meetings, 162; addresses delivered, 48." Anyone can become a member. For particulars address either one of the gentlemen named in the

THE Rhode Island Legislature has repealed the compulsory vaccination law. Let other States follow suit and free There are some Spiritualists who think Spiritualism should themselves from this barbarous custom. More children are not be brought into the arena of politics, and they take a sort indirectly killed by inoculation than directly by small pox for in sensitive or delicate children the matter injected is a direct poison and germinator of other diseases, as diphtheria,

New York Doctors to Investigate Psychic Phenomena.

The New York Medical Record says there is a steady growth of interest in psychical and psychological matters in this country, as evidenced by the organization of special societies and the publication of articles upon these subjects. other securities, horses, carriages, and various articles of per. In New York City the Medico Legal Society has given off a psychic brarch, which it calls the Psychological Section. administration of the laws, or to stand back and be governed. The daily press naturally makes capital of these facts as the poor fellow who may own a bicycle costing from ten to a sensational matter. But the greatest sensation is W. T. Stead's contributions of phenomena observed by himself. The "wonderful psychic phenomena" is that much of it comes from "untrustworthy and erratic sources." Whether this journal means Spiritualism in general or certain mediums in particular by the closing remark must be inferred. But if it expects to get at these "wonderful psychic phenomena" outside of mediumship it will be disappointed, and its "l'sychological Section" will have to retire from business for want of merchandise to offer to a public hungering for light concerning man's spiritual or psychic nature. At all events, we are pleased to see the medical science keeping track with the liberal clergy, and making a beginning towards investigating the highest of all sciences—the spiritual.

To Organize for Protection and Power.

The proposed Delegate Convention under the call of a committee of the Spiritualist Societies of Washington, D. C. to be held at Chicago some time in October of the present year, ought to receive the earnest consideration of all interested in the spread of our cause. A body of representative Spiritualists having the welfare and protection of our mediums at heart, and the stubborn resistance of creedal encroachments, such as have of late been so glaringly manifest will do much toward bringing the claims of Spiritualism prominently before the world, and no time is so auspicious as the one chosen when the world's thought and genius will be focused at the World's Fair. The LIGHT OF TRUTH hopes that the convention may pave the way to the sadly needed organization of Spiritualists, but wisdom and disinterested purpose, not place-hunting and petty animosities must rule. Let the experiences of the past be the guide in this direction and the long-hoped-for aggressive front backed by a national organization may be the outcome of it.

Colored Spiritualists Rare.

The press has widely copied an item from a St. Louis ournal saying that a gentleman averred that he had never met but two colored Spiritualists. Yet the negro is superstitious and ought to be a ready convert. Really he is a Spiritualist on the lowest phenomenal plane. The negro slaves carried voodooism from the West Indies to New England in 1689 and introduced their voodoo mysteries, and were responsible for the outbreak of witchcraft. As believers in the low forms of spiritual manifestations the negro race are Spiritualists, but few, indeed, are such on the intellectual plane. It requires a profound and scientifically trained mind to enter the spiritual temple from this side.

ACCORDING to the prophecies of Malachi, foretelling or designating the various Popes that have filled the chair of St. Peter, Cardinal Gibbons may be the successor of Leo XIII. It is curious to note how these prophecies have turned out. Below are a few of them:

1775, Pius VI. - Peregrinus Apostolicus, the Apostolic traveler.

1800, Pius VII.—Aquila rapax, a rapacious eagle.

1823, Leo XII.—Canis et[coluber, the dog and the serpent 1829, Pius VIII.—Vir religiosus, a religious man.

1831, Gregory XVI .- De Balneis Etruriæ, from the baths

of Etruria. 1846, Pius IX.-Crux de cruce, cross upon cross.

1878. Leo XIII.-Lumen de coelo, light from heaven. Ignis ardens, a burning fire.

Religio depopulala, religion at low ebb.

Fides intrepida, intrepid faith. Pastor angelicus, the angelic shepherd.

Pastor et nauta, shepherd and sailor.

Flos florum, the flower of flowers.

De medietate lunæ, from the eclipse of the moon. De labore solis, from the eclipse of the sun.

Gloria olivæ, the glory of the olive.

Petrus Romanus, Peter the Roman.

St. Malachi was born in 1094, studied in France, and went posted on news matters pertaining to the cause as well as the to Rome in 1139. He died in 1149. It will be seen that the teachings of those higher than themselves in wisdom and next Pope is styled "Ignis ardens," a burning fire. It is said education. But among those who will not read are found there is a connection between these words and certain signs on the coat of arms of Cardinal Gibbons. Certainly the prophecy of Malachi is borne out in the signs of the times pointing to the establishment of the papal throne in the United States, and stranger things have happened than the elevation of an American to that throne.

> strenuous efforts to close the World's Fair, and all local amusements for the people on Sunday, might have learned a valuable lesson from the reception accorded two so-called infidel speakers in St. Louis two or three Sundays ago. One of them was Col. R. G. Ingersoll, who faced an audience that packed the Olympic Theater; the other, Willard J. Hull, to cessfully forming an independent organization of large prohear whom a large crowd packed into Cooper Hall. Both portions. It is hoped, as a matter of business principle, audiences were made up of inquiring minds, many of them well known in the business and professional walks of life compelling Spiritualists to combine for self-protection. Or and both audiences knew that an attack upon certain phases ganization means law, order, self-respect, and many advanof so-called Christianity and its preachers was sure to be made; and yet these men of affairs in that city, many of them belonging nominally to one Church or another, did not hesitate to bring their wives and daughters to hear two men who publicly denounce and ridicule on all occasions the pretentions of Pharasaic Christians. And while these men delighted their audiences with the religion of humanity, the preachers were tiring their audiences with the religion of the Churches.

The moral of it all is obvious enough, and indicates the time for a halt to be called upon the Puritanical spirit of the elect, who claim the right to monopolize the thought and desire of mankind.

On the taxation of Church property, the Rev. I. M. Lansing says: "The Roman Catholic Church should be taxed, if no other, for the reason that it is unlike any other Church in this country-in being an alien Church, whose official authority, supervision, and directions, policy and purposes, come from Italy. It is not an American Church, nor an Italian Church, but a mediæval Church, with its headquarters at Rome. Its officers are appointed by the prince to whom they swear allegiance-not elected by the people of this they swear allegiance—not elected by the people of this Sunday religious services. The hall belonging to the "For country—and its property is owned by a foreign power. Its esters," over the old Bank of Hamilton, was used on San surplus revenues go to the official head outside of the country. Claiming independence of the civil power, with its officials loyal to a foreign power, and pouring its revenues into the treasury of a foreign power, it is not like other Churches. Furthermore, their property is not held by corporations and from which sooner or later they will have to recede. The scarlet fever, measles, croup, etc., in dangerous form; while trustees of the people; it is not the people's property, but

THE newspapers report that the assessors of Lowell, Mass. contemplate taxing bicycles. If the report is true, Lovell must be in a bad shape for funds, and a call on the country at large for aid ought to be made. For, of course, the assess. ors are nothing if not circumspect and irreproachable, and the inference is that the rich who own stocks, bonds, and sonal property which might and would be taxed by the afore said circumspect, etc., have moved out of town, leaving only hundred dollars, and used as a means of locomotion to and from his work, to be harrassed. It is easy to imagine the sale tears of the tender assessors of Lowell in this dire extremity. Of course they have already assessed all the other machinery of the town, the tools of every mechanic, their household effects, baby wagons, and umbrellas. Indeed, it is a grevious

Washington Notes.

Sunday, the 14th inst., was Mrs. A. H. Luther's second appearance before a Washington audience, in Metzerot Hall, for the First Spiritual Association. Her subject was "The Advent of Spiritualism," which enwrapped the immense gathering assembled in silent awe and admiration. She is certainly one of the wonders of the nineteenth century; and if any of her previous efforts were more electrifying than were those of the 14th inst., then they were dynamatic.

Tuesday evening, May 16th, Wan Hall was crowded to overflowing, that being the weekly sociable, as it is termed, and it is truly a sociable affair, one of the modes of making the occupant of the rostrum, whoever they may be for the month, better acquainted with their auditors, and to produce a pleasant time among the fraternity. The guest of the evening, Mrs. A. H. Luther, was kindly requested by the president, Mr. Edson, to say something for the edification of those assembled, which she gracefully complied with. It was a brief biographical sketch of her career, for which she begged to be excused for its egotism-but of such egotism gladly would all have been pleased if she had occupied the platform until midnight with a continuance of her narrations. Among other things that she told us was of the numerous prophecies she has predicted and of their happen-ing. She said: "I prophecy the opening of the World's Fair on Sunday not alone the grounds, but all the buildings with their exhibits-no matter whether Congress wills it or not. There are 100,000 A. P. A.s in Chicago, and they are a power in defense of upholding the constitutional acts they may promulgate, and also as ready to prevent the encroach ment of those that are unconstitutional." How true her last prophecy may be the people can judge.

Wednesday the same hall was occupied by Mrs. McNeil, who always has good audiences, anxious to receive spiritual

On the same evening at Liberty Hall, the new Lycenm, an adjunct of the First Society, had their entertainment. They have the services of a Mrs. McDonald, a medium from Baltimore, who gives great satisfaction in giving tests; and I would state that the above hall will be open all summer, though the meetings at Metzerot Hall closes with May until October.

Friday evenings Miss Maggie Gaul holds her public circle at Wan Hall, and one has to come early if they want a seat The little lady is a great pet in Washington, though she resides in Baltimore, and comes over here Sundays to give tests for the First Spiritual Association, and Fridays on her own

While I am only a looker on in Venice, and volunteer dur-ing my sojourn here to report that which I imagine will interest your readers, I will ask you to excuse the volubility of this batch of notes—but this is the concluding one for this week. If after its perusal the skeptic does not meditate, and the devotee feel amply repaid for its perusal, then, "Phenomena, farewell," say I

Having been informed of a child medium living in Georgetown with her widowed mother, I repaired hither, to the abode of Mrs. C W. Smith, 3267 Prospect Street, and found the lady to be the widow of the late C. W. Smith, a much-respected brother while on the earth plane, and for whom Mrs. H. S. Lake delivered a lovely address at the funeral, which took place April 4, 1892. All of the foregoing is irrelevant to what shall follow, but will serve to inform any who may pay this, the handsomest spot on earth, a visit. If they wish to investigate the matter for themselves, they can do so.

In company with Mrs. Smith and her child Rosa, now twelve, I was seated in their parlor. The lady informed me that while the remains of her husband was in the coffin, Rosa remarked, "My papa is calling me; I must go and hear what he has to say." After listening the child tells its mother: "Papa says I should tell you not to fret too much; all is well with him, and will be so with you," and the child medium gave me an astounding proof of her mediumistic powers. But now for the sequel. I said, "Mrs. Smith, Miss Maggie

Gaul holds her circle this evening. Take the child with you and see what may transpire." Now, I did not tell Mrs. Smith that I would be there, nor was I sure that I would, but I was there-Mrs. Smith and her child at the other extreme of the hall, and I where she could not see me. Miss Gaul had never seen the child. In due course of time Miss Gaul was attracted to Mrs. Smith and child. She said, "You came here to night to get a message from your departed husband." After stating how he passed over, she said he calls for Rosa, whom he is controlling, relates the circumstance relative to what transpired while yet in the coffin, tells her to look after

Walter, the eldest son, who needs attention. Well, I am, myself, somewhat skeptical, but I must admit-pardon the pun-that Miss Gaul disturbed my skepticism, and makes me exclaim in the words of the immortal bard — "There's more between heaven and earth than is dreamed of in our philosophy;" and as did Hamlet's ghost, I say, "Adieu, remember me." M. H. PRINCE.

Philosophy Hall on F Street and Phenomena Temple on G Street, are this month interesting the people of this city. Mrs. A. H. Luther for the old society, and Mrs. M. Waite for The misguided zealots who in every city are making The Seekers, hold the platforms respectively. The threatened suppression and taxation of Spiritualism has not yet become a law. A movement is on foot, initiated by Brother R. A. Dimmick, for a delegate convention to Chicago in October, to organize a national association of Spiritualists. Circulars are rapidly being prepared for distribution. Mr. Dimmick is well qualined for this work, having had experience in sucthat prompt and earnest co-operation will be secured.

Now is the auspicious time. Events are fast ripening, tages too numerous to mention. A broad and liberal basis only is necessary. With our best representative lecturers, mediums, and writers as leaders, Spiritualism will sparkle with renewed lustre, and occupy the dignified position to which it is entitled. With organization, a systematic assignment of lecturers and mediums would be had, struggling societies assisted, certificates granted to true mediums, the hardships of mediums investigated, and, above all, the motive for imitative phenomena lessened or eliminated. Funds are necessary to carry out these worthy purposes. When \$600 shall have been subscribed the convention will be called. This sum will include the expense of a hall for two or three days in Chicago, and as the project must be put into immediate execution, no delay should occur. Subscriptions should be sent to Henry Steinberg, treasurer, 506 Twelfth Street, Washington, D. C. O. W. HUMPHREY.

Hamilton, Can.

Brother G. W. Walroud delivered a trance lecture on Sunday, the 7th inst, to a filled hall. The principal theme touched upon was "The Beliefs of Mankind." Many questions were handed up by the audience and answered at great length by "Hamadies," the leading control. At the close names were

handed up for membership.

The Spiritualists in Hamilton, owing to increase in converts to Spiritualism, have engaged a larger hall for their day, the 23d of April, when a special dedicatory service was held. The ball is most handsomely decorated and comfortably furnished, being pronounced one of the cossest and prettiest in Hamilton. It is to be hoped this will have the effect of bringing in a much larger audience. The Spiritual ists here under Brother Walrond's spiritual guidance are not ashamed of their religion but openly avow it, and this is the from which sooner or later they will have to recede. The scarlet fever, measles, croup, etc., in dangerous form; while trustees of the people's property, out primary cause of the great success we have experienced. The those not inoculated seldom get these diseases, or in mild the Pope's. It is personal property, and as such should be inspirational address by Brother Waltond was. "The Religion of the great success we have experienced. The primary cause of the great success we have experienced at the primary cause of the great success we have experienced at the primary cause of the great success we have experienced at the primary cause of the great success we have experienced at the primary cause of the great success we have experienced at the primary cause of the great success we have experienced at the primary cause of the great succe gious Needs of the Age.

Notes from Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

How swiftly time flies. Again it is time to take up my pen for a little talk with the readers of the LIGHT OF TRUTH. I have a feeling in so doing that I am reaching many among them as friends, who kindly tell me that they feel so to do, and learn by blessed experiences in what sense the almost as thankful as though they had received a personal infinite cause of all progressive goodness loves the cheerful letter. And as it is quite impossible to reach the many by giver. We have the poor, sick, and a flicted with us, and if any other means, I am glad that some feel at least this we will we may do them good, we have a home not made tie fraternally uniting us. The years as well as the weeks are with hands eternal in the heavens, but to get there and be rolling by, and this week every moment has so much crowded happy we must co operate with the Nationalists, good men. into it that I could wish the moments were hours, as the final arrangements are being completed for my summer jour-neying from place to place, which begins a little earlier than usual on account of the necessity of going to Dakota to visit Fair, and according to all accounts it can only be a glimpse. Howard, the correspondent of the Boston tilohe, says "If ciation. Spiritualism has come to stimulate within us all one is able to walk twenty miles a day and can take ten days that is good and noble, and it becomes very natural to be inhe will get just a cursory glance at the World's Fair, but terested in the well being of others. that weeks would be necessary to do justice to themselves and see the sights."

Well, I shall have nothing like this, but of what I do see I shall try and give a short account of it in good time. Mean-while may I be allowed to say that Summer is with us in reality, a reminder of what June and July might be. Whether it has commends it to the judgment of all true Spiritualists. come to stay or not none would dare proshesy, so often have we been deceived in this direction.

Dr. H. B. Storer was the speaker for the Boston Spiritual the Children's Progressive Lyceum. Temple, at Berkley Hall, Sunday, May 7th, and I learn that, as was, of course, expected, two excellent discourses were given. Mr. Lillie furnished the music as usual, assisted by William Boyce.

On Wednesday, the 10th, unusual attractions were announced at the meeting of the Helping Hand Society. Charles Sullivan and his sister, Miss Marie Sullivan, kindiy offered to assist in giving a benefit to the society, and they are a host. Charlie is quite that of himself, and Miss Sullivan is gitled similarly, and when they are announced it is sufficient to call a large number of Spiritualists together. A salad supper was promised and was well patronized, about one hundred partaking of the supper. After the supper, as is the rule, the friends were entertained by songs, remarks, recitations etc. On this occasion Miss Amanda Bailey opened grey. What does it? The knowledge of spirit intercourse the exercises with song, after which Mr. Sullivan gave by request "The Lost Heir," an Irish dialect selection, which is always enjoyable as given by Mr. Sullivan. His impersonation being so perfect as almost to deceive one into the belief that the Irish woman with disconnected jargon of wit and woe was present.

Miss Sullivan and Mr. Lillie, as Maggie and Barney, sang a song of old Ireland, and Mr. Sullivan sang during the even-ing "The Wearing of the Green." I had forgotten to say that this trio, in costume, served the supper as table waiters, and created a good deal of fun.

A part of the entertainment was a dance by Miss Sullivan to the tune of "The Irish Washerwoman," and she did it finely, joined by Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Lillie. This was the last time I was to meet with the Helping Hand, and the intention was to have a good time without formality or restraint, and it was carried to success.

This society has proven a great benefit to the parent society in the direction of a social element, uniting and causing all to feel a stronger bond of sympathy and interest in the general work.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum entertainment held at Music Hall, May 6th, was a grand success, that immense building being filled, and although the expenses were large, we learn that a large sum was realized for carrying on the work of the lyceum, and that the participants each did their work admirably. Being obliged to leave on account of my work, I was not privileged to enjoy it. This was under the management of Mrs. William Butler, who has earned the reputation of being able to carry any such thing to success where such a thing is possible.

On Saturday, May 6th, I was called upon to officiate at the funeral services of Mr. James W. Fitch, of Sterling, Mass., a man who was an outspoken and earnest Spiritualist from the time he became convinced of its truthfulness. I found his wife so sustained by the knowledge of immortality that the sting of death had no effect on her. They had journeyed together through life until well advanced in years without this truth, and when it came it was to them a philosophy of life in and knowing that the separation could be but temporary, fact, and in reality he could be with her even as before; that to him it was a relief, as for the past year he had been a great sufferer. she could meet the change in serenity of mind, and I felt how

R. SHEPARD LILLIE.

Boston Letter.

The several meetings in this city are well attended, and the interest in them does not seem to abate as we near the close of the lecture season, Mr. W. J. Colville was the speaker at the Boston Spiritual Temple on Sunday last, and gave considerable time to the answering of questions, nearly all given at the morning session upon the topic of evolution. He said that the religion of evolution had been taught in all the past ages, and is the manifestation of one life which is universal though seen in different forms. Adding that it is not possible to evolve anything that is not within-and evolution is closely connected with involution. Take a microscopic view of the acorn and you will find mirrored within it the form of the oak tree, and in the same manner you will find within man all that it is possible to evolve. Suppose that the evolution of Spiritualism were accepted everywhere, it would not follow that every soul could hold communion with the spirit world. All the elements which enter into organized bodies are found within man as the crowning manifestation of the power of evolution. We should make everything tend towards the higher plane by concentrating our energies to

the development of that which is good.

The subject of the evening was: "The Ideal Commonwealth upon Earth and the Future," In the spirit world all are permitted to move in the circle adapted, to their desires. Mr. Colville spoke at length upon the equality of the great commonwealth of humanity in the years to come upon this continent, and when women's suffrage shall have become the law of the land. Both of his lectures were very instructive closing each with a fine improvisation upon subjects given by the audience.

At 2 30 p. m. the Veterau Spiritualists' Union held their second anniversary in Berkley Hall, Dr. H. B. Storer presiding The large hall was crowded at an early hour, and the services opened with a musical selection by the Longley Quartette Mr. C. Payson Longley, accompanist. Mrs. M. T. Longley Banner of Light medium, gave a sublime invocation. Storer introduced an old veteran, Mr. Jacob Edson, for the opening speech, who spoke substantially as follows:

"Mr. President and Friends: I would like to say a word in commendation of this Veterans' Union, its object and mission, what it has done and what it proposes to do. In co-operative union there is strength; we are united for self-protection, aid, and encouragement in well doing, especially for the good of all that think, believe, and know as we do; that have heard, seen, felt and appreciated the glorious gospel of Spirit-ualism; that have borne the heat and burden of the dawning day, and are now growing old, feeble, and comparatively, so far as this world is concerned, friendless. It is for the relief of such, their aid and comfort that our special relief fund was created. Our quick relief fund is also a proper thing to have. It is in charge of Mrs. Banks, Wood, and Pope, a co operating trinity, faithful and effective in the labor of love that lies be-

our service we can operate in the most distant towns in our Country as easily and with as little trouble as we can operate in the nearest precincts at home. There is hardly a member in our ranks who has not a friend in need whom they could help if so dispused. The object and intent of this meeting is to inspire our many members, wealthy veterans, and friends

and angels here on earth." Mr. John T. Lillie sang several very fine songs during the afternoon.

Dr. Storer, President, said that if any special intent atmy only sister, who is ill. A visit of two or three weeks, in tached to the Veterans' Spiritualist Union it was that those which time, on my way. I shall take a glimpse of the World's who have borne the burden and heat of the day for the past forty-five years are brought very close together by this asso-

> Mrs. Wood, a veteran Spiritualist, spoke of the spiritual phenomena which has proved to the world that our friends live, referring to the fact that the old workers are passing away, and soon, very soon, will have joined the universal throng in the home beyond. Therefore the work of this Union

> The audience were agreeably entertained by a violin solo y Mr. Barker, and a sweet song from Miss Louise Horner of

Mr. Thomas Grimshaw, of England, spoke of the charitable work of the Union, but charity, he said, did not consist alto-gether in the distribution of dollars and dimes; there is a kind word needed oftentimes. Spiritualism will be of use in so far as it gives character to our lives and binds us in the bonds of brotherly love.

Mr. Charles W. Sullivan sang "Is this Only a Dream?" very

finely, and remarks and tests were given by Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless, of California, all understood and recognized. Mrs. Nickless has been in the spiritual work only eight years, and is one of the best test mediums before the public.

Eben Cobb, Esq, another veteran in the spiritual field, grey. What does it? The knowledge of spirit intercourse and its grand unfoldment. We are living in an eternal wave

that is bearing us on toward youth immortal.

Twenty one new members were added to the Union at this meeting, and all went forth, we sincerely hope, to work for the good of humanity. F. ALENIS HEATH. the good of humanity.

Hartford, Conn.

The seventh annual convention of the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association was held at Unity Hall, Hartford April 29th and 30th, closing Sunday evening, having been the most successful convention ever held, both financially and in attendance. The convention was called to order by the president. Mr. George W. Burnham. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. E. B. Dillon, read and approved. It was voted to make a change in the constitution; to elect one vicepresident and any number of solicitors and collectors. The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:
Mr. E. C. Bingham, of Cheshire, president; Mrs. A. E. Pierce,
of Hartford, vice-president; Mrs. J. E. B. Dillon, of Hartford,
secretary and treasurer. Solicitors and collectors: Mrs. M. . Dwight, of Stafford, Mrs. Dora Dowd, of Hartford, Mrs. C. W. Hale, of Meridau, Mrs. Carrie Bill, of Willimantic, Mrs. A. E. Mills, of Plainville, Mr. L. W. Burnham, of New Britain, Mr. E. B. Parsons, of Winsted, Mrs. J. A. Chapman, of Nor-Mr. E. B. Parsons, of Winsted, Mrs. J. A. Chapman, of Norwich, Mrs. J. M. Harrison, of New Haven, Mr. R. R. Calender and Mrs. Ida Kingsley, of Waterbury, Mrs. N. H. Fogg, of Southington, Mr. James Wilson, of Bridgepoit. Mr. George Burlingame, of Somerville, Mr. W. J. Lamberton, of Poquonock, Mr. George W. Payne, af Unionville, Mrs. T. M. Osborne, of Danbury, Mrs. George Warren, of New Hartford, Mr. D. Wood, of Danielsonville, Mr. Orrin Morse, of Putnam, Mrs. Catherine Tighe, of New London, Miss Jessie Goodrich, of Bristol, Miss Eva Rigby, of Forestville, Mr. Gad Morton of Compounce, Mr. Burnham Francis, of Cheshire. ton, of Compounce, Mr. Burnham Francis, of Cheshire.

Mr. George W. Burnham, Mrs. R. Shepard Lillie, and Mrs. Horatio Bill were appointed Committee on Resolutions. Mr. Dumont Kingsley, and Mrs. A. E. Pierce were elected Auditing Committee.

It was voted to hold the next convention in Hartford the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1894. Mrs. E. C. Burnham, Mrs A. E. Pierce, and Mrs J. E. B. Dillon were elected committee to secure speakers for the coming year. The following resolutions were passed:

she could meet the change in serenity of mind, and I felt how marked the change from the old-time horror of mourning.

My Sunday was spent in New Bedford. A beautiful day, very good audiences of appreciative listeners. Then the earthly elements to inspire and the power of the spirit as coming to us from the other side of life, voiced by my spirit guides in what the manifestations of approval as shown by the hearers gave us to understand were two good discourses, all constituted a day of some growth, we trust, in spiritual things.

One of our gifted mediums, Mr. William C. Tallman, has been called upon to part with the material aid of his loving wife, who passed to the higher life May 8th, from their home, 22 Berwick Park, Boston. This is a great loss to her family. She was a lady of finest attributes of character, a loving wile, and a devoted mother. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Minot J. Savage. May her loving presence as a ministering spirit soothe their grief.

R. Shepard Lillie.

I wind my sunday was spent in New Bedford. A beautiful day, the condition of society fundamentally, by proving the elevation of the condition of society fundamentally, by proving the immortality of the soul, and the fact of spirit-communon, believing that through this means we receive those instructions which tend to moral recommunon, believing that through this means we receive those instructions which tend to moral recommunon, believing that through the condition of society fundamentally, by proving the edvation of society fundamentally, by proving the edvation of the condition of society fundamentally, by proving the immortality of the soul, and the fact of spirit-communon, believing that through this for its object the advancement of the davancement of the davancement of the davancement of the davancement of the condition of society fundamentally, by proving the immortality of the society fundamentally, by proving the immortality of the second that the combination of society fundamentally, by proving the immor

Resolved. That we also urge the necessity of the organization of Children's Progressive Lyceums whenever it is practicable.

The speakers of the convention were Mrs. R. Shepard Lillie, of Melrose, Mass., and Mrs. Clara Banks, of Haydenville, Mass. Their lectures were filled with inspiring thoughts and truths, and Mr. Joseph D. Stiles, of Weymonth, Mass., with his convincing tests, held the closest attention of the large audience. Music was finely rendered by Mr. Charles W. Sullivan, of Boston and Mrs. Ida Bunting of Hartford, the piano being played by Mrs. J. R. Messenger, of Norwich.

Before the convention adjourned a vote of thanks was extended to the retiring president, Mr. George A. Burnham, for his six years of faithful service in advocating the interests of the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association. MRS. J. E B. DILLON, Sec'y.

Beatrice, Neb.

Thinking that the rest of the world, like ourselves, anxious to hear of the progress of the cause in other parts of the world besides their own, I write you that you may inform your readers that our town has a great awakening, and many are becoming desirous to learn of the future life through mediumistic instrumentality.

Professor W. S. Gray has been entertaining our people for the past two weeks, and has given good satisfaction to all who have called upon him. His phase of mediumship is entirely different from any medium whom it has been my pleasure to meet. He does not have to touch your person or any of your possessions to come into your atmosphere or conditions to read you or give you a test. You enter his presence and he sees, clairvoyantly, arising from about what he designates a "blue atmosphere," upon which appears written that which he is to give you, and thus revealing your innermost self or soul, and seldom, if ever, making a mistake. He has given many good tests here, and thus brought comfort to numbers,

and convinced others of the truth of spirit-return.

One beautiful thing about Mr. Gray's controls is the kindly but firm manner in which they lay before the erring truth seeker (if he be in error) the fact that their course is wrong, and that to avoid misery they must abaudon the evil of

their ways and lead better lives

Confronting the seeker wi h his or her true self will certainly convince the most skeptical of the truth of the philosophy and convince him still further that no act of his life is con-cealed from the spirit world, thus tending to make him more guarded in his actions that go to make his life. I would that everybody could meet Professor Gray! How much better the world would be by spirit teaching as it is imparted through

New York City.

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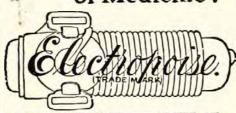
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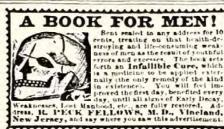
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dially lawite contributions suitable for this department,

"I expect to pass through this world but once. O Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any O kindness I can show to any fellow human being. O let me do it NoW. Let me not defer, or neglect O it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Keep Glad Songs Intoning.

If you bear a Leavy heart, ing and try to cheer it, Some sad fellow traveler will be glad to hear it; fong is always pleasanter than dolorous mouning Sing for those who lack good cheer, keep glad words intoning

When the clouds hang heavily and our feet are weary, When our eyes are blind in mists, and the night is dreary. Is it not a gladsome sound, hope and new strength bringing. As we march to catch some voice hallelojaha singing ?

When we pilgrims all reach home, no more tempest driven

Then we need not sing to cheer those to heavy hearted.

Life will be one triumphant song with the dear departed. For your fellow traveler's sake sing then and be cheery, Moans and groans from wretched hearts make the strong grow wear There a enough to sing about on heaven's blooming highlands, Where white lilies wrea he the rims of the Eternal Islands.

THE OPENING OF THE WOMEN'S FAIR.

The dedication of the Women's Building at the World's Fair bas demonstrated the factithat there are two distinct fairs at Chicago: a Men's Fair and a Women's Fair. The former was opened by President Cleveland and the latter by Mrs. Bertha l'almer on May 1st. If women's congresses have been reluctantly attended and women's petitions c ficially slighted, the Women's Fair can not be ignored. Too many women of importance have contributed both art and influence just because it is a grand opportunity to demonstrate women's ability. and to materially aid women in numerous ways.

Among these are the Empress of Russia, the Queen Italy, the Queen of England, the Queen Regent of Spain, the Empress of Japan, the Queen of Siam, and women in the highest walks of life in all countries. They have ardently joined in the work of making the Women's Fair a matter of just pride, because by so doing it will benefit their sisters everywhere. Mrs. l'almer in her opening address said :

"When our invitation, asking co-operation, was sent to foreign, lands, the commissioners already appointed generally smiled doubtfully, and explained that their women were doing nothing, that they would not feel inclined to help us, and in many cases stated that it was not the custom of their country for women to take part in any public effort-that they only attended to social duties, drove in the parks, etc. But as soon as these ladies received our message, sent in a brief and formal letter, the freemasonry among women proved to be such that they needed no explanation; they understood at once the possibilities. Strong committees were immediately formed of women having large hearts and brains, women who can not selfishly enjoy the ease of their own lives without giving a thought to their helpless and wretched sisters."

HOW TO REST.

We all know how very tiresome people are who do not know how to rest, nor to let others rest in their presence. constantly distracting one's attention from consecutive large part of the work done to make those homes "beautiful, thought, causing one to blunder in whatever business is must be, and is done, by woman. Does she usurp man's legiclaiming present attention; they are exciting one's sympathy by the fact that they are breaking down tissues without getting any good out of it, and really wasting strength which should be conserved. We have heard women say, with pride too, "I never sit still; I am always doing something." When they sit down to rest feet and limbs they take up sewing, or tatting, or knitting, or embroidery, and while feet rest hands work. It is really painful to behold, and most aggravating to husband and children. They do so like to know sometimes man's rights." I am; and of men's rights also. An honorathat there is nothing to do but ito think of them. Maybe they are selfish, but it is an excusable selfishness, for it is a mutual benefit and a sweet pastime.

I am acquainted with a woman who is a great worker, and who prides herself on never "losing a minute." If you call on to do. Then there is the "middle ground," where one can do her she will at once proceed to tell you what she has done that day and the day before, and what she intends to do tomorrow; how she is lame and has had sick headache all day, etc., etc., until you mentally exclaim: "Why don't you take a rest and give us one?" Do you know one can not be agreeable who is so depleted? Persons who bankrupt their vitality recklessly or unwittingly are not the most desirable company. for they "make you tired." You, my kind reader, are doubtless a philosopher, and can fathom the reason without my

It is economy to rest; it is comfortable to ourselves and to those about us to pause in the rush of this wild, mad world to take breath and gain strength; it is moreover safe if we do not desire that our names be added to the long list of martyred mothers.

and muscle entire relaxation.

You have heard a great deal, and perhaps know much, of I'rancois Delsarte's system of physical culture. His series of and ignore the rights of "the men." Decomposing Exercises are in no way more useful than in teaching people how to rest. They teach the art of entire reaxation, and I know one lady who has cured herself of showing a violent temper by practicing them. When she feels her temper rising from any cause, even from tongue-lashing which she does not merit, she at once "decomposes" herself-her body becomes limp-and how can such an linanimate instrument display a hot temper? See? But when applied to taking rest it is just what we all want and can make practical

This is how it is done: "When a few moments of leisure can be taken, throw yourself down upon a bed or the floor (an ordinary couch is not wide enough) and let all the limbs drop as lifeless as possible. Then put your attention upon one arm and try to imagine that it is disconnected at the shoulder and is no part of your body. Think of all four limbs in the same manner and also try to think that they are very heavy. Close your eyes jaw to drop. As you lay there, be careful that your thoughts things of the spirit.

THE WOMEN'S CLUB. do not lead you to tightening up any muscle. A friend can take hold of your limbs and prove them—that is, see that they are released. When perfectly surrendered, they will be 'timp as a rag,' to use a common expression. Instead of resting in their chuze and on their beds, people are 'holding' themselves on', as one writer expresses it. These ideas @ surrender, in order to rest the body and furnish free avenues for correct expression, which Francois Delsarte gave to us in his practical teachings, are like a new gospel, and American men and women surely and sorely stand in need of their redeeming power

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Woman is commencing to realize, as never before, her latent possibilities, and has already attained a position of great comparative freedom. We stand in the dawn of a brighter day, and all agree that there is an awakening of thought for some grand new movement. Woman is rapidly climbing the lostiest intellectual summits, and no longer depends on the grudging favors of man for the necessaries of life. Business men are daily organizing clubs, where they meet and spend their money in drink and gambling, neglect their wives and children, patronize sporting clubs, where man on a level with the beast, meet and batter each others faces out of all semblance of humanity. This they call "manly art," glorifying in that which is common to the beast. Such men, though they may have the figure of man, are not in possession of manhood. Yet they make laws and control legislatures, encouraging the rum-traffic. More than two-fifths of the arrests made in all cities are persons intoxicated, registered as drunks. Wives and mothers keenly feel this awful Naught but a bubble on life's sea. curse, and have suffered as on'y woman can, from the long injustice of man's misused dominion. Give woman the ballot, and it will not be long ere this bydra-headed monster is slain. We are living in days when no strong woman should shrink from her portion of work, each should determine to do something for the honor and elevation of her sex. The And doubts at once forever end. woman who lives to be admired for her physical beauty and when reason sheds its fulgent light, spends her time over fashion plates, destroying her health in Erroneous thoughts are put to flight carrying a load of crinolines, is feeding her soul upon husk. And those who seek will surely find,

Ob, woman, waste not your life in meaningless prattle: make your high resolve to live only for the good of others. Lethargy and stagnation have given way to the utmost activity in every department of thought. We should count it a privilege to live in this age and contribute our mite for the MEDIUMS AND LECTURERS advancement and enlargement of liberty. Woman has made her influence felt in every line of progress in this progressive age. She largely predominates in all spiritual work, cruelty she despises, purity she admires,; wherever an intelligent woman dwells, there is refinement. Let us think not of the greatness or the littleness of the importance or the insignificance of the things, which come to our hands to do, but join ourselves with those who are already working at the great wheel of reform. Those who help to elevate humanity leave a track of light "as the stars go down,' and never look back for the brightness. Such a woman does what she can, feeling constantly how small is the mite she gives, and the worth which it is afterwards discovered to bear would probably astonish her far more than it does the world.

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH. THOSE "MEN" AGAIN.

MARY WEBB BAKER.

In the LIGHT OF TRUTH of April 22d, a correspondent in criticizing, "What shall we do with the men," says: "Let them do as they have always done, take care of themselves." Have they always done this unaided by women? Hasn't there always been a mother, a sister, or wife, or a woman's hand somewhere to help them? There may be exceptions, but isn't this the rule? And hasn't woman done a work here, that men have not usurped? And on the other hand, granting, of course, the exceptions-have not men helped take care of women? I know of many happy homes where the mothers, wives, and daughters are tenderly and lovingly cared for by the father, husband, or brothers who are, thereby, doing a work which is theirs through no usurpation of woman's rights. Again this correspondent says, "Every occupation A child, even a dog, or a cat which is constantly uttering has ever been open to men, a se only awaiting his hands to sounds and in motion will weary one in twelve hours, and build up beautiful homes, and fill his coffers with wealth.' often in one-fourth of that time, past endurance. They are Women usually share those homes and the wealth, in fact, a timate place by doing it? If a woman were to become president of a railroad, navigate a steamboat, or preach in the Brooklyn Tabernacle, would it be any worse for a man to turn dressmaker, wash dishes, or take his place behind the counter; thereby filling occupations, which, seemingly, are more properly a part of woman's work? The question of sex equality, is about as broad as it is long. Now, good sisters, do not become alarmed and think I am not an advocate of "woble mar-we all know there are many of them-is deserving of our respect, and gratitude, too, for all they do, which women can not do. It is very evident, through this very condition of sex, that man and women have their separate work the work equally with the other; and in every instance where woman is fitted mentally and physically, to do that which has heretofore been given, exclusively to man, she should have the right and privilege of filling that portion.

Politically, woman should stand equal with man, As she is his equal under the law, so should she be his equal over it. and February, 'a, Mr. Edgerly's time is all It is a disgrace to this nation that ignorant, dissipated, un- engaged until June, 1844. Will be pleased to principled men, whether white or black, should be placed as hear from societies desirous of engaging a rulers over women; for, in giving them the exclusive speaker for those months. Address for May, right to the ballot, thereby, allowing them to make the laws to Kirkpatrick St, Pittsburg, Pa. under which women are compelled to live, makes them, in one sense, rulers over woman. But, when this correspondent asks, if it "would not be better to raise less babies, taking care to have them of better quality," the key-note is touched which points the way, not only to the elevation of woman to a better condition of life, but also to the elevation of man. When children are born right, then educated right, we will have a Sitting down in a chair and worrying, or trotting the feet, class of women who will not tremble at the prospect of or rocking violently, or talking incessantly, is not resting. motherhood; and a class of men who will so honor that wo-To rest is to relax the system from all intensity, giving mind tion, and work will turn to a look of veneration, and women will no longer be obliged to demand the rights which belong to her as, "a human being." But, while we are striving for our rights, do not let us become unjust

Life is Growth.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH. The useful time of life is the age of growth. When comes the elimination of all events, that hitherto had retarded growth. The spirit asserts itself and the hitherto unmarked steps upward are clear before us. 'Tis then we would retrace back, back with what longing to undo many things which in our ignorance we did, or to do that we left undone. Step by step we grow out of ignorance, as the light of truth sheds its beams along the way. Ever following this light within ourselves and that shed by other lives, who, with finger pointing upward, would declare that progress is our portion, as enlightenment comes in that land of souls where love asserts itself and moves the eyes and hands and hearts in the right direction. Truth is-we begin to live-when we begin to grow and the unfoldment of spirit makes us look with lenient eves softly (do not hold them tightly together) and allow the lower the inner perceptive faculties and makes us wise in the FANNIE STANLEY RAVNOR.

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ach nook with microscopic sight Primitive man with scarce a soul How by process long, severe Has reached the height of present sphere

From earth environs he has grown in grooves of thought as numerous, wide As sands washed by the ocean tide, Varying in breadth and depth of soul As case permits him to unfold.

As he stands in broad noonday, liewing the breadth of time each way These thoughts arise in his mind. Is there an end of man or time. Or does time ever onward roll And man possess an endless soul

Or does he live a few brief years. And then forever disappears : His bark strand on a lifeless shore A forlorn wreck forevermore.

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J. Frank Baxter in Kansas City, Mo.

A very rainy season has prevailed of late in Missouri and Kansas, and it was unfortunate that Sunday, May 7th, should have been such a storm of cold day. It rained by showers till mid-afternoon, and then steadily rest of day and night.

Mr. J. Frank Baxter arrived in Kansas City the evening before, and was on hand to fill engagement. He was not a little surprised to find no public notice given of his meetings other than the oral notice the Sundays previous from the desk. His reputation among the S, irritualists was known and the management felt warranted in raising the price of admission from the usual ten cents per session to filteen cents for the afternoon and twenty five cents for the evening. This had been all well, had public notice been given of the fact, and. too, of Mr. Baxier's coming and exercises, by newspaper; but the only public intimation was given by a chalked bulletin at the street door on Sunday.

Unannounced, it raining, the speaker to the public a stranger, the raised admission, and the cause in this quarter not by any means popular, it was a great surprise that over one hundred assembled in the afternoon. Mr. Baxter opened with a song, and at once ingratiated his hearers, and when he proceeded with poem, other song, and then lecture, he enthused the audience to a great degree, and held it in absorbed

In the evening a vastly larger audience assembled, and promptly on time Mr. Baxter began his program. He gave a a trenchant and timely lecture on the "Status of Spiritualism and its Effects," eliciting pronounced applause. His a, propriate accompaniments in song and reading were not only enjoyable but valuable. He demonstrated himself as a power in the work, and praise was lavished and congratulations numerous. Advertising hereafter may not be so necessary, save to announce subjects of consideration, for the work of Sanday, May 7th, stands as a great advertisement, and without doubt the hall for the Sundays to come, with pleasant weather, will be all too small to hold the people.

At the close of the evening lecture, Mr. Baxter gave a seance of one hour's duration, and gave some excellent tests of spirit presence. He was forced to ask the audience to desist from their great applause, explaining how it destroyed conditions for his psychic and mediumistic work. But his descriptions were fine, replete, and convincing.

Mr. Baxter is to remain here through the month, speaking eaca Sunday, exercises beginning at 2.30 and 7.30 p. m. instead of 3 and 8 p. m. as heretofore.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Don't think for a moment that because we do not write you that we are dead, neither to the world nor to ourselves, for we were never so much alive as we are to day. Last month Mrs. Celia M. Nickerson did extremely well for us, and this month of May Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing is filling our hall full to the doors. Her quaint control draws a separate audience from all others, and, as her tests are all given in a queer manner and are, as a rule, very apt and truthful. She takes well. Beside all this, there is our "Woman's Progressive Union," who are working night and day for the raising of funds for building a temple for our use. Mrs. N. N. Hunt is the president, and Mrs. Hunt is a worker for the one thing, i. c., building a temple for Spiritualists to hold their services in, and to this object she works night and day.

Mrs. J. H. R. Mathison has been the moving power in the temple scheme, and gives liberty to this end. A fine lot has been purchased in the best resident district on the west side, and the payments are met as fast as they become due.

Our lyceum, under the direction of Mr. J. J. Grant, is in a good condition; some twenty-five or thirty scholars attend. Mrs. Mathison, as a clairvoyant doctress, is a success, she defies the old school of M. D.'s and the State laws also, for her lawyer, who is the most prominent one in the State, advises her to appeal to the supreme court of the United States and claim her rights under the Constitution, which gives all persons a right to earn a living as long as it is done in an honest manner, so the dear old grannies of M. D.'s have concluded that they went annoy a woman, and she has a house The grand old Pacific surges against the basement of the full every day, while the regulars are looking for custom and for patients, and ofttimes they lose their patience when they hear of the number of patrons Mrs. Mathison has. She has made one hundred and five examinations, or diagnosed one hundred and five cases in twenty four hours, and she does it correctly, too, and if our magnetic healers and our clairvoy- Francisco. ant doctors did but know what the LIGHT OF TRUTH has told them they need not fear the State laws for they are not of any force when appealed from, and the matter passed up to the higher courts.

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St. Louis, Mo.

J W. DENNIS.

a quartet of reporters to make an "exposure" of the material-ization seance of Harry Clifton. They did their work well, for it was their object to "expose" whether or not. To those capable of reading between the lines, the "exposure" does not expose, but to those who are incapable or have not the time to sift what they read, the article is damaging, being written in that most powerful of styles, ridicule. The paper asks us to believe the unsubstantiated testimony of its reporters, who doubtless had a hand in driving two gentlemen to suicide's graves by the paper's lying attacks, one of them them to kiss. These four individuals who constituted themselves a court to pass upon Spiritualism, lament the fact that they were given back seats, not knowing that their inharmonious influence would be detrimental to the seance. Yet from their back seats this jury pronounces the materialized forms frauds. The fact that those sitting nearer the cabinet recognized their departed friends, carries no weight with it. Many spirits came and were recognized. The report acknowledges that "little and big spirits were materialized and dematerialized in a manner that it is due to say was very clever.' It is encouraging to have this court admit that the spirits did materialize. What a crowd of frauds there must have been in the cabinet. The explanation is refreshing to read. The reporters did not examine the cabinet nor the person of the medium, yet the report states in a dogmatic way that the forms were made of "some fine white gauze or China silk, a bolt of which could be stowed away in one's pocket." No doubt the roses given to one lady by her daughter were also stored away in the medium's pocket. Doubtless the medium must have had a hard time of it when he himself and two apparitions appeared at one time. The explanation of this materialization seems to have been too much for the court. The whole article teems with ridicule and bate towards Spiritualism. This paper is under strong Catholic influence, and panders to that Church. It is highly probable this article was written at the instigation of the Romish clergy, and their pliant tools carried out their wishes in a manner that must have been gratifying to them and the disbelievers of Spirit. uslism. If all "exposures" of Spiritualism are on a level with the above, then we can rightly believe that half of them were frauds themselves. TRUTH SEEKER.

[It were better if Spiritualists closed their doors upon all suspects when holding circles for materialization. It is well known that the best manifestations are obtained in small circles of about a dozen, and these related to each other by friendship or love. Promiscuous assemblages are therefore not conducive to these subtle phenomena, and disappointment is the inevitable result, followed by contumely and ridicule in retaliation for the disappointment.-ED.]

Dubuque, Ia .- The Telegraph of May Sth says: "Prof. Loveland, the well-known lecturer on Spirituslism, spoke at Liberty Hall, last evening, to a large audience. He elucidated the doctrine of Modern Spiritualism in a thorough manner, and gave great satisfaction to all present. The professor will remain here one month. He is one of the best speakers that has ever been in Dubuque, and whether you bespeakers that has ever been in Dubuque, and whether presents Address O. P. McCarty, lieve with him or not, you are forced to say that he presents S. W. R. R., Cinciunati, O.

I noticed in your issue of April Sih that the Spiritualists SPIRITUAL BOOKS.

Akron, Ohio, are about collected to the Spiritualists. of Akron, Ohio, are about collecting funds to purchase a suitable burial place for the remains of Kathe and Maggie Fox, lately passed from this sentimental sphere to the higher life, and doubtles, having fulfilled their mission as instruments of the spirit world. The events of their whole career, from innocent childhood to mature womanbood and age, were one long-continued, wearisome, exhaustive, thankless travail uslism and kindred subjects, which are kept Through ignorance of the laws governing spirit communion, in the beginning, the little innocent girls were physically exhausted by incressant sittings, and the vague and idle | nestionings of curiosity-seekers. And after reaching womanbood, it was scarcely better; their physical organisms still expertenced a continued vampirism and exhaustion. I can not but think that the many otherwise noble and intelligent Spiritnalists surrounding those delicate instruments are bismeworthy for their neglect in assisting them in the arduous work of their mission. Sad to contemplate that they were neglected wherein a little wise assistance would have sup-ported them, and warded off the ghouls that forced their seeming fall, and though temporarily abandoned by their greatly indebted supporters alone, they rose again. Doubtless had they been surrounded by as thoughtful as the good people of Akron assistance would have been prompt; and sad humiliation averted. Let, then, as the best remaining atonement, a fit locality be selected as a resting place of their earthly forms; and erected thereon a monument worthy of their divine mission-dedicated to future generations to perpetuate the memory of Katie and Maggie Fox martyrs in the INO. LORAIN. pread of our divine philosophy. Rontier, Cal.

East Liverpool, 0.

The interest here is growing for the cause of truth. The clouds of intolerance and bigotry are slowly but surely lifting, and we hope soon to see some valuable additions to the cause in this vicinity. Quite a number, to my personal knowledge, way of life. The members of our society are all doing the best they can to spread the light, by giving away our spiritual printed on fine paper, handsomely bound, 252 are slipping away from the old creeds and are enquiring the papers and loaning books. But the great need of the hour is a good medium. A good slate-writer could do well here, as that is the phase that is asked for oftener than any other. Our society will be known hereafter as the First National Spiritual and Religious Association of First Liverpool. Believing that in union there is strength, we applied for and obtained a charter as a branch society to the National Spiritual and Religious Camp Association.

Saturday, May 6th, Prof. D. M. King, of Mantua, Ohio, visited our city and organized our society under the State charter. On Sunday evening Brother King gave a parlor lecture to the members and invited friends, holding the closest attention for two hours, and ended by giving some fine tests to persons, perfect strangers, not knowing even their names until the close. Brother King is a firm Spiritualist and earnest worker in the cause. We hope to have him with us again in the near future. Our society has fifteen charter members. At our business meeting the following officers were chosen President, M. E. Calhoun; vice-president, Miss L'zzie Bettridge; Secretery, Mrs. Sadie Calhoun; Treasurer, Mrs. Una M. E CALHOUN. Hersher.

171 Seventh Street.

Alameda, Cal.

Please allow me to say through the columns of your excellent paper that a few staunch friends to the cause celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in G. A.R. Hall in Linderman's new Opera House, this city, and since then we have held one meeting every Sunday at 2 30 at the same place with increased attendance. An interest is also being awakened as never before, although the city is largely Catholic.

Our Circle of Harmony gained such renown in San Francisco that it is but just to the public that they know of our removal to the above-named hall; also of our place of residence which is at present the Newport House, Second Avenue Station, Narrow Gauge, Alameda. house, while local trains meet every half hour in front to and from the steamers from San Francisco to the remotest bounds of Alameda, making our present location a healthful resort for the weary travelers from the East to rest and enjoy the surf, and at the same time within half an hour of San Fraternally, MRS. F. A. LOGAN.

Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Nellie A. Ulrich, the beloved and successful pastor of the First Spiritual Church of Nashville, Tenn., will visit Birmingham at an early date to give the people an opporher stay here, she will, assisted by Dr. McFall (who is one of the deepest thinkers and most eloquent speakers living), hold regular Sunday services, with a view to organize a society for permanent public meetings, an elegant hall has already been secured. Mrs. Ulrich will give tests of spirit identity at each service. There are a great many Spiritualists in Birm.

Legalized the speakers, words only). Spiritual Songs, (hymn sheets, words only). Spiritual Son ingham, but no public spiritual work has been done here A short time ago the *Post Dispatch*, of this city, delegated lately, we hope ere long to be a good second to Cincinnati, quartet of reporters to make an "exposure" of the materialwork, public and private; we ask the co-operation of all honest Spiritualists and enquirers. All communications for farther information and for sittings should be addressed, A. W., Box 234.

Orion Camp-meeting, on M. C. R. R.

The Annual camp-meeting to be held at Orion, Island Park, Mich., forty miles south of Detroit, from June 10th to the 19th, has secured the able services of the noted and pleasbeing the lamented Judge Normile. In reading the article, ing platform test-medium and speaker, Mrs. Anna L. Robin-the first thing that sets the mind to suspect that there is a "negro in the woodpile" is when Jules Wallace, the great week and also Dr. A. B. Spinney, of Detroit, for the closing trance-medium, while under the control of a Mrs. Murphy, speaks an Irish dialect. The report says: "One of the reporters spoke a few words in pure Irish." There you have are cordially invited. W. A. Mausfield, slate-writer, etc., will are cordially invited. W. A. Mausfield, slate-writer, etc., will be present. D. P. Dervey and H. J. Olney, inspirational the Roman Catholic agair, who can see nothing truthful except that which is approved by his priest-god. There can be nothing sacred to these bigots, unless there is a piece of St. reasonable, and admittance to the grounds is free, in the beau-Ann's bones or a fragment of the true cross lying around for tiful grove on the Island. Mrs. Edgerton will board and odge at reasonable rates.

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-Mrs. S. L. Woodard, of Golden Eagle, Ill., writes that Assemblyman Meyer, father of the infamous medium's bill in the Illinois Legislature, and a fellow-townsman, has passed to the other side of life, and that he will perhaps find that by his desire he has closed the door upon himself for his own return, thus having brought the worst injury upon himself.

-Dr.E.D.Babbitt, formerly of the N.Y.College of Magnetics and now of the College of Fine Forces, has located at Pulaski Street, East Orange, N. J. This change was made necessary by the law in New York State, compelling all medical colleges to show a half million dollars worth of resources before granting them permission to practice. This, of course, is a victory for old Fossil over young Progress, and intended to crush out all modern improvements in the art of healing. We hope this, however, will prove a gain to the College of Fine Forces in the long run.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Union Society met at their hall on Wednesday afternoon. The special business of the meeting was to prepare for the benefit trumpet seance given the union society on the 24th of May, to which all the mediums kindly volunteered their service. The notice of of last week in the LIGHT OF TRUTH especially inviting the ladies to attend these meetings was responded to beyond our expectations, as about one hundred and eighteen ladies assembled to help in any way possible to further the good work. The business part having been arranged satisfactory, the to have her with us again if nothing prevents. social part was next in order, and the guides of Mrs Weeks, Grenameyer, Woods, and others fulfilled every promise made. Mrs. Bartholomew being ill the voice of dear Miami was missed, but promised to be with the friends next Wednesday. Many tests were given, to the entire satisfaction of the many ladies assembled, who reluctantly left this charmed re-treat when the time to close arrived. With many kindly words of cheer from spirit and mortal the meeting closed in harmony to meet next Wednesday at the usual hour.

Then let us meet with one accord,
The higher thought attain,
For we can very ill afford
To shoulder any blame.

To be the parent of a thought,
That would bring another pain,
Would destroy all for which we wrought,
To upbuild and sustain.

Let us stand, like soldiers true, Under spirit of truth's command, Ever watchful, this work pursue, With the Light of Truth in hand. -Professor J. Clegg Wright's subject last Sunday evening was "To what Extent is Man Responsible and to Whom?" It was not a theological disquisition, however, as the title may lead one to suspect, but rather a reasoning from cause to effect, or, better stated, from effect to effect-effects becoming causes in

NEWS FROM CORRESPONDENTS, Continued, the course of events for other effects, as Mr. Wright clearly showed in his process of arguing, which, by the way, was strictly logical and terse. He began with a little dissertation on man's evolution, claiming though never to have seen the original, but from inference supposed him to be a creature with long arms, members needed to swing himself from bough to bough on the trees, and useful in his escape from more damerons and ferocious animals than him elf. Mr. Wright dangerous and ferocious animals than him elf. also spoke of other things in connection with this early state of sit airs in order to demonstrate the gradual development of earth toward conditions suitable for man as a reasoning being, and how a charge in nature produced a change in organ iams. Furthermore, that every change, though an effect of a previous cause, became the cause for other effects, and on these rested the responsibility of man's doings or acts. one of Mrs. M. E. Williams' seances for material zation, God, therefore, did not and does not come into play. Right and wrong, according to our present ethical code, are man's Nature knows of neither. Should there have been but one man evolved out of this evolutionary process of nature, there would have been nobody to steal from nobody to kill, nor would there have been any politics. Praising Ged is a sentiment which owes its origin to man's own love of praise, a sentiment defined. Moral senti-ment is thus a growth, due to circumstances. This has led to others, through the practice of which many hope to gain the good will of this man-made deity. But science is dissolving all this, and it becomes clear that so called right and wrong are made by contract. But while nature is responsible for much, we know through our own reason that killing a man is wrong, because it deprives him of a right that we do not wish to be deprived of ourselves; and it remains a wrong because no restitution can be made for it. So there are other wrongs based on the same principle. But there is much that is voted so which is not—the licensing of mediums, for example. This conception of wrong is an effect of beredity. We are all subject to similar conceptions, but life's changes interferes with our planning sufficiently to in troduce new elements into the races, and thus our continued progress. Much, of course, must be left unsaid here, but the reader can intuitively divine the drift of the professor's argument by the above. His main point however, was to show that it was not so much the deed as that which impelled the deed, and on this rested the responsibility of the act. But as nature teaches that the consequences of our acts follow us into the future life, we must endeavor to understand nature by logical reasoning as to what is actual right and wrong, and govern ourselves accordingly.—At the close of this soul-gratifying discourse, Mr. H. W. Archer delighted the audience with his descriptions of spirit presence. About forty tests were given, among them a number of very remarkable ones, the strangers, as usual, obtaining the best. One lady was told of the presence of a spirit who came to identify herself by recalling an incident in the former's life as a little girl. It was by asking her if she remembered hiding her doll in an old bean pot. It proved a veritable surprise in that the incident had been forgotten, for, as she acknowledged, it hapgress held in Chicago, should send their name and address pened over thirty five years ago, and there was no other person living but herself who knew of it. Nor was it a case of mind-reading, as the name and description of the spirit was first given, and of which the lady was not thinking at the time. Another was to tell a gentlemen of a spirit's presence, an uncle with one arm, giving name, and then further identifying himself by recalling the time when he had the arm amputated and buried, and that it had to be dug up again, bebecause of the imaginary pain it caused by the uncomfortable position it laid in its burial place. Upon acknowledging the test the spirit showed two arms, and said that in his arisen state the missing member had been restored, he having only shown himself thus momentarily to prove his identity. A third was to tell of a peculiar suicide, the pistol used, the suspicion of foul play at first, and the strange denouement, - "Some Questions in Regard to Spirit-Photography," are all of which was acknowledged as correct in every teresting to the recipients as these may be to the public, but they were more of a private nature, and not quite so start-

North Star Spiritualist Association.

The North Star Spiritualist Association, of Minneapolis, will hold their camp at Prospect Park, midway between St. l'aul and Minneapolis, on the Interurban Car Line, the rates

being but five cents from either city.

The grounds are beautifully situated, gradually rising to a height commanding a view of the beautiful city of Minneapolis and the Mississippi River, and where the stars and stripes will be seen floating above the tree tops as a signal that the North Star Spiritual Camp is in session, giving to humanity the true philosophy of Nature, our God, from the lips of the truest workers in the land.

The world has given the opportunity of passing judgment on these workers. The seed was sown, the harvest reaped, and the results known to be as true as steel. Our list of workers is as follows: Mrs. R. S. Lillie, J. Clegg Wright, Mrs. J. C. Pruden, Mrs. J. C. Dever, Mrs. Sally Scovell, Mrs. Lowell, Helen Stuart Richings, W. W. Aber, F. M. Donovan, and many others, who will assist in this work. The physical mediums are :

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upon his ability. Good first-class accommodations at ressonable rates car be had on the grounds.

Parties desiring to communicate with this camp may address any of the following officers: A. T. Dorsey, President, 56 Hotel Barteau, St. Paul, Minn.; C. D. Pruden, 633 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minn; N. C. Westerfield, 215 Berry Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Louisville, Kv.

The meeting begins June 11th and closes July 9th.

The annual meeting of the First Spiritualist Church of Louisville for the election of officers for the ensuing year was called to order May 7th, with Brother J. H. Wilson in the chair. Brother Wilson was re elected president, and Brother James F. Williams elected vice president. Miss Willie Cain corresponding secretary; Dr. Thos. McAboy, financial secretary; Mrs. Wilson, treasurer; Brother Pulz, chairman of trustees; Brother Stoffenbiel and Sister Cain on committee; Mrs. M. L. McAboy, librarian; Brother Wardell, Brother J. H. Mc-Aboy, and Brother Z weydoff were elected as stewards. Brothers Wardell, Pulz, and James F. Williams were ordered by the their third annual camp meeting to be held at Merrimac Island and treasurer.

I am pleased to state that our speaker, H. D. Barrett, of Lily Dale, N. Y., delivered a lecture on what Spiritualism has that direction during the Summer. In next issue, however, proven, from the time of Confucius up to the present. He clipped for future reference, and according to its logical bear. showed that no religious system prior to the advent of Spiritualism had ever offered any demonstration of the immortality of the soul, quoting from the religious teachers of the past to prove his statements. He paid a high tribute to the teachings of Buddha, and to the work accomplished by Methodism, Universalism, and Unitarianism, claiming for Spiritualism that it was the highest revelation in religion yet vouch safed to man, because it was the only system that has demonstrated and can demonstrate the continuity of life. Taken all together it was a splendid lecture ably delivered. Our only regret is that he can not be with us longer.

Last Sunday we had with us the celebrated child medium of Missouri, Miss Cora Porter, assisted by her mother. She is considered a grand test and platform medium, and we hope

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Vermont.

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Good work is to be done in this State the coming season. The State Association have the arrangements already nearly completed for a large quarterly convention, to be held at completed for a large quarterly convention to be held at May 10th to and Mediumanip," "Reasons of our Hope," "The Morrisville, Vt., June 9 b. 10th, and 11th, commencing on the or Christ and Mediumanip," "Reasons of our Hope," "The New," "Death and its To-morrow."

b, at 2 p. m , in Town Hall. The managers have secured Mrs. Clara Banks, of Boaton, Mass, a very able and talented speaker; Edgar W. Emerson, of Manchester, N. H., a fine test medium, and the State speakers, who are not last in entertaining an audience. The convention promises to be one of the best ever held in the State. Good music will be furnished. Board at Ran-

dall's Hotel, \$1 per day. The Equal Rights Association, lately organized, is to hold

its first meeting at the time of this convention.

The Central Vermont R R, will sell tickets for ONE ARE from Bellows Falls, Ludlow, Rutland, Brandon, Middlebury, New Haven, Charlotte, Burlington, St. Albans, Windsor, White River Junction, West Randolph, East Granville, Roxbury, Montpelier, Barre, Waterbury, Northfield, and Richmond. Tickets will also be on sale at the following stations, at two

Cents per mile, each way Essex Junction and Underhill.

The Boston & Maine R. R. will sell tickets on the Passumpsic Division and St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain R. R., good going the 9th and 10th, and returning the 12th, at re-

The Spiritualists of Stowe, Vt., have secured the services of Edgar W. Emerson for three evenings, June 6th, 7th, and Stowe is the banner town for Spiritualistic and liberal thought, and has many strong and active workers. Among them are Mrs. Stafford, Wm. Parish, Mrs. Buzzell, whose hearts and hands are always open for the good work. During

gaged there, and did grand work for the cause. The West Braintree Association, which has held regular meetings for a number of years, and drawn their share of public money from the town, are soon to commence meeting

the last two years many of the ablest speakers have been en-

with able speakers. The Duxbury Society are soon to resume holding their

The Queen City Park Camp-meeting promises to be one of the best meetings ever held at the Park. Some of the ablest talent in the United States have been secured; such as, Dr. Geo, Fuller, J. Frank Baxter, J. Clegg Wright, Clara A. Banks Emma P. and Mrs. Abbie Crossett, Carrie Twing, Mrs. Longley, and many others.

The camp is one of the most beautiful places to be found It is well managed, and promises to be one of the most successful camps. Already a large amount of money has been invested in public and private property, and more fine cotta

ges are to be built the coming sesson.

Bro. Lucious Colburn is kept very busy going from one part of the State to another holding meetings and test circles. In his circles he has convinced many a doubting Thomas of spirit return.

Recently, at a meeting of three hundred, I heard a gospel worker say, "The most commendable man in the community is black, if he has not received Christ." Horrid! An insult

Let us keep the torch light of spiritual light burning until the light of truth shall do awey with all such untruthful ness and error.

Minneapolis, Minn.

A few lines from the Flour City of the world may be ac ceptable. As regards the growth of Modern Spiritualism, the number of investigators in this city are large. The press no longer terms us "ghost-hunters," but recognizes us by advertizing our various places of meetings in the regular Church directory; with all other religious denominations, we may as sume the reason-that truth will prevail. We have among us good mediums who are earnest workers; many of them have lived among us for years. Mrs. Lowell, who is the inspira tional speaker for the Spiritual Research Society, came to the State of Minnesota forty years ago a little girl, and has wit nessed the growth of the great West, and was formerly at tached to the Congregationalist society. Being a sensitive she received convincing messages from the other side of life, and like Miss Abby Judson, severed her connection from or thodox teachings; and laboring to impart the truths of Spir itualism to those that are willing to investigate, Mrs. Lowel seems to be controlled by those who, when on the earth plane, were advanced thinkers. On May 7th we received a lecture on "Evolution;" on the 14th, on "The Bible History of Noah and the Deluge." Her control gave the name of Wm. Denton on both occasions: the lectures will be remembered by those that were earnest listeners. We hope that Mrs. Lowell and our other lady mediums of this city will live many years to mpart the truths of Spiritualism to those that dread the V. REEVES. King of Terrors, so-called Death.

St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Jules Wallace gave another wonderful seance at Cooper's Hail, Thirty fifth and Franklin Streets, Sunday evening, the 14th inst. He gave a great many tests, giving names of persons and several names of the spirits of their friends, which were recognized in every instance. To an agent of Dr. Craven he gave the names of several Indians who have passed over, giving him incidents which occurred in the Far West, W. W. Aber is one of the best materializing mediums and recognized by him. The medium also gave the names of spirits who lived and passed away in distant countries, giving account of the trusted workers. years ago, with the names of the actors.

This was the eighth consecutive Sunday evening that Mr Wallace has met an audience in this hall. He has given an average of twenty five tests per night, and given an average of at least four names to each test. He has never given two tests alike or given a test twice. Here, then, is a medium, seer, or whatever one may call him, giving 200 different tests, the names of about 800 people, dead and living, to a highly intelligent audience, the best of St. Louis. In nearly every test the person to whom it was given announces that he does not know the medium nor communicated with him, and I believe every one of them would make affidavit to this. If Mr. Wallace does not obtain this information through spirits as with entire satisfaction to the purchasers. Mr. Newcomb has he claims, then will anyone explain how he gets it? Has been a patron of our paper for a long time, and we can cheerthere ever been evidence so overwhelming as this of spiritreturn?

What a cause we are advocating! What a civilization her alding! What possibilities for human happiness! J. W. COOPER.

Invergrove, Minn.

Mr. R. U. D. Evans of the Reception Committee of the Northwestern Spiritualist Association sends us a program of from June 30th to July 23.1. As it is just on the eve of going to press, we can only say that the outlook for a splendid camp meeting is before the people whose inclination lies in we will give our readers the particulars. In the mean time Secretary W. H. Bach, at St. Paul, Minn., will give general information to those addressing him.

Mr. Evans also sends us a neat program of a Strawberry Festival held on the 19th at St. Paul by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the N. W. S. A, which, to judge by the make up, must have been an exceedingly nice affair.

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NOTES FROM ALL POINTS.

Jackson, Mich.—Rev. Monen Hull, of Chicago, has been here, and delivered a series of lectures at A. O. U. W. Hall here, and derist, the auticate being "Jesus and the Medlan Old and the New," " Death and its To-morrow."

Summerland Cal.—The Summerland Spiritualist Asso. ctation will hold its annual camp meeting in July, commenting on Sunday, the 2d, and closing on the 231. This is not the Mediums Camp Meeting, advertised by Henry B Allen to take place in June. For further particulars address A. C Donne, Secretary.

New Orleans, La. Mabel Kline, of 197 Canal Street, itea: "Our speaker for the month of May, Ex Senstor itea: "Our speaker for the month of Lecture lecture." Smith, of Tennessee, delivered a very eloquent lecture last Sunday, May 11th, on the existence of evil and its purposes The audience, a fair one considering the rainy weather, was well pleased, and sgreed with the speaker in many instances which agreement they showed by their loud applause. On Wednesday evening, May 17th, a children's May festival was held for the benefit of the "Ladies' Auxiliary."

Davenport, fa .- For the benefit of the readers of the LIGHT OF TRUTH in Davenport, Ia., I wish to state that the reason I am unable to fill my engagement with the Progressive Spiritualist Society for the month of May in co-operation with Professor J. S. Loveland is due to being taken sud. denly ill, just as I was about to leave home-a circum. stance which causes me keen regret, realizing the good that might be done, and the importance of the work, but know. ing the friends will have a host in Professor Loveland I am more content to abide awee."-Mrs. A. Olive Blodgett.

Shepherd, Mich.-The gifted trumpet medium, Mr. D. A. Herrick, of Columbus, O, has for a few days past been with us, and old theology of Suepherd got a terrible shaking up, Seances were held every night in the presence of a large cir. cle, and strong manifestations occurred at every seance. Skeptics were puzzled, their friends would talk to them and relate incidents that happened far back in the past, the evidence was so strong they had to acknowledge that it came from no other source than what it claimed (messages from friends that have passed to a higher life) besides these manifestations a heavy table was moved about the room, papers and other articles were thrown and carried about the room. On several com sions spirit friends talked in an audible voice. Mr. Herrich is one of the most estimable gentleman that it has been our pleasure to meet, the people of Shepherd are anxious for his return to us in the near future. I would say to those seeking after truth call on Mr. Herrick —Mary Hance.

Dubuque, Ia .- A correspondent writes that Mrs. Sallie C. Scovell has been in Dubuque, and did a good and lasting work while there. From Dabuque she went to Minneapolis Minn., to lecture and give tests two Sundays, for a society of which Mr. N. C. Westerfield is the president. In June Mrs. Scovell goes to the North Star Camp meeting, where she is engaged from June 11th to July 15th. Until then she may be addressed care of N. C. Westerfield, 215 Beeny Block, Minne

Besides giving a kindly notice of an approaching spiritual meeting, one of the local papers of this place says: buque is fast becoming noted as a Spiritualist town, and dur ing the past year many noted mediums and lecturers have been here. The latest to arrive are Mr. and Mrs. Temple of California, who have been engaged by the Liberty Hall Assa

Llly Dale, N. Y.

The trustees of the National Liberal and Spiritual Association at their last regular meeting elected a national advisory committee, consisting of one member from each State and Territory in the Union. The members elected from the subjoined list of States have announced their willingness to accept the position tendered them, viz:

Maine, H. C. Berry, 70 Lincoln Street, Portland; New Hampshire, Dr. George H. Puller, 5 Houghton Street, Worce-ster, Mass.; Massachusetts, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Melrose; Rhode Island, William Foster, Jr., Providence; Delaware, Hon. J. B. Bramball, Georgetown; District of Columbia, Hon. Goff A. Hall, 110 C Street, S. E., Washington; New Jersey, Miss Belle Bush, Belvidere; Indiana, Dr. H. C. Sweringen, Port Wayne; Illinois, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Rogers Park; Missouri Capt. E. W. Gould, St. Louis; Nebraska, Mrs. Almon Higley Decatur, Obio, Mrs. J. H Stowell, Cincinnati; Kansas, Dr. L N. Richardson, Delphos; Kentucky, George E. Heinsohn, Louisville; Tennessee, Miss De Cahal, Nashville; Arkansas, J. R. Alter, Stuttgart; South Dakota, Professor F. D. Gilbert, Madison; Washington, Dr. P. C. Mills, Edmonds; Maryland, Miss Maggie Gaule, 514 Dolphin Street, Baltimore; Mississippi. Jerry Robinson, Lookout Mountain, Tenr.; Geogis, Hon, A. C.Ladd, Atlanta; Lousiania, William Brodie, 59 Camp Street, New Orleans. Other States will be reported as soon as the members of the committee announce their acceptance of the H D. BARRETT, Sec'y N. S. and L. A.

Indiana Camp-Meeting.

The Indiana Association of Spiritualists will hold its Third Annual Camp-meeting at Chesterfield, Madison County, Indiana, July 20th to August 14th.

Many additional improvements are being made on the grounds. We will have fifty sleeping-rooms and good boarding on the grounds; also tents to rent. There is every prospect for a more enjoyable season than ever before. Speakers engaged: Mrs. Colby Luther, Willard J. Hull, Mrs. Sheehan, and J. Clegg Wright, and others. Good mediums for all phases will be in attendance, and every facility will be arranged to make it pleasant for all who may attend.

A complete program will be ready about June 1st, and will be mailed to all members of the State Association, and to any one sending their address to Miss Flora Hardin, Secretary, or to J. W. Westerfield, President, Anderson, Ind.

We wish to call the attention of all readers to the advertisement of the Newcomb Flying shuttle Rag carpet Loom, offered in another column of this paper. The machine is one of the "wonders of the age." Hundreds are being sold, and fully endorse him and his invention to all prospective purchasers. Anyone can do well with these machines. Write to him for full particulars, free, which includes testimonials, catalogues, price-lists, etc.

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