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"Every honest and rational movement in usor of temperance is to be commended, but is nauseating stuff called 'Bible Temper-nce' is unbeurable. I have long felt that is sham ought to be punctured. It has een done at last, and most effectually done i the logical pen of E. G. Walker. JOHN E. REMSDUEG. ance' this

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OPEN LETTER. AN CUMMON SENSE ON THE

Sexual Quston. BY H. W. BOOZER.

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THE PRESENT CRISIS THE PRESENT CRISIS. When a deed is done for Freedom, through the broad earth's acling breast. Nuns a thrill of joy prophetio, trembling on from East to West And the sinvy, where're he covers, feels the soul within birnt climb To the awful verge of manhood, as the energy sublime relation for the broad of a state \$1.25 65 or a contury bursts full-blossomed on the thorny stem of Time.

Through stem of 1 min. Through the walls of hint and palace shoots tho instantianeous throg when the iravail of the Ages wrings earth's system to and froi A the birth of each new Era, with a recogniz-fug start. Nation wildly looks at nation, standing with nute lips apart, And giad Truth's yet mightler man-child loops beneath the Future's heart.

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For mankind are one in spirit, and an instinct bears along, loand the earth's electric circle, the swift they of right and wrong; Whether conscious or unconscious, yet Hu-manity's vet frame Through its occan-sundered fibers feels the guest of joy or siname; In the gain or loss of one race all the rest have equal claim.

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Wescodimly in the present what is small and what is great, Slow of faith, how weak an arm turns theiron heim of late, But the scul is still oracular; and the market's din. They market's din. Dist lie comnous stern whisper from the Dolphic cave within-"They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin."

Thon to side with Truth is noble, when we share her wretched crust, Fre her cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to so just; Then it is the brave man chooses, while the covard stands aside.

coward stands aside, Doubting in his abject spirit, this his Lord is cruckled. And the multiplo make virtue of the faith they had denied.

\* 2. For Humanity sweeps onward; where to-day the inartyr stands. On the morrow crouches Judas with the silver in his hands; Far in from the cross stands ready and the cracking fayots burn. While the hoolting mob of yesterday in silent hwo return to given in p thesenttered ashes into History's golden urn.

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They have rights who dare maintain them; we are traiters to car sires. In other that it is a sire of the sire of the sire of the new-fit site of the sire of the sire of the sire of the site of the sire of the site of the site of the site of the we, in our basis to sing. From the tombs of the old prophets steal the functal famps away. To light up the martyr-fagets round the prophets of to-day?

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New occasions teach new duties; Timo makes nucleut good uncounti;
They must upward still, and onward, who would keep abreast of truth;
So, before us gleam her examplifies we ourseives must Pilgrins he;
Launci, our MayBower, and steer boldly through the desperate wintern sea.
Norkitempt the Future's portal with the l'ast's blood-custed key.
December, 1845.

OUT ON THE PLAINS, Room! Room to turn round in, to breathe and

And grow to be plant-to sail as at sea With the speed of the wind on a steed with his many To the wind-without pathway or route or a reind-

Roomi Room to be iree where the white And to cast and to west, to the north and the

Blue skies and brown graces are welded as one, And the buffalo comes like a cloud on the

plain--Pouring on like the tide of a storm-driven main; And the lodge of the hunter to friend or to Offers rest, and unquestioned you come or you gol

y plains of America! Sens of wild land! From a land in the seas with a raiment of foam, That has reached to the stranger the welcome of home, I turn to you, lean to you, lift to you my hand! JOAQUIN MILLER.

Mrs. Sichker's Encuiles. Dean Luciren: Somebody wants to know what is the matter with Mrs. Slenker, and who are her enemice? I think the matter must be this: As all noble minds have their weak points, so hers had that of believing the world true enough to itself to appreciate her unselfish labors for its betterment, at least enough so to leave her unmolested.

nibals do, or furnish the materials for a pot-pie to fatten the stomachs of those who remain true to venerable customs and the laws of the land. Mrs. Slenker simply said. "Pot-pies are unwholesome immoral and criminal, in my private opinion; don't you think so, ladies and gentlemen at large, taking everything into consideration?" That settled it— that was the suggestion for another potpie on the tapis, and the meal is nearly rendy. As for her enemies--who they are can

ensily be guessed by the student of character, and particularly the lady who has corresponded with the male element of the women's sidero reformers, infidel or orthodox. Her enemies seem to be the men who, verbally or by private letter, men'who, verbally or by private letter, readily acknowledge personal promis-cuous secret sexual relations, while in public they write and speak in abusive language and sentiment against those who so threaten public morals as to advocate equality in the marriage relation, and the right of each to correct the mistake in choice. as soon as the mistake is found to be as soon as the mistake is found to be such, either by tho wife or husband, that these secret side-issues of unhappy marriage may be discouraged, and that easly may treat with a due respect his or ber own person or feelings, and not continue to outrage what naturo has made his or her own sacred charge. These enemies are handy with their moral smudges-these rarcens, to divert attention, translate of the down and the second the down and say. The black. Who dee? The women who admire her, envy her her keener miellect, her courage, her patient self-scarificing war with a boiling sea of ignorance, error and moral corruption, and, knowing they cannot con pets with her in her virtues, attack--rush at her with open jaws to devour her, and so succeed in getting the desired thung, notoriety in conno-tion with her. The object won, no mat-ter for the principle of their stand. But the brave searcher for light in soonal affairs has a host of earnest friends, among whom are numbered the noblest and ablest men aud women in the land. These will appreciate and defeud her, while others can feel only eury. Deuth. Deuth. such, either by the wife or husband

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Death. The folly of the bomb-thrower has ow been overmatched by the folly of the law. When the lurking demon in the lur

man heart sos in organized might to crush the defenseless, every sou of lib-erty should at least proclaim the crime, if he can do no more. I have alway spoken against the dynamite doctrine as something, in this country, as yet altogether uncalled for; and condemned its advocacy as calculated to supplant reason by passion, attract the desperate reckless, and criminal to our standard, turn popular feeling against us, and repel thoso who are honestly seeking a solution of labor troubles, but who were as yet uneducated in true Anarchistic philosophy. Moreover, I have earnestly condemned all attempts to enforce Gom-munism, or any other co-operative scheme, upon the acceptance of individuals against their will, as being (no mat-ter how beneficial the scheme might really be if accepted) essentially and radically paternalistic, and therefore opposed to true Anarchism,-liberty, And, finally, I have always opposed the violent settlement of difficulties capable of satisfactory adjustment on a peace-ful basis; and such a peaceful adjust-ment of our social chaos I believe possible; and the means and methods of securing such a possibility and "conscummation devoutly to be wished for" I, in common with all true Anarch-ists and the philosophers who co-ordin-ate with them, endeavor to teach. To the desperate crisis that imperatively demands war it does not seem to me we have as yet come, and I sincerely trust

quasi-Anarchists of Chicago and their work, and prophesied that they would hasten a bloody catastrophe that would work woe to the laborers' cause. And cause. in all this I have neither been original, nor alone, for the true Anarchists of the country have with wonderful unanualty doclared the same.

Therefore it will be understood that what I have to say on this matter is spoken from no partisan standpoint. Let us look into this case analytically. A group of men, brave, eloquent, and devoted; fired by study and contemplation of the great and terrible crimes committed by the Law in the name of Instice, by the Church in the rane of Religion, by the State in the name of Order, against their fellows, the proletariat, the laborers, the hone and mus clo and useful brain of the world; and realizing vividly that the force from which they suffer is applied by and through the State, without whose pow-crful support their formentors would be beluless .- broke out into furious and intemperate, 36t eloquent, denunciation Their talk was violent, passionate; th methods they proposed as remedial rush and desperate; but who could blame them? They but walked in the footsteps them? They but walked in the footsteps of the heroes of the ages. When phif-losophers, poets, thinkers, scientiste, almost unanimously agree that the social misery of man comes mainly from the scourging whips of Power, the constrictive "curse" of "Momopoly" and the gnawing leeches of Privilege, yet apparently do very little for the immo-diate or practical removal of these bans and bloodsuckers, what wonder if men, not so pulsers and and the leader of the not so philosophical and teleolgical, but warm-hearted and sympathetic, grow impatient and break out into mad mouthed ravings?

And it was for this talk, alone, that seven of these men were sentenced to a disgraceful death and one to be outrage ously imprisoned.

Men of America, gaardians of Liberty, is this just? Upon your head be your share of the blood of the innocent if these men be slain without cause, and you have knowingly allowed it to pass without condemnation.

What if these mon did advise armed resistance, destruction of property, dynamite? If they were wrong, it were answer enough to confound them never enough to contound them to show conclusively that the laboring men of this country, of the world, have no abuses; that they possess all their labor produces; that they are not sys-tematically robbed, cheated, and coshaved by money monopoly, land mo-nopoly, commercial monopoly, and all the little monopolies continually spawned by their ever-pregnant, ever particlest mother, the State; that the Order of government and the Justice of law are not stupendouslies. If this where true, it would not be hard to prove; for comfort would not be hard to prove; for comfort, prosperity, equity, security, cannot be hidden under a bushci of vain com-plaints; their light is inextinguishable; and, it proved, Parsona, Spiss, Fielden, et als., would simply have been laughed at by their well-fed and happy audiences as accusing lumatics. as amusing lunatics.

IT IS BROAVER THE CHAPGES OF THESE and prositioned print for the state of the second state of the sec tered with flendish suggestiveness. Then came the Haymarket crisis. A peaceful assemblage of workingmen that has dwindled from thousands to a fow hun-dreds, the addresses almost over, and about to quietly disperse, is suddenly attacked by a troop of policemen with abusive epithets, and drawn rovolvers, and orders to disperse, heedless of its least enough so to leave her unmolested. Not so-the jealousies and savageries fostered by generation after generation of misrale can tolerate nothing clean of the year of the source of the falseness and filt. When you are Therefore I have spoken and wit. lowing growing yous down in blood and among candidate you must do as can-nessed against these Communistic runs. Who throw it? No one knows.

WHOLK NO 223 Perhaps a working man maddened by his wrongs and the bullying of the brutal police; perhaps some holdium desperado "soulling for a fight;" perhaps some poor Barnaly Radge, psychologieed by the darker spirits of the Berolution doing he knew not what. It is not yet evealed. But these egit men are arrested and tried for murice. What then? It was not proved that any of these men threw books or lighted fines, or knew of any who com-milited such acts, or gave any specifit or-dersor directions for such acts. The care-fully manipulated evidence of the prose-aginst them than violent and faceadra-ry work, under such grow any sheeld or-drow of directions for such acts. The care-fully manipulated evidence of the prose-aginst them than violent and faceadra-ry works, under such grow any sheeld or-ry works, under such grow any sheeld or-notic evidence of the prose-aginst them than violent and faceadra-ty works practically a packed hry, no vorking man being included, declared that seven of these men must liet Judge Gary refused a new trial, and the su-preme court has now clinched all by realizing the monstroney vordict. Men of America, consider I a this just? Al-mitting the munishients of any shared in by the rich or confort and content to the neor? Will not the drops of their victim-the vice or bring forth viceoce, and murder revenge, till the days of death are thilled? They are planting the set of the dragon. In the true principles of scientific equity to the rich or control and content to the sword. The press can do more than parked a trillery. Educate the people into vicence bring forth viceoce, and murder revenge, till the days of death are fullide? They are planting the teeth of the dragon. In the true principles of scientific equity, my for holondased, passion, or reverge. Considert The press can do more than parked a trillery. Educate the people in the true principles of scientific equity, refer, and ininuong, and the muthes of any arithe

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For seven yours William Thomas has een confined in the Illinois state prison for murder, to which another has con-tessed. For two years the authorities have known this and the self-confessed have known this hold the selecton contained tourderer sontenced to prison for life on his confession, and has since died. Still no steps are taken to release Thomas, and that in a state which knows but jus-tice.—Duluth Industrial Age.

## The Restrainment.

EDITORS LUCITER: After W.'s com-ments on Mr. Holmes' criticis n of the new word Restrainment, it only re-mains for me to say that when any one can show that mutual co-operation to cestrain the invaders of natural rights, will work injustice to any human being, then I will cease to use the words, *The Restrainment*, as the name of such cooperation

y is one word, restrain and Restrainment still an Anarchy another, other.

I am an Anarchist because 1 believe we can get along without rules and governments right dow. I contend for the restrant of criminals or invaders, and put in favor of calling the organization for this purpose, The Restrainment. FENWICK.

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Don't let that cold of yours run on. You think is is a light thung. Bott it may run into catarth. Or into pnourmonia. Or consumption. Catarth is disgusting Preumona is dan-genus. Consumption is doub itself. The breathing appartian must be kept heality and clear of all obstractions and af-fousitie matter. Otherwise there is trouble about.

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## INDICEMENTS BY WHOLESALE

At last the blow has fullen! We e all indicted. Severally and

At last the blow has fallen: ... the indicted. Severally and jointly. The names of nine of the sub-scribers on our local list appear as the generation of the sub-scribers on our local list appear as the liberty to speak and woman in our land. W. prove the receiving of the indicted copies of LUCIERE through the mail. Among these names is that of one of our hondsmen, N. H. Harman, Evidently "our friend, the energy. Mr. McAfee, does not mean to be accused of partiality in selecting with subscribers named in the indicted. The alleged mailing of a copy of each of these to each of the nine subscribers named in the indicted. The alleged mailing of a copy of each of these to each of the nine subscribers named in the indicter, sud also grain and vege-nine subscribers named in the indicted states of superior quality. The stock-raiser studies, controls and in this against each separately and against all jointly. This makes forty-five counts against the editors and publishers, jointly, thus aggre-rating ninety counts each against memers of the "Lucirei outle, the infortunate memers of the "Lucirei outlit," to use a favorite expression of a pious local contemporary. And what is the offending mut ter? What articles in these five numbers of LUCIFER are obscene, lewd and lactions, is indicted and almost ter or studies in the set increase mother does more them breathe and almost see them increase mother does more them breathe and almost see them increase mother does more in the subscribers in the set increase mother does more in the subscribers and the infortunate increase the subscribers are obscene.

ly in all against the unfortunate memers of the "LUCIPER outfit," to use a favorite expression of a pious local contemporary. And what is the offending mut ter? What articles in these five numbers of LUCIPER are obscene, lowd and Inscivious?" We do not know. In the indictments, this is alleged of each copy specifi d: And said obscene, lewd and lascivious pa-per and publication aforesaid so knowingly deposited as aforesaid is of a nature so obscene, lewd and lascivious pa-per and publication aforesaid so howingly deposited as aforesaid is of a nature so obscene, lewd and lascivious as i dia-perse with the incorporation of the words and figures in this indictment. What a viry modest grand jury! How tenderly solicitous for the mor-als of the court officials and other unworldly gentlemen! Seriously, the infamy of such a prosecution renders it impossible to fitly characterize it. When men can be indicted for words written or printed and then be prevented from knowing what those words are until the hour of trial, the attack upon the liberty of the press has assumed so outrageous a form that earnest and thoughtful men are justified in-declaring that the machinery of the grand jury system is being used, not to advance the cause of justice, but to carry into execution the schemes of private hate, class interests and religious bigotry. How do we know what words or paragraphs in these indicted issues of LUCIPER are "ob-scene, lewd and lascivious," as viewed through the snoked glasses of these grand jurymen, and so what is to prevent us from again and again committing the "erime" of writing, printing and mailing them? What *right* has a grand jury to tell a man that some words of his are "ob-cene," etc., and yet refuse to inform him which those words are? Is this Constockian method of drawing in-dictunets iatended to promote "law-breaking?" It certainly has that appearance. But whether we do or do not know what the officiling words and

The above-named special agent of the post-office department was in Leavenworth while the grand jury was in session and to this western Comstock we are indebt-d for the indictments. He seems anxious to rival in scoundrelism his eastern corival in scoundrelism his eastern co-adjutor and exampler. Butlet none ever forget that he is merely an in-strument,—the infamous and uncon-stitutional law which he enforces is the real enemy and against that we must direct every force at our com-mand. mand.

mand. We are held in bonds of \$500 each to appear for trial on the second Monday of April, '88, in the United States District Court at Topeka. N. H. Harman, of Valley Falls, and J. B. Johnson and N. J. Holum, of Topeka, are our bondsmen. It is a square fight for Free Press. We flatly deny the charge of ob-scenity. LUCIFER has never con-tained an obscene word, even when judged by the anti-natural standards of the dominant religion and sociol-

tained an obscene word, even when judged by the anti-natural standards of the dominant religion and sociol-ogy. We ask the comradeship and substantial help of the Freethinkers and Humanitarians of the country. To defend in the United States courts against such a charge as thi-is costly, and the publication of a radical paper such as ours brings in money in a very slow and intermit-tent stream. To pay current ex-penses out of our weekly receipts is all that we are able to do, and so, in a crisis like this, we must appeal to our co-workers to help us in our de-fensive struggle with the powers of intolerance and proscription, a struggle upon whose final issue hangs the liberty to speak and write and wrint, of every man and woman in our land. W.

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would think of refusing to any wo-man the means of information upon this most vitally important subject. Instead of trying to deprive woman of her natural right to the knowl-edge necessary to her own safety, and to the welfare of her prospect-ive children, would it not be the dic-tate of wisdom, of justice and of mercy, to encourage her in every possible way to seek and to get all the knowledge obtainable, relating; even remotely, to sex hood, to hered-ity, to maternity?

A FELONY

A FELONY. In chattel-slavery times it was made a crime to teach the black chattels to read and to write, and why? Because knowledge was con-sidered dangeroust that is, to give to the enslaved class the means by which they could obtain and impart knowledge to each other, was con-sidered dangerous to the welfare alike of master and slave. Now it is made a felony to impart the knowledge whereby an enslaved class (women) may obtain their freedom-freedom from the condi-tion of being sex-slaves! slaves to man's caprice, to man's amative ap-petites or passions! For several years this paper has been largely devoted to the subject of woman's rights and woman's wrongs, espec-ially to the discussion of her right to self-ownership in the sex-relation, her inalienable right to the absolute control of her sex-hood, her matern-al functions. Regarding this slav-ery of woman—this oppression of the mothers of the race—as being the heaviest load that humanity is now compelled to carry—the great-est clog upon human progress—we have not ceased to call attention to the evidences of its baleful, its al-most universal prevalence. most universal prevalence.

there is absolutely no divergence in our views. Again I ask, Whose is the "declension?"

the "declension?" 3d. As I have never advocated other than educative "smashing of idols," H's entire paragraph clos-ing with "Am I now understood?" need not have been written, there being no disagreement whatever upon the points raised therein. All that he says in that paragraph is totally irrelevant to the subject in dispute. Am I now understood? 4th. I did not say that "H." had

Am I now understood? Ath. I did not say that "H." had invasively assaulted the fetiches of Kansas," etc., but neither have I so assaulted them. Self-defen-eis not invasion. When I said that he had been as iconoclastic as my-self I meant (and I had no thought that I should be misunder-stood) that he, no less than I, had resisted invasion, had crushed the idgls held as shields before the breasts of the invaders of our liber-tices.

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part in this retrogressive movement toward statecratic methods. Now for the conflict into which we have been forced by the Com-

It is doubtless desirable that the conductors of a Freethought journal should "see eye to eye" on all questions of importance relating to objects and meth-ods of work, and especially so in times of peril such as the present; but far more imperative than the need for unanimity is the need of free, clear-cut, honest and fearless, yet always courteous, expression of thought from the individualistic standpoint of the writer himself. If unanimity can be purchased only by a sac-rifice of individualism, then let unanimity go. "Hew to the line, let the chips fall where they will" is a motto whose lesson cannot be safely neglected or ignored by the individualistic editor.

had its origin in a short article entitled "Elimination," printed in the issue of Oct. 7. In that article I gave a quali-field indorsement to the methods of re-form advocated by Moses Hull in his two lectures in Valley Falls, entitled "The American Sphinx," and the "True Republic." 'This qualified indorsement called out a criticism from the Junior under the head of "What is Needed." This criticism, as it seemed to me, indi-cated a very decided reversion or declen-sion towards the impractical, the ultrahad its origin in a short article entitled sion towards the impractical, the ultrasion towards the impractical, the ultra-individualistic, the intensely egoistic the pretentious, the arrogant, the orvin-sive, the nuclerant propaganda of B. R. Uncker, editor of *Liberty* (Boston, Mass.) and the rest of the so-called "Philosoph-ic Anarchists." It I misunderstood the purport of the Junior's criticism I felt that I was probably not alone in so mis-understanding him and so wrote the ar-ticle "The Greatest Need" from a some. what impersonal standpoint, so as to give him a chance to enlighten the readers of LUCIFER and myself without the ers of LUCTER and myself without the necessity of any appearance of personal antigonism. That I was not alone in interpreting the Junior's language in the way I did is proved in part by an editor-ial in the Winsted (Conn.) Press, of Oct. 20, in which Comrade Pinney takes exceptions to the Junior's utterances, language much more pointed than that used by me. These two articles, "What is Needed" and "The Greatest Need," opened the way for the discussion con-cerning methods that has followed in bose columns.

Now I wish to say that as usual 1 prefer not to confinue discussion for the sake of victory or for the sake of having the last word, but inasmuch as the Junior's criticisms in last issue show that ho still fails to grasp, or, at least, fails to do justice to the aurons and real intent of what I have said under the head of "The Greatest Need" I still make one more effort at elucidatiou.....

I wish just here to premise that there

is substantially no disagreement be tween "W." and myself as to the objects to be aimed at in our reform These objects are, first, last and work. all the time, the elimination or total abolition of all invasive laws and customs of our present intensely artificial and anti-nat. ural social arrangements, and also, the inculcation of the more natural, more rational, more equitable, more humane more truly humanitarian-methods of

living, of reproduction, of dying and of putting a way our mortal remains. The disagreement, or rather lack of unanimity is not in regard to objects but rather as to methods of obtaining these objects. and even here there is really greater unanimity, as 1 honestly believe, than would appear to the casual reader of this discussion. No less than the Junior do discussion. No less that the Junior do I insist that they who assume to teach should "speak their deepest, truest con-victions or keep silent," but to advise methods of work that ignore present conditions would not be to speak my deepest, truest, convictions. To inculdeepest, truest, convictions. To incui-cate modes of living that might fit the environments of ten thousand years hence, would be of little practical value in the here and now. To help ourselves and to help others we must look first to the materials, the implements, with which we must work, and also to the na-ture of the opposition to be overcome.

## "SMASHING OF IDOL"."

It is quite true that I have been some-thing of an iconoclast, but, as I think, not invas vely so. The Junior thinks that there is not much difference between us in this respect. Possibly not; the point to which I was calling attention, it seems to me, was obvious enough before, with-out compelling me to advert to it again. I think I have always discriminated with sufficient clearness, between the legiti-mate, the non-invasive, the Auarchistic smashing of idols, on the one hand, and the invasive, the archistic iconoclasm on the other. I try always to show to the devotee the absurdity, the hideousness of his idols. I try to show him how costly this superstitious worship of gods -mythologic and statute fetiches-is to him as well as to others who are com-pelled against their will to help support them. Also how much of the miseries them. Also how much of the misseries the hates, the revenges, the bloody feude among mankind arise from the worship and service of these gods—and yet, at the same time, conceding to these devo-tees their civil, their natural right to the possession and worship of their gods. Bot while granting them their indetess-ible right to these idols—these creeds and these laws—let it once more be re-pented—I enter the most earnest and vigorous of protests against being myself compelled to take part, either directly or indirectly in this god-worship, and de-mand such modification of these laws and regulations of the church-state as will exempt me entirely from any parti-cipation, moral or pecuniary, in their cipation, moral or pecuniary, in their operation or enforcement. Am I now understood?

As to my comparative share in the re-As to my comparative share in the re-sponsibility of our present complica-tions with the governmentalists of Kan-sas, I would only say that while I am quite willing to shoulder the legitimate consequences of my acts I do not think that the charge can be sustained that I have invasively assaulted the fetiches of Kansas or of the U.S. The Markland letter was not an assault upon legal marriage as such, but upon the abuses perpetrated under protection of the marriage laws. Neither have I assaulted the P. O. Department, as such, but have simply claimed my citizen right to demand the abolition of the abuses and outrages practiced under and by the au thority of said department.

Of course, it will be understood that in thus saying I do not mean that my for this saying 1 to hot mean that my conduct was governed in any degree by fear of the invasive, despotie, un-Ameri-can, unconstitutional, inquisitorial, Jes-nitical Comstockian obscenity-laws, or that I would have shrunk from the con-test if I had known it was coming. I knew that the article mentioned was not tibelous, and therefore its publication could not be criminal. I knew that the could not be criminal. I knew that the so-called crime of obscenity is not a crime at all, but a vice whose cure is not prohibitory legislation but rather edu-cation and cellightenment. Once more, let me say, I am as much in favor of rad-icalism, legitimately and judicionaly used, as any one can be, and I have unde no claim to an nuusual share of "conservatiam" (in its good sense) or of "conservatism" (in its good sense) or of the rare endowment known as "common ense."

While it may be somewhat difficult to ussign a "yalid reason for the use of the plural pronoun by an 'independent editor," I utterly repudiate and esrn-estly protest sgainst the imputation that

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most universal prevalence. For publishing articles treating upon this question of woman's sex-emancipation the editors and publishers of this journal have been pursued and har-assed by a so-called legal prosecu-tion for more than eight months past, and now an indictment against us has been found by a dozen or so of the male citzens of Kansas, un-der which indictment we are liable, each and severally, to conviction and a fine of five thousand dollars and to a term of ten years' imprisonment at hard labor. The pretext upon which we are indicted is that of 'obscenity.' We are charged with publishing and sending through the mails an 'obscene'' sheet. That this is a mere pretext and that it the charge is infamously false we appeal to the readers of LUCIFER, who, it is to be presumed, are quito as good judges of such matters as are the members of the grand jury. The teachings of of our journal are not in the direction of obscenity, lewdness and lascivnousness but the exact opposite. The real explana-tion of the prosecution against us is now to be suppressed for precisely the same reason that the holders of black slaves suppressed knowledge is now to be suppressed for precisely the same reason that the holders of black slaves suppressed knowledge, viz; that it is dangerous to 'let the slaves know what their rights are. H The present discussion of methods of work, between the editors of Lucifer,

I by so doing, "seek adventitious aid," or that I am "not content to stand or fall upon my own simple manhood." may be something in the state-that the "'We' speaks as kings There ment that speak," that is, this may be the origin of the usage, but we all conform to mapy of the usage, but we all conform to many usages, whose origin and true meaning are quite as objectionable, and think nothing of it. Instance, when we ad-dress a man as "Mr." (Mister) Jones or Ma (La ith are 2 - a the true work of the state of the second Mr. Smith, we do not mean to acknowldge him as our master or lord. and yet that is the meaning of the title.

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But there is a better reason for substatuting we for I by editors and public speakers. The custom arose much as did the kindred custom of using the plural "you" and "yours" instead of the singulatthon, thy and thee. The singular form is more directly personal, more familiar, and therefore more apt to give offense. Editors and public speakers and so, to avoid a redundancy of egoism or egotism they use the plural pro-nouns, just as the well-bred man uses the plural pronouns when speak-ing to his triend, to avoid a redundancy of *tu-toi-ism*. The etymology, itself, of the words egoism and egotism, it should be remembered, shows that they mean I-ism.

In what I have said on this subject I would by no means be understood as casting censure upon those who take the opposite view, and who discard altogether the impersonal and editorial "we," In this as in all other personal matters, let each "be fully personded in his own mind," and let each enjoy the largest liberty of choice. As to which method savors most of "pretension and arrogance" I freely leave to the fairminded readers of LUCIFER.

There are other points upon which the Junior seems to have misunderstood my position, but not wishing to occupy more than my equitable share of space, I will close by saying that the difference in principle between voting for repeat of invasive laws, on the one hand, and voting for the enactment of "laws to gov ern those who do not agree with us," on the other, is so obvious, so patent and palpable, that there ought to be no discussion on this point. The man who has sense enough to see the necessity, the righteousness of burying out of sight an invasive law, by means of the ballot, an invasive law, by means of the ballof, can also see the folly, the wrong, the wickedness of enacting mother in-vasive law to take the place of the one just repealed. In short, to vote for re-peal noise nor commit the voter to the principle of majority-rule in personal matters, nor in any other matters. Vot-ing for repeal, as advocated by means is ballow and as the safest most uply recommended as the safest, most practicable and most speedy door of ex it from our present governmental pris-on. "The right and the necessity of selfon. "The right and the necessary or sen-rule and self-help" is what all Autono mists, all Anarchists, all Individualists. insist upon, but how to secure the pracinsist upon, but how to sective the prac-ticalization, the enjoyment, of the right of self-rule and self-help, is a question upon which there is ground for honest difference of opinion. While some hon-estly and earnestly believe that this much-desired object can be best attained nuch-destruion peecen be best attained "by abstention from the polls, passive resistance and voluntary mutualism," there are others, equally housest and equally earnest, who believe that these methods should be supplemented by nr. PEAL OF INVASIVE LAWS by the same in-strumentality through which they were first enacted—the ballot-box.

MONOPOLISTIC JOURNALISM. The event of the Haymarket and the following acts in the drama thus bloodi-ly begun, have sufficed to show us how by begin, have same as the show its now completely the popular press is under the control of monopolized, privileged, capital. Anything like a fair statement of the facts in this great case will be looked for in vain in the columns of these papers, large or small. They have all made desperate efforts to educate the people up to the point of pas-sively acquiescing in if not openly de-manding and actively working for the murder of seven innocent men.

Their latest attempt in this direc tion is the concoction and circula of a sensational report that the tion of a sensational report that the Chlosgo police have uncerthed a plot to blow up the jail in that city. Look for any number of these canards during the next few days. Anything to prejudice the minds of the people against the victims of governmental misrule. The foolish utterances of some London or Helgian enthusiast will be sure to be or perigran entrustast will be sure to be printed in full, preceded by "taking" head-lipes, but there will be found no place for the sober statements and un answerable arguments of any of the bundreds if not thousand of cool-headed

men who are trying, through the reform papers and upon the rostrum, to show the people events, men and principles as they are. There seems to be left no conception of justice and fair play in the minds of the editor and publisher the of the average newspaper.

An attempt has been made to have it appear that the maudlin sympathy of certain morbid classes with the Anarch-ists is a reflex of public sentiment. This is far from true. There is, in almost all cases, a profound pity for the miserable creatures who must pay the extreme penalty of violated law. But it is the sentiment conveyed in the lines of Willis: Willis:

# "Pity thee? So I do, I pity the dumb vicilm at the altar: But does the robed priest for his pity faiter?" --- Toneka "Common wealth."

In reply to the first part of the above necessary to repeat what is it is only said in "l'lashes," that the popular press does not so pearly reflect public senti-ment in this matter as said public press would like to make it appear. There is much sympathy for the condemned mon, much rejuctance to see the death penalty enforced, as the signatures obtained to the petitions for clemency abundantly show. But very few, comparatively, of those who affix their names thereto are State Socialists; still fewer are Anarchists, while all classes of Labor Reform ers do not by any means constitute the bulk of those remaining.

But in what straits for a comparison must the Common wealth writer have been to make that quotation from Willis! And ow terribly it tells against the State of Illinois, this comparing it to the robed priest at the altar with his knife ruised ready to plunge it into the heart of throat of the devoted victim! What right has the priest to commit that mur-derl None at all. He lays upon that altar of Superstitution the innocent in propitation for the sups of the guilty. He propitation for the subsoft the guilty. If a may pity but he falters not. And so will Illinois lay upon the alter of State-craft the innocent in propitiation for the subsoft the guilty, and the whole crowd of law and mainnon worshipers will look on with dry eyes while the dastard-ly sacrifice is being consummated, pitying the victims of the ruthless civil power just as much and no more than the murderous priest pitied the guiltless victims whom he bound upon the altar of the religious power I thank thee, O Commonwealth, for toach

ing me that word! We want no sacrificial altars in this country, no robed priests, religious or secular, offering up devoted men and women in atonement for the sins of some unknown bomb thrower.

## STOPPED. JOSEPH HENRY.

Since the first brief notice of the death of this veteran Humanitarian we have waited in vain for the promised re-port of his funeral, which will explain nr silence last week.

Joseph Henry was not known as he should have been known to the Free thinkers of this country. By birth a Belgi-an, his imperfect knowledge of the Engtish language kept him comparatively r stranger in the land of his adoption. His series of pamphlets on "Death and Secular Funerals" and his "Hints on the Teaching of Natural History" show the bent of his mind. He most earn-estly desired that in death men had women should be free from the priset, rightly reasoning that so long as men cannot die without the ministrations of the church that mighty imposture and tyranny will hold them in thrall while

living. He was a devoted student of Nature was especially well qualified, his contri-butions to the classified flora of Saline county and the State ef Kansas at

Soundy and the State et Anaze at large being many and important. Joseph Henry was muly, frank, straightforward, of grave and digni-ded bearing; his nature was withat as yenthe as a worran's and he contended only in love and for the trath. He was me of the best of those "foreigners" who nave come to our shores to quicken our love of science, enrich our literature evive our failing faith in Liberty and ennoble our character xalt and and

ums in life. Our comrade died at his home in Saline county, Kansas,-not in Greeley ounty, as stated by the Truth Sceker. Seventy-four years had come and gone since he first saw the light.

He suffers and toils no more. For us there remains his example in well-doupr. set us remember the lessons taught by his life and work.

October 29, tells the story of the painful and heroic death of our friend

NRT, ME., C Seward His de acci up but eto his night clou ed that it caused his the time of the need of his fri was summored at once, and w to the last. He was it years of a o greatly missed by those who kn liespectfully, Miss. SUSAN I., CLARK

Mr. Mitchell was a man of stron onvictions, aggressively outspoken in the expression of his views. a warm friend, an earnest champion and an un compromising foe. His death removes from our ranks another of the "Old Guard" of Abolitionists, of whom very few remain to us. He was a radical Spiritualist, a radical Free Lover, a radical Anti-State advocate; a strong partiean always for whatever he believed to be the truth, sometimes mistaking vigor of denunciation of his opponent for unanswerable argument in behalf of his cause, yet always an honest man Good-bye, Comrade. W.,

## Thashes.

The New Era's allusion to this firm as the "Lucirer outfit" (as is it's inva riable custom) reminds- me that Mr. Van Meter has not yet earned the ien dollars I offered him some months ago the condition being, as he may have for the condition being, as he may have for-gotten, that he should publish in his puper six verses, of my selection, from the Bible. It may be doing him an in-justice, but the suspicion is gaining strength that he is eager to see Free-thinkers go to prison for the alloged sending of "obscene" matter through the mails, while he, an humbly devont Christian, dare not print in his journal portions of that holy volume which here gards as the revealed will of God to man and the guide of human conduct. Is it possible that Mr. Van M. thinks God

A hint to the contrageous should be sufficient, and doubtless the New Era will contain in its next issue the selec-tions which I shall with great pleasure hand to its fair-minded editor when he accepts my challenge.

I do not think it profitable to longer continue the discussion of the "we" and "I" question, and therefore, while none of my previous arguments have been refuted, I shall offer no more upon the

subject after this issue. I did not say that "II.," by the use of the "we," sought "adventitions aid," but I did say, or if I did not say it as clearly as I should, I meant and I now say that it is utterly inconsistent that an Indi vidualist editor should use a pronoun in speaking of himself, his opinions and actions, which, coming from the mouth or flowing from the pen of anyone else, would be taken to express the opinion or describe the actions of more than one person. This is the gist of the whole matter.

## And the "etymology of the words

egoism and egotism.....bhows that they mean *I*-ism?" Certainly, and the Individualist is here to assert the dignity, the worth, the rights and the lib-orty of the I, the ego, the unit, the in-dividual. "II." is an individualist. He avers that we must have free, self-respecting individuals before we can have free, harmonious associations. He is right. Well, Individualism is "I-ism." Given, independent, just, frank, upright I's and the we's will be independent in their inter-dependence, just, frank, each standing upon his or her own feet, n

Unless an editor is dead sure that he is explicitly delegated to speak for oth-ers in all the particulars of the question under discussion I protect that he is not instified in writing "we," Ilis utter-ances are I-isms, not we isms, and should he labeled for what they are, as be-comes the goods of an honest manu-

To determine which is more ant fo "Jo determine which is more apt to "give offense," the use of I or of we by one person, lot us go down upon the street and approach the first group of men we see. We shall discover,--at men we see. We shall discover,--at least, such has been my almost universal experience and observation,—that the man who frequently uses the plural pronouu when giving expression to his opinions is regarded as assuming too

some such question as, "who are 'we' anyway?" The implication that the anyway?" The implication that the few hours' hurried canvass, Lallian egoissieaking for others besides himself [Harman secured isity-three names upon is resented by the average mus, in ordi-a petition to Gov. Oglesby for somesty, nary conversation, and I think that the time is not so very far distant when the editor who writes "we" instead of "I" bers of both the Republican and Demo-editor who writes "we" instead of "I" bers of both the Republican and Demowill flud the same true in regard to him-.tlea

Speed the day when, throughout the world, the deliverances of the press shall have lost their ex cathedra char acter and shall be known for what they are, the statements and views of fallible individuals,-men and women,-and shall be rated accordingly.

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To vote when voting, as popularly understood and practiced, involves the overthrow of the rights of the individual. ard local self-government, is to partici-pato in the crime, tacitly if not arow-edly, it seems to me. Did not the man who took part in a duel, from which a way of escape was open to him, make a tacit admission of the rightfulness of the "code?" If I am wrong, II, will cor-rect me, but I understand that dueling has passed almost into desuctude in this country because public opinic gradually strengthened against i it and that one of the main factors in this eduation, this progression telligence, was the refusal of courageous and honorable men to accept chal lenges. And this as a matter of princi ple. A fight with knives or pistole settled nothing; it solved no problem in norals, economy or statesmanship.

Precisely so with the duel of the ballot The State challenges us to fight her against the mightiest odds that a comhatant over fronted. If we are wise w shall not accept her challenge, we shall not fight ber upon her own choses ground. This duel, no more than the wrovg. It is morely a trial of brute wropg. and it is an infinitely more torce. equal form of duel than the other, be cause we may be robbed of all we hold dear and have no redress; our spoile dent and have no redress; our spoiler hides securely behind the SECRET DAL LOT, which, under the rule of coupoil sive unjorityism, is the foulest instru-ment of tyranny over invented.

Then, in conclusion,--to accer State's challenge to a Duel of the 8E 115 Bal both is chaining to a path of the light lot, i.e., to vote, is to tacitly admit "the right of the majority to decule how much of the citizen's private concerns shall be under the control of shall ma jority."

A call has been issued for a Nationa Convention of the journeymen barbers unions of the United States and Canad at Grueuer's Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., o Monday, December 5, '87. For basis of representation, etc., address Edwarf Finklestone, 431 Second Avenue, New **Tork City.** 

While those brilliant grand jurymer were at it hey might just as well have indicted every number of Lucirra since the first day it was published. A poor marksman should use a gun that scatter very widely, and the greater number of shot be puts in at a load the better chance he will stand of doing something, even if it is only to make the gru knock *him* over while the pellets of lead fly off harmlessly into the air. Had these guardians of the morals of other people indicted all the numbers of LUCIFER ever issued the numbers of LCCIER ever issued they would have given the trial jurymen employment for some months in hunt ing for "obscenity" through those two hundred and twenty old papers. There was no more reason for calling the five they did select "obscene, levid and las-civious" than there would have civious" than there would have been in so characterizing all our issue The man who thinks he finds obscenity in Luciren should go and disinfect his mind with a strong solution of carbolic acid and chloride of time.

t t When politicians say, "public sentimen sn't ready," they mean the continent of th ten who put them in oillee -N. Y. "Volco." Exactly, but this is not at all surprising; you cannot in reason expect poliing; yor ticians to be anything but politicians But when men of honest purposes and of strong reformatory tendencies talk is a similar manner, what is one to think? We all laugh when the story is told of the man who cut off his dog's tail a joint at a time rather than all at once, so as to cause him less paint Well, a like idea seems to have taken possession of the minds of many reformers.

Does the press of the country reflect

been vindictively bitter, yet, in only a few hours' hurried canvass. Lallian crationarties. The blank potition reached as late and had to be filled and sent back ilmost immediately, so as to reach Chiongo by November 1st, and thus we had little time in which to work, or the numer of names might easily have been doubled.

That latest outrage of the liquor power, the attempted assassmation of the American Sunday, has to tched the Church to the quick. The giant is waking from slumber at last, And

And And It it will rule in the land it has made, "-N, Y. "Voice,"

01 Sunday is what hurts the Church the most? It is as I suspected; she cares much more about her creed than about tomperance.

But how is this? In what sense is i true that the Church made this land? Did she put here the hillsides and valley and and wide sweeping praries where oil the farmers who "give us this day urdaily bread?" Did she store the oat and the iron and lead and oil beeath the thin covering of earth where uan has found it? Was it this church. and has found it? Was it this church, or the labor of men and women,—Chris-iaus, lutidels, Jews, and Pagans,— that developed and utilized these great natural resources? What has this Dhurch given us? Her untaxed houses " worship? In them are taught child sh and debasing superstitions; in them dund and talk men who dars not subnit their ulterances to the test of Truth u the crucible of Free Discussion, and n them are concected schemes for the ugging of Speech, for the chaining of he Press, for the murder of Laborty.

t is the marvel of these times that It is the marvel of these times that reeple are so indifferent concerning heir rights. They submit patiently o the most outrageous inva-ious and keep right on voting into flice men whom they can see have no aterests but umbition and the accumuation of money; men who know not ven the alphabet of liberty and will olp enact any law that capital and the hurch demands; men who know of co remedy for social and industrial ills hat cannot be administered by iceman's club.

We believe in personal liberty-Exchange, So does the devil,---N. Y. "Voice," So much in favor of the devil! It is oteworthy that these men who so decry ersonal liberty in the abstract and are abidly eager to make it impossible for hose who differ from them to enjoy it. ro phenomenally jealous of their own ights and are most quick to resent any atrusion upon their private lives. Of hese, prohibitionists are con picuous xamples. W.

The last Nonconformist brings the ad news of the very severe burning of Urs. Vincent, Sr., at Tabor, Iowa. In etting a lamp upon a shelt in the citchen she failed to get it fully on and t fell, breaking and spilling the con-euts over her back , and upon hefloor, the oil catching fire instantly. dr. Vincent was also badly burned in rying to extinguish the flames, and so-erely cut by stumbling and falling while sopping upon one leg through the dark o bring water in a pitcher from the istern. istern. At last accounts Mrs. V. was quite ow.

# OUR EXCHANGE TABLE.

RECEIVED. Granite Cutter's Journal, New York. Devoted to the interests of stons.work-

Hortou (Kas.) Daily Headlight. This we wenture of Braudige & Bear is a realit to their onterprise and mechanic-diskill.

itekill, Haleyon Days, A Magazine for the shidren and youth. By the Echees Publishing Co., Hannubal, Mo. The om-sipresent "Aunt Elmina" is one of the outributors to the columns of this new-set candidate for the favor of the Libersl and the anhlie

The Fuc, Snobomish, Wash Ter. By his journal we learn that Prof. J. H. Cook is facturing very acceptably to good tonses in the Territory. Success to the veteran worker!

Northwestern Labor Un'on, Minne-apolis, Minn. A K. of L. and co-opera-tive advocate.

five advocate, *Herald and Prosbyter*. Cincinneti, Ohio. Leading Prosbyterian organjin its XLVII volume. A mammoth sheet. We have now as exchanges representa-tive papers of several divisions of the charch and we want more, at least one of each denomination.

Wall H. Korney has resigned his posi-tion on the Home Advicate Mapleton, lows. An ever-wandering genlusi

NEVER GIVE UP! Brothers! Sisters! nover faller In your Battle for the Night; With oppression and injustice Wage a firm uuwavering fight!

Though your ranks be thinned and broken In your condict with the foe,— Though your blood and treasure freely For the cause of Preadom flow,—

Yield not: but with steady courage Hally boldly once again! And, believe me, your endeavors Will at last prove not in vain.

For the seeds of Truth and Liberty Must be sown in blood and tears. Through many a long and weary age, By Freedom's pionters.

But the tree will bloom and flourish And bear fruit both sweet and fair, When cold in silent doath is lying The hand that placed it there.

Does "the Church of Christ" still cumber Our fair verdant hills and vales? Our fair verdant ning and value hen never, hever do yo slumber. While its DANGEROUS POWER ASSAILS

Ne'er forget the olden maxim, That eternal watch and guard Is the price we pay for Freedon Won by toil and battle bard.

Then what little we innerit Let usguard with jealous care; And then forward, ever forward, Her fair banner proudly bear.

Till the foce of human progress, in confusion abail retire From the conduct of the fayes. To the depths of foil despair. OKAGM MAYNARD, In "Unitlo-Are."

## FREE PLATFORM.

FIGER PLATFOLDAL "Lucifer" Iriends: Would it be asking too much for me to ask the Liberals of Kan-eas that know of land to sell in their section, to write to me regarding if? I want a small tract (prefer improved) of good land, healthy location, mostly prairie, well-watered, handy to good building stone and brick mud; also coal, where we could have the rofasal of a larger tract (say 1000 acres) in the next two years. We want the best lo-cation that we can flud for a communist so ciety. We wish to engage in manufacturing and farming, mostly the latter, in the start in the form of fruit nurseries and as floridat; also vegetables for causing for the market. We expect to be prospecting up that way in Jan. or Feb, and would like all the inform-ation ret a ding locations, etc., that friends

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Annrchist friends, I will be pleased to heat from yon all. Although I are a Communised we agree in believing in individuality in everything, *t. e.*, we believe in Co-operation on ly by nutual consent of those interested. n on Respectfully yours for reform,

E. E. PARK. Mt. Pleasant, Toxas, 10-12-287.

From a Veteran.

Harman & Walker! Your trial as well as that of Elmina, is approaching and if I had all the money I have earned in a life of nearall the money I have carned in a life of near-87 years you should all have the best hav-yers in the nation; but I am poor and have just been running in debt to repair my leaky cottage. But I hope all Liberals who 'are able will help you, your cause is theirs; I have been reading the splice for publishing which you were arceated, and if it is true, as which you were arrested, and if it is true, a

which you were arrested, and if it is true, as I have no doubt it is,—for I have heard of several similar cases,—it ought to be pub-lished in every paper in the land. If you are convoided you may rest assured that your conviction will do more than your writings for a whole year could to kill off the ignorant, half-rotten, vice-poiened, old there built and there lister discases and the church made to by hereditary disease and the church made ro by horoditary disease and the self-pollution that you and Elmina are con-tending with; and when the church is dead and our government and laws pass into the bands of honest men, reformers will be en-couraged instead of punished for laboring to correct the sins and vices that are cursing the area. IUCO

the race. Remember that there has nover yet been any reform without persecuted, suffering pio-beers to start and carry it on remember too that no reform has ever been started that has not been denounced, opposed and persecuted by the clurch until it became popular; and then when the church has taken hold of it, it has always been changed into a machine for filling the pockets of the priorts. On looking back half a century I see the progress that Preethought has note not its encouraging. It is new like a stone rolling

encouraging. It is new like a stone rolling down hill, gathering speed and power at ev-ery inch, and in ten years from this time the pricels will have to look for other means of more the second seco anpport. Berlin, N. J.

Berlin, N. J. Editors Lucifer: The annual meeting of the Leavenworth Co. Association of Spiril-nalitis come off as per arrangement, from 6th, to 10th instant. And the long dronth of 1ast summer months is at last accounted for -the weather maker was holding it all (the rain, we mean) in order to give us a grand treat of prohibition liquer on that occasion, and bapilize our new Temple, that was barely completed, with pure water direct from heav-en. We had enough and to spare. We were also "Bapitzed of the Spirit," so, according to the "good old book(?), we "shall be saved." Glorp halle njah! Owing to the ex-treme dampness of the weather our meeting, numerically confidered, was small, butjudg numerically considered, was small, but judg ing from the addresses delivered, the earning from the addresses delivered, the earn-estness, goodwil and faith manifected, it was vory large. Among the speakers pres-ent wore Mrs. Luli of Lawrence, Noses and Mattie Hall of Des Moines, Iowa. Several other good speakers were on the ground and spoke during the meeting, but those iner-tioned carried off the pairs. Several test mediums contributed toward the success of the meeting, some of these we laid to remem-ber the names of, but some we never forget. A Mrs. Porter, now a resident of Lawrence, Kan., and bur charming little faughter Co-

ra. Mrs. Porter, by her unquestionable tests, convinced several old skeptics that "Death does not end all," and brought them over to the soul-cheering religion of Spirit-ualism. Her daughter, whose control claims to be Dr. Franklin, for one so young, sur-prised several much older in the failb. On Saturday effermeon a business mealure of Saturday afternoon a business meeting of the Association was held in the parlors of the Deusl residence. Officers for the ensuing Deuel residence. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, of whom the following is a list. President, Mr. T. C. Deuel; Vice Pres-ident, Mr. Jasper E. Ferris; Recording Sec-retary, Miss Angelia Deuel; Treasurer, Mr. If. H. Harris, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary R. Hutcheson, of Leavenworth. Steps were taken toward forming an al-liance with other associations of Spiritualists in the State. Also of incorporating our own.

liance with other associations of Spiritalists in the State. Also of incorporating our own. Our next meeting will be held on the 31st of March '88, as an anniversary. The semi-annial will be held some time in May or June, time to be set at the anniversary.

June, time to be set at the anniversary, Largn: Owing to the inclemency of the weather and no arrangements having been made for heating our new Hall, it was thought unwise to use it during the meeting. But Mattie Hull remaining with us during the weak wearranged for another meeting Sunday Oct, 10th, when about fufty of the "sait of the earth" congregated and dedi-cated the new temple to Spiritualism and te the upbuilding of humanity. Mrs. Hull spoke morning and evening making many friends both for herself and the cause she loves so well. Some who had become luke-warm, or as the churches term it, "back-slid," went away with new recolves and all with fraterant feelings towards each other with fraternal feelings towards each other and mankind in general. For ourselves w shall always remember it as a joyful, gale day and a bright spot in our lives.

MARY R. HUICHESON, R. S. Leavenworth Kas., 10-17-'86.



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