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Spiritualism in Nova Scotia. We take the following somewhat lengthy an ticle from the YARMOUTH HERALD of Nova Scotia. It will abundantly repay perusal, for it shows a ready ability and earnest zeal, in dealing with Spiritual matters. The author has body. lately become a very good medium, and is now laboring to bless the world.

OR HEAVEN

Yarmouth, Dec. 16, 1853. To the Editor of the Yarmouth Herald :

SIR :-Perceiving in your paper of Dec. 15, about six columns occupied by articles bearing against the reality of Spirit Manifestations, and attacking the motives of mediums, I presume a sufficient rather inclined to think there would be interest is felt on the subject to admit of something being said on the other side.

The gist of the whole appears to be that false communications are received from this source. As this fact is fully the fact, and explains the difficulty of admitted by all who have had any experience in these phenomena, five columns of type to prove it might have been ceive the kingdom of God as a little form are drawn to those in the form or knowledge of great truths must be tolernatural body, by the laws of affinity; consequently when uncandid, suspicious, selfish, sensual, trifling or untruthful persons seek communications, ask the age of their grand-mother, &c.. a cor- which a willingness to learn and to unresponding class of spirits are attracted, learn is not a primary requisite to suc- am Clarke among fools, hypocrites, and by which we are lightened of our Cash." and the mental equilibria of all present cess. time being, is such, the effects are the equally to the point : same-"birds of a feather flock togethtor obtains false communications, he has only himself to thank. Seek and ye questions. The "Truth that makes free," "them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage," is a "pearl of great price,,' "not to be cast before swine." Such truth is cheaply her brother Samuel, is the following purchased by half a lifetime of sorrow, suffering, and earnest endeavor, that the that I was too much inclined to infidelity. other half may be devoted to its so that I heartily rejoice at having such dissemination and practical application to the affairs of life. The some beings besides those we see. A ists believe that when the medium conmerchant seeking pearls, "when he found whole month was sufficient to convince sents, spirits of the departed sometimes likely to arise from answering trivial one of great price, went and sold all that anybody of the reality of the thing, and he had, and bought it," even so the earnest seeker for truth in order to attain it, been used.' must usually sacrifice his schemes of worldly aggrandizement, and even comfort, dreds of thousands of open or secret inand become careless of praise, indifferent fidels who have been converted to a beto censure, and fearless of ridicule, that lief in future existence by the Spirit he may consecrate his life to the rescue of Manifestations, who were impenetrable man from degrading selfishness and su-to all the arguments of theologians. The mental state or habitual character of the a future state. The conceptions of existence in perstitious fears. It is still much the following is from a summary of the occase in spite of our boasted religious currences at Mr. Wesley's, most of which, toleration, that "no man might buy or if not all the family were frequent witsell save he that had the mark or the nesses : name of the beast, or the number of his name," or in other words, few can suc-violently at it on the first day he came, ceed in obtaining wealth or power with- yet whenever it came after that, nay, selfish modes of action which are the le- himself behind some of the company. gitimate fruits of them. ed by any created spirit ;- hence even lifted before they went into it." truthful spirits may err, and unfavorable conditions will sometimes prevent the are by Dr. Adam Clarke, the great "abolished death and brought life and of heaven." From another communitransmission of the message correctly. The requisites condition for obtaining truthful and correct communications are now, however, better understood; and Harper (formerly Emelie Wesley) which

so gross and sensual that they draw no spirit to converse with them four years through her various settle- than another person. The influence in a law court; they are under no ne-dened hearts, like rain on the parched present more advanced in and out of the against her in London? How ridicu-

dist Book Room, New York, the follow- Harper * * * removes the last subterof the great John Wesley :

frequent intercourse between good spirits and us, did not our deep lapse into sensuality prevent it," &c.

This has been since ascertained to be | ter how authenticatedobtaining truthful spirit communications. Now, as of old, "whosoever shall not resay, is as follows :- 'spirits out of the those who would attain an experimental they hurry whatever they cannot comant, patient and candid, open to conviction, free from deceit and willing to admit practically their liability to error. There is no branch of knowledge in

being more or less disturbed, the com- In a Narrative drawn up by the Rev. munications are rendered doubly uncer- | John Wesley, and published by him in tain and difficult. Even when the in- the "Armenian Magazine," to be found vestigator is not usually of the above in the volume above mentioned, is the disposition, if his frame of mind for the following, among thirty or more pages

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ous and absurd! and this is the very best horse. "I have heard it suggested that In Dr. Adam Clarke's Memoirs of the solution of these facts that Dr. Priestly the law against ----- should be en-Wesley family, published at the Methoof materialism! The letter of Mrs. ceiving money under false pretences." ing extract can be found in a letter of fuge of determinate incredulity and false Perhaps if the libel law were equitably gaged in something less etherial than Mrs. Wesley to her son Samuel, brother philosophy on the subject. A philoso- enforced, the writer of the above might pher should not be satisfied with the rea- find himself something out of pocket. means of subsistence. Neither Mrs. J. sons advanced by Dr. Priestly. He who Mrs. J. has not advertised, or offered to nor myself are "from the land of wood-"Though I am not one of those that will believe nothing supernatural, but am is senses and the most undisguised tes-ber special mission is to heal the sick of the sick of the second o es, had better, at once for his own cred-She has sat for raps, in order to oblige it's sake throw the story in the region of importunate applicants, but never guardoubt, where all such relations, no mat- antees the correctness of the communications, and therefore cannot be obtain-Up whirl'd aloft

ing money under false pretences-any ly o'er the back side of the world far off And instead of its being called the para- patient, but sends in a long bill. Medi-

dise of fools, it may be styled the limbo ums cannot travel or live for nothing, saved. The philosophy of it, the spirits there is any more than other people; and if their at least, as pleasant as their company,

> Candid men in general, and profes followers of Wesley in particular, should be careful how they class such bright the return for their complaisance. "And lights as Rev. John Wesley and Dr. Adfanatics ;--- "fallacy and gross imposition" Such as poisoning a man blind with are terms scarcely applicable to them. Dr. Clarke further remarks:

for thirty not possess any more influence over them not exactly in the position of witnesses blest, will pour sweet influences on sadcessity to communicate unless they choose.' As regards myself, I beg leave to say

that I am not at all times a writing medium, and do not care to gratify idle 'curiosity" in the matter. I am en-Spirit communications to procure the on different sides of the Atlantic, and are subjects of distinct governments : but in Christ there is neither "Jew nor Greek, bond nor free." All things "will be gathered together in Christ,"-all national distinctions will be abolished to prepare the way for the glorious coming of our Lord and Savior.

Those desirous of attaining truthful choose, receive in their own persons satisfactory demonstrations of the truth of they do right to make them pay for it, spiritual intercourse. Such should be especially when little else but insult is temperate in their lives, and abstain from all articles of diet tending to inflame and give place to some other endless tricks misdirect their animal organs. (See Dr. Cole's work.) They should act out in strychnine under pretence of curing their daily life, as far as they can, the sore eyes ! Perhaps "Cash" has by this teachings of the Nazarine. They should not "quench the spirit" by refusing to become mediums, or " despise prophesyings," or preaching or writing by spiritual influence. "Prove all things and hold fast that which is good," and not turn away in contempt, like the Pharisees and Sadducees of the olden time, and denounce what they do not understand, because it happens to conflict somewhat with their previous ideas. The Pharisees of old, denounced as from Beelzebub, the wonders performed by Jesus Christ on the sick and suffering. It is no matter of marvel that their modern prototypes should do the same; but "By their fruits ye shall know them." Truth seekers should be willing, with John "the disciple whom Jesus loved," to try the spirits whether they be of God," not by the narrow tests of priest- the details of which are the following; craft, but with "the liberty wherewith On the Evening in question, a party of Christ hath made us free." If, as Paul some ten or more persons, (mostly fesays, "the manifestation of the spirit, males) were assembled at the house (or spirit manifestations) is given to of a Mrs. Rice, engaged in investigating every man to profit withal," they should the phenomena of the so called Spiritual not be slow in availing themselves of its Manifestations, and worshiping God acbenefit, and no longer depend for their cording to the dictates of their own Conreligious views on the crude ideas of sciences, when they were startled by a those who have little, if any more light loud report, caused by the discharge of a on the matter than themselves, perhaps very heavily loaded piece of ordnance,impears to have been, that owing to the tained by all sincerely desirous of attain- not as much. The result of the blind mediately beneath the parlor windows, leading the blind has been long ago re- which, together with the crashing of glass, corded. It was not among the Scribes the sudden filling of the room with and Pharisees, the Doctors of the Law, smoke, &c., was the cause of much conor the Chief Priests, that Christianity sternation and alarm, and it was feared found its adherents in the olden time; at the time, would result in very serious and it is not in the corresponding classes New York, Philadelphia, or Canada?" skeptic in such matters, found his hand in any age that new and important truths others residing in the vicinity. One in No answer. "Is he in the mines, dig- moved to write, then and there, several have usually found their adherents. particular (a lady) was seized with sudden out bowing to the idol creeds held by the sometimes before the family perceived it, ging, where I last heard from him?" fac similes of signatures of persons, in Yet among the adherents of Modern fainting and was with difficulty revived. majority, and conforming to prevailing he ran whining or quite silent to shelter Affirmative raps to the *italicized* part of the form and out of it. His manner Spiritualism, are now numbered men of Mrs. Rice is a very respectable widow the question, which was correct; he had was such as to leave no doubt in the no mean eminence as legislators, law- lady, having been deprived of her husaand heard from him in Yarmouth half an minds of any present as to his perfect yers, theologians and authors.. Eighteen some few months since, by death. We Omniscience and omnipresence are 10. After that time scarce any one hour before. "I asked whether a person good faith, but the fear of popular and centuries ago, as now, Spiritualists had do not imagine it a very difficult matter, universally admitted to be attributes of could go from one room to another but whom I knew to be dead, was still alive? priestly tyranny may perhaps deter him to contend with the opposition of scithe Deity, and consequently not possessed the perpetrators of this foul

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and thirsty soil."-Spirit Com.

I would say in conclusion, that the est works on spiritual manifestations (next to the Bible, which is a continued record of them, as I can prove) are Judge Edmonds's book and the Rev. Adin Ballou's. The "New Era," of Boston, and the "Spiritual Telegraph," New York, are the principal periodical organs. Any candid person wishing information not found in them, can address me at St. John, N. B. I also refer inquirers and opponents to the following chapters in the Bible, among others :----Gen. xviii. xix. xxxi.; Ex. iii.; Num. xxii.; Judg. vi.; to Eiijah, 1 Kings; to Zachariah, Zach. i.; to the two Marys at the sepulcher, Matt. xxviii.; to the Virgin Ma ry and the Shepherds, Luke, i.; to the opening of Peter's prison. Acts v. and these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things. Then saith he, see thou do it not, for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets."

Spiritualism is not going down in the United States, if the increasing circulation of works on the subject is any criterion. There are several mediums among the higher classes in St. John and many other places, too much afraid of priests and people to come out. There are some in a similar position in this place, and will be many more. In reference to Mrs. Johnson's success as a healing Medium, numbers can testify; that will speak for tself. I am, &c.

"Till this time my father had never er," and "a man is known by the com- heard the least disturbance in his study, pany he keeps;" hence if an investiga- but the next evening as he attempted to go into his study (of which none had any key but himself) when he opened the door, it was thrust back with such shall find," but to seek is to do more violence as had like to have thrown him than spend an hour or two asking silly down; however, he thrust the door open and went in,--presently there was a knocking first on the one side, then on the other, and after a time in the next room."

In a letter from Mrs. Emily Wesley to

an opportunity of convincing myself, past doubt or scruple of the existence of to try all ways of discovering any trick, had it been possible for any such to have

Her experience has been that of hun-

8. "The mastiff, though he barked 9. It never came by day till my mother ordered the horn to be blown.

Methodist Commentator :

"But all suppositions of this kind (col- and that God "is not a God of the dead, following is an extract: lusion, tricks, &c.,) are completely

"The story of the disturbances at the Epworth parsonage house is not unique. I myself and others of particular acquaintances were eye and and ear witsource of trick or imposture."

Having thus entered into the subject generally, I will notice a letter appropriately signed "Cash," wherein an individual medium is attacked.

"Wishing to satisfy my own curiosity." child," or a "poor Publican," but as a for the present. proud Pharisee, conscious of his own superiority to such nonsense. "A fe- swers not having been elicited, by raps, "I am so far from being superstitious male who pretends to have power over I was requested to try if the spirit would the spirits of the departed." I know of write through me the reasons why anno medium making such pretensions-1 swers were refused and confused. The am certain Mrs. J. does not. Spiritual- following message was then received : questions were probably so silly and seek it with a view to use it for purposes trifling that no spirit higher than him- bearing immediately on the benefit of tained. One question that he asserts to have been incorrectly answered, is said medium by proper application and en-deavor." [Signature refused.] to have been put in the following man- To the astonishment of all present,

writer seems not to be aware of the fact ed are they that are persecuted for right- days then, as now, who endeavored by deed. The following remarks on the subject that eighteen centuries ago Jesus Christ eousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom pompous assertions, sophistry and mock

but of the living, for all live unto him." "To such as inquire with an ardent and

time discovered that the article "common sense" is not monopolized by the opponents of Spiritual Manifestations. I intended to have made some reses of transactions of a similar kind, marks on the doggerel occupying Poet's which could never be traced to any Corner, but find myself much in the position of a member of the Vermont Legislature, who in answer to a windy speech on the opposite side, said, "it wrenched him terribly to kick at nothing;" and not finding any peg in it on which to hang a remark, the texts quoted being Exactly so-not to benefit mankind, or entirely inapplicable to the subject, I am even improve himself-not as a "little under the necessity of passing it over

more than a doctor who fails to cure his

A few evenings ago, satisfactory an-

"They (the spirits) see no benefit control him or her, for the time being. questions; they are willing to respond to This, however, is not the only way in questions bearing directly on the ameliorwhich ignorant opponents of spiritual. ation of the race morally and intellecism put the cart before the horse. The tually. You (the inquirers) can do lit-tle good in seeking for truth except you self would answer them. The fact ap- society. Sufficient evidence can be obquestioner, raps could not readily be ob-

ner: "Is my son in Australia, Boston, the gentleman, previously a determined

"What influence she may possess over earnest desire to elicit truth and do good, all earnestly desirous of obtaining them, can do so by judicious efforts and perse-wards, Jeffrey continued to molest her. &c, Mrs. J. does not profess to be a evidence." "There is no benefit to be obverence. Again, some in the form are Did her father's servants and the Ep- tipping medium, and if she was, would tained by cross examinations; spirits are "Glorious tidings from the homes of the ergies.

immortality to light through the gospel," cation, obtained in the same way, the facts. But "the cavils of skepticisms, and the sneers of sensualists, the indifference of some, and the mistaken zeal of others-the Sadducee and the Phari- sense of rectitude, he inflicts an irremesee-are all alike powerless against the diable wound upon his moral nature, and, omnipotence of truth-of love-of God." as it were, poisons the fountain of his en-

ALFRED CRIDGE, of Toronto, Canada.

A Horrid Outrage.

A SPECIMEN OF THE OPPOSITION. MR. EDITOR :

The Serenity of our usual quiet village, was somewhat disturbed a few evenings since, by the perpetration of an outrage, consequences to some present, as also to

Yours, ALVAH RAYMOND, East Weymouth, February 16, 1854.

If a man deliberately violates his finest

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The New Era.

Behold I make all things New. Hereafter ve shall see HEAVEN OPENEL

S. C. HEWITT, Editor and Proprietor:

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are old or new. Subscribers should always name the number at which they would like to begin their subscription. If they do not name it, the number will be at our option.

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ly understood. All writers for this Journal should entrust us with their true name

The Social Problem.

That there is "a time for all things," is not only the language of ancient Scripture, but that also of true philosophy and all good practical common sense And supposing that heretofore the time had not come for much to be said and proposed on the subject of this article, we have forborne any considerable allusion to the matter. The time has now arrived, however, when we feel impelled to give expression to our views, somewhat, on this GREAT PROBLEM OF THE Age, and to call the attention of our readers prominently to it. The most advanced Spiritualists (and they are many) are looking earnestly and longing deeply now, for some method of SOCIAL REOR-GANIZATION, whereby the sweet foretastes of a LIFE OF TRUE HARMONY, which they have been enjoying for some time past, through Angelic Revelation, may become matters of fact in every day life-in Business-in Work-in al. END the Spiritual World has in view, in all it has thus far done to interest the great mass of mind, in what are called Spiritual Manifestations. Spirits do not come to amuse, entrance, and excite us merely; they do not give us show and talk with the idea of resting in them, but with the view of calling our attention to higher, more harmonious and more joyous modes of living. And now, after nearly six years of preparation, the time seems to us to have arrived for beginning, to say the least, the earnest discussion, elaboration, and practical application of the principles of a wholly New Social Order. It is utterly needless for us to rehearse the old story of giant abuse and wrong which make up a great portion of both the web and the woof of civilization, so called, for that story has been told again and again; and what is more, it is a story which is boldly written on the everopen pages of the Book of Life-the Human Constitution and the Social condition of the Race. Such a race of puny mortals, as the best of us have become. shows more clearly than anything else can show, what are the real and vital needs of our suffering Race. And now the question is,-Shall those needs be met ? Is Humanity to be redeemed now, or must it continue to wallow in the mire and filth of myriad depravities, on and onward still into the far depths of the coming ages? What say you, Spiritualists ? Do you believe-earnestly, deeply, and untiringly BELIEVE-that the angels come to earth now, in this Age of Wisdom, commisioned of the Infinite Father of all, to give to the Human Race a New Social Order? Is it your FAITH that the Spiritual Movement in the spheres above, is adequate to this meat," consumed by a greater maturity. Chapel might swell to the capacity of can justly be used, either in demolishend? Does God make mistakes? or may we trust his wisdom now and al-ways? What else is this movement than Deside the set of the set a Providential one? And if Providential, to what end is it tending, except to before. elevate and to save man? And how can it elevate and save, except it take away marks by one of the most hopeful cir-time from his other arduous and pressing er. social interests and conditions ?

We had often felt the iron enter our soul, as we witnessed either the utter stupidity of the governing classes on the one hand, er on the other the baseling and study through a version of hard thought and day evening Feb. 16th; but on account the first of the first of the study through a version of the study stu or on the other, the beastly habits and study, through a varied and eminently of several unfavorable circumstances, One, aid Thou Thy child in the imporutter wretchedness of the oppressed mil- instructive experience in the establish- that meeting was postponed to the fol- tant work which is now opening before lions, who are said to be governed. And ment of the above named institution, lowing Wednesday evening, when a her. Give her to know that her strength, Again great when we were almost overwhelmed (as and forms part of an elaborate work on goodly number were present to listen to ber support and her wisdom must flow sometimes we were) with the dark, dis-mal, but necessary vision, the thought now in process of preparing for the gen-This met would often go up from our deeply agi-tated and agonizing spirit, as the thun-ny months before this important tated and agonizing spirit, as the thun-derbolt often ascends from the earth to deeply interesting book will be in the by them as the beginning only of a great and her everlasting Friend; and that and by them as the beginning only of a great and her everlasting Friend; and that and better thing derbolt often ascends from the earth to deeply interesting book will be in the radical Movement, having for its object while she continues faithful to her lofty meet its affinity in the deep sky above— hands of hundreds and of thousands of the transformation of the Governments convictions, her labors will be owned wanted now is to borrow nour ears! Lond How long ! O Thou Providence of all readers; and from what we have heard of this world, by an eminently peaceful and blessed. Surrounded, though at universes, whow long shall these things and seen of it, we should indge it to be and seen of it.

softly along over the finer senses of the preparing for the new Social Structure. en, and "not of men." We should great value. And though the thousand soul, and whisper peacefully and gently there, of "the Good Time coming," as promptly rectified. 4. Subscribers should always say whether data on the future will show them. It may take we will be somewhat particular in our whom I have trusted," and that He will the future will show them. It may take the somewhat particular in our whom I have trusted," and that He will the future will show them. It may take nite to a soul whose deep yearnings for but also one of the first to declare his details, that our readers may get as good spread a table for me in the midst of some time to do it, but it can and will Harmony vastly outweighed its clairvoy- faith in Spiritualism, while it was yet an understanding of the matter as we mine enemies, and I shall eat the bread be done. Educational institutions, also, ant power? Not AFAR OFF! It was the very much in the Stable and Manger can give them by this method. very best answer the soul, then, could get. God does all things in their own times and places; and the Great Clock of Eternity had not then struck the hour which divides the day from the night. Strong and mighty were its vast pendulum-strokes, marking with absolute precision, the fleeting ages, as they passed, whirling on their burning pathway, from the deep and dismal midnight, to the New Day's dawn. And then came the word to us, as it came to many others, of "musterious sounds," and of conversations through them, marking a distinct and foreign intelligence-an intelligence growing more and more intelligent and comprehensive as the method of its exhibition becomes more and more improvedby use. And now we exclaimed-Thank God !- the Heavens are opened once more to the view of men on Earth, and the Day of Redemption draweth nigh Henceforth, what man cannot do by ordinary or unaided effort-by the native force of his own soul, or what may be summed up in the single word Talent-shall be done by the Angels. These now shall become his GOOD GENius-by influx of a spiritually quickening power no less than before, but vastly this, we may say in truth, is the grand ble appeals to his senses-through both haps, than the older church and state in work, to which he or sue is appointed. of which, vastly more than a double force shall be gained, whereby a mighty, a beautiful, and a speedy progress, shall be vouchsafed to the Race. And so we hailed those sounds with joy unutterable -not for the sake of the sounds, themselves-not even for the sake of those who made them (for they had no need)--but for the word they spoke to us-so deeply and so loftily musical-of a coming HARMONY AND A JOY, of which the

2. All orders for THE New ERA should be Universes,—how long shall these things and seen of it, we should judge it to be method of reform. We are intimately times she may be with admirers, yet may written on a slip of paper separate 'from com-be? And the answering voices of Faith just the thing now needed to unite the acquainted with the history of this matmunications designed for publication. 3. The reception of The New Erk may al-ways be taken as a receipt for money. When Most of our readers are already ac-therefore be recreant to our duty, did jorked tongue of slander and of malice quainted more or less with Adin Balla we not speak that word of truth for it, may be moved against her, yet may she condition. From this latter circum- It will be remembered, that towards truth, presented in the author's own convincing style.

> They who have heard of the Hopedale Community—especially from its enemies -should not judge of the matter, under consideration, from any such point of view,-for if they do, they will find themselves mistaken. That Community has there heretofore. Adin Ballou is a man the following of METHOD-pre-eminently so :- he is a brighter and the better ones of earth great Constructionist, and cannot live THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTI

stance alone they will be enabled to see, the close of the first volume of the Era, she feel that she is not alone, but that business operations. in a general way, what sort of stuff the we published an article from Br. John many attending Spirits are with her, to man is made of, and therefore, what sort M. Spear of this city, communicated watch over and to guide her feet in the are either ignorant or scoundrels-to of book he would be likely to write. Yet, while on a long Western journey, in highway of holiness and peace. after all this, we can assure them, the which it was declared, that in the Spirithalf is not told. We are very much ual World, Seven Associations have re- panded to receive the mighty truths mistaken, if the Book does not make cently been formed for as many specific which are to be inflowed to her plastic such a sensation as few books have yet purposes among the inhabitants of this and most celestialized mentals; and may done. Socialists of all kinds, we think, earth; and that one of these Associa- she be the instrument in Thy hands, not will here find their wants more or less tions is called the GOVERNMENTIZERS, only of demolishing the decaying governcancelled; and they who are not So- whose duty it is to attend to all matters ments of earth, but may she be greatly cialists, will be made more or less such, of governmental reform among men. strengthened and much aided in laying if they are decent, by the force of simple Each of these Seven Associations choos- the foundations, and uprearing a goves its Agent, or Representative on earth, ernment of TRUTH, WISDOM and LOVE, and through that agent, matures and executes its plans. All these agents ex-

cept one, we believe, are already chosen, and several of them Commissioned for their special work. The commissions are all written on very large paper, in a very systematic and orderly manner, suitable doubtless done what it could under the for framing, and set forth, in a prominent circumstances of its early and infant | way, the general objects had in view,struggles, and should not, of course, be at the same time declaring the person, criticised as a full grown man. It pre- named in the document, as chosen and tor. tends to nothing of the sort, as an Insti- set apart for the work in hand. And so tution, and in its present state, whatever far as we are able to judge, every choice, may be the feeling and opinion of some thus far, has indicated great wisdomof its members. Some have thought each Agent being well adapted to the stitutions,-or if not less so in degree, Commission of the Agent of the Govern- liminaries being concluded, Mrs. Butler why then less so in disagreeable quality. mentizers below, may be somewhat bet- (Mr. Spear's daughter) was entranced, But whatever may be the truth on this ter understood by those not versed in

character, as to take away from Adin the occasion alluded to above. They Ballou, at least, in the mind of every were begun by Br. Spear, through whose reader, every vestige of sectarianism, hand was given, and read to the audiwhich may have chanced to get lodged | ence, after a few introductory remarks, COMMISSION.

from Thee, and Thee only.

This meeting was held by the special May she be made most deeply to feel of duty, and be at peace.

Wherever she may be guided, may

May her mind be more and more exwhich shall never be destroyed.

As impressions shall, from time to time, flow into her mind, of things to be done, let them be most faithfully and most deliberately followed; and so may she be herself blessed, and be a source of many blessings to others.

The above is offered by the Association of Governmentizers, in behalf of its Representative Agent and Promulga-

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

For the Association,

The above Prayer was given through Br. Spear's hand, subsequent to the commission, and both were spiritually diand made a brief introductory speechscore, the New Constitution to which these particular matters. And here we the amount of which was, that it gives we have alluded is of so truly liberal a may properly introduce the exercises of the Angels much joy to be able to communicate with mortals, because their knowledge is far superior to ours, and one principle alone, of "turning the they are of course, able to do us a great truth into a lie." Such people there are, amount of good. They have long desired to communicate, and now they do in saying it, is simply to note the fact. have the privilege. They choose their and say that their very existence is itself

those also of practical human relations. esteemed friend —Adin Ballon—the acter. Our readers will remember a ment, then came the following compre- as the stupid observer sees nothing in the stupid observer sees nothing in the ballon as the stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees as the stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees as the stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees as the stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees and the stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees are stupid observer sees. tention, and so despises its insignifi-O Thou Holy, Lofty and Benignant cance, even so it is in great movements

Again, great movements begin with those of no reputation-even like unto Jesus of Nazareth-and so they are donewill be to overthrowevery existing govments on the substantial basis of Truth. Love, Wisdom. There is no such govand not only know him to be a clear- which it is our privilege to do. And be able at all times to say, "I know in ernment, at present, on the earth, but ones. The same also of Labor, and all

> Now, they who condemn these things, one class or the other do they belong. But "they who are with us," as was wisely said by an ancient one, "are more than they who are with them."

> The Association of Governmentizers has selected an apparently feeble WOMAN to aid in accomplishing its great and beneficent objects. But she will not be feeble-she will not be alone. Strength shall be given her from above, as she needs it, and hers shall be a most triumphant and glorious work.

> In conclusion, it was our privilege to address the audience briefly in reference to the subject before them, the leading idea of which was, that few people are ready and willing to look at and accept TRUTH while it is yet in the "Stable and the Manger," and there is "no room for it in the Inn." Everybody is ready to shout its praises when it gets into position, but only they who make themselves of "no reputation," and in some sense, "have not where to lay their head," will look at it admiringly in its low estate.

We are not unaware, that the low wits who dwoll forever among the underbrusk and briars, in this great forest of human life-those human buzzards which are ever seeking putridity, in preference to wholesome meat, will find something in all this adapted to their depraved appetites. But if they do, it will be on the we all know, and all we would wish to

have dreamed for ages; and for which in such PATIENCE as may yet gain Deific honors, they have waited and sought for, but found not-till now !

And so, as phase after phase of external Spiritualism has arisen, joy has also arisen in our heart-not so much for the wonder itself, as for the story it has constantly told us of the growing strength and manly beauty of this JOHN THE BAPTIST which goes before THE CHRIST. Now, we have already had no less than seven distinct and orderly exhibitions of Spiritual Presence and Power and these have done their preparatory work in some good degree. And here at last, the great question comes home to every Spiritual heart-What is next to be done ? That was no very insignificant saying of the Spirit on a late public occasion, "You have been very free in testing the Spirits, now allow the Spirits to test you !" And are we ready for that? Are we ready for WORK-earnest, free, devoted, life-work? Then is day afternoon, of the date above speci-"milk" such as "babes" feed upon. Next pletely filled with the truth uttered, that conditions, which are built on force. comes the "staff of life" and the "strong we could not help wishing that the said fle, and leaves us worse off than we were also say that we have the promise of ernmentizers may wisely unfold and com- in the mighty stream of one of the grand- but every time we attempted it, the hand ernmentizers may wisely unfold and com- in the mighty stream of one of the grand- wouldn't move an inch to do that work

the real curse of the race and substitute cumstances that we have ever witnessed. labors, and we doubt not that much intera blessing? And what is that curse ex- It was our privilege to be present at the est and profit will be gained from their cept Social Abuse, above all other forms Quarterly Meeting of the Practical perusal, by all who are at all interested of wrong? and what the blessing save Christian Communion, assembled at in this ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTION. and Sunday, March 4th and 5th and It was our good fortune to be prepared there to listen to the reading, exposition and waiting for the Kingdom of God, and discussion of one of the most Combefore the first faint external indications PREHENSIVE PLANS for a New Order of On Wednesday evening Feb. 22, of its appearance were heard some six Society, or a UNIVERSAL PRACTICAL (Washington's birthday) we were presyears ago. We had been deeply interest-instant REPUBLIC, that ever we image ent at Sagamore Hall, in the city of

without order. Hence, these qualities ERS, now by this instrument, makes World of men into a Divine Society.

We may say farther, this new plan of its General Agent, Eliza J. Kenny. Society does not propose to bring everybody to the same Procrustean bedstead dimensions, but presents no less than seven different modes-suited to different classes, individuals and circumstancesfrom the first step forward out of Sodom, and comprehensive views of the DIVINE to the embodiment of the principles and methods of what we might very naturally conceive as constituting the Angelic Societies Above. We cannot help think- possible human Government is INTERIOR ing, therefore, that all those Spiritual and may at all times, in all places, and grown and must be swept away. friends who are now looking towards As- under. all possible circumstances, be sociation of some sort, or those whose safely obeyed. attention may be hereafter called to ths LEM.

It remains for us to say, that on Sun- where it is disallowed. Brother Ballou, that he will give our plete its broad purposes, it qualifies and est and most effectual revolutions for hu- wouldn't move an inch to do that work.

A NEW MOVEMENT,

will be abundantly found in the new known and declares, by and through this Work of which we have spoken-quali- now Scribe, John Murray Spear, that it ties very much needed in organizing the has selected, chosen, and set apart, as its Representative, and Promulgator, and The Association of Governmentizers

> now boldly declares, that it has in view and intends to complete the following things :

> First-To communicate just, broad GOVERNMENT, as substantial Basis of all wise Governmental action.

Second-To teach that the highest

Third-To teach the perfect EQUALI- among mortals, everywhere, almost, the subject, will find much to interest an ben- TY AND BALANCE OF THE SEXES; and reverse of this is true. And this is seen trary, (for Heaven knows we try hard efit them in solving the Social PROB- that there can be no true domestic, so- partly and prominently, in the fact, that cial, moral, or national Government,

Fourth-That RIGHT, NOT MIGHT, is

ROBERT RANTOUL. DANIEL WEBSTER. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS. MARTIN LUTHER. ROGER WILLIAMS. SOCRATES.

Given Feb. 15, 1854.

reachers, on earth, and this is one of them (pointing to Miss Kenny.) "We all others put together-for the necessity shall communicate to her, and she to of a New DISPENSATION. you; and you will understand that what she says comes from a Higher Source. Be passive-wait and you shall hear."

THE DISCOURSE OF MISS KENNY.

Of this we can give only a very meamental Reform. Then followed the declaration, that the world must have rules, by which to regulate its affairs. But the ods are chaotic ones - they areout-

Woman is not recognized as the true have your warmest encouragements.

brief speech, which was given with much earnestness and force, Bro. Spear ceptions," of course, are to be taken for became entranced, and took for his text, that old and familiar, yet significant adage, "Great oaks from little acorns And even such, we often think, should grow." The application was that great be very far from taking offence, for who After the reading of the above docu- movements are scarcely perceived at first, should be better pleased than they who just as it is with the tender sprout of the have good fitting coats! ed in all the reform questions of the age -both in matters of Philosophy, and ined the world to need. The document was presented by our mutual and mutua -both in matters of Philosophy, and was presented by our mutual and much the most significant and interesting char- Why it is so, can only be conjectured at present. Why it is so, can only be conjectured at present. We have before boldly challenged the pro-

a standing argument, more potent than

INSANITY CURED.

There has been a great hue and cry about the insanity of Spiritualism, on the part of the whining and time-serving press of this country (both religious and gre sketch. First, came an appeal to secular) ever since the movement began. mortals, in relation to radical, govern- But in the vast majority of cases, there was not even any seeming evidence of the truth of what they said. The stories were generally made up "out of whole great difficulty is, that our present meth- cloth" for mere effect; and strange to say, (so some people think-though we do not) the religious press has gener-

The profession is, that governments ally been the most ready to join in this mad are for the good of the governed; but | dog cry. Whenever this has been the case, in spite of all our efforts to the conenough to think as well of our fellow men of all kinds as we possibly can) that equal of Man, by any human government ancient scripture will force itself on our whatsoever. Therefore, all present gov- mind as pre-eminently applicable to those the work ready for us. But work we fied, Adin Ballou gave a discourse, at the only true basis of all political confed- ernments have Mene, Mene, Tekel, Uphar- who raise this cry-"Great is Diana of must, or starve-there is no mistake the little Chapel in Hopedale, on this erations; and that all Governments, sin, written upon them. But the reign the Ephesians!"-Alias-Bread and butabout that. Talk and Show are only general subject, and we were so com-must come sooner or later, into chaotic of tyrants is nearly over. The present ter !-- Now, reader, you will pardon us, effort to that end, is but a mere begin- we know for throwing in that alias as Fifth-That the only weapons which ning-nothing more. Every river has the interpretation of the scripture, for, If we rest where we are, we gather to some thousands, and that all our readers, ing, founding, or uprearing a Govern-have often, apparently, the smallest rise. have also tried hard several times to So here, the comparatively small effort of erase it lest some of our very particular Sixth-That the Association of Gov- the present occasion, will yet show itself friends might think we spoke too plainly. readers a series of articles on Christian uow commissions its Representative to man good. Then come ye, and be ye So we feel, under the circumstances, as We have been led to make these re-barks by one of the most hopeful cir-Truth. We might put a little clothing When Miss Kenny had finished her on it, however, by saying (if we felt disposed to do so) that "all honorable exgranted, so that no one need take offence, save those whom the " coat fits."

THE NEW ERA: OR HEAVEN OPENED TO MAN.

to present. It is the case of

ALFRED RHODES,

of the city of Lynn. This young man is now about eighteen years of age; but from a mere child-till recently-he has been singularly insane. This affection commenced with a sort of nervousness, and gradually grew upon him as he grew up, till it became a marked and settled insanity. And after it was so, his insanity would not unfrequently manifest itself, in keeping him half a day at a time, in dressing himself; and when sent of errands-as he sometimes was-he would constantly keep repeating the errand aloud on his way. Many other marked evidences also showed themselves, during the many years of his mania; and, till recently, he has never been able to do the least thing of consequence towards gaining a livelihood.

But this young man has been entirely and to all appearances permanently and effectually cured by Spirit Direction and influence alone. He now works at making shoes, (a famous occupation in Lynn) and easily earns his dollar a day !-- This we think is doing pretty well, for one whose whole life, almost, has been spent in an insane condition .- What good does Spiritualism do?

But the cure, in question, happened on this wise : Some year and a half ago (if we mistake not) a Miss Smith-Water Cure Physician-then living at High Rock Cottage-and who was a Spirit-Medium-was consulted by the parents of the young man; and the result was a series of prescriptions and manipulations, which eventuated in his complete recovery. One day, soon after the commencement of the cure, Mr. Spear and daughter happened at the cottage, during a visit of the Patient there, and they proved highly useful mediums for the application of a vitally healing ly attached to Woman, loves her for her lengthy. After answering questions sat-Spirit Power. The method of applying this power was by pulling the arms and hands with great force, fond of money, though he will not, nor ture with precipitous rocks, dashing lengthwise, and making a variety of passes and manipulations,-soon after which he began to recover, and in a few months, he was entirely well. Will the press which has so industriously circulated mere fictitious stories of a contrary character to the above, give their public the benefit of beneficent and hopeful truth like the above ?- Not they -else we shall begin to think the Kingdom of Heaven a little nearer the earth than we have been in the habit of doing.

What is there in Spiritualism, as such, that in the effort for success, he would selves. And thus endeth the storm in ing her mouth in a peculiar manner setto produce insanity ? Plainly just noth- appear, by his gestures and earnestness the teapot, for the present. ing at all. Spiritualism is evidently one of soul, so changed, that his friends Mrs. Johnson is very quietly following smile, quite peculiar to herself in life,

exceedingly active and rapid in his the spirit" in that case. thoughts and movements, dislikes delay, wants everything up to the mark, in time and in order. He is exceedingly accurate in his calculations, and generally sure to succeed in whatever he sets out for, in spite of all opposition ; yet he is affable in his manners, polite, winning and attractive; possesses a great deal of manliness and undaunted courage. He has a keen, active sense for

the wrongs and sufferings of his fellow beings; would do everything to assist in restoring them when necessity required. When he becomes grieved, it is that deep-seated grief which is much more easily felt than expressed, or indicated openly. His powers of concentration are truly wonderful, and when alone by himself he becomes entirely abstracted in thought, and even in the midst of confusion, when other minds would become greatly confused and disturbed, he, even then, has the faculty of comprehending the whole subject, and with perfect coolness, would rise and speak with such power and eloquence as would quiet the most confused and excited assembly He is ardently attached to his friends. Has strong attachments for home. Loves, and would be likely to pet children. He would love relaxation from business-

duction of a single case of insanity, come in contact with, possesses these reason, and fact. But Mr. W. founded screed. I had not thought of it for a which was made so by Spiritualism. powers so strongly marked-and still, his remarks in his lecture against Spirit- great length of time. Which was made so by Spirithalism. powers so analy in a tenarts in his lethal with all this greatness, he has much sym-We are still willing to let that challenge with all this greatness, he has much sym-ualism on the same text in Deut. xviii, On another occasion, Mrs. Salt, a tenant are designed for the New Era should be we are still willing to let that challenge with an doe group of the intervence of th stand, and shall always hold ourselves path and ourselves path and ourselves path and ourselves and and shall always hold ourselves path and ourselves as early as Thurs-ready to meet its requisitions, till the izes his daily acts. He will contend for familiar spirits, &c., are denounced in bic first site with a day, at 4 o'clock, each week, in order to ready to meet its requisitions, till the insure their insertion in the oppressed, and for those for whom the same sentence. So I think the Or-facts are plainly and unequivocally the oppressed, and for those for whom the same sentence. So I think the Or-facts are plainly and unequivocally the oppressed, and for those for whom the same sentence. facts are plainly and unequivocant in the next follow-against us,—then, but not till then, will he labors, most powerfully and conscien-then, but not till then, will he labors, most powerfully and conscien-then, but not till then, will he labors, most powerfully and conscien-then, but not till then, will he labors, most powerfully and conscien-then, but not till then, will he labors, most powerfully and conscien-then, but not till then, will he labors, most powerfully and conscien-then, but not till then, will he labors, most powerfully and conscien-then, but not till then, will he labors, most powerfully and conscien-then, but not till then the next follow-then the next follow-the next follow-the next follow-the next follow-the next follow-the next follow-then the next follow-the next f

of the most soothing and comforting of could scarcely recognize the natural out- up her mission here, in healing the sick. truths, and is therefore better calculated lines of his human organism, and after She has not advertised about the raps to cure than to cause any sort of mania these efforts, he would feel so exhausted, or as a healing medium; nevertheless, whatever. And now we have a marked that he could scarcely stand alone. He quite a number come to hear the raps case in point. Indeed, we have many, is very cautious; will watch very close- and, as far as known, the answers are but one in particular, which we wish now ly what he advances, as well as what almost invariably correct. The guests smile was effected by turning them downothers may say in his presence. I should are mostly from a low class and the questhink he had been a marked scholar tions trivial, but "milk for babes." Two with every study in which he had en- individuals of more than ordinary intelgaged, even from childhood up; and I ligence were developed as writing medithink his motto has ever been, "that ums at the first sitting, but unfortunately right is might." He has always been belong to a proscribed sect. A rapping aspiring in his nature, and determined medium, a young and handsome girl, to excel. No one thing seems too great was developed at one sitting while I was tor him to undertake, if by it he could in Liverpool, N. S., but her friends bereach the position he aspires to. He is ing rigid Baptists will probably "quench

> I do not see much chance of getting up enough opposition here, to create a The New Dispensation, in introducing Mass. sufficient demand for a lecture in favor the Paper to the notice of those who are of Spiritualism. The people are very unacquainted with it, but who, nevertheslow and do not even know enough to less, are interested in Spiritualism, and keep warm, but shiver in overcoats and who, were the right word said to shawls over their miserable hearth fires, them, would easily be induced to subwhen the thermometer is 12° below ze- scribe, and thus lend us their aid (so nec-

the altar against his congregation con- al friends everywhere, think of these sulting the spirits, but it was "no go." things, and consider themselves agents They want to hear about their relatives for THE NEW ERA. and sweethearts at sea, and the bonds of affection are stronger than those of priestcraft.

A. CRIDGE.

Proofs of Spirit Idendity. NUMBER TWO.*

My Spirit wife first announced herself by name at Mr. Percival's in this city, Mrs. and Master P. being the mediums, with directions to call on Mr. Gordon then in town, (Mr. G. is perhaps the most remarkable medium in the U. S.) On calling as directed, much to my astonishment, my Spirit Nephew and Father responded as already published. sighs for retirement, and I think he My wife did not communicate for some would like a stroll in some beautiful weeks, when she returned, and in a most woods, or by some quiet stream where remarkable manner fully satisfied all my he might forget to think. He is strong- doubts. To detail all would be too virtues and intelligence. He dislikes isfactorily, she controlled Mr. G.'s hand selfishness and narrow transaction. Is to draw with lead pencil a marine piccannot be penurious. He is fond of waves, a light house, steamship, with asgood living and would be likely to in- cending rockets, then altered the bow of dulge in a sumptuous dinner if set be- the ship and made motion of her going fore him. He is fond of music, and at in the opposite direction. Then drew a times much pleased with lively company | round, low fort, &c. While the picture when the mind is not too much abstract- was being drawn, I had not the slightest ed and absorbed in business matters. idea what was intended, but on a mo-He seems to be engaged in that kind of ment's reflection, it was as clear as a public business which is very trying, and sunbeam. Explanation. About two exceedingly perplexing, and I should years previous, I had been shipwrecked think some times would be obliged to on my return voyage from England, on argue and plead against the honest con- the north coast of Ireland, in the new victions of his own soul. I seem to see English Steamship, Africa. We ran on him often engaged in speaking with the rocks described in the sketch. A great power and eloquence before crowd- lighthouse was near; but we did not see ed assemblages. He is a person that is it till daylight, on account of the fog. thoroughly acquainted with human na- We remained fast on the rocks till next and his beautiful vision of him as a ture-will judge most accurately of char- day. Our Captain had sky rockets sent dream. But though a dream, was it not acter at the first glance. His memory is up as signals during the night. Next real? excellent, which gives him the advantage day a steamer came to our rescue. We over many great minds. He must be a were gotten off, her bow reversed and powerful man, for such are the impres- towed by a steamer back to Liverpool, sions I receive in holding the letter to while our engine was used at the pumps self were together,-who were for some my forehead. His intellectual and men- to keep her from sinking. The Fort in tal powers predominate and the sphere is the drawing was a circular Battery at the Universalist Magazine. Father many witnesses. Also, a representation and very brilliant and pleasing. I wonder entrance of the Mersey river in view of Ballou came suddenly into the room explanation of the Celestial Spheres, as given Liverpool. Subsequently Mr. Gordon made a vis- from a journey. We were very much est intimation of whose character she it to my house. He was thrown into the surprised to see him, for we knew he was about to reveal, not even seeing the trance state, and immediately reached was dead. He smiled, and saluted us as he hand-writing, which a number can testi- out one hand with the fingers straighten- used to in the days of his flesh. 'Why ! ed to me, while he grasped the wrist with Father Ballou!' we exclaimed, 'how can the other. I said I did not understand you be here-you are dead !' 'O chilwhat was meant. He then placed his dren,' said he, ' death is nothing-death hand on the table and wrapped his hand- is no matter of dread-all, all is bright 50 ets, is now presented to the public with the kerchief neatly round it, placed the where I have been.' His face shone valuable addition of "The Queen of Truth" at Rev. Wm. Wilson of Yarmouth has edge of his other hand across the wrist with heavenly light-he continued to the former price. And to farther extend the minds that can compare with this indi-written a letter in answer to mine in the as if sawing it off. The Pantomime was smile with great grace-the spell that vidual. He has a keen, quick percep- Yarmouth Herald, wherein he accuseth then all plain. Explanation. Some came upon us was delightful while it tion, which enables him to perceive, at me of being a Universalist and an igno- fourteen years previously I had a plaster lasted; but we awoke-it was night-it a glance, and comprehend any subject ramus. Whereupon Rev. Wm. Hoop- cast, taken of her hand and face. The was a dream." brought before him. His mental powers er of Halifax, wrote in answer that he face I had given to her favorite brother. are continually engaged; even when had positive proof that I belonged to I asked the spirit what it was in. The attempting to sleep, the mind is occu- another denomination, and exposed some hand was then drawn inside of a small pied with great and momentous subjects, false statements of W. in regard to the box which nearly filled it. I asked in which he is so continually engaged; connection of the Universalist denomi- where it was. It was written, upstairs. and I should think he might be often nation with Spiritualism. Thereupon He, Mr. G., was controlled to proceed in entitled as above. It is a well written heard speaking in his sleep, or thinking W. waxed wroth, and reiterated his search of it. 1 endeavored to mislead and interesting article, from an esteemed very loudly. He has much more mental charge against me and said Mr. H. was him, he said it was in the front room, his power than physical strength, which no gentleman. Meanwhile somebody hand was controlled towards an outer box profitable hints to all. seems to be exhausting the physical else sent for insertion in the paper an containing the small one with the hand too fast. It is one of those minds that article on Dreams, from Kitto, a writer described. I opened the box and prohas progressed far beyond its years. For of unquestioned Orthodoxy, wherein the duced it, very much to the astonishment argument, criticism, deep research and position taken by Mr. W., in reference of all. It was wrapped in a fine napkin at the Melodeon on Sunday evening

and which I had often remarked to her OR SPIRIT CONVERSATIONIST. and our friend, for its uniqueness. Artwith her and her mother, a pleasing

W. WEST. Philadelphia.

"Number One appeared in the New York Spiritual Telegraph. Josh -----

To The Friends of The New Era.

Will all the friends of this Journal do what they can to aid us in the circulation of this Journal ? We depend, more essary to us) in the great and good work of The R. C. Bishop has spoken from spreading the light. Will all our re-

The Dial Alphabet.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another eolumn has been delayed a little, by some unforeseen circumstances, but is now ready for delivery. It is too large to be sent by mail, and yet is so small, (it being only eight inches square, and on an average about two inches thick,)that its than equal the smallest sized packages. And Express arrangements are now so perfect throughout the United States, that fthey who send orders will be very particular to give their address in full, they will be very sure to get what they

The following item, we take from the Trumpet-the leading Universalist Organ of this city and of New England. It was written by the Editor of that paer. Rev. Thomas Whittemore, who though not a Spiritualist, has almost ed Spiritualism with a good share of respect. "FATHER BALLOU," as many of our readers know, was the Great Foundyears. We were personally acquainted ment address with him while in the flesh, and for some time before he passed away from the body, we knew him to be deeply interested in the Spiritual Manifestations. Mr. Whittemore speaks of him as dead

STANDINC NOTICE.

All notices, appointments etc., which Hon. J.W. EDMONDS, GEO. T. DEXTER, M.D.

THEDIAL ALPHABET;

ists, in drawing a smile are wont to turn spinits, and of which we gave our Readers ly, in the fall and in the abstract; to examine the corners of the mouth upward, but some account a few weeks ago (see number 13) the condition of our country in every part, as a is now ready for delivery. With a good whole, and in the several States, Counties, Cit-Tipping Medium, and a little practice, conversations are carried on with this Machine very tions of Society ; to form new relations, based on rapidly; and several of the more tedious meth- the principles of Spiritual Philosophy; and to ods, heretoforein general use, may be entirely develop those means which shall harmonize evesuperseded by this unique and beautiful INVEN- ry element and instrumentality of Society one TION OF SPIRITS. Printed instructions, always accompany the Instrument, which are so full and explicit, that no one need have any difficulty in using it. It cannot be sent by mail, but it may be transported by Express, to any part Spiritual Worlds, and also such communications of the United States, at the price of the Smallest express packages.

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STEPHEN CUTTER.

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Evening Lectures. We are also prepared to fulfil engagements during the week, at such times and places as may be desired. Our friends should bear in mind that arrangements should always be made in such good season as to give ample notice of the meeting.

Ladies' Institute. OF THE

THE SACRED CIRCLE.

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AND OWEN G. WARREN.

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It will be the purpose of this work to advance Truth in every form and shape; to discuss Radical Moral Reform, Intellectual Reform-the Reform of the times-in their political, mercantile, agricultural, and mechanical relations; This instrument, for CONVERSATION WITH to advocate Liberty, positively and unhesitatingies, and Towns; to elevate the existing relawith another.

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To hear the heavenly song.

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And from temptations' fatal wiles Turn thou her feet away ; And in that dark and trying hour, O, lead her heart to pray.

May those who wait around her path And on her steps attend, Guide her in wisdom's narrow path 'To Life's short journey's end.

Then from the shining realms on high, May holy angels come, And waft her spirit through the sky, To Heaven, our happy home.

And then our loudest songs we'll raise, In rapturous strains to Thee, And to the Lamb, whose blood was shed For us, on Calvary.

Notes from the Spirit World. NUMBER SEVEN.

We will now speak of the Religious Circles or Societies that exist on your earth; and of their relation to man.

The various organized bodies of men that exist are highly important. They are the nuclei arround which gather all such minds as can, by their affinities unite in a common body. They are retreats where each can find its appropriate place of sympathy, of affection, and of development according to its condition and wants. In the midst of all the jarring confusions, we clearly perceive a bond of union pervading, in different degrees, the whole mass. We also perceive a vital connection existing between each of these apparently conflicting circles, by which all are drawn ever upward towards the more perfect: the influence of those above continually descending by this organic connection to bless and elevate those below. The wisdom of this ar- the rock on which they wreck. rangement is not yet perceived by you. Hence, some suppose the time will come when these distinctive circles will cease

of all concerned.

It is opposed to the will of God, as well only a suppressed volcano. as to the best feelings of man. It is a Even in this life, in all of our educagreat obstacle to the progress of the race. tional movements, the same judicious Therefore, O man, labor to hasten the means are adopted. We have our juvetime when the children of the One Infi- nile schools, the academy and our highnite Father, shall fully recognize their fra- er institutions of learning. Each adaptternal relations-when all false distinc- ed to the progressive educational deve'. tions, and all wrongs which spring from them, shall be forever annihilated.

The elementary causes which are desof righteousness. They will be multiplied and perfected as the rays of truth shall fall upon the earth till all discordant elements shall be reduced to a state of harmony resembling that of the spheres above.

JAS. S. DRAPER.

Spiritualism in Lowell, Mass.

BY B. F. HATCH, M. D.

My recent visit to that city afforded me much pleasure in beholding the interest which is manifested in this new philosophy. The seed of progress and harmonial development is being extensively scattered, and although some of the ground is as yet uncuitivated and barren and the seed lies upon the surface for the want of depth of earth, yet by the influence of richer fields it cannot fail of bringing forth fruit which shall tower even to the heavens.

There are advantages enjoyed there, which I have found no where else-advantages from which should be derived far greater benefit to the parties. They are supplied with plenty of mediums, some of which are of a higher order than any with whom I have before met -mediums who are adorned with the brightest gems of moral, social and intellectual worth-harmonious in their nature, and through whom spirits of higher spheres communicate in tones of loveliness and beauty, that are well calculated to stamp the impress of heaven upon the soul of the hearer. The appeals of eloquence accompanied by force and independence of character, the beauty of diction, the sweetness of intonation the simplicity and harmony of their teachings with the great principles of nature, all highly tend to rivet the affections. convince the judgment and enlarge the soul. In this respect there is no lack of opportunity, and many are improving these privileges to a good advantage.

But I regret to say that this is the fairest side of the picture, and my friends will not take offence if I point out to them

Nature's laws are simple, beautiful and harmonious in their operations, and equality pervades their every department. It is to these we should look for guidance, and when rightly understood they will ceive, for the spiritual advancement of lead us into harmony with ourselves, with all the world, and leave the impress of their Author upon our hearts. We cannot err whilst we tread in their footsteps; their ways are harmony and all their paths are peace : their isles are adorned with the flowers of beauty, the fragrance of which cheers the traveler in his weary journey towards his brighter home. But how little they are understood ! how dimly we see our highest good and the way of life! Ministering angels of mercy are beckoning us away from the accumulated filth of ages, and trying to teach us our position and duty to each other, and well will it be for us if we heed their admonitions. All who believe in the harmonial philosophy believe in the progressive development of all intelligent creatures, both in this state of existence and in the high- all other bold spirits, who have lead the obtained. er spheres. The philosophy inculcated good of the world at heart, have partakby the inhabitants of the spirit land, is, en largely of this principle; and shall that there exist different circles and we act upon the conscience of others, London in 1792, are accounts of three spheres; and that the inhabitants occu- and even those in whom it can scarcely cases similar to that above detailed, of py the higher or lower according to their be found? When I do this, may my stage of development—the higher sowing right arm become palsied, and my soul be worth while to subjoin a short notice. the seeds of progress among the lower become dwarfed as it necessarily must and beckoning them onward and upward be when it sinks to the capacity of the ergent, a French woman, 40 years of -that only those who are of the same world. moral, social and intellectual growth can The circles which I have had the fancy. When single she drank three occupy the same circle or sphere, or, in pleasure of visiting in Lowell, contain pailfuls daily; but after marriage, only strength, that the ignorant may possess other words stand upon the same level. all the elements of a rapid progress, and two. The quantity was stated by others This appears to me to constitute one of were it not for the inequality of the to be sometimes four pailfuls. the great beauties of our higher home, growth of its members, or, were it divid- The second case was that of a man in without which all would be blasted in a ed into circles corresponding with the de- England, aged 51. The disease had bread. We behold the wealthy, making universal social discord. For it must be velopment of its several members, there existed twenty-three years, and came on useless expenditure, that would furnish seen that harmony cannot prevail where would be an interest and growth which after a long-continued fever and ague. there are such a variety of conflicting can never take place under the present The quantity he drank amounted to six-Elements; and to avoid this, nature has state of things. I suggested this to teen or seventeen quarts daily. We behold false distinctions of caste established the principle of association some of the members; but it is someguiding you in selecting your associates; upon affinities, which affinities can only times found difficult to adopt a course his pulse was from 80 to 85. His daily moving to favoritism in your efforts to do exist upon equality of growth. When which in the soul is felt to be right. quantity amounted to about ten quarts.-good, and injuring all your plans for we understand this law we readily see Nature assures us that it will be ac- N. E. Medical Journal, for July, 1815. yourselves and your offspring by its in- how utterly impossible it is to maintain complished, and the sooner it is brought siduous workings. The good and wor-perfect harmony in an association of about, the better it will be for all conthy are excluded from privileges which people where there is a wide difference cerned. they ought to enjoy, while the undeserv- in their intellectual and spiritual growth. In view of the almost unequal oppor- Nov. 30.

ing are sought and admired for their The elements do not commingle, neither tunity which is offered by such a superioutward blandishments, to the detriment is it possible for them to do so. There or class of mediums, it is to be much remay be a quiet submission as oil will gretted that the light which might be This state of things must pass away. rest upon water, but this is not harmony, drawn from the higher spheres should be

opment of the pupil. We cannot fail to see the inexpediency of placing the juvenile in the academy, or, those who are living in Hingham, in this State. Havtined to produce such a change are being only prepared to take their first lessons ing been informed of his singular case, rapidly developed in theory. They will in the latter, in the higher institutions. be established upon the higher principles It would throw the whole educational scheme into a perfect confusion.

which are got up for the investigation of our visit the following facts were collected this new phenomena and the education from his own account of himself, which of the spirit. Some absolutely need the were confirmed by the testimony of the physical demonstrations to convince persons with whom he now lives, and them that it is absolutely spiritual; others doubt not its spirituality, but are satisfied with this conclusion: to them its mere existence is a finality, and they meet from time to time for the purpose of witnessing the demonstrations, with- plexion dark and ruddy; he is short out thinking that perchance they may thick, rather sturdy, and, except his preget a new idea and their souls enlarged. ternatural thirst, has never been afflicted Still others look upon the glimmering with disease. At present, the quantity rays from the celestial regions which are which he habitually drinks in twenty-four now flickering across the vision, as on- hours, amounts to three pailfuls or six ly an emblem of a brighter day which at gallons. This is necessary, not only its meridian glory will usher in a condi- to prevent the sensation of a tormenting tion of society, of which we can now form no just conception.

It cannot otherwise be that when there is such diversity in the same circle discord must exist. The different elements war upon each other and I don't drink, it gets into my head." He more especially to the mediums whose finds himself obliged to drink at intervals sensibility is such as to enable them to of about an hour and half or two hours, be spoken through, it hangs as a thou- one or two quarts at a time. At night sand mill-stones about their necks to he places a pail-ful of water at his bedhold them down. In this way, they, as side, the whole of which he requires bewell as the higher members of the cir- fore morning, waking whenever it becle, are deprived of that rapid progress which they might otherwise enjoy. By the conflicting elements, the mediums are often thrown into a mental state, which renders it impossible for the communicating spirits to convey what they would, and in this way the whole feast is lost to all.

Now were they to adopt the course which has been so wisely adopted in our institutions of learning, and which we are taught is adopted by the tagher avoids mixing anything with it, especially spheres, all this would be avoided-the any kind of spirituous liquors, which he foremost would progress much more rap- dislikes. Its coldness causes no inconidly, and they would scatter the seed among the hindermost which would chill. spring up into Life Everlasting.

The different beliefs among the harmonial philosophers as well as among the different churches, stand as so many mile-stones marking the progress the in-

kept from the world. I hope the friends will improve their privileges, and by so doing their own souls will be elevated. and the world blessed.

Boston, Feb. 25.

A Case of Polydipsia.

The subject of the following account is a young man, named James Webb, now I went in company with Mr. Norton, Librarian of Harvard University, to ascertain its nature and the truth of the circum-Even so it is in many of the circles stances related concerning him. During more particularly by that of others with

He was twenty years of age some time in the month of October, 1814. His appearance is that of firm health; his comthirst, but to preserve him in his ordinary his usual allowance, his head is affected comes necessary. He has sometimes taken to the amount of a gallon at once, without experiencing any bad effects. He drank two quarts in our presence. having taken one but fifteen minutes before. He swallows with great eagerness and the appearance of satisfaction, drinking a quart in the time that a common person would a quarter of that quantity. He uses water directly from the well, even in the depth of winter, and

venience, except occasionally a slight He has no recollection of the time when

this habit commenced, but has been told by his parents that it was in infancy and and soon after birth. The quantity which he now drinks, does not, he thinks, differ dividual has made. Strictly speaking, it materially from that which he drank at can be regarded only as a matter of nine or ten years old. He has several times endeavored to break off the habit, but always has suffered from the attempt in the manner above mentioned. His appetite for food is not remarkable; the persons with whom he lives merely observing, that he was a hearty eater. His meat and drink at his meals are like those of the persons with whom he lives. His pulse, during our visit, was full, strong, and remarkably unfrequent, not exceeding at any time, fifty-six pulsations in a minute, and being sometimes so few as forty five. The temperature of the atmosphere had no influence on his thirst, since he requires the same quantity of water in the warmest as in the coldest weather. He had an uncle who was formerly affected in the same way, although not in an

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to exist. But they are, and they ever will be absolutely necessary, as we perthe race.

Their present condition is not harmonious. Individual members oppose their brethren. Circle opposes circle, association opposes association. This want of harmony is incidental and temporary. It will be succeeded by a state of perfect unity in design and harmony in action. The elements of present strife will then be perceived only as means for developing more perfect Love. Patience will have her perfect work. Candor will judge tenderly yet truly of frailty and ignorance. Heavenly Charity will dwell in every heart. All souls will be turned towards the Central source of Truth and Goodness, which will then flow from circle to circle, and from member to member in increasing streams of refreshing power even to the farthest extremities.

Discourse will now be made concerning man's social state. He is yet very far from his destined condition, in this, as in all other respects.

We behold, in your midst, a degree of social injustice that bears a strong resemblance to what is called oppression and tyranny. We behold the weak in intellect burdened with physical toils that ought to be borne by all according to their ment. We behold the poor cringing beneath the wealthy, to secure their daily needy.

time, for where the foremost are, the hindermost are destined to be. The progress of the world fully demonstrates this fact, and all should realize that the ability of learning is not equal-a man may be old in years and a baby in knowledge.

One great evil I every where behold among all associations of men, is, that it is the hindermost, or most conservative party that are the controlling class. They are with the majority ; that majority gives them influence and power, which power hangs as a social incubus upon the more progressive class.

It appears to me it would be well to avoid this dead weight by each one acting upon his own individual sovereignty, accountable alone to his own conscience and to his God. This is a rare element equal degree. He served in the army durin human nature; but it is, and ever has ing the Revolutionary War and was said been the only savior of the world. Mo- to have died in consequence of being ses, Confucius, Christ, Lycurgus, and in a situation where water was not to be

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