"A MAN'S TRUE WEALTH HEREAFTER IS THE GOOD HE DOES IN THIS WORLD TO HIS FELLOW-MEN."—Mahomet

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Great God ! what wisdom is at Thy command, What power, while worlds are balanced in Thy hand! Thy watchful care directs the slender blade, And warms with sunshine and protects with shade, Encircles earth with rivers, lakes, and seas, Directs the storm, yet whispers in the breeze, While worlds revolve in undiscovered space, Where weary thought can find no resting-place; Yet not a single grain is left to chance Throughout creation's infinite expanse;
Thy love and wisdom mold and guide the whole,

But where is man-the apex of God's love, Hath he no part in this stupendous plan? He left to grope his way as best he can? He made to walk a dim!and dangerous path, Mid darkness, dogmas, superstition, wrath? With feeble step, while doubts assail his mind, A hell! For whom? For man, a priest replies And man alone, of all beneath the skies, Is doomed to wail in endless pain and woe, To flaming fire, for God hath made it so; Our Heavenly Father fired the molten lake For His dear children e'er he them did make: Thus saith the priest, and all the church believe Whetever he may preach, they will receive. Who can believe, when taught by reason's light, That man is wholly wrong, all else is right? That God's great purpose fails with human sonis While all of lesser value He controls! That man alone is doomed to weep and wall. Through endless ages in a dismal vale; In vain to pray with supplicating cry, "My God, how long! must I forever die ?" "Forever!" echoes from God's awful throne,

With mocks and jeers at every burdened groan O thoughtless man, reflect, can this be true, When God who made thee, had thy end in view? Will He who hears the ravens when they cry. Mock and deride thee, when no hope is nigh? Will he who clothes the lilies of the field, That neither toil, nor spin, nor raiment yield; Who feeds the fowls that never reap nor sow. Extends His watchful care where'er they go; Will He who clothes the grass which is to-day, While all its beauty quickly fades away, Forget His image-His immortal child? Is he alone derided and defiled? Or left to tread the downward thoroughfare, With Satan to bewilder and ensnare. And urge him on to death and dark despair? "O ye of little faith !" let reason sway : Are not your souls more costly far than they? Believe that God thy Father is thy friend, And hath designed thee for a noble end: Made earth thy home, selected each his clime, The age in which to live, and length of time; Ordained the path for every human soul,

And gives a foretaste of immortal day; While all are molded by the hand of fate, Before the mind attains its conscious state: "Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined," Is no less truthful of the human mind. Doth man select his native land? his birth? Can any these reject, throughout the earth? Yet clime and birth direct and mold the mind,

Before it had a thought of self-control:

Illumines each with Hope's inspiring ray,

And mark the path to which man is inclined. Who gave the different climes their faith and fear? And each the Bible they so much revere? All claiming leaders from the upper sphere, Divinely sent to banish every fear.

The Persian takes his law from Zoroaster . Mohammed wrote the Koran as divine ; While thus sincere, the law to each is right; Each page and volume beams with heavenly light. Who made us Christians and gave us our law? All others wrong, but ours without a flaw? Are thus nine-tenths of all mankind deceived In their religion, honestly believed? Is God thus partial to the human race? While love divine is seen in all we trace? While suns and systems move in order grand, Propelled by laws ordained by His command While every grain in this terrestrial ball, Alike sustains, yet each sustaining all; While all creation is but one design, Through which eternal harmonies combine. Who will presume, in this stupendous plan That God, controlling all, neglected man? That He directs revolving worlds with care, Yet lavs for man a fatal, artful snare? That god hath made immortal souls in vain, Or, what is worse, made most for endless pain ? That God's own children under any sky. Were made immortal to forever die ? Or that there can exist a human soul, Devoid of God's divine, supreme control? For He adapts the food to every mind, And shape the destiny of all mankind. Thus every people hath a form of praise Most wisely suited to its wants and ways : And every soul in this and every land. Is kindly nurtured by a Father's hand;

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And is directed by unchanging law,

#### IS IT POSSIBLE?

To choose the right, from danger to withdraw.

#### A STORY FROM REAL LIFE!

WRITTEN FOR THE PRESENT AGE, BY ANNIE DENTON CRIDGE. CHAPTER VIII.

Three days passed away-three days of the hopes, and dreams of bliss that had gathered around that cottage.

should go at once and together, but that rather in many cases to die by inches. sickness and even now O, I love thee for proposition was immediately vetoed by Os- Poorly paid in every department of labor in what thee really is now, not for what thee car, who considered the risk of failure amply which they are allowed to participate, and de- might be or do had thee wealth." sufficient to warrant some degree of caution, barred from many employments in which they especially in their circumstances, and remarked that if Charles and Jane succeeded, most every avenue of profitable employment ever; how foolish it would have been to have the remaining members of the family could readily follow, while in case of failure, the eved public opinion and an impenetrable pha- pretty, with those longings of your soul buried two could in some way, manage to return; lanx of rules and customs-where can they just at their birth! I must and will have but that if all went and failed, it would be a turn : what can they do, in most cases, but wealth for thee and me-for thy sake and thy misfortune very difficult to remedy.

Jane, then, must go alone, leaving her tution? mother. Jessie and Oscar behind : as the

come in a few months with Oscar."

of the comparatively uniform temperature in gradually take one after another of those we- mother will never give her consent to my gocontrast with the sudden extremes of heat men, (as I perceived them to be worthy, reli- ing. I had a curious dream last night; it (here he took her hand) better than life this he put back again in the trunk, into dist minister who, on the occasion of a cer-

their little world, its brightness was reflected be their portion. in the face of Charles, and they were again

a happy family. derful case of contagion communicated by and packing fruit for the city market, thus with the waves we saw mother in the water, direct; and it is because I would act disinte- bilities for success on what he knew, and withsie has proved very susceptible, and hers is a in large cities, and enabling those who re- a vessel came in sight, made towards us and this. Did I consult my heart only, and not to her views, he might have so acted as to

say too much; indeed, I can already see very employers. strong symptoms of the fever; think of the last three days, Charles! how leaden the minished, I would repeat and amplify such eyes! how sluggish the gait! it is said the operations in various places, until the female contagion always makes the patient feel thus labor market would be raised first, by insurat first, and now we have in Jane's case, the ing females fair compensation in existing ocnext step of the disease; her eyes are bright; cupations, and secondly, by making available, look, Charles, at the fever lurking there!"

talked and planned for the journey to Cali- riers." fornia. The cottage must be given up, and furniture sold; clothes, thick and warm for their journey around the cape, must be pro- she smiled gently; there would be sharp coming joy or sorrow? or are we in such a vided; Jessie, Charles said, would become strong-yes, stronger and healthier than ev- ment, ignorance and selfishness which are open the windows of the soul, and, unconer, while Mrs. Allston would re-juvinate and troublesome elements anywhere, and not like- trolled by this body, obtain a glimpse of com-

not interrupting the plans that were drawn, I do not anticipate smooth sailing and no ideas are, in a measure correct; sometimes or the castles that were built on this or sub- storms, summer without a winter, or a field spirits without physical bodies percieve the sequent evenings; she expressed neither ap- of operations in which no obstacles would future and impress us, and sometimes spirits proval or disapproval of Jessie's accompany- present themselves; there is a positive and with, or in physical bodies; I see but little ing them. The mother was busy with her negative in all thinigs, which is perhaps nec- difference; it is still the same immortal prinown thoughts, among which mingled many essary to establish an equilibrium. an anxious fear respecting the future of her daughter Jane, who, meanwhile, had not only would not be limited to any one or two kinds haps thee is right; soul unincumbered—soul become reconciled to, but pleased with the of business, but might be indefinitely varied in a body-soul free-still soul." Then, idea of going to California.

they had much to talk of. Jane even began kinds of light goods, such as could be per- eagerly listened. to believe that California was the way of formed by woman's labor." Providence for herself and family. In her | Charles remarked that he thought lectures quiet but struggling life, she had silently re- on the subject might be beneficial. volved in her mind principles and sentiments "Well, yes, they might, but preaching mine!" "Now," Jessie continued, "thee nizing; he would leave that for which there what; there is a dull, heavy weight here (putof philanthropy which she believed might be is far less efficacious than practice. We hear may laugh as thee likes, but I believe I shall was no remedy; but the thought was persisapplied to the world, and make it a home in- a good deal, especially in the old countries, one day be very wealthy. I look, and those tently obtrusive; should be die or fail, what row had come to me.' deed for every human being. California and about amelioration of the condition of the walls expand, those small prospective wealth changed that which was working classes, and every "ism" has its ex- palatial forms; festoons, mirrors, pictures theoretical and barely possible into the prac- ponents; but we have too much preaching, rare and costly, adorn the walls; I shall live

As Charles listened to her enthusiasm res- tical, and something whispers to me that the they will be mine. Ah, don't I dream! am pecting California, and thought of the sacri- necessary power will sometime be mine. Ev- I not extravagant! what a silly foolish girl!' fices she was about to make in leaving her er since Jessie and I left the home-nest, I and Jessie laughed incredulously at her phanfamily, he felt that much as he had loved her have been seeking a panacea for the evil- tom. previously, he new loved her more than for the magic key that should give fair remuhim what might she not do for the world !

"I wish I had a million of dollars, Charles," she said one evening.

"A million, Jane!" he replied; "a million of dollars! why you have the gold fever to an extent positively alarming!" You said dollars. Does thee think thee will ever find I have no idea, unless from California." you wished so to live in all respects as to a nugget of gold worth a million of dollars?" excite not envy but love, admiration and she laughingly asked. "O, no!" she continideality-meaning by the latter faculty that ued; don't expect anything of the kind; which loves the beautiful, the harmonious, and so I shall go on commencing all kinds of the perfect; so, pray, what would you do manufacturing establishments, furnishing with a million of dollars? I would myself stores, etc., etc., turning the world of labor like a considerable sum; but come, Jane, upside-down and right side up in the regions what is to be done with a million of dollars?

Charles had rolled up for her under the realized, and sometimes the thought coming as shade of a tree; as he talked, her face be- it does now unexpectedly and obtrusively, came flushed, for with Jessie alone had she whispering as if in prophesy, "The power ever given utterance to her ideas, as to what will come;" but then, how can the requisite might be done with such a sum; and only funds ever be mine?" within the last few days had it occurred to her that a time might come when she herself | Charles enthusiastically, "they should be givcould have the control of such an amount.

Then Jane related the experience of her- gether. O, Jane! you are too good for me; self and Jessie in their endeavors to provide I realize this more and more as I sound the gloom, during which the cottage was unvisit- for themselves; "and yet," she added, "our depths of your spirit." ed-like the pause of the tide, between flow trials were but short lived; then think of ing to Saturday night for searcely sufficient we rich. I have not been tested; thee has; could work to advantage, if permitted; al- am now resolved to have wealth more than carefully guarded against them by a lynx- settled down in that cottage, though it is so choose between semi-starvation and prosti- philanthropy; I feel more and more sustain-

"Now the million of dollars-what would I for wealth sacrifice all ease." mother and daughter dwelt on this, it was do with it? Suppose, in the first place, I not remarkable that they were silent. Jessie commence an establishment in New-York with her bonnet and shawl on having been for alone looked favorably on the subject; and where gentlemen's under-garments, &c. are a walk with her mother. "I am getting ready now that the silence of the three days was made and sold; then I employ ten, twenty for California," she said; "I shall be ready ended, and they began to talk of Califor- or thirty of those poor sewing women who nia and of Jane's departure, Jessie broke in: now make those garments for a few cents "Oh dear! I wish I was going to Califor- each, when I could pay far better than they someness had returned, and she was the same nia; let me go with Jane, and mother can are paid at present. The profits that now go ardent, impulsive, charming Jessie as of old. mainly into the pockets of numberless store-"I have no objections" replied the latter. keepers would then be turned into their legit- as she closed the door of the room in which "But mother has: I can see No-posi- imate channel-that of the producer. I back they had gone to take off their bonnets and tive No-in her eyes," replied Jessie, laugh- it with my capital, let us suppose, until it is shawls. "What makes thee so serious? ingly; "why California is a delightful cli- in a paying condition. According to busi- Tell me the subject of your conversation. mate; breathing such salubrious air, I shall ness ethics, I should then commence to in- Is thee and Charles afraid of California? you as much as the truth. All I fear is that large; but on the upper part being removed "I do Jessie, we then thought it an especial grow as strong as a German girl in three crease my capital by making money out of Have you some misgivings? I have none, if you may misunderstand or fail to appreciate an inner box was reached which was full of gift from God; but now it is clear to me; months; just rub up your memories; think these toiling women, instead of which I would we only go; all I fear is we won't go after all; my motives.

"Meanwhile my million dollars, still undi- awoke." So they jested with the question, and then part, by want of means and artificial bar- fear is that we are not going."

"But failure," whispered Charles.

live twenty years longer than she would here. ly to be altogether excluded from intruding ling events?" Mrs. Allston answered only with a smile, themselves into such operations as I propose.

"The plan I have suggested, moreover, and extended to suit the demand at given quickly looking up and her whole manner Every evening Jane and Charles walked points; as, for intance, millinery and clo- changing, she told Jessie the subject of her out; those walks were now extended, for thing stores, and manufactories of various conversation with Charles, to which Jessie

fancy) that I might introduce the wedge.

Jane was quietly seated on a log which each department just as if it was going to be

"Had I a million of dollars," rejoined en to the work, and you and I would labor to-

"What nonsense Charles! It is said that and ebb, were those three days; for time the tens-ves, hundreds of thousands of wo- gold corrodes the heart. It is very easy to was required to transfer to distant California men in our cities toiling from Monday morn- say when we are poor what we would do were to keep body and soul together-working all the cottage, the furniture, my mothers room, Charles proposed that the whole family day, every day, and half the night to live, or Jessies room; thy kindness during Jessie's

"But a drop in the ocean," he replied; "I ed in my resolve; for wealth I will labor-

On their arrival at home Jessie was there. for the voyage before you will."

She was recovering rapidly; her blithe-

"Thee looks very thoughtful," said Jessie

and cold here; besides, who wants to settle able and capable) into partnership with me, was this: I was on a smooth sea in a tiny itself; better than all else do I love you, and which he also tumbled all the other articles tain woman relating her religious experience down even in such a nice little cottage as to a greater or less extent, so that every such boat, in which were thee, Charles, mother and this love never will—never can die. I have except the shawl, and again laid down. that we dreamed of as our home! I do not; person in the establishment would soon not little Charley; we sang songs and were so been thinking that it will cost a good deal of "I shall need it all," he thought, to effect you were swearing before you came.' The I want no hum-drum life. I'm glad Charles only be well paid, but participate in the legit- happy! the sea-gulls were flying around our money to take us both to California; and any desirable result, yet I must leave two woman then confessed that one of her chilwants to go to California, for we shall see a imate business profits of the establishment; boat and a little bird alighted on my shoulder again, I will not be the means of separating or three hundred dollars for Jane, if I marry dren made her so angry not long before she little of the world." Just then Charles then instead of gaunt and forms hungry stom- which I caught. While we were admiring it you from your family; besides, I may not her." What if he did not? the thought left home that she did swear. Many curious came in from the office. The sad locks on achs, sad pale faces and sadder hearts, they the sky suddenly darkened; I looked and be- succeed in California—may not realize my was like madness. All night long he fought facts might be explained on this hypothesis. their faces were gone; Jessie's speech had would have good homes, good food and good held a black cloud arising in the south; the hopes; not all who go there do. I propose with those demons of his own creation, But if there be such a faculty as intuitiveelectrified them; once more the sun shone on clothes; life, not living death, would then wind began to blow, and our boat was lifted, then Jane, to go alone; I shall then have as if with a night-mare; and no matter what ness, it is no marvel that it so seldom speaks; it seemed, almost out of the water, and dear more cash in hand and stand a better chance plan he proposed to himself for the future for it has been ignored for centuries, and its "Meantime, as the undertaking progressed, little Charley was thrown into the sea. Thee of success than if we should both go. I have this monster seemed to stand in his path. I would in connection with it, secure land on and I tried to reach him, and in so trying fell suffered because it is sad to leave you; I would On the subject of selfishness he was mor-Jane laughingly told Charles that he had which such of these women as were capable ourselves into the water; meanwhile he had not be selfish. I think sometimes that all bid almost to monomania; had he referred to darkened and its language hushed." caught the gold fever, his being a most won- and desirous, could be employed in raising sunk, and as we looked up while battling actions spring from selfishness, more or less his intellect and merely weighed the probaletter! "Just think of it," she said; Jes- depleting the excessive supply of female labor and seemed to glide to her and hold her up; restedly and for your good that I propose all taken Jane into his confidence, listening most decided case, just as bad as that of mained by means of the increased demand took us on board; all this time I could see the my reason, I would take you with me. Now have secured not only success to himself but for their labor consequent on the diminished boat with Charles on it alo,, but now the then, I propose that we be married on the safety and happiness to her. "Thee will have it" replied Jessie, "so don't supply, to obtain living prices from ALL em- dark cloud opened and the boat passed through day I leave, Charley, of course, remaining Selfishness! Is there not an intelligent it; we were still on the vessel when I with you; should I succeed you can all fol- healthy and legitimate selfishness, tending to

"What does thee think it means?" "Charley sunk; perhaps he will die or be

taken from us. Charles will go away alone and leave us all behind. I keep thinking of this dream, which passes in after every period occupations now sealed to them, for the most | in my busy thoughts of California, and all I

"I'd like to know the philosophy dreams," remarked Jane, "do our friends in Yes, I have thought of this, Charles," and the other world impress us sometimes of corners to turn and sometimes disappoint- condition while asleep that our own spirit can

"O, I believe," said Jessie, "that both

"Yes," said Jane abstractedly; "per-

"O, ye of little faith !" she said, as Jane wherewith to effect this for woman will ever be and too little doing; I want to do the prac- and breathe the air therein, and feel that

"Ah, well !" she said rising from her seat ever; Jane, on the other hand, regarding neration for labor to woman. I have thought and in a serious tone; "it is nice to build him as her sun and shield; with him, through of it by day as stitching over my work, and castles in the air;" if they do tumble down dreamed of it at night; and at last the over ones ears; yes, nice even to see their "how-can-it-be otherwise" is answered. Un- ruins, for one can take them up and build til now it never dawned, (only in a sort of others." In a manner still more earnest she added. "However, Jane, I do believe we "Yes, Charles; I wish I had a million of will have the means; but how, where or when

During the next day Charles was very thoughtful, saying but little. Though he had a book in his hand its contents seemed not to occupy his mind. Towards evening he went out alone and on his return, three hours afterwards, he received from Charley his good night kiss and from Jane a smile which he of fancy, entering into all the minutia of returned, but was evidently disturbed in his thoughts. On the next morning he breakfasted in silence, excepting the usual goodmorning. In the evening he complained of headache, and, saying he felt very unwell, retired immediately after supper. Jane was uneasy; for having studied his countenance. she knew that his silence went deeper than the body; he was sad and anxious, his countenance wearing a similar expression to that which she had noticed when he first resolved on going to California. What did it por-

On the next day there was no improve ment; the veins on his forehead were swollen as if by hard thought and mental anguish. Jane followed him into the hall as he left the room, laid her hand gently on his arm, and said as she looked in his troubled face, 'Charles, tell me why thee is sad?'' He was silent, and taking her hand for a moment in both of his own, kissed her forehead and left. Jane was then more anxious than ever During the long, long day Mrs. Allston saw that her child was troubled, forbearing however to make any remarks in the absence of a definite basis from which to draw conclusions: but she more than ever regretted that Jane had so soon given herself to Charles Upland.

Jane had not been in her room more than fifteen minutes (having gone there as miserable as Charles) when he returned and asked dear! to see her alone "go," said Jessie, "and do not wear such a leng face; I would not be so dependent on a man's smile; why, he's as changable as the wind! There, that's right! laugh! thee'll never see me so bound to a man-not I, indeed! Love is a funny thing; I'm glad that kind of love never troubled my heart; you shall see how I'll do when Cupid comes to me !"

low me. You don't object, I see by those secure the happiness not only of one but of

the plan a very good one. I shall feel it of secure even its own paltry ends? Do w be happy, Charles, for thy sake; while I have feet on our own happiness? or, even if we Charles," she added smilingly; "am I not of selfishness until they see nothing good thy wife-at least so nearly thy wife that I "to their distorted vision the whole world i shut me out in the cold again, Charles."

"That is all over," he whispered to him- ing!" self as he took a long breath. Alone he was certain of success; should one place not your well," said one of the disputants to the prove eligible he would remove to another; old woman, you would save him if you could? his brother had made a fortune; why not he? "Indeed I would," she replied, "quick he would; Jane and his boy, with Osear, enough!" "And without stopping to think Jessie and her mother would soon follow, and how happy it would make you to save him?

ot home and love, set in a golden frame. But was in the sunshine again. on the other hand, what if he should not sucwould become of Jane and his boy? Jane unable to use his pen, so beset was he-or seemed to himself to be-with difficulties on

ty!" he muttered as he gnashed his teeth. blood seemed to dash against his temples as be so small as to be practically almost in-opthe wild waves against a wreck, threatening erative." his destruction.

soon be well."

night, poor little Charley !" said he as he looked at the boy asleep in the crib beside

Jane left and he was alone; thoughts suspended by her presence were let loose. "O, my boy! perhaps I shall never see him again -never see Jane again." Then he imagined her in poverty and sickness; Oscar, Jessie and her mother dead, and she living in a garret with Charley; for that she never would leave the child, would willingly toil for him he knew well, burthen her with his child! Was this right? was this disinterested? O, selfishness was the mainspring of action lying at the foundation of all things! Was there ever a generous act not based on selfishness? Did not people help along the suffering because it brought happiness to themselves? Would that he could act unselfishly! O,

it, then folded it up again, rolled it in paper all, not half its depths have been sounded." and laid it on a table : one article after an-"Jane," said Charles as she came into the tumbled on the floor; at last a long, cylindri- his particular power of seeing the principal hair behind her ears and looked up. room in which he stood waiting for her. "I cal box was taken out and the lid withdrawn, events in the past life of persons whom he want to tell you something and must do it, or under which were some shaving materials, for saw, and which he discovered as passing beyour fears at seeing me so unhappy will injure which purpose it seemed to be unusually fore him like moving pictures?"

all, as well as an ignorant, morbid selfishnes "Why, no! how could I object! I think failing by the very narrowness of its range to coarse, parting with thee; but I will try to never a good deed without thinking of its efthy love and Charley with me I will feel think of that effect, does it prove that we do strong. Charles, how thee has suffered and the good deed only because of its anticipated never told me! Had we only talked this effect on our selves? Should the motive of matter over, thee need not have been so un- an action be inferred from its incidental rathhappy. Do have more confidence in me er than from its direct results? People croak might share thy joys and sorrows? Don't crooked, goodness, a lie," humanity a farce and man a living sham. The effect of such "Never again, heart of my heart!" said he views on those who hold them is similar to 'a great load is removed, Jane; I shall learn that produced on an old woman who, after to consult with you, and not battle and doubt attentively listening to an argument on this and suffer." Then they walked to the door, subject between two persons, one of whom where she stood and smiled as he walked maintained the "selfish" theory despondingly broke in with, "O, dear! I don't know noth-

"If you saw a child in danger of falling in then ---. Here followed a glowing picture "That's so; that's so!" and the old woman

"I fear Charles is going to be very ill," remarked in conclusion, "I wonder if the ceed? what if he should die? many who had said Jane to Jessie when she returned to her gone there had died. The thought was ago- room that night; "and I fear I know not

"We do have presentiments of coming evil, would provide for little Charley; yes, but replied Jessie; "and I believe it just as was it right to risk her being burthened with much a faculty of the mind as benevolence, had removed, but here was another-a very people have idle fancies; but that does not atoms; he reached his office, but was almost not all, have an intuitive perception of com-

ing evil or coming good. "If a faculty of the mind, then all bave every hand; turn which way he would he it in a greater or less degree, which is rather saw no help; "cursed poverty! cursed pover- difficult to prove; and yet another thought comes to me,-though every organ of the He laid his head on his desk; the agony mind exists in every individual, yet some orof his mind had paralysed his brain, the hot gans (that of benevolence for instance, ) may

"I believe, Jane, that Intuitiveness exists "Let me send for a doctor Mr. Upland, in every brain; I was thinking of it yestersaid one of the clerks; "or perhaps you had day; thee knows we all come to some conbetter go home if you can; you are sick." clusion respecting a person's character on "No," replied he in a heavy whisper, "I shall our first introduction, irrespective of anything ing the child from me; he is mine." we know concerning such persons, or of any-Ha was not soon well; two hours after- thing definite or tangible in their appearance; wards he was at home in bed suffering from a so general is this and so much a matter of high fever; Jane was his nurse; she bathed course that we ask each other when a stranghis head with water, telling him she thought er has left us or a party broken up. "What his mental suffering for the last few days had does thee think of Mr. (or Mrs.) so-and-so?" been the cause, and he must never suffer or "What sort of a character does thee think alone again, for she would be to him a com- he (or she) has?" The answer may vary panion and confidential friend, as well as wife. from "I like," or "I don't like," to an elabo-He laid very still, smiled once or twice and rate description of his character according to answered her questions as to his headache, the development of the faculty. How often etc., but as to the enigma which he was to solve persons say, "I feel I am going to have a he was silent. The day wore away and the visitor." Do not thee and I often laugh, night came; he seemed quieter and the fever and say that visitors can never surprise us, had somewhat gone down. "I shall sleep to- for we always feel before hand that some one is coming? Besides, thee knows the proverb to the effect that if you talk of the gentleman in black, certain appendages with which he is properly invested very soon become

"One evening, Jessie, I remember our feeling sure that we should have company, but no one came afterwards, however, friend Martindale said that he fully intended to come at that particular time, but was prevented by a visit from an acquain-

"I believe," replied Jessie, "that we never made a mistake in this respect."

"Much," continued Jane, "that is termed supernational' can be explained on a natural basis by means of an organ of Intuitiveness. Thought travels more quickly than electricity, a friend intending to meet another thinks of that other; Intuitiveness perceives, or, He arose, wrapped his dressing gown as we say, feels it-feels the friend's thought. around him, opened his travelling trunk and On the same principle 'coming events cast took out a large and rather costly shawl; "it their shadow before;" that is, impress indiwas hers," he whispered half aloud; "I viduals and become presentiments. Phrenol- fish that I do this. Come, Jane; look at loved her." He looked then at his boy, ogy has taught us much of the science of me! you know I love you;" but instead of opened out the shawl, held it out, looked at mind, but much remains to be learned; not

Jane, does thee remember once reading other was then taken from the trunk and what Tschokke, the german poet, said about she was calm; she wiped her face, threw her

twenty dollar gold pieces, these he counted it was intuitiveness highly developed. I Always, Jane, believe that I love you over, replaced in the box, secured as before; have often heard mother speak of a Metho-ultingly; "I hope you will!"

(To be Continued.)

in class-meeting, exclaimed, 'Hush, woman! whisperings crushed back as superstitious fancies; thus were the windows of the soul

Charles awoke, but only to renew the agony of the preceding night. Jane found him suffering from high fever; and, laying on his head a cold wet cloth, enquired how he had slept, saying she would be his nurse and doctor also, if he would allow her; to which he replied. "I wish you did not love me, Jane!" "Charles!" she said incredulously; "thee does not know what thee is saying.'

"I do," he replied; "you think I am wandering, but I am not; my mind is as clear as it ever was. I wish," he continued, emphasizing the words strongly, "I wish you could hate me; if I could make you hate me I would; if I did not love you, you would not

"I suppose that had thee never loved me I should not haveloved thee; that is a natural sequence, true love is mutual, but thee does love me and I love thee; so say no more Charles; thee will make thy fever worse."

Nearly all day the fever continued; towards night it abated; Charley kissed "dear good papa," as he loved to call him, then "nice mamma," and was covered up snugly in his crib.

"Is Charley asleep?" said Charles half an hour later. "Yes, he's asleep-the darling!" said Jane as she looked into the crib.

"Jane how would you like to part with

"Charles, what does thee mean?" asked Jane, rather astonished at the question; "but no, thee does not mean anything," she added to re-assure herself.

"I do, Jane; tell me, how would you like me to take Charley away? I may die in California; then you would be burthened with my child-a child not yours."

She covered her face with her hands; no

"I can take him to Massachusetts," he continued, "to the people who had him before; his child all through life? One barrier Jane veneration or any other organ of the brain; they are in good circumstances; they have no children, and they have always wished me to avalanche that threatened to crush him to do away with the fact that some persons, if give him to them; then should I die he will be provided for, and you will not have to support him."

How those words burned in her soul! She had opened her mother heart and folded the child in its warm embrace, as she thought, to remain there ever more.

"I'll never part with little Charley," firmly replied Jane : "I'll never part with little Charley ; don't ask me to do that! O. I see it all now! thee is in the 'slough of despond,' " for she now understood the cause of his illness. "Is it not so? some other plan? Don't think of me as separate from thyself: I will do anything reasonable for thy happiness, [a pause;] but never again talk of tak-"Then listen!" he said almost harshly;

"if I marry you, leave the child with you and I should die, you will have to support and educate him.

"I will do it, for is he not a part of thee? I will then have so much of thyself to love," she interrupted.

Without seeming to hear her, he continued -I am resolved not to be selfish, if I break from everything I love; the world is full of selfishness; I can't make you happy Jane, if I am poor, because I shall myself be miserable in poverty; hence I must be wealthy; I will have it; I will be unselfish; I will leave you free; I will not marry you; I must not burthen you with my child; I'll send him

"Don't say it, Charles! I will never give up the child; anything but this, Charles, will do for thy happiness; but Charley shall never, never leave me! As thy widow, even should thee die as thee supposes possible yet, having the child—thy child—I shall be much happier than I should have been had I never met thee, or should thee leave me as thee terms it, "free." My freedom will be as thy wife and the mother of Charley." "You would not marry again so readily

with that child; while when left unmarried and unincumbered with Charley, you could marry, should you love again.' Jane seemed outwardly very calm; she made herself appear so; he might reason

her into some of his ideas, but not in giving up the child; here was a rock from which no reasoning could move her; this her countenance expressed as plainly as words could have uttered it. He saw this and left it for "I shall be well in a few days more, think

the matter over Jane," said he kindly.

head and eyes cast down thoughtfully, sadly, then she turned away as if to hide from him her thoughts. "You think," he continued, "that I'm selfish, but it is because I don't want to be selacceding to his request she covered her face with her hands, and her hair falling from its confinement hid the struggle and the tears which his words had caused. In a moment

She arose from her chair and stood, her

"You believe I love you?" he asked; 'come, my Jane, why not answer?" "I must be honest, Charles : I fear I shall be compelled to doubt the genuineness of your love; true love does not destroy its object and never torments it; but you seem to play with my love as a cat with a mouse." "Ah, you'll hate me!" he said almost ex-

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INVOCATION

Our Father! Thou great first cause, Creator of all nature, sustainer of her laws, Soul of the universe from whom all blessings flo From flowers that bloom in spring time To winters feathery snow.

The cloudlets floating o'er us. The songsters in the wood, All, all confess Thee as their source, And all proclaim Thee good.

The lowest form of earth life, The shining grains of sand,

The highest angel standing, In our bright spirit land ; All, all from out Thy boundless store Were fully, freely given, To make this earth-life beautiful And add to the bliss of heaven.

Our Father! source of being, We know not thy holy name, But we know that thy form is the universe, Thy soul a living flame. And of that great soul essence

We ask for a greater part, To light the fires of genius, And warm the icy heart. We plead for zeal and wisdom, For power and depth of thought, To live and teach the glorious truths,

That angel hands have brought.

Individual and National Contributions to Human Progress.

braced in a single individual. If we would our imitation. Jesus gave a sublime exstudy the achievements of the human mind, hibition of moral heroism and of the spiritual we can gain the most complete knowledge intuitions, but he lacked the philosophical only by a careful study of the collective hu- acumen of Plato, the scientific ability of formatory movements of the time. We shall manity, Neither would knowledge of a Aristotle, the invenive power of Arkwright, single nation or period suffice for a complete the artistic skill of Michael Angelo, and the or is capable of accomplishing. Jesus did him for what he was and for what he accomexhaust the possibilities of human endeavor. complete knowledge of religious thought in the characters of these representative men, not suffice, neither is it adequate to our puryet the career of the nation and the race fur- pose to limit our study of individual characnish us with still more instructive lessons. ter to a single person, be he Plato or Jesus, We are to-day not only profiting by the ex- and accept that person as a complete model of with dignity and ability over the Washington periments of Judea, but also those of Greece all human virtues. All lives, both good and Convention. We doubt not that time and and Rome. Had Rome never arisen on the surface of history, Republican America would nish. have been belated five hundred years. Every struggle which the growing intelligence of the centuries instituted against barbarism, were necessary steps in the attainment of the culture and institutions which we now enjoy.

The circumstances which presided over the ces of their environment varied

Kingdom of the Beautiful.

original. Her strength was masculine; her dealing with the effect. sphere of action the external world; her ambition was the conquest of the globe and in the train of her achievements, she also inci-She accomplished in the realm of government and material uses, what Greece accomplished could have discharged functions and fulfilled

Judea never effected anything of moment in the realms of either government or art.

We should look to the Hebrew in vain, for

sition that they were God's peculiar people, the radiant being who was to be through all effort. We only ask them to show to their of society. through whom were displayed every conceiv- the future my star of hope.

able individual and national excellence, is the human career. But two facts in the his- a part of my being, and yet, so bright, movements of the age. tory of the Semitic race will secure a lasting so far above me that while my heart and the life of Jesus.

going is, that so far as modern civilization is in a bower of roses listening to the sweet indebted to the past, that debt is not due to music that vibrated upon the evening air, a single nation or age, but to the aggregate thinking of the future and wondering what it nationalities, and to every epoch in the had in store; when suddenly a vision of world's history. In the evolution of the race, beauty arose before me. A lady a little beeach decade reflected some phase of human low the medium height, with a face as pure life before unknown. Each nation as it as the drifted snow, regular features, a broad emerged from the mass of humanity, display- smooth brow, shaded by silken curls of golden ed some special excellence previously un- brown, but more attractive than the cheek, with last named place the subject of the lecturers thought of If we would seek for the best its ever changing glow, the open brow or sunny ancient models of government, we should not curls, were the large expressive eyes of clear go to Judea, but to Rome. If we would seek and beautiful blue. Her robe was of deepest among the lost arts for hints suggestive of azure with a girdle of stars. Her little the direction our own original genius should jeweled sandals seemed scarcely to touch the take, we should instinctively turn to Greece, ground. As soon as she perceived my preshowever much the prejudices of education ence she extended both hands and in a musimay have impressed us with the superiority cal voice said: "You have been calling me of the "favored people of God." Nature for a long, long time; I was far away but my aims at a division of labor among nations, as spirit heard your call. I could not come unamong individuals. The poet, artist, invent- til you had come away from the shadows. or and legislator, are never combined in a You will never be sad again, for the sun-light high ratio in the same individual. It is only of love will fill your heart, your soul will sing by a careful study of each separate part in in gladness." I was speechless, and before I the drama of human life, which the several could regain my presence of mind, my beaunations have participated in, that the possi- tiful angel had glided away, and entering the bilities of human attainment are clearly re- pavilion she was lost to my sight. vealed. But the end is not yet. Our possible mental possessions are not exclusively those derived by inheritance. We add an original part, the germs of a genius not yet revealed to observation and experience. There are yet joyful surprises awaiting man on earth; unsung harmonies yet to be expressed in actual life.

As no single nation, past or present, presents an exhaustive exhibition of the life of the race, so no individual character in history The sum of human excellence is never em- can be referred to as a complete model for understanding of what man has accomplished, poetical genius of a Shakspeare. We bless not exhibit every phase of intellectual attain- plished, but we see no reason for elevating ment in his life and character. He did not him into the character of a God. For a Neither did Plato or Paul. Sublime as were past times a single source of information will bad, may become helpful to us if we have the wisdom to appropriate the lessons they fur-

A Spirit Communication.

to the development of extreme trials. There motion and delicacy of coloring, were all around was lacking that commerce of mind, that in- me. Such perfection of beauty, I had never ten years. tercommunication of ideas which characterize dreamed of in my earthly existence. But the modern civilized communities. Each nation glory of my surroundings failed to give me in its isolation, yielding to the natural stimu- that happiness that I had expected. My lus of its climatic surroundings, rapidly as- spirit friends were with me, instructing and sumed its mental habitudes and evolved its cheering me with their words of wisdom and special traits of character. Having no his- bright anticipations of the future. But tory containing a record of the successes and even their presence failed to change my spiritfailures of preceeding nationalities, the career ual condition, and as day after day glided by, was spontaneous; individuality of national I realized the truth of what the good missioncharacter was acquired, the separate nations ary spirit had said, "upon your soul is endiverging from each other as the circumstan- stamped the effect of earth life." Oh! the long, long months and years of suffering; From these causes a single race—the cau- Oh! the long night of darkness, which was casian-diverged into diverse modes of only enlivened by one single ray of hope. thought and special excellences, as those My instructors had informed me that eventuwhich distinguished the Hindoo, the Greek ally I would out-grow all the effects of earth and the Roman. The country and climate of conditions. This hope was the one star that Hindostan stimulated the imagination at the led me on over the rough path I was destined expense of intellect, and among its weird to travel. My companions added much to creations we find some of the most imposing my comfort, yet, there were times when I bemonuments of the ideal faculties. The old came so completely enshrouded in darkness, Brahmin literature is nearly all contained that I prayed that I might go out of exin poetry. The actual world was almost istence; and here let me say to those who are wholly neglected; the spiritual and ideal were situated as I was in earth life, or for other the only themes of absorbing interest to the causes have been driven to the verge of self- to believe that the publishers have made a Hindoo mind. Crossing the Himalayah range destruction; Oh! pause and consider well, we meet with a people the opposite of the before you commit that terrible deed. Men-Hindoo, In China the natural world alone is tal suffering cannot be destroyed by taking studied; metaphysics and the higher philos- life; and on the other shore your agony will ophy are entirely beyond their comprehen- be more intense than it can be here, for sooner or later conscience will awake, sooner or In Greece the climate imparted a more later the law of compensation will grasp you healthy stimulus to the intellect, yet the in its iron like hand, and refuse to relinquish imagination remained in full force. The na- its hold, until you have paid the utmost fartional intelligence was original and creative; thing. This was my bitter experience, and its character feminine. Natural beauty was not only suffering in spirit life, but as I have conceived and embodied in the most exquisite said before, I was compelled to return to earth forms of art. Those forms of philosophy life to gain experiences that I would have which depend upon deductive data, received had here, had I possessed the moral courtheir grandest statement and sublimest de- age to have lived out my time on earth. Let velopment. Fortunate for humanity that mental suffering be what it may, change of Greece once existed, and wrought in the place will not better it. I have learned that suffering is a legitimate effect of causes: Rome also exhibited features unique and hence, we should remove the cause instead of a loss the first year under this arrangement. nia.

This and many other truths I learned from those who had acted as my instructors. You may think that as isolation and loneliness were dentally effected a conquest over barbarism. all I had to complain of on earth; these causes being now removed, happiness should have come with associates, and change in a quiet and more feminine sphere, in art. of conditions; but such was not the case. In that age of the world, no single nation Deprive an individual of all congenial associates, debar him from all society, let him missions so opposite as those to which Greek make his home in some distant cave, and after and Roman activities were respectively direct- he has remained there many years, bring him suffered intensly in his solitude, and although subscribers. To-day we received the follow- him back to the homely path of honest indushis soul yearns for companionship, yet, for a ing letter with the names and money for long time he will shrink away from society; eleven subscribers, and three names with any models worthy of imitation in these de- his sensitive nature for a time suffering as promise of money soon-in all fourteen-the partments of human endeavor. The old Sem- much from contact with the world as from work of one man, in one week. The Doctor itic race were always polygamous in their solitude. This was my condition, and added is now getting largely in advance of his prompractices. Monogamy was never a Christoit was the conviction that I had committed ise. We thus publicly thank this noble worktian invention. It was imported by the Chris- a cowardly and an unmanly act in taking my er, and hope his example may stimulate othtians of the West from the ancient Pagans of own life. But time and the ministry of loving ers to go and do likewise. We thank our angels, gradually brought me out of that con- friends all over the country who are working The Jews have nearly always been tribu- dition, and gradually the midnight darkness so nobly for us. Many can get one, two and tary to surrounding nations, and the suppo- turned to gray, and I caught a glimpse of three new subscribers for us with very little fired the passions; and disturbed the peace fit us to become true wives, mothers and sis- cates, unless we make our calling and elec-

ations. She came to our pavilion one even-

Woman Suffrage Convention.

On our fourth page will be found a report of first days proceedings of the Nationa Convention assembled in Washington, for which we are indebted to Dr. A. Cridge of that city: whom we hope to number hereafter among our regular correspondents. Our readers will thus see that we are reaching out in every direction for correspondents who will furnish us with an account from all the great centers of our country, not only of the progress of Spiritualism, but of all the great renext week give the final doings of the Nation-

al Convention. In another column we give, as far as space will permit, the proceedings of the Michigan State Convention of which we gave a brief account last week. It will be noticed that some of the most active and progressive Statesman of the country are identifying themselves with this cause; Hon. Matthew Carpenter of Wis. and Senator Pomroy among the number. Mrs. E. C. Stanton seems to have presided opportunity are all that are wanted to demonstrate to the world the equal capability of woman, with man to fill any position in public life. Our anticipation of woman's final triumph has ever been clear, but we stand amazed at the rapid progress, of the cause giv-I shall not attempt to describe to you the ing promise of victory at a much earlier date beauty, or naturalness of the world in which than the most sanguine expected. But why destiny of early nationalities, were favorable I was dwelling. Perfection of form, grace of should we wonder when we consider the

"Equal rights! once again! Woman! listen to the cry through your unshared pain; From errors blinding curse,
They shall break your bonds and crown

Equal rights, clear the way !'

The Western Home.

We have received from a number of perons, complaints for non-receipt of above periodical, which we have offered as a premium for new subscribers. We can only explain by saying that the fault is not with this office, yet, we will investigate and ascertain where the blame belongs. We have this day written to Chicago, and again sent a full list of the names of subscribers, with an earnest request that they correct their mail book, if the tault is with them. In all cases after receiving the names of new subscribers, we send the name's and pay to the office of publication, and after that time we have no means of knowing until we hear from some one who has not received the premium. We have charity mistake upon their books in the instances referred to. By having called attention to the subject especially, we hope to have all made right.

We shall continue to offer the Western Home, to all new annual subscribers, and will see that they receive it, as a premium if notified of their claim at the time of receiv- Illinois. ing the money. Some have subscribed for three months, others for six months, sending their fifty cents or dollar, as the case may be, claiming the magazine. It would seem that it ought to be apparent to all that we cannot comply. We pay for the Home Magazine in every instance for one year, and Age we offer the premium. Our object is to increase our circulation, although we do it at Old subscribers often ask for it, but our answer is we cannot afford it. The Age without premium at \$2,00, is the cheapest spiritual paper published.

The Work of One Man.

A few days after our State Convention, Dr. J. V. Spencer of Battle Creek, sent us three new subscribers, and for encouragement in triends and neighbors, the PRESENT ACE, Our clerical neighbors usually sieze one of of both sexes. Show me the real man and time, our means and our influence to the

place among the records of the future histo- claimed her as its own, I worshiped her as an the papers but I make it a point when a man gets rian-their conception of the Ultimate Cause, ideal being, as the poet worships his ideal cremust get at least fifty cents worth of the Age fer his sick soul, or else the medicine will not help him. The conclusion deducible from the fore- ing with a company of friends I was resting | Mony is hard to get, but I insist that each and every one shall do something to help the Cause along.

> Yours with Respect, J. V. SPENCER, M. D.

PERSONAL. course of week day evening lectures in Marshall Michigan, and also in Hillsdale. In the "The Influence of Christianity upon civilization," excited more than usual interest. The present week Mr. L., has gone to eastern Ohio to engage in a discussion. We wish some of our clergymen, or advocates of the old religious faith would accept the challenge of Mr. Loveland, so often published in our columns.

J. P. AVERILL, was unable to go into Barry county as published, being unexpectedly called to attend Lenawee County Circle. He will meet with the Van Buren County Circle next Sunday, probably remaining in that county a part of the week, thence to Hastings for the second Sunday in February, if the friends there make the necessary arrangements. He will remain in that county so long as may be necessary to visit all the localities where he may be desired. Address him for work in that county, care of O. S. Hadley, Hastings Permanent address Battle Creek Michigan.

MRS. M. J. FOWLER. This ever earnest and faithful lecturer, has been speaking in Hillsdale and other southern counties of this state and also in northern Indiana. Mrs. Fowler is agent for us, and any money paid to her will save our subscribers the risk of loosing by

PROGRESSION.

The star of progression! oh see it arise, Lighting with beauty the earth and the skies, Scattering the phantoms of darkness and gloom That for ages have haunted the way to the tomb. The star of progression! oh see it ascend, While on it earth's children their wondering eyes ! It sparkles and flashes and flames on the sight, As proudly it moves through the empire of night, While up from the hill side the valley and glen, Comes the glad shouts of millions of men, Crying all honor to the being who gave, This star to dispel the gloom of the grave. Oh star of progression! thy pure silvery beams, Are lighting with beauty earth's turbulent streams, Hypocrisy shrinks from thy pure diamond light, And draws round her form the mantle of night, And bigotry trembles and quivers with fear, For she feels that thy light is approaching too near, And old superstition cries out in great pain, For she sees that her fetters are breaking in twain. Oh star of progression ! thou shalt cause man to be, From error and darkness eternally free, Thou hast taken man's feet from the cold dewy sod, And hast taught him to walk in the pathway of God. Thou hast taught him to see that the infinite cause, Is greater than nature, more grand than her laws, That in every atom that's moving through space, May be found the wisdom beauty and grace Of that infinite power, who ruleth in love, The children of earth and the angels above.

Branch County Circle.

ten to a Mr. Dougherty, and also to Mr, hold of the stick and was precipitated with ing provided by mortals, for channels of ac-Church, the spirit Photograph artist to come." We hope our friends of Branch Co. as we desire to have as general notice of these County Circles as possible. We hope the secretary, or some other officer may make it a rule to give notice through the AGE, of these meetings, for which we are glad to open our columns.

John B. Gough.

We are gratified to learn that the Y. M C. A. of Kalamazoo, have secured this eminently popular orator for one evening. He will lecture Monday evening February, 7th. Subject "CIRCUMSTANCES." It would be well for as many as possible to secure seats in advance. We predict that standing room will command a premium.

The Little Corporal for February.

Pure, crisp, and brilliant; as usual, full of all the fresh juices of young American life. It grows better and better. No boy or girl should be without it. One dollar a year, when it is worth double that amount. Published by Alfred L Sewell & Co., Chicago,

From our Gorresponding Editors.

Hobby riding has become a popular amusement in this age. It pervades all classes of it is only to new annual subscribers to the society, and extends through the whole domain of social life. Professed saint and ungodly sinner are alike afflicted with this ma-

In the business world each has a hobby that he seeks to fortune and fame. One watches with eager eye the rates of exchange; fluctuations in the market, and chases his golden god from day to day completely oblivious of the busy world around him. Another is wholly absorbed in Rail Road enterprises and consults his geography alone to this end; day and night the great thouroughfare is before him and no music so sweet to his ears as least one new subscriber each week of the pres- locomotive. Still another is siezed with "oil

The whole pestilential army of politicians have each a hobby that they mount with the

wholly gratuitous. It has never been given ing of earthly love, and when this angel of Spiritualism, but for Woman Suffrage, and ride it with as much zeal as the boy does his which I'll kneel and there worship. a single nation to complete the whole cycle of light first appeared to me, I felt that she was Labor Reform; and for all the reformatory broomstick; so long as the chickens are forth no little impatience with his family for suggesting a change was desirable.

> since we had the misfortune to preside over a ment from the Daily Enterprise : Convention where their was abundant "ground J. S. LOVELAND, has been delivering a and loftly tumbling" of this character. One lady came a great distance to inform them that a new science was soon to outrival the "acidimedians most starry dreams." That the stupidity of the world in failing to discover the gymnastics of the mind was greatly to be deplored, and her hobby must be re cognized. A friend at our elbow was somewhat amused that the perceptive and reflective faculties should be engaged in "wing." whole system which greatly excited her indig- ism. Another proposed to give us the genealogy

turing in a western city and were invited to reprint: attend a circle room; the moment we entered we were gravely informed that we had crossed the threshold of "spiritual correspondences," and the besmeared candle stick, and rusty shears on the table had each a symbolical meaning, and diverse paper pictures that would discredit a school girl of ten summers were pointed out as the most incontestible evidences of inspiration. Some want to turn the whole machinery of heaven to correct the diet of mankind, whereupon our cousin betook himself to graham hard tack that he might become more spiritual until the skeleton that met him at his mirror frightened from me again soon. Fraternally, him back to the "leeks, onions and flesh pots of Egypt.' We cannot attempt to even mention the almost infinite number of theories that are pressed upon our attention, each claiming to be the theory and a panacea for who destitute of "becoming meekness,"

their egotism. he could for wings and they would learn him of it. to fly. Intoxicated with the thought of ex- I have no doubt that at least a hundred a stream run strait through a crooked chan-"orders," and after having rose a considerable great violence to the ground.

go, the greater will be our rejoicing; but remember the fate of the toad and be sure rent parts of the Peninsular State. you keep your mouth shut. A. B. F.

duties and greater responsibilities.

It was my great pleasure to listen to a lecthis city, by Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Subject "Our Girls." The thoughts were not new but in the presentation of them by such

of all. Thus doing away with the idea so often expressed by men, that to bring woman into publicity is to detract from her feminine right of suffrage, would be to destroy all that such nonsense. To educate woman is to do henceforth, be natural musicians? away with the sickly sentimentalism that has our work said, "You may expect from me at the rattle of the cars and shrill whistle of the out with whisky and tobacco, dressed in fine and leave the angels to do our work? broadcloth, with the attachment of a goldent year" (1870.) Since that time each week on the brain" and rides his hebby until a headed cane. When these things will be those who are determined to ignore Organization or my skill, the consciousness of which on my

complacency of a Valiant Knight, and rush men of us, far from it, for if voting was the walls and must obey the laws of that organitime, freighted with my own burdens, and "booted and spurred" to Washington or Salt criterion of manhood, we might expect better zation or do without its benefits. Or they River each of which places are said to have specimens than we everywhere find. But achad better stop eating, because somebody has while it affects my welfare, I cannot control very disreputable inhabitants. One goes on cepting new responsibilities will awaken new made a glutton of themselves, or without "Taxes;" another on "Tariffs;" a third on and grander ideas of life, hence, the necessical clothes because some one has wore their dress can, without rightful censure from others, de-"Bonds;" and so on through the whole dilap- ty of developing every faculty God and na- too tight. idated brood of political hobbies that have ture have given us, and this and only this, can No, we can never be what our calling indi-

coming, and parsonage kept in good repair. with which I'll crown them, with the crystal "I don't get time to go out and hunt up names for We have a venerable uncle who repeated the waters from the river of life will I baptize same blessing for thirty years; and manifested them, and the bread and wine of a new dispensation or kingdom, shall be my sacrament.

At the close of Mrs. Stanton's lecture, a Spiritualists are not exempt from the "ills Woman's Suffrage Society was formed in that flesh is heir to" but give the world quite East Saginaw, which will no doubt, form a as conclusive evidence of their humanity as basis for more progressive action in the right the rest of mankind. Not a thousand years direction. I like the following sensible com-

The Woman's Suffrage Society of Saginaw is now a living organization, and will, we venture to predict become a power for good in this city. It is designed to become potent to contend for the right. Might olitical revolutions have grown out of less begin nings. Old fogies, who oppose progress, may a well step one side. This thing is bound to succeed So we may as well prepare ourselves to come gracefully into the movement. We have faith in the prevalence of the right.

The Spiritualists are well organized here. The lectures well attended. Emma Martin has been doing a good work in lecturing and giving tests. I am now located at the Ever- eighty thousand dollars for educational pur-"sawing" and "mowing" movements in a ett House, for the purpose of giving the peomanner that would totaly eclipse Dio Lewis ple an opportunity of investigating Spiritual-

Having nearly recovered my health, I am of good cheer; and never has the work seemed of God that would no doubt have been interless irksome. With faith hope and charity, I two thousand more are ready. Rev. B. F. esting had not the Convention convened for adopt the following which a friend had clipped Rogers announced that Wisconsin, had beother purposes. Sometime ago we were lec- from a newspaper, and is truly worthy the gun the work of raising twenty-five thousand

GO STRAIGHT AHEAD.

ry box in every Universalist family in Wis-What if people do speak against you? Let them feel that you are able to bear it. What is there gained by stopping to correct every word that is whispered to your discredit? Lies will die if let alone; but if you repeat them to one another, because your enemies had the impudence to make them, you but keep the fire burning, and the way is open to a dozen slanders; keep your course, and go straight forward, trouble not your head about what is repeated; feel all the better and wear a less frightful face. Slander never killed a sterling character, and never will; her coat will not sit up on him without a pull here and a jerk there and a twist below; and while this is going on, the false words are forgotten by a multitude

Who that have had any experience in life but know this to be true. You will hear

Saginaw, Jan. 1870.

McGregor, Jan., 24th, 1870. cessful course of eight lectures here, and to wind and tide; while the two combined, the worlds maladies. The most diminutive there is quite an interest aroused. There are give us the internal propelling force of the hobby riders we have ever seen are those a good many Spiritualists along the line of freed steamer, then they will organize thorthis Rail read, and North-east of it; enough oughly. The law of motion in wind and mount the little personal pronoun I and seek if they would combine to form a good work- wave, gives the sailboats fitful progress to ride it into notoriety at the expense of ing Association. I think that in the course of The law of motion reduced to science in the good breeding. In the street; on the ros- the present year, there will be an organiza- action of steam guided by intelligence, gives trum; through the press; every where they tion perfected under the name of the North the steamers steady progress. So spirit powexhibit themselves as travelling bulletins of Eastern Iowa Association of Spiritualists. er, if left to the control of ignorance and There are several here who would unite in superstition becomes the fitful glare leading We remember hearing once a fable of a such an organization. Brother's Munson, us blindly, and that from the fact of ignotoad who became sorely discontented with Clark and others. At Volney Mr. and Mrs. rance in that sphere as well as in this. It the dull routine of his mundane life, and Judd, Dr. and Mrs. Howes, the latter prac- may perform wonderful and useful acts; even complained bitterly to some eagles that he ticing successfully as healers, with several as mother nature gives the lightnings glare, was doomed to hop on the ground while they others. Brother's Butts and Whitney with and the sweet sunshine. But the fact that could pierce the sky with their talons, where- their families in Big Foot woods; but I can- we can do without the telegraph better than upon they proposed to teach him to fly. Two not name them all. There are friends at without electricity, does not prove that the of them taking a stick at the ends with their Menona, Hardin, Postville, Castalia, Calimar, guided thunderbolt is less apt to do harm beaks told the Toad to seize the center of the Cresco and all along the Railroad beside than the unguided one. Neither does the stick with his mouth and use his legs as best Decorah, Waoken and other points North-east fact that without inspiration we become cold,

The Annual Meeting of this County Circle ploring the regions above him he obeyed names might be gathered those, who are nel, or fill a reservoir therewith when there wise enough to see the need of organization, is only a pint cup furnished. Inspiration we ry. We have received no call for publication distance became so overwhelmed with delight; beside those who are liberal, who claim to be we must and will have. It is needful, but but learn this in a private letter from N. T. That he exclaimed heavens how I fly. But Spiritualists, but think that the angels will unguided by law and order unreliable. Waterman. He says further, "we have writ- in opening his mouth to speak he lost his carry on the work, without form or order betion. I never take up your paper but I feel We suggest to the latter class who are by a thrill of pleasure, in contemplating your may have a good time, possibly we may be far the most intolerable of all hobby riders; successful organizations, as manifest in the

would be the result?

fined and dignified, and manifests the true port them; for the angels will not hold open as is possible. woman of character, commanding the respect the gate to the "Royal read to knowledge," Again, when one has interest, he or she to those who refuse to take the car of order. has, or should have, a right to interfere. The angels are Gods agents, helping those This makes every member of a Fourier Society who help themselves. Because blind Tom is a rightful critic upon the business character delicacy, and virtue, and to extend to her the the wonderful musician that he is, shall we and operations of every other member. While cease to study and apply the laws of musical each is a critic upon all others he or she is a submodesty and sweetness which makes her so harmony, leaving all to find the same "Royal ject to a criticism from each of them. This attractive to the opposite sex. Away with road" to music; concluding that all may, criticism has a two fold inconvenience. It is

Because Zera Colburn. was a natural an almost useless infliction to be borne. been one of the ruling features to stimulate mathematician, shall we conclude that the This idea needs no further amplification. The passion, but never to command respect, or to race can all walk in that "Royal road," or fate of the Fourier Societies that sprung up awaken a pure and holy love. The time is walk in none at all. Because A. J. Davis, and perished, like Jonah's gourd, between the fast approaching when to be a woman will Cora Tappan and others have developed by years 1840 and 1850 are sufficient illustrations mean something more than a toy shop—and angel help, beyond the wisdom of the schools, of the results likely to be produced by such to be a man something more than a form filled out with whisky and tobacco, dressed in fine and leave the appeals to do our hands, feelings or in their estate by any imprudence

considered appendages, too irksome to be tion, Schools and Colleges, because those in part, shall make me feel an unpleasant weight wisdom in these things, it seemes to me that revenue which is to provide me shelter, food Do not understand me reader, to mean that such had better go on foot, instead of riding or raiment—the necessaries or luxuries of being allowed to vote, is going to make wo- in the cars, because they are restricted by life. I choose rather to be master of my own

fit us to become true wives, mothers and siss cates, unless we make the state of th

You will remember that I had known noth- which speaks for itself—an advocate not only the shakey rounds in the orthodox ladder and woman, and I'll show you the shrine before spreading of the divine principles unfolded to our view by angel guides. I have before me Holy and pure love will be the coronet a report in part of the condition of the Universalist Societies of the country, and if Spiritualists were half as much in earnest, we should witness greater results than we do. Surely, the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.

The report on Education says, that the

Maine school has property valued at sixty

thousand dollars, with a permanent fund of

thirty thousand dollars. Tufts college has a

property of nine hundred and twenty-four

thousand dollars, nearly a million, and thirty-

five thousand of it has been procured during

the past year. Dean Academy two hundred

and forty thousand. St. Lawrence Universi-

ty, has assetts to the amount of one hundred

and forty thousand. Lombard, Illinois, one

hundred and sixty-five thousand. Jefferson

Wisconsin, thirty-two thousand, and the re-

port goes on to say : "Within twenty years

we have raised one million seven hundred and

poses. How has this been done? By con-

cert of action, organization. What do they

propose to do? Raise two hundred thousand

this present year. How? Two thousand

missionary boxes have been distributed, and

of the above sum. He could put a missiona-

consin. I wonder how much the Spiritualists of Wisconsin will raise toward securing to their children a school, free from the taint of theological authority? I wonder how much our Lyceum children would receive, if called upon, toward founding a scientific school upon spiritual principles? And these are the results of co-operative effort of organization; and when Spiritualists are ready to work in earnest, when they get rid of the idea that because the oak grows strong with natures culture, therefore the wheat and the corn need nothing farther, when they learn that inspiration without cultivation produced the dark ages of the past, and that those who depend upon it now to the DEAR AGE .- I have just completed a suc- exclusion of the latter, are like ships subject

dead, prove that God or the angels can make

LOIS WAISBROOKER.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 26, 1869. EDITOR PRESENT AGE :- In my last communication to the Age, I stated some reasons with them. We call attention to the meeting My if you can, the higher and farther you County circles, the Quarterly meeting an- why I wanted co-operative house-keeping with nouncements, etc., etc., that are held in diffe- persons who would make integral education the business of life, I promised therein to give These organizations must of necessity, be some reasons why I did not desire to become somewhat crude at first; even as the pioneer a member of a Fourier or Common Property DEAR AGE .- Outside the clouds are gath- who goes into the forest to commence a home | Society. In a Fourier Society each member ered, the rain falling, snow leaving. But for himself and family, must be content for a is interested in the profits and losses of every within my own soul all is light and joy. No time with a rude cabin. But suppose that business conducted in the Society. Each despondent thought enters to mar the harmo- because people's houses have not all been knitting or sewing woman is interested in the ny of my inner life. The past has not al- built in the past, in accordance with the laws profits and losses of each Saw-Mill, Grist-Mill, ways been joyous, yet, I have ever found all of health, or have not all been fire proof, or Cotton or Woolen Factory, that may be necessary, none of its disciplines could be so strong but that they have sometimes been operated by any other members of the Society, spared. If so I must be less the woman than overthrown by the tempest, or, have had so He who prudently and profitably runs a shoe to-day. This I could not well afford. Now little light, that people who dwelt in them makers shop may have his profits balanced by when the question of Woman's Suffrage is have become mole-eyed, or some have been the losses of him who imprudently and unbeing every where agitated, who would not so bolted and barred, that the inmates were wisely runs a saw-mill. The result is that, be a woman? preparing herself for coming prisoners; suppose because of all these while his care and superintendance are strictly things, that the pioneer in the new country confined to the shoemaker's shop, he may be should refuse to build at all, deciding to dwell tortured by unavailing auxieties about the ture before the Young Men's Association of under the cover of the moon and stars, or business of the saw-mill. It is a law of life, bear his head to the noon-day sun, what that where a man has an interest he has an anxiety. The divine office of which is, to Why, those who were his neighbors would stimulate him to such exertion as is necessary a woman, in such a womanly manner, inspired | build, and his children would find shelter un- to protect and promote that interest, Whenme with more vivid ideas of the near ap- der their roofs leaving him alone. And so if ever any man or woman has an interest which proach of a higher type of womanhood, which we do not organize, act in concert, take steps he or she has not the power to protect of promust necessarily bring about a more perfect to have schools and colleges, where liberty to mote, such man or woman is in a false posiinvestigate in accordance with the laws of nation, suffering torture for no useful end. The Mrs. Stanton, having been long an able ture are had, then our children must, will go natural instincts of self-preservation will lead advocate of Woman's Rights, is modest re- to less liberal schools, and our money to sup- him or her to change that condition so soon

an almost useless labor to be performed, and or miscalculation of mine. I desire that no It seems to me that those who feel thus, one shall have any investment in my vigilance I desire to so possess my freedom, that I eide eaah morning of my life when and where

I will work and what I will do to benefit myself and the world. My suffrage shall be that all others shall

THE AGED PILGRIM. BY S. N. W. Far down the stream of time with step of grace. She journeyed on, to reach her spirits home; Sweet voices oft, she long had heard say "come," She went with glory beaming on her face.

For when more near the shores of time she stood, That joyfully, the soul could leave its clay, Her life so blest, was spent in doing good.

Who would not selfish be? then tears repress, Make gladsome smiles on joyless faces grow, And thou may'st too, each one, may learn to know, That good sometimes proceeds from selfishness.

Who would not choose in lowly life to find,

The flowers upspringing by the fragrant road, Than in such palace dwell, or grand abode. With Lought but husks, on which to feed the mind. Who would not choose until the shades of even, Poor, and despised, and thrust aside to be,

Than wealth, without this blessed ministry, Who would not choose the approving smiles of heaven Who would not live as doth the precious flower. Though silent 'tis, it doth a languag : speak,

Pure as the rose, on lovely maiden's cheek, And fragrance art diffusing, every hour. Let brightly shining sun, or clouds of gloom, Smile on us here, or cast a dark'ning frown, How blest to know that shining ones look down, How blest to hear, the welcome words "come home."

Then, as the soul doth burst its house of clay, And rise triumphant to a higher sphere. Blessed pilgrim! thou'rt gone, and yet thou'rt here, Thou dwelleth evermore in endless day, Jan. 18th 1870.

#### Mr. Thornton's Diary.

Aug. 31 .- I have been wondering whether freedom is possible in the highest and truest relations of life. I must acknowledge that I am no longer free, and yet never was I so blessed as now. A baby in the house-a little bit of a bundle of life folded in downy blankets, and I feel myself in thrall. What excitement there is everywhere! A dish and spoon has assumed such gigantic proportions reverently touching one, all because it has been in some mysterious manner connected with the aforesaid bundle of whiteness. Indeed everything seems out of proportion to me. I am no longer myself. I step about on tip-toe. I open a door with all the caution of a thief. I sit in silence, not daring to felt. rustle my paper or turn the leaves of my book. I tried to lift the little bundle in my arms, but I trembled to my knees, my hands were as unsteady as the tippler's. In fact, ] was wholly bewildered until Helen called me to her side, and I took her hand in mine Her sweet patience, her look of glad fruition touched me as nothing had done before, and for the first time in my life, I realized the sublime beauty of babyhood. Before, it had been a marvel, now it was a reality, a sweet pure fact that linked itself so closely to the ideal and spiritual, that I imagined God was present in an actual form-personated in a human body. Something of this I said to Helen. She looked up with her earnest eyes and said "God wanted us to know him, and to feel his infinite tenderness, and so he gave us a child. What would you not do for that little helpless form? There is no hardship, no weariness, no impatience that would not be borne without a murmur, because love reins supreme in the heart. Is there not a love as much greater than this, as much purer and richer as the life is greater and nobler that comes from the purified spirits above us. The more helpless the object, the more tender the affection. Just so an infinite love cares most lovingly for the most needy. I don't think I can ever doubt God's tenderness again, because I have felt it in my heart, I know now what relation he bears to me. I know why I must be forever

dear to him.' "I am thinking, Helen, if in this beautiful expression of love there is more of tenderness or pity. I can't help thinking how those little hands must toil, that little heart ache, those little feet grow weary, and all for what? Because we have loved-that we might love. And if our love in its divinest expression could not be called out without this outgrowth of our lives, so the Infinite love could not exist without us. We are the necessity of God's love. How thankful it makes me as I look up thus reverently and trustingly through this new experience to the highest expression of love that I call God. I know that I am in and of that love, that I inherit it as the child inherits mine.' I don't know how much more I might have said if Mrs. Moore, the nurse, had not entered just then with some catnip tea. I descended from my heaven with such precipitation, that I was dazed, and did not perceive what was going on for a moment. I at last comprehended that some of the warming beverage was being thrust into baby's mouth. I began then a vigorous onslaught at the barbarous practice of making baby's take any thing but what nature had prepared. A lively discussion followed, which resulted in pel the whole world to accept the truth o my being thrust ignobly out of the room, as spiritualism, and call about him the intellect entirely unqualified to know anything whatever of babydom. But I will protest here in solitude. Nature is a beneficent mother; she cares for the little life most wisely. Why not let nature have her way? Oh, because that would do away with a vast deal of fussing. Now, as I think of it, I don't see why nature don't continue to be as simple is a chemical change, and concerns itself only and imperative through childhood up to man- with the grosser elements, and that what is hood. It is because we begin so early to born from those elements has relation to othmeddle with nature. We want to have a er laws. This great teacher needed no robes little hand in a Divine workmanship, and so to sanctify him, or frescoed church to receive we meddle and mar. I don't get any time him. His voice was as clear to the cottage to sermonize these days. I wonder what I as the hall. And now we find that he has alcan do next Sunday. The people will all ways been walking the earth, proclaiming the expect an extra dish of sentiment served up glad tidings to man, and that his special adto them, and I am forced to do nothing. I | vent at Hydeville twenty-two years ago, was tried to write this morning, and selected my only a little more certain word, a little more text and went on finely for a page, when I definite proclamation than had come for years found a sentence like the following : "Spir- before. itual truths are food to the soul-they are the nutriment of the soul. I wonder if feedbest serves a simple body without a brain."

for Mrs. Dea. Fitch would hold me to my his own powers. point. Her eye is fixed on me like the nee-

eyes she has; what a soul looks out of them. spheres of thought and feeling. A. J. Da-She is an old maid too, and yet she has a vis calls this the superior condition. Wesley mother's heart. She is one of the god-moth- called it divine grace, Madam Guyot divine ers, placed in the world to reveal the holiness love. Jesus oneness with God. It is a conof a pure unselfish love. For after all, the dition that each individual soul must attain. love of a child has so much selfishness in it, and is dependent on no other soul except as I fear to call it divine. If ever God made a the condition of others act sympathetically true soul, he made Rachel one. I am always on every one. myself, if she is at church, and I cannot have There should be then no dissatisfaction at

I was sorry to find that all my fine theories presentation. ate passification in the great warm arms of of the day has failed. Mrs. Moore.

I notice that in this way most fine theories tumble down under the positive claims of necessity. I have heard several fine treaties on the care and education of children, but I found out afterward that in every case the person had no children, and had never managed one for any length of time. I myself once wrote a very eloquent appeal to fathers and mothers. I am glad to say I never read in my estimate of values, that I find myself it, for if I had I should at this present moment be stamped a fool, as I believe every one should who speaks without experience.

Oh experience thou art our only great teacher. An angel from heaven can not teach as thou dost. I resolve never to express an opinion upon that which I have not actually

#### Who Shall Teach us.

Are we to have fresh developments spiritual truth through our mediums, or are we to wait for them through men of culture and spiritual grace? This question often presents itself to the intelligent and earnest Spiritualist. Since the days when Tiffany lectured, and Harris improvised, and Partridge edited, and Fishbough and Hallock and Young discussed, we have had continued exexpositions of the same great idea of spirit communion, and repeated efforts to make clear and distinct the philosophy of such communion. Is it a wonder that some of the for the young, is here recognized and obvia- glad it is that way." earlier converts are a little weary, and call ted; the sexes are equally admitted to memfor a fresh revelation, a more universal phi losophy, and a broader religion.

Such dissatisfaction or weariness is considered back-sliding, and the one is reproached who dares to mention it; and this reproach on the face of it sends the one who entertains the weakness of wanting more light, more truth, into the seclusion of his home, or into the more positive and sedative

for the highest spiritual light. The great teacher. The school is a little community, danger to the spiritualist has stood always in which the moral nature is to receive its straight in his path, it is that of going to first lessons of right, of justice, of virtue. some circle, of leaning upon another mind, of what to think, what to feel.

The culture of ones own power of head and heart is the open door to truth. We want external signs sometimes to show us the way to the interior portals of the soul. For instance, we need the test of spiritual presence and power that have been given over and over again, in so many homes, and around so many social boards. But having received this positive evidence, having taken to our heart the sublime fact, we can gain but little from its continued repetition, except what it gives to

us of love and sympathy. The lesson has come to us as a direct pow er to influence our lives. We have been as truly "called" as were the apostles, and our calling lies within the sphere and capacities of our individual lives. We are urged by every fact that has been presented to us to out-live the truth. The fresh revelation must come to ourselves. What medium so true, so broad, so positive for us, as the me dium of our own aspirations?

Many have wondered why no great man like Theodore Parker, came forward to comand culture of the community. The great teacher and preacher has been with us for many years. It is stern, unyielding fact. It has proclaimed through the length and breadth of the land the judgment of the great desire, the positive fact that love never dies. It has established the truth that death

Fact has spoken to us all, in almost every possible means. We are left without the ing the baby too often makes it cry? I in- shadow of a doubt of the continued presence tend to estimate just how much nutriment of those we love. The next teacher must be a silent one and come to each soul It is I was disgusted with my effort, and came to doubtful if any man or woman could satisfy Holy Ghost, and he formed a sect called for would only have good laws." a sudden determination I would speak extem- very many minds now, because each intuitive himself, who led most exemplary lives but "What kind of a law would you have?" civilization, and there be nothing for men and packed by return mail (postage paid), on receipt of price.

babies, the whole congregation would roar illustrating truth by living it, but also grasp- CHILDREN'SDEPARTM'T with laughter. But no, I should not do that, ling it more and more through the exercise of

The great object of spiritual unfoldment, dle to the poles. I sometimes can see nothing is not to make the mind subject, a slave and dependent, but to bring it with all its facul-I will preach to Rachel Patterson. What ties into close relationship with higher

the limited expression of truth by others Aunt Ruth puzzles me, she dont seem to the complainer is, in truth, complainer of think a baby any great affair. She went on himself. Truth stands knocking at the door at breakfast table this morning telling me of of every human spirit. There is a truth in Mrs. Charry's seventh baby, and what a great the religious idea that Christ is knocking at buxom child it was, and how little fuss she the door of every human heart. Christ symmade over it, just dumping down in a cradle bolises divine truth, and it is ones self that and going about her work, I couldn't quite closes the door "against that truth." The tell whether she wanted to take the starch out | most that teachers can do for us is to brush of my new dickey, or whether a bit of envy away the cobwebs from our darkened windows. crept out of her great loving heart. She We are so encumbered with the errors of trashowed so much good sense however in telling dition that we often need help out of the how babies should be managed that I quite rubbish, once out no man can look out for us. forgave her, in either case. She said babies As our eye must take in external objects and should never be lifted if they cried, they translate them to the mind, so must our spiritshould be put to bed wide awake &c., &c., ual senses translate ideas through actual

tumbled to the ground at the sound of that We can help each other through sympa little plaintive voice, and I hurried nurse in thy, love, recognition and comparison of to look after the trouble, and before I thought ideas, but every one who has attempted to I had the blankets off and ordered an immedi- be a leader of the great spiritual movement

#### What is being done for the People.

One of the most beneficient associations of

modern times is to be found in Providence R. I. It is termed the Christian Club-House, and is designed to prove a pleasant place for recreation and amusement for young men and women. It admits both sexes to equal membership. Its parlors and libraries and amusement rooms, are designed for pleasant education and recreation. It has its games of Croquet, Dominoes and Chequers. Its tables with all the popular magazines, its stereoscopic pictures and photographs.

There is also a Benevolent section with its Sewing-School and its Hospitality Lectures, its classes in music, book-keeping, French, Mechanical drawing and in other departments. But the best of all is, all this pleasure and all this profit are designed for the working men and girls. Here the sewing-girl can spend her evening, find her books, improve herself in every way, and the clerk is not forced to stay in his little narrow room, or find his society at the billiard saloon or his recreation at the theatre.

This institution is one of the finger marks on the way of progress. We know what is to be done in all cities and large towns by what has been done here. The great mispership, and share their pleasures together The law of mutual benefit from familiar conversation and mingling together in simple games of young men and women has been almost disregarded. Our forefathers did not find it injurious to their boys to place them in a school with girls. In the country now the public schools are not arranged in separate sections dividing the girls from the boys, and the moral condition of the young is acknowledged to be superior in the country Now the fault is not in the givers of the to that of the city. All true education is to the house. spiritual truth, or in the search for higher based upon the principle of mutual giving truth, but it is in going outside of ourself and receiving. The child at school is itself a

We hope to hear more of this Providence into the dining room. seeking continually to be told what to do, Club-house, and to find that it is soon to have its efforts appreciated and repeated.

All blo om is fruit of death; Creation's soul thrives from decay. Snmmers in rot, and harvest through the frost, To fructify the world: the mortal now Is pregnant with spring-flowers to come And death is seed-time of eternity!"

### The Second Ecumemical Council,

Although the Bishops at the Council of Nice, in 325, had endeavoured to settle the doctrine concerning the Trinity and had distinctly declared that Christ was God of very God, yet they had not so distinctly defined the nature of the Third Person of the Trinity. The language concerning the Holy Spirit was vague and uncertain, because they had not really in their minds any definite shape. The Montanists, gave the Holy Spirit prominence, because of the repeated inspiration they received from its descent. The question was raised whether the Holy Spirit was like in substance to Christ and God. Arius who raised the controversy concerning the Son, declared that the Holy Ghost was created by the Son, as the Son was of the Father and was as far removed from him. Some believed the Holy Ghost to be a personality like an archangel; others insisted that it was the I know, and it is so Nice to think you and energizing spirit of the Father and Son. One Bishop declared that he was a creature and

There was no way out of this controversy which waxed warmer and warmer but to call another Council, which was done in 381. Constantinople was chosen as the place where the Council should assemble. With somewhat different spirit the bishop appeared at the second Council. They had learned that the people will think, and it was deemed more wise everything as belonging to themselves, and to rigidly fix the articles of belief than before, so as to leave no room for discussion or

They added to the Creeds of Nice "I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord and giver of life who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified." After this it was of my apples, peaches or anything else I have, deemed as heretical to doubt the divinity of and he does the same with me. Women ought pression that Spiritualism would run itself, the Holy Ghost as it was that of the Son.

however asserted that the scriptures contained Rights; then when we were grown up we continue as at the first dawning of the new no sufficient evidence of the divinity of the would scratch out all the bad laws and we dispensation to advance the new religionpore. But what if I should then go off on to mind is reaching out for itself, and not only were denounced as heretical.

## Mrs. E, L. WATSON, - - Editor.

All communications for this Department should be addressed to the Editor, at Titusville, Pa. He who teaches not his child an art or profession, by which he may earn an honest livelihood, teaches him to tob the public.—The Talmud.

#### SUNBEAM BY MRS. C. A. MEANS.

May's golden curls were closely pressed Against the misty window pane Two soft blue eyes intently watched While slowly dropped the drizzling rain

'Papa has come! I see him now!" He hears the sound of pattering feet; A joyous shout salutes his ear. And welcome words his footstens greet

"Ah! Sunbeam, glad to see papa?" On father's knee she quickly climbed, And many a kiss for answer gave,

While round his neck her arms she twined 'How much I love you, dear papa,' She said, with soft and tender voice : Then stroked his cheek with fond caress,

That made his weary heart rejoice. May Sunbeams shine in all our homes, And shed around their cheerful light Their gracious words, their loving ways, Can make the darkest day so bright.

#### Willie and Jessie. BY ANNIE DENTON CRIDGE

CHAP II.

no money, only what papa gives you." "That is not so, is it?" said little Jessie.

'You have money, have you not, mamma?" "The money," said his mamma, "is just as nuch mine as your papa's."

Willie shook his head. "I don't see that, mamma; I think it is papa's money."

"Suppose" said his mother, "you and in all the money, while you would take no

"Well," said Willie, "but half of the money would be mine, because, you see, we would be partners."

"Very well," said his mother, "your papa and I are partners, we are in business together; our business is to keep house, and if we have children to take care of them, see that they are clothed and fed, etc. Your papa's the presence of spiritual influences, especialpart of the business is to earn the money. He stands at the counter, as it were, or he as George, takes in all the money.

I deliver the goods; I attend to the house, see that breakfast, dinner or supper come ev- her friends and attendants on the subject. ery day for papa and my two darlings, pur- One evening, bed-sore from emaciation and chase your clothes, make them or attend to long confinement, she was suffering severely, their making; mamma is busy nearly all the and her attendant adjusted and re-adjusted

it all now. Yes, you and papa are partners, organism could bring to bear having failed, and the money belongs to both of you, and she seemed all at once gently raised as by intake in most of the institutions of efforts made it is yours just as much as papa's. I am very visible hands, and laid tenderly back as if up-

"Why, my boy?" Because, you see I want woman's rights | Verily, if in metaphor, for everybody; and, I thought if every papa earned money and wives didn't, then no married woman could have her rights."

Just then papa came in from his business. and the children ran into the hall to meet

"Dinner is ready, papa," said Jessie. 'Yes, dinner is ready," said Willie: "mamma is your partner, you and mamma are in business together. Her business is to attend

"Yes," said Jessie, "and get dinner for papa and make my frocks."

"And my suits of clothes, and my shirts. "What does all this mean?" said papa, as he lifted little Jessie in his arms and walked to her painful and protracted illness, nor to

"We have been talking about woman's rights," said Willie's mamma, smiling, "I have been showing them that husband and husband had attended, there being no Spiritwife are just the same as two partners in a store, where one takes the money and the other prepares and delivers the goods with his been consistent members of the Detroit Sohorse and wagon."

Willie with a laugh.

augh; "and here are some of the goods delivered" said Willie, as they took their seats at

partner, don't you?"

"I do," said Willie. "And I do, and she is a good mamma too," said Jessie.

"And now," said Willie, "I know some-

"Well, what is it?" asked papa. Sometimes I have heard you talk to mamna about money, and I know you said our money and not my money. I heard you say lars,' and I wondered you did not say 'my world without. money' and 'I have so much money;' but now mamma are partners, and that the money be-

"My darling boy!" said his mother. "Well," said his papa, "you have heard ne of the rights of married women; and I lope you will remember it when you are a man; for most of the unhappiness of married life is caused, I think, by husband's acting like masters towards their wives, and claiming

longs to both of you.'

nothing belonging to the wife." "But how are the laws, papa?"

"O, papa!" replied Willie in astonishment; Georgie and I know better than that, for we are partners sometimes, and I give him half

"I would have a law like this," said Willie : there are in Spiritualism grand truths, and and all money received at the counter belongs human efforts.

to both partners alike. his knife and fork to laugh. "Three cheers | banks, fanaties wild vagaries; immodest and for the new law! You are right, my boy; immoral men and women, until the load has that ought to be the law, not only in every become too heavy to move. And like one of State in the Union, but in every country in ancient times according to the fable we stand

#### Two Bridals

"Unto the friend that has clothed it and fed it. We gently consign this pale casket of clay : So, 'tis a bridal ! to Nature we wed it,

Whose love has sustained it by night and by day." On Saturday the 15th inst, passed to the other shore, Mrs. Addie S. Hunt, wife of C. W. Hunt, aged 30 years, and daughter of S. J. Simmons, of this city. On Sunday the 16th, also passed from the earth-life, Mrs. Emily A. Campbell, aged 37 years, wife of Wm. G. Campbell.

It is much a custom with our friends of the ancient faith, to dwell upon the states of heatitude with which their friends meet 'death' as they call it, and of their hope and trust in Jesus and in a blessed immortality. It is a good custom, because it shows, (when the relation is truthful, ) the hold which the belief of the person has upon their confidence "Mamma," said Willie, "I am thinking or affection. No one should deliberately emabout money. You know papa goes to his brace a religious belief from which they would

The experience of Mrs. Hunt, was so pe culiar, that I speak of it somewhat at George, (a playmate of Willie's ) when you length. Her disease was consumption, with are men, were to go into business together: which she suffered for five or six months, besuppose you had a grocery store, and George ing wasted at the time of her dissolution, to sold the goods, and took the money while you a mere shadow. Her father, Mr. Simmons, put up and delivered the goods with your has attended the Spiritual meetings for some horse and wagon. You see George would take years past, but has never been a fully declared Spiritualist. Her husband usually attended the Unitarian church. Mrs. Hunt herself had no definite religious belief. Her late belief in spirit ministration was therefore from no mental pressure acting upon her.

In September last, she enjoyed a brief in terview with that good angel of earth, Nellie J. T. Brigham. Soon after, as her physical condition declined, she became conscious of ly of the presence of her brothers in spiritlife. During the latter period of her illness, she was much occupied in communion with the disembodied, and conversed freely with her bed and pillows to no purpose. All the "I see, I see !" said Willie, "I understand acts of love and kindness which the physical on a bed of the softest down, continuing my part in urging on the reforms of the age. through the night in a state of ease and rest.

"Jesus can make a dying bed

Feel soft as downy pillows are:" Do not our ministering spirits literally do the same for us? Again, about a week before her death, feeling somewhat despondent, she was reassured by a succession of spirit symbols conveyed in a series of changing floral designs, accompanied by mental impressions which seemed to say: "Have fortitude-do not despond.' The whole was so pleasing and assuring that a condition of cheerfulness ensued, buoying her up during the entire night. Her constant expression was that these spirit evidences were everything to her, that without them she could not have been reconciled the inevitable dissolution which it foretold. Her funeral services were attended by the pastor of the Unitarian church, where her

ual speaker obtainable. Sister Campbell, with her family, have ciety since its organization, and regular at-"And you, papa, take the money," said tendants at its meetings. Her sincerity and devotion were attested by her adherence to "And your mamma, I suppose, delivers the the last to the cherished belief in which she had lived; and the passage of the consistent "Yes," said the children, with a merry life from the earthly to the spirit sphere, was celebrated under the auspices of the Society. There being no speaker under engagement, the President of the Society conducted the Superintendent. Samuel Langdon, Secreta-"In the shape of a good dinner," added pa- exercises, making a brief address, with appa. "Well, I think your mother very good propriate selections from the Spiritual Harp, and the choir sang that beautiful hymn.

"Shall we meet beyond the river." Would that all true Spiritualists, whether living or dying, could feel thus impelled to give their active and moral support to our Spiritual Society organizations. A firm adherence to principle and to each other, would cement us in strength and unity, upon which would grow confidence and self-respect within, yesterday to mamma, 'We have so many dol- and which would command the respect of the

Detroit, Jan. 22, 1870.

#### A Word to Spiritualists.

For some time past, in consequence of other duties I have not been identified with the unorganic, or organic work of Spiritualists; have stood as it were alone, watching the "signs of the times" and like one anciently waiting for something to turn up. The poet sings of those who "learn to labor and to wait," while it is only the drones in the hive of industry who wait without labor. From the former position I have occupied as watchman upon the tower. I fancy I see the com-"Why, the law says that everything be- ing dawn when Spiritualism is about to "Cast off her slough of darkness

An eclipse of hell and sin, In each cycle of her being As an adder casts his skin." For some years there seemed to be the im-

to help make the laws, papa. I wish every without organization, moral purity, or indi-Macedonias partly an Arian Bishop, still little boy and girl believed in Woman's vidual effort. That the angel would women to do but sit still, simply affirming

Husbands and wives are partners in business, see the noble work go on by spiritual and not

But we have found our cause standing "Well done," said papa, as he laid down still. It has been loaded down with mountoby with empty hands, idle brains, and unsympathetic hearts asking jupiter to take hold and help us along with our great load; forgetting that God and the angels only help those who help themselves. There is embodied in the system of Spiritualism vet to take form in organization, all the elements of granduer, utility and success, only waiting for truth loving souls to weave them into a system of truth, demonstrated by science and in agreement with natures teachings. Those truths which when received will cause us to consecrate our lives to their unfolding, and at the same time mould our Moral and Spiritual

It is true, that apparently Spiritualism has peen making little progress, and does not today command the attention or respect it should, still it has been all the time diffusing itself into the world's literature, the organized churches of the land, and enlisting the attention of the calm thinkers of the age office and earns all the money. So you have shrink in the hour of trial. And if the christians And while it is admitted to be a working pow triumph in death, is hopefully heralded as er in all the reforms of the day, it is at the confirmatory of the truth of his belief, equally proper is it that the shining examples of pian schemes, that all of lifes evils are to be fortitude and trust and confidence which our remedied by discarding all outward laws, and Spiritual dispensation offers, should be made permitting each to be a law unto themselves, without regard to the rights and happiness of

nature into harmony with God and the angel

the truth of individual and soverignty, and yet, our individuality does not, and cannot destroy our relationship to our brothers and sisters, on this or the other side of the river, so but that we are parts of one great whole-children of one great family, among whom we must learn to bear and forbear, forget and forgive. Labor and suffer reproach, even that we may be aids to each other, as we persue our onward march up the spiral pathway of progress. While then we may hear the steps of our departed loved ones, upon the starry decked floor of heaven, and listen to the music of their gentle words, we are to remember that the communications of the angel world, and not simply to assure us of the truth of the doctrine of immortality, but also to fit us by culture, by pure lives, by noble deeds and thoughts to enter upon that sunny land, fitted to commingle with the pure and good and with them enjoy,

"The souls calm sunshine and heartfelt joy Which is virtues prize."

Feeling thus that I am in part at least my prothers keeper, responsible for his elevation or degradation—that I have a work to do in New York. the great battle of life, and feeling a truthful confidence in my ability to teach some, encourage others and admonish all, I desire to enter upon my work as State Agent and do If there are places where my services are re quired will the friends by letter inform me, and the compensation shall be satisfactory. J. P. AVERILL.

Battle Creek, Jan. 1870.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Michigan Spiritual Publication

At the annual meeting of the above company, held January 26th, 1870, agreeable to previous notice, at the office of said company in Kalamazoo, Dr. Wm. Weyburn was appointed Chairman, and Samuel Langdon Sec-

Col. D. M. Fox, Superintendent made a full and detailed report of the receipts and expenditures of the past year, the sources from which received and for what purpose expended. The report was adopted.

Allison Kinney offered the following, which was adopted by a unanimous vote: Resolved, That we have continued confidence in the

uperintendent of this company Col. D. M. Fox, and give our sanction to his management of its business affairs, and also fully approve of his manner of conducting the PRESENT AGE. The following persons were elected Direc-

tors of the company for the ensuing year. JOHN C. DEXTER, D. H. HALE. D. M. Fox, WM. WEYBURN. SAMUEL LANGDON. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors.

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ingly condemn. Philosophy is the ever repeated effort of perfect science of Egypt, India or Greece, yet it has the same end in view, and pursues it as steadily as when favored with the more it as steadily as when favored with the more it as steadily as when favored with the more it as steadily as when favored with the more it as steadily as when favored with the more is a steadily as when favored with the steady as a steadily as when favored with the steady as a steadily as when favored with the more is a steady as a stea means of the known, i; seeks to explore the unknown, or to apply the principles operative stems-each stem ten thousand clusters, and plication must occur from not knowing per- them meaning thereby sensible manifestations feetly the principles of that which is supposed method, but results from the imperfection of those useing it. A perfect philosophy is only that organization is dissolved. possible where there is a perfect science. The defect of past philosophy has been the imperfect basis of partial science. Not till conceptions and conduct. phenomena have been correctly classified, and the underlying principles correctly indicated, can we feel sure in philosophizing. That many great men, famous even in the ranks of philosophers, should have failed through the partial science of their time, is not strange. That Aristotle was equal to Bacon in all that pertains to intellectual power and application, there can be no doubt. No more can there be that he was the author of the inductive philosophy, or rather system or method; but the progressed science of Bacon's day enabled him to give his name to Aristotles discovery. It is not intended here to assert that the philosopher has not sometimes antedated the Scientist, and proclaimed the existence of what the latter has afterward discovered and demonstrated. This we most gladly recognize, regarding as we do both science and philosophy as fundamental elements of human

But we are concerned, in this article, to trace the influence of philosophical systems upon religious Opinions, and human conduct. Probably all the so-called systems of philosophy may be reduced to three, and one of those is the product of the present age. All the past systems may be reduced to the Ideal and sensational. The one commences its investigations with the phenomena of the consciousness-the intelligence; while the other begins with the phenomena of sensation. The extremists of each system deny in toto the assumptions of the other. To the Sensationalist, all ideas are primary or secondary sensations, while to the Idealist all sensations are resolved into certain conditions of consciousness. Both are very subtle in explaining all theories. In our day, however, there has arisen another system termed Eclectic. In and consciousness, as of equal value in their respective spheres. If it has a stronger leaning to one than the other it is toward the idealistic. Possibly a fourth system is in pro-Philosophy, as given by Mr. Davis. This latter may be termed an Eclecticism, in one sense; but it is not Eclectic in the sense of patching up a system of piece-work from othof being and thought, some rays of truth's all glorious light have shone. It also seeks to remove the obscurations of ignorance, so that the light of truth may be focalized in forms of beauty, and related in movements of use, for the elevation of humanity.

But without, at present, pursuing this view of Harmonialism farther, let us note the influence of the two more ancient and extensive systems. We should infer a priori that of philosophy. Affirming that all ideas are obtained through the medium of sensation, or in other words, that ideas are sensationsall notion of an ideal, spiritual nature, or exmind for the evolution of ideas independent of mere sense perceptions, which is the affirmtheir foundation, are things of yesterday comtheir foundation, are things of yesterday comchise to the women of the land. An attempt, yet would not be taken ation of Idealism. It must be clear to every mind, that, if every idea is primarily a sense gress. Some years since, the suggestion was perception, consequently produced by some made that by excavations and borings in the hopes of effecting the passage of a sixteenth audience. She thought the world had never keenly they feel their position. Mr. Riddle motion of matter, no such thing as spirit can valley of the Nile, very important discoveries be cognized by man, for there is no avenue of might be made. Eminort Archeologists described by man, for there is no avenue of might be made. Eminort Archeologists described by man, for there is no avenue of might be made. Eminort Archeologists described by man, for there is no avenue of might be made. Eminort Archeologists described by man, for there is no avenue of might be made. Eminort Archeologists described by man, for there is no avenue of might be made. Eminort Archeologists described by man, for there is no avenue of might be made. be cognized by man, for there is no avenue of approach to his spirit, even if he were supposed to be the possessor of such an entity. The to be the possessor of such an entity. The to be the possessor of such an entity. The to be the possessor of such an entity. The to be the possessor of such an entity. The to be the possessor of such an entity. The the discontinuous attracted ballot is the symbol of a higher power than a ballot is

Atheism, and can be nothing else.

thousand branches-each branch ten thousand | what shall we consider as ancient?

In a word, the influence of the sensational philosophy, has been to materialize human

For the Present Age.

WHITHER ART THOU TENDING BY STELLA.

Dweller, on the shores of time, Whither art thou tending? In the path of sin and wo, Or upward, doth thou choose to go, Whichever path, thy feet may tread, Thou'lt find it on, and on doth lead. Toiler, on the shores of time, Whither thy work tending? Is it to help the world in wrong, Or is it to help the world along, Whiche'er it is, thou'lt always find, Thy pay according to thy mind. Whither art thou drifting?
True, thou must learn to help thyself, For with all thy ill gotten pelf, Great strong armed right will compensate The worker, then, where's thy estate? Dweller, idler, here below, Whither art thou tending? This is a time to act, awake ! Thy work is waiting thee to take. Awake from thy most stupid dream Thou'st drifting now, adown the stream, Dweller, on the shores of time, See, whither thou art tending It may be easy thus to bow, As the tidal currents flow, But greater work than this is here. A battle fierce, is raging near !

#### The Age of Stone.

It may not be familiar to all the readers of

the Age, that the remote periods of human

existence on the earth, but more especially in Europe, have been termed the Stone Age, the Bronze Age, and the Iron Age. The age of iron, however, falls within the domain Spirit is living. Self acting; and God is hardest workers for the cause. of history, but those of Bronze and stone, are buried in the night of prehistoric time. It is only by the very careful researches of the Archeologist, that the monuments of these early phases of human existence have phenomena in accord with their respective been unearthed, and the order of their succession pointed out. The Stone age, which is the earliest, is divided into the earlier and harmony with its name, it has no exclusive- the later. The first, so as when men only ness, but accepts the phenomena of sensation split from the flint rude hatchets, knives, arrow and spear heads for their use; the second was after they had learned to polish the rough flint, and give it a more beautiful appearance. These implements of man's rude cess of formation, which as yet has received no art are found in all parts of Europe, and in name, unless we accept the term Harmonial such situations as to demonstrate the very great antiquity of the races who made them. They are found deeply buried in the peat bogs, in connection with the bones of the mammoth and other animals which were exers, but it aims to show how, though all forms tinet long before history chronicled their size or habits. They are also found in caves with the fossils of animals and of man. They are imbedded in the drift gravel, which carries them back far, very far into the undefined night of time. A variety of methods had been resorted to, in order to approximate the time when Europe was the home of the Lion and Bear; the Elephant, Rhinoceros, and a race of men almost as wild as they. But these efforts had not been attended with sensationalism would give a very solid system a success, which rendered them available for any definite statements as to the number of centuries which have elapsed. But, Sir Charles Lyell, had established the position that all testimony is that of sensation-that that all the evidences of man's antiquity, all mental action is the comparison of ideas, found in the alluvium of river beds, were rewhich, as we have said, are really sensations, latively modern compared with the Stone Age. Egypt was the country furnishing the most istence becomes an impossibility. Should stupendous evidences of a vast antiquity any one object to our defining sensation and since the commencement of valley formations, idea as synonymous in this philosophy, we by the earth brought down in the water of have only to say that it is impossible to per- rivers. But it has not been known till re- Cozzens, of St. Louis, dressed in an ashes of women in the District of Columbia, she would be claimed the same rights for his daughters ceive any actual difference, unless it should cently that Egypt furnished any evidences of rose-colored silk dress, a deeply shaded blue state that in 1872 the ladies of the District as for his sons; he wanted for them the same be said that ideas are the shadows, or images an age of stone. But the discovery has at jacket, and blue hat, with white feather. could vote if they chose. thrown upon the consciousness. This, how-last been made, and by it we are entitled to ever, is a distinction without any actual dif- call the hoary monuments of her ancient gloference, for it equally reduces all ideas to sen- ry, very modern structures. Nay more, the sation. by allowing no spontaneity to the relics of a civilization immensely older than She stated that every one present was fully beg for what they considered to be their not prepared to say that man should be sub-

there are no interior senses allowed. Conse- in the work. Three lines of excavations and was a reality. She could not imagine how the voice of the people. Woman's suffrage quently the existence of God, Angel or Spirit is inconceivable, and to man impossible; or ing ninety five places in all, were made be-All communications for this Department should be as good as the one that elected dressed to the Editor, at Battle Creek, Mich.

I believe in heroism. Grant won with the ter and motion are made the all—embracing Pieces of broken brick, and fragments of categories of being.

Pieces of broken brick, and fragments of Western lady, who had studied law in St. contended for half a century—an idea. That pottery were found at the greatest depth. Louis, Mo., Miss Phebe Cozzens. The logical outcome of this philosophy is

At Heliopolis, borings were made directly

Miss Cozzens then addressed the meeting liberty of each. [Applause.] each one into the common channel of thought. influence, Deity is transformed into a man- Nile mud must have occupied the immense from J. Stuart Mill. the most untamed imagination, or the im- sible one it would be nonsense to talk of suf- borative of the assertions made by the early needed. A Chinaman or an African could Rochefort's Marsellaise) that man could con-

Civilization. So also the method is ever sub- is it strange that the ancient disciples of the river mud, are comparatively modern when Miss Susan B. Anthony then read several rights. [Applause.] stantially the same in all ages. It deals with Apostles, like Papias and others, should have placed in juxtaposition with the age of Stone. letters, one from Dr. Purvis, of Philadelphia,

to the whole. It is evident at a glance, that if this method be correct, mistakes in its ap-With these facts and deductions, we are not ottain this desired end. to prove all questions. It declares that all disposed to consider the estimate of M. Professor Wilcox then read a communication from Miss Clara Barton, written in Gematerial organization and must perish when Stone Age found in the valley of the Somme friends. She says: extravagant. This eminent French Savon | When you were weak and I was strong I toiled for feels compelled to allow 120,000 years for the lapse of time since the bones of the Llephas Primigenus were buried in the drift gra
you. Now you are strong and I am weak, because of my work for you, I ask your aid. I ask the ballot for myself and my sex. As I stood by you, I pray you stand by me and mine. CLARA BARTON. vel of the Somme, with the flint knives and hatchet, of savage man. How far beyond this remote enough of slawning art, indicated this remote epoch of dawning art, indicated had no answer but her devotion to the men of For by the rude stone weapons, man existed, who the country during the war, and that all she can tell? We may ascertain in the great asked was that the right of franchise be exbereafter, that hundreds of centuries had rolled over the animal man, ere he learned ment; and must now have a sixteenth amendThe civil rights bill did little good till you armed the African with a ballot. [Applause.] to split a flint, make a bow, or construct a ment. Now send back to Clara Barton the new citizen—his old slave. And why?

tle, as he is of age, but we beg leave to re- from Lucretia Mott to the Convention, that of each. Then we will have a country, never Deity. We are not an Atheist. So far from ing present. it, we are prepared always to accept the defithe all. God becomes conscious in Man. gates present. Matter possesses no self-conscious attributes. certain that matter, so called, is anything Mrs. Griffing. more than phenomena. Of one thing we are spirit. But we did not intend to write an arspiritual pantheist.

#### IN SORROW.

When thou art sorrowful, and cares around Crowd fast upon the steps of happier days; When thou believ'st e'en brightest things can leud The saddest echo to the gayest lays-As men of old were fed with angels' food, Go, seek thy remedy in doing good,

When those to thee the dearest shall have died, And each fresh day grows weary to thine eyes; When every hope that others build upon Comes to thy senses with a glad surprise-Take up the burden of another's grief;

Learn from another's pain thy woe's relief. Mourner, believe that sorrow may be bribed With tribute from the heart, nor sighs nor tears But nobler sacrifice-of helping hands, Of cheering smiles, of sympathetic tears, Oft have the saddest words the sweeter strain:

In angel's music let thy soul complain. Then grief shall stand with half-averted foot Upon the threshold of a brighter day; And hope shall take her sweetly by the hand, And both kneel down with Faith to meekly pray. The heart that its own anguish purifies.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

Chambers' Journal

Meeting of the National Woman Suffrage Convention.

large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled yesterday morning, at Lincoln Hall, con- been speech making now twenty years, and stituting the "National Woman's Suffrage was tired of it. She wanted action now, and

At 10 o'clock the Convention was called to ed in their behalf. [Applause.] order by Mrs. E. C. Stanton, President of the Miss Anthony retired, but as no one seemed tired in a black silk. To her right were seat- her arguments, stating that the floor was aled Mrs. Paulina W. Davis, dressed in blue lowed to visitors as well as to delegates. In silk and black velvet jacket, and Miss Phoebe regard to the bill granting the franchise to Senator Pomeroy, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Griffing, The chair stated, at the conclusion of her prestige.

also occupied seats on the platform. chise to the women of the land. An attempt vote would not be taken.

PHILOSOPHICAL DEP'T. only avenue is material—is sensation—and and his Chief Engineer, Sinant Bey, assisted joke, as many were inclined to believe. It pression, however hoary-headed, could stand

beneath the foundation of the Obelisk to the at some length. She stated that she was What logic would predict, history confirms. depth of sixty feet from the depth of proud to be a Western woman, and was well not to caste. Susan B. Anthony, the hero-

What am I? Whence came I? What is a great, Master Mechanic -- a Demionegos, or period of 27,000 years. It is difficult to see The chair then introduced Senator Pomemy destiny? are the queries which constitute world builder; and we are bid to look for the problem of all philosophies. The savage the problem of all philosophies. The savage assembled, and to hear its object discussed.

The savage the queries which constitute to see the meeting. He felt highly gratified to see the convention assembled, and to hear its object discussed. asks these questions equally with the sage, of nature. Sensationalism points us to the tion is known. They have stood nearly 4000 He would cast his vote to give the franchise and though his answers vary widely from anatomical construction of our bodies, and the years. The depth of mud accumulated to woman, not because she was a woman those of his cultured brother, they are none physiological functions of the same, but never around their base is accurately measured, but because she was an American citi- jection of Women," denies the superior menthe less the philosophizing of man. It is, to the spontaneities of the human soul. Inthe reference simple folly to deary philosophy deed it bases its hone of future life on the ches per century; and this same average are the less the philosophizing of man. It is, to the spontanelles of the damage aptherefore, simple folly to decry philosophy, deed it bases its hope of future life on the everybody to this convention, and although that no man has ever affirmed and proved the for we are guilty of that which we so unspar- resurrection of the physical body, and its on- plied to the lower layers, all of the same the East was a little behind the movement, it mental superiority of man. ly mode of purification is the flow of material material, and all containing the evidences of could take a bright example from the mounblood from a material God. As matter of a civilization capable of making brick and tains of the West. He was glad to hear that assent to such bosh as Tennyson's. "Woman Philosophy is the ever repeated effort of the human spirit to solve the problem of being.

It may rest on the basis of pure fancy—of the making brick and the human spirit to solve the problem of being.

As matter of a civilization capable of making brick and the president of the convention had stirred to the problem of being.

These Revelations of science, however, are only corrotions. As it admits no test but a sentitions. Another amendment was certainly then—for the first Napoleon never read

principles and their mode of action. By related how in heaven each vine had ten means of the known it seeks to evalure the thousand branches—each branch ten thousand branches—each branch ten thousand branches—each branch ten thousand what shall we consider as a point? Sir Chas. Lyell, to whom we have referred with its objects. He states that the arguin the sphere of the explored to the unexplored fields of investigation. It applies the rules and methods found to be correct, or supposed to be, in one department of the universe sest form of scepticism. A scepticism which amount of water in cubic feet discharged by out distinction of color or nativity, should

to be understood. But this is no fault of the so-called mental phenomena are the result of Perthes, as to the age of the remains of the neva, Europe, and addressed to her soldier

hut for shelter. How small are we in one view of such tremdous periods! How mighty, when we compel them, reluctantly to point us back to one origin.

"Is There a God?"

"Is There a God ty, when we compel them, reluctantly to point us back to one origin.

Was this not humiliating to us?
Were the claims of the negro of more force than those of the mothers and daughters of the speak to you as a man, as a gentle-

AFTERNOON SESSION.

nation of Paul who terms Deity, The all in dentials, received the credentials of the dele-Mrs. Griffling, from the Committee on Cre- bond or free. [Applause.]

Mrs. Paulian W. Davis then read a very They belong to developed spirit. We recog- interesting history of the woman's rights was a unit. She knew the day was coming nize the existence of eternal substance in a movement, compiled by herself. She gave a when a woman would be considered the equal duality of condition. We are by no means biography of all the leaders of the movement, of man. No disabilities to vote or hold office and paid a high tribute to Mrs. Stanton and

certain, spirit is the most real of all realities. Anthony, stating that she was one of the in the Constitution, which governed woman

ticle, or review, but refer our readers to our to have her obituaries spoken after her demise. a natural right. Men were united in saying, late articles on the Personality of Deity, and She wanted business now, and therefore in- "We have the right to vote." She was not CLOCKS, close this paragraph by avowing ourself a troduced the following resolutions; which were laid on the table for debate.

Resolved, That the National Woman's Suffrage Convention respectfully ask the Forty-First Congress of the United States--First, To submit to the Legislature of the sever-First, To submit to the Legislature of the several States a sixteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution, prohibiting the disfranchisement of any edit a paper as well as a large one. The of their citizens on account of sex.

Second, To strike the word "male" from the laws

governing the District of Columbia. Third, To enfranchise the women of Utah as the one safe, sure, and swift means to abolish the polyga-

so that women shall receive the same pay as men for services rendered the Government. Miss Anthony then expressed her views as

to the Constitution of the United States and of the several States. She was greatly in favor of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments. Any word she might utter in regard to these amendments, she spoke under the impression that the fifteenth amendment was a fixed fact. But the sixteenth was needed. The question arose why she did not bring her sixteenth amendment to the different Legislatures of the States. She remarked that she came to Washington and to Congress, because Congress had been the first to throw politics, should vote. The sixteenth amendobstacles in the way of women, by inserting the word "male" in the Constitution. Congress should make amends for this offense. The reason why the fifteenth amendment was Legislatures, was because there was more intelligence in those bodies than in certain Con-Pursuant to a call by the proper officers, a gressional districts, especially the 6th and 7th New York. She was tired of this continual talk about female suffrage. She had would not be satisfied until Congress had act-

Miss Anthony, Professor Wilcox, and others, remarks, that the reason why so few petitions

To-night we are here to bow to conscience, the thanks of millions yet to be, for they are the heroes, the champions of the same idea for which Abraham Lincoln and half a million of soldiers died. [Applause.]

The emancipation of man was the proposition. The enfranchisement of woman was not the corollary to that proposition, but the major part of the proposition itself.

Stuart Mill, in his great book, "The Sub-

The nineteenth century don't yield a blind

Those who come to scoff and go away to oray, used to say that the subjection of the weaker sex to the stronger has obtained for six thousand years. Suppose it has—no other system has ever been tried. The dependence of woman is not an original institution -taking a fresh start from considerations of justice and social expediency. It is the primitive state of slavery [applause] lasting brought all human relations more under the control of justice and the influence of humanity. [Loud applause.]

Woman has power enough whenever fidelity or truth, or genius, or virtue are worshipped. She wants authority. The will of the nation says "she shall have it, and that right speedily." We want and demand that Congress shall make a loud "amen" to this clearly expressed will of the nation.

For woman I demand not sweet, soft words -not ceremony-but justice. [Applause.]

Ceremony hath made many fools It is an easy way unto a Dutchess.'

The civil rights bill did little good till you

Under the above heading, a correspondent of the Age remarks, "according to Hudson Tuttle and Mr. Loveland, there is no Deity. either personal or impersonal." We will not when the force of the moral power that woman would bring into the political arena. Freedom in the church and State was the great ultimatum to be attained. State was the great ultimatum to be attained. Mrs. Wright, of Auburn New York, statassume to answer for our good Brother Tut- ed that she had been charged with a message liberty of all, limited only by the like liberty pudiate in toto the charge brought against us. she sent her "God speed" to the movement again clasping the Bible with the handcuffs We do not reject the idea of an impersonal and regretted that sickness prevented her before whom there is neither Jew or Greek, 'white male' or female, barbarian, Seythian,

> Mrs. Wilbur then came forward and addressed the convention. She remarked that she was fully aware of the truth that humanity should exist in a free country on account of STERLING. sex or color. She was anxious to know by The chair then introduced Miss Susan B. what authority the word male had been placed COIN, Miss Anthony objected to the manner of introduction, remarking that she would like to have her obituaries spoken after her demise. present to be an advocate of woman's rights, BRONZES, whatever they might be, but of human rights. PARIAN, The largest giant had no more rights than Tom Thumb. It was brain, not force, that FORKS, governed the world. A small hand was able womanly in nature should be expressed by woman, the manly by man; the two were distinct, and could not be blended together without spoiling the harmony of the whole. my of that Territory.
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> Fourth, To amend the laws of the United States, right of self-government. How could a wom-Society had to be governed by the sacred an be responsible for her deeds to God if somebody had control over her conscience?

> The question arose whether woman was FLOWER AND VEGETABLE needed to participate in the administration of affairs. She answered, yes; the nation's salvation demanded woman's action. It was said politics were too corrupt for women to meddle with. Other duties were hers. She should give her attention especially to politics. Charity was one of the woman's duties, and the women of America were almost all sisters of charity, true, but something else was needed. Women should meddle with ment was needed so that the wife of the inebriate could vote against the trafic which was a ruin to her husband. Women would advocate temperance and work for it. The politinot submitted to the people direct, but to the | cal status of parties would not be changed in her opinion by giving the ballot to women by adopting the sixteenth amendment. Although she was unable to tell how soon or how late it would be before women attained the desired object, the ballot, how long the war between the sexes would last, the women would certainly fight it out. [Applause.]
> Mr. Riddle, believed that the question of

universal franchise would be tried before the grand tribunal of the world, and, if not vic-National Suffrage Association, who was at- to be inclined to take her place, she resumed torious, it would appeal and appeal again. The question ought to be met squarely by the "masculines" as well as by women. He was an earnest advocate of woman's rights, because atmosphere, the same public opinion, the same

Man says "woman must be subjected to asking for the franchise were presented to me." Perhaps in order to preserve the peace. Mrs. Stanton addressed the convention. Congress, was because the women would not This could not be demonstrated. He was

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