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than Moore's, or Burns', or Schiller's, or Byron's, and have a

MUSIC A LANGUAGE. BY B. A. G. REMINGTON.

The Principles of Anture.

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------All they Whose intellect is an o'ermastering power, Which still recoils from its encumbering clay, Or lightens it to spirit, whatsoe'er The form which their creations may essay, Are bards.

Was Music given by the Creator to amuse, delight, or improve us? Were we formed for happiness or duty? Is pleasure a good ? These and other similar questions which were accustomed to engage the schoolmen, finally giving rise to the two rival sects, the Epicureans and Stoics, have not yet ceased to be asked by the thoughtful mind. The most rational conclu sion seems to be, that to obtain the highest pleasure which we are capable of enjoying, no duty must be neglected, since each has its correspondent pleasure. The reward of labor is the agreeableness of rest-of obedience, satisfaction-of industry

as commandingly as though scattered traits of humanity were ing placidly in the sunlight, are not more unlike. If the one demns its weakness, in ignorance of its almost superhuman collected in one blast of concentrated utterance. Its sweet terrify, the other is more calmly imposing. Even the intense tumults revive a life of joy; its solemn cadenza is the mourning Paganini and Salvator Rosa may be more truthfully likened of the human soul.

vated and religious. Rude as their minds may be, they have joys and sorrows not unlike those of the fortunate.

Music is capable of expressing every feeling of joy, from the of passion. most superficial and evanescent to the highest and serenest, they are introduced in "Robert le Diable," and the auditors bring to the fireside those stirring recollections and conceptions Nor less potent is its language in representing the purer

the one to the other than to any of the great poets. In the The emotions have no language more genuine. Hence the whole range of the poets, perhaps no one will be found who universality of Music--its popularity with the uneducated has more of the intense, which generally characterizes com-

by the invisible pinions of the passionately adored Beatrice,

It is true, all are possessed of more or less intensity. Ferand perhaps is susceptible of rendering no other emotion so vor is the characteristic of genius, but never one-sidedness. adequately. Remove the banquet scene from the stage while It may display only one phase, but it can not be thoroughly tent by poetry-directness of address, which amounts to such the auditors would be enchanted with the unmistakable import lived to ennoble lowliness in domestic life; Guido to raise sculpture, nor the mind as in poetry, but our whole being, of the music; or the cups and the dice from the scene in which sweetness and humility in women to the divine; Turner to sense, soul, mind, eye, thought, and comprehension.

would still be borne along on the impetuous tide of wild revel- of grandeur which encircle his sea pieces; Angelo and Raph- our being, that it becomes a most interesting question, to what powers of the human soul may not be sounded until that soul ael drew their inspiration from the Bible; Airy Scheffer now noble purposes it may be applied. The Romish Church was becomes developed in the infinite cycles through which it is delights of the mind. The harmonies of the sacred composers draws his from the same sublime source whence Milton drew true to the requirements of our nature when it employed destined to blossom and expand.

universal language. Eve's Lament would fall inane on the strength and grandeur. Is he, after all, nothing but a man What should he be more ? is the significant query, since to ears of the myriads who speak a different tongue, while the accomplish one's manhood is to fulfill our earthly destiny. same sentiments conveyed by Music would enchain alike Gen-A sacred relic of a higher nature lingers in every human tile and Jew, Barbarian and Greek. The grand symphony is the lyric in four or more parts, the opera, histrionic music, soul that experiences a veneration for genius-be he artist masses ; and here too is proof, if any were needed, that the posers, than Dante. You can scarcely follow him through his poet, philosopher, musician ; deal he in the complex and many the melodies, simple lyrics. The oratorio is a grand and subsavage and the beggar have feelings in common with the culti- ghostly regions, or soar after him, buoyed up as he seems to be windings of abstruse science; fathom he the depths of the lime anthem. Music is capable of rendering each part here knowable in the laws of matter; soar he to the serene bounds assigned it, without the aid of adventitious words. Music is without feeling that it is song indeed that befits such purity that limit the pure ray of mind, or be he moved with the troua gift of speech, is to devolop and enlarge our culture, elevate bled tossings of upheaving emotions. our desires, ennoble our aspirations, delight by its sweetness Whether painting be more broad in its expression than mu-

and largeness, bind all kindreds in one common bond of amity. The high, the low, the beggar and king, are addressed by it as sic, the latter possesses advantages not shared to its fullest exone. Vice becomes innocence in attempting to express itself the Brindisi in "Lucrezia Borgia" is being performed, and still wanting in any. It is an attribute too high for this. Ostade fullness of appliance as to take captive not alone the eye as in in its harmonious channels. Wild and fitful as the wailing winds, it is soul-full still, and whatever it approaches it turns to its own likeness. Fathom all its hidden depths and capa-

In this respect it is so delicately adapted to the condition of bilities here we can not. The limitless expression of the

and economy, wealth--of perseverance, accomplishment.

Do the birds, in opening Spring, sing to delight us? The flowers bloom to perfumé the airs we breathe? Does it mat ter not, whether we listen to the one or gaze on the other as innocent and dutiful, or as vexed and guilty? The things are the same, but not to us

God has everywhere strewn riches with a bountiful hand The universe so adorned, so shining, was it to delight His energies-to display beauty-10 diffuse happiness-He created it? Was it all for the human soul-here seeing darkly, enjoying in a limited manner-yet soaring, aspiring? Is the bluebird's first note from the throat of Spring, to awaken us to a livelier sense of remembered pleasures, or only expressive of its own innocent confentment? Was the "Iris all hues" reflected in the peacock's shining train to display the lavish power of divinely creative energies, to delight its bearer with its gaudy coloring, or form another link in the all-embracing chain of beauty-or is there need to determine that any one thing must have been formed for a sole specific purpose, rather than for purposes innumerable? Are not all formed to accomplish and crown the creation-the flowers-the stars-the orange and scarlet colored birds and glittering insects?

Echo, where wast thou born-in caverns, amid myrtles and cypress? Echoes of sweet sounds like those of things unattainable, which play about the chambers of the brain, sprang they the one from the speech of Deity, the other from his thoughts. To how many has he given to echo his being? To all, some phase of it. As the leafless almond tree in winter infolds the germs of its summer beauty-so all men inwrap seeds of a fair humanity, All are his chosen-the few his early blown. Are we all types of him, or while he has attributes which do not at all pertain to us, have we not faith which

The poet and the artist express their conceptions-the comfaculty of our being, involves within its range the element of ever it ascends to this felicity, it exhibits an exception rather Surat. When, however, in course of time, Spencer was named common as to have begotten a fear in many of having the vaposer suggests his-the wild and weird notes of the musician moral and mental philosophy, and is an apt vehicle for lofty riety of their abilities known, lest it should too much prejudice | than a rule. Music has been employed to represent simply, by novernor, and Hodges was dismissed from the service of the stir the soul with indefinable emotions. And herein are all truths. their reputation for skill in those things in which they especi- its recurrence of sounds, every variety of dance, from that of Company, he sent to the prophet, who at the time was living high aris similar-their creations having once been experien-And if this seem to yield to the poet too great power, to the negro and faun, to the airy movements of spirits. A chime at Bulpara, a sacred village on the banks of the Tappj. He ally excel. ced, haunt us ever after. The poet expresses his thoughts in the exclusion of any place for art, the Apollo of the heather of bells has been known to suggest the ethercal movements went to Hodges, and listened to the disagreeable end of his language---gives flow to his feelings in verse. The artist em-Cicero's language to the young orator may be not inaptly might have been forgotten, save that we have the immortal creaof beatified spirits. That harmony which delights us in sculphopes and endeavors. Hodges finished by saying that he applied to musicians and artists. Whatever widens their exbodies his conceptions on canvas and in marble. The one tion of the Sun-God, whose noble lineaments cease not to-day tured groups, in arrangement of coloring everywhere in nature, would sail for Europe, and therefore did not expect the brilmeets with no limit to his capabilities of expression, save that to stamp deathless impressions of ideal perfection on its beperience in any mental or emotional direction, or gives infrom the delicate apple-bud amid its wealth of light green, to liant fulfillment of the Brahmin's promises. It is even said in which his language is inhedged. The other none save that holder. creased knowledge in any branch of learning, increases their the daisied lawn-The first great soul in the order of enlightenment is the that he let fall some reproaches during the conversation, or which matter offers to the suggestions of mind. Music has ower; we do not master one subject best by frequently go-"God's beauty fills the daisied slope "ing through its routine, but by grappling with the most difficult account of these deceitful prophecies. The Brahmin listened neither of these mediums nor restrictions. Yet while it has poet, who, whether receiving his inspiration direct from the we become able to perform the more simple with grace and readifrom the blue and gray of the sky to the monotones of the to all with the greatest composure, did not move a muscle, and no verbal language, it has a language peculiarly its own Creator, or in later times borrowing from the traditionary past, expresses the outward by glowing description, the inward by ness. The world of thought must pay tribute to every master sounding sea, in the graceful shape of the human form and said : 'You see this ante-chamber, and that room to which It ranges the wide domain of nature for its mother tongue. recognized portrayals. In his soul, the universe of mind and mind; some particular bent calls it as by the voice of divinity penciled loveliness of living outline in the human face divine, it leads; Mr. Spencer has reached the portico, but will not The bird, the brook and cataract, the zephyr and the storm, to its adopted mission. Often is that voice sadly heard calling is preëminently the characterestic and soul of music. The enter the palace-he has placed his foot on the threshold, but the acacia and the pine, the interminable forest and the boundmatter moves to harmonious accords. His thoughts are as a by some seemingly terrible dispensation. As the flower yields yearnings of the spirit for good, for beauty, for truth and holi- he will not enter the house. Notwithstanding every appearless ocean, are its tributaries. From these it borrows the sweet double mirror, which reflects, the one the thoughts of the Diness, so deep, so silent, so speechless, are made to leap uncon- ance to the contrary, you will reach the honors and fill the its full wealth of fragrance when crushed to earth, the windor wild strains in which it is to utter human passions and hu- vinity, the other the perversions of man. And the perversions harp its most heavenly tone on being swept to breaking by sciously at its ethereal breath. In its screnest shrine the pic- elevated post I have foretold, and to which he has been apman thoughts. The screne state of mind, the absolute repose are doubly revolting from their nearness in his soul to the into which it introduces us, proves beyond question its claim to delible impress of beauty. The poet is universal; the artist rude blasts, so genius, under almost insupportable burdens in tured loveliness, the imaged "je ne sais quoi" is named har- pointed. A black cloud hangs before him." "This surprising prophecy was soon known in Surat and be ranked as an art, and displays a power of utterance beyond and composer, intense. Michael Angelo seems now to men to bowing or opposing, yields beauties before unheard of, save in mony: There is no speech in these silent depths save through Bombay; it was the topic of conversation in every society. words, if not beyond the capabilities of the forms which mat- have lived on the earth as one who tramples on the flowers unwords of revealing, and splendors unseen save in heavenly her voice. Though at first we hesitated at ranking Music among the Hodges had, however, so little confidence in it, that he preter may be made to assume. Its expression is fleeting and mindful of them, while he holds perpetual converse with the visions. But even this does not free it from censure. The vail that arts rather than the sciences, it will now be apparent that they pared to commence his voyage home." In the mean time, howtransient; not so its effect. A lively air may sweep across the clouds and stars. Shakspeare was never so intensely elated,

have lifted many a spirit into their own atmosphere of devooften weigh upon it, to yield itself momentarily to the superior

genius of the composer, and live in a purer air, to press back all doubts, repress all regret in one yielding breath of homage. Such moments hallow Music to the soul, and rank Mendelssohn Mozart, and Beethoven by the side of the great spirits of Dante and Homer, Milton and Angelo, Shakspeare and Raphael. Great spirits do not differ so much in the wealth of the burden which they bear as in their modes of expression. And in deed all men differ less in heart and mind, in soul and spirit, than in development and powers of expression. The poet is born to his language—he delights in it from infancy—he is imbued with its spirit and molded with its mold before he begins to utter his fancies and sentiments, his thoughts and imagination, by it; while the artist and the composer have not only almost to shape for themselves a method of expression, but have to struggle against the difficulties which arise from

having all their lives been forced to express themselves in manner to which their natures render them unfitted. But fortunately nature is on their side in this, that the representative by signs and sounds in the history of man's development precedes that by words-while on the other hand, the poet has the advantage of the increased facilities in our natures. The secret of the power of music does not lie amid the terrors of the "Inferno," but in the harmonies of the supernal, unrevealed by the pen of poet or pencil of artist.

> To noon he fell, from noon to dewy eve, A summer's day; and with the setting sun,

tion, wherein language excels art.

Making night hideous : and we fools of nature So horribly do shake our disposition

have, when confined to the things which we feel. Poetry has greatest potency to turn us within ourselvesmusic and art to lift us above ourselves. The former sustain former ranges the universe for its suggestions, addresses every

his: Wordsworth communed with nature as though his deli- music and the arts to uplift the imagination and the senses. tion, wherein the spirit forgets the trammels which clog it on cately fashioned ear heard more than mortal tones breathing Man was false when he idolized the means instead of the end the earth, the perplexed doubts and unsubmissiveness which through its forms. All beautiful conceptions of Poesy, all fair of his elevation.

spirit as lightly as a wanton zephyr across the scarce ruffled but ever more broad. The Ægean, nestled amid its sweet envelops it is rudely thrust aside, and as the vulgar gaze dis- all require great knowledge and judgment, and are all equally lake, but when it enshrines the genius of its power, it speaks borders, lashed to fury by storms, and the broad Atlantic, bask- cerns little save the common attributes of humanity, it con- arts. The great works of the composer are no less creations

> outward existences, all revealed creations, are brought to our The souls of the musician and poet are not only not diversely firesides through the echoes of Art. All sounds in nature, or constituted, but their plan and method of expression are similar. The perfect musical composition requires as much consweet or wild, are echoed by Music. The arts are so imbued with philosophy, so calculated to sistency as the lyric poem. If disjuncta membra has been the impart it, as to be fit exponents of the accomplishment of an fashion in either, it is nevertheless inadmissible. As the lyric individual's or nation's manhood. All that is universal in in its changes of movement should glide so gracefully as not thought or beautiful in character flows into our minds through to mar the unity, so should the canzonet; and the symphony the attractive channels of Verse. All that is gorgeous in color- loses all the effect of its grandeur when it fails to observe this ing, delightful in grouping, severe in conception, woos our great principle. As the lyric poet should be not only convision in Art; while all sweet sounds in nature, all majesties, sistent in his arrangement and grouping, but have a delicate from the utterance of the startled eagle, from the cry of human sense of rhythm, or measure, or music, so should the composer anguish and despair, from the spontaneous burst which gushes have not only an ear for sweet sounds, but judgment in the from the lip of joy, from the forest and ocean soundings to the conduct of their movements, never changing the last so much harmonies of the starry host, are the delightful echoes of Music. as to destroy the unity of the sentiment. For the musician or Poetry has no embodiment, but as an airy phantom, addresspoet to be guilty of such inconsistency, is as palpable a fault as es the serene soul with noble thoughts and sentiments. Art for an artist to represent a dancing satyr and a flowery lawn

moves the mind through the eve by its present glorified being; on the same canvas with our crucified Lord.

while Music, with its notes of "linked sweetness," takes through Again, as the lyric poet must be governed in his choice of the ear the "prisoned soul," carries it captive, willingly yieldmeasure by his thought or sentiment; or, rather, as the latter ing itself to the enjoyment of sympathetic pleasures, wonder, must be allowed to flow in their native channel, the heroic in iambics and spondees, the lively in amphibrachs and trochees, surprise, terror, and delight. The ideas of something above us which haunt our whole existence, move in bright gleams on the light narrative in mixed measures, which forms the Enits loftiest wave, to which we aspire, on which we would float, glish hexameter, so should the composer's thoughts be woven as buoyed upward toward the infinite by a power which we in and out along the chosen key, never losing sight of the seek not to comprehend, content in our abandonment to the prime sentiment to be expressed, except in very long composielysium it imparts.

tions, in the way of episode or graceful variation. The ques-

In judging of the capabilities of expression in Music, it is iton, whether particular styles of music are native with certain nations, is similar to the one which at present is vexing some necessary to consider not only the variety of notes which com-

INDIAN PROPHETS. MY DEAR BRITTAN

In the following extract from John Forbes' "Oriental Memoirs" London, 1818), our friend Dr. Young may find something to sharpen up a little his obtasity of perception in regard to that influx problem, which appears from the public record to distress and perplex our erudite brother not a little. "Nil desperandum" should be the Doctor's motto, for I have no doubt but that with perseverance, study, and per • haps a little sweet oil, he will in time be able to look as far into, and the comprehend as fully that incomprehensible conglomerate of Germa. mysticism and Yankee transcendentalism with which some of the rest of us delight to befog ourselves and astonish the natives, as the most learned Theban among us. Truly yours, JAMES L. WORTH. Forbes says : "Ghost-seers and astrologers are innumerable in India, and millions believe in their supernatural powers; many wander about like gipsies, but only a few Brahmins use the prophetic power with a certain dignity and modesty. I will give a short account of one of these Brahmins as an example."

To understand the following narrative, we must here remark that at Forbes' arrival in Bombay, in 1766, there were three parties ; at the head of one stood Spencer, at the other Cromerclin; the third was under the leadership of Mr. Hodges. who, it was said, had been deprived of the governorship in an uniust and improper manner. Hodges had on this account

written a violent letter to the Governor and the council of the Company; and was, as he refused to retract what he had written, removed from his governorship of Surat, recalled to Bombay, and dismissed from the Company's service. The Government of Bombay had sent a report of these proceedings to England.

Forbes continues as follows : "This Brahmin was a young is not of, but from Him? Still, when we look for some attri-Dropped from the zonith like a falling star pose its language, but its variety of sounds, as consisting of of our most cultivated American scholars, whether the hexaman when Hodges made his acquaintance. He was but little bute in Him which has no shade of existence in ourselves, are On Lemnos, the . Egean isle"-soft, wild, or harsh tones, compass and volume, complex or meter is natural in English verse. Wherein there lies two known to the English, but was much celebrated among the we not baffled, since we have no clue by which to determine may be instanced at random as a specimen of verbal descripsimple harmonies. The most indifferent voice, in attempting difficulties-first, in determining what the English hexameter Hindoos, at least on the west coast of India. I believe that it ? a particular sentiment, may create feelings most diverse to is, it differing so much from the classic as to make it an inven-Hodges had become acquainted with him when he was an En-Our most gifted men are in no way types of the Divine-Again, in Hamlet to the Ghostthose which are occasioned by the most musical. Different tion rather than an imitation; and second, how far our thoughts glish resident in Bombay. Both became as intimate friends but of humanity. We have all one common brotherhood-"What may this mean? are wont to flow in accustomed channels. All arts are born also are the emotions which arise from hearing the same tune as the difference in religion and caste would allow. The adore one common Source of the origin of all-to that brother-That thou, dead corse, again, in complete steel of the mind of a people, and not the clime, any farther than performed by a flute or a chime of bells, an efficient or an in-Brahmin, an upright man, often admonished his friend never to hood we cling-that Source we reverence. If to none He has Revisit'st thus the glimpses of the moon the latter influences the former. Let the American mind be efficient orchestra, an organ or a violin. True, not all tunes depart from the path of virtue, which would lead him to sucgiven to echo His being-leaving this to be revealed from all are equally adapted to every instrument, but in judging of the accustomed to nothing but French floritures, and its musical cess and honor, and to eternal happiness. To impress this time-to whom has He given to become archetypes of our full power of Music, these as well as variety of notes, arrange- compositions would partake of that type. 'Two things are exhortation upon his mind, he assured him that he would rise With thoughts beyond the reaches of our souls"human? Is it alone the poet, whose reverent faith encircles ment and grouping, simplicity or want of clearness, complexity necessary in order to high attainments, the ability and the from the situation he filled in Bombay to higher posts in the the unknown, and gives utterance as sweetly as he may to s shown what power of suggestion a few words that burn may occasion. In capricious and fantastic composition, in largeand unity, must be considered. Company's service, after that he would be collector of Tellithat embrace, as if that nearness were uttered forth in a birth ness, breadth and richness, the musical has a great advantage, If musicians and artists have often a less broad development cherry and Surat, and, last, governor of Bombay. Mr. Hodges of sweet accords--is it alone the poet, whose tenderness of than men of letters, it may be owing to the requirements of as also in the representative. The rhythm of particular lines often mentioned these prophecies to his friends, but himself love is not valued, yet of a fatal necessity still given-is it he their arts more than to any native incapacity on their part, or in poetry has a resemblance to certain sounds in nature, and paid little attention to them. It was only when he gradually alone who possesses that compass of soul and imagination that us longer, the latter are more powerful for the time. Th undue enthusiasm for one class of thoughts. Nor must indif- great depth and beauty of feeling give musical richness to the rose to these posts of honor that he placed more confidence in men wonder at? Wherein differ the artist and composer? ference be taken for incapacity, which has become a fault so verse, but poetry is not an art representative by sounds. When- the Brahmin, particularly when he was named collector of

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ever, the dispatches had been received from Bombay, and an answer was returned with unusual rapidity. 'The Court of Directors condemned Spencer's proceedings as Governor of Bengal, reversed his appointment to the governorship of Bombay, dismissed him from the Company's service, and Hodges became Governor.

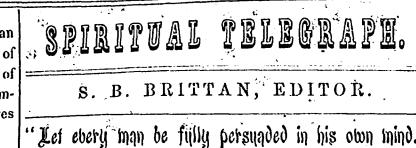
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"From this time the Brahmin gained the greatest influence on his mind, and he undertook nothing of importance without having asked the counsel of his friend. It is remarkable that the Brahmin never prophesied any thing beyond the government of Bombay; spoke of his return home; but it was well known that he maintained a mysterious silence regarding the time after the year 1771. Hodges died suddenly in the night of February 22d, 1771."

Forbes gives a second account of the predictions of thi Brahmin, given to a widow who was mourning for her son This prediction was literally fulfilled. A third is as follows "A few months before my return from India, a gentleman who was to fill a high situation in India, landed in Bombay with his wife. Both were young, and had one child. He left his wife with a friend, and went to Surat to arrange his household. She was to follow him in a short time. On the evening before the day when she was to set out for Surat, the friend with whom she was staying entertained a large company, and among others the Brahmin. He introduced him to the company, and begged him in a joke to foretell the future of the young couple who had just arrived from Europe. To the astonishment of the whole company, particularly the young lady, the Brahmin cast a look of pity upon her, and said, after an markable if true," and certainly affords an indication of proimpressive pause, to the master of the house, in Hindoostanee: 'Her cup of happiness is full, but rapidly vanishing! A bitter draught remains, for which she must be prepared. barque. He was not, however, there, and in his stead came one of my friends with the message that her husband was dansame vessel with the widow. During the passage the anniversary of her husband's death took place."

MANIFESTATIONS IN A GERMAN CASTLE. MR. BRITTAN :

I find in my journal the following narrative of remarkabl facts, which I doubt not will prove of as much interest to you readers as they were to myself. During my sojourn at th West, I-formed an acquaintance with a German nobleman wh had left a high station in the service of the Prince of Hessie and had emigrated to this country mainly for political reasons He was a gentleman of great intelligence, and, of course, of fine education; and it was from his own mouth, and also from his esteemed lady, that I received the account. It seems that his mother (a lady of an advanced age) had, for many years, been occupying in his castle a suite of apartments to which she seldom admitted visitors, and the keys of people. which she either took with her when she was absent from home, or else left them in charge of her daughter, the baroness At such times the apartments were closed, and no one was allowed to enter them. On one of her visits to a relative in the town of H-----, some sixty miles distant, she was seized with an acute malady, the result of which they feared. And one night, after all the family had retired, those persons occupying the chambers beneath the old lady's drawing room, heard distinctly her well-known tread resounding through the length of the apartment. Struck with astonishment they listened. Tramp, tramp, went across the room. Out of that room into the next-ther all was still. Suddenly they heard a noise so loud that it re sounded through the entire wing-and back came the footsteps It was a noise as if some ponderous body had fallen on th floor over their heads. The young gentlemen and their tutor met in the hall, and were, as may readily be imagined, entirely at a loss to account for the singular occurrences, the more so as they were well aware that no one had been permitted to enter the room.



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WHO RULES THE WORLD?

Under the head of "Spirit-Rappings and Satanic'Agency, a writer in a late number of the Springfield Daily Republican, in speaking of those who treat the current spiritual phenomen with indifference or distrust, gravely says :

If at any time they have spoken of the devil as a cause of them, it ite in every refined circle, and secured for him, wherever he has usually been in a way of pleasantry, and so as to make it doubtful whether they believe that there is any devil.

My position is this : The manifestations are essentially satanic. It is ship. permitted to the devil and his angels to exercise a kind of supernatural power in befooling men. The mediums are his instruments. It has been the error of our times that we have overlooked satanic agency.

It may gratify those who take an interest in the triumph of common sense to know that very few people at this late day, even among those who ascribe the modern manifestations to Satanic agency, really believe that the mythological personage | the gift of the State. referred to in the preceding extract has any tangible existence. We can not youch for the writer in the Republican, but what he says-speaking in the usual editorial parlance-is "re-

While other disciples are becoming incredulous respecting the pretended existence and the fabled dominions of his sable

highness, the writer under review affirms that he is altogether "serious in this matter," in other words, he really believes that the devil is the ultimate cause and immediate agent of the Spiritual Manifestations. Was ever such fidelity to such a master manifested by the *purest saint* on earth? Certainly not to our knowledge. Indeed, the writer claims to be nearly alone in his unfaltering trust, and we have no inclination to dispute his pretensions. Now that Satan--if we may credit this wriconviction. ter-has fairly taken possession of the earth and established

his empire, he may be pleased to designate the Republican as his official organ (distinguished marks of favor are only due to such as have rendered important services), and he may also midnight hour awoke his mother, and informed her that he was going "Who are you ?" asked William, tremblingly.

REV. JOHN MOORE.

We learn from the Universalist journals that the Reverend and esteemed friend whose name precedes this paragraph, departed this life on Monday, the 5th inst., under circumstances which have cast a deep gloom over his family and a large circle of devoted friends. The deceased was in the street at the time, apparently in his usual health, when he fell down and instantly expired.

pastor of the Universalist society in that place until the relation was unexpectedly interrupted by his sudden departure from the scene of his labors and his usefulness. Though a man of respectable talents and acquirements, he was less distinguished for brilliancy of mind than for those high moral endowments and social qualities which rendered him a favor-

was truly known, the deepest respect and the warmest friend-

uniform kindness to all, even the humblest and the most unworthy, rendered Mr. Moore universally popular. He had many earnest friends in New Hampshire who but recently signified a desire to testify their appreciation of his character by nominating him as a candidate for the chief executive office in

While in the ministry of the same denomination, we had an opportunity to know the subject of this notice personally, and it affords us a mournful pleasure to bear our humble testimony to his great worth. His heart was inspired with the gress in the right direction. According to this writer, the as- tenderest and noblest impulses, and the current of his life sumption that we are to look to "the devil as a cause" of the flowed on like a calm, clear river that reflects the heavens. manifestations, is now generally treated as a pleasant joke by We were never personally acquainted with a man who was Her husband had written that he would be at Surat with a thoso pious people who denounce the whole spiritual move- more deeply imbued with the spirit of that charity which ment. But there is one illustrious exception. The corre- "thinketh no evil." His name and the record of his life are spondent of the *Republican* stands firm in his original faith and embalmed in an imperishable mausoleum—the memory of his gerously ill. When she arrived, he was suffering from a vio- his first love. With an air of grotesque solemnity he repeats friends and the hearts of those whom he has made wiser and lent attack of fever, and died in her arms. I returned in the his confession of faith in the great impersonation of all evil. happier by his pure precepts and irreproachable example.

> REVELATION OF APPROACHING DISSOLUTION. The Baltimore Republican relates the following interesting fact. As the child died by what we are accustomed to denominate an accident, and was perfectly well at the time of receiving the mysterious impression, the mental image could not have proceeded from any merely physical cause or functional derangement of the organs. The probable solution is, that some guardian Spirit of the child foreseeing the event wrought the

he still flee and flourish elsewhere ; but spurn him to naught beneath EXTRAORDINARY PRESENTIMENT OF THE APPROACH OF DEATH .- A your feet. Banish him forever from your presence. Ask God for help, few nights ago, a little boy of rare intelligence, named Fillmore, son of and you shall receive help. Pray for victory, and victory shall answer George Fisher, residing in Reistertown, Baltimore County, about the your prayer."

"BROTHER JONATHAN'S COTTAGE."*

The story of Brother Jonathan presents some instances of

spiritual interposition for beneficial purposes, one of which is contained in the subjoined extract. William Vernon, a young man of brilliant gifts and fair prospects, who has recently entered the services of his uncle, a wealthy New York merchant, has just visited a mournful scene of destitution, crime and death. A poor woman has fallen a victim to the unnatu-

Mr. Moore's residence was at Concord, N. H., and he was ral brutality inspired by Rum. A creature, which the law bade her call husband, so long as she lived, was absent and obsessed by the foul spirit with which he held uninterrupted communion. A poor old woman sat there by the cold form of the departed, striving to succor and comfort two little children, who were twice orphanized by the death of their mother and the reckless and abandoned life of their surviving parent

William gave the kind old woman two dollars for her attendance, and the manifest interest she took in the motherless children of the deceased and also left them a dollar each to be given them for food till the au The open frankness and generosity of his nature, and his thorities could take charge of them. With a saddened look he now bent his steps toward home. A condemning epithet involuntarily broke forth at every grog-shop and liquor-vending saloon he passed. He immediately retired to his room, seated himself by a window opening to ward the east, leaned his elbow on the window-casing, his cheek on his hand, and sat musing in silence and alone. Soft lunar rays gilded the sweet foliage of all the shade-trees around ; the roofs glistened beneath their touch ; and they played tenderly through the flowing locks which

overhung and adorned his own fine brow. A fresh burst of light filled his eye. He looked up, and beheld two as fair round moons as ever blessed the night. As if enraptured, he continued to gaze on the heavenly picture. Meanwhile, he was meditating on that sublime passage of Scripture which says, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood," when suddenly he was startled by the touch of some unknown, invisible hand. He sprang from his chair, looked be hind him and around the room, but saw no one. All was silent as the and horror, one of the chairs sprang up and followed her to the door, tomb. To render certainty trebly certain, he lighted the lamp, looked through which she disappeared in a great fright. No sooner had she under the bed and in his wardrobe. No one could be seen. He re- left the room than a large wooden soap box leaped up on to the bed, seated himself again by the window side with what calmness of nerve but at the request of the poor medium, who was half dead with fright, he could command. The natural moon still smiled sweetly upon him, jumped down again as lightly, she said, as her "old shoe." No sooner, but the other, and if possible, the lovelier of the two, had vanished. Suddenly a voice was heard, proceeding as it were from the center of on to the bed, and rested on the chest of the medium for a moment, and the room, saying, "Young man, I am your friend." It was the voice then again returned to its place. Similar manifestations continue to

trophies. This night you have passed his dwelling-place-this night

you have beheld his trophies. Turn not your back to this enemy, lest

solemnity, possessing, withal, a tone of triumph and gratitude; and clare that it is the devil, notwithstanding the prime mover in the affair continued, "Listen to my words, and forget them not. Beware of the claims to be the Spirit of the medium's father. The poor medium astemptations which surround you. Dangers encompass you. Let the sured me that she had looked jist like dead ever since the botheration chariot of your life run on the wheels of conscience and reason; let commenced, and that she would have to pay for it when she saw the your steeds be knowledge and love : let your paths be that of truth priest, of whom she seemed to stand more in dread than of her nocturalone, and you shall arrive safely at the city of God. There is an ennal visitors, such is the power of priestoraft and superstition over the poor and ignorant; but we have cause to rejoice that Spiritualism is emy whose right cheek is red, and whose left cheek is pale : the former is a symbol of blood, and the latter of death. Blood and death are his putting the axe to the root of this great tree of evil.

It is reported that Miss Rachel Ellis, the well-known medium of this city, took it into her head one day last week to clope with a young gentleman and have the nuptial knot tied, much against the wishes of her parents, who were kept profoundly in the dark until after the "twain were made one flesh." Much happiness attend them on their journey through life is my benediction. * * * * * The spiritual meetings at the Melodeon have been flourishing under

EASTERN CORRESPONDENCE. BOSTON, Feb. 8, 1855. JENTLEMEN OF THE TELEGRAPH :

Here I am again on the white wings of thought, ladened with such mental food as I trust may not be unacceptable to the fastidious palates of your readers, or devoid of interest to those engaged in the great and glorious work of HUMAN REDEMPTION and spiritual progress. I really have so much to write about this week, that I hardly know where to begin, therefore I will begin at the beginning, which will be precisely where I left off in my last letter.

Sunday, January 28th, your old friend, and I believe coadjutor in the Univercalum, Rev. Woodbury M. Fernald, delivered two discourses in the Melodeon to the Spiritualists of Boston. The subject in the afternoon was on the "External and Internal Memory," and in the evening the "Seen and the Unseen," both discourses were ably and clearly written, and well received by the audience.

Some remarkable Spirit-manifestations have transpired in the family of a very respectable citizen at the south part of the city during the past week, the particulars of which are substantially as follows, as reated to me by the terrified medium, who is a domestic in the family, and a Catholic: She says that she went to her room about ten o'clock with another domestic preparatory to retiring to bed, but before doing so she sat down upon its side and entered into conversation with her companion. Suddenly loud raps were heard on the floor, sides of the room, and stove funnel. Supposing at first that the sounds were produced by her mistress, who slept in the room below, and who was impatient to have her go to bed, she was quite incensed, and determined not to do so until it suited her pleasure. But instead, of the sounds ceasing at her stern resolution, they only became more boisterous. "Och, sure it is the Spirit-rappings," said the medium to her bedfellow, in a tone of ridicule, being a skeptic. At this declaration there was a succession of loud sounds, so violent as to attract her mistress up stairs to the room, on entering which she childed Bridget for the disturbance of which she innocently supposed the girl was the author. Bridget related the facts of the case and broached her suspicions in regard to the cause of them, being her mistress, which the latter stoutly denied, and on. turning to leave the room, to her great consternation however, had it resumed its place, than a bonnet box on a shelf sprang of one who had just passed through a trying ordeal, through scenes of occur almost nightly, to the great consternation of the inmates, who de-

The noises soon ceased, and they retired to bed, and at an early hour, the keys being found in their accustomed place. the family proceeded to the room. Every thing externally was as when they had left it; the doors were locked and bolted, the windows closed and fastened, but, strange to say, every one o the family portraits were lying face downward on the floor, not one injured in the least.

The old lady finally recovered, and on her return said that on that night she had been very low and earnestly desired to see them. (I omitted saying that there was a decided peculi arity in her step, by which any of her acquaintances would. without difficulty, recognize her.) Yours, AMHERST. NEW YORK, Jan., 1855.

MR. CHAPIN AND SPIRITUALISM.

A few Sundays since, the Rev. Mr. Chapin leveled his lance and had a tilt at Spiritualism. It was not one of the accidental encounters by the roadside of knight-errantry; it was the encounter of the lists in full and complete armor with careful preparation for the fight. And right knightly did the reverend gentleman charge-he came on with impetuous speed. eloquently and powerfully; he spoke with his usual earnestness and deep feeling and refined sententiousness, but the triumpli before a popular assembly than on this night. Assailed by one of the cleverest orators that our country has ever exultation to every believer in Spiritual Manifestation.

But we are not surprised that J.--the writer now under deeply solemn if he really entertained such a dismal and God-dishonoring thought. To suppose that this fair earth, and a large share of the intelligent creation, have been given over to the foul dominion of an almighty Fiend, who is omnipresent, transforming himself into ten thousand angels of

affections, and to allure them onward in the name and the form of all that is pure, beautiful, and divine, to certain perdition, may well awaken serious reflections. The very idea contains essential folly and blasphemy enough to make men and angels weep! It disputes the supremacy of Heaven, presumes that God has resigned the government of the world and that the intelligent creation is a melancholy failure. Th writer in the Republican may have a weak intellect or a false education to urge in mitigation of his offense, but an idea s faithless and diabolical must have been originally conceived in the deepest darkness and depravity, or it must spring from

a faith that is unstable as a rope of sand.

The writer under review maintains that evil spirits formerly possessed the bodies of men, and that Jesus and his early disciples were wont to cast them out. Well, be it so; and what are the disciples about that they do not exorcise the spirits now? Have they lost the power, and if so, where are the

proofs of their discipleship? Did not the Master say, "In my name shall they cast out devils." But they have not done this, and the attempt to do it has been but a solemn and ridiculous farce to expose the weakness and hypocricy of those who pretend to act under a Divine commission. The Catholics at Paris, New York, and Alexandria have tried prayer We heard him on Saturday. His speech was two hours and a quarter and consecrated water to no purpose. The Bible, the cross, in length. All who heard it acceded that it was a brilliant affair. and sacred relics have been employed to lay the spirits, but Some thought it was superhuman, and from a spirit in the other world.

the invisible powers have as often "turned the tables" on the Others thought that it was no other than Randolph himself, and that pretenders to Divine authority. As for the Protestant clergy, it can hardly be said that they have ventured to resolutely dispute the dominion of Satan over one of his innumerable vic- about Spirits, but such eloquence from a graduate of a barber's shop Troy once attempted to drive out a spirit who offended his

dignity, by using the hands of one of his parishioners to beat and amid a blaze of intellectual fireworks, and the spectators him over the shoulders with less ceremony than was presumalmost applauded. And so the fierce Templar tilted well ed to comport with his character and position. The doctor against Ivanhoe, fought as he had always fought, but fell, yet made use of cold water in his experiment, but the spirit bapfell with renown. Mr. Chapin spoke as he always speaks, tized the reverend gentleman with the liquid element, after which the latter retired from the contest. And is this all we are to witness of clerical resistance to Satanic agency ?. I Right was not with him. Spiritualism never had a grander the devil to be thus enthroned and sceptered with the consen of the priesthood; and is the world to be thus tamely resigned to his unholy keeping? If it be so, the infidel may suspect that make a noisy show of resistance from the force of habit, an

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remember and look after the correspondent who has done so to die. He told his father the same thing, and when told that he was much to " exalt his horn" before the church and among the dreaming, replied he was awake, and knew he was going to die. The of unearthly sweetness. parents thought nothing more about it, and the child slept comfortably

until morning. When he awoke in the morning he repeated his presentiments to his parents; and as soon as breakfast was over he insisted review-felt "serious," as he professed to, when he wrote his on being allowed to go and tell Mrs. Walters, a neighbor, that he was article. We should certainly think that any man would feel going to die. His mother told him that he had better go and see his grandmother if he was going to die. He made a visit to his grandmother, and also to Mrs. Walters, after which he returned to his home. During the afternoon of the same day, his mother was called out of the house for a few minutes, and when she returned she found the little fellow awfully burned by his clothes having taken fire. As soon as the fire was extinguished he said to his mother, "I told you I was going to light, and appearing to men in the drapery of Heaven to de- die." A physician was called in, who dressed his injuries, telling him ceive their senses, to obscure their reason, to trifle with their that he would soon be well. He said, "No; Fillmore is going to die!" and during the night the little boy breathed his last. This was a most extraordinary presentiment, and during the whole day he spoke of dying, though he had enjoyed excellent health

THE PRESS ON A SPEAKING MEDIUM.

We have received a letter from a gentleman who resides at

Syracuse, giving some account of the recent lectures of Mr. ent character occurs in the twentieth chapter. Brother Jona-Randolph, and inclosing editorial notices from the papers in than has a strange impression that he must go to New York. that place. It will be perceived that the public journals speak in terms of high praise. We extract the following paragraph which with the result of his visit is thus described : from a somewhat lengthy notice :

"Shall I follow this impression, or shall I resist it ? Shall I cast it After briefly relating his experience in spiritual things, he professed off wholly as an unmeaning fantasy, or shall I obey the oft-repeated in to be controlled by the spirit of William Pitt, who spoke through him. junction, 'Arise and go thou to New York city.' Isn't it one of those The speech, it was admitted by all, was very eloquent, and displayed evanescent thoughts which flash up ofttimes in the best-guarded mind, great learning and fluency. At its close, several questions were asked. exploding ere the judgment can examine it, like the rocket that swiftly all of which were very promptly answered. Hon. Harvey Baldwin climbs the evening sky until it bursts, and with its fiery trail vanishes said it must be evident to all present that the medium was incapable of as it descends ? But it has haunted me, as it were, for days. I'll con making such a speech. He moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Randolph, sider it farther. It is morning—an hour in which the wits of man are Mr. Spirit, or Mr. Pitt, or whoever had favored the audience with so fresh, clear, and vigorous; and if, when the day hangs trembling at its able a discourse. The motion was carried with but two dissenting zenith, it urges still, I'll go. What though it serves no special purpose voices. One objected that the lecture was not sufficiently orthodox. may not the self-deception be of itself a useful precedent in times to come? Perchance my obedience to an inward impulse, like that of ANOTHER TESTIMONY. Jonathan of old, may avert some dire calamity, save a fellow-being SPIRITUALISM.-Mr. Randolph, the spiritual medium, lectured in the from untimely death, or else hold back an assassin's hand from doing a City Hall, on Saturday evening, and twice at Myers' Hall yesterday. deed of horror. Pure be my thoughts, and let my prayers ascend to

God for guidance divine." Forty-eight hours have not elapsed before we are again in the very heart of that great metropolis, New York city. Cast your eyes, dear eader, down its main thoroughfare, and you will observe our venerable he is a man of remarkable genius. Our neighbor of the Standard comfriend Brother Jonathan, who has arrived hither not an hour ago, walkments as follows: "Mr. Randolph, the speaking medium, delivered a ing with energy and dispatch. An unseen hand is guiding him ; but he splendid lecture on Saturday evening. We are somewhat skeptical has no apprehension as to his own personal safety, though a stranger tims. We do remember that a learned doctor of divinity in rather staggers our credulity. If the study of hair-dressing develops in a strange city. Now he turns the corner of a wealthy business street. Suddenly he pauses, leans breathlessly forward with parted lips and the intellect in that manner, we shall not send our boys to college." eager eye.

"Hark ! hark ! hush !" he repeats softly to himself. He hears a Our good friend Mr. L. L. Platt, of Newtown, Conn., grating sound at a basement door, as if some burglar was at his foul has removed to this city and rented the house No. 762 Broadway, which he designs to keep and occupy as a Spiritualists' boarding-house. The character of Mr. Platt and his truly -a familiar face. The door opens, and the burglar draws a dagger. estimable lady afford a sufficient assurance that the house will not only be quiet and orderly, but that those who have occasion to seek such a home will find themselves agreeably situated, and in a pleasant social atmosphere at our friend's house. moment like a thunder-clop, although the word itself was uttered in tones of the tenderest compassion. "O, forbear," followed it in quick succession, and out the frightened burglar rushes, noticing the presence

"Your grateful friend," was the soft and gentle reply, in tones, too the new administration, so much so as to excite the jealousy of a few persons, who have threatened to get up opposition meetings. It has been proposed that Warren Chase should be engaged to speak here for three months, but the project does not meet with general favor, as the majority of the Boston Spiritualists are opposed to a regular or stereotyped preacher, as we have a plenty of such already in our pulpits, and such is my conviction in regard to the matter. He speaks in the Melodeon next Sunday afternoon and evening, February 11th, and Miss Jay, for the last time the present season, the Sunday following.

As one of the "signs of the times"-one of the foot-prints in the track of progress-I will mention the fact, that the orthodox church at Epping, N. II., was to be thrown open last evening for Miss Milly. Brown, of Roxbury, Mass., to speak in (under spiritual influence), on Modern Spiritualism. Thus are the icy bars of sectarianism melting away before the bright sun of the NEW DISPENSATION.

Last Sunday, February 4th, Miss Emma Frances Jay addressed an audience of over sixteen hundred persons in the Melodeon, who evinced the most profound attention to her remarks. When it is considered that it was a paying audience (an admission fee being charged to defray the expenses), it shows how deep an interest and strong hold Spiritualism has taken upon the minds of the American people. The subject in the afternoon was the "Religion of Nature," at the close of which a

An example of a spiritual phenomenon of a somewhat differ- gentleman, a merchant of this city, stated that he had heard the same sermon delivered twenty-five years before by William Bllery Channing, and that he considered it a good proof of the identity of the Spirit who purported to speak through her. In the evening the subject was upon Slavery, and purported to be given by the Spirit of John Quincy Adams, and although the name was not given until the close of the lecture, yet a large number readily recognized the language and style as

that of "The old man eloquent." It was a powerful discourse, and well adapted for the occasion. On the first announcoment of the subject of the lecture, some few jumped up from their seats and hastily left the house, supposing that it was simply to be a harangue on Southern slavery; but in that they were vastly mistaken, for it would have suited a Southern audience far more than a Northern one, for it was particularly severe upon the creeds and slavery of the Church, which was held up as the slavery most of all to be dreaded. On Wednesday evening Miss Jay lectured in Dearborn Hall, Roxbury, on the "Natural and Spiritual Body," to a delighted audience, and it was in my estimation decidedly the best discourse I have listened to from her lins. She speaks to the friends in Lowell on Sunday afternoon and evening, and at North Danvers Tuesday evening, February 13th, and from thence she goes to Portland, Maine.

I had almost forgot to mention that Marenda B. Randall, M.D., gave lecture here on Spiritualism in the lecture-room of the Music Hall, on Wednesday evening, January 31st. The audience was very small, owing to the want of sufficient notice being given. The lecture was well written, and gave evidence of a superior and cultivated mind She also gave a private medical lecture to the ladies on the following Thursday afternoon, which was much admired by those who heard it. Mrs. Randall is a noble woman, and deserves the support and encourngement of the public for the bold stand which she has taken in the march of progress and the rights of woman.

Next week I shall have something to say about healing mediums, in connection with their prescribing medical remedies for the sick, of which work. He fixes his eye steadfastly upon the spot from whence the they possess no knowledge. Do not understand me as wishing to deounds proceed. Stepping a few paces forward, the light of a dark tract from this class of mediums legitimately; far from it, for I have antern discloses to his astonished vision the features of a former friend seen miracles performed in the way of cures by healing mediums. I now allude to those who go beyond their mission, and trifle with the first motioning as if to plunge it into another's bosom, or else into his lives of the sick by prescribing medicines the modus operandi of which own, which was saying in action, "Either thou rivest another's heart, they know nothing. I shall also in my next give you some of the spirit or thou rivest mine. "Forbear," fell upon the assassin's car at this of the press which has manifested itself in this region within the last two weeks. Ever thine, LEON.

"MUSIC A LANGUAGE."-The essay bearing this title which THE CAUSE IN BALTIMORE .- From a recent letter from W. M. LANINO, produced, it rested on its own inherent truth and felt not even the pretended enemies of Satan are his secret allies, who will be found on our first page this week is copied from " The of no one, to every appearance; but as he reaches the sidewalk, he of Baltimore, we gather the following particulars: It was not until a jar from the onset. Great curiosity running into uneasiness slackens his pace for fear of alarming the watch. New York Quarterly," published by Lamport, Blakeman, and quite recently that four or five friends concluded to meet together in may have been felt at the commencement of the criticism, but a prompt surrender from the superior force of inclination. "Flee not ! flee not !" exclaims that same voice ; " I am your friend." | that city, every Sunday, for the purpose of devising ways and means Law, and ably edited by B. A. G. Remington. The article at its close there was no room for any other feeling than that of The burglar partially recognizes that voice, and turning, walks caufor the advancement of Spiritualism. They had many discouragements on Music is by the editor. tiously back a few paces. Brother Jonathan advances, but the former and obstacles to encounter, and for two or three months made but little It is not that we anticipated evil to our cause among its true Spin rula Discussion .- It is conjectured that a public does not yet recognize the features of this strange visitor. He therefore progress. A marked change, however, has recently and suddenly oc-REV. T. L. HARRIS. oral discussion on Spiritualism is about to take place in this draws his dagger again, and says, in accents trembling with mingled supporters; but there is a class of minds which oscillates from curred in the aspect of affairs. Mrs. E. J. French had been in the city Mr: Harris had so far recovered from his recent illness as fear and rage: a couple of weeks, and during that time had delivered a number of leebelief to unbelief, according as their path is appointed them by to be able to lecture in Dodworth's Academy on Sunday morncity between Dr. B. Brown Williams and Rev. U. Clark, the tures. The audiences were very small at first, but latterly overflowpublic opinion, or the influence of some. commanding name; ing last? In the afternoon and evening the rostrum was occu-"If you are indeed my friend, then all is well; if not, I value your former gentleman having been understood to throw down the ing, and scores were compelled to go away unable to obtain admittance life far less than this weapon which shall rob you of it. Who are you ! and it is of these in whose behalf we rejoice, for even they pied by different speakers, Gov. Tallmadge, P. J. Avery, Esq., gauntlet in Dodworth's Academy last Sunday afternoon. to the hall. On one occasion eight or nine clergymen were present. Speak !" must have gone forth from Mr. Chapin's lecture stronger in and listened with breathless attention to the simple and eloquent pre-Dr. B. Brown Williams (opposed), and others taking parts REV. T. L. HARRIS AT THE TABERNACLE .- Bro. Harris "Who is Brother Jonathan ?" was the characteristic reply. sentation of the truths of Spiritualism; and a general spirit of inquiry their spiritual belief. Bro: Harris starts on his Southern tour on Saturday, taking the will deliver his valedictory discourse at the Broadway Taber-R. W. "He was my friend. I loved him. A nobler man was never born has been aroused in Baltimore which must result favorably for the An intelligent gentleman who has been constant in his attendance at land route, and will speak in Baltimore, Md., on Sunday next than he. Your accents sound like his. Who are you ? Your name ? nacle, in this city, on Friday evening of this week, when we cause of truth. Our correspondent says, "We are much in want of in-Mr. Chapin's church, remarked, at the close of the discourse to which "His words are falling upon your ear." (18th inst.) as the friends in that city may appoint. The contelligent lecturers, and will be much indebted if you use your influence trust he will be greeted by a numerous audience. "R. W." refers, that he thought more than ever of Spiritualism, since "What! Brother Jonathan here? O! O! heaven of heavens, say stitution of Bro. H. is too slender and impressible to bear these in our beltalf to induce our friends to pay us a visit." so great a man as Mr. C: could say no more against it. Referring to the The Editor of the TELEGRAPH will lecture in the me! My friend ! O, my friend !" ejaculated William; Vernon, as he Northern winters without injury to his health, and, notwith-LECTURES AT SPRINGFIELD.-Mr. Charles Partridge will deliver two same subject in our presence, a lady of rare intellectual powers and ac hurled his dagger to the earth, and rushed into the good man's arms. Brooklyn Institute, corner of Washington and Concord Streets, lectures in Sringfield, Mass., on Sunday next (18th inst.) The friends in complishments, also a constant attendant on Mr. Chapin's ministry, obstanding spring is fast approaching, he deems it advisable to on Wednesday evening of this week (14th inst), on which ocserved that it is necessary for great men to do some very unwise things seek a more indulgent clime for a few weeks, when we trust that place will arrange the appointments in other respects as may best * "Or a Friend to the Fallen, by Henry H. Tator.", Published by Francis Hart, 63 casion he will answer the popular objections to Spiritualism. Courtlandt Street. We noticed this book two weeks since. to prevent people from worshiping them. suit their convenience. he will return with his strength renewed.

That it was a friend, be it who or what it might, William had no loubt. His fears subsided, and he pressed his inquiries : "What is your name !" "You can not know at present." "What would you have me do !" "Remember my words and obey them." " Are you a Spirit ?" "I am your true and grateful friend. Good-bye."

"Who or what could it be that has thus addressed me ? It is a Snirit believe. No matter. It is, thank Heaven, a friendly one, for it spoke balmy words; it gave heavenly counsel," muttered William, in a low roice. A full hour longer he sat, revolving in his mind the impressive words he had listened to, and in carnest efforts to interpret their mean ing. He remembered them all-not one word, intonation, inflection, or peculiar emphasis of that voice had escaped his ear; for with parted lips, intent look, and a half-rising attitude he had listened while that thrilling voice was addressing him. It was a late hour when William tinally retired; but no hour could be too late which brought with it such an absorbing scene.

PARTRIDGE AND BRITTAN'S SPIRITUAL TELEGRAPH.

FACTS AND REMARKS.

DREAMS VERIFIED .- In our issue of last week (Feb. 10th,) we noticed a couple of facts in the experience of a prophetie dreamer, a lady of our acquaintance in Williamsburg. One of these related to her finding her mother at a certain store, and the other to her finding her sister at a lawyer's office, by indications in her dreams, when neither of them had been expected at the place indicated, at that particular time. We will now mention two similar cases in the same lady's experience : She dreamed, some time since, that she saw a certain person of her acquaintance dressed in an unusual manner, in black clothing, and looking extremely sad and dejected. She saw the gentleman afterward, and related to him her dream, playfully adding that she hoped he was not going to get so angry at her as to cause him to wear such a countenance as he wore then. The next time she saw him he was clothed precisely as she saw him in her dream, and was sitting in the same forlorn and dejected attitude, and with precisely the same expression of countenance, and reproducing every minute particular of the picture she had seen in her nocturnal vision, he being in deep atfliction on account of the sudden death of his wife by apoplexy !

Quite recently the same lady, one Saturday night, received an impression in her dream that her brother, who resided in Virginia, would visit her family the next day. The next morning she accordingly told her husband that her brother would be there during the day; but this the husband thought extremely improbable, and heartily laughed at the prediction when informed that it rested only upon a dream. In a few hours, however, the brother actually came in, just as she had seen him in her dream.

CURIOUS CASE OF "PSYCHOMETRICAL" DREAMING .- We were informed of the following by our friend Dr. F., of Brooklyn, who received the facts from an authentic source : Several years ago, during a severe winter, the Schuylkill River at Philadelphia became thickly bridged over with ice, and thousands of persons resorted thither for the exercise of skating, sliding, etc. Some persons, in order to make an honest penny by the amusement of the throng, had sunk a post through the ice and attached a horizontal revolving shaft to a pivot on its upper end To the end of this shaft a sled was attached by a rope, which, by pushing the shaft, might be made to revolve rapidly in a circle upon the ice, with persons upon it. Among the persons who got upon the sled was a negro, and the persons in charge of the shaft caused it to revolve so rapidly that the negro was thrown outward by the centrifugal force and striking violently against a projecting piece of ice, he was instantly killed. This occurrence was witnessed by a physician, a friend of my informant, who happened to be present. On the evening of that same day, this physician had oceasion to prepare a dose of pills to send to one of his patients, a lady extremely susceptible to magnetic influences. As he was mixing the ingredients of the pills, and rolling them in his fingers to their proper shape, he related to the persons in his office the particulars of the fatal occurrence he had witnessed on the river during the day. The pills were afterward dispatched by a messenger to the lady for whom they were intended. The next day the physician saw one of the lady's family, and inquired concerning her health. It was answered that she was doing tolerably well, but that she had had a singular and vivid dream the night previous. She dreamed that she was somewhere on the ice where there were a great many persons skating and sliding, and that she had there seen a acgro thrown from a revolving sled against a cake of ice, and instantly killed ! As the lady had not heard of the accident on the river, her dream was evidently the result perhaps, have added in the language of the old lady personated in of the doctor's mind magnetically impressed upon the pills. The case | Winchell's drolleries, when she saw the "critter" for the first time, presents a suggestion not only important in a philosophical point of view, but which, in particular cases, may be made eminently practical.

A LAMENT.

I pine for the world where there is no death, For the Angel World I pine; I sigh with a troubled and weary breath

Original Communications.

For the joys of a Life Divine; Thou art gone away to the Angel World,

And for thee, sweet Love, I pine.

I heard in the night a wild bird sing, A bird with a mystic tone, The air was moved by its shining wing, And it sang in the midnight lone; 'Twas a Spirit Bird from the Angel World,

And thither my heart has flown. I mourn by day with a vain regret. And I weep in the weary night, And I sometimes wish that I could forget · The vision that haunts my sight-The vision that comes to my dream alone, But fades with the outward light.

I pine for the river whose waters flow Where the deathless roses bloom; But I sit by day 'neath the cypress Wo, And I fade like the waning moon, Low sinking toward Life's western verge, Low sinking toward the tomb

I am weary now, and the wild winds blow. And the mournful pine boughs wave Where the robe of thy beauty lies vailed in snow : O would that I shared thy grave ! 'Twere better far, for my heart's a waste Where the winds of sorrow rave. *L*

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I. D. WILLIAMSON, D.D., ON MANIFESTATIONS.

In a recent number of the Gospel Herald, edited by the above-named gentleman, is an editorial on the subject of spiritual manifestations. So bold an ignoring of the whole subject, which he calls argument, can of course have no weight on the minds of those who have investigated the subject; but as his remarks are being copied into other papers of the same denomination, who are warning the public to let the thing entirely alone (though the Doctor himself says the subject is certainly worthy of examination), a brief review may not be unprofitable. The writer, on the start, informs us that he has heard much on the subject for years past, but seen nothing until recently. But now, Lo and behold, he has examined it ! Yes, for he says he has "seen the elephant !" He might, " La me ! yes, he is elephant ! everybody knows he is elephant, and I wonder if he knows he is elephant." But to be serious : a feeling of

quarters of an hour, while he, the investigator, had fears all the while that the medium would have an epileptic fit. And then all those civil unchangeability in God, because such changes are uniform and regular. have uttered the thoughts he or we assert to have been a manifestation and high compliments paid him by the Spirits talking through the From these suggestions, it may be seen that the changes to which man of Spiritualism. In our desire to have things as we wish them, we are medium! Why, Doctor, did you not know that that was a mesmeric is subject only prove the existence of a Power which governs and con- too prone to admit as true that which we can not demonstrate to be influence from your own mind, and that you were only praising yourself trols all things. A thousand changes, in the things subject to the will what we assert it to be, and often lead, and are led, astray thereby. I all this time ! On the whole, I am inclined to think our good brother of the Infinite, fail of proving any change in the purpose of his mind. is on the road of progression, and from the effect produced on his former They simply convey to man a knowledge of the wondrous workings of theory by so small a demonstration, the evidence that has not yet failed | the incomprehensible Deity. What though the forms of men perish, God dissolves to rebuild.

in convincing every mind that has thoroughly investigated it, may upset even his last theory, and convince him that Spirits, and good Spirits, do communicate for the good of man. E. A. HOLBROOK. WATERTOWN, N. Y., Jan., 1855.

U. CLARK'S TESTS OF THE SEER-GIFT.

Since the publication of my article on the development of the SEER-FACULTY, I have received numerous letters from every section of the country, making inquiries, asking aids, examinations, tests, and suggesting that I should publish something sufficient to enable others, if possible, to develop the same faculty. I have endeavored to answer all MR. EDITOR :

whose confidential requests were accompanied by evidences of genuine merit and the material means requisite to make me able to afford the ceived communications, and still entertained doubts as to the fact of a special delineation and special direction.

the fact that this seer-phase of the spiritual philosophy begins to agitate the wide and deep interest it demands, for it is certainly the most practical and momentous field opened in this newly dawning dispensation of celestial unfolding. Let us see and know each other, as we are seen and known by the Great Father-Spirit, without regard to time, place, condition, or intervening space, and we are able to reach each others' truth into the souls unfolded to receive them.

vidual to whom reference is made.

brary, while in a state perfectly natural, I was suddenly drawn into communication with a person residing nearly two hundred miles from this city; one whom I had never seen but once, and with whom my in- intelligent than a cow that has never been known to do any thing o the past twenty-four hours.

reply :

* * * " Had you been literally enshrined in the secret depths of my it understood that when you rap once, you mean " No," when I ask you soul, you could not have delineated with a more faithful hand the thoughts a question; and that when you rap more than once you mean "Yes." and emotions swelling and throbbing within me during the time mentioned in | Will you agree to this ! "Rap, rap, rap." Will you tell me your name ? your letter. I do not understand how this is, that you are able to go down "Rap, rap, rap." Then when I repeat the alphabet, I want it understood amid the mysteries of my inner-life, and tell me what you find there, with that when I come to a letter which you wish to write, you will rapall this intervening space between us; but that you have done so can not will you do this? "Rup, rap, rap." I then call over the alphabet, and

not be gainsaid. * * * But it is useless for me to repeat what you obtain letters that spell out the name of some departed friend or relative.

The changes of earth in its relations to other planets demonstrate condition of the medium's mind, other than a superspiritual one, he could would judge no one nor determine any thing, for I am but a neophyte ; yet for truth's sake let us only admit that as an evidence of Spiritualism wnich can only be accounted for upon that hypothesis. A rapping that conveys intelligence not within the mind of any one present, but subse-What though atoms change their relations to each other, it is the power quently proved, must be taken as evidence of an independent volition of God that reunites them together again, or changes them to other somewhere else, and if not in the mind of any earth-spirit in rapport with the medium, that becomes evidence of a supra-mortal origin. So of the lifting of tables and other motions of material substances, independent of any known mortal means or capacity ; in these we have supra-natural forces, apparently as independent of mortal agency as are the motions of the planets or the growth of vegetation, and hence are driven to the conclusion that not man, but a power we term Spirit, is moving them; and when documents are written by visible pencils, but invisible forces or drawings executed, or musical instruments played upon by unseen agencies, in all these cases we have as clear an evidence of Spirits or Spirit-forces as we have of God in the visible things he has made, and must believe them supra-mortal at least, if not spiritual until disproved, and especially so as they claim a spiritual origin and announce a former connection with earth and themselves, and with us, as relatives or friends. W. J. YOUNG.

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THE ATTRIBUTES OF DEITY.

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I beg leave to submit to the consideration of some of the metaphysical contributors to the SPIRITUAL TELEGRAPH, the following reflections concerning the Attributes of Deity.

It is generally taken for granted among theologians, that God is a being who thinks, designs, and creates. . All of which appear to me to e groundless assumptions.

All ideas are mental conceptions. In order to be conceptions, they nust evidently be conceived. In order to be conceived, there must be a time to conceive ; i. c., they must take place in time, and not in eternity. For to assert that an idea is eternal, is in effect to deny that it is an idea at all; for that which is eternal is not conceived.

If. then. God be a thinking Being, all his thoughts must take place in time. There must have been a time when the first mental conception was evolved. Consequently there must have been a time prior to that first mental conception, when God was not a thinking Being. If there was such a time, then it is fair to infer-on the ground of his immutability-that he never could have become a thinking Being. Again, it is assumed as a first principle in theology, that God was originally the sole and independent Being. Now, in order to think, every metaphysician is aware that two conditions are necessary, viz. : Chere must be not only the thinking power, but something concerning which to exercise that power. Now, to suppose there was anything exterior to and independent of God, to occasion thought, is manifestly absurd; for that would deny the primary assumption.

Still again, we ask, what is thought? Every one who has any knowldge of mental philosophy is aware that it is a revolving through the mind of an associated train of ideas, one idea going, and another coming. It is a fact, too, admitted by all, that no two ideas can be under the cognizance of the thinking faculty at the same instant. In other words, they can not occupy the mind of a thinking being cotemporaneously. If so, then it will follow that a thinking being can not be omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, or eternal.

He surely can not know all things, when from very necessity but one les can be under his immediate cognizance at any one time. Nor can he be said to be present to an object while the idea of that object is absent from his mind. Nor can he be said to have power over it. He can not be eternal, if he be a thinking Being, for, as has already been shown, an eternal thought is a palpable contradiction. It is asserting that a thing is conceived, and that it is not conceived. The same or similar objections may be urged against the idea of design as an attribute of the Divine Being. Design implies thought. Consequently, if the foregoing reasoning be valid, it will follow that God can not be a designing Being. A design is something purposed. To say that a design is eternal is to deny that it is design. In order to be design, it must be designed : and for every design there must be a time.' If so, then prior to all designs, there must have been a time when God had not designed. If there was a time prior to all designs, there was a time when God was not a designing Being; and inasmuch as he is immutable, we argue that he never could have become a designing Being. The same chain of reasoning applies to God as a creative Being. If he created this universe, then there was a time when and prior to when he created it; and in the time prior to when he created it. there must have been some reason or other in the Divine Alind why it did not exist. If there was any such reason, then it never could have existed : for we can not suppose any ne c reason, nor can we suppose a change in an immutable God. Again, it is absurd to suppose that a Being who possesses the attribute of eternity can create. Eternity is not something through which the Divine Being lives. Eternity is, because God is. It is expressive (if I may so speak) of the condition of his Being. He who grasps, even faintly, the idea of God's eternity, will conceive of him, not as seeing and experiencing things as causes and consequents in the order of succession, but as existing cotemporaneously. To him there is no future, no past, but one eternal now. And as there is no future nor no past to Deity, so is there no future nor no past crents to him. You can not affirm that he is any more present 'to-day, and the facts and objects of to-day, than he was ages ago, or than he will be ages hence. The same can be affirmed of any particular time. All times, all seasons, all successions are cotemporaneous with God, and exist to him as a unit. nal existence for mankind in face of the fact that the existence of a dog In the absolute there are no successions. Now we ask, if it is not absurd to assert that God creates that which to him has always existed? To deny that whatever has existed, does exist or will exist to man; has all been a present cotemporaneous existence in the absolute, and ever will be, is to deny the eternity of God. To man, events succeed 'each other, but not to God. The reason is evident : man is a relative existence, God is absolute. To man, there is time and space; to God, neither. To man, things go and come; to God, all events are as one. Multiplicity is seen in *unity*. From what has been said, it will appear that the common idea of a First Cause" is groundless, the necessity for any such hypothesis being obviated. P. H. BEMIS. MEADVILLE, PA., Dec. 16.

other, from one idea to the next'; and thus his knowledge is in mased and his bliss enhanced by unfolding of wisdom. SPIRITUALITY OF THE RAPPINGS. I sometimes meet with men who have heard Spirit-rappings and re-

positions where equally congenial affinities consociate in ever-varying

harmony and order. Thus, while the Infinite changes not, all nature

is full of change; and man is ever changing from one position to an-

time and severe labor indispensable in giving a thorough test. I find Spirits communicating. To such I wish to say a few words through it impossible to adopt any general, rigid rules which will prove alike the columns of your paper. Not long ago, my daughter was a medium adapted to a multiplicity of different individuals. Each person demands for the sounds, and I had an excellent opportunity of investigating the phenomena by this mode of communication. We often received com-Among those who have written to me, I recognize several anxious in- munications when she and I were alone together, and we rarely ever

quirers of highly cultivated moral and intellectual natures, revealing had any present except my own family. The subject was one of deep interest to me, and I investigated it with corresponding care and attention.

For several months we had rappings, generally every day-sometimes several times in a day. In the commencement of my examination proceeded as follows : The first thing noticed was the sound-the rap ping. We knew we heard this as certainly as we knew any thing. wants, and feel the thrilling pulsations of sympathy vibrating through knew also that I did not make it, and my daughter knew that she did the great soul of a common brotherhood, bound from pole to pole by not. We had no more evidence that either of us made it, than there is the spirito-electric-telegraphic cord, along which with lightning speed that we are in China, and not in America. We knew, too, that some courses the invisible currents of thought and emotion, as God and An- | agent made it, for every thing that has a beginning has a cause. Hence gels your down from the spheres influxes of supernal wisdom, love, and we knew that some agent made the sound, just as well as if that agent had been a man in the flesh, and we saw him with hammer in hand

Among the many tests of the Seer-power recently developed, I record making the sound. No philosopher will deny this position. Again, one of irresistible significance to skeptics. I withhold name and date we knew that this agent was intelligent, or not intelligent. How were out of regard to the modesty and delicacy of the highly-cultivated indi- we to determine? Let me ask how do we determine in regard to other agents? We judge by the facts that present themselves; do we not?

About the middle of January, one morning as I was walking in my li- Thus a watch runs and keeps time, but we have no reason to suppose that it is intelligent. An animal is more or less intelligent. A pig, for instance, that can count and tell the time of day by a watch, is more terview had been quite brief. I immediately took seat at my secretary, this sort. A man is considered intelligent, because he acts in an inteland wrote to the individual, delineating in detail certain peculiar emo- ligent manner. He can reason, he can demonstrate a mathematical tions and struggles experienced by the person at that moment and during proposition, he can write a poem or an essay, he converses intelligently upon many subjects, therefore we say he is an intelligent agent or

The following is an extract from the letter I shortly after received in being. Why not judge this agent that raps on my table in the same way? I start out by saving to it. If you are an intelligent agent, I want

already know so well, for you describe my feelings and emotions better | I then ask, Do you wish to make a communication to me ! "Rap, rap, than I can. Your words come with a softening and cheering influ- rap." Then please spell it out, word for word, as you did your name, will you ! "Rap, rap, rap." By this process, then, I obtain the follow-Demonstrations of Spirit-sight analogous to this are becoming almost ing communication : " If you would serve God, if you would be truly good, govern your passions, forget self, and let the aim of your existence bility they enjoin, I lift my laboring soul to Heaven, and pray God and be to happify your fellow-man; for in the practice of this virtue man With these facts, what conclusion ought I to come to? Here is the U. CLARK. sound, the agent, and the communication by that agent. The communication is intelligent. What objection is there to my affirming that the agent is an intelligent one, and, being unseen, that it is a Spirit? Is it possible to come to any other conclusion? If so, please tell me how.

CURIOUS EXAMPLE OF A NATURAL DEATH.-Dr. A. L. P. Green, of Nashville, Tenn., communicates to the Medical Journal, published in that city, a singular case of progressive death by old age, of which the following are the main particulars : The subject was an old negress in the family of the narrator, who had attained the age of one hundred and cleven years. She was never sick in her life except at the birth of her children. Until within three years of her death she apparently experienced no physiological change, for thirty years. Her sight and hearing then began slightly to fail. Next she began to lose the sense of locality, not being able to find her way to the neighbors', though she could still see tolerably well, and her memory on general subjects was good. Next she gradually lost the art of walking, though her strength was still sufficient for locomotive purposes. The children would lead her round the yard, and she would seem delighted with the idea of walking, but as soon as she would stop she would forget it all, and would have to be taught over again. Finally she became unwilling to rise from her bed, where she lay without pain or other derangement of the functions of the system, until she gradually grew cold and exhaled her life away as a lamp becomes extinguished when its oil is exhausted. This is the only death we have ever heard of that was unconnected with disease or violence, and illustrates the perfectly natural passage of the soul from the body.

MUSICAL MANIFESTATIONS IN BOSTON .- D. K. Minor tells the New Era about an accompaniment to singing being played by Spirits on a guitar under a table, at a recent circle which he attended in Boston. At the first sitting when this occurred, some skeptics present declared that they saw the medium thrum the guitar with her feet Though this was not believed by the medium's friends, they concluded to test the matter, on a subsequent evening, in a way which would relieve her from all suspicion, and accordingly tied her feet to her chair so that she could not touch the instrument if she would. The music on the guitar occurred with as great accuracy as before ; and what was more remarkable was, that two gentlemen, sitting back from the table, saw a regularly formed hand, not belonging to any member of the circle, touching the strings of the instrument and bringing forth the sounds. At a subsequent sitting of the circle this hand was again seen as before-a guard against deception being provided which was satisfactory to all present, even the skepties. The Spirit-musician purported to be Jesse Hutchinson

BEAUTIFUL VISIONS OF & LITTLE BOY .- A friend of ours, a teacher of a high school, recently related to us the following, which we penned down from his own lips : "A few weeks since," said he, "I had among my pupils the son of one of the most eminent public speakers of this country. He was a bright, active, healthy, sensitive lad of only eight years. While with me he had met with that greatest of earthly bereavements to a childish heart-the loss of his mother. When he again returned to me after attending her funeral obsequies, he remarked that he thought he had seen his mother-that she seemed at several times to be near and with him. I paid but little attention to this at first, till a

his ordinary childish voice. In a few moments the vision passed, and Friends. He was an uncle to my wife, and died in the year a good spirit, or where an individual was ever considered unfortunate does exist but what is necessary. Law is the relation-the affinity- of human beings, while I was inclined to believe and hope they were, he was restored to his ordinary condition. This happened, with variato be possessed of a good spirit. According to his own showing, the which one thing bears to another. That relation is eternal; conse- for I could see no good reason why these invisible powers should falsely [1829, in Chester Co., Pa., where he had always resided. I tions, nearly every day for the remainder of the time (several weeks) influence that controlled this man was a good one, unless he makes it quently it is a uniform rule-and that rule is the law of action between assert they were the Spirits of departed friends when they were not, had no acquaintance with him while living, and only a few inthat he was with me. Sometimes he exclaimed, 'I see the moon and appear that being "fast restored to health" is a misfortune. Would it the things mutually acted upon by each other. all the stars,' as though the ceiling of the room and the external walls and would willingly surrender my life a sacrifice, if necessary, could 1 terviews (if I may so call them) with his Spirit through my not be better for him to learn to discern between the Spirits than to Do the seasons, then, appear by the action established in virtue of feel and have a sure and undeniable testimony from the region beyond were dissipated, and he looked out upon the heavens. More than once wife. Never in any former conversation had there been any the relations of things ! Who established that relation ! Who con- the grave, that perpetual spiritual existence was in store for manhe said, 'I see the Lord ; he looks as if he were made of the fires.' Once denounce all manifestations promiseuously ! The Pharisees certainly reference to theological matters by which my opinions could, did not consider all Spirit-influence bad. They believed that good trolled so as to give reciprocal affinities between the parties ? If law kind. he said, 'Mother has again appeared to me ; she was standing on a star. have been known to him; but during the day previous to the In conclusion, it is true there are thousands of these manifestations angels and spirits could speak to men. The Apostles also declare the gave birth to order and harmony, who gave birth to law ? Once he heard her voice calling him by name, and saying, 'You shall We affirm that intelligence, wisdom, must have preceded this arthat can be accounted for upon an assumption of the existence of psyfollowing communication, the subjects referred to had been come here; you shall come here.' The influence upon his mind and same. And I will quote for the special benefit of my friend (who says chological and mesmeric powers in man-none of which are evidences freely discussed in presence of my wife, who is a firm believer heart was most beautiful and beneficial. He was gentle, more loving, rangement, this order, this manifestation of harmony. The seasons the Spirit was very civil, and addressed him in very complimentary terms), the language of the clerk of a congregation before whom Paul appear in regular order-uniformity being always observable. Such of Spiritualism taken by themselves, and no sound investigator will addocile, and obedient. Nor did these experiences happen only when he in the authenticity of the Bible, the Divinity of Jesus Christ, was arraigued, who on finding him to be of the lineage of the Pharisees order, regularity, and precision constitute a rule, but the rule, the order mit them only as probable evidence; and there are thousands of other was alone. He remained one day at church during the celebration o etc. She has no faith in these communications being from manifestations which go to show (unless new laws of mind and matter said : "I find no evil in this man, but if augel or Spirit hath spoken unto the uniformity, the law, would be null and void without an executor; the Lord's Supper, when, if we may trust his childish account, his inte the Spirit-world, but thinks they are produced by something shall be discovered), that powers and intelligences invisible to the eve, him, let us not fight against God." There were in old times spiritual in fact, they could not and would not have had a name-a being-unriors were again opened, and he seemed to behold the Lord and the manifestations, spiritual gifts, but the people were not then warned less intelligence had so arranged the economy of nature as to bring are dealing and doing with us, all which should impel us to deep, free, like mesmerism acting on the brain. She becomes charged angels, and the heavenly worlds. This vision continued some time candid, and fearless research; but there is neither a necessity nor a pro- in a few minutes, writes with great facility and rapidity withagainst looking into those things, because some bad or false Spirits them into existence. though he could but imperfectly describe it. Does God, then, change, and manifest that change by a change of the priety for any attempt to preach or proselytize. If God sends these things sometimes manifested themselves." But the injunction was, "Covet out looking upon the slate (upon which she prefers, writing), "I suppose I must in justice add a vision of quite a different charseasons ! As man is related to earth, and his position in such relation he has a purpose in view, and can not fail to perform it-if powers not carnestly the best gifts ;" "Try the Spirits." but in a horizontal direction, not knowing what has been writacter, which he also saw in another orthodox church. 'I saw,' he says, is permanent, so man is changed, not as regards his relative position to Godly nor omnipotent, we have nothing to apprehend from them, and In conclusion. This is not the first time my esteemed friend, who ten unless she reads it afterward." During the time of writing ·in the pulpit, a great idol, such as they have in heathen countriesthe earth, but as regards his relation to other planets. This change is should continue to investigate. Since my hand is in, let me clear up my has seen nothing of the manifestations," has explained the whole mystery. like those in the geography, and a man came up behind him-he looked there is no abstraction of mind from surrounding things but; position, for I hold that nothing can be an evidence of the existence of He told us a few years ago that Davis' Divine Revelations was but a wrought by the change of the position of the earth in regard to the sun. like a monkey-1 thought he was a monkey-to lift up his hands as the Hence the position of man is changed by the action of the carth, and Spirits but what is shown upon or through material forms and sub- she converses with freedom; watches with great care that an transcript of the minds of Fishbough, Lyon, Bush, and others, who were minister does when he prays; and the people all kneeled down, but only child of four years does not get in harm's way; has freas both man and earth have changed positions in regard to another stances, and, therefore, that all evidence that is reliable must be physin mesmeric rapport with Davis at the time the revelation was uttered. wouldn't-1 wasn't a going to for him.' . quently sat as medium (but would rather not); has given a numthing, so the seasons vary. Does God change because the earth and the ical, or come through physical media. God himself is only manifested He even classifies and tells us which of the minds controlled the medium "I have since, through one of the most eminent and reliable mediums things thereon change by the infinite wisdom and power of his will ! by his power upon mind and matter, and we have no perception of mind ber of written communications from various Spirits, partaking in the different portions of the book. But where now is the Doctor's with whom I am acquainted, held repeated, and to me unmistakable Surely, he need not change to change the relative position of things, but as connected with matter; and we know too little of what either theory ? Why did he not tell us that in the first manifestation he witof the peculiarity of the persons while living, both in language interviews with the mother, who assures me that the visions de tailed by her son were real-that she was there with us, even as she nessed, his own mind had a powerful mesmeric influence upon the subnor is it philosophical to allow that such changes are adverse to the mind or matter is-brain or thought is-to say of a speaking medium he. GIBBONS PARRY. is inspired, unless we can determine infallibly that under no state or and bearing. ject, causing him to beat and pommel his breast unmercifully for three- general welfare of all. appeared."

sadness came over me when I read from such a source such a comparison when speaking of a religious faith which has spread so widely. and is so fast gaining ground over the whole earth-that is carrying comfort and consolation to the hearts of so many thousands by demonstrating to them the fact of a future life-and that is earnestly being defended by a host of as pure-hearted, sincere, and devoted Christians and philanthropists as the present generation can boast. He has "seen the elephant," which of course means that the whole field of spiritual manifestation is spread out before him. All that has transpired in the world since the first Rochester manifestation to the present time, is brought into one embodiment and named ! In vain are all the involuntary writings claiming to be dictated by Spirits-the books of A. J. Davis. Judge Edinonds, Pains' " Philosophy of Creation," "The Healing of the Nations," Olin's sublime and instructive discourses-all the communieations from day to day containing precepts and doctrines unsurpassed by the Bible itself-the presentation of Spirit-hands-the audible voice of Spirits speaking in the English language-the heavenly songs that have been heard - the Spirits that have been distinctly seen by thousands—and all the facts that men have been so stupid as to receive on the evidence of their senses-all are disposed of. Yes, and as men's senses were no more reliable eighteen hundred years ago than now, we will put into the catalogue all the Spirit-communications of the Bible. for the Doctor says : "There is a proneness on the part of many to refer all

unaccountable things to the agency of Spirits, and that, too, without any all the phenomena of the present without any aid from the Spirit-world, and I will engage to apply that law with equal success to the manifestations of the Bible. But the reader is doubtless anxious by this time to take a view of the above-named elephant. Well, here it is ! The Rev. I. D. Williamson has seen a man who professes that a Spirit-friend of his is visiting him daily and treating him with a course of pathetism, for disease with which he has been suffering. He has sudden and spasmodic movements of the arms, much like that produced by an electric machine. "He swung his arms in all directions and threw himself into all sorts of attitudes and contortions for the space of full three-quarters of an hour. and felt no symptoms of fatigue ! The exercise, he says, is fast restoring him to health." The Doctor then proceeds to treat of this case as though it was all the kind of manifestations in the world. But as he hints h is going to investigate further, should it turn out that he has after all seen only a small portion of the animal's trunk as it aimed a slight blow at his conservatism, we will wait for another ray of light from that quarter to dispel the darkness from our poor, benighted souls. Now

hear how he disposes of this only case of Spirit-manifestations he has ever witnessed. He says, "Whatever it may be, it seems to be identical with the demonology of old. A demon, in those days, was the Spirit of a deceased person, good or bad, as the case might be. A demoniae was a man into whose body a demon or departed spirit had entered." In those days our friend would have been said to be possessed of a devil (demon). "They were troublesome customers, and those who possessed them were considered peculiarly unfortunate. Men did not then deem it a great privilege to be possessed of a departed spirit (demon). The miracle was not to induce a departed spirit to enter the body, but it was to get him out of it."

Now I would ask the writer what is meant by the two simple sentences. ognize the action of some power. Things do not exist because there there were powers at work invisible but by their effects, and too palpa morning or two after, while he was lying in bed, wide awake, he ex-Gentlemen-I herewith send you a communication purport-'Try the Spirits whether they are of God," and "By their fruits ve are laws, but laws exist because there are things. Therefore things ble to be denied, and hitherto unexplainable but upon the hypothesis claimed, 'There's my mother, and with her the angels !' He was calm. ing to be from the Spirit of John Parker, an eminent public date antecedent to laws. If only one of these things existed in the of spiritual existences. But that, though this were the case, the evishall know them !" He acknowledges that the Spirits of old might be but spoke as under a gentle influx, in a tone altogether different from Friend or preacher of the Orthodox order of the Society of either good or bad, but will he tell us where the Saviour ever cast ont universe, law would not be necessary, nor would it exist, since nothing dence was not conclusive that those effects were produced by the Spirits

ence." * * *

daily occurrences in my experience; and as I feel the solemn responsihis ministering Angels that my humble mission may yet drop some finds the greatest felicity which earth can bestow." blessings on the generation.

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GOD SUPREME-LAW OBEDIENT. C. HAMMOND. MEDIUM

The cold, bleak wind howls around the palace and the cottage, and the plains and the forests are alike chilled with the death of a winter's atmosphere. Beast, bird, and insect hide their heads at the unwelcome snow. and streams are crusted over with ice. All nature wears an aspect of desolation. Life does not revive the flower, the plant, or the shrub, nor beauty deck the landscape or the garden.

The insect is quiet in his cell, the beast moves slowly in his task, and the birds carol their songs in a more congenial clime. Man is active to support his wasting form, or provide for the necessities of those needing his care. While so much of discomfort appears in the natural world.

the horrors of war and famine are experienced by myriads who inhabit plain or palpable reasons." Now let him show me a law that will explain it. Is God less bountiful, his laws less merciful, or his government less perfect now than ever ! Who controllest the seasons, who administers the laws, that bloom and beauty and luxury should appear in summer and disappear in winter ! Why those alternate visits of cold and heat, of winter and summer, of growth and decay ! Is law thus vacillating ! Does law control God, or God control law ! If law controls God, then he is a subject of law, he must be responsible to law. If he is respona superior can not be enforced. Who, then, administers the law? Acsupreme over law, but law is supreme over him.

he is not a subject, but an executor of all the laws in the natural world We assume that this must be so, or these laws would not exist as the exponents of his will and wisdom. We acknowledge no God that is if man is to be thus blessed, since variety in the spiritual world would controlled, but only him who controls all things, the laws of the universe not excepted.

uniformity of his will, changes in the natural world, whereby alternate seasons appear! Either he does, or does not If he does not cause these changes, who does ! Law possesses no power to change any thing It has no capacity to act or to think. It is irresponsible, and eternal. Its power is nothing. Law is simply a rule of action.

Hence the difference in the seasons can not be caused by law, independent of an actor ; for there never could have been any law unless there had been a legislator-an intelligent Being to-make it. As all law is simply a rule expressing uniformity of action, so such rules must rec-

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DEFINING A POSITION.

MESSRS. PARTRIDGE AND BRITTAN

In the report of the Conference, Dec. 26th, held at the SPIRITUAL TELEGRAPH office, Dr. Hallock states : That "Dr. Young (meaning me) who had previously asserted the incompetency of proof to establish spirituality in any case, defended the dog ghost with great vigor, contending it was simply egotism which denied to the animal kingdom the

immortality we claimed for ourselves." This statement of the case, if not wholly, is mostly erroneous. I did state, however, or intended to do so, that the spiritual presence of the dog, as set forth on that occasion by Prof. -----, was as true as any other of the wonderful relations then and there given by him and others, and that per se there was as good testimony to prove the existence of Spiritdogs as of Spirit-men, and that if the evidences could be relied upon God is not free, neither is he independent, but a subject of law. If which assert the thousand instances in which the Spirit-forms of human beings have been visible, they were no more reliable as proof of the sible to law, who is the judge ! The law can not be excented without existence of human Spirits out of the form, than the presence of the an executor. The law being supreme, disallows a superior, and without dog Spirit was proof that the Spirits of dogs exist outside of their material forms; and I reasoned thence to the general conclusion that cording to this hypothesis, God can not, for he is a subject. He is not that was egotism in us which would only predicate an immortal spirit-

We assume that God is supreme, that he is superior to all law, that Spirit was as fully proven by the manifestations as the existence of any other kind of Spirits; and I further asserted that I could conceive no improbability in the doctrine that all living forms have immortal spirits, be as desirable as in this, and that I could conceive it no particular happiness to be cast upon the shores of eternity with nothing to gaze upon Does God, then, control the sensons! Does he cause, by the eternal and enjoy but the presence of Spirits possessing a general sameness of character and condition, since the very enjoyments of all life, and the very sources of all progress-of all mental, moral, and spiritual growth

-spring from the variety of forms, substances, and existences we come in contact with, study, and cultivate attachments for.

Again, Dr. Hallock makes me to have " previously asserted the incompetency of proof to establish spirituality in any case," notwithstanding I defended "the dog ghost." Here, too, is an error, for on that very occasion I claimed that there were many instances related within the experience of the investigators of our own day, that went to show that

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TO MY MOTHER. BY HENRIETTE JACKSON

Would I were with thee, pure and holy Spirit, Roaming through bright worlds, ever by thy side ! Would that I might such angel-joy inherit, With thee a dweller of the spheres abide ! With thee forever-pure, bright, and free-Would I were with thee cfernally !

Would I were with thee ! would earth's toils were ending, And I approaching to that heavenly shore! Would I could view thy radiant Spirit bending O'er me-the sad and lonely-evermore. Where'er I wander, may I still be Guarded and guided, loved Spirit, by thee !

Would I were with thee, where the angels' bowers Are blooming, in unfading verdure clad, Where thou art roaming 'mid immortal flowers, Thy heart with heavenly love and beauty glad,* Turning thy bright glance, still upward-above, Would I were with thee in that home of love !

Would I were with thee, Spirit blest and holy ! But since on earth I yet am doomed to rove, Oh, cast one bright gleam from thy dwelling o'er me, And let me feel thy power and thy love ! Blest one and loved, oh, give to me Visions of happy reunion with thee !

Would I were with thee, is my earnest prayer, At morn, at eve, and in the "stilly night"-To dwell with thee, free from earth's darkening care-My aspiration and my solace bright. Cheering the dark hours of life, to me Is the sweet hope of the future with thee ! PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, 1854.

CELEBRATED CHARACTERS. SOCRATES.

470 B. C.-" Not content with improving himself, Socrates was in spired with the more disinterested and divine passion of improving others. He employed every moment he could abstract from his domestic avocations in the instruction and correction of his fellow-citizens of every class. Often, indeed (and his wife justly complained of this), he forgot the necessities of his household, and would sit for whole days in dreamy abstraction, his head buried in his hands, or holding philosophical converse with the first stranger who demanded from him lessons in wisdom. By degrees, the profound truth of his remarks, the novelty of his ideas, the penetrating, unexpected simplicity of his argument, the familiarity of his images and parables which he borrowed from the commonest employments of life, to elevate the minds of those with whom he was conversing to the most sublime conceptions of genius -as the jeweler uses the vilest dust to polish the diamond-these combined attractions drew around Socrates an extensive circle of disciples. Athens was a free republic-rich, idle, and luxurious; given to doct trines, controversies, sects, truths, sophistries, and even falsehood ; the government, which was carried on in public, was little more than a perpetual conversation between the citizens, on polities, laws, religion, nature, and the deities. In that lovely climate, where men passed their lives in the sun-the porticoes of the temples, the studios of the artists, the open shops of the tradespeople, the streets, the squares, the marketplaces, were so many academies or schools, where all discoursed to gether, and the most eloquent, the most seductive, or the most able carried away the greatest number of auditors from his rivals. Perpetual converse was, in fact, the leading institution of Athens. It supplied the place of what the periodical press has become with us since the discovery of printing, with this dictinction, that the press speaks separately to single readers, and allows neither dialogue nor reply; while the public conversations of Athens became to many animated discussions, and gathered together the idlers and the followers of the most popular speaker in a sect or college. Thus it was that Socrates, though always speaking, and on every subject, wrote nothing; his lessons were all dialogues with his listeners, and after his death, Plato and Xenophon, his disciples, transcribed from memory, and under this constrained form. the doctrines which they had heard and noted during the life of their master."

face exhibited neither her feelings nor the emotions of her heart. Its expression, concentrated in her eyes, seemed rather that of meditation than of feeling; yet she was compassionate and tender; but her pity and tenderness extended to something greater and more distant than her immediate horizon. ' She prayed unceasingly, spoke little, and avoided the company of her equals in age. She generally retired alone, and plied her needle in a secluded nook, under a hedge behind the house, from which she could only see the blue sky, the tower of the church, and the distant crest of the mountains. She seemed to hear voices within here which the noise of the world would have stilled.

"She was searcely eight years of age when these signs of inspiration began to appear in her. In this she resembled the Sybils of old, marked from their infancy with the fatal seal of sadness, beauty, and solitude, among the daughters of men—instruments of inspiration reserved for oracles, and to whom every other employment of mind was prohibited. She loved every thing that suffered, particularly animals-those intelligent beings, gifted with love for us, but deprived of words to convey their feelings. Her companions say that she was mild and merciful to birds. She considered them as creatures condemned by God to live near men, in a state of transition between soul and matter, and having in their nature nothing as yet complete but the painful faculties of suffering and love. All that was melancholy and indefinite in the sounds of nature attracted and absorbed her. 'She was so fond of the sound of bells,' says the old Chronicler, 'that she promised the ringer hanks of wool for the autumn gathering if he would sound the Angelus longer in the mornings.'

"But her pity was most strongly excited for the kingdom of France and for the young Dauphin-motherless, with a country, and without a throne. The tales she daily heard from monks, soldiers, pilgrims, and beggars-the cottage newsmen of the time-filled her heart with compassion for the young prince. His image was associated in her mind with the calamities of her fatherland. It was in him that she saw i perish; it was through him that she prayed to God for its deliverance Her spirit was ceaselessly occupied with this anxiety and sadness."-New Orleans Daily Delta.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN COUNTERFEITING.

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"From this summary, we conclude that Socrates was neither wiser, more virtuous, nor more religious than all the other philosophers of antiquity, but that he was the most witty and the most amiable of Athenian citizens ; that he knew how to think well, to speak well, to die well, but that he also knew how to live well, and, according to our ideas, had too much prudence in his wisdom, and too much cleverness in his virtue. Charity (in its Christian sense) had not yet appeared in the world."

JOAN OF ARC. The interest attaching to the history of this extraordinary female, to whom France was so largely indebted for the preservation of her honor, and perhaps her nationality, but who finally received at the hands o her ungrateful countrymen, as a consummation of her glory, a martyr's her young life :

"The pensive and retiring beauty of Joan, while it attracted the attention of men, repelled familiarity. Several, nevertheless, pleased with her grace and modesty, solicited her hand from her parents. She persevered in remaining single and free, possibly through some obscure presentiment which warned her that she would one day have to give birth. not to a family, but a kingdom. One of her suitors, more violent, had the boldness to claim her love as of right, swearing before a court of justice that she was betrothed to him. The poor girl, abashed but indignant, appeared before the judges at Toul, and contradicted by oath this calumny of passion. The judges saw through the plot, and sent her home. "While her beauty thus charmed the eye, the composure of her face, cruel routine of bleeding, leeching, blistering, cupping, dieting, etc. His method of the thoughtfulness of her features, the solitude and silence of her life. astonished her father, her mother, and her brothers. She possessed only the grace and attractions of her sex; she had none of its weakness; her render his success in treating diseases of the eye almost certain.

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