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AS it is necessary to make some remarks in regard to this work, or myself, as the medium through which it will be presented to the public, I will give a brief account of my mediumship.

In the early part of the year 1852, there were several mediums for physical manifestations in my native place, (Newburyport, Mass.), and one evening, I, accompanied by some acquaintances, went by invitation, to see a tipping medium by the name of Stevens, who was at Mr. Charles Brown's house. After all had assembled who were invited, the medium sat up to a small square table, and placed his hands upon it. In a few moments the table began to tip out answers to questions propounded by those present. It also tipped and danced out many tunes correctly. After some remarks by the company in regard to the manifestations made, by request of the medium, we sat up to the table. The medium then commenced asking of the spirits who of those present were mediums. When my turn came, he asked if I would be a medium. The answer was, yes. The medium then requested to be tipped out the number of days before I should become a medium. The question was answered by four tips of the table, signifying that I should be a medium in four days. On the fourth day I sat at the table in my father's house to see if the spirits would tip as they had said they would, and the table immediately gave answers to my questions; but I did not believe spirits had anything to do with it, but believed the mind had performed the operations while acting through electricity. At

the same time, I called on all other powers to tip the table, but it would not move. Then I would ask if there was any spirit present to tip the table, and it immediately answered such questions as I saw fit to ask. Most of my friends believed it to be the work of the devil.

In a few weeks the spirits commenced rapping for me, and continued rapping and tipping till May, 1853. I then left Newburyport and went to Philadelphia, where I became acquainted with the members of a family by the name of Hess. At that time but little was known publicly, about spiritualism, in that city. There were, however, several circles holding regular sittings in different parts of the city. The most prominent mediums were Mrs. W——, Miss H——, and Miss T——. One of the circles was held at the house of Mrs. Hess, the lady with whom I boarded. Although I informed them that I was a medium, they would not let me sit in the room, because I did not believe the manifestations were made by the spirits, and made light of the subject. They said I would disturb their sittings. In a week or two they concluded to let me sit in the room on condition that I would keep still. I did so, and in a short time felt a strong influence passing over my brain. The circle was composed of Mrs. Warton, a very fine clairvoyant, and writing and healing medium; Mrs. Hess, a good medium for tests and other manifestations; Mr. Waters and myself. The influence which I first felt grew stronger, until my eyes closed, notwithstanding my efforts to keep them open, and remained closed some twenty minutes. Here I must confess I was somewhat frightened. During the time Mrs. Warton was in a clairvoyant state, and said she saw the spirit of a small boy, about eight years old, making passes over my head, and often looked to see if my eyes were closed. She then took a pencil and wrote a short communication from him, with his full name signed to it, which was correct. The spirit communicating was my brother, whom I had never seen in the form, but had heard my parents speak of. Yet, I

did not believe it was done by spirits. I was not bigotted in any way, as my mind was neutral on all subjects and free from prejudice ; but I could not believe that spirits did communicate, my belief inclining to the Universalist faith of a future existence. Yet here was a test of some power I could not deny, but did not believe it to be what it purported.

I afterwards attended different circles in other parts of the city, and observed many striking manifestations. I was sitting, one evening, in the parlor with Mr. and Mrs. Hess, when she became entranced, and made signs to me with her fingers. I then inquired, What is wanted? The spirit having possession of her answered, that he had something of importance to tell me, but I could not bear it. I answered that I was ready for anything that the spirit had to say to me. It then commenced talking to me, and told me its name, besides many things which I knew to be true, and no one but we two knew about when it lived in the body. It continued to talk to me some time in regard to matters of like. I then, for the first time, said it must be the spirit of my friend that conversed with me. As the medium, Mrs. Hess, did not know anything about such a person, from that moment to the present time I have never doubted the truth of these things. I then advanced from rapping and tipping to spelling on the alphabetical card, my arm being controlled, and with my finger would touch the different letters, which being taken down in rotation as they were given, would spell out communications. During that time I felt the influence continually upon my brain, preparing it, as I have since learned, for impressions. A few weeks after my hand was so controlled to touch the letters on the alphabetical card, I would involuntarily utter the whole sentence as it was impressed upon my brain. It was such a strange feeling upon me that I began to resist the influence, but was unable to cast it entirely off. Many times, after returning from the circles to my boarding-house, I would tell Mrs. Hess that I would never go again, and that in the

morning I would expose it all, and yet not knowing what to expose. In consequence of my threats my mind would suffer all night. All the next day I would be attracted to sit in circle again in the evening. In this way I was led on for several months, and during that time many mediums told me, as I met them in the circles, You have a public mission to fulfil ; but I did not believe it, as I was not a learned or public man, and thought it could not be.

One evening, at a circle, a spirit, through a medium by the name of Herman, told me I should have to stand before large public audiences and let the spirits speak through me. Henry Gordon and other mediums also informed me the same. I continued to sit in circles, and being developed by personating, seeing, writing, healing, developing, and speaking gifts, on the last of October, 1853, I was told by my spirit friends that they wished me to give up my business, which was tending a stall in Philadelphia market. I asked what they wished me to do. The answer was, To make a public medium of you. I said, I cannot do so. They then reasoned with me at times for several days about the matter, but I said no, I would never give up my business for any one. They at last said they should take me by force. I then said, do it ; but at the same time I did not believe they could. But they had led me on gradually until they had obtained possession of my physical organization before I was aware of it. They entranced me three weeks in succession from midnight to mid-day, and as market business is done in the morning, they succeeded in getting me away from it ; but it was against my wishes that they did so, as my visible means of support were thus taken away from me.

About the last of October, I was told through myself, by impressions made on the brain, and through a number of other mediums, that I must go to New York on the next Tuesday, and that two spirits, purporting to be Webster and Taylor, would go with me. I said, tell me what you wish me

to go to New York for. The answer was, no, we shall tell you when you get there. I declared, then I will not go, not knowing what will be required of me. They then said they would compel me to go, and I responded by saying, do so, I will never go till you do. Tuesday came, and I would not go. That night I could neither rest nor sleep. On Wednesday, I said I would go, and left at half past four o'clock, in the afternoon, in the cars for New York. On the way, I saw two phosphorescent lights that the spirits generally make in announcing their presence. I arrived in New York late in the evening and put up at the Tammany hotel, for the night. In the room I occupied was a second bed in which two men lodged. When all was quiet in the room, the spirits commenced making loud raps on the bedstead and walls of the room, to the great annoyance of my room-mates, who could not sleep, on account of it. In the morning they asked me what I thought was the matter. I then told them what it was. They then said if they had known it they would not have slept in the room with me. I had some conversation with them on the subject of spiritualism. They soon calmed down and expressed a wish to see more of it. On Friday evening, I went with a friend to the Irving House, and repaired to the private sitting-room, and sat near a Mrs. French, a highly developed clairvoyant, healing, writing, speaking, and rapping medium. This lady was then entranced at a table where she was sitting. There were also a Mr. Young, Mrs. Burrows, the landlady of the house, and several others, sitting in the room near the table. In a few moments, Mrs. French's arm was moved and her hand wrote a communication purporting to be from Daniel Webster. In a few minutes afterwards, her hand again wrote another communication purporting to come from Zachary Taylor. Both of these communications were handed to me, and informed me what I had come to New York for. These were the spirits announced to me in Philadelphia as the two that would accompany me to New York and instruct me

what to do, and which they did through Mrs. French ; she, as well as the others present, being strangers to me up to that time. After she had passed out of the trance state, I was entranced, and through my hand it was written that Mrs. French, Mr. Young and myself would go to Philadelphia on the next (Saturday) morning, at ten o'clock. Mr. Young asked, Why not go at nine o'clock? The answer by the spirits was, that there would be an accident to the nine o'clock train, on account of some misplacement in the night, but at ten o'clock all would go safe. An accident did happen by the misplacement of a switch, as foretold, by which the train ran over an embankment, but no person was injured. It was a good test for me, for I needed something to strengthen my faith. The spirits also told me, that before I left the city the next morning, I must go and see Judge Edmonds. I said I would not go, as I was not acquainted with the gentleman, but in the morning I had to go. I arrived at his house, and was introduced to him in his study. I observed to him I had come to see him by direction of two spirits purporting to be Webster and Taylor ; that they would tell him what I had come for, as I had not been permitted to know. After conversing a short time on the subject of spiritualism, he became influenced to speak, and informed me what I had come to see him for, which was, that he must visit Philadelphia and give some public lectures. I was then told that my mission to New York was fulfilled, and that I could return to Philadelphia, but was detained and did not go with the others. I did not go till four o'clock in the afternoon. I was instructed not to go in the cars, but on the steamboat outside of Cape May.

Soon after the boat left New York tea was announced, and I sat down with the other passengers, to partake of it, but was taken ill as soon as I commenced eating. I then got up from the table and retired to my stateroom for the night, not conjecturing what made me so sick, as I had been in good health up to that hour. I continued to grow worse until mid-

night, when a spirit, purporting to be that of Patrick Henry, came and took partial possession of me, and announced that this had been done in order to control my physical organization, and that it could only be done by reducing me in strength and making me negative to his influences. The boat arrived at Philadelphia at one o'clock in the afternoon, when I repaired to my boarding-house, went to my room, and thought I would lie down and rest, for I was somewhat fatigued, but was told by my spirit guides that I must get ready and go to Franklin Hall, where we generally held our public spiritual meetings. I then got ready and started out, thinking that I would go in another direction, but when I made an effort to turn my footsteps, I found my feet were fastened to the sidewalk, and to move in a contrary direction from the hall was impossible. As I was going into the hall I met one of my friends, Dr. Munn, and we went in and took seats together in the back part of the room, for it was then very full. Mrs. French, the speaking medium, was then on the stand, and the spirits were speaking through her. In about twenty minutes after we had taken our seats, the spirit, through the speaker, pointed at me with the finger, and told the audience about my recent visit to New York, and that I was being prepared to go on a more important mission to the West and South. That was the first intimation I received of the mission which follows, and which was accurately portrayed through her. Being of a retiring disposition, and seeing the audience turned to see who the finger was pointing towards, I bent my head down back of the settee; then the spirits began to knock my head against it, and I was compelled to hold it up, that all might see me.

In the evening I attended a conference meeting, when the spirit of Patrick Henry took possession of and spoke through me. The spirits then tried to keep me under their influence all the time, but I continued to resist. They then took away my appetite, which made me physically weak, until the twelfth

of November, 1853, when they laid me down with a fever. They also attracted to my room several mediums, among whom were Mrs. French and Mr. Miller, who were in the city on public missions, to assist them to get possession of me, I resisting, in the mean time, with my utmost power. At twelve o'clock the spirits held a parley with me to see if I would give up to them and become a public medium. I answered, no, never! Then they said, we shall take you by force. I said, do it! and they commenced with redoubled vigor, like many persons chopping or cutting my body in pieces. After working in that way till four o'clock, P. M., my body prostrated by their operations, I said to the lady of the house, Mrs. Hess, that I might as well die one way as the other, and told the spirits they might take me, so long as they used me for a good purpose, and when they did not I should resist. After saying that to them all the distress ceased in a moment, and I was as passive as a child, but so weak that I could hardly stand, and the perspiration began to roll off my body. I was then ordered to go to a circle that evening, which was to be held at Dr. Foster's, in Arch street, but I said I could not, as I was very weak and the weather cold; but they said I must go, and they would prepare me for it. I went, and after going into the room and finding a large party of highly intellectual persons present, with Mrs. French, Mr. Gordon, and other highly developed mediums there, I again resisted their influences, and after trying to get possession of me, until by my resistance the inside of my mouth was lacerated and my tongue nearly bitten through, they succeeded in speaking through me about ten minutes, after which I was ordered, in company with others, to visit another house, where I was entranced till one o'clock at night.

The next day being Sunday, I was ordered to go to a public meeting, at Franklin Hall. I did so, and after the morning meeting, by invitation of Mr. Van Osten, went to his mother's house to dine with him, in company with Dr. Munn

and others. After dinner, we retired to the parlor, and sat down to the table, when Mr. Van Osten's hand was mechanically controlled, and wrote out a communication in perfect military style, directed to me by Washington. Mr. Van Osten, having previous to this time been an infidel, did not believe the writing to have been done by spirits, nor did he understand or know anything about making out military orders, yet it was in perfect keeping with orders issued by a commanding general in the regular army, which was as follows :

Order }
No. 3. }

{ HEAD QUARTERS,
SPIRIT LAND.

Report yourself in readiness on the 15th instant, to carry our messages of truth to the enemy's camp, with an offering of peace. The directions given you will be made on the impressive. Take this as your commission. Given under my hand and seal, on this the thirteenth day of November in the year of spiritualism, 1853. GO : WASHINGTON, Guardian.

This, to me, was a great test, as I had been in the United States dragoon service on the frontier of Texas, under Col. Charles A. May, three years and a half, but a short time previous to this. Myself, and others, were then ordered to go to our evening conference meeting. We did so, and after a short time, I was told to read the order, which I had received. I refused to do so, as the hall was full of people, and I was diffident about doing it, when my arm and hand were controlled by the spirits and the order was taken out of my pocket, and held up and shook in presence of the whole assembly, in spite of my opposition to it, and I was compelled to read it. My feet were then fastened to the floor, so that I could not sit down, and most of the audience laughed at me. Many of them said they did not believe a word of it, but thought me a little crazy. I was then impressed to tell them that they would regret what they had done. I was then permitted to take my seat.

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On Monday morning, November fourteenth, I had one dollar and six cents in my pocket, and did not yet know how or whither I was going. I was then directed to take the order I had received from Washington, to Independence Hall, and have six good, reliable men go with me, and compare it with his own signature. I invited Dr. Chase, Dr. Munn, Mr. Chamberlain, and three others, who compared it with some orders of Washington, given at Valley Forge and Camp Furnace, and pronounced it a perfect *fac simile* of his own handwriting.

I continued to obtain different kinds of tests all day, and by the spirit of Washington was ordered to go to the house of Professor West and see him, which I did, and after having some conversation with him he was impressed to give me one dollar. I was then told to go to Mr. Howell's house. I went in the evening at eight o'clock, and after some conversation with Mr. Howell, he was impressed to give me five dollars. He then asked me if we could not have a family circle. I answered, yes. He then said he would go up stairs, and request his daughters to come down, as they had been holding a circle. As he was going up he met the two daughters coming down stairs, with their eyes closed in the trance state. Their ages were nine and thirteen. I had never seen them before. They came into the room, the eldest one leading the way, and approaching me they both bowed and came instantly out of the trance state. We then formed a circle of the family and myself, and had all kinds of manifestations. During the evening, the spirit of Washington took possession of the eldest daughter, and wrote out upon the slate, directed to the father: "You have not given him money enough; give him three dollars more;" which he did. I remained there till past ten o'clock, and returned to my room for the night, when I was ordered to pack my knapsack, (which is a military expression when men are detailed on duty.) I proceeded to fulfill the order, putting into my valise such things as I judged needful, but the spirits willed differently, and by their direction my

hand took some things out and returned them to my trunk, and in place thereof put other articles into the valise which I did not think I should need. I then laid out two coats, but the spirits said I could not carry but one ; two pairs of boots were also laid out, but one pair was permitted to be carried. I then asked the question, what shall I do when these things are gone ? The answer was, more will be provided for you ; go as we direct you, and you shall not want whereof to eat, nor a place to lay your head. Having packed my valise, by their directions, I laid down for the night.

As I was dressing myself at about six o'clock, on Tuesday morning, the spirits announced to me that I must go to Baltimore, which was the first intimation made to me of my destination. At two o'clock in the afternoon I left in the cars for Baltimore, agreeably to the order No. 4 from Washington. Previous to my leaving the city, I made arrangements with a lady, who was a medium, to sit at a table at six o'clock, each evening, to receive spiritual telegraphic messages from me, which I was to send to her. When near the city of Baltimore, at the time agreed upon, I sent a message to the lady, which was written out through her hand at five minutes past six o'clock. I arrived at Baltimore at seven o'clock, and took a room at the United States Hotel. I was led around that city two days. My hand was controlled by my spirit guides who pointed out different objects of interest to me. They also took me into stores and houses, and I told people many things about themselves which astonished them. Many fine manifestations of tipping, rapping, moving inanimate bodies, and speaking, were made, through myself and others. I remained in that city some six weeks, for the formation of circles and development of mediums. I then received directions to go to Washington city. Many fine manifestations were had in that city, at the house of Mr. Laurie, where I remained some six weeks.

During my absence of twelve weeks from Philadelphia, the

clothing that I brought with me was nearly worn out, and my money was reduced to six cents. Just at this juncture, a gentleman from New York, who had received a communication through me purporting to come from Webster, made me a present of money, and also gave me a letter of credit to draw on him, as I might need from time to time, until I should arrive in New York. I then replenished my wardrobe, and returned to Baltimore. Previous to my leaving Washington for Baltimore, I made arrangements with Miss Laurie, who was a highly developed medium, to sit at a table at seven o'clock, each evening, to receive telegraphic spiritual messages. The following is one that was sent by myself from Baltimore to Miss Laurie, which was received by her at three minutes past seven o'clock :

“Mr. P.’s love to Mr., Mrs. and Miss L. I shall meet the spiritual association at eight o'clock, in the new hall. Expect a large meeting, as all of the members have been informed of my arrival. Everything looks well. My regards to all my friends. Henry Clay’s spirit carries this message. Good night.”

I remained in Baltimore a few days, and left for Pittsburg by direction of the spirits. Arriving at Pittsburg, I stopped at the house of Mrs. French, the medium. Witnessed there some very fine manifestations, and on the fifteenth of January I sent the following message, by spirit power, to Washington city :

“*Pittsburg, seven o'clock in the evening.* A spirit carries this message. I have been here some time trying to impress upon you, but the spirit of the Indian chief, Logan, is with you, and I could do nothing with you till now. Mr. P.’s love to Mr. L. and all the family. He is well and having a good time of it. Everything is going on well. A great place is this Pittsburg. Mrs. French sends much love to your family. She

says she knows where you live, and is coming right straight to the house. See hopes to see you soon. Give my love to all at Miss W——'s, and to all the spiritual friends in Washington, not forgetting Mr. D—— nor Capt. P——, who I know are with you now."

The two gentlemen last named were on a visit to Washington from New York, and I had been informed of their presence there by my attending spirits. The accuracy of these messages was proved by the subsequent reception of letters from Baltimore, in which they were written out word for word. Other messages from different individuals were sent and received at various times, and although some of them were very beautiful, and furnished a good test of the reliability of this method of communication, they are withheld from the public on account of their personal and private character. These messages can be found in the *Spiritual Telegraph*, which is printed in New York by Partridge & Britton, Vol. 2, No. 41, bearing date the 11th of February, 1854. After remaining in Pittsburg, I was directed by my spirit guides to return to Baltimore in company with Mrs. French. Notice was sent to Mr. Lanning, of Baltimore, with whom we stopped, that we were coming. Through Mrs. French were given some strong manifestations of spirit identity and power, both in rapping and writing, and public speaking, through her and myself. We remained a few days and went on to Washington, where we had many satisfactory manifestations, and in several days returned to Baltimore, by direction of our spirit guides. Mrs. French went from thence to New York, and I retraced my steps over the Alleghany mountains to Pittsburg.

I tarried at the house of Mr. French, in Pittsburg, one week, and then proceeded down the Ohio river in company with Dr. Hostetter, on board of the steamer Ben Bolt. After tea, a circle was held at the dining-table, with the passengers. We had an interesting time. We left the steamer, and by di-

rection of our spirit guides, directed our steps towards the spirit room of Jonathan Koons, which was near Athens village, in the state of Ohio, some forty-five miles back from the river. We held public meetings at each town through which we passed, and arrived at Mr. Koons' residence in two days' time. We were heartily welcomed by Mr. Koons and family. He was aware of our coming, for he had been in communication with me two days previously, by spirit power. At his house were Dr. Hostetter, of Pittsburg, H. F. Partridge, of Wheeling, Virginia, Louis Dugan, of Harmar, Ohio, Charles C. Hillman, of Marion, and a number of others, who witnessed the following demonstrations, which were published in the Cincinnati Daily Times :

" At eight o'clock in the evening, Mr. Koons invited his visitors into the spirit room, which is a small log house, standing by itself, near his residence, and which was built by spirit direction. The room is fourteen feet long by eleven in width, and eight feet high. The walls are boarded. At one end of the room there stands a table, six feet long, three and a half feet wide, two feet high, made entirely of cherry wood, very heavy and strong. No iron was used in its construction. From each end of the table, running up to the center, were arms with a supporter meeting them. On one arm was a large bass drum, and on the other a tenor drum. On the wall behind the table were hung a tamborine, triangle, guitar, violin, and several trumpets. On a shelf were a quantity of small toys, which the spirits take and put into the hands of the visitors. On the table, was an accordion, a French harp, pencil and writing paper. I examined everything minutely, to see if there could be any deception which I was satisfied afterwards there could not be, as were also the rest of the company. All being seated and quiet, a trumpet was taken down from the wall, by the spirits, and we were greeted with, 'Good evening, friends, we are happy to meet you here, and will en-

deavor to entertain you,' and other remarks of a like nature, all spoken through the trumpet with a loud and audible voice. The first manifestation sounded as if some fifty persons were coming into a large empty hall, causing the whole building to tremble. Then the drums were played upon, beating out various marches and the reveille, keeping perfect time to the violin, which was played upon by Mr. Koons, in a manner imitable to human agency. After this, the tamborine, triangle, guitar, and violin were passed around the room before our faces and over our heads, keeping perfect time to the violin in the hands of Mr. Koons. A spirit hand was also exhibited, illuminated by a phosphorescent light, which all present could see handling the different instruments, and shaking its fingers near every one's face. The violin was then played upon as a guitar, the fingering being plainly observed by all present. The music was exceedingly sweet. Several of us touched the tamborine and other instruments, as they passed around. Mr. Koons then inquired if they had any communications to give, which was answered in the affirmative, through the trumpet, when the following communication was written out on paper, with the pencil on the table, the spirit hand being visible to all while writing :

“ ‘ Well, friends, we are glad to meet you here, and hope you will be well pleased with your visit. Perseverance is the root of progression, and the laws of nature are the grand teachers of the universe. Spirit manifestations are of these laws. Fear belongs to bigoted slaves, but freedom and liberty of mind devolve truth. To-morrow evening we will favor you with a sitting for music, and such other demonstrations as we may consider most interesting.

(Signed,)

SWEDENBORG.

KING,

Presiding Spirit of Koons' Room.' ”

A manuscript was then written and handed to me by the spirit hand, which is as follows :

To the Visiting Friends; We are about to speak of principles that involve themselves into the supernal laws that govern mind and spirit. Now, in order to illustrate this principle and law in man, we must necessarily take reference to the constitution of all material nature manifest in all materiality besides man. Now, as an index to cite you to the subject of our discourse, we will take cognizance to the whole scope of animate nature in their various classifications of fish, birds, and quadrupeds, in which you will perceive that the superior always rule the inferior in their classifications, and it matters not which takes the ascendancy over the other, whether it be the hawk or the turtle, the wolf or the lamb, the shark or the trout. The majority, or in other words, the negative, is ruled by the positive. So with the spiritual and mental organization in man. If the devouring principles take the ascendancy in the versatile limits of man's approximation to the emanation of mental and spiritual purity, the devouring principles of mental darkness and error will subdue the glowing principles of light and truth. But, inquires one, will these unfavorable conditions of man remain forever? No, beloved friends, not forever, for everything has its time and season, except truth and light; these are eternal, while the former are merely unfavorable conditions into which mind and spirit are brought, which in due season, like the refining elements of fire, will consume the fuel, like unto hay and stubble, of their own mental imbecilities; and then an emanation of spiritual purity will ensue, which will ultimately and successfully occupy and take the place of truth and light, and mutual correspondence in the participation of love, ease, joy, and equality, at the focal point and emanation of the superior laws of mental and spiritual organization. Thus, as fast as those mental imbecilities, corruptions and errors of man become exhausted by the consuming principles of these purifying laws that govern spirit and mind, then will the world be crowned with those heavenly embellishments which adorn the character of the man Jesus

Christ, and there will be no more need of the delusive cries of here! there! or, yonder! is the road to the throne of grace! for then it will be known that the throne of grace is at all times present with man, and the duties of man will then be set forth in their true and unerring character, which consists of the bestowal of gifts to the needy, and to relieve the oppressed, and to exercise kindness and brotherly love towards each other, instead of the popular and formal ceremonies of modern professors, together with their pharisaical prayers in public which are forbidden by their own professed Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ. So, onward! brothers, and kindle the fire of their own indignation for the consumption and purifying of their altars, and we will be with you.

Signed by CALHOUN, SWEDENBORG, and others.

On the other side of the sheet of paper, was written the following :

Be not dismayed in your labor in the cause of the work that lays before you, for what signifies the few moments you have here and there to devote in comparison to the glorious rewards that are awaiting you? So, farewell, beloved friends, I will in future take cognizance of you when convenient.

(Signed,) KING, Presiding Spirit of Koons' Room.

The above was all done while the room was perfectly dark, with the exception of the light produced by the phosphorus caused by the spirits. The spirits said that light destroyed the elements in the room, through which they made manifestations.

The following evening, we had similar performances. Communications were also written for several persons present. They had announced, if conditions were good, they would shake hands with each one in the room, but as there was not sufficient harmony to enable them to do so, they took up one

of the trumpets in the room, and said, as Mr. Pierce was on a public mission, they would shake hands with him, if he would place his hand upon the table, in order that he might give it as evidence to the world. I did as they had requested, and they came and shook me by the fingers first, then patted the back of my hand, and then took my whole hand in their own, which I held for several moments, making a thorough examination of it. It was a perfect and complete hand, and tangible to my sense of feeling, but not so warm as a natural hand, but of the temperature of the room, cool. As I held it in my left hand, I ran my right hand around to ascertain if I could feel other parts of the body, but found nothing but the hand, yet I was sensible of the presence of the spirit near me. Having finished my examination of it, I said mentally, I am satisfied, when it shook me heartily by the hand and disappeared. After some other demonstrations the circle broke up. The next evening we had manifestations of the same kind, but stronger power manifested by playing on two or three instruments at the same time, accompanied by voices in singing. A hymn was sung through the trumpet, composed by the spirits, which appeared to those present like a foretaste of heaven.

The next day Mr. Koons' spirit friends ordered him to shut up the spirit room, and directed him and his son Nahum, and also Mr. Tippie and his son, (who had another spirit room two miles distant,) to go with me to the village of Amesville, some nine miles distant, which they did in company with Dr. Hostetter, H. F. Partridge, Lewis Dugan, and several others, where we put up, by invitation, at the house of Judge David Fulton, and as it stormed and we could not travel, we remained there three days, holding circles, and having fine manifestations, many visitors attending them.

I then left in company with Dr. Hostetter, H. F. Partridge and Lewis Dugan, for Harmar on the Ohio river, some thirty-five miles from Amesville. We stopped at several small villages

on the way, and held circles. I was then ordered to go back to Wheeling, Virginia, to organize circles, and assist them in their development. I remained there four days, and left them in a flourishing condition, for Cincinnati, where I remained ten days, held some good circles and had some developments and public speaking. I met many good and warm friends in Cincinnati. I was entranced at the Madison house thirty-seven hours, and while in that condition received directions from my spirit guides to visit New Richmond, a town some twenty miles from the city, situated on the Ohio river, to help the mediums and have public speaking, and to remain there four days. I went as directed. Our public meeting was held in the Universalist church. After service in the afternoon, one of the most prominent citizens of the place came up to me, making some remarks which he judged calculated to throw me off my guard, and cause me to make reply in a kindred spirit, and to heighten the provocation, spit on my face. At the instant he did it, I was overshadowed by a most delightful influence, and felt like a little child, when a spirit spoke, through my organs, without my control, as follows: "Are you a follower of Jesus Christ, and did you do this in kindness? If you did I thank you." Immediately the man took me by the hand and said he was my friend, that there had been so many wonderful things said through me during the day, that he could not believe any of them, and that I had said that I had overcome the world, so that no one could get me excited, and he was determined to put this test to me to see if I had spoken the truth. He then took his handkerchief and wiped the spit from my face, saying at the same time that he believed and was from that moment a spiritualist. This transaction took place in presence of a part of the congregation as they were retiring, and did much good for the cause in that place. I remained at a friend's house, by the name of Williams, a few days, then returned to Cincinnati. From thence I was ordered to go to New Orleans by the way of Louisville,

Kentucky. I was eight days on board the steamboat on my way to that city. During the passage, we held many circles in the ladies' saloon, where several mediums were partially developed. On board the boat I had some trouble with an Episcopal minister, who undertook to check the flow of the spirits through me, but was silenced by one of them who spoke to him through me, and he desisted from further interference. I found the cause of spiritualism at rather a low ebb, at New Orleans, the ministers having frightened most of the mediums from sitting. A highly developed medium by the name of Brett, and another by the name of Foster, a writing medium, from St. Louis, had arrived a short time previous, and a course of lectures been given through Mrs. Brett, while in a trance state, which were well received and had done some good. I remained in that city twenty days, stopping with Dr. E. C. Hyde. I assisted in re-establishing their circles, and the further development of their mediums. I found many good friends, who were firm supporters of the cause, among whom were Dr. Hyde, Dr. Allen, Mr. Folger, Mr. Furgerson, and Mr. Wingard, who was a very fine medium.

I left the spiritualists of New Orleans in a good state of progression, and started for St. Louis. We were six days on the steamboat going up the river, during which time we held circles in the ladies' cabin, and found that the pilots and engineers were strong physical mediums, and they sat in the circles with us, and through them we had some physical manifestations. The captain was also a firm believer in, and supporter of the cause. We had a very pleasant time, although some of the passengers tried to annoy us, but did not succeed.

At St. Louis I found a number of public mediums concentrated, among whom was the Rev. Mr. Ambler from New York, who had been hired by the spiritual association to remain for a season in that city as their public speaker, under spirit influence, he being one of the most highly developed mediums in the country; Rev. Mr. Spear, of Boston, well

known to the public ; Hon. Warren Chase, of Wisconsin, a highly developed impressible speaking medium on the intellectual plane ; Mrs. French of Pittsburg, a fine trance speaking, healing and writing medium, also a gentleman from Cleaveland, a fine impressible medium, and many others. I found some strong supporters of the cause in that city, among whom were Mr. Miltonberger, Dr. Broocke, Mr. Morse, and others. Some good circles were held, and a large number of mediums in the different stages of development were found. A developing circle of mediums was held at Jefferson Hall.

I remained at St. Louis a few days, and left for Philadelphia, over the Central Michigan railroad. After many pleasant incidents and manifestations on board the cars during the three days' journey, I arrived at Philadelphia.

After remaining in that city a short time, assisting the mediums in their circles, I was ordered by my spirit guides to go to New York. I did so, and remained there one week, speaking in Dodworth Hall, giving an account of my mission to the West and South. I was then entranced and the spirits spoke through me ; then returned to Philadelphia, and against the wishes of my spirit guides, went into business. I continued occasionally to visit the circles.

I had been told, a year previous to this time, that I should be entranced for one week without intermission, but no time stated when it would take place. Also, that I should not go to visit my parents, who resided at Newburyport, Mass., until I should be sent for to go as a spiritual medium. I had been absent from them nearly three years, and was desirous of paying them a visit. Then I said I should never go there, as it was a bigoted, sectarian place, but my spirit guides said that I would. Yet I could not believe it.

I was, about this time, invited by friends in Baltimore and New Orleans, to visit those cities. My answer was that I could not go, that my own desires would lead me South, but my spirit guides would not permit it. About this time I re-

ceived the following communication, from Mr. Koons, near Athens, Ohio, written by the spirit of King, without the agency of a medium, which encouraged me to go on in the work before me :

To A. P. Pierce : We know your labor and your anxiety. By the favor of Heaven you will be protected. Salvation belongs to the *lost*; to those who are lost and astray in the wilderness of doubts and fears of meeting with an *angry God*. Truth is eternal and must prevail ; yet the seed of truth must first be incorporated in the mental souls of the human family, through the labor and instrumentality of those *chosen* ones, who are now enduring the heat and labor of the vineyard of reform, and those who account it an honor to be scoffed and persecuted. So press onward in your Heavenly mission, so that the *vineyard* may be renovated and *gleaned* of the cumbersome *weeds* and *tares* of errors and fears that have so long captivated and enslaved the human family. Sooner or later we will again hail you to the spirit room, where we can speak to you face to face, and give you a heavenly repast. KING.

On January 1st, 1855, as I was sitting in the parlor, after tea, with Mr. and Mrs. Hess and family, enjoying a little social party, with refreshments, having in my hand some nuts and raisins, I passed into the trance state, and remained so for six days, all unexpectedly, but in fulfillment of the prophecy made to me a year previous. My spirit passed into the spirit world, my body being taken in possession by the Spirit John Atkins, by whom it was taken up to bed each night, and brought down into the parlor each morning, and nourished as the spirit thought needful. Visitors were admitted, each day, to witness the entrancement, and talk with the spirits that were permitted to use the body at different times. Mediums were also admitted, among whom were Mr. Gamble, a highly developed medium, Mrs. Dexter, a fine clairvoyant, healing,

speaking and writing medium, Mr. Dexter, Dr. Munn, Mr. Johnson, a fine personating medium, Miss Wall, a speaking medium, S. Wall and family, together with a large number of others. The spirits talked during the day upon different subjects, and answered such questions as the visitors proposed. On the sixth day, in the evening, I came out of the trance. My friends Mrs. Hess and Dr. Munn were informed by the Spirit John Atkins, what they must do when my spirit again took possession of the body; that my brain would be very sensitive; that I must not receive visitors for several days, and the room must be kept quiet and dark. Dr. Munn remained with me most of the time. On Sunday evening, while entranced, the following order was spoken through me, by a spirit purporting to be George Washington:

Orders }
No. 6. }

{ HEAD QUARTERS,
 { CELESTIAL SPHERE.

Report yourself in readiness to take the field on the 15th day of February, at two o'clock, P. M., ready, equipped and prepared for active duty. The enemy are appearing.

Given this day the seventh of January, Spiritual Era, A. D. 1855, under our hands and seal.

GO: WASHINGTON AND AIDS,
 Protectors and Defenders of Truth.

Accordingly, on the fifteenth of February, I commenced holding circles for the development of mediums in a small hall on Arch street, when I received a letter from some of the spiritualists in Newburyport, requesting me to visit them. Here, again, was the fulfilment of the prophecy previously spoken of, that I should not go there till sent for as a spiritual medium, and which I thought would never occur. I was ordered to answer their letter, and to state upon what conditions I would come. In less than two weeks I received a letter requesting me to come immediately. I then went by direction of my spirit guides, to remain with them four weeks,

and stopped with my brother-in-law, Mr. Walton. I found there good friends and firm believers in spiritualism, among whom were John S. Gilman, who has since left the form, Messrs. Harvey, Sherman, Roberson, Stanwood, Noyes, Greenleaf and Goodwin, and Mrs. Harvey, a fine speaking and healing medium, Mrs. Roberson, a good personating and singing medium, Mrs. Greenleaf, a good speaking medium, Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Stanwood, speaking and singing mediums, Mr. Sherman, a good impressible speaking medium, Mr. Harvey, a developing medium, Mrs. Gilman, Miss Perkins, Miss Merrill, and others. A circle was formed during my stay in that place, which in eight weeks made very good progress.

I was then ordered by my spirit guides to go to Hyannis, Cape Cod, for a short time, to assist in the development of their mediums, which I did, stopping with some good friends in that place by the name of Hallet. I found several good mediums there, namely : Mrs. Scudder, a highly developed speaking and developing and healing medium, Mrs. Forsyth, a fine trance speaking medium, Mrs. Lombard, a good speaking and personating medium, and many others under strong influences. Many circles were held.

I was next ordered to visit the Island of Nantucket, where I found many good friends and strong believers, and several fine mediums, whose names are as follows : Mrs. Hinckley and Mrs. Lickens, fine personating and test mediums, Mrs. Coffin, a fine writing medium, Mrs. Jones, a good clairvoyant medium, three daughters of Mr. Andrews, who were personating, speaking and seeing mediums, one of whom, twelve years of age, was entranced in less than half an hour after my arrival at her father's house, and became a seeing, speaking and singing medium of a very fine order, and many strong tests given through Mrs. Hinckley, and Mrs. Lickens, at whose house I stopped, as well as through myself, during my stay of two weeks on that island. I then returned to Hyannis and by way of Boston to Newburyport.

While on my first visit to Newburyport, I became acquainted through spirit direction, with a young lady by the name of Mary A. Perkins, a native of Unity, Maine, who was then stopping there, and who was a partial medium, and on my second visit we were united in marriage, in the spirit room, at the house of Mr. John S. Gilman, in the presence of nearly all the mediums and friends, by the Rev. Mr. Reed. Many of the mediums present were entranced, and we had speaking and other demonstrations.

On the second day of July, 1855, I started, by direction of my spirit guides, for Lowell, Mass., in company with my wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Yeaton, two highly developed speaking, personating and musical mediums, who had come to Newburyport to see us, and at whose house we stopped. We found in that city a deep interest in spiritualism, where they had two halls for public trance and normal speaking, with a full attendance. Found many fine mediums there, and good circles which were well under way. Among the mediums were the following named persons: Mrs. Philbrook, a trance public speaking medium, Mrs. Foster, a good test medium, Mr. Townsend's son, a lad of ten years of age, a good musical medium, Mr. and Mrs. Yeaton, Mrs. Bradshaw, a test and musical medium at whose house they held circles to receive musical manifestations on instruments prepared by spirit direction. A circle was held at Mr. Townsend's house for those manifestations, and another at Mr. Yeaton's, for the same purpose, which were of the highest order. At the last-named house, in the room in which myself and wife slept, was a small wire about eight inches long, one end of which was put in the wall and the other end turned in the form of a ring, which was large enough to admit a lead pencil, with a table underneath it, on which was writing paper. The pointed end of the pencil rested on the paper, while the other end was in the ring formed by the wire. In the night, while we were asleep, with the door fastened, the spirits wrote out a verse of poetry, and

on the next Sunday, while the house was fastened up, they wrote another verse, and signed a name to it. This wire and the other articles were placed there by spirit direction, through Mr. Yeaton, and they had written through them before. I remained in Lowell nearly four weeks, speaking in the trance state, and meeting circles.

My next visit was to the town of Stoneham, where I met some good spiritual friends, held circles and assisted the mediums in their development. Two public meetings were held at the town hall, which awakened a new interest among the friends of the cause generally. My visit was a short one.

From Stoneham I proceeded to Boston, where I stopped with my friend, Dr. Gardner, of the Fountain House. I visited their conference meeting, which was held at Chapman Hall, where I was entranced, the spirits speaking through me. I then visited Chelsea with my wife, by direction of the spirits, where were one or two circles, and, by invitation, stopped at the house of Col. Williams.

I then proceeded to Lynn, in company with a speaking and healing medium, and through the instrumentality of Mr. Buffum and other strong friends of the cause, held a public meeting in Agawam Hall. Found several very good mediums and many others under influences. Several circles were held for development, and on the Sunday following, held a circle in the afternoon, at the house of Mr. Sweetser, where a strong manifestation of healing was witnessed, in which four healing mediums were drawn by their friends to act in the case. Mrs. Morrill, a fine trance, seeing and speaking medium, being present on a visit from Lawrence, was entranced at the time, saw and described to the company what was done by the spirits through the mediums over the body of the sick person.

I remained in Lynn but a short time, and returned to Chelsea, where the spirits spoke through me in the Rev. Dr. Goddard's church. A fine society of spiritualists was organized there. Mr. Goddard was their regular speaker, and spoke

under spirit impression. Some of the best minds in Chelsea were engaged in the cause.

I remained in Chelsea several days, and passed through Boston for Providence, and arrived in that city late in the evening, in consequence of missing a train of cars which my spirit guides had directed me to take. On account of not being passive I was unable to get from my spirit guides full directions what to do. Accordingly I stopped at a hotel, and in the night had a vision, and saw in it what I had come to the city for, and with whom I should stop. On the next day, all that I saw in the vision transpired, myself and wife being directed to the house of Mr. Martin, whose wife was a good speaking medium. Remained a few days, attending circles for the development of mediums, then, in company with my wife, and Mrs. Martin, started by direction of our guides, for a village by the name of Westerly, situated on the confines of Connecticut and Rhode Island, where the Union meeting-house was tendered for a meeting, on Saturday evening, and the American Hall on Sunday afternoon and evening. Had full houses, and much interest was awakened. I attended some circles, in one of which sat the Rev. Mr. —, a clergyman of the place, who became a strong tipping medium at his first sitting, the table following him around the room. He stated to me that, when he becomes satisfied of the truths of spiritualism, he should preach it. He attended the circle by invitation, and left a tipping medium. Remained at Westerly about one week.

I next visited the manufacturing village of Phoenix, and stopped by invitation of Mr. Joseph Lawton, at his boarding-house. Held three public meetings on the following Sunday, at Mechanic's Hall, which was kindly tendered by Mr. Harris, one of the leading minds of that place, and attended several circles for the development of mediums and other manifestations.

I again visited Providence, and on Sunday spoke three

times in Normal Hall, with a full house. Much interest was awakened in that city, through the mediumship of Messrs. Gordon and Cobbey. Many substantial friends reside in Providence, among whom may be mentioned, Judge Manchester, Dr. Carpenter, Messrs. Martin, Bassett, Shaw, Langley and others. Among the mediums, Malle Anna, a highly developed clairvoyant, healing, singing and speaking medium, two ladies whose names I cannot now recall, and several others in different stages of development. Remained in that city several weeks, speaking publicly in the trance state, and attended circles for development. I also visited South Providence.

I then received directions from my spirit guides to go to Newport, where other mediums had concentrated by spirit direction, whose names are as follows: Miss Crocker, of Middletown, Mrs. Scudder, of Hyannis, Mr. Gordon, of Hartford, Mrs. Martin, of Providence, Dr. Munn, and Miss Harlin, of Philadelphia. I remained there one week, holding circles, and occupying the State House for our public meetings.

I returned to Providence, where myself and wife remained three weeks, in the family of Judge Manchester. We then returned, by the way of Boston, to Newburyport, where I spent several days with the friends in holding circles, then left for the town of Unity, Maine, on a visit to my wife's parents, by permission of my spirit guides. We remained with them two weeks, when I was ordered to visit South Montville where we held circles at the house of Ebenezer Dyer. The mediums were his wife, Ansell Randall, and others. We held public meetings at the high school-house, with full attendance. We also had a public meeting at the Free-Will Baptist church, at Centre Montville, where I found some good friends, of whom mention may be made as follows: Messrs. Frye, Abbott, Jonathan and Joseph Bean, and others. We held some circles for development.

I was next directed to go to Searsmont, where a public

meeting was held in the school-house, with full attendance. Stopped at the house of Mr. Asa Doe, whose daughter was a very good speaking medium. Also met Mrs. Waterhouse, a fine test writing medium, and many others in a partially developed state. Remained one week holding circles at Mr. Doe's house.

I was next ordered by my spirit guides to go to Belfast. I did so, and stopped at the house of Mr. David Pierce. Remained in that city four days, and held two public meetings, which were fully attended. Much interest was manifested. Also held two circles, and had fine manifestations. At one of these circles, after some singing and playing upon the piano, to harmonize the conditions of the room, I was entranced with my eyes open and glazed; the influence then passed from me to a solar lamp, on the centre-table, and the flame of the lamp was made to keep perfect time with the pianoforte. The influence then passed from the lamp to the wall, and formed three stars, one inside of the other, of the brilliancy of the noonday sun, which continued about three minutes. The company stood in a state of perfect astonishment, and were somewhat excited by the dazzling display.

I now desired to give up my public duties, and resolved to do so. Having an offer to go to Philadelphia I started for that city. It was against the will of my spirit guides that I did so, and I immediately began to suffer in consequence of my resistance, and continued to suffer till my arrival in Philadelphia. However, I commenced business in the market, and continued there until the 15th day of April, 1856. During the three months I was engaged in the market, my spirit guides continued to worry my mind and fatigue my body, admonishing me to give up my business and comply with their wishes. But I said, no, I would not be a public medium any longer, and that I would leave the body before I would go out on another mission. Finding their entreaties of no avail, they said they should compel me. Accordingly, they com-

menced upon me by taking away my appetite, and then laid me upon a sick bed, and, as if to finish me up, brought me near to death's door. I still resisted, much against the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Hess, with whom I boarded, as well as my friend, Dr. Munn, who very often visited me. My spirit guides then informed me that they had power given them to keep me in this work, yet left it optional with me to do it either in the body or out of it, as I had got to do it one way or the other. After hesitating some time, I said to them that I would give myself up to their direction. My health immediately began to improve, and I felt better in spirits. On the sixteenth day of April, 1856, in the presence of a number of friends, I was entranced, and after some speaking, through me, the following order was given to me by a spirit purporting to be George Washington, and written out by Dr. Munn :

General Orders, }
No. 9.

{ HEAD QUARTERS,
CELESTIAL SPHERE.

Report yourself in readiness, ready and equipped for duty on the twenty-third day of April, to march to the field of action, to fight the good fight of faith. Take this as your commission from the spirit world.

Given on this the 15th day of April, in the year of spiritualism, 1856. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Director.

ANDREW JACKSON,
JOHN C. CALHOUN,
HENRY CLAY.
PATRICK HENRY,
JOHN WHITFIELD,
A. A. PHELPS,
WM. E. CHANNING,
JAS. M. DAVIS, M.D.,
JOHN BIGELOW, "
JAMES STETSON, "
MOSES DAVENPORT,
JOHN HANCOCK,
JAMES LEGARE,
ROGER SHERMAN,

Guides and Directors of the Medium Representing Different Orders of Spirits, who will operate through the Medium on this, the coming Mission, and Protectors and Defenders of Heaven's Truths and Laws.

I remained in the city, visiting the circles, till the twenty-third day of April, then left as specified in the above order, for

Newport, R. I., where I remained some eighteen days, holding circles for development and public speaking. Messrs. Thomas and Joseph Hazard, Williams, Eldridge, William and Dr. Peckham, are among the leading friends of the cause in Newport.

Providence was again visited, and I accepted the hospitality of Judge Manchester, whose family are all of them mediums. His daughter, fourteen years of age, is a powerful rapping, physical and writing medium. I remained in that city several weeks, for the development of mediums and public speaking.

Phoenix was also again visited, where I remained a week, holding circles and speaking publicly to respectable audiences.

I next visited Pawtucket, and found several friends there, among whom Mr. Robert Rhodes and Mr. Sherman may be mentioned. Held a public meeting on the Sunday following my arrival, in the Free-Will Baptist church.

I then returned to Providence, remained another week, and started for Fall River, where I remained two weeks, holding meetings and attending circles. Found some staunch supporters of the cause, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Alden, Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson and others. Some interest was awakened, when I left for New Bedford, where I remained five days, and held two public meetings at Sears' Hall. From thence I returned to Providence, where I remained one week, and then started by way of Boston for Belfast, Maine, all having been done by direction of my spirit guides.

I arrived at Belfast on the second of July, and remained there and at other places in the vicinity until the last of September, for the formation of circles, the development of mediums, and public speaking. Then I was ordered to proceed to Rockland, where I held circles and had public speaking. Found some good friends. Mention may be made of Messrs.

George and Isreal Snow, Isaac Ames, and Thurlow. I found some partially developed mediums.

I then visited the town of Union, and held public meetings in the Universalist church, and had a good attendance. I held some circles for development at the house of Mr. Amos Drake, as also at the house of Mr. Lyman Alden, who are staunch supporters of the cause.

I was next ordered to go to Damariscotta, and remained there a few days, and held two public meetings. Found one good writing medium, Miss Mary Howes, and also found strong friends to the cause in the persons of Col. Joel Howes, Capt. Handly, and Mr. French.

I returned to Union, and from thence proceeded to Camden, where I remained two weeks. I found there some supporters of spiritualism. Messrs. Horatio Alden, Abel Tyler, and Capt. Thomas, may be mentioned. Held four well attended public meetings, and many circles for the development of mediums. I left that town in the enjoyment of a manifest increased interest in the cause.

I again visited Belfast, which possesses many believers in spiritualism. I will mention the following named persons: Messrs. David Pierce, Samuel Haynes, John Eston, Fuller, Pitcher, Bird, and Winslow, Dr. Moody, and Capt. Stanley. The following are the names of some of the mediums: Mrs. Dr. Moody, a strong healing and test personating medium, (who is doing much good for the cause in that vicinity,) Mrs. David Pierce, a good test personating medium, Mr. David Pierce, a developing and healing medium, (who opens his house freely, for circle meetings, and is doing all he can to advance the cause,) Mrs. Howes and Miss Jellison, fine seeing mediums, Mrs. Winslow, a poetic speaking medium, and many others in a state of advancement. There is also in that vicinity a public trance speaking and healing medium, by the name of Joseph Hodges, who is travelling by spirit direction, under strong influences, and is doing a great deal of

good. I remained a few days in that city, and then left and went to Unity. Accompanied by my wife and child I returned to Belfast, where the twenty-one days' entrancement, which had been announced through myself, while in the trance state, in January, 1855, took place. I will here remark, that I have frequently been entranced, during my mediumship, for twelve, twenty-four, thirty-seven and forty-eight hours.

After the twenty one days' entrancement was accomplished I remained in Belfast two weeks, visiting the circles, at the expiration of which time I was directed to visit Bangor, where I found many substantial friends of the cause, among whom are Messrs. Jonathan C. Taylor, B. F. Brown, John W. Snow, Geo. W. Snow, T. C. Goding, William S. Pattee, James McLaughlin, Silas Alden, and Nathaniel Hatton. I also found many mediums, among whom are Mrs. John W. Snow, a superior trance speaking, healing, seeing and test writing medium, who has been an instrument of much good to suffering humanity, in this vicinity. Miss Tilton, superior writing and speaking medium, having been developed on the spiritual and intellectual plane, (the productions through her are of the highest order,) Mrs. Work, a highly developed speaking, healing and seeing medium, through whom much good is done. Mrs. McLaughlin, a fine personating and test medium. Mrs. Goding, a fine clairvoyant writing and speaking medium of a high order, Mrs. Pattee, a fine writing and test medium, Mr. Curtis, a good speaking and writing medium, and many others in different stages of development. Formed a number of circles for the development of mediums, and held public meetings for trance speaking, which were well attended, and awakened a new interest.

During all this time I have gone by spirit direction, without money and without price, yet I have not wanted for anything, though I have been nearly out of funds, at times. I rely upon the promise made to me at outset of my mediumship, and look for its fulfilment so long as I shall be faithful in the dis-

charge of the gifts bestowed upon me as a public missionary medium, engaged, as I believe I am, in the cause of God, for the redemption of mankind from darkness and error, which have so long enslaved the human family.

We do not claim spiritualism to be a new doctrine. In the Bible may be found sufficient evidence that spirits manifested themselves on earth, and is a proof that that holy book was given through the prophets and apostles as mediums of communication, and which, we believe, Christ himself teaches in the New Testament. We also believe that this is the second coming of Christ, or the spiritual era, in which His Spirit will descend by power of His Father into every heart, and all will be born anew and become as little children. Spiritualists, as a body, take the Bible as their guide, though they believe it has been apparently a sealed book to many who will hereafter be enabled to discern the difference between the *letter* and the *spirit*.

Let all read the New Testament, and strive to understand what is written in it by the spirit, for by the spirit can it be understood, and all may be led to see, if not bigoted in their belief, for God is able to do all things; therefore, doubt not that he will send his ministering spirits to earth to reclaim his wandering children from the paths of sin, and win them to paths of peace. Let me say to all, fast and pray, for by so doing you will have a foretaste of heaven while living on the earth; but pray in secret, and God will reward you openly; for the word of mouth is nothing with God, inasmuch as he requires the whole heart, without which you can never walk truly with him in spirit and in truth, for I believe this to be the day spoken of in the second chapter of Acts, 17th verse, which sustains the 12th chapter of Corinthians.

Let, then, no one bias your mind, but be free as God has made you free. Then you will be in the way to gain one of the mansions which Christ told you there were many in His Father's house. May you all open your eyes to see and ac-

cept truth, coming even from a little child, or a tiny flower by the wayside, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, even at your door. Open your ears, and hear the voice calling from above, admonishing you to seek first the kingdom of heaven, when all things shall be added unto you.

For myself, I take no honor or responsibility, but give God all honor and praise, inasmuch as I believe it comes from Him.

I have, in these few pages, only stated leading facts. My history as a medium is wonderful to myself as well as others. I will now leave the reader, with my prayer and best wishes, that you may understand what is written in this book, as coming from the spirit world. Upon all subjects are you called to use your judgment and reason ; then prove all things, and hold fast that which is good.

ABRAHAM P. PIERCE.



THE REVELATOR.

To the Inhabitants of the Lower World in Spirit—Greeting:

IN bringing before your minds the realities of a Spirit World, in which each one of you must exist as a being identified in that life as much as you are in a material one, but in a spiritual body, and the fact that the spirit, after having left the material form telegraphs to earth, is but to bring to the mind what kind of an existence the spirit will experience after having left its physical body or earth.

The physical body is but a *fac simile* of the spiritual body, with all its senses and constituted parts, which were made, ordained and fitted to work in a physical or outward form, constantly subject, while in the form, to physical laws. That man may learn the various workings of these laws and in wisdom apply them to his greatest good and happiness, is the object of this Revelation. By and through it he may learn that there will be an existence in another life — a higher and more developed universe, a more refined and spiritual condition—that these laws, governing through spirit, will open to him the workings of those elements of which physical forms are composed; that the organization of mind — which is the center of life—whether living in a material body or developed into a spiritual one, has its duties and occupations of life to fill; that it is so constituted and organized that it cannot be idle, even while on the earth in the form; and that as the affinity or attractions are, so there will it fulfil its mission.

The spirit first developed in a physical body, through matter, becomes individualized and an identical spiritual being, and as it shall follow on in the pathway of material develop-

ment, so will it take its station after passing its second birth into spiritual life, and the same propensities which actuated and brought it in contact with the duties of its material life, by learning the laws and understanding their workings, will become incentives to action and usefulness when disembodied. When the will of the spirit becomes strengthened it attains a fuller knowledge of the laws pertaining to its new life, and like the growth of a child, will open gradually into the branches of education or spiritual work, which, when compared to manual labor of earth, is joy and pleasure, inasmuch as it realizes that its task will end in its development and spiritual advancement into the higher scenes and more expanded views of its new life.

These facts are given by the spirit of the medium, taken out of its physical body, connected only by the vital cord of life, to give information of the state and existence of spirit life. That all may realize that they can usefully employ their time while living on the earth, in learning the condition of their physical existence, that when they have done below there will be employment for each and all of them in the different circles and spheres to which they have attained in their spiritual unfolding, that each can know and fully understand the laws of God, and through the spiritual workings of pure principles they will lead to learn what constitutes a true and good life. Their state of opening may be such that they will have to labor in the lower circles for subsistence and clothing, but if their desire is to rise in knowledge, friendly teachers will instruct them in wisdom, that they may arrive to a higher and most perfect place, and enjoy its spiritual scenery, and learn more fully through the great principles of God and His Holy Spirit what heaven and its inner ethereal abiding place is. To this end these facts are designated, and are, therefore, brought before the public mind, that each may know that they exist, and must enter the spirit world and take their respective stations in the pursuit of spiritual knowledge,

where all have their employment, from the humblest child composed in physical form to the most highly developed man. All these occupations spoken of are not like labor performed physically, but it is through the governing principles of spirit that all is done.

Then read and ponder, that the mind may act freely, and reason assert her sway, and be divested of all trammels whatever. Herein is given the true science and philosophy of spirit, which moves on all matter or conditions, animate or inanimate substances, according to the classifications through which life is realized in the outer world, and an eternity of existence when they have done with the outer covering.

This is but the opening of the Spiritual Era, when each one shall study his own condition and learn that he has a power within him through which he can converse with disembodied but living beings ; that he, too, must be disembodied before he can realize God and enter into that state of truthful knowledge and heavenly love which awaits all. This opening is to man but a new life, where he shall live in a new body, and learn more fully the workings of the spirit. Digest well, then, what comes before the mind, and improve it, inasmuch as it will be of advantage to you when you shall have gained the higher life. Demonstrate through philosophical principles the truths herein contained, that all the various conditions of earth are expanded through intellectual powers by spirit acting upon them. Genius and the mechanic arts are a part, and only a part, of that which is realized from the great working principles in the spirit life.

Man being the agent in the physical world, all the developments here are derived from the spiritual, and no man living can say that he has performed any act of himself alone. Thus will he find out what kind of labor or employment the spirit will have an attraction for when earthly scenes vanish, and he realizes that he is in a world of reality, and is governed by its laws. Look well to thy life, then ; see that the bal-

ances are adjusted, that when placed in the scale, you may not be found wanting, for many will cry Lord ! Lord ! but few will enter into the celestial happiness. Though you profess much light, unless you do truly possess it, it will not carry you through the dark vale of tears. But if your spirit bears witness by its works and fruits, then will it live in a place prepared for those who know and do what is right in the sight of God. Then read, ponder, and understand.

Given by us, WILLIAM E. CHANNING, MOSES DAVENPORT, JAMES M. DAVIS, PATRICK HENRY, JOHN HANCOCK, as representatives of the Spirit in its journey through the Spirit World, as directed by GEORGE WASHINGTON and others.

The following is an account of the entrancement of ABRAHAM P. PIERCE, of Philadelphia, at the house of David Pierce, in Belfast, Maine, commencing on the twenty-seventh day of November, 1856, and continuing till the eighteenth day of December following :

During the day of November twenty-seventh, 1856, Mr. Pierce complained of a heavy weight over his eyes, so much so that it was with some difficulty he could keep them open. He foretold that the entrancement would take place at eight o'clock in the evening, and requested me, David Pierce, to invite some friends in to witness the change of the spirit from the body, and the taking of it up by another spirit which had left its own body. I invited Dr. R. Moody and family, Mr. Samuel Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. John Eston, Mr and Mrs. William Pitcher, Mrs. Colburn, Mrs. Hows, Mrs. Dyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Fuller. The most of them were present.

Mr. A. P. Pierce, at seven o'clock in the evening, went into the dining-room and knelt down and prayed to God that

the cup might pass from him, and while in the act of prayer he became entranced, and was laid down upon the floor. His body became rigid as though he was dead. After remaining fifteen or twenty minutes he seemed to be, in part, himself again. He said that the top of his head as low down as the eyes felt to him as though it was dead, and that he was perfectly willing and passive. While he laid on the floor, the spirit that had possession of the body informed me that I should receive instructions from day to day in regard to the management of his body, as regards feeding it, &c. I assisted the body up and he walked into the sitting room, and after remaining some few moments, the medium, Mr. A. P. Pierce, requested us to form a circle. After sitting in a circle some five minutes, he arose and took each one by the hand, bidding them good by, and precisely at eight o'clock his spirit left the form while he was sitting in a chair. As his spirit was leaving the form, I took the body by the hand, and he pressed my hand softer and softer, until his body became rigid and stretched out as if dead. I eased his body down on the floor by the assistance of Mr. S. Haynes. He then seemed to have ceased to breathe, and appeared like a person who had experienced his last struggle with death. He had, during the day, announced to me that his spirit would return to the body and speak through it, if possible. His spirit returned to the body in about ten minutes after he was laid down, and tried hard to speak, but was unable to articulate one word that could be understood by myself or any other person. After various attempts of this kind, all the time holding me by the hand, I asked if it was the spirit of the medium, and it was answered by a nod of the head, yes, the countenance showing a happy spirit within. He then wanted us to understand something else, but it was a long time before we could understand his desires. At length he took my hand in his, and commenced writing, making the word wife with the finger. His wife being present knelt down by the body; he took her

by one hand and placed the other upon her head, indicating a great deal of pleasure that he could make himself known to her. His spirit then left the body, as it seemed to have accomplished its object thus far by informing us how difficult it is for spirits to make themselves known through another body, for it was extremely difficult to communicate through his own body, as he had only partial possession of it. The same trouble is experienced by nearly all the spirits.

As soon as his own spirit had left the second time, the spirit of Santa Anna, a Camanche Indian chief, took possession. Santa Anna being spiritually and physically strong, commenced using his feet and hands, and pathetising his chest and throat. I lent him my assistance, by request made by signs, by placing my hands on the medium's head, and making the passes down from the head to the lungs and across the chest. In about thirty minutes Santa Anna announced himself and said he was preparing him for pale-faced spirits. We then assisted the spirit to raise the body to its feet, and after being once more on its feet the pale-faced spirit took possession of the body, saying that it was given in charge partly to me; that I should have instructions from day to day, remarking, at the same time, that the body was in charge of fifteen spirits; that the medium spirit was borne to the first sphere in a spiritual car by six spirits, and that the top of the car was protected from a strong light, as his spirit could not bear its intensity; that on the second week, six other spirits would have charge of his spirit, and conduct it through the middle spheres, and instruct it, and that the third and last week, it would be given up to six others, who would conduct it through the celestial spheres, among whom would be Samuel and Daniel, of the older prophets, whose names will all be hereafter mentioned.

After giving us some instructions, the spirit of Angelina *

* The spirit of an Italian lady, who was attracted to Mr. Pierce about three years since.

took possession of the body, and came to me, and by signs requested me to make some passes over the eyes. She soon opened them. They were very full and exhibited a glassy appearance. She then went round the room shaking hands with all of us, and appeared much pleased to be permitted to make herself known, and at the same time she afforded us much pleasure to have her influence with us.

At ten o'clock in the evening, a spirit by the name of John, as he requested us to call him, took possession of the body and accompanied it up stairs to bed. The Spirit John had some conversation with the medium's wife, respecting the preparation of food for the body.

November 28th, 1856. At two o'clock, P. M., the body was taken up and dressed by the Spirit John, and brought down into the sitting-room, and conversed and answered such questions as were put to the spirit. It was with much difficulty that the spirit controlled the body sufficiently to allow it to swallow the food, as it did not have full possession of all the organs of the body. The spirit assisted by passing the finger down each side of the throat. No water or drink of any kind was given during the day.

At nine o'clock, P. M., the Spirit John having charge of the body, was in communication with the medium's spirit by the cord that connected the medium's spirit to his body, gave an account of its assent to

THE FIRST SPHERE.

I went up in a spiral form in a spiritual car. Time, space and distance being annihilated, I arrived in the first sphere and first circle in that sphere which has seven circles. The first is dark and gloomy. The spirits in this circle are as low as the lowest in the body. They are gross in all their actions, and constantly wrangling with each other. Some have no desire to progress out of that circle, as many in the earth

sphere have no desire to progress upward from the low, undeveloped state they are in. In this circle the spirits have habitations wherein they dwell. They have all the strong passions they possessed while in the flesh.

In the second circle they are one step upward, but still possess strong passions, and the likes and dislikes they experienced while in the body. Many remain in this circle a long time before they have a desire to progress, and when they have that desire spirits from higher spheres are attracted to them and assist them in their development, and they open from circle to circle, leaving the material conditions as they advance upward and onward.

If a man dies with the *delirium tremens*, his spirit passes to the first circle of the first sphere, and his spirit reels about for some time, for having inhaled the fumes of intoxication. He is anxious to return to his old associates, and re-enact the scenes so often passed through while in the body. His greatest delight is to find one in the form that he can press into the rum shops to enjoy the social glass with.

The spirit John will say more on Saturday evening, if conditions will permit.

November 29th. The body remained in bed till half-past one o'clock, P. M., when it came down to the sitting-room and remained until a quarter past nine o'clock in the evening. During the afternoon and evening until about eight o'clock, but little was said, as the spirit had not got the body under right conditions, but should soon, when he would have more to say, and would move the body about the house.

One of the developing spirits having possession of the body a part of the evening, gave me some directions regarding the lunar circle that had been selected to meet at my house, and the best manner in regard to their formation; that it was best to have a room expressly for use, and not to allow any one in that room except those belonging to the circle, who must be careful not to disturb any article in it, and refrain from sitting

in the chairs that are used for the circle, while developments are made ; that as soon as the mediums in this circle are sufficiently developed others will be allowed to come in and witness the manifestations.

The Spirit John having possession of the body at eight o'clock, the medium spirit telegraphed to the Spirit John, and reported as follows :

That he had passed the fifth, sixth and seventh circles in the first sphere, passing through at twelve o'clock to-day, taking on new conditions as he passed to

THE SECOND SPHERE,

and at this time had passed to the fourth circle of the second sphere, saying he should give me a fuller description of the upper spheres.

In the sphere he had passed through, one circle was above the other, each one becoming more rarified than the one next below it. In each circle they had teachers from higher spheres, who come to instruct them and to assist them to progress. As they progress in knowledge of the great truths, they change in their conditions, and pass onward to a higher circle. They progress in proportion as they desire and seek for truth.

November 30th. The medium's wife washed the body with tepid water, and changed all his clothes.

The Spirit John then laid the body down to rest, having but little to say. The body was now warm, both hands and feet having been cold up to this time.

The Spirit John stated to me that the body was in a condition which rendered it very liable to take cold ; that all outward conditions were required to be good, and that the spirit could not control all conditions ; that the body was in a negative condition, and the room must be warm, quiet and dark, as the spirits, when operating over the brain made the eyes

weak ; that the brain was expanding in order to receive the spirit when it returned ; that it would be necessary to feed the body more after they got full possession.

About eight o'clock, P. M., the spirit announced, by holding the hands up to the breast and forehead, that his spirit, that is, the medium's spirit, was ready to report its progress in the spheres ; that the telegraphic connection was right, and would now open ; that since the report of yesterday, in the third and fourth circle of the second sphere, the spirit had passed to the fifth circle, where the spirits are engaged in preparing spiritual food from the elements ; that in the seventh circle they were fitting for the change to die out of the second sphere. The change was momentary. At a quarter past nine o'clock in the evening, the Spirit John took the body up to bed.

December 1st. At a quarter past four o'clock, P. M., the Spirit John took the body down into the sitting-room, and trotted the feet to keep up the circulation of the blood. The report of last evening was read and approved by the Spirit John.

At a quarter before eight o'clock in the evening, the spirit moved the body upon his back with the head elevated about one foot. The spirit of the medium then commenced telegraphing to the spirit in the body, as follows :

THE THIRD SPHERE.

In the first circle of the third sphere the spirit beholds a spirit enter from the earth, welcomed by its friends, where it is to be taken care of and unfolded as a new born spirit. Here they are grouping together by affinity of spirit, in circles, learning the first principles of telegraphing, conversing, and preparing for nourishment.

In the second circle they are again classed in the higher principles of telegraphing. They are enlarging their habita-

tions and adorning them outwardly. Each circle above has more light than the one that precedes it. They have teachers to teach them in the spiritual condition, from the fourth and fifth spheres.

In the third circle, they are telegraphing with each other, making a circuit of communication from circle to circle, and by which they learn to communicate to earth. Their teachers are from the fourth and fifth spheres, where they have more light, and are more advanced in spirit knowledge. They also have habitations, and prepare for themselves food and clothing.

December 2d. At four o'clock, P. M., the Spirit John took up the body, dressed it, and came down with it into the sitting-room. I read the last night's report, and the Spirit John approved it.

At seven o'clock, in the evening, the spirit commenced telegraphing as before, from the fourth circle of the third sphere :

Here they are learning the laws of chemistry, of composing and decomposing elements and preparing them for their subsistence, refining their clothing, and enlarging the boundaries of their houses. Here the elements are purer and the light shines brighter.

In the fifth circle, they are still working through the laws of chemistry, analyzing fluids which compose flowers in their grosser texture. Here they have animals of the grosser texture, such as the horse, deer, bear and dogs, and the Indians have their lodges and hunting grounds. Light shines quite bright. They are preparing their food and clothing.

In the sixth circle, they are bringing the fluids and elements together for embodiment, to make materials for their habitations and the enlargement of them. They are connected in associations of six or eight together for instruction. The fruit here is the grape, and is something like the sweet potato.

In the seventh circle, they are laying out other grounds

through the elements, and enlarging and beautifying their buildings, forming associations for education, and preparing to leave for other spheres.

THE FOURTH SPHERE.

In the first circle they are analyzing fluids, refining, and producing flowers more beautiful, and of a higher texture. They have also a fruit of a fine texture, which they prepare like unto the other, but purer. Their condition is brighter, they are happier and enjoy themselves better, as they understand more fully the laws. They also live in association by spirit, six or eight being in affinity together.

After making remarks to the visitors present, the spirit ceased to communicate, and took the body up to bed at half past nine o'clock.

December 3d. To-day the body was kept all day in bed until five o'clock, P. M., when the Spirit John took it down into the sitting-room. After the friends had assembled, the room was harmonized by music, when the Spirit John answered questions asked by the company present. At seven o'clock, he announced that the spirit was ready to telegraph from the second circle of the fourth sphere.

Here the spirits begin to control the elements to form plants, and are beautifying their dwellings. They are still unfolding, and learning to make musical instruments, associating in bodies or groups, and are still producing food. As they progress, light strengthens, and they are happier. They have birds that are tangible to the spirit. The shrubbery around their houses is neatly arranged, and their clothing is lighter and more spiritual. They descend into other circles; and change their garments to ascend into the higher ones.

In the third circle, as they enter, they cast off their garments, and begin to study the laws of flowers, which appear

more beautiful, and give off fragrance. The elements are better adapted for their enjoyment than in the lower circles. Here is a horse on which the spirit takes a short ride. The fruit is like the lemon in shape, and is rich and juicy. They are analyzing and studying the philosophy of making musical instruments.

In the fourth circle, the spirits are arranging small ponds for fish. Here they have schools. The Indian is here with his lodges, hunting the deer and bear. Society is extended, and they have instructors from the fifth and sixth spheres. They were asked if they would like to return to the body, and they answered, No! Spirits are not so large as in the lower spheres, having become reduced in stature. They take delight in amusements in this circle.

December 4th. The medium's body has been kept in bed all day, on account of having taken a slight cold during the night, it being out of the power of the spirit to control outside conditions.

At half past six o'clock, the Spirit John came down with the body into the sitting-room, and laid it down to wait until the medium's spirit was ready to communicate by telegraph. Spirit John has had but little to say to-day, in consequence of the weakness of the body.

In the fifth circle, there is a bright light, the spirits are more joyful, and the buildings are larger than in the lower circles. They are industriously engaged in laying out the grounds, and ornamenting them through philosophical laws. They have arranged the ponds out of the elements and have various kinds of fish, by the combinations of atoms or fluids. They have houses arranged where they receive enjoyment by congregating together, and also have horses to ride, and take pleasure therein. The spirit took a ride in one of the carriages around the avenue. Their clothing is very light in texture, and ethereal; their food is something larger than the grape, and grows on vines which they have prepared, and have

classes for bringing together colors and compounding for drawings, together with musical instruments of a grosser texture.

In the sixth circle, the spirits have entered on more light, which shines brighter. They have avenues where they ride and walk, laid out with shrubbery, and are busy in groups in conversation on laws. The higher classes are examining, with a microscope, atoms of spiritual matter, while others are learning the finer arts, in order to advance their buildings. Large lakes are here, on which are boats, and the spirit took a sail in one of them across a lake; they have extensive grounds around their buildings, which are tastefully arranged. Others are controlling the elements for vocalizing the music. Their clothing is very ethereal and light, and the food of a finer quality than in the lower circles. Here the spirits are not so large in stature, losing still more of their grossness, but are very cheerful and happy.

In the seventh circle, the spirits are preparing to change into the higher laws; they are classed together for instruction and improvement. As in the preceding circle, they have extensive grounds well laid out, tastefully arranged buildings, in a room of one of which were nicely arranged paintings on the walls, and flowers neatly placed around the windows, the furniture was soft and pliable, and constructed by a combination of the elements; lakes on which the swan gracefully moves to and fro. They propose to change spheres by going through three classes of education, receiving their instruction from spirits of the sixth sphere. The Indians have also their lodges here. Their food is like that in the other circles, growing on vines which trail along the ground. For musical instruments the harp is used, to which they dance and sing, and are very happy—far more so than in the other circles, and are still decreased in stature. They are reviewing their studies previous to passing into the other sphere.

The spirit now changes guides — six other spirits, whom he does not know, but they are bright and ethereal, are pre-

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paring to conduct him to the other spheres. Food is given him, like unto the orange, which is very nourishing to the spirit, after partaking of which they conduct him to

THE FIFTH SPHERE.

December 5th. The body kept the bed until five o'clock, P. M., when it was brought down by the Spirit John into the sitting-room, at half past seven. The spirit of the medium telegraphed as follows :

In the first circle of the fifth sphere, the light begins to dawn much brighter, and formations are more spiritual ; the fluids are more refined, and the elements clearer. They have walks tastefully arranged around their dwellings, with flower-beds, groves and lawns with shade trees ; lakes much larger than those in the fourth sphere, with boats of corresponding size, which are playing backwards and forwards for the spirits amusement ; they have places where they congregate to study the fine arts, and colleges for astronomy and mathematics ; also schools for instruction in mechanical arts and agriculture. The fruit grows on little bushes, something like the pear. They are clear in their expression of spirit understanding. They vocalize and play upon musical instruments, and are joyous and very happy.

In the second circle they have workshops for constructing miniature engines, and are laying out roads. They are going through a course of chemical instruction in the fluids to prepare their steam. Their lakes are very expansive, on which they are building small vessels and steamboats to cross and recross from one side to the other, with passengers, and have highways, horses, and carriages to ride in ; and on their streets and avenues are fine dwellings. The spirit attended a singing circle, where they had musical instruments — the guitar and violin. They had a place for recreational study and devotion. Their teachers are from the sixth sphere, who come to teach them in their avocations. They have walks laid out

around their dwellings, with trees and birds in them. The flowers are like unto those in the other circles, but are more fragrant and refined. The atmosphere is more genial, the spirit smaller in stature, and clearer in expression. They assemble in congenial classes for music and dancing.

In the third circle, the light dawns more brilliantly. Here are water-powers on the lakes, controlling the elements. The steamboats are plying the lakes, and swans and other birds inhabit them. Railroads are in operation, plying hither and thither. They have schools of design for improvement in the higher branches of knowledge, and have laid out bowers, and the birds are warbling their notes in them. Their houses are much larger and grounds more extensive than those in the lower circles. The accordeon and melodeon are the instruments upon which they play, and they accompany them with singing. They assemble in mutual classes for instruction in the fine arts of drawing and painting. The flowers are richly variegated and highly perfumed, and arbors with vines running around them; and here fruit, like the peach, sweet and delicious and very expanding to the spirit is found. The spirits are very industrious in all their studies, and take delight and pleasure in conversation with each other, which they do by articulation of sounds through the elements, and are very joyful and happy. Their clothing is very light and spiritual.

In the fourth circle the light is like the setting sun to your earth, very genial and bright. Here are mountains and rivers made attractive by beautiful scenery. The spirits have laboratories and factories for purifying and clearing the elements; lakes and ponds, with vessels and boats on them, as well as wild geese and ducks, but they are more refined than those upon the earth. On the margin of a lake is an Indian encampment. Here the spirit meets the spirits of three Indians — Jolly, Johockabuc, and Santa Anna — who greet him and invite him to visit their lodges, where they have a talk about the pale-face, Pierce, whom they knew on the earth. The In-

dian spirits traverse the lakes with their canoes, and hunt the buffalo, the deer, and the bear on shore. Bridges span the rivers, and roads are laid out for riding, adorned with shade trees. The spirits have houses more in the material and spiritual form ; their streets are more regular, with rows of trees on them ; their houses are larger and more tastefully arranged inside, with paintings, drawings, and fine furniture, which are tangible to the spirit ; the pianoforte is also here, upon which they play, accompanied by singing and dancing, which constitutes a part of their spiritual enjoyment, and is done to the honor and glory of God ; they have walks adorned with shade trees, on which are richly-plumaged birds singing their lays, making the elements vocal with sweet music ; their fruit grows on arbors and bowers, and is shaped like the apple, but more delicious to the taste and strengthening to the unfolding spirit as it is passing on to the higher circles of progression in knowledge. The medium meets with one of his friends whom he knew in the form, by the name of John S. Gilman, who left the form at Newburyport, Mass., and accompanied me through one of the factories, where they were preparing elements for the manufacture of clothing. The scenery is beautiful and expansive, pertaining to the richness of the heavenly kingdom.

December 6th. During the day, visitors were invited into the room to ask questions of the Spirit John, who had charge of the body. At five o'clock, the spirit took the body down into the sitting-room, after the company had arrived, and the room was harmonized with music. The spirit commenced telegraphing from the fifth circle :

Here is much light ; everything is joyous, and music meets the ear. The habitations are very extensive and laid out with pleasure grounds, arbors, and fountains playing with liquid fluids ; the walks are edged with flower-beds, which perfume the air. The spirits have vocal and instrumental music and dancing, colleges for scientific advancement, and laboratories

in which they compose and decompose elements, and understand magnetic powers. Franklin has charge of one of them. Here are mountains and scenery, lakes and rivers, and large factories for manufacturing machinery. Fulton is here manufacturing machinery for steamboats to ply on the rivers. They are preparing inventions to give to earth. Their clothing is very light and ethereal. The fruit, which is like the apple in outward appearance, but is more refined and spiritual, grows on small trees. They have horses and carriages for riding.

In the sixth circle, the spirits are assembled for educational purposes, in buildings not unlike your houses of worship. They are compounding matter for the different organs of the brain, in order to communicate more fully with earth. Here they have mountains, rural scenery, plains, railroads, and miniature cars for riding. They generate steam through the elements. They are experimenting on the lakes with new machinery. Their ponds are covered with birds coursing to and fro. Walks are laid out around them. The light is like the rising sun to your earth—mellow and pleasant. The spirits are congenial and social with each other. Their buildings are laid out within large circles, with shrubbery, and in the trees are beautiful birds, with gay plumage, warbling their songs. Their musical instruments are the guitar and harp. Their clothing is very refined and clear. Their fruit is like that in the lower circles, but sweeter and more delicious, some of which the spirit ate, and it filled him with joy. The spirits are very happy and joyous, and meet together for spiritual advancement and knowledge.

In the seventh circle the rays of the great sun shining through the sixth sphere makes a mellow light. They are analyzing the fluids of the higher branches, and have an academy of literature, of the fine arts, painting and drawing. Here are beautiful plains, with shrubbery and roads laid out, over which the spirits ride in carriages. They have buildings

where they assemble for scientific lectures. Their teachers are from the seventh sphere. They have large squares with buildings, and fountains, and arbors around them. Their houses are neatly arranged inside, and are embroidering with needle work, decorating the walls with landscape views and scenery. The spirits are shorter in stature and more clear in expression than those in the lower spheres. They communicate with each other through the elements. They have factories for manufacturing machinery which is to be adapted to earthly purposes. They are trying various experiments on the lakes and rivers, with their vessels and steamboats. They have colleges for preparing teachers to come to earth. Channing is here teaching. Their fruit grows on vines and is like the lemon, but very juicy and sweet. They all appear joyous and happy, and are constantly leaving for the other spheres. When the spirit changes from one sphere to another it becomes unconscious the instant it is dying out of that condition.

THE SIXTH SPHERE.

In the first circle light dawns with greater brilliancy. The spirits have an observatory. Newton is here teaching. They have rivers and plains more extensive and lakes larger. They are building boats very large which look like canoes, being sharp at both ends. They have a scientific college for designs and new inventions, all of which are to be made through the brain of those who live in the body. They have avenues laid out with shade trees for walking and riding. The houses are not so large but very neat. The climate and influences are more congenial to the spirit. They have gardens arranged with fruit trees. The apple, pear and apricot are beautiful and spiritual. They arrange their houses in groups and have railroads to go from one to the other. They are very refined in their manners, very loving and affectio o

each other. Congeniality of spirit is the tie that binds them in union. Their clothing is very light. Harmony reigns there with music and singing. They have colleges of learning, and classes are graduating to come to earth to control minds.

December 7th. At eight o'clock in the evening, the conditions being good, the spirit of the medium commenced telegraphing to the Spirit John having the body, as follows :

In the second circle, the light dawns in through the seventh sphere, radiating throughout the entire circle. Everything looks beautiful—the foliage and shrubbery are green and the air is filled with the warbling notes of the birds in the arbors and bowers. The streets are nicely laid out and the houses arranged in due proportions. The spirits have flower-gardens in front of their houses, standing a little distance back from the avenues. In their gardens are all the choice and spiritual fruits, being the essence of the natural you have on earth, which are cultivated and produced by elements and fluids. They have fine furniture in their houses, of an ethereal and light character ; the organ and other reed instruments of music ; institutes for the cultivation of the fine arts in a higher state of development, and schools where they are taught in the arts of drawing and music ; buildings where they assemble for worship and instruction. They also have colleges, which the spirit visited in company with a spirit friend that has been with him, by the name of Count le Fauch, where philosophy is taught ; here are six classes in rudimental branches, from the first opening of the physical to the higher branches of the spiritual where the spirit could act. They have institutes for preparing influences for moving through the air, on ærial voyages ; also for noting currents and examining the celestial heavens with a telescope. They have valleys with scenery and cottage houses made in round shape. On the lakes, they are experimenting in the various modes of propelling power. Here are but few railroads, the spirits substituting the ærial in their stead, yet they still have horses and

carriages, but in a more sublimated form, and very beautiful. Their clothing is very ethereal and light, They live upon the food they raise in their gardens, each one suiting their affinity of taste, and are more highly spiritualized, refined and happy.

In the third circle, the spirits have large educational places for assembling together, in one of which is the Poets' hall, where Byron, Watts and Shakespeare are preparing poetical versions of the heavens. They have churches of reform. Whitefield is preaching to them on spiritual life in the higher heavens. They also have an observatory for astronomical views of the heavens. Herschel is teaching, and other noted astronomers have classes. They also have a hall for musical entertainment and musical knowledge. The spirit met the spirit of David Pierce, who left his form at Belfast, in March, 1855, who was receiving instruction in music with other spirits from the same vicinity. The lakes are still larger and clearer, and the fluids more transparent. They are experimenting steamers with heat instead of steam, which are propelled with one wheel aft and one under the bottom, entirely submerged. Here they are traversing the air in ærial cars instead of railroads, which will ultimately descend to earth, taking passengers from one part of the circle to the other. Their houses are like those in the other circle, but finer; around the windows and doors are tressels, on which are running vines in full bloom. Music and singing and other high accomplishments pervade here, and instruction in drawing is given. Everything is bright and beautiful. By a concentration of fluids and elements fountains are formed around the houses. The food is more of the ethereal substance, and is very nutritious to the spirit. They have lodges where spirits meet in fellowship. The spirit entered one where he was received in fellowship. The spirits are very congenial to each other, being mirthful and happy. They are small in stature and very refined in spirit. Their clothing is

an element, which they cast over them. Their light is very clear and bright, and comes from above.

In the fourth circle light still dawns in brighter effulgence and is more expansive of the views above. The spirits have large colleges to receive youthful minds as they come from earth, where they are instructed in the higher scenes of life, by males and females, both boys and girls. There also is the music hall ; Mrs. Hemans, Hannah More, and others are here rehearsing the lyrics of the heavens. Here are colleges for preparing teachers to come to earth to teach. William Penn, Roger Williams and others are here teaching. Youthful minds are their students. Also a college for music, where it is taught in its various branches. Places of worship for the adoration of the Spirit of God. Milton and others are here teaching, and are also teachers of earth. Here the spirit beheld the birth of several young spirits from earth, with singing and welcoming them to their new home. The scenery is beautiful, with sloping hills and plains. Flowers in rich abundance perfume the air, and warbling birds commingle their music with the spirits. Their houses are laid out in large circles, twelve houses in a circle, with walks and grounds around them, with trees and shrubbery ; various kinds of fruit are grown for their own nourishment ; joy and harmony pervade everywhere ; as they live in higher scenes or openings, are, consequently, highly spiritualized, and still smaller in stature. Here the Indians have a portion on one side of the river bank, where they have pretty lodges. Luna, an Indian girl, Pocahontas, and others are here, happy and joyous, all commingling together by the purity of spirit in the love of God. The spirit sends his love and greeting to all his friends, and bids them all good night !

December 8th. To-day visitors were again admitted to the room to see the body and ask questions of the spirit having charge of it.

At five o'clock, the body was taken down to the sitting-

room by the Spirit John, and after some remarks it was laid down. At half past seven o'clock, the spirit again commenced telegraphing from the fifth circle:

Here the rays of light are shining from above, and make glad all around. The buildings are all arranged in circles, six houses in a circle, with walks laid out on each side around them. The spirits have gardens in the centre in which they raise flowers; circles are composed of such as can live in affinity of spirit; their pleasure grounds are circular in form and are ornamented with trees and shrubbery. They have buildings for horticulture, for bringing forth fruit and flowers from the finer elements; one garden serves for all; buildings for worship, of which Howard, Rogers, and others are instructors; halls for meeting in assembly for music and entertainment, for music and dancing are cultivated as belonging to the higher branches. Could those of earth look in and see their amusements they would no more think enjoyment a crime. They have buildings for models of art, drawing and painting, and are still experimenting on models in their laboratories and on the rivers, and the results of their investigations will, in the future, be communicated to earth. In this circle are but few railroads, as the spirits are improving their ærial cars by inflating them with elements and gases. They have colleges where students are prepared to visit the lower spheres to develop the spirit nature; are very happy and joyous, worshiping God in spirit and in truth; the elements which cover them are more ethereal than in the lower circles; unity of feeling and love universally pervade in this circle; the atmosphere is clear and serene; the birds sing joyfully in token of praise to God; the scenery is beautiful beyond conception to human ken, and in the distance are valleys, ravines, rivers and mountains.

In the sixth circle, the light is more mellow, penetrating the entire formation; the atmosphere is exhilarating to the spirit; the houses are in circles of six, with more extended grounds,

and the flowers more variegated and richly perfumed; the spirits have arbors, with vines running round them, with fruit like the grape, but larger and purer. The spirit brightens after partaking of it. Mountains rise in the distance, with extended plains, with water powers, and clear, transparent fluids. They have colleges of design with landscape paintings. Hannibal, Chambers, and others are here teaching. The spirit meets here three sons of Samuel Haynes, of Belfast, who are receiving instruction. The spirits have buildings for instruction in music, embroidery, and the composition of flowers, in the higher formation. Here the spirit meets one by the name of Helen A. Pierce, receiving instruction. Children are receiving instruction, and are learning to sing and play on the harp. Colleges for chemical operations in vegetable matter, are preparing to bring forth new vegetables, to be reproduced on earth, as new changes take place in the physical laws. The spirits travel in ærial cars, instead of railroads, from one point of the circle to the other; they still experiment on the lakes with engines to propel vessels with heated air; have laboratories to generate heat and light from water, to be presented to earth through the electrical laws; classes are instructed in poetic verse, of which Milton, and others, are teachers; classes for instruction in worship in the spirit, of which Cromwell, Burke, and others are instructors; music swells through the air, and the birds warble to the praise of God. Here they are highly spiritualized, clear in their expression, and still smaller in stature.

In the seventh circle, music swells the air with notes of harmony; the light is bright and harmonious to the spirit; vast fields open to view, covered with verdure and scented with flowers; the scenery is beautiful and grand. The spirits have colleges for instruction. Arago, and others are here instructing. The heavenly spheres are taught. They have colleges for classics, of which Cicero, Plutarch, and others are the instructors; they meet together for instruction in singing

and music ; their instruments are the harp and lute. Circles of houses are scattered over the vast plains, intermingled with trees, shrubbery and flowers. Congeniality of spirit reigns prominent here. Children assemble in classes for the cultivation of flowers, and all is done to the praise of God. Their clothing is of the ethereal element, and they need but little ; they partake of fruit only ; they are constantly learning, and continually leaving, by driving out or casting off the grosser influences, and are becoming purified and bright, preparatory to entering the highest sphere.

December 9th. During the day, the medium was in bed till four o'clock, P. M., when the spirit took the body down into the sitting-room. Count le Fauch then took possession of the body, giving some medical advice to those present.

THE SEVENTH SPHERE.

The spirit is now in the first circle of the seventh sphere. The light dawns with celestial brilliancy on the beautiful plains, variegated shrubbery and flowers, which scent the air. The scenery is beautiful and grand. Here they have houses for worship where the spirits gain knowledge ; the teachers are from the celestial heavens. They likewise have schools for the education of children, whose teachers come from above. Rivers and lakes, broad and expansive, clear and limpid, are in full view. The spirits have colleges of learning, where students are preparing for teachers in the lower spheres. The spirit entered one of the colleges, where were surgeons once inhabiting the body from various parts of the world — America, England, France, Russia, Prussia, China, Japan, and other countries of the globe were represented. In one part the students were receiving instruction for the concentration of flowers, plants, herbs, and other vegetables ; in another part, bodies were spiritually and materially dissected. The outer surface is taken off, showing the porous

system, and also showing the glandular system and action, as well as the nervous and arterial systems. The formation of the brain and its different proportional parts are exhibited. The spirit is taken out of the case or form, and its formation and sensational parts are shown, as well as its union and connection with the body and its functions. The anatomical or bony structure in the healthy and diseased state are shown, as well as the circulation of the blood, and its distribution to the various parts of the body, throwing off the refuse matter through the pores in the healthy state and its passage back into the heart, the great pulsation movement which passes it into the finer arteries through the cells of the lungs, showing disease and the deposit of mucous forming tubercles and disease of the lungs ; the respiratory organs, their action and movement ; the stomach in its healthy and diseased state, with its membranous parts ; the digestive organs and their operation ; the liver in a diseased and healthy state, the gathering of mucous and bile in it, which are thrown through to the surface, causing jaundices ; the composition of blood and its globules — round globules for the animal functions, oblong globules for the material, and fine, sharp-pointed globules for the spiritual, and each being absorbed according to its healthy or diseased state — the finer or more sensitive portions of the body of touching, tasting, smelling, seeing, and hearing. Then placing the spirit back into the form or case, it being a counterpart with all its nervous sensations as connected with the body, and showing the operation of the spiritual fluids, as they are passed on the body and through the blood in a heated state, causing a reaction and casting the fever off through the reaction and perspiration ; the operation of the elements on the brain and body ; opening the inner and optical vision of sight, nerves of hearing sounds and of making speech. In another part of the college, other surgical operations were going on, such as taking off limbs and other parts of the body, gathering up arteries, stopping of blood through the

elements and fluids, soothing the senses, and quieting the nervous system through these influences ; showing the operation of the influence for writing, making sounds for hearing and speaking, and the operation over the muscular organs for dancing and moving in the physical condition. In the botanical department of the college, they are analyzing, compounding, and decomposing seeds, grains, fruits, and other vegetables, by a combination of fluids and elements to bring forth higher and more spiritual productions for the earth, when its inhabitants become more fully spiritualized. Here are schools for teaching music. The instruments are the harp, the lute, and the guitar, and the spirits are making improvements or refining them. Their houses are composed of light material, with flowers trailing round the windows and doors, running rivers, flower-beds, and shrubbery in front and fruit gardens in the rear. They visit each other in ærial cars inflated with the elements, and are joyous and happy. Their clothing is very ethereal and light. Music sounds through the elements, with singing and harping.

In the second circle, light opens more brilliantly, and the air is more invigorating to the spirit. Here are plains, and scenery in the distance ; the houses are arranged in circles of eight, with walks and flower-gardens. They are transparent to the spirit, yet tangible, and are beautiful in their construction and proportions. The fruit, which grows on small trees, is like the orange, with seeds in them, transparent and juicy, thrilling the spirit with joy when partaken of ; the lakes are large, broad and expansive ; the rivers are clear and beautiful, and composed of elements ; the air is filled with melody, and the warbling notes of birds, which are singing in joyful sounds in praise to God. The clothing of the spirits is still more refined, as it is composed of still lighter materials than that in the lower circle. They have schools of instruction for the discovery of planets and systems. Joy and happiness reign here.

In the third circle, light in all its brilliancy dawns from the celestial heavens ; extensive plains, with variegated scenery meets the sight. The spirits meet together in groups for mutual association and instruction, such as music and singing to the glory of God. Here the spirits have no houses, but when they need a covering it is immediately made from the elements ; they talk with each other by looks — being clear, they see each other's thoughts — when they wish for refreshment, they compose it out of the elements and fluids ; they telegraph round the circle by thought of the spirit. The air is melodious with warbling notes of gaily-plumaged birds. The spirits visit each other by thought or will, by moving through the elements, and they descend to the other circles and to the earth to teach. Here are children descending in groups from the celestial heavens, covered with flowers and bearing baskets of fruit on their arms, to be taught in wisdom and music, and the composition of flowers, to be prepared to visit other spheres and earth, and gather knowledge. They are very refined in stature, and pure in spirit, constantly joining together in singing, praise, and worship, and manifest great joy and congeniality of spirit.

The body was taken to bed at ten o'clock in the evening.

December 10th. To-day visitors are admitted into the room to see the body and ask questions of the spirit having charge of the body.

At half past five o'clock, P. M., the Spirit John brought the body down into the sitting-room, and conversed with the medium's wife, and the family in the house, and answered such questions as they propounded, and then laid the body down to rest. Soon afterwards the spirit commenced to telegraph from the fourth circle :

The light shines brilliantly here, and beautifully expansive is the scenery over the vast plains, shaded with flowers that scent the air with their fragrance, which is genial and warm to the enfolding spirit. They have no habitations, but control

the elements and mould them at pleasure. When the spirit requires nourishment it composes it of the elements, which gladdens and strengthens it. The spirits mingle together to worship in spirit, with music and dancing to the praise of God. The air is filled with the melody of musical birds. Here the spirit meets his friend, the Italian lady Angelina, who comes to welcome him and throw flowers over and around him, and presents him with fruit composed of the elements, which refreshes and strengthens him, thrilling him with joy. He also meets a brother, whom the spirit did not know in the body, he having left the earth when a child. He took him in his arms and pressed him. Here are groups of children who are learning, and preparing to visit the earth and spheres, to gather knowledge. Here the spirit is filled with joy and pleasure in view of the higher heavens. The spirits make their houses by harmonizing the elements together, and are more clear, in their expression of spirit; they realize thought by looking at each other, and wish themselves at distant places and are there in a moment, whether to the spheres or on earth.

In the fifth circle, the light dawns more brilliantly, and gladness reigns around; harmonious notes of music greet the ear; the atmosphere is delightful, and refreshing to the spirit, the light and heat emanate from the great centre; millions of spirits are coursing their way through the elements; the air is scented with the rich fragrance of flowers on the plains. When the spirits desire to descend to the spheres or earth, they control the elements and cover themselves with a garment to keep their spirits pure from surrounding conditions. They have here no houses, but form them out of the elements at pleasure or will. When needing refreshments, they prepare the elements, which they absorb, and which strengthens and brightens the spirit. Here are large groups of little children, who are being taught to articulate sounds and music; others are receiving instruction in the formation of flowers, and har-

monizing music with instruments, which they form, preparatory to visiting the spheres and earth, to teach ; they read each other's thoughts to learn their will ; are more refined and pure in spirit ; smaller in stature, and glorify God in singing and music.

After resting the body a short time it was taken possession of by another spirit, which delivered a lecture to those present, when the body was taken up to bed.

December 11th. Visitors were again admitted to the room to ask questions of the spirit having charge of the body.

At half past five o'clock, P. M., the body was taken down to the sitting-room and the Spirit John conversed with the visitors present.

At half past seven o'clock, the room being harmonized with music and singing, the spirit commenced telegraphing from the sixth circle :

Glorious and beautiful is the light that shines here, descending with musical sounds from above. The atmosphere is mild and congenial, and filled with the odor of flowers. Multitudes of spirits are here coursing their way through the elements, visiting and commingling with each other in different parts of the circle, and visiting the earth and spheres and returning ; clothing themselves with influences as they descend, even to the circles that are assembled on earth ; fitting themselves with conditions while present and casting them off as they return. They are engaged in forming buildings for coverings to receive spirits from other spheres which are transparent and tangible to the spirit's senses. They clothe them with an element until they gain strength, and form fruit to refresh and expand the spirit. They meet together in large numbers, communing in spirit, reading each other's thoughts and will, by expression of spirit, rehearse music through the elements. Large numbers of children assemble together for instruction on musical instruments, such as the lute and harp.

Here the spirit was met by Washington, Patrick Henry and

others, who had assembled together to greet him. A lady was with them, and the spirit was received in fellowship, and saw the workings of the craft, which were explained preparatory to visiting the celestial lodges. Here the spirit has attained its stature, being half the size of a material body, but clear and transparent in its expression, moving through the elements like thought, at will and pleasure, and absorbing from the elements its subsistence, all being together in perfect harmony, and joy and gladness fills the circles.

In the seventh circle glory reigns around, and the elements are musical with notes of praise, caused by the spirit acting on them. Thousands of children are assembled, greeting new ones arriving from earth with music and gladness, and constantly visiting the spheres and circles with messages of love, harmonizing in congenial worship to God and moving through the vast elements like thought. They are transparent and clear in their expression, joyous, loving and happy, understanding each other by look. Oh ! said the spirit, could you connect with this vital cord and ascend up here and see the glory and joy that reigns around, you would not wish to return. I shall soon be with you again, but do not wish to stay, but must come and take up the body and remain on earth. I want you to prepare while living to ascend to the celestial spheres and live with the joyous and happy spirits.

Here the spirit ceases to communicate while changing guides, which are Josephus, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Aaron, Samuel and Daniel.

They enter an ethereal car which courses the spaces of the celestial heavens. Daniel is the conducting spirit of the circles, and will remain here a short time to receive refreshments before starting. Love to all the friends below ; good bye.

December 12th. The body was kept in bed all day, but no visitors were allowed in consequence of the body having become weak. In the early part of the evening the body was

taken down into the sitting-room, by the Spirit John, and laid upon the sofa.

At seven o'clock in the evening the spirit commenced telegraphing from the first space of

THE CELESTIAL HEAVENS.

Here the sight is charming and glorious as it opens to view the rays of the great centre, shedding its light over the vast scene. As far as the eye can reach spirits are coursing through the elements, ascending and descending to the circles to teach and gather knowledge. The spirits do not have any habitations here, but at pleasure compose them out of the elements. The music is the harp and lute, and they float through the elements. When spirits enter from the lower spheres or circles they prepare habitations where they are nourished with spirit food and clothing, and developed in spiritual condition. Here joy reigns in the fullness of the spirits, being perfectly harmonious, and are called angels or the spirits of the just made perfect through the purifying laws of spirit life. Here are innumerable bands of children with their instructors who descend with them, even to the earth to gather knowledge, and are instructed in musical sounds in the element, and in the composition and formation of flowers. Here are cherubs or small children being spiritually purified and clothed with a refined element which they cast over their bodies. They know each other's thoughts and wishes by looks. They traverse through the elements at will, and having a desire to be at some circle or sphere, like thought, they are there. They are very cheerful with each other, harmonizing together with music and song in worship to God. Birds beautiful in their plumage, and very melodious, move through this space. Here the spirit partakes of fruit formed out of the elements, very delicious and expanding to the spirits, and preparing it to pass the other space.

After the body was rested another spirit took possession and delivered a short address on Christianity. Then the body was taken to bed.

December 13th. The body was kept in bed during the day, the room kept dark and quiet, and no visitors were allowed in. At half past five o'clock, P. M., the body was again taken down to the sitting-room, and the spirit of the medium, at seven o'clock, telegraphed from the second space :

Magnificent is the scene here spread before the view. Spirits clothed in ethereal garments are coursing through the elements backward and forward. Melodious sounds thrill the spirit with delight. Here the rich plumaged songsters are warbling their notes of melody. The atmosphere is genial and suited to the spirit's advancement. The rays of light descend from the great centre, shedding a richness over the vast space. Millions of children, clothed with flowers, scented with fragrance, meet the eye, from the smallest babe to the oldest developed person, constantly greet those from earth sphere with music and gladness. They are preparing to descend to the lower spheres for instruction, returning with messages for each other, and for their friends ; are learning to prepare out of the elements garments to clothe their spiritual bodies ; composing flowers and forming fruit for nourishment ; harmonizing the elements to make musical sounds : making their tiny harps which they accord in music ; meeting together for social worship in the spirit, and coursing through space at thought and will ; connecting, through telegraphic communication, with the earth by impression on the brain with those that are ready to receive them. They descend by first making thought or wishes, then coming themselves with an element. They descend to your circles, giving communications and manifestations ; clothing themselves with the same conditions when present with you and casting them off again when they return. They are clear in spirit expression and know each other's thoughts or wish, by looking at them ; are

constantly arriving and departing to see the strange spirit from earth and welcome him on his journey to the higher heavens. The spirit was conducted into one of the celestial lodges by the spirit of Washington and was recognized in fellowship with the celestial signs not known on earth, where it saw the full workings of the craft and of the great master of the universe. Here the spirits have attained the spiritualized stature, which is one half the size when in the body, but constantly brightening in spirit. Glory reigns all around in music and anthems, praise and worship to God. When needing refreshments, the spirits compose it from the elements which are of an ethereal character, and expanding to the spirit. The spirit of the medium here partook of some of the fruit prepared for him, when his spirit vision was opened and became more expanded. He saw the scenes of the higher and more celestial states.

The spirit was then rested preparatory to ascending into higher space, which takes place to-morrow. After some remarks the body was taken up to bed.

December 14th. This day the body was kept quiet and passive, no one being admitted into the room but the medium's wife and the family in the house.

At five o'clock, P. M., the Spirit John brought the body down into the sitting-room. The weather being stormy, but few were in. Those present were Mr. Samuel Haynes, John Eston, Charles Stevenson and wife, Messrs. Jewett, Durgan, Frost, and D. Pierce and family. The spirit commenced telegraphing to the Spirit John in the body, at seven o'clock in the evening, from the third space.

Here the spirit was greeted with music and gladness, being the centre of all space. The great firmament of spirit life is all in motion with the vast planetary system. Planets moving in their orbits not known on earth, composed by concentrations of all spiritual and magnetic powers, and being the home of millions and millions of children, who make the ele-

ments melodious with their music and singing. In the vast distance is seen the Great Sun or Positive Mind, from which emanate all truth, life, and love, radiating through space and descending, called the rays of DIVINE MIND, or GOD, there dwelling in one great blaze of glory with transparent orbs or planets moving around it. Pure joy here pervades in the atmosphere. Everything moves on in perfect harmony, it being the great fountain of all things eternal and internal, universe upon universe looking like stars in the distance, but all moving onward and held in attraction by the Positive Force, called here the Great Ruling Spirit, or, on the earth, Deity.

Shall cease to communicate for a few minutes, preparatory to being spiritualized. In ten minutes communication was re-opened. Here a vast assembly of spirits met the medium's spirit and he is led to a large pavilion prepared for his reception, when heavenly music greets the ear, and flowers with their heavenly odors are cast over him. Now approach six beautiful spirits clothed in shining garments. Samuel steps forth to the spirit, having in his hand a golden horn, and another spirit comes forward and takes off his garments or spiritual clothing, when he bends down on a cushion of flowers, and Samuel, in the name of the Great Spirit, anoints him with holy oil, or an influence which he pours on his head, and which penetrates throughout the spirit form ; immediately the whole spirit vision is expanded and opened. He then places on his head a crown of thorns and flowers mingled together, representing the mission of the spirit to be fulfilled on earth ; that he will have many thorny paths to tread, but that sweet-scented flowers will greet him on the way. They then place on him a spiritual garment, bright and ethereal.

Aaron steps forward to give the charge :

" Spirit Pilgrim :—

Thy mission here will soon be o'er,
And you will return to earth once more,

And take your form and travel earth,
And teach them all they are of spirit-birth ;
To cheer the mourners in their gloom,
Point them to joys beyond the tomb ;
To heal the sick and soothe their pains ;
To show them that death is but a new life gained ;
The naked clothe with garments bright,
And place them on the road where there is heavenly light ;
The hungry feed, and guard the poor,
And give them blessings from the heavenly store.
My blessing and this scroll I give,
To fill it up with spirit work while yet you live.
Your reward is not of earth,
But in the heavens you will have celestial birth."

They then hand the spirit fruit, and he is thrilled with new delight. His vision being opened, he beholds in the distance, surrounded, with a halo of light, the Great Medium, JESUS—only for an instant—when the vision is closed. The children then approach and cast flowers over him.

The spirit will rest here till to-morrow, for spirit instruction, and ceases to communicate, but will open again in a few moments. Will visit the spheres of the planet Saturn, and telegraph the conditions. Love to all friends ; good-bye for this time.

After the body was rested, another spirit took possession and delivered an address on geology.

At half past nine o'clock, the body was taken up to bed.

December 15th. To-day the body was kept in the bed-room, which was darkened, and no one outside of the family in the house was admitted.

At six o'clock, P. M., the body was brought down into the sitting-room and laid down. After the company had assembled and conditions were harmonized with music, and singing, the spirit commenced telegraphing from the third space :

After resting, started for the planet Saturn. The rays of

the circles, or belts, that are seen from the earth, are spiritualized electricity, this planet being very electrical in its formation and development. After coursing round, entered the outer circle, or belt, as it is called on earth. Here the spirits are like those in the first space of the celestial heavens, and control the elements and move at their will and pleasure, and are highly spiritualized and pure in their conditions. They subsist by controlling the elements ; are very ethereal in their character ; reading each other's thoughts by expression on the surface. After remaining there for a season purifying, they pass into the centre space of the celestial heavens.

In the second circle or belt, they are grosser in spirit, and have to prepare the elements for subsistence by forming fruit ; they also prepare clothing and habitations, by compounding the fluids and elements together ; have walks around their habitations, plants and herbs and flowers. Here were birds, but not in very gay plumage, resembling the eagle, that made melody with their musical notes. The spirits are not so clear in their expression ; will stand and look at one another some time before understanding each other's wishes, and the light is not clear and bright.

In the third circle or belt nearest the planet, is a dark, hazy mist, something like the twilight of earth. The spirits are busy preparing the elements and learning to construct buildings in a rude state. The climate is cold and electrical, emanating from the planet ; consequently they have to prepare thicker garments out of coarser elements. They understand one another by signs made on the head. This is the first state of existence after leaving the planet.

The spirit then left the circle and moved around part of the planet, and saw fields with trees upon them, and forms moved round, but they were too indistinct to be identified. Also, saw rivers, seas, hills, and mountains, and coursed into the elements. There the climate is mild and genial.

After coursing around some distance to a planet spiritually

called by the name of Hope, with one large circle around it, the spirit entered the circle. Spirits there have a clear expression of spirit light, move in perfect harmony with each other, but are smaller than spirits inhabiting earth in spirit form. They read each other's thoughts by signs. They have a delicate fruit which they form out of the elements that surround the circle. It is large, like the cocoanut, transparent, and delicious to the taste, similar to the plantain of earth. The spirits are clothed with a light and ethereal garment. They pass to and from the planet, and when they arrive at a fully spiritualized state they pass into space. The spirit then passed on to the planet itself. Beautiful and variegated scenery met the view, all growing spontaneously. There fruit grows on the trees, like the yam, but very nutritious. The spirits have small, round houses, and live in families, six constituting a family. They are very social, and live in harmony and peace, but are not so large as those inhabiting a form on earth. They may be likened to the Indian, but are clearer in their expression. The climate is delightful and very refreshing. The spirits meet for worship, and all kneel down and pray in song. They were astonished to find a spirit from earth among them, and made a great many signs to each other in regard to it. They invited the visiting spirits to partake of refreshments, and laid down leaves of trees for them to sit upon, making higher seats for visitors than those occupied by themselves. Their seats formed a circle, and their visitors were placed in the centre. Thus arranged, a song of welcome was chanted, and then the spirits began to talk with signs by the fingers. The elements are very harmonizing there in bringing forth productions. There are beautiful rivers there, whose waters glide placidly along, and the spirits move on the water in boats made of large leaves fastened together. The medium's spirit took a sail, by request, in one of these boats, and crossed a river. In the water were fish, like the trout, but transparent, and on its surface were birds

larger than the duck. The plains were studded with houses, and trees having fruit hanging on them. The spirits are very cheerful and happy.

The spirit will remain here for instruction and to be invigorated in spirit, when we will pass to other planets, to-morrow.

After some remarks the body was taken up to bed.

December 16th. No one was allowed in the bed-room to-day, as the body had become weak, this being the nineteenth day of the entrancement. The body came down into the sitting-room at about five o'clock in the evening, and commenced telegraphing to the spirit in the body at half past seven o'clock, as follows :

The spirit, after being refreshed and invigorated, again started through the firmament to another planet, the name being in spirit Truth. There we landed and found vegetation growing spontaneously, and flowers in all their rich profusion. The air was scented with the rich fragrance that arose from them. Fruit grew on small trees, and was like the lemon, and in expression was very juicy and refined. The spirits live in large circles, or families, which are composed of twelve in each family, in circular-shaped houses, being merely a covering or roof, like a pavilion, with flowers trailing all around the sides. The spirits are small in stature, but more spiritual than in the other planets. They carry on conversation by taking hold of hands as the medium of communication, and were surprised at first to see visitors, but after being there a short time expressed great joy at their presence. They gathered fruit, and each one desired to make a present to the visiting spirits, signifying a welcome. Beautiful birds, no larger than the humming-bird, richly plumed, filled the air with their notes of melody. The spirits assembled together in large companies to worship, and after bowing in token of reverence to the Great Spirit and expressing thoughts by taking hold of hands, they sing. There are beautiful lakes and clear rivers, containing fish in great abundance ; large

birds, like the swan move beautifully as they float on the elements. The spirits manufacture their garments out of the leaves of the trees, which are transparent ; they have little boats made of branches of trees and covered with leaves, in which they glide swiftly on the water ; there are extensive plains and small hills ; the rays of light are mellow, like the morning sun of earth ; the atmosphere is very genial and harmonizing to the spirits, who were very happy, friendly, and social, and desired the visitors to remain with them.

We then passed again into space, coursing through the elements, and saw a beautiful planet, transparent on its surface, called by the spirits, Sun Light. It is composed of spiritualized matter and looks like one vast cloud surrounded by light from the great centre, penetrating through its entire formation, from which it derives its name, being ever bright and beautiful in expression. We then passed into its spiritual condition. There the spirits are of the most ethereal order, being transparent in their bodies. When they need substance they condense ethereal matter and absorb it. They live together in one great family, in purity of spirit, passing and repassing to the different planets in their own system, which is a spiritualized one. The utmost ethereal joy reigns there, being the essence of love radiating from the great centre, which was in the distance. They are continually worshiping God in purity. Through the perfection of the elements they make musical sounds of praise, which fill the air with melody. They have no covering for their bodies, being so pure that they do not need it.

The spirit ceased to communicate for about five minutes, and then re-commenced, as follows :

I will remain here to converse and gain knowledge, till tomorrow, when I shall commence my return accompanied by my guides. A feeling of sadness pervades my spirit at the thought that I must leave this bright state, and dwell again with mortals in the form.

December 17th. This is the twentieth day of the entrancement of the medium, A. P. Pierce. During the day the medium's body was kept in bed, until five o'clock in the evening. The spirit having possession of the body, had but little to say, as it was necessary to keep it quiet, and as the spirit, Dr. J. M. Davis, one of the medium's guides, and who lived in the form in New York, would speak after the telegraphic communication should be given by the medium's spirit to the Spirit John, who had possession of the body.

At seven o'clock in the evening, there being about seventy-five persons present, the spirit commenced telegraphing as follows :

After being refreshed and gathering knowledge in the Sun Light planet, the spirit again moved off into space, and approached a beautiful planet, called Wisdom, where the land is covered with beautiful vegetation, and is in a high state of spiritual development. There are small trees there, not so large as those on the other planet, and beautiful shrubbery. The fruit is transparent and smooth, like the fig growing on trees, and is large and of a pulpy nature, but very invigorating and expanding to the spirit. There are variegated flowers of the most beautiful kinds, the odor from which thrilled the spiritual formation. The spirits appear like children of six years of age, highly spiritualized, musical in sound, and perfectly harmonious in character. They have teachers from the planet Sun Light, who teach them the higher laws of spirit unfolding. They are very mirthful in their expression, and laugh heartily when strangers visit there, and want to examine them. Beautiful hills and rivers are to be seen in the distance, covered with vegetation. The rivers are small, but very pure. They have small square boats on which they float across the water, formed of the leaves of bushes, on which their fruit grows. They cover themselves with garments made of the outer coating of the trees, which are transparent. They worship the Spirit in singing in notes of harmony, expressive

of their thanks for the wisdom given. Everything there is lovely and beautiful to the eye. The spirits have small houses which are composed of leaves, the other parts of the tree serving as supporters, the roof only being covered; they live in small companies of eight, and prepare seats of flowers for their visitors, who partake of fruit; their language is expressed by signs made across the breast, signifying a desire to accompany the visitors to their homes. Spiritual happiness reigns on that planet, and wisdom governs the actions of the spirits there.

We again passed into space, and approached another planet very beautiful on its surface, called by the spirits Joy. — It is inhabited, but we did not land on it, but continued on and passed another planet called by the spirits Love, it being a part of the great spiritual system. In the distance, as far as the spirit could see, were planets and systems, all moving in harmonious action around the great centre. We descended to the spheres with a host of spirits keeping us company, with music and singing, to the seventh circle of the seventh sphere to change guides, who will descend to earth with the medium's spirit. We then passed through the seventh sphere to the first circle of the sixth sphere, and on the passage, the spirit was greeted with joy and gladness, as one carrying news of the spirit-life to earth. I am to remain in the first circle of the sixth sphere until to-morrow, when a convention of spirits are to meet for a few days, for the purpose of determining on some plan for more effective communication with the earth.

After the body was rested, the spirit of Dr. Davis took possession of it, and delivered a medical address on the state of health and diseases on the earth, and their cause and effect. The spirit of William E. Channing closed the meeting with a prayer. Present — Dr. R. Moody and three other resident physicians of Belfast, Samuel Haynes, John Eston and wife, William Pitcher and wife, Mrs. Moody and daughters, Mr. Fuller and wife, Mrs. Coburn, Miss Howes, Mrs. Dyer, and a large number of others.

At ten o'clock in the evening, the Spirit John took the body up to bed.

December 18th. This being the last day of the entrancement of the medium, A. P. Pierce, I, David Pierce, was called to the body by the spirit having control of him, who said that in the evening he would tell us who he was when in the form on earth, and that the spirit of Dr. James M. Davis, one of the medium's guides, was then present, and would take the body and converse with me. In an instant the change took place, and the spirit announced himself by taking me by the hand, and giving me the celestial grip of a master-mason, which was not before known on earth. He then proceeded to say that he wanted to give me some instructions concerning the spirit of the medium, which would return to his body during the evening; that he had given consent to the addition of six persons to the number present when the spirit left the form, to witness the spirit's return to the body; that we must move the sofa into the centre of the room after the body was laid upon it, and those present who were mediums and believers, must form a chain or circle round the body, no others being admitted into the room, as it required very harmonious conditions for the spirit to gain possession of the body; that there would be great struggling of the body as the spirit again entered it, but those present must not be alarmed, as there would be no danger of anything going wrong, as the guides would have charge of the spirit's return; that the spirit must take the body again to perform its mission on earth, although it was contrary to the spirit's wish to do so; and that entrancements like the one we had witnessed, would be more common in time. The spirit of Dr. Davis, in behalf of the spirit guides, thanked me for my assistance in taking care of the body during the entrancement, and said that this had been done for the advancement of spirit communion on earth: that God would bless us; that he and other spirits would often be with us; that their object in coming to earth,

was to advance man on the road to progression, and to point him to joys beyond the earth ; that they were at the present time preparing stronger influences for manifestations in developing, healing, speaking, and many other gifts. He then bade me good-bye, and the Spirit John took the body again.

At about five o'clock in the evening, the Spirit John brought the body down into the sitting-room, and said he was soon to give it up to its own spirit ; that he felt rejoiced to have an opportunity to leave, for he had had charge of the body so long that he felt like an old man.

At seven o'clock in the evening, we formed a circle around the body, as previously directed, consisting of the following named persons : Dr. Richard Moody, wife and two daughters, Cyrus Fuller and wife, John Eston and wife, William Pitcher and wife, Mrs. S. Howes, Mrs. Capt. Dyer, Mrs. Colburn, Mrs. Cutler, Miss Mary Salmond, David Pierce and wife, and Mrs. Mary A. Pierce, the medium's wife.

The Spirit John then gave a short account of himself, as follows :

My name, when in the body, was John Atkins. I was, by birth, an Englishman. I came to America in 1790, and landed at a place called Boston, and left the form in 1804. My body was knocked overboard from a vessel off Cape Cod, by the boom of the vessel hitting me on the head. It was storming at the time. I was a wandering pilgrim on earth, and doctored people with roots and herbs, and, at times, told fortunes. I carried with me a small stone, and looking at it steadily for some time, I was enabled to read the past, present, and future destiny of people. I supposed the power given to me to discern these things was all in the stone, and by its possession alone I was enabled to understand them, but since my spirit has left its material form I have learned that I was a clairvoyant and impressible medium, and that there was not any virtue in the stone I used. I also healed with roots and herbs in the same manner, viz., by impression.

The spirit then commenced telegraphing from the first circle of the sixth sphere :

Here is assembled the great convention, or spiritual congress. A large pavilion, composed of elements, decorated all around with flowers hanging in festoons, and filling the air with their fragrance, opens to view. Thousands upon thousands of spirits are assembling. I enter the pavilion with my guides, and meet many spirits whom I have seen before. Here are Washington, Lafayette, Cromwell, Alexander, Penn, Hannibal, Columbus, Pythagoras, Socrates, Herschel, Franklin, Spurzheim, Newton, Henry, Fox, Channing, Scott, Pitt, Wesley, Rogers, Luther, Atwell, Brodhead, Phelps, Swedenborg, Bacon, Josephus, Joshua, Joel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Samuel, Aaron, and Daniel, comprising the centre, while outside stand spirits innumerable. They are receiving despatches from various parts of the world, relative to the opening of spiritual communication with the earth, and preparing elements for higher manifestations, through physical organizations there.

This congress will sit, from time to time, to receive instructions from various parts of the material universe, until the coming year, when manifestations of a higher order will be produced on the earth, by expanding the intellectual portions of the brain, through which impressions can be more clearly made.

I shall now have to return to my body, but desire to stay longer in this life. I would be glad to see you all for a short time, but would prefer not to live longer in the body. A large number of spirits now start with us. Farewell, until I again meet you in the body.

The Spirit John then bid us good-bye, and added :

The spirit of the medium is present with a band of attending spirits that have come to earth with it. I shall withdraw from the body, and the spirit guides will cast an influence over the medium's spirit, and compel him to take his body again.

Immediately the body began to show signs of strong physical action, such as great difficulty in breathing, and contraction of the muscles, like a person dying, and continued in that condition one and a half hours before the spirit got possession of the body. After the spirit had fully regained its possession, he opened its eyes, and looked astonished upon the company present, but appeared not to know any one. He made some noise with his mouth, but could not articulate a single word that was intelligible, nor did he seem to know any more than a child just born into the world.

At nine o'clock, the Spirit John Atkins again took possession of the medium's body, and said he found it necessary to take it, as the medium's spirit had been gone so long from it, that he could not use it, and that he would take it up to bed, and keep it during the night, but he would give it up to its rightful occupant in the morning. He also gave directions concerning the room, and ordered it to be kept quiet and dark as the medium's eyes had become weak, as well as the body, and that it would be two or three days before he could receive any company, and that all surrounding conditions must be passive, as he could not bear any noise. He then took the body up to bed.

December 19th. At ten o'clock, A. M., the medium did not recognize any one, except by their voice ; he could neither see, nor speak, nor move his body but very little, having to learn to move different parts in like manner as an infant.

At twelve o'clock, the medium's wife fed him with some chicken broth, in a spoon, and it was with the greatest difficulty any of it could be swallowed.

At four o'clock, P. M., the medium was enabled to speak in a whisper. During the day he was kept quiet, as he could not bear the slightest noise.

December 20th. To-day the medium could converse some, but was very weak. He partook of some light, nourishing food. As he could not yet see natural objects clearly, he was kept quiet in his darkened room.

THE ENTRANCEMENT.

December 21st. The medium came down to-day into the sitting-room, but was not able to receive any company, or endure any noise, and but very little light, as the brain was in a very sensitive condition. He partook of food three times during the day.

December 23d. To-day the medium was weighed, and it was found that he had lost eleven and a half pounds of flesh during the twenty-one day's entrancement. He was still weak and had to be kept quiet.

December 24th. To-day the medium received some company, conversed, and moved freely around the house





APPENDIX.

As the public may be anxious to learn the quantity and kind of food taken to nourish the body of the medium during the twenty-one day's entrancement, the following correct account of the food and drink taken each day, is annexed.

The body was entranced on the evening of November twenty-seven, 1856.

- November* 28th. To-day the medium was fed with half a pint of Indian-meal gruel and five table-spoonfuls of water.
- “ 29th. One pint of Indian-meal gruel and four table-spoonfuls of water.
- “ 30th. One and a half saucersful of Indian-meal pudding and molasses and four table-spoonfuls of water.
- December* 1st. The medium was fed three times to-day, and at each meal he was served with one common-sized tumberful of milk and water sweetened, and one slice of white bread crumbled into it.
- “ 2d. Same kind and quantity as yesterday.
- “ 3d. Boiled wheat three times, in all about one and a half saucersful.
- “ 4th. For breakfast and dinner — one tumblerful of milk and water and one slice of bread crumbled into it. For dinner — one saucerful of rice and molasses.
- “ 5th. Same as yesterday.
- “ 6th. Same as yesterday.
- “ 7th. For breakfast and supper — the same as yesterday. For dinner, one-half pint of oyster stew.
- “ 8th. For breakfast and supper — the same as yesterday. For dinner — one saucerful of boiled and mashed beets, carrots and onions, with fish.

- December* 9th. Same as yesterday.
" 10th. Same as yesterday.
" 11th. For breakfast and supper—the same as yesterday. For dinner—one pint of chicken soup with rice in it.
" 12th. For breakfast and supper—one-half pint of rice gruel with two spoonful of raisins. For dinner—one saucerful of boiled rice, and one spoonful of raisins.
" 13th. Same as yesterday.
" 14th. Same as yesterday.
" 15th. One-half pint of tapioca prepared with milk and water, with three figs and one spoonful of raisins at each meal.
" 16th. Same as yesterday.
" 17th. Same as yesterday.
" 18th. Same as yesterday.



