WILL A. SHELDON.

His Persecutions in Florida.

THE PROCEEDINGS WHICH LED TO HIS CONVICTION IN THE BENIGHTED STATE OF FLORIDA-HIS FINAL TRI-

July Term County Court, Inverness, Citrus Co., Florida. Will A. Sheldon, C. M. DUPREE, Judge.

Court convened July 2d, 1895, 8:30 Mr. Foxworth, sworn as witness for the State (examined by County Prose-

cutor J. M. Young).

Question: Mr. Foxworth, you are a witness in the case of State vs. W. A. Sheldon?

Answer: Yes, sir. Q. Where did you see the defendant, Mr. Sheldon, on April 2d last?

A. Inverness, Citrus county, Florida. Q. Where were you on April 2d last? A. Inverness.
Q. Do you know the defendant?

A. I have met him. Q. Where did you see him about the

time mentioned: A. He was at Dr. Bloom's residence.

Q. Will you state what he, was doing

(Witness confined to telling what he

A. He entered the cabinet and took a seat on a box that was there; he then requested for two of us to tie him securely. Mr. Zimmerman and I tied him, hand and foot; he then asked someone to take the time and see how long after the curtain dropped that the demonstrations began. Q. Was the time taken?

. By whom?

I don't remember.

What was the time, if you remem-A. If I remember right, it was three

seconds.
Q. What do you mean by cabinet?

A. It was an arrangement in a corner of the room about alx foot square, by about seven or eight feet high. Q. What was this cabinet made of

A. It was a frame made of wood and covered with some kind of dark cloth. Q., Please state all that transpired in the cabinet.

and a tambourine came bounding over the top of cabinet, and we heard several different voices; one was like that of a child 9 or 10 years old.

Was that all that occurred? Well, no. There were several white-clad forms came out of the cabinet; one looked like a child, and one like an Indian.

Q. Were you asked, by Mr. Sheldon, during this seance, as it is claimed, to make an examination of the manner you tied him?

A. Yes, sir. And I could see no change from the way we had tied him, and the egg was still in his mouth as we had placed it.

Q. At the final of this seance were the ropes taken off? A. Yes, sir.

Q. By whom?

A. I don't know. After the examination the curtain was dropped, and the ropes were untied. What was the time required to untie the ropes?

A. I think it was a half minute.
Q. Who, in your opinion, untied those

ropes?

A. Mr. Sheldon. Q. Did you see him do it?

No, sir, he was behind the curtain. What do you consider this seance A. I believe it was a very clever

sleight-of-hand. Q. What was ever done about the pay? A. We'l, the boys paid. Mr. Briggs, I believe it was, paid 10 cents, but Mr. Bloom told him it was 50 cents, and he

paid him the balance. Q. Was Mr. Sheldon present when that demand was made of Mr. Briggs.

A. He was in the house at the time. Q. What did Mr. Bloom do with the A. I don't know. I did not see him do

anything with it. Q. Did you hand Mr. Sheldon anv money?
A. No, I did not.

Q. Did he ever say anything to you

about pay? A. He did not to me.

Witness turned over to Mr. Michelson. counsel for defendant. (Examination.)

O. Mr. Foxworth, you say you paid the money to Mr. Bloom?

O. How was it that you paid your money to Mr. Bloom?

A. Well, as I started to leave I saw

that some of the boys were disputing of worship? over the price, and one of the boys and myself went out into the next room to get a drink of water, when Mr. Bloom asked for the money, and I paid him 50 cents.

Q. Did you ever pay any money to Mr. Sheldon?

Q. Did he eyer tell you that 50 cents would be required of you when you came to the meeting? A. No, sir, he never said anything to

Q. What Bloom was it you paid this money to:

A. I paid Mr. Luther Bloom; most of the boys paid Mr. Ed Bloom. Q. Who is Chas. Bloom, Mr. Fox-

A. He is a son of Dr. Bloom, Did he live there

Q. What Bloom boys were present? A. Mr. Chas., Luther and Ed Bloom. Which one invited you to come to A. Chas. Bloom.

Did he say anything about pay?
Yes, he said it was 50 cents a piece, but if we were not satisfied after

seeing the operations, we need not pay

Q. Then I judge from the fact that you did pay your fee that you were per-fectly satisfied, were you not? Yes, I considered it a very clever trick, and worth 50 cents to anyone. Q. Did you ever see anything like it

A. No, sir. Q. Did you ever see any real sleight of-hand work?

A. Yes, sir, a number of times. Q. Did you ever see a sleight-of-hand performer do anything like that you witnessed at Mr. Sheldon's seance?

A. No, not exactly.
Q. Mr. Foxworth, that night when you tied Mr. Sheldon, did you not express yourself satisfied that the manner in which you had tied him rendered it impossible for him to extricate himself or manipulate the instruments in the cabinet?

A. Yes, I believe I did so express my-

C. Did you ever go to any seances there without paying?
A. No, I never attended without pay-

Q. Did you ever pay at the door before you went in? A. No, I did not.

Have you ever been to church? Yes-a few times.

Q. Did you ever have to pay to get in; A. No, I don't believe I did. Q. They usually pass the contribution basket around when they want money,

do they not? A. I think so. Q. Did you ever contribute? Question objected to by the State, and objection sustained by the court.

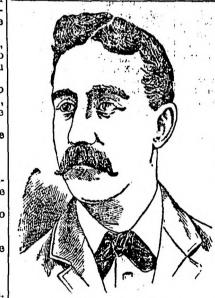
Q. Mr. Foxworth, was there any

Were there no services?"

No. sir. Q. No singing, praying nor preaching? A. There was singing. Q. What kind of singing-religious

A. No, I believe it was Spwance River, and the like. ligious songs?

the court, and witness allowed to unswer.



WILL A. SHELDON.

A. No. Most every one present joined in the singing.

Q. Did you sing?

A. No sir. Q. Why?

A. I can't sing.

Q. Mr. Foxworth was there anything in that meeting that would cause you to think it was religious?

Q. You do not believe it was a religious service, or a Christian service in any form?

A. I do not consider it was a religious service. Q. Can you define the meaning of the

word religion? A. I don't know as I can.

Q. Do you know anything about the Greek or Roman Catholic church, or their mode of worship, etc?

A. No. sir, I do not. Q. Do you know anything about the Shakers and the religious mode of their Christian worship?

A. No. sir. Q. Do you know the Quakers' manner

A. I do not. Q. Do you know anything about the Christian religion, as taught by the churches of to-day?

A. Well, I know something-Here objection was made by the State from sixteen or eighteen persons. So struggling for, gentlemen of the jury, is from further questioning on this line. you see that disproves the statement of far too great for this court, but will be seances with an invocation or sacred would let Dusky come with me. It would passed upon by the highest tribunal in music. They sing; but what kind of be a treat for him; poor fellow. finding out that the witness did not them 50 cents to "get out."

our land. Speaking of it being too songs? I will tell you: such as Yankee know anything about any form of religion, and therefore was not competent to reply to that part of the testimony of one story I once heard related. There was the like. Now, gentlemen of the jury,

service or not. Witness released. The testimony of the other witnesses neither lock nor bar on the door; and would kill a beef, would always send her for the State, to-wit: Felton Zimmerman even if I had given such orders they a portion. This practice was kept up you it is but the art of sleight-of-hand, results the course of events. There and J. B. Brown, was but a corroboration of the course of the protection of the course of the protection of the door; and they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from you it is but the art of sleight-of-hand, results and they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from you it is but the art of sleight-of-hand, results and they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from you it is but the art of sleight-of-hand, results and they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from you it is but the art of sleight-of-hand, results and they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from you it is but the art of sleight-of-hand, results and they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from you it is but the art of sleight-of-hand, results and they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from you it is but the art of sleight-of-hand, results and they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from you it is but the art of sleight-of-hand, results and they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and to abstain from your drift they will tell termined to drift, and tion of the testimony of J. A. Foxworth. there was no thought given the door ex-mind became imbued with the idea that plain enough before you, and you can by my means. As I neared the spot, all to error.—Moliere.

THE JAIL WHERE MR. SHELDON WAS CONFINED:

WILL A. SHELDON.

Gentlemen of the jury, I am neither a sleight-of-hand performer, nor a travel- well know, the State's witnesses have ing showman, and the allegations of the given no testimony that you can accept

The cabinet contained a small table on which was placed a pencil-tablet and sames rope how the committee had ercise of my religious liberty a violation. bound him down.) Before entering the I have shown you to this post, and before same. I thank you. this egg was placed in my mouth I asked ABSTRACT OF ARGUMENT OF COUNSEL Mr. Foxworth and Mr. Zimmerman if they were willing to state to those present, on their word and honor as gentle-men, if they believed it possible for me to extricate myself or manipulate the musical instruments, or write on the tablet, and they both said: No. We know you cannot," and further, they of all. Here long after the curtains closed before demonstrations were obtained. Time egg from falling out. The results ob- secuted? By the same spirit of tained that night (April 2d) were materialization, full form, the manipulation of the musical instruments, writing on seance they (the committee) were invited into the cabinet, and after examination found the egg still in my mouth, and every knot intact as they had placed

it, and so they stated to the audience. The curtains were closed again, and in a half-minute I was entirely released ance, and every one present expressed more to die.
themselves perfectly satisfied that it was This defender.

not I who produced the results.

In regard to the fee, I will say that there was no charge made. It was left done so, rather than spend hundreds of bells or rattling tambourines, etc. If to each one present to contribute what dollars, if there had not been a grand there is. I have failed to see it, and I ever they desired. On that night I re- truth and principle to fight for? alized as a result of the collection, \$2.60, But we know the principle we are his followers to show it to me.

SWORN STATEMENT OF DEFENDANT, cept to close it during the seance, pened immediately after. Now, gentlemen of the jury, as you

State of Florida contained in their information are absolutely false in every detail. My reason for coming to Inverness was not a professional one. It was ness was not a professional one. It was purely business. I came in reply to a telegram sent me by Mr. A. E. Bloom, which read: "Come at once." A short time after my arrival here I found I could have failed—yea, dismally, failed, to not make the business connection, with the C. Wa Souden M'I'g Co, "and intended a returning at once to my home in Jacksonville," Fla. Dr. R. W. Bloom, with whom I had been stopping, invited me to remain a few days and hold a few the question: "On what do you found me to remain a few days and hold a few the question: "On what do you found seances at his home. I consented to do your religion?" I can answer with two so. I held several, and good results were obtained.

On the night of April 2. there assembled the changed and revised by a priesthood to Q. Who did the singing—Sheldon? Foxworth, Folton Zimmerman, J. B. on modern facts. But if confronted with Objection by State; not sustained by Brown (the State's witnesses) and other of modern facts. But if confronted with their budget of Jewish history we can ers, a total number of sixteen or eigh- their budget of Jewish history we can teen persons. The cabinet was formed prove our phenomena appear on its evby suspending a pair of chenille portieres ery page. But we don't require it: we on a pole across a solid corner of the have long since cast it aside. We have something better-yes, better to live by and herter to die by.

Gentlemen of the jury, you are acpencil, a tambourine, and two small quainted with the facts of my arrest and bells. A guitar was placed in one cor-imprisonment: how I was dragged from ner, a paper trumpet in the other and the home of Dr. Bloom at ten o'clock at this post was nailed solid to the floor. night, while we were assembled together (The defendant then produced and in our worship: how a bond of \$100 was passed to the jury the same post arrange-ment to which he was bound securely on give, and for failure of which I was the night of April -d. Also the porce thrown into the cell of the jail that your lain egg that had been placed in his recent grand jury pronounced unfit to mouth on that night by the committee. place a human being in. and for violat-He demonstrated to the jury with the ling no law, unless you determine the ex-

In conclusion, I will say I believe you cabinet I requested a committee of two to be men of intelligence: that you will gentlemen. Mr. John Foxworth and give my case proper thought and the Felton Zimmerman consented to act, full exercise of liberal judgment and re-They bound me securely, in the manner turn a verdict in accordance with the

> FOR DEFENDANT, A.M. MICHELSON. Gentlemen of the jury: Spiritualism is the messenger of peace. Its motto, its teachings, are, do unto others as yo would they should do unto you. Faith.

hope and charity. Charity, the greatest Here is a remarkable case: one of unjust persecution of a man who is honestly tied, they would be convinced it was a just persecution of a man who is honestly power independent of my personality. I and conscientiously demonstrating this made the request that someone time how bragged from the home of his friend at night, like a gory-handed murderer, was taken by Mr. Brown, and it was just and placed in a filthy bastile, and for three seconds. They placed this egg in what? For demonstrating that which my mouth and bound a large handker leads us to a higher and more beautiful chief around my head to prevent the plane of thought. By whom is he pernorance that prevailed in man nineteen hundred years ago. We can hear now the echo of the words of the multitude the tablet, etc.; and at the final of the surrounding the cross on which was the suffering Jesus:

> "If thou be the son of God, come down from the cross." It is easy to start the fires of persecu tion, but not so easy to extinguish them.

This is not a fight against a possible fine of a lew dollars, but a great and glorious principle is involved. Liberty has come am not what may be termed a thorough by the spirit forces. So ended the se- to stay on the face of the earth, never-

judge whether the meeting he attended, of the State's witnesses, that I caused in a rural district of our country a poor you can attend a performance given by that I turned into the woods and given by Mr. Sheldon, was a religious the front door of Dr. Bloom's residence widow who had a large family to sup- any magician in the land, and see a perto be locked and barred, that there is port, and her neighbors, whenever they formance like the defendant gave, and

neighbor looked at the boy for a mo-ment, then with his knife cut off the cow's tail, and putting it in the boy's

basket, said:

old volumes of law, and perused th m carefully, but he could find no statute to suit her case. After his vain search, he suit her case. After his vain search, he turned to her with all his dignity, and said:

their verdict, to wit:

We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged, so say we all.

MOORE, Foreman.

Madam, you have been insulted; yea, grossly insulted and abused. But "" (tale), madam, is too long for this court."

this court."

...ow, gentlemen of the jury, let us see what they have the defendant, Mr. Sheldon, charged with. "Conducting a business of traveling showman." Has the State proved its charge? No! But for the sake of argument, say they have. If so, they have proved a charge against the defendant for violating a law that does not exist, for nowhere in these statutes can any one find where it speaks of "conducting a business of traveling showman."

In ounced guilty, his counsel moved for an arrest of judgment and a new trial, which was granted, and Mr. Sheldon was finally acquitted, triumphing over his persecutors, and now he has commenced suit against them for false imprisonment, placing the damages at \$25,000.

THE GUIDNG HAND.

traveling showman."
I tell you, gentlemen of the jury, the arrest, imprisonment and continued persecution of the defendant, Mr. Shelion, is a gross insult to our American Constitution. Every man is given the right, by that Constitution which our forefathers fought and bled for, to worship God in any way his conscience may

The time is not far distant when injustice, superstition and bigotry must

The intellectual life of the human race is in its morning. Liberty grows slowly; intellectual development spreads its power slowly, like the grant of the

forest.

Modern Spiritualism, which is the highest expression of liberty, shall reign supreme.

in reference to the Bible containing spirit manifestations; but that does not alter the fact. Every leaf, from Genesis many direct accounts given us in the Samuel, and with whom Saul conversed. hundreds of other cases, but time will

not permit. Now, gentlemen of the jury, we leave our case in your hands. Do with it as you deem is right and justice, and we will be content. I thank you. [Closed.] ABSTRACT OF ARCUMENT FOR STATE, BY J. M. YOUNG.

Gentleman of the jury, I hardly think it necessary to go into a lengthy argument of this case. The defendant. Mr. Sheldon, admits he came here, and did give the show, or seance as he calls it, and that his object for so doing was to make money; and we have proven beyond all question of doubt that he did charge for his performance. Our evidence goes so far as to prove that the door was barred so that no one could slip out without paying his or her 50 cents. Our license law does not prescribe that the admission shall be taken at the door before entering; but the very fact he got it makes him liable to

the license law. He claims his performance is a religious service; that it is founded on facts; but has he put on any evidence to establish his claims? No: All you have is his unsupported statement. He stated he had an abundance of evidence. Then why did he not place his witnesses oh the stand; they are all here in court? Then what conclusion must you come to, that if the testimony of those witnesses would have proved anything, he would surely have introduced it? the other hand, the State have introduced three witnesses who, on their oath, state they were there in attendance on the night of April 2d, and that the defendant, to the best of their on as usual. I might have been mista-knowledge and belief, did give an exhibition of sleight-of-hand, and that they paid him 50 cents to witness it.

The defendant further claims that his performance or religion is founded on And I would go alone. holy writ. Well, gentlemen of the jury, I case when first arrested, for the paltry characters being tied up with rope be-

send her the portions of beef, and if it governed by the evidence, and return a into accepting concerning the actuality did not come soon after the killing she verdict in accordance, and to my mind of that strange experience had vanished would send for it. On one occasion she there is but one conclusion for you to from my mind. I knew it to be true. sent her boy over to her neighbor's become to, but one verdict you can render, if felt it to be true. I lest no time, and that is guilty as charged.

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THE CHARGE OF THE COURT TO THE JURY WAS IN SUBSTANCE:

ow's tail, and putting it in the boy's asket, said:

"Run home and tell your ma that is denoted by the evidence. If you find in that evifit is advisable to make the final basket, said:

"Run home and tell your ma that is her share." The widow, on receiving it, became very indignant, and said:

"The idea of that being my share. It is an insult. I will see about it." And forthwith she wended her way to the country magistrate, and told her tale of woe. He said:

"Yes, madam, it is an insult. The great wrong done you shall be righted by the law." So he took down his rusty

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After Mr. Sheldon had been pronounced guilty, his counsel moved for

And How it influenced an

WHILE AT WORK HE FEELS ITS GENTLE TOUCH AND FINALLY COMES UNDER ITS GENIAL INFUENCE.

It was but the soft touch of a hand, a that lay before me, but it wore the dress small, delicate hand like that of a woman, yet it filled my whole being with an instinctive and unutterable horror. It was not the warm touch of a hand of flesh and blood. It was not the heavy, lifeless hand of the dead. It was cold shadow of death, and the white dress as marble yet it was animate. Gent Tubout her breast discolored by a deep but firmly it rested on mine; palpable; red stain. Turning away, with a linger-perceptible to the sense of feeling—but ing look of hatred at his victim, was a

Was I dreaming? Or mad? The questions flashed into my brain with the of wiping his rapier with a handful of bled at the residence of Dr. Bloom, John suit their business or to conform with Foxworth, Felton Zimmerman, J. B. their ideas for the last 1,900 years: but could such things be! Seeking calmness Bible of spirit demonstration. John on the reflection that I had been the victure of Patmos; Poter, incurrented tim of a singular delusion, and laughing His dress was the dress of the eighteenth tim of a singular delusion, and laughing His dress was the dress of the eighteenth that I had been the victure. I thought the middle or the in the prison, manacled and chained, to in-pire myself with a much-needed was released by the spirits. Saul visited confidence, I picked up the brush, which | end of that period, for my knowledge of the woman of Endor, who materialized had fallen in the short grass, worked it to amoint on the pulette, and renewed He recognized him. I could mention the lattempt to commence the picture that I had determined should bring me fame and fortune. Before I could make one stroke of the brush, before it had come into contact with the canvas, the coid, unearthly hand had once more rested on mine as though with the intention of guiding its movements.

mysterious presence. I could be passive no longer. Inaction was unendurable, tastic creation of a disordered brain that picture, its immediate purpose was achad troubled me. Another sense con-firmed the truth of this. Hastily glancing at my hand, I saw distinctly, fading

cumstances? Apart from the want of courage to remain alone in the woods after such a ant power. As to the artist-he was an weird experience, my nerves were too exceptionally good medium. unstrung to let me even hope to make any progress that would be of artistic value. And I was reluctant to risk a repetition of that ghostly touch. The mere thought of the possibility made me bundle up my things with carcless haste and hurry back to the village.

Half & dozen times in the day I was on the verge of revealing the unaccountable incident, but a sense of shame kept me silent on the subject. It was like a confession of cowardice, and what credence could I expect them to give my story? What faith should I have in it if I told another. It was so incredible, that I even wavered in my own belief, as the hours passed by, and the world jogged ken. Our senses play us strange tricks. I must have been mistaken. Come what might, I would put it to the proof, and make a further essay on the morrow.

The morning came, calm and bright am not what may be termed a thorough the very weather for painting in the Christian, but I have read a great deal open air. If my manhood had not of the scriptures, and I have failed to shrunk from following such a course of This defendant could have settled the find a place where it speaks of any of its action I should have shirked a strict adherence to the programme I had ar sum of \$3.80, and would he not have hind a screen or cabinet, and ringing ranged, and have taken one of the boys with me. But I put away the thought there is I have failed to see it, and I If there were danger to encounter I would like for the defendant or any of would brave it without exposing another to the risk. However, as a pardonable

> Dusky was a fox-terrier, animated with all the restless and pugnacious instincts of his kind. It was not without a tremor reached the scene of my uncanny adventure, but I went steadily on, for I de-

it was but the duty of her neighbors to but do your duty as you have sworn, be the doubts that I had argued myself

I lost no time, and soon got my easel fixed, my palette set and everything in order for a commencement. So far I was free from interruption. Then I paused, as a man pauses before a cold path in midwinter and begins to wonder

with his stumpy tail between his legs.

Again the cold, unearthly touch—not as before-not on my hand. Now it lay lightly on my forehead. It acted as an irresistible spell. Never before had I painted so rapidly, and with such results. Unconsciously, the picture grew beneath my hands with a speed that was marvelous. The compelling hand never moved from its resting place. I saw the progress of the work, but it was as though in a dream, and I had not even a shadowy idea of what scene the pic-ture would depict, or what form it would

ultimately take. It was the work of my hands, but I had no further partin shaping its composition. I worked for hours without intermission, Steadily, persistently, I toiled on beneath the influence of that unseen presence until the sun was sinking low in the sky, and the light fading into a dim obscurity. Then I felt the hand lifted from my brow, and with a deep light of whereter the hand and the sky and the baseline to the sky and the baseline to the sky and the sky and with a deep light of whereter the baseline to the sky and th sigh of exhaustion the brushes and palette dropped from my cramped fingers. It was finished and I was free. Weary and faint, but free. The scene which I had involuntarily depicted was the glade

of another season. ighest expression of liberty, shall it was invisible. I felt its pressure as man, tall and of stately bearing, but surely at I felt my cheeks grow pale, with a face branded with the deep traces of evil passions and a life of unreprire to the Bible containing. Was I dreaming? Or mad? The questrained profligacy. He was in the act

grass which he had torn up by the roots. The position brought into strong prominence a peculiar sear that marked the back of his left hand-a scar like century-I thought the middle or the historical costume was deplorably superficial, but I knew that I was safe in deciding that it was of the eighteenth

century. I saw all these details in a very brief space of time. I allowed myself no more, for darkness was gathering on the face of the earth, and I was eager to leave the woods, not that any expectation of evil, or of future manifestations My blood thrilled with an awful dread of a ghostly nature, troubled me. My at this repeated evidence of an unseen dread of the supernatural had vanished beneath the touch of the unseen hand that had rested on my forehead. As it and, springing to my feet. I felt the hand had dominated my will, so it had given removed, and knew that I was free from me courage, and I felt an absolute assurits influence. But it had been no fan- ance that, with the completion of the

complished. The above from a New York daily is simply a record of a "mysterious occurfrom the pink flesh, the impression of rence" that Spiritualism explains. And fingers. There was no work for me that I suggest here that the sceing of this day. Who could work under such cir- spirit by the dog is by no means rare. An eye that can penetrate total darkness certainly possesses great clairvoy-

DR T. WILKINS.

FANCIES.

Through the haze of morning light, While the stars are in the sky, And pale shadows of the night. Quickly to the sun clouds fly.

As I wake from realm of dream, To invoke His blessings meet, Faintly real, tho' life-like seem Spirit forms and faces sweet. Oft at noontide's busy hour,

The forms unseen, yet seem to be, The heavenly tones that fill and greet— O, day of faith that gives to me

While the mind is warped by care.

Sends whispers softly thro' mid-air,

E'en then some happy spirit-power

Such memories of hopes too fleet. When the stars of evening throw Round the earth a veil of light, Then my guardian spirits show-For I hear their voices bright,

Whispering closely to my ear; Yet I vainly strive to know Whose the soul that hovers near? Whose the spirit seeks me so? Gloucester, Mass. MRS. OBEAR.

Slander is the solace of malignity.-Joubert. By searching the old learn the new .-

No legacy is so rich as honesty.-Shakspeare. The sea drinks the air and the sun the sea.-Anacreon.

The truest self-respect is not to think of self.-Beecher.

Unreasonable haste is the direct road

A SPICY DEBATE

Between a Divine and a Spiritualist.

A WASHINGTON SPIRITUALIST AND A TESTANTS.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.] REPLY,

1423 Fifth St., N. W., Washington,

Rev. Mr. A. R. Snedegar, Vienna,

tends to weaken and destroy man's in-tallact and individuality. You have lik- You now clearly see that the lying tellect and individuality. You have likened mediums to that terrible scourge, ualists with being guilty of more than

knowledge of the subject, that led you you in a nearer approach to truth.

I shall ask you to read again with me certain passages to which you refer.

represent him. See II Peter, ii, 15 and You speak of Spiritualism as some-16, and Revelations ii, 14. But if you thing that stoops beneath decency, and entreaties and threats of Balak, rethe Lord saith, that I will speak."

Even when the Lord had been so income angry because he did go and ap- considerably modified. peared in the way and tried to stop him good old medium even then was profuse Lord had told him to do the night before, viz.: to go with the messengers of from his earnest desire to serve as the medium of Jehovah and to do his whole Nothing can truthfully be said against the character of this grand old medium, and if Christians thus vilify their own best friends, of course Spiritualists cannot expect any better treatment from them.

You think David praiseworthy when, having the opportunity to murder Saul. more praiseworthy, then, is the woman to being a Spiritualist. whom Saul had sought to murder, when she goes and kills the fatted call and prepares food, and in every way seeks bly possessed some mediumistic powers, the comfort of him who had been her yet he was never endorsed as an expothink the mediums of to-day are like her, and there we agree. No word of harm concerning the woman's honesty, virtue, truthfulness, charitableness or hospitality has come down to us through the ages. According to the record she was controlled to speak words of truth, and none other than the Prophet Samuel was her controlling spirit. Nothing is said about evil spirits or devils in connection with the account.

fact that one whom you esteem as virtu-ous and good, the venerable Samuel some experiences in Spiritualism that writers describe him to have been, they himself, came back from the realms of the dead and spoke words of truth through the lips of this medium? I sinthrough the lips of this medium the li cerely wish that all Christians were as my people, would be as authoritative much common sense, Arnold or Wilkes charitable and truthful as this Woman and truthful as those of either Dr. Hatch Booth were men of most exemplary

of Endor seems to have been.

You speak of Saul's fate as related in I Chronicles, x, 13, 14, wherein it is stated: "So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against supplicion, but prefer to take the moth-specific the wild on to the Witch of Saul's against the way of the statement gression which he committed against suspicion, but prefer to take the moth-the Lord, even against the word of the eaten statements at second or third-hand Endor. Saul, acting wickedly, he in-

asking counsel of one that had a familiar asking counsel of one that had a namular spirit to enquired it: And enquired not of the Lord, the palore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse." In I Samuel, xxviii, 6, we read: "And when Saul enquired of the Lord the Lord answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by In Which the Former is Knocked prophets." Which account do you believe? Did Saul enquire of the Lord, or did he not enquire? You surely cannot believe both accounts.

The book of Samuel says that Saul killed himself rather than fall into the VIRGINIA DIVINE ARE THE CON- hands of the Philistines; but the account in Chronicles states that the Lord slew him. Which of these do you believe? Taken altogether the story of the doom of Saul is a little mixed, and

does not point a very clear moral.
You say that lying spirits, emissaries of the Devil, control the mediums, and Va., Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter quote I Kings, xxii, 22, as your authorof January 22, I am happy to say that I am highly gratified with your frank admission and emphatic endorsement of carefully read the 20th, 21st, 22nd, and the phenomena of Spiritualism. From 23rd verses of this chapter again with what I had heretofore heard I was led me, I think I can show you your error. to the conclusion that you denied these The passage reads thus: "And the Lord" phenomena as mere vagaries of a dunce's said, who shall persuade Ahab, that he brain, and the whole tenor and object of my former letter was to convince you of what you have so graciously admitted, ent night from what I do.

In addition to your candid admission, of which I have already spoken, you have arraigned modern Spiritualism on the charge of encouraging and counternancing almost every known crime; you have charged it with being contact the said, I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of the charge of encouraging and counternancing almost every known crime; you have charged it with being contact the two thousand, and they, without instinct, rushed violently down into the sea.

And the Lord said unto him, Where setting the charge of the two thousand, and they, without instinct, rushed violently down into the sea.

Spiritualism, says Talmage, its bad day without reading similar accounts. So you see it would not be very difficult for me to keep the charge of the two thousand, and they, without instinct, rushed violently down into the sea.

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You speak of the Banne and the Lord hath put a lying spirit, in the mouth of all these thy prophets. coarse, indecent and vile, and that it and the Lord hath spoken evil concern-

spirit spoken of in this instance was not the Devil's but the Lord's, and that the Lord commands him to go forth on his lying errand. This passage does not the lord commands him to go forth on his lying errand. This passage does not the lord commands him to go forth on his lying errand. This passage does not fully for nonly to have more or less carethe cholera, and have charged Spirit the Devil's but the Lord's, and that the brutal degradation. You could scarcely lying errand. This passage does not have made so sweeping a charge against speak well for the Lord's truthfulness your arch-enemy Satan himself, as you and honest methods, and to say the least have made against Spiritualism and it is a poor argument against Spiritual-Spiritualists generally.

I scarcely know whether to attribute your tirade to a lack of knowledge concerning Spiritualism or a malicious described by the spiritualism of the spiritualism sire to misrepresent it. As the more than the lord's own service. Even in the charitable view of the case, however, I shall assume that it was misapprehension on your part and lack of thorough knowledge of the subject, that led you that they should believe a lie; that they should believe a lie; that they to the violent denunciation in which you all might be damned who believe not have indulged. And from this assumption I hope you will permit me to assist Lord has the lying spirits in His service opinion or conduct, but treat all teaching the curiosity of man, but You say: "I give most earnest heed about the Devil's sending a strong deto the teaching of the Bible." Yet, as lusion to get people to believe a lie, but I fail to get the same meanings from it God sends them a strong delusion: for that you have mentioned in your letter, aught I, know that delusion is as likely. to be Methodism as Spiritualism, since Methodism claims to come from the Your first reference is to Balaam as Lord and Spiritualism makes no special the Antichrist of the Old Testament, pretension in that direction. In fact. to and in speaking of him as you do, I feel sum the whole thing up from a Biblical that you do him grave injustice. It is standpoint, the weight of proof seems true that the New Testament writers to show that the lying spirits are all in speak of Balaam in a very uncomplimen- the service of the Lord, and none but ary manner, and in fact wrongfully mis- the truthful ones are left for the Devil.

will kindly turn to Numbers xxii, xxiii state that it sanctions all manner of corand xxiv, and learn of Balaam as the rupt practices, and quote as your authorstory was originally told, you will find ity Dr. Hatch and Mr. Randolph. I him a most exemplary character, a me- must ask you to be a little more explicit, dium through whom the Lord of Lords, however, and state what books and Jehovah himself deigned to speak, a me- writings of Hatch and Randolph you dium who could not be bought for gold have read; or, in other words, I ask you or honors, but who, in spite of all the to furnish a statement as to the source vour information mained true to Israel. Hear what he ever, with little fear of contradiction, says in Numbers xxiv, 13: "If Balak that L believe you have gained your would give me his house full of silver whole information from some religious and gold I cannot go beyond the com-mandment of the Lord, to do either ualism, and have probably never read a good or bad of mine own mind; but what book written on the subject by one of its friends and advocates. I make this statement for the reason that I believe consistent as to tell Balaam to go with that had you read a little more widely the messengers of Balak and then be- your denunciations would have been

I wish now to tell you what I know see account of the ass's speaking), the about Dr. Hatch, and what I say concerning him can be verified by commuin his apologies for doing just what the nication with the woman who was once his wife, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, the talented and brilliant lecturer of our Balak, and he expressed his willingness Washington Spiritual Society for the Balak, and he expressed his winninghess to even then turn back, but the Lord next two months. The story is briefly said: "Go with the men." Nowhere in the entire account did Balaam depart discovered the wonderful mediumship next two months. The story is briefly sorry any man can have the conscience or morality is required. of little Cora Scott when she was but fourteen or fifteen years of age, and at will in every way. It was cruel and his solicitation she came before the pubbarbarous for the Jews to kill one who lie as a wonderful inspirational lecturer had been so good and true a friend to them, and I think it is unjustifiable slander for the New Testament writers slander for the New Testament writers audiences. Dr. Hatch prevailed upon frustrate wicked plans even though define very civilized nation? Simply between the slander of the same true to blocker his character as they her to marry him, which she did while still very young, and for two years or more she continued upon the spiritual rostrum as a lecturer, whose popularity was continually growing greater, and all this time Dr. Hatch was taking from her the proceeds of her labor and, in You also attempt to defame the charlother ways, maltreating her, until, the acter of the Woman of Endor, and here, grievance becoming so great, she sued again, I must enter a plea in her defense and obtained a decree of divorce from and must ask you to judge the woman by him. He then—to blacken, if possible, what she did. Read I Samuel, xxviii, her character, and to clear himself from again carefully and see if you cannot blame-wrote several scurrilous artiagree with me that her treatment of cles, having no foundation whatever, Saul, who had sought her life, was hos- against her. In fact, Dr. Hatch's characpitable and generous in the extreme. ter, when weighed in the balance with the brilliant Cora Scott, is found sadly wanting. It is stated on good authority he refrained from doing so; how much that Hatch himself made no pretensions

In regard to Randolph—I suppose you mean P. B. Randolph—while he proba-

very strong language of denunciation. this further at present. Will you answer me candidly: Have you ever read a copy of that paper, or more than one copy? If you have not,

world—we understand what that means fully for nearly ten years.

You ask me: "How can morality be self. You are like the little boy who, established without some basis?" Permit me to ask you in return: Do you believe the Bible to be the only basis of morals? You say that Christianity has something to do with almost all charitable ble institutions? You also say: "Please clearness, when you wrote the scripture to day better friends through that show me a nation built up by Spiritual-ism?" In reply I ask you: Please show me a nation built up by Christianity? that "they all might be damned who be-lieve not the truth." They first cast off the love of the truth, then God gives the people that our spirit friends are

is again sustained. Nothing is said ers as helpers instead of leaders; conse-pearance in Eden. He told the first lie, ing lamp of human reason and commonsense—the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Thomas Paine says: ."The most forkind is reason. I have never used any on the strength of this and were sent to other, and I trust I never shall." I the asylum; but, oh, demons lie to the think this is true, and I wish to use my reason, rather than the authority of all alive, all safe and three poor man had some one also, as my guide to conduct to go to the asylum to find their wives and truth.

Trusting that you may have time for the further consideration of the points tide for days, we are now discussing, and that I may You speak as if I ought to believe we are now discussing, and that I may receive an early roply from you, I remain, sincerely yours, CHAS. L. SNYDER.

REPLY BY MR. SNEDEGAR.

goodness of God from Satan's hold.

to say the plain truth of a matter is a mons are engaged to carry their out, cause no nation flourishes without it. When he was overcome he was willing had, under the impulse of insatiable delve into the dens of the black-hearted greed, returned to demand the reward iniquity, Spiritualism. from the Midianites. He was an object of merited vengeance, in the immense and property and the destruction of all and that in print. Yours, their places of refuge—the severity of a A. R. SNEDEGAR. righteous God fell heavily on that base and corrupt race. But more than all nent of Spiritualism by any of the spir-others, Balaam deserved and got the itual organizations of the country, and instreward of his deeds. His conduct was considered by many to be very er had been atrociously sinful, considering ratic and unstable. The statement that the knowledge he possessed and the five of his brothers were insane and revelations he had received from the committed suicide has very little bear- will of God. For any one in his circuming upon Spiritualism. And, further- stances to attempt defeating the prophmore, your evidence in each of these ecies he had himself been the organ of cases is very ancient, being, at least, uttering, and plotting to deprive the twenty-five to thirty years old. You chosen people of the divine favor and are undoubtedly so accustomed to look protection, was an act of desperate wicking for very old evidence in Christianity edness which no language can charac-What are you going to do with the that you think the older a statement is terize. It matters not how low and grov-

the Lord, even against the word of the eatenstatements at second or third-hand Endor. Saul, acting which he in- sendmetheir express and post office address. Lord, which he kept not, and also for lof persons whom you do not know, as quired of the Lord in form but not in the L. Slocum, M.C., 183 Penri St., New York.

the basis of your wholesale denuncia- spirit of a penitent, nor with the believing confidence of a sincere worshiper, It may be well for mo to speak of your but a more mockery; he had no relig-allusion to Wallace, who was arraigned jous impressions about him, but became In the police-court of this city on the a wretched impostor in the service of charge of being a Spiritual medium. the Devil; he then went and called upon After taking evidence that no fair the one possessed with the devil or deminded judge would admit in court, viz.: mont being cut bif from the Lord, he newspaper articles and the statements went to this witch. And the only point of a low variety theater actor, against for discussion is, Did the demon appear

ar enough you may find some Spiritual- are not numbered, and the poor me-

name to me as guilty of crime, I will stinct, fluttering near the mouth of a about seven by ten. I took the slates, ranks, and yet you are even more unfair, of Divine power can remove these defor you have passed judgment upon mons from men. Look at the men com-Spiritualism as inciting to every crime; ing from the tombs—they ask the Lord; and I doubt if you can name a single "Why hast thou come to torment us be-avowed Spiritualist who has ever been fore the time?" But on finding they

More about Saul: It was the Lord that gave the victory to Israel, and we could

In conclusion, let me state that Spiritualists do not take any one man or paper
use the down into believing the lie. You
the idea of love and helping each other or book as their guide in matters of say the Devil does not lie. That is the and that they give us the phenomena no matter how much good it may con- Did you ever read of the excitement tain, as my guide further than my over the Atlantic steamer having left reason sanctions its teachings. I hope the harbor of Europe for America, and to ever keep as my guide the clear burn- not arriving on proper time? Anxiety prevailed for days, and some one who believed in Spiritualism went to the mediums and they claimed to call up the spirits of the passengers, from the botnidable weapon against errors of every tom of the sea. Three women went crazy broken and the vessel drifted with the

those without a stain upon the character; if you refer to those, I think this may be true, but I doubt it very much—the man who prunes his peach-trees on Sun-returning spirit, do say unto thee, day, or the woman who sews on the Lord's day, are not wholly moral. They "Mr. C. I. Snyder My friend: You try and State. You clip from your paper say I could not have made so sweeping a and send me the names of preachers charge against my great arch-enemy with charges preferred against them; Satan himself, as I did against Spiritual-this proves the truth of our Bible: "They When I make a defense against went out from us because they were not the ism, or Satan in disguise, I know of us"-you probably have some near whereof I speak. He no longer comes about you of the same stamp. Spirit-through the material serpent, for even ualism is so vile it overlooks all crime. then he disappeared from Eve trans- At one of your National Conventions the formed into an angel of light, or re-only plan approved by its committee esturned with a different appearance, yet pecially provided that no charge should retaining his deception and lies, and ever be entertained against any member, found an adherent, only rescued by the and any person, without any regard to moral character, might become a mem-The New Testament writers do Ba- ber. So we do not look for charges laam a grave wrong, you say. I am against your members, when no decency

You are anxious to know of some nation grave wrong. Do you not know before built up by Christianity. Please see the the regular ministry of the prophets was perpetuation of Israel as a nation for instituted God made use of the various ages, but so soon as she for sook religious persons and instruments through which principles they began to decline and You refer to Tom Paine. Did not he for a time to speak the truth concerning say some years ago the Bible would not Israel, and with a deceptious heart said be heard of at the close of this century? he could not be bought. After this we which is one false prophecy, and prob see this unprincipled man journey, on ably he did find his entire work of life dismissal by Balak, to his home in Meso- the same? Aaron Burr was one of his potamia among the Midianites, proceed- followers. Look into the old book called ng to further incite them against Is- the "Educator" and you can find your rael; and watch the effects of his wicked ism, a volume of 680 pages. Its origin, counsel. Learning in his own country its doctrine, its morals, its politics. Now that the Israelites had fallen into the I had to take the time when I ought to snare which he laid and which he be sleeping, to write this letter. I am doubted not would lead to their ruin, he willing to spend my money and time to

It was not any of your business about my preaching, in the first place, and I the capture of their women, children give you the roughest things in the ism,

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Copiousness and simplicity, variety and unity, constitute real greatness of character.—Lavater.

A mercantile democracy may govern long and widely; a mercantile aristocracy can not stand.—Ladnor. God governs the world, and we have

only to do our duty wisely and leave the issue to him.—John Jay. The head has the most beautiful ap-

pearance, as well as the highest station in a human figure. - Addison.

To THE EDITOR-Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption if they will

SPIRIT FRIENDS WORK

While the Medium Is Sound Asleep.

It was on Sunday afternoon, June 30, when Mr. A. Campbell was lying in his hammock on the verandah at Lily Dale, Wallace's character, Judge Kimball was in the disguise of Samuel' or was it on the disguise of Samuel' or was it on the order of the sitting when the woman putting him under a bond to not disturb the peace again by committing the awful crime of taking part in a public religious meeting, or some other equally absurd charge. Knowing very little of Wallace I neither endorse nor deny his children. ists and even some mediums who are not diums are controlled by the fiends.

Out in the woodland, when a little boy, every Spiritual medium whom you will I beheld the little wren, without interest and another piece of cardboard, about ten by four-ten, and another piece of cardboard. name one hundred Christian ministers great blacksnake to be swallowed upguilty of equal or greater ones. You would think me decidedly unfair and even dishonest to judge Christianity ing delusion of Spiritualism—swallowed wholly by the number of criminals in its in a den of corruption. Nothing short about half an hour. Meanwhile Alice about half an hour. Meanwhile Alice had left Mr. Campbell, who continued sleeping as before Alice came. After about half an hour Alice came again, and said that I might look between the slates, but not open them too far, and convicted and sentenced for crime. As must depart, begged leave to enter the an illustration of the crimes committed herd of swine; and these demons mesroom and leave them there until next morning, when I could open them and see what a nice large picture they had painted for the judge (Judge Cothren); that I should bring said picture to him, and talk to him kindly, and remember this as a lesson not to express or have any gross thoughts in the future. Then Alice left Mr. Campbell again. who kept on sleeping for an hour or more. When he awoke he had some

visitors, Mr. C. Bigden and Dr. R. B. Hunter. I happened to bring the conversation around to Judge Cothren, and to both visitors Mr. Campbell expressed his regret that he had had a failure at the last sitting with the Judge. On Monday morning I brought the states down, and astonished Mr. Campbell by showing him a beautiful landscape pic ture, painted on the larger piece of cardboard by Mrs. Jane Cothren. He was very much astonished, not knowing to teach us the greater power of love

I have been investigating Spiritualism for some time, but this is the first time iu all my experiences that a beautiful painting was produced without the knowledge of the medium, and while the medium was sound asleep.

The following message was received from "Azur," through the mediumship of Mr. A. Campbell, Lily Dale, on Tues day, April 9, 1895, together with a private message from the sister of the sitter, and a beautiful porcelain painting, representing a bunch of lilacs:

"There is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth thee

understanding; great men are not al-ways wise; neither do the aged understand judgment.
"Therefore do we say unto thee, so

spiration and understanding, for I, a Dedication. through thine own embodied spirit shalt thou be taught.
"We come not to gratify the curiosity

of man, but we do come to bear unto thee a token and a proof of what we teach, the 'Truth of Life Eternal.'

"AZUR." Message received in same way, April

27, 1895: "Seek with truth, that having found the truth, ye may be benefited, and so may be a benefit to others; for if ye find the waters that bring health unto thyself, then give the tidings unto others, that they may drink likewise, and by that drink be strengthened in life's journey. The spirit of God seeketh to aid, not destroy, for he worketh not de-AZUR the Helper." struction. Buffalo, N. Y. C. HAGAN.

Passed to Spirit-Life.

Louisa C. Christianson, an intelligent and lovely little girl, who was a member of the Spiritualist lyceum at Kremer's Hall, Chicago, passed to Spirit-life, dur-ing the last week of May, at the age of seven years and six months, after an illness of two months, passing, it is hoped, to a far more efficient school than any we have in this world.

Passed to the higher life, on July 2, at his home in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Mr. Thomas C. Smith, after all illness of several months. His beloved wife, Mrs. Sallie Weaver Smith, and one son, Fred W. Smith, of Chicago, are the only survivors of his immediate family. Mr. Smith was born at Dauphin, Pa., January 25, 1838. He served his country for three years and four months during the war, and had been a resident of Ft. Wayne since 1865. He was during the later years of his life an earnest and slaughter of the Midianitish people, in expect, if our controversy continues, to ardent Spiritualist, making its beautiful teachings practically manifest in his honorable and peaceful life. He possessed medial powers of no small ability and has gone joyfully forward to the life of higher ministration he so much de-

> The funeral address was given at his late home on the afternoon of July 5, by Mrs. Anna Orvis, of Chicago, to a large and deeply interested audience, many of whom listened for the first time to the inspired teachings of Spiritualism. Mrs. Orvis and Mrs. Blake sang two

> beautiful and appropriate selections, and under the influence of the sublime inspiration uttered, and the conscious presence of our arisen brother, we readily say with the poet Lowell:

> "Sin hath told lies of thee, fair angel Death. Hath hung a dark veil o'er thy seraph face And scared us babes with tales of how beneath Are features like her own. But I through grace as Of the dear God by whom I live and

Have seen that gloomy shroud asunder rent. And in thine eyes, lustrous with sweet

Have read that thou none other wast but Love."

The First Spiritual Society of Tulare City, Cal., desires to express its grief in consequence of the demise of our he loved sister, Julia Adler, who was born asleep, the writer was sitting beside him, on a rocker, and next to the writer sat Mr. Charles Shourds. It was a dull day, raining, and everything was a dull day, raining, and everything was a dull day, raining, and everything was a dull day. life, which she nobly earned by a long and consistent life on earth. Her many virtues won for her the love and devoion of all who knew her. Her patience Wallace, I neither endorse nor deny his mediumship. But I do know that his treatment—both his arrest upon no special charge, and his trial in the police-court—was an outrage against common decency and justice.

Some writers say the witch mesmer the great Azur wanted to give me a lesson, that I must not have any such dragon himself that mesmerized the witch, and he did it all. He was there, he witch, and he did it all. He was there mean nor beast have any sense mon decency and justice.

The great Azur wanted to give me a lesson, that I must not have any such feelings, and must make good what I witch, and he did it all. He was there. Neither man nor beast have any sense which Mr. Campbell and Judge and sorrow. That she may be permitted to us the often returning to her, directing and consoling her in her suffering and sorrow. That she may be permitted n severe sickness and suffering tested Cothren had sat with last Monday, and to return and communicate to us the oftbetween which there was placed one repeated fact of joy and happiness in eternal progression is our sincere desire.

MRS. S. C. GREELY, DR. W. F. CARTMILL MRS. E. M. SLINKARD. Committee.

Mrs. Mary H. Jones, of Decatur, Ill., passed to a higher life Sunday, July 7th, of congestion of the stomach. All that loving hands could do was done to mitigate her suffering. When the supreme moment came, she passed peacefully away, like a tired child who goes to rest in its mother's arms. For many years the was a sincere and ardent Spiritualist, and the change called death had no terror for her. The first day of illness terror for her. The first day of illness she expressed the desire that I should officiate at the funeral, as our souls had officiate at the funeral, as our souls had ever been a-touch in the beautiful teachings of Spiritualism, and we had been co-workers in its field for many years. She was the first president of the Progressive Society of Spiritualists of this city. A father, husband, three sons and two daughters, and many friends will sadly miss her visible presence, but feel that all is well and that our loss is her eternal gain. A profusion of beautiful flowers adorned the casket. A good woman has joined the loved ones on the Spirit-side of life.

MRS. INDIA HILL.

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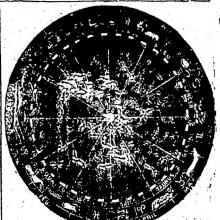
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TO THE EDITOR:-I found in your publication of July 13 an article from the Buffalo Courier, in regard to this place. I write to say that there are never any so little about. During their first season here, even, they will presume to discuss the things of the spirit with the learned air of a savant, and if they hear one say jestingly—as was said seriously of old—"He hath a devil," they immediate that Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, three years the said that Mr. and Mrs. Gregory three years ately seize their facile pens and make a in the "Grand," have charge of its mansensational item for the delectation of agement. those abroad who love nothing better than to have something noised abroad to Lake Brady Camp-Meeting, the discredit of the place.

There are three, yea, four classes concerned in this: The bigoted orthodox—

pressure of suspicion, and infinical sur-roundings, sometimes fail to do the will of skull. It is enclosed in two envelopes, versa. But as a test medium, he cer-

breath, for the saving of the nation,

last Sunday evening, gave such a woman's rights discourse as will not be woman's subjection-which was truthfully stated to have been the cause of more evil and misery to the race, in our immediate preceding ages, than the entire system had done good or procured happiness—was a clarion note that the trucklers in our ranks to the wealth and power of Christendom would do well to heed, instead of attempting to cover it heed, instead of attempting to cover it heeron, addressed. with an idle jest. Humor has its proper place, but not in the presence of such a

ing its work and fortifying its position against this high handed desecration of constitutional liberty. And if it be discourse seemed to be to reconcile the team. Mr. Tisdale, though totally blind, funerals, thus being put on the same REPLY TO THE BUFFALO COURIER much further violated its assailers will Christian faith with the teachings of is "up" on all advance subjects of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teachings of the footing with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teaching with the ordained of the Christian faith with the ordained of the Christian faith with the teaching with the ordained of the Christian faith with the ordained of the Christian faith with the ordained with the christian faith with

> hearing of the grounds. The ground- tests she gives are fully recognized. floor rooms and handsome parlor adjoining, are conveniences hitherto unattain-

Near Kent, Ohio.

We have now entered the fourth week and he has become a great "ox" in the of camp, and interest continues to inworld, by sheer persistence in forcing crease. The mediums on the ground his own views down other people's are all well known. The phenomena

vince of the possibility and control or of the ordinary. Through the mediumpower of supermundane spirit forces, ship of Mr. Harvey Chase he received a Their tools are the ignorant, truckling very satisfactory slate-writing, the editor and the super-wise, inexperienced, slates being cleansed and bandaged as flippant newspaper correspondent, who usual, with no pencil between them. He has to earn that "penny" whether or no, found on opening a long message from when he or she might better be hoeing his wife; another from his guide, Charspeakers and mediums have come and corn and so earning an houest living. lotte Corday, and quite a long one from gone and new faces have continally been Yes, even a girl might best hoe corn Charles Foster, a deceased medium, appearing. Veteran Spiritualists' day till she knew something of what she whose peculiar phase of mediumship was a day long to be remembered by was talking about, or writing about, just was to get names and messages appear those who partook of the intellectual the same. was to get names and messages appear those who partook of the intellectual feast presented, and one star after anthe same.

Similarly with that rare specimen and dimly-to-be-discerned fraud. To be sure, there is an occasional "fool who rushes into mediumship, where angels fear to tread," but most of the finely-attended and intuitive souls, whose tempers aments permit an early and rapid development of gifts, lack the assurance of the finely-attended and intuitive souls, and taking hold of the slates, before opening them, he

ing in blood marks under the skin of his other puts in an appearance, spreads its other puts in an appearance, s

of their "guide, teacher and friend." one placed inside of the other. It is tainly has no superior and few if any table in the room where the sittings their mentor, in fact, as does a timid from the head of a friend of yours, who equals. He has a style distinctly his and phenomena occur, all being cov In contrast to the classes mentioned, feel as if all torn to pieces. Two others not recognized, and in three cases the In contrast to the classes mentioned, President Gaston does well to let the people decide for themselves, as this place was never provided for the englace was never provided for the englace was not the fault of the company; the place is the other injured. The place is the stated they were not familiar with the force producing these manifestations, in the spirit of his came to wines the grand opening of the secretary has an array of talent alwife, who, in the body, was an artist of this new camp; others drove in from ready billed, and several of us not the secretary has an array of talent alwife, who, in the body, was an artist of this new camp; others drove in from ready billed, and several of us not the secretary has an array of talent alwife, who, in the body, was an artist of this new camp; others drove in from ready billed, and several of us not the secretary has an array of talent alwife, who, in the body, was an artist of this new camp; others drove in from ready billed, and several of us not the secretary has an array of talent always a spiritual series and the secretary has an array of talent always are the s speakers even, who are the only ones enmen were careless." Mr. Sword opened men were careless." Mr. Sword opened men were careless. Mr. Sword opened men were careless. Mr. Sword opened men were careless. Mr. Sword opened acknowledged ability. Certain it is, miles away. The large auditorum, capnamed are to assist.

Altogether it seem

So much had freedom of opinion been A very pleasant informal social has names of from one to twenty relatives; suppressed in this land founded for that just taken place at Reception Cottage. then see bow many will be correct. dian. Red Jacket, said express purpose, that at the beginning of Mrs. Carrie Twing's Indian control Once in twenty-five times will be a good Judgo's bodyguards. the Maine prohibition movement and gave psychometric readings, in a average to hit it by chance. In this the Maine prohibition movement and gave possession by the woman suffrage cause, no quant dialect, that was very entertainthe woman suffrage cause, no quant dialect, that was very entertaincase, out of ninety-two chances taken,
on the camp-ground, during the present dearing old and new friends to herself
church for years would open its doors to ing. Mrs. A. M. Gladding, under the
cighty-four were correct. This takes it
session, a large seance at which the inin stronger ties of friendship and adout of the domain of chance. "If it is
visible ones have promised they will, miration. them; but now that the "sugar-coating control of her negro, Tom, with a com-of political equality," (which the poor bination of humor and pathos, gave the not spirits of our departed friends, what souls fail to see does not mean equal most perfect impersonation of a happy is it." rights, but a ballot simply for voting for old negro, who could "die laughin an' the priesthood) and the Woman's Chrisbress de Lord," even though he had

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Thus the time had arrived when these spirit return we have on the grounds is the grounds is our good Doctor has been unwell for some In the alternoon the transfer of the most positive proofs of all pleased to welcome Dr. Bland, of Hicks, ex-Rev. O. H. Some Washington, D. C. By the way, the B. Richmond and others. tion, for out of them have gone its very medium for that phase. At a sitting breath, for the saving of the nation, with your correspondent, he arranged eventually. Yet these small cavilers the machine by placing books under it, delight to pick flaws! But let them under thus completely cutting off any possible derstand that we care no more for it connection it might be thought to have than does an elephant for a mosquito's with the table. He left the room while the messages were being written and folded into tight pellets. Upon his re-The electric light of truth disseminated by such pioneers as Lyman C. Howe, who, in his eloquent discourse of and the box shut together. Four out of and the box shut together. and the box shut together. Four out of five of the messages were answered in regular succession, notwithstanding the likely to be heard again this year, has gone abroad into the land, the flash-light turned on the orthodox doctrine of from the ther. A friend accompanying from the other. A friend accompanying the writer, unknown to the medium, also enclosed a question. Immediately upon placing it in the machine, the medium was drawn to this person, whom he asked to take a seat at the table. Though an avowed skeptic, the answer was acknowledged to be perfectly satis-

person addressed. PROF. W. M. LOCKWOOD'S

be embodied in pamphlet form: and to his audience the truths he was teach called out immediately a number of five canadians, representing. His knowledge of photography and dollar subscriptions to the National its power to bring within range of vision may the memories of home ever remain here a week for the avowed purpose of PLAN Spiritual organization, which is extend- that which seemed to belong to another as bright as was the gathering at the investigating trance-speaking. They

He cited an incident where scarlet Yester

outside the gates but within sight and dium. Nineteen out of twenty of all the turn your hands over to help Spiritual-same as they claim the physical medi-apples are not equally large; all lawyers

in our next communication.

Armstrong in Speak.
Anthony will speak.
MRS. M. McCaslin.

W. H. BACH.

Onset has presented a varied appear-

the best of their opportunities for judg- and displayed, inclosed in another ining of the great diversity of talent in the side, a piece of skull, exactly the size appreciated test. Go into an audience for this purpose placed before the pubThe excellent city choir of Gr and give a name, description and the lic. Among the collection is a large, Ledge furnished fine music. W. W. our work in Detroit and will pull stakes

rights, but a ballot simply for voting for the priesthood) and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has, in a measure, supplanted them, churchianity is been whipped to death. Maggie Gaule were, supplanted them, churchianity is been whipped to death. Maggie Gaule where thoughts of the camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the work of the best thoughts of the camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the work of the best thoughts of the camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the work of the best thoughts of the camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the work of the best thoughts of the camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the work of the meeting. Ninety minimal that the work of the meeting. Ninety minimal that the same devoted to it every day. Here camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the work of the meeting. Ninety minimal that the work of the meeting. Ninety minimal that the same devoted to it every day. Here camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the work of the meeting. Ninety minimal that the same devoted to it every day. Here camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the morning conference, ably handled all who had assisted in its building. Mrs. Anna L. Robinson instructed the subject of the morning conference, ably handled all who had assisted in its building. Mrs. Anna L. Robinson instructed the spirit return we have on the grounds is spirit return we have on the grounds in the spiritual proposed and supervised the camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the camp's history. "The Relation of Spiritian the who had assisted in its building of our large and the morning conference, ably handled all who had assisted in its building. Mrs. Anna L. Robinson instructed the spiritian the morning conference, ably handled all who had assisted in Our conferences are a very interestime, notwithstanding the fact that his wishes go out to him and we hope he unperformed.

Onset presents the most varied proated so beautifully on the salt water, it vated. is a haven of rest, both for spiritual food | Edgar W. Emerson, platform test meand general recreat on. They know dium, has given several successful pubhow to do both here, too. Last week Mr. Miller had a "barn warming." Most of us have attended a house warmt is presented to him. and after getting his nice, large barn ready for the reception of his four-legged cattle, he decided to open it with a hop, and did it in Camp Cassadaga, America style. Music, dancing and refreshments went to make up a pleasant evening. Onset is strictly temperance and no liquor state of affairs as was shown yesterday lectures here formed a series of scien- is sold openly on the grounds and cer- begin noted sensitives of every known by President Barrett's statistics, who tific object lessons, intensely interesting tainly no intoxicating liquors were disphase of mediumship. has traveled the last year in many differto the inquiring mind. He has been pensed at this, but Dr. C. D. King has livestigators, skepting ent States, and discovered how many un- called a materialist, but he puts soul not yet recovered from the effects of just arrests there had been at the in- into matter by showing the perfect unity that evening of dissipation. Mr. Miller facts were overwhelming: are going to His scientific experiments demonstrated and is one who says that Onset shall be seeking new psychics.

fever was discovered in the system of a the season. It was an excursion from the evident eagogness of old devotées, child four days before its appearance by a photograph magnified to four-foot dipoint of Martha's Vineyard, where there endeared them to the hearts of that framensions; also a case of hereditary dis- is the most peculiar formation of clay ternity. During the month of August ease in the same manner. "Mind Contain that has ever been found—banks of they will return with a large party of sidered from a Psychological Standsolid clay ranging in height from about Londoners, point," was the theme of his Sunday discourse. Exceptions were taken to some five feet, and of all the colors imaginable. The colors imaginable in the colors imaginable in the colors imaginable. The colors imaginable in the colors imaginable in the colors imaginable. The colors imaginable in the colors imaginable in the colors imaginable in the colors imaginable. The colors imaginable in the colo ease in the same manner. "Mind Considered from a Psychological Standpoint," was the theme of his Sunday discourse. Exceptions were taken to some of his statements, such as follows:

"There is no such thing as a law of nature. Nature has no lawyers: it is governed by principle. There cannot be an impression on the mind, because mind is the result of impressed consciousness. We need a new vocabulary; our present terms are misleading."

Mrs. A. M. Gladding was the other speaker Sunday. She took for her tabove the auditorlum: "A Purer Inspiration, a Higher Philosophy." She urged the importance of the development of children as mediums, as their inpocence and artlessness would bring a purer inspiration for which all mediums, old or young, should strive. "If we have a constant of the purpose or destination. We had a purer inspiration for which all mediums, old or young, should strive. "If we had a constant of the law of the purpose or destination. We had a purer inspiration for which all mediums, old or young, should strive. "If we have a constant on the laws of the law of the highest character, whose renditions are purpose or destination. We had a law of the highest character, whose renditions are purposed to the law of the law old or young, should strive. "If we negro) was the best one I ever saw. He gesture is the soul of grace.

and know personally or by general repute most of the mediums, save a stranger or two each year, would be dis-

with its wondrous power.

W. H. BACH.

Cassadaga Attractions.

throats, even at the point of the gun, the bayonet or the sword, through all time bayonet or the natural-born materialist, whom nothing but "a devil" can connected a slate-writing somewhat out whom nothing but "a devil" can connected a slate-writing somewhat out whom nothing but "a devil" can connected by them is making converts bayonet or the sword, through all time daily.

In His Tour Among the Eastern circumstances satisfactory and gratify-light platform in the afternoon, the subject of his address being, "Difficulties in the larity and influence of the camp widens and extends, a greater number of visition." Investigators were divided into HE SEES MANY INTERESTING SCENES, tors from remote distances are in attendtors from remote distances are in attendtwo classes, the natural and supernaturIn the first place the I ance, representing almost every State in the Union. Scarcely a cottage remains unoccupied, while the hotels are ontertaining to the extent of their capacity. As the days increase the interest deepens, and the feast of good things

on the one hand, and the religious and those that believe in the suspension of natural law on the other.

The scientist and the materialist would allow for nothing outside the set deepens, and the feast of good things

on the one hand, and the religious and ments to the association to build and sublease hotel and cottages, and rent ground for camping purposes, and are running extra trains to and from Detecting on Gyroscope, 1858—"The Shadow of a Great Rock in a Weary Land," 1838—Poems—Other Literary Work.

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under strictly test conditions, produce in the afternoon, Mr. Wellman, Sr.,

book "How to Get Well and How to enthusiastic following, delivered a masing the late Geo. M. Devlin, Quarter-Keep Well" has been issued. Our best terly address along the same lines. Mr. master General of the State. She gave wishes go out to him and we hope he Howe stands among the front ranks of his name in full. It was recognized by may be entirely recuperated. Flesh gifted inspirational speakers. His adtwo people who were not Spiritualists and blood can not stand working all the dresses are delivered with closed eyes and who happened to be present out of time, and the Doctor has his work as yet and in a manner gentle and wholly uncuriosity. One had received an appointaffected, yet so logical, so philosophical, ment to office under Gen. Devlin. in a spirit of living sympathy, sparkling gramme of any of the camps. Nature, throughout with rich, droll wit that not man, is responsible for this. Situ-skeptic and believer are alike capti-

lie seances. Mrs. Maggie Waite, of San Francisco, and has canceled his engagement here. Cal., whose tame on the Pacific Coast, ing but few have attended a barn warm- as a public test medium, preceded her. ing. But he knows a good thing when has, within the past week, made her debut at Cassadaga, winning a score of hearts by the messages borne through

Camp Cassadaga, America's acknowledged psychic center, bids fair to excel even herself the present season, there being on the grounds a surprising num- the State.

Investigators, skeptics and the neverweary, never-satisfied phenomenahunter nightly haunt the seance-room, stance of orthodox instigation. The of the visible and invisible around us, is a member of the board of directors daily recounting fresh experiences and People containing Mrs. Richmonds dis-

realm, the ideal, furnished abundant "barn warming," is the wish of their were present at every inspirational lee-proofs, if such were needed. | friends. | ture, listening with rapt attention, and Yesterday we took the great trip of waiting for the platform tests with all

make us better, it falls short of its mission."

Morning conferences up to date have been of unusual interest, many of the sion."

Mrs. Carrie Twing, of Westfield, one thing we went to Gayhead for, and we got it.

While I am writing this letter.

Morning conferences up to date have been of unusual interest, many of the ablest thinkers taking active part. Or dination was the last subject under discussion, and seemed to hipge around, or the object of the Spiritualist analysis. Mrs. Carrie Twing, of Westneid, one thing we went to Gaynead for, and custom, and seemed to htipe around, or the object of the Spiritualist speakers somewhat conservative, she pleased the orthodox picnic people who came to the ground. Reading a chapter from the Bible and taking a text, the trend of her discourse seemed to be to reconcile the team. Mr. Tisdale is speaking to a good audience, and will be followed by Jos. D. Stiles means of traveling on the railways at with tests. They make a good double half-rates, officiating at marriages and discourse seemed to be to reconcile the

We hope no one will forget the Wor cast off our lethargy, and go like Daniel title of Rev., because, as he says, he sultant from the extra agitation. If man's National Convention to be held of old into the den of the lions and see would not have the string of any organfar out in the field of thought.

Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson gave her third and last lecture Sunday morning, the audience furnishing a wide range of subjects, which she treated in her usual Already the second week of Cassada- pleasing manner. Hon. L. V. Moulton, ga's session has been ushered in under of Grand Rapids, Mich., occupied the

There is now on exhibition at the library a fine collection of paintings in oil and water-colors that are attracting be explained readily to the realm of the lor, which, with its five hundred or more white tents presents quite sent and water-colors that are attracting be explained readily to the realm of the

tuned and intuitive souls, whose temperaments permit an early and rapid development of gifts, lack the assurance of opposer ones, and stand back timidly, grosser ones, and stand back timidly, till pushed out into public work by unseen hands. Small wonder if, when seen hands. Small wonder if, when seen hands are hands it up they should.

Small wonder if, when they should.

The public speakers. Every reader the p

lt is the gentleman's intention to hold who gave the address of welcome, greeting all with words of sympathy, and en-

an oil painting.

Chairman H. D. Barrett pronounced size portrait of Mr J. C. Rosenberger,

by such gifted speakers as Rev. W. W. Hicks, ex-Rev. O. H. Sommers, Hon. A. B. Richmond and others.
In the alternoon the transcendental Lyman C. Howe, who has a large and enthusiastic following, delivered a massing the late Geo. M. Devlin, Quarter ing the late Geo. M. Devlin, Quarter ing the State. She gave master General of the State. She gave in the State of the Spiritual influences, from the data of motern physical and physiological from the data of motern p The mediums present as public or to W. M. Lockwood, 471 West Madison street, Chicago, Ill.

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two or three numbers back, you spoke wisible defenders, who will, in the end, complete such an overthrow of the endire banded system, as the world never before saw.

Here, at the Leolyn House, on the Congrigant and inherited Lily Dala grounds.

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Well, my story will never see any-I write to say that there are never any greater frauds or humbugs here, in proportion to the numbers, than among the portion to the numbers, than among the people outside, in the world generally. We who are here season after season when and know personally or by general restranger or two each year, would be disgusted if it were worth while, with those gusted if it were worth while, with those penny-a-liners and ignoramuses as far as the science of mediumship is concerned, this place inside and out, where invalid producing genuine phenomena.

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Doing this, will they not and all preachers have not equal ability; Charter IV. Other Controls—The Guides. The ladies of the camp are working as much as Spiritualism is by the operatory hard preparing for the fair, a full tion, think how much work someone has report of which we will endeavor to give to do in order that it may be. Spirit
O. H. Sommers, who has been twice ble that the country camp-meetings are story buildings. It is more than proba-O. H. Sommers, who has been twice ble that the country camp-meetings are ualists, let us wake up from our sleep, ordained, voluntarily relinquished the larger because of the smaller ones, recamp-meetings are a good thing, and it here late in August. Dr. Augustus how we can shake the world from the ization around his neck to pull him back is universally admitted they are, then Armstrong is to preside and Susan B. center to the highest mountain peaks when they thought he was getting too the smaller ones will also help along the glorious cause.

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Great Minds Will Differ.

Rev. John Whitehead, of Allegheny City, scored the women unmercifully in his sermon on the 14th ult., for wearing the bloomer costume. He wheeled out his book, and read from Deut. 22:5:

"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garments: for all that do so are an abomination unto the Lord thy God."

That text squelched the reform dress years have gone by since then. The people have advanced with the century, and have abated somewhat their ardor for the errors in the old book during to understand why they should be governed by laws claimed to have been enacted for the guidance of a wandering tribe of Bedouins, in the deserts of Arabia, 3,500 years ago, when both sexes wore petticoats, if they wore anything.

That the fashionable skirt is not adapted to riding on a wheel all know who have tried it. Life and limb are endangered the cemetery, "to keep up courage, you me of abbreviated at the top. Between baltastes may differ, but many will favor the elevated dress.

patron's dress, which was shorter than the accustomed habit. Asked his opinion of it, he replied: "That fashion, your ladyship may carry as high as you please." The Doctor did not propose to meddle with the subject, neither do we: but we do wish to put on record alongside of Rev. Whitehead's fulminations, Miss Susan B. Anthony's remark at an interview in this city the other day. She

"The men are hard to please. They dragged on the ground, and now they object because they are too high."

She seemed to think woman should regulate the length of her own skirts. In the opinion of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, wise men, whether preachers or laymen, will not meddle with the subject, and no obsolete law of an extinct nation should be quoted as author ity in the premises.

Progress in Spite of Law.

Legislation should be an aid to knowledge. It exceeds its mission when it attempts to suppress it. Take the statute of William III., of Great Britain, which made it unlawful to deny the truth of the Christian religion, or the divine authority of the Scriptures, and punished offenders with fines and imprisoument. Here investigation is prohibited by act of Parliament. That it, else it would not have succeeded as it body chanced to be controlled by a ma- has. jority who inherited their religious views; who had made no investigation for themselves, and, in all probability they had neither education nor capability for the task. They enacted a law prohibiting other men from giving their conclusions after critical research.

No unaided mind is capable of investigating all subjects. Many men by long study, assisted by the labor of others particularly adapted by genius and earning, may reach a given conclusion, but if obnoxious to the Christian re- there were 4,352 in insane asylums, and Bible, imprisonment must follow if he announces his convictions.

The older American States passed similar laws with those of Great Britain to suppress inquiry. Their origin can be traced to the priest who lacked ability to defend his creed by logic, so

he enlisted legislation in his service. The world owes its advancement to the law-breakers; to those who defied laws and prison-bars, and told the truth, regardless of consequences. To them is what out of the rut of ignorance and superstition, and the hope of final success

Paul, the First Christian Writer. The writer came to the conclusion

ong years ago, after careful research, that the gospels were not the original books of the New Testament; on the contrary, that the epistles credited to Paul were the foundation on which the gospels were built. We confess to great satisfaction in reading a report of Rev. Dr. Lyman's discourse in the Plymouth pulpit, Brooklyn, New York, a few Sundays ago, when he admitted one of which said they "did not know whether there was such a person as Christ.

There, at the very inception of Christianity, before the gospels had been invented; before any of the fathers of the church had written a single line, one large party of professed Christians, according to this worthy divine, were in doubt whether such a person as Jesus had lived, and the good Paul was laboring to convert churchmen into the belief that he had not only lived, but had been crucified, and had risen from the lead, so he exclaims:

"If Christ be not risen, then is our

If these early Christians, who had the benefit of Paul's teaching, denied there was such a person as Jesus—that he had been crucified, etc., why censure skeptics in this age for being a little shaky in belief on so momentous a subject?

The Pope Gave the Example.

There is no doubt the expression, 'grandmother of God," sounded a little harsh on ears polite, as used in our last week's issue, but the Catholic priesthood the buds to unfold, the corn to grow; are ever discoursing on the "mother of and works right along, seven days in the God." That mother of God had a week. Yes-God is a worker, working mother. Anna by name, as per holy record, then she was the grandmother of God. Canon Richardson, in Trinity does. He must be consistent, and so I Church, London, Ontario, told his people a week ago, the Pope had just prescribed this form of prayer to be used in all the Catholic churches of England: "O, blessed Virgin Mary, mother of

God and our most gentle Queen and mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy dowry; O, sorrowful mother, intercede for our separated brethren movement in 1852; but more than forty that with us in the one fold they may be industry of some people is rest. They united to the supreme shepherd, the vicar of thy son.'

'Vicar of thy son" is good. An agent or substitute, standing in the place of the son," who was God himself, and tion of the body were true, they would that time. It is difficult for some people the Pope, standing in the place of God, is extremely anxious to enlarge his empire by annexing England to his domain. It The passage of Scripture that most by annexing England to his domain. It would be extremely bad if this proxy of God should be balked in his desires.

Whistling to Keep Up Courage.

We frequently hear of the timid school boy who always whistled as he passed by its use. Either the wheel, with all know." Rev. Johnson Meyers, in his its sanitary benefits, must be abandoned sermon at Immanuel Baptist Church, her costume to her needs. To esthetic conveyed the idea that there has been eyes the abbreviated skirt at the bottom no period in church history when it was vast assemblage of Christian Endeavorinto account that the entire nation was taining the word hell, they represented there; that thousands on "Smooth down the rugged text to ears who, instead of taking the part of those thousands of those in attendance were The learned and world-famous Dr. Ab- but tourists on an outing, their expenses ernathy, of England, while visiting a paid by the church they represented. patient, had his attention invited to his And then, this Baptist, listen: "The Ro man Catholic church is being modified by Protestantism, and may join these great gatherings." "Come into my parlor," said the spider to the fly.

Tired of Waiting.

Allen Pettibone, one of the original Millerites, resident at Grandy, Ct., aged 64 years, suicided on the 70th instant... tired of waiting the appearance of his Lord. Wm. Miller, a distant relative of said that "hell-fire" is a New Testament the writer, in his original series of pa- term, and in using it the church only protested because the women's skirts pers published in the Brandon, Vt., Telegraph, in 1832 and 1833, maintained the prophesies showed the millennial dawn would commence in April, 1836. As he neared the conclusion of his series he announced an error of one prophetic week, equivalent to seven years. This extended the period to 1843, as is generally stated by reviewers. Had he the God of vengeance, whose zeal shall therefore, lie twenty-one miles below found another blunder of five years, it be inflamed against the wicked, and the surface of the earth. would have synchronized with the first kindle the fire which shall eternally these eternal fires every limb and memappearance of modern Spiritualism in burn to the extremities of hell." Pres-1848, and both Adventism and Spiritual- ident Edwards, that Calvinistic metaism would have claimed strength by the harmony of dates.

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Mrs. Cassell writes: "I have great faith in the future of THE PRCG SESSIVE THINKER. It is the most advanced and intelligent paper printed on the globe from the accidentally touching a coal of today, because it embraces a wider fire as the heat is greater. . . The range of subjects, and disseminates misery of the damned in hell can be range of subjects, and disseminates greater knowledge. It is THE paper for the people. There are hustlers back of

We regret to learn Mrs. C. is quite ill though resting at Onset Bay. Her articles in The PROGRESSIVE THINKER have attracted a wide reading, and very general acceptance of her ideas.

On the Increase.

Statistics show a terrible increase of insanity all over the country. A joint meeting of the trustees of insane asylums, just held in Kalamazoo, Mich., revealed the fact that in Michigan alone gion, or the heavenly paternity of the that the cost of maintaining them had increased during the last few years from \$100,000 per annum to \$380,000. When we remember the most fruitful cause of insanity is religious excitement, and the fear of an endless hell, either for themselves or loved ones, we feel more zealous than ever in combating a system responsible for such cruel results.

"Mamma, was that a sugar-plum you world in a blaze. The music of Hell is just gave me?" asked little Mabel. "No, not that of the spheres, but made up of due the honor of lifting humanity some- dear, it was one of Dr. Ayer's Pills." shricks that never subside, and unnat-"Please, may I have another?" "Not ural sounds from the condemned, who gard of prohibitory legislation to entail you need at present, because every dose is a rush of thunder, as of cataracts of is effective."

SGINTILLATIONS FROM GALIFORNIA.

BY J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

HELL! HELL!!

IN HELL-FINE GRASSES GROWING THERE-THE BUDDHIST'S HELL-NUTS NOTHING BUT SHUCKS.

ringing. Labor is worship—the sweet flowers are blooming:

Labor is worship—the lemons are ripening. Listen! that eloquent whisper uprising

Speaks to my soul of nature's great heart." If some genius did not write such preaching vain, and your faith is also rhythmic lines as the above, some one should have written them, for they are good. They went singing through my brain this lovely Sunday morning, while

at work in my garden.

Rising, as my custom is, at 4 o'clockjust daybreak-I began the solemn worship of God on this Sunday morning by working three hours in my garden. God is a great worker. He works seven days in a week: and we are required in the Scriptures to "imitate God as dear children." If God rested of old on the Sabbath day, he doesn't do it now. He makes the sun to shine, the rains to fall, Sundays, all through the measureless universe, and surely he will not condemn and punish me for what he himself repose trustingly on his great, beating, throbbing bosom.

True, I cannot comprehend God, and I pray that I never may. For I want an unknowable, incomprehensible and infinite ideal of perfection ever before me, to, so far as possible, attain unto. This much, however, I know-God is a worker; while the industry, the chief want their rest in a morning's nap; they want their rest in the evening's quiet: they want their rest nearly all the time, be too lazy to get up out of their graves attracts them is found in the Psalms: "Wait on the Lord"-wait, rest, rust,

Praised be the Devil. Often do commend him-if there be one-for his industry-his tireless, unflagging industry! Writing of the devils reminds dustry!

HELL AS IT WAS AND IS.

When a flaxen-haired lad of fourteen, by woman, else she must accommodate in this city, on the 21st ult., imitated I heard hell preached, so horribly the lad who wanted to be brave. He scorchingly and hellishly, that my hear scorehingly and hellishly, that my heart would almost leap up into my throat, and restless in my sleep, I would dream of is no more reprehensible than are those so prosperous as now, and witnessed the sulphurous fumes and fires unquenchable. But, what a change in sixty years! loon sleeves and the shortened skirts ers in Boston recently. He did not take If preachers nowadays take a text con-

And snugly keep damnation out of lelujah, praise the Lord?

The Rev. Mr. Ambrose

The following are samples of the style n which hell was preached fifty, sixty and one hundred years ago; and is still found in sectarian confessions and

creeds: The Presbyterian church in its catechism says expressly: "The punishments of sin in the world to come are everlasting separation from the comforttermission, in hell-fire, forever." If it be affirms what the New Testament teaches, the reply is that those who land for a century, and is yet felt, says: "We can conceive little of the torments of Hell. But to help your conception, imagine yourself to be cast into a fiery oven, or a great furnace, where you pain would be as much greater than that deluge of fire, a mighty deluge of wrath, which will be ten thousand times worse than a deluge of waters, for it will be a

deluge of liquid fire, which is called in the Scriptures a lake of fire and brimstone. After the resurrection the wicked shall be swallowed up by a vast deluge of fire, which shall be great as Noah's deluge. After that the wicked will have mighty billows of fire and brimstone eternally rolling over their poor souls and their miserably tormented bodies. And when one billow has gone over their heads, another will follow

rest day nor night, to all eternity." The London Athenæum a number of years ago gave the following com-pendium of a sermon by the Rev. J. Furniss (a Catholic priest):

"Children are informed that hell is four thousand miles from the surface of the earth, and that it is boundless; its plain is of red-bot iron, its atmosphere a fog of fire, its rivers fathomless streams of seething pitch and sulphur. Take the least spark from hell, throw it into the ocean, and in a moment it will dry up all the waters and set the whole

that there is no water in Satan's fiery miserable consciences find no repose, kingdom. What sounds like the fall but are harassed and agitated with a thereof are the torrents of scalding dreadful tempest, feel themselves torn tears, falling without any cessation asunder by an angry God, and transfixed that fact. He said Paul's letter to the Corinthians was supposed to be the first written of the books in that part of the Bible; that Christians at that time were already divided into four sects or parties,

Sunday Worship and the Corinthians was supposed to be the first written of the books in that part of the Bible; that Christians at that time were already divided into four sects or parties,

Sunday Worship and the from millions of eyes. The young, too, are further sickened by the thunderbolts of God, assurance that if a body could be sand broken by the weight of his hand, sunder by an angry God, and transnated from millions of eyes. The young, too, are further sickened by the thunderbolts of God, assurance that if a body could be sand broken by the weight of his hand, laid upon the earth, the steench would be more already divided into four sects or parties, OF CALVIN'S HELL-TRAVELING be so overwhelming that everything terrible than to stand a moment in such would wither and die. As for the fearful terrors," subject of judgment, these little ones "Labor is worship—the robin is singing, judgment-seat; that he is their judge, Labor is worship—the wild bee is and a judge without mercy! "How will judgment-seat; that he is their judge, your body be,' asks the reverend gentleman, 'after the Devil has been striking it a hundred millions of years with-

stone to choke you.'

HELL WITHIN HELL. "In the midst of hell," says the Rev

Mr. Swindon, "there is another hell. There the wicked shall be exposed to the intolerable anguish of an outraged conscience, that shall continually prey upon them to increase their torments."
And John Calvin adds: "Wherefore,

"The saints in glory," says President are told that their offending souls will be dragged in chains before Satan's damned in hell that God never loved them, that he hates them as he hated Esau, and that they will be forever hated by God."

INFANTS IN HELL.*

"The happiness of the elect in heaven doth without remedy; unless that it to see, and means literally hidden, inwill, in part, consist in witnessing the seemed meet to God, I admit that it is a torments of the damned in hell. And dreadful decree." The Westminster among these it may be their own chilconfession declares that "Elect infants haven and were the seemed meet to God, I admit that it is a visible, or obscure. "Hell," says Dr. death and hell delivered up the dead that were in them; there, sir, they are out of hell, get them in again if you have the slating or tiling or

hostrils shall be smothered with brim-Burning continually, yet unconsumed, Forever wasting, yet enduring still; Dying perpetually, yet never dead."

"Their hollow eyes did utter streams of And there were groans that ended not, and sighs That always sighed, and tears that ever

wept, And ever fell,-but not in mercy's sight."

And here's a bit of an old hymn: 'His nostrils breathed out fiery streams, He's a consuming fire,— His jealous eyes his wrath inflames

And raise his vengeance higher." And here's another;

Eternal chains and heavy plagues, Tormenting racks and fiery coals And darts to inflict immortal pains

Dyed in the blood of damned souls." HELL IN ORIGINAL LANGUAGES.

Sheol, in Hebrew, the equivalent of out stopping?"

Calvin in his Institutes (III-xxiii, 7), twenty-nine times grave, and thirty-two of Rev. Mr. Emmons, who used to preach in Franklin, Mass., declares that:

The Rev. Mr. Emmons, who used to preach in Franklin, Mass., declares and their infant children in eternal word compended of a, negative and iden, and their infant children in eternal word compended of a, negative and iden, and turning to the last book in the line of the last book in the last dren, parents, husbands, wives and dying in infancy are regenerated and friends on earth. One part of the busi- saved by Christ through the spirit."

been tilled.

there growing luxuriantly

Fire is not only a necessity of civilization, but fire is a symbol of purification. The prophet Isaiah says: "The Lord's fire is in Zion." And hell, the hell-fire, Gehenna-fire, Tophet, the valley of Hinnom, where the worm was never to die and the "fire never was to be quenched, (Mark ix:45), has been quenched; the worm has died; the valley has been cultivated, vineyards are there growing, and our Palestine party there plucked and feasted upon most delicious grapes. Think of it—grapes ripening in purpling clusters down in hell—the Gehenna hell of the New Testament!

CLERICAL WIT ABOUT HELL.

It is reported that the Rev. Lyman Beecher and the Rev. Hosea Ballou were once riding in the same stage coach, on a Saturday, to their Sunday appointments, Dr. Beecher to preach election, reprobation, and eternal damuation in hell, and the Rev. Ballou to preach free grace and universal salvation-when Mr. Hades in the Greek, signifies a state or Beecher, turning to Mr. Ballou, excondition, rather than a place. It occurs sixty-four times in the Old Testament, and is rendered three times pit,

SIN NOT OF THE BODY.

It is argued by some pseudo-philosophers, and Whittemorean Universalists of that old school of thought, that the physical body is the cause or inducement to wrong-doing or sin. All sin is the work of the flesh, say these semimaterialists; and when the body is thrown off, the immortal man will cease from all the acts which were the consequences of physical conditions. This theory, false in conception, inverts the moral acts of the soul's life, reading the spiritual history of man's life upside down. It is not only unphilosophical, but the most foolish of follies to pack the blame of man's misdeeds upon his body; for sin is a conscious, willful violation of moral law. But the body certainly cannot be conscious of, or will the violation of moral law. The conscience which cognizes the law, the will which elects to violate it, and the consciousness which appropriates these acts as those of a person, are all spiritual faculties. They are entirely independent of the body, inhering in the real inner man. whole process of a sinful act is therefore inward and spiritual and can occur without the co-operation of the body. The physical act only makes manifest what had already occurred in the mind.

If envy, deceit, hate, insincerity, pride, ealousy, stubbornness and malice are all independent of the physical body in their origin, as they are, why may not these perversions obtain in the lower spheres of Spirit-life? The corpse does not hate, nor a paralyzed limb kick. The body, constituted of carbon, chlorine, phosphorus, potassium, sulphur, sodium, calcium, etc., has no life in itself-no consciousness-no cognition of moral law, and, therefore, cannot sin. All sin-all wrong-doing pertains to the inner-conscious, thinking man, and this power of wrong-doing—this power of perversion he takes with him into Spiritife. To say that a spirit disrobed of the

Remember, reader, that hell ery tossed and tumbled through eter-

WHAT IS HELL, THEN?

The keynote to the answer was struck y that eminent author of the "Serious Call," William Law: "There is no hell away in any remote place; no devil that is separated from you; no furious beast; no fiery dragon without or apart from yourself that can do you hurt. The kingdom of God-the kingdom of

heaven, said the Galilcean teacher, is within you;—and if the kingdom of heaven is within the good, surely the kingdom of hell is within the bad. Hell is discord; heaven is harmony. Hell is The Apostles never taught endless hate; heaven is love. Heaven is within the good and the pure, and hell is withapplied akalutes, the Greek word for in the impure and depraved. The comparative darkness attending spirits in human bodies here, or hereafter, is but the second century, believed that inas- the roflex action of their own spiritual much as Jesus preached to the spirits in states. They generate the mists that prison, the wickedest of the wicked dim their own visions. They beget and spirits would be redeemed. Origen, an- carry their own hells in and along with

Spirits are but men and women divested of their mortal bodies. They have taken with them consciousness, Endless hell-punishment is not taught | memory, reason, sympathy, character. in the Apostles' creed, the Episcopal They walk by our sides often, and yet formula of church fellowship. In the unseen. Philosophically considered revising of the articles under Queen there is but one world, and that one Elizabeth, when the articles were re- world embraces the yesterdays, the to-duced to 39 (the 42 containing the taint days and the innumerable to-morrows Mortals enter the future world with as

vas left out. The omission was deliber- absolute substantial bodies as we have here, only more refined and etherealized. There are different degrees of Reviews," that the 39 articles do not in- happiness over there. Memory is the culcate the doctrine of unending punish- undying worm. Conscience, reason, ment, and that clergymen subscribing judgment, are the three judges. There to them are not bound to believe or is intense suffering in those Cimmerian teach eternal torments. Canon Farrar, spheres. And yet, God builds no hells; in his "Eternal Hope," and other Epis- | He burns no man's fingers here, damns copal clergymen, are pronounced in no souls there. Men are the architects their views of the reformatory nature of of their own hells; they reap what they divine punishment, and of the eternal sow. Every child born into this world progress and final happiness of all souls. is a possible archangel or a possible demon; his head touches the world of light, his feet the world of darkness. He is a moral being, having power of choice. Punishment follows sin; there is no escape. Divine punishment is disciplinary in all worlds. "Work out your salvation," said Paul. Christ still preaches to undeveloped imprisoned spirits. The angels call, and souls are constantly coming up through tribulation deep. The door of mercy is not shut; there is ever the opportunity of progress from

darkness to light. God is love. THE BUDDHISTS' HELL.

The student, the traveler who has of Mark, is compounded of Ge and Hin- traversed oriental lands, conversing with Buddhists and Buddhist priests in Ceylon, Burmah, China-who has witowner of the valley. Fire was kept con-tinually burning in this valley near Je-like Roman Catholics—who has studied rusalem to consume the filth, and to their social life and the degradation of sometimes burn offenders of the law. their women, not only wonders, but tires The prophet Jeremiah calls it "a fire |-literally tires of hearing these onethat shall not be quenched," (ch. vii:20). sided professional progressives extol and But it has been quenched, for person-glorify Buddhists, Brahmans and Asiatally, while traveling in Palestine, a few ice, generally. Ignorance is pardonable. fire had been quenched, and the soil had Buddhist land has produced Pascals,



doctrine of reprobation. While the de- necessarily non-elect infants. These, ing—that is, to cover a book was to hell that a spirit is a machine—an irresponscree of reprobation is eternally executing on the vessels of wrath, the smoke of their torment will be eternally ascending, in view of the vessels of mercy,

The Rev. Mr. Ambrose, in a sermor on "doomsday," assures us—
"When the damned have drunken

down whole draughts of brimstone one day, they must do the same another day. The eye shall be tormented with the sight of devils, the ears with the hideous yellings and outcries of the damned in flames, the nostrils shall be smoth- that: ered, as it were, with brimstone: the able presence of God, and most grievous tongue, the hand, the foot, and every torments in soul and body, without in- part, shall fry in flames."

The Rev. Mr. Walworth, of New York, said-

"The rich man, tormented in hell, 'lifted up his eyes' and saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom, and to his entreaties framed the catechism well knew, and for succor and intercession, Abraham of sin; therefore it cannot but be odious preachers well know to-day, what is gen- had replied, 'Between us and you there and abominable to God." erally understood by the word Hell— is a great gulf fixed.' . . . Water pain, anguish, torture, torments in boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit, but it actual fire! Jeremy Taylor says: "What requires 2,600 degrees to melt rocks. shall the heat of that fire be, which This, therefore, was the minimum shall be the executioner of the justice of of the heat of hell, whose frontiers

ber of our bodies, every nerve and muscle, and tendon, every part of us, in fire, physician and theologian, whose over which the sense of feeling predom-religious thought dominated New Eng-inated, would be forever racked and tortured, and yet never consumed.'

THE NEW ENGLAND HELL IN THE REV-EREND EDWARDS' TIME.

President Edwards again says: "The wicked shall be cast into the wine-press of the wrath of God, where they shall The be pressed down with wrath as grapes are pressed in a wine-press. God will better represented by nothing than by a then make appear in their misery how Doomed to live death and never to exterrible his wrath is, that men and angels may know how much more dreadful the wrath of God is than the wrath of kings or any other creatures."

Considering that President Edwards was a great American theologian and preacher, we further quote, assuring the reader that he has here ipsissima verba—the very words: "After the resurrection the body shall be cast into that great furnace, which shall be so great as to burn up the whole world hese lower heavens, this air and this earth shall become one great furnace; a furnace that shall burn the earth, even without intermission, giving them no to its very centre. In this furnace shall Fires or in hard metallic substance glow the bodies of the wicked lie to all eternity; and yet live, and have their sense pain and torment not at all dimin-

The Rev. Isaac Andrews said: "God would bind sinners in bundles and burnthem in the great day of his wrath." Jeremy Taylor increases the horrors

y saying: "Sinners shall be cast upon ourning coals; flames and sulphur shall be their coverlets. This bed of fire shall not be for one night only-but for nights, days, months, years, ages and eternities.

The Rev. Christopher Love says: "It is the society where you are tormented "Please, may I have another?" "Not will sound a room the condemned, who is a room that makes hell-torments to be most now, dear; one of those nice pills is all like dogs, and wail like dragons. There grievous and dreadful. All the company you will have in hell are only pany you will have a repeated and the soil had been constant. water, but little children are reminded devils and damned spirits. . . . The 25 pages, price 10 cents.

according to Calvin, will be damned to it, a very necessary and useful employ-lible, purposeless, willess bit of machin-'eternal death without remedy." And ment. hence the old lines:

Whatever opinions men may have of

truth, truth itself never changes. If true to-day. If the Westminster Con- also, he went and preached unto the fession was true in 1647, it is true in spirits in prison." And certainly Jesus

John Calvin, who made hell-fire practical in the burning of Servetus, tells us

"Children bring their condemnation with them from their mother's womb, being liable to punishment, not for the sin of another, but for their own; for although they have not yet produced the fruits of their iniquity, they have the seed inclosed in themselves; nay, their whole nature is, as it were, a seed

And hence these orthodox lines: 'There is a never-ending hell, And never-dying pains, Where children must with devils dwell

In darkness, fire and chains." The Rev. Mr. Wigglesworth, an orthodox poet of our forefathers' times, wrote a long poem upon the condition of the damned, but admitted that God

would assign to infants, "The easiest

place in hell." THE POETRY OF HELL. The Rev. Dr. Trapp put this Calvinistic Hell into rhyme thus:

'Hell, 'tis roomy, large and wide, With stores of fuel plenteously supplied; The breath of God makes the full furnace boil

like a stream of brimstone, fires pire In floods and whirlwinds of tempestuous

fire The damned shall groan; fire of all kinds and forms In rain and hail, in hurricanes and storms.

A flaming mountain here and there a flaming vale; The liquid of fire makes seas; the solid shores,

Arched o'er with flames the horrid con-

liquid and solid, livid red and pale;

cave roars: All hell is fire-above, beside, below, Or spout in cataracts or in rivers flow-In bubbling eddies rolls the flery tide And sulphurous surges on each other

- ride. Pillows of flame in spiral volumes rise Like fiery snakes, and lick the infernal Sulphur the eternal fuel, unconsumed

Vomits rebounding smoke, thick, unillumed.' The orthodox Robert Pollock gave his

opinion of hell-fire thus: "Through all that dungeon of unfading

saw most miserable beings walk. *See Dr. Peebles' late pamphlet on

comes from the Anglo-Saxon helan, to nity, as autumn leaves are tossed hither "For hell is crammed with infants conceal, to cover. The Apostles' creed and thither by northland gales. Sin in damned says that Jesus "descended into Hell," this or the future world makes its own -Hades, concealed, the unseen, invisible world, the world of departed spirits. What for? Peter gives the answer-Jesus, "boing put to death in the flesh Calvinism was true in Calvin's time, it is but quickened by the Spirit, by which hrist would not have preached to imprisoned spirits-spirits in the lower pheres, unless they could be benefited by his preaching unless they could be reformed, redeemed, and brought up through the Christ-spirit of love and truth to holiness and Heaven.

AN ENDLESS HELL UNAPOSTOLIC.

nell-torments. Not one of them ever ndless, to hell-death, fire or punishment. Clement, an eminent church father of other church father, believed that not them only would wicked spirits be restored, but he believed in the redemption of the devil himself.

formula of church fellowship. In the unseen. of Romanism), the one in which endless of eternity. punishment had been directly asserted ate. Later it was decided by the Courts, after the publication of the "Essays and

CATHERING GRAPES IN HELL. None of the original Hebrew and

Greek words-Sheol, Hades, Tartarus or Gehenna afford any proof of the endlessness of hell torments. Gehenna, the hell-fire of Mark ix:47,48,

reading:-"And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdon of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell-fire, where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched"-was a valley just outside the walls of Jerusalem, where offal was thrown, with worms devouring it. This Gehenna, the hell-fire nom and was, according to Campbell, the name of the probable original Keplers, Halleys, Lockes, Leibnitzes, of the Ku Klux Klan order, Nashville, Humes, Macaulays, Buckles, Leckeys, Tenn., in 1867: Carpenters, Crookeses, Darwins, Hux- "To protect and defend the Constituabominations. Just after my return orphans of Confederate soldiers. from service as a United States Consul low-robed Buddhist priest gave me a formity to the laws of the land." book containing the pictured and painted horrors of the damned. Here, some well-what was the result? of the wicked are being plunged into seas of sulphurous fires; others into caulflesh, filling their eyes and ears with members, among other things, must melted lead, and pouring liquid, fiery subscribe to the following oath:

lava down their throats. Some were being chased by fiendish devils, and others ing flesh. Enough! Such is the Buddhist hell, from which the orthodox hell

a history of the rise and progress and the downfall of hell? Although in their creeds, preachers do not-dare not preach hell as they did in the past. If they did they soon would empty their pews, and they know it. In fact, the sectarian dogma of hell, or hell-fire in the future world, has cooled down, faded away, and literally gone with the buffalo of the prairies, with the old-style plow. and the old New England warming-pan. If preached, it is smoothed over with a charming, dodging indefiniteness. Salaried preachers-as the Quakers term "fat, oily men, with a roguish twinkle in their eye"-if conscientiously believing their confessions of faith, certainly take the matter of endless hell torments very easy. Have they no soul-crushing sympathy for those to be damned away into that dumping-ground of eternal torment? It seems not; for they smile, enjoy good digestion, smoke cigars, crack jokes, drive good bargains, and conduct themselves quite humanly, while their creeds teach that their unbelieving neighbors are dropping one by one through death's ghastly door into the torments of hell-fire, to be eternally damned! They don't believe!

THE JUDGE IN A REVIVAL MEETING. There lived once in the little city of Williamsport, Pa., an old judge of the name of Williams. This old judge was noted for two things: For getting mellow occasionally, and being plucky and courageous under all circumstances-a gamey old man. It was a peculiarity of the old judge that whenever he got mellow he grew correspondingly religious. One night he wandered into a protracted revival meeting and seated himself upon the front seat, full of spiritual influence of some kind. The clergyman, engaged in the preaching of hell-fire, rose to a fervid pitch of eloquence, and in the midst of it exclaimed: "Show me the drunkard! Show me the drunkard! Of all men on earth the most unfortunate; show him to me" To the consternation of all present, the old judge arose, and unsteadily maintaining himself, ex-claimed: "Well, sir, here I am!" The clergyman, having realized upon his investment much sooner than he anticipated, didn't know what to do with it. They finally pulled the old judge down, and the incident had half passed out of memory, when the clergyman again struck an impassioned period about hell, and exclaimed in the honesty and fervor of his heart: "Show me the hypocrite! Show me the hypocrite!" The old judge rose the second time, and reaching his cane over to a certain shaky old deacon, exclaimed: "Deacon, why the devil don't you get up when you are called on?"

THOSE ANTI-CATHOLIC NUTS.

Sampling them, I found them mostly shucks. And while nut-producing bigots have not moved me a trillionth of a hair's breadth from my original position, that American-born, law-abiding. tax-paying Roman Catholics have the Constitutional right to vote and hold office, they have convinced-fully convinced me that Roman Catholics possess and exercise more charity, more kindliness and more good fellowship toward Spiritists than many Spiritists do toward them-and this counts one in Catholic

It puzzles me to understand why any professed Liberalists should single out Roman Catholics as the supreme object of their spite. It was not always so. Once it was the Presbyterians. Hence Thomas Jefferson said (Vol. IV., page 823), Memoir Correspondence:

The Presbyterian clergy are loudest, the most intolerant of all sects, the most tyrannical and ambitious: ready at the word of the law-giver, if such a word could now be obtained, to put the torch to the pile, and to rekindle in this virgin hemisphere the flames in which their oracle, Calvin, consumed the poor Servetus, because he could not find in He seemed to float there like a glitterhis Euclid the proposition which has demonstrated that three is one, and one is three; nor subscribe to that of Calvin, that magistrates have a right to exterminate all heretics.

ism, the javelins of freethinking liberal ists were hurled at Methodists, and especially at Methodist bishops, for the influence they might exert over the When soft voices murmured once more churches in controlling votes. Now it is the Catholics. What next? Bigotry is the badge of all mean and narrow souls; and failing to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials, bigotry arrogates to itself the monopoly of all truth, and then insists that all men shall For she knew her fair boy from this bow down and worship its godless triune

Strenuously, most strenuously, am I opposed to all secret, oathbound religious and political organizations. They augur ill. It is not the way to promote right and justice. Do we not remember Dr. Cronin's fate in Chicago? Yes, I am opposed to the Clan-na-Gael oath-to the Mollie Maguire oath-to. the Jesuit's oath—to the A. P. A. oath, and to the Ku Klux Klan's oath. The published principles of these parties On that gentle pillow again let me rest! have a silky, velvety smoothness in Let me once more gaze up to that dear wrint. Take as a sample the statement

leys, Lyells, Mills, Owens, Spencers, tion of the United States, and all laws The bright blessed angels are waiting Tyndalls, Wallaces, Varleys, Lockyers, passed in conformity thereto, and to pro-Carlyles, Lincolns, Emersons, etc. Not tect the States and people thereof from one!—no, not one! Their dogmas of demons living in hollow trees, of transmi-

gration, or of re-embodiment of human and the defenceless from the indignities, beings back into the bodies of beasts and wrongs and outrages of the lawless, the serpents, to wriggle out or growl out a violent and the brutal; to relieve the Karma; of a hell almost infinitely worse injured and the oppressed; to succor the than Calvin's are disgusting theological suffering, and especially the widows and

"To aid and assist in the execution of under President Grant, I visited the all constitutional laws, and to protect lovely isle of Ceylon, where, while the the people from unlawful seizure, and guest of our Consul in Colombo, a yel- from trial except by their peers, in con-These published principles sounded

And further, one secret political or religious order breeds another. Aldron-shaped pits of flame, and devils ready, on the Pacific Coast, and I prespearing them with red-hot iron forks; sume throughout the country, there is earing off their crisp and quivering organized "The Secret League." The

Protective Association, nor the Roman were chained in these hissing flames. Catholic church, and I swear to vote Some have their intestines torn out and and use my influence against any man tied around the blazing bodies of others, who is a member of the A. P. A., and Some had their backs chained together that I will never divulge the name of a and grinning, grim-faced imps were member of this order, nor give any in-thrusting red-hot hooks into their broil- formation in reference to it. I further affirm that I believe the A. P. A. is a menace to our free institutions."

was borrowed or stolen.

HELL COOLED AND MODIFIED.

The evolution of hell is a study, Of course, it was invented. Who will write a history of the rise and progress and all oaths relating to religion GRESSIVE THINKER is receiving large. and politics. There is a better way-a free press, free speech, free thought, and faith in the power of freedom to put down slavery, right to conquer wrong.

As for the great Roman Catholic hierarchy, with its papal infallibility, ple. We have even paid for our delayers, and attract lower surface of the spiritual elevation of the human race. Moral low estate in a medium is deplorable. Hence, the use of one mediumship for low purposes is to entail personal improvements of the spiritual elevation of the human race. Moral low estate in a medium is deplorable. Hence, the use of one mediumship for low purposes is to entail personal improvements of the spiritual elevation of the human race. Moral low estate in a medium is deplorable. Hence, the use of one mediumship for low purposes is to entail personal improvements. tion and other Dark-Age dogmas, I ab- grees, the same as any other member, solutely abominate them, just as I and this statement will be sustained by abominate the election and reprobation. every officer and member of the order. and eternal damnation doctrines of Calvinism. And yet, Catholic and Calvinist alike are our brothers. They are the subjects of evolution. They are Amer-ican citizens, and as such, have their

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THE BOY AND HIS ANGEL.

inalienable rights.

I have selected the following beautiful poem from an old Presbyterian book entitled "Children in Heaven." Just how so spiritual a poem ever crept into the literature of the most creed-bound and unspiritual church in Christendom is to me an insoluble mystery.

DR. T. WILKINS.

'O mother, I've been with an angel today! was out alone in the forest at play,

Chasing after the butterflies, watching the bees, And hearing the woodpecker tapping the trees; So I played, and I played, till, so weary

I grew, sat down to rest in the shade of a yew While the birds sang so sweetly, high up in its top, held my breath, mother, for fear they

would stop! Thus a long while I sat, gazing up at the sky, And watching the clouds that went hur rying by,
When I heard a voice calling just over

my head. That sounded as if 'Come, O brother!' if said, And there, right up over the top of the

O mother, an angel was beckoning to me!

'And, 'Brother! once more, come, O brother!' he cried, And flew on light pinions close down by my side! And, mother, oh, never was being so

bright As the one which then beamed on my wondering sight! His face was as fair as the delicate shell

His hair down his shoulders in long ringlets fell; While his eyes resting on me, so melting

with love, Were as soft and as mild as the eyes of a dove!

And somehow, dear mother, I felt not afraid, As his hand on my brow he caressingly laid.

And murmured so softly and gently to 'Come, brother, the angels are waiting for thee!"

'And then on my forehead he tenderly pressed Such kisses—O mother, they thrilled

through my breast As swiftly as lightning leaps down from on high When the chariot of God rolls along the

black sky! While his breath, floating round me was soft as the breeze That played in my tresses, and rustled the trees:

At last on my head a deep blessing he poured, Then plumed his bright pinions, and upward he soared;

And up, up he went, through the blue sky so far, ing star; Yet still my eyes followed his radiant

Till, lost in the azure, he passed from my sight! In the palmy days of Knownothing- Then, oh, how I feared, as I caught the

last gleam Of his vanishing form, it was only a dream!

from the tree,
'Come, brother, the angels are waiting
for thee!'"

Oh! pale grew that mother, and heavy her heart,

world must depart; god—suspicion, persecution, malice! That his bright locks may fade in the dust of the tomb

topus clutches of the bigot.

world must depart;
That his bright locks may fade in the dust of the tomb

Ere the autumn winds withered the Ere the autumn winds withered the

summer's rich bloom! Oh, how his young footsteps she watched day by day, As his delicate form wasted slowly away,

Till the soft light of heaven seemed shed o'er his face, And he crept up to die in her loving embracel

"Oh. clasp me, dear mother, close, close to your breast.

die! Now kiss me, dear mother! oh quickly!

she pressed,

boy could die!

mother, good-bye!

clasped on his breast,

The Temple of the Magi.

As is well known, we have from time

cial dunce to make up deficits, or to as-

The Chicago Camp-Meeting.

-the attendance at the camp was quite

large, and the greatest interest was

manifested, Mrs. Emma Nickerson

Warne, one of our most gifted platform

lecturers, occupied the rostrum, and

delivered the dedicatory address,

give, this week, but a brief mention.

The Beauty of It.

O. W. Councilman writes that the no-

torious Rev. Sam Jones is spreading the

falsehood that "infidels" never reformed

learning. It is of little use to meet such

reverend fellows with the truth-they

will go right on lying, just the same, as

they have done concerning Paine, Vol-taire and other infidels' death-beds.

Girard, an infidel, built Girard College,

Philadelphia; and pious reverends and

of Light.

is an agreeable gentleman, full to over-

his connection with the Banner augurs

Not Authority.

The Jewish Rabbis, late in session at

Rochester. N. Y., promulgated the im-

portant fact that the Talmud, in its en-

"No one age and no one legislative

body can determine the conduct or atti-

ages. We draw our inspiration from

the Bible and rabbinical literature,

without considering either a source of

The Progressive Thinker.

PROGRESSIVE THINKER lately cannot

The Editor's Family.

When the hair begins to fall out or

turn gray, the scalp needs doctoring, and

we know of no better specific than Hall's

Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

the heart afraid. - Hood.

Any one who has been reading THE

great truth in his statement:

absolute authority.

good work.

esting localities.

out to the grand old Banner.

A representative of the Banner of

and stealing!

sist it in bridging over mistakes.

night

high!

not long,

my song!

pillow of rest;

Fenelons, Newtons, Bacons, Humboldts, of principles adopted by the Convention And then, oh, methinks I can willingly Items from Denver, Colorado. TO THE EDITOR:-The cause prospers

here, after a fashion peculiar to Denver, for see! and that is with no well-supported organized work. Independent meetings and unsupported efforts of mediumship for me." Oh, wild was the anguish that swept are the dominating modes of presenting through her breast Spiritualism. Hence we are not looked As the long, frantic kiss on pale lips upon as a class having a great public

cause to espouse. And felt the vain search of his soft The greater part of patronage given to mediums is for worldly affairs; the material purposes, and the minds of pleading eye, to mediums is for worldly affairs; the As it strove to meet hers, ere the fair real issue, proof of immortality and "I see you not, mother, for darkness and as spiritual desires.

Mrs. Kates and myself have sought to Are hiding your dear loving face from my sight— But I hear your low sobbings-dear which we have held continuously since January 1 last, and intend to continue The angels are ready to bear me on indefinitely.

will wait for you there-but, oh, tarry good pay and plenty of engagements, Lest grief at your absence should sadden and have good friends in all the cities. We have located in Denver, and He ceased, and his hands meekly While his sweet face sank down on its Mrs. Kates holds circles and gives sit-Then, closing his eyes, now all rayless who come. As a local medium she is

and dim,

Went up with the angels that waited for him, CAROLINE M. SAWYER. helps in soul growth. We desire to help build the local cause—hence have no time to criticise

any who are also aiding the same good cause. Denver receives calls from many mediums who pass this way, and each

This has given rise to the story in va- leaves some good work done. And yet there is a tendency to boast, and to use methods open to criticism. It is sincerely to be hoped that all morality, and attract lower spirit entities,

The too-prevalent desire of people to employ mediums only for affairs selfish, is only fed by pandering to it. THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER has never been subsidized, and it has never yet

I have noticed advertisements in varibeen in that forlorn state (and never ous localities by mediums who have will be) where it will require some finanbeen honored, that read in the "fortuneteller" style, about love affairs and charms. No wonder some people have not arisen to the consciousness that mediumship is not on a par with fortune telling, as practised by nefarious Last Sunday-really the opening day

Spirits and Spiritualists should insist upon mediumship being utilized for a higher good.

We need the N.S.A., and in every State an organized body of reputable Spiritualists, who will seek to raise the spiritual standard upon the highest possible planes of life and labor.

Mr. H. E. Porter, chairman, also We are not making the organized progress we should. Spiritualism is not addressed those assembled, and attracted the closest attention. Everything taking an intellectual hold comseemed to indicate that the interest will mensurate with phenomenal develop-increase from day to day. As we go to ment. The tendency is more toward increase from day to day. As we go to Spiritism than Spiritualism. press early Monday morning we can

Is it not well, then, to labor for the mental and spiritual uplifting of the human race? Clearly, then, our duty is to support equally well the lecture-hall and seance-room. To the end that we dom and warning, as illustrated by startmay attract the aspiring and the cultured from both sides of life, let us forbids quoting more. Though called give of our gifts and of our support to an encyclopædia, there is no topical, aldrunkard nor built institutions of all that is elevating, true and sincere. G. W. KATES.

Funeral of Luther Battles. of Cleveland, O.

The funeral of Mr. Luther Battles, one of Cleveland's oldest pioneers, who sneaks of the Sam Jones stripe stole passed to Spirit-life recently, took place Girard College and perverted it from Sunday, July 7th, from the old home-the express intention of its founder. stead in East Cleveland, in the presence Lick University is another institution of of about three hundred friends, between learning established by an infidel Spir-sixty and seventy being relatives.

steal that too, if they can. But their stealing is all "done in a Christian spirit"—that is the beauty of plous lying and stealing!

The services were conducted by Thomas Lees, and the funeral address, given by Hudson Tuttle, was a most eloquent exposition of the spiritual philosophy, calculated to do much good A Representative of the Banner tendants, a large majority still holding orthodox views, many attending and hearing the views of Spiritualism on the subject of death for the first time. Mr. Light, Mr. Pitman, was in the city last Tuttle was at his best and made a week, and gave this office a call. The marked impression on the attentive lis-Banner of Light is the oldest Spiritual-ist paper now published, and has main-the house with brief remarks regarding the personality of the deceased, and the

tained during the whole of its eventful lycoum choir sang "Nearer, My God to period of existence a high standard of Thee." The remains were then taken to excellence. We do, indeed, hope that it East Cleveland cemetery, where a beaumay continue in the good work in the tiful ritual was read by Mr. Tuttle, the future as it has in the past. Mr. Pitman is an agreeable gentlemen full to over

Luther Battles was in his seventieth showing his mental scope and growth tirety, is not authority for the moral and along religious lines. There is no doubt religious conduct of the Jews, neither is the indirect cause of his death was the of Death, and Life in the Spirit-World any post-biblical literature. One of the assault made on him by three burglars, prominent leaders of that body declared who broke into his home last fall and when accompanied by a yearly subscrip shot him in the neck, where he carried tion. the bullet to the grave.

Mr. Battles was one of the kindesttude of the believers for all succeeding hearted of men. He leaves a widow, one daughter and three sons to mourn his loss. The death and burial of this wellknown pioneer was extensively reported in the daily press of Cleveland, which helps greatly to popularize our move-

Spiritualists, Attention.

A Spiritualist International Congress fail to notice its superior excellence. It has been full of valuable and suggestive is to convene in London, England, in articles equal in merit to those found in through several days, and questions of June, 1896. The sessions are to continue leading magazines, and all furnished at interest to all Spiritualists will come the rate of one dollar per year. Every before the convention for consideration. Spiritualist should subscribe for it, and It is important that a good delegation of after reading it induce his neighbor also American Spiritualists attend. It is probable that a personally-conducted to subscribe for it and thus aid in the excursion from America will be arranged for at reduced rates. All societies who can send delegates, and all who anticipate attending, please to notify this office, or J. Allen, Honorable Secre-Mrs. J. R. Francis and daughter are tary, 115 White Post Lane, Manor Park, now in the East visiting various inter- London, England.

FRANCIS B. WOODBURY, Secretary, N. S. A.

Joseph Beals, so prominently known in connection with the Lake Pleasant, Camp-meeting, says: "I have read The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit-world, with great interest, and feel that it is a book feel that it is a book well calculated to There is even a happiness that makes do missionary work. _t ought to hav a large circulation."

REV. S. WEIL.

Formerly a Jewish Rabbi, but Now a Devoted Spiritualist.

HE REVIEWS THE ENCYCLOPÆDIA OF DEATH. The present generation is profoundly materialistic. Physical science and the

mechanical arts are taken wholly for

men are absorbed in earthly pursuits. spirit communion, is not deeply centered The shallowest thinker, however, must perceive that the present life cannot be an end; that it is a means for the acpresent the philosophy and religion of complishment—of what? Even on the Spiritualism in our Sunday meetings, assumption that we are created to glorify God, it follows that the end of this life is the development of character, for we cannot glorify our heavenly We long ago tired of the nomadic father if we are unworthy children. We manner of labor, albeit we had always take nothing along from this world except knowledge and character, wisdom and goodness. Again, how transitory is this life, and how enduring and permamade a home here, where we can re- nent the Spirit-life! Reaping there ceive friends and visitors, and where what we have sown here, the life be-Mrs. Kates holds circles and gives sit-tings, with the inability to receive all who came. As a local medium she is profound interest, and with the purpose rapidly growing in favor with all who are seeking truths of the spirit and our earthly career that when we at our earthly career that when we at death drop the earthly mask, we shall appear as glorified and radiant beings,

and our own kindred, and all that be-

hold us, shall greet us with the words: "Well done, true and faith-

ful!" What, then, is more sur-

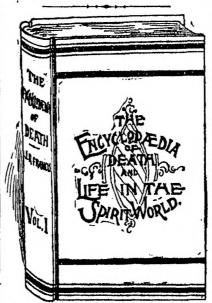
prising than men's indifference toward

The present world contains the most startling as well as fascinating revelastartling as well as fascinating revelations regarding the transition from this life to the next and the relation of earthlists no better book could be offered; it being at once popular in style and entertaining throughout, because in the form of narrative and marvelous personal experience. To merely enumerate the names of the chapters must suffice here to give an idea of the contents of the book so well printed and so cheap in price. I mention only a few: "The Spiritual Analysis of the Change Called Death." In this chapter superior spiritual personages relate their experience of their passing through the change that awaits us all, giving the reader a foretaste of the supreme joy of the birth or transfiguration of the spirit, and of meeting again old friends, dear, loved meeting again old friends, dear, loved ones, long ago mourned as dead.

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But the chapter most instructive and powerfully written is the one called 'Death Considered by Spirit Lucretus;' it contains most precious truths of wis phabetical arrangement, and the book is a complete whole in itself. May I be allowed to suggest that in a second edition one missing feature should be supplied, namely an index or a full table of contents. S. WEIL.

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H. L. B. writes from San Jose, Cal.: "Our society in this place is favored with the ministrations of Sister H. A. Griffin for the month of July. She has removed from San Francisco and is permanently located in this place. She is an honest medium and her tests and readings are correct, consequently well

Denver, Col. The Denver Evening Post describes one of their seances as follows:
The cabinet which is usually employed off. Several hymns were then sung in chorus and the manifestations were eminently free from all apparent attempt put in motion by the unseen agencies, voices of feeble caliber issued from them versational tones were attained with while answering numerous questions put gagements. to her by those present and simultanepusly with the spirit voices. Without giving extended details of all the phenomena, it may not prove uninteresting to briefly note several of the more propounced. The spirit of Frederick Douglas announced itself in stentorian tones and delivered a fine speech of probably five minutes. The spirit of a lady whose name was given by the medium as Alice. and who was possessed of pronounced vocal talents, began singing in a soft soprano voice through a trumpet and rendered a beautiful improvised love song, the much-sung 'Sweet Marie.'

G. W. Kates and wife are doing a local work in Denver, Col., where they may be addressed at 2259 Stout street. hold meetings in Odd Fellows' Hall, and week-night circles at their residence.

you think I can be as good a man without its absurd teachings, when there is Buthor?

Mrs. C. H. Hinckly, of Grand Rapids, Mich., writes: "The poem in THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER of July 27, entitled Touch Not the Flowers, attracted my eyes, and I find a name at its close, of one I think I have known, if I am not mistaken; this is a budding genius, who merits more than a passing word. The lines are exquisite, and from this source we may look for more and richer gems of poesy, as the years bring added expe-tience and light. Miss Thomas is an exceptionally-gifted young lady, and I merited word of encouragement, know- secretary, Summerland, Cal. ing how grateful such appreciation is to

call or write to the above number."

Dr. H. Rutherford writes: "I have building and all. We resolved to form just finished reading 'The Encyclopedia a committee to test mediums, lest we of Death, and Life in the Spirit-world, should be imposed upon by fraud and From Onset, Massachusetts, to consider it a gem, and think it should our cause suffer thereby." be read by every intelligent person in J. H. S. writes from Lawrence, Kas.:

us a brief item, please. A great deal rial, and the ladies who did most of the can be expressed in a dozen lines; but work, assisted by the Woman's Relief long reports will not be used. Meetings Corps, of Clinton, Iowa, are entitled to speaker, has just closed three Sundays' the meeting with a poetical impact of the meeting with a poe who furnished the money to buy mate- that will benefit any society engaging fect. The music by the band, and the rial, and the ladies who did most of the him. He is a scholar and a gentleman. singing by Messrs, Maxham and Sulli-

have declared he was possessed of dev- ing, via Kent, Ohio. ils. In the Christian church he was offered the wine of the sacrament, but seance at Bishop Court Thursday even-

having investigated Spiritualism for dance. The friends were highly enterhaving investigated Spiritualism for dance. The friends were highly entering work, some time, without satisfaction, she visited Mrs. W. L. Thompson, M. D., of "monochord," after which, ice cream Keokuk, Iowa, and found light beyond and cake was served. Mrs. Hamilton We are in company with Mr. Pitman, Clinton Cann. Saturday. her hope of ever receiving; also she has Gill leaves for Clinton Camp, Saturday, become clairaudient and clairvoyant, the 27th inst., where she will remain and gets monograms and marks without until the close of that camp. pencil between slates.

accurate in giving tests."

The cabinet which is usually employed inform his numerous spiritualistic friends that after twenty-three years' on such occasions was not utilized, the only adjuncts brought into requisition residence at 105 Cross street, he has rethe Island Lake Camp-meeting in Mich-terested in Mr. Hull's discourses, delivbeing four ordinary tin trumpets, two moved from that street, so symbolical of igan. pads of soft writing paper and a lead orthodoxy, to 56 Stearns street, opposite pencil, the latter articles being care-lessly strewn upon the floor close to the trumpets. There was no table in the Expartment, two lounges and a complement of chairs comprising its quota of the rates friends of the cause traveling ment of chairs comprising its quota of the rates friends of the cause traveling classes, and have made many friends. There was no table in the latest transpired in the course trans from the East and West wishing to stop We have had them in our own house as paper that should be said: he founded off in the tranquil Forest City of tenants, and have had the opportunity the Gazette, built it up, through it be-"Greater Cleveland.

are at the Clinton camp-meeting.

Bishop A. Beals is now at Miles Grove perfect distinctness, Mrs. Stoll mean- Pa., where he can be addressed for en-

Dr. Aspinwall notifies us that he can not visit the Clinton camp this year. Mrs. Mary Powell, trumpet medium, gave between twenty-five and thirty seances in Lawrence, Kansas. Having closed her work to attend the campmeeting at Marshalltown and Clinton, lows, the spiritual society of Lawrence adopted unanimously resolutions recommending her as a lady of refinement and the National Association. a first-class trumpet medium.

which was declared by a number of this year. The work at our camp has those present to be infinitely superior to exhausted nearly all our vitality, and Many as soon as the camp closes and we get lowa: "The Central lowa Spiritualists ing. A number are here from Lake Other manifestations were produced, but the property housed and books settled, Association has been doing a good work Brady, and more are coming. An exthe most remarkable were the pictures we shall visit the seashore, and through the second week of its duration. The cursion arrives from Cleveland to-morwhich were found on several sheets of the medium of the salt air, baths, and audiences are fair in the afternoons, and row. The Cleveland papers have a repthe paper deposited on the floor when sea-food, try and recuperate the physical the evening meetings are unusually resentative on the ground; there is prosthe sitting began. One of these was a so as to be able to do our work for the good. The annual election of officers vect of a grand meeting. Maude Lord perfect pencil drawing of Frederick fall and winter. We are gratified that took place on July 25. It was impossible Drake acrived from Lake Brady this Douglas, the lines of which were exemple our friends that our campler in the entire membership to be present. In morning. If there is no one else to serve cuted with marvelous delicacy and meeting has been a complete success, Much interest in the election was on you better, I will be ye scribe, and send both spiritually and financially."

F'a.: They a large accession to that background of Rev. Max Hoffmann, Chicago: first vicefact, or rather that real foundation upon president, Rev. Mrs. Summers. Chicago; shall have a few days at home afterward, which the walls of Spiritualism must be Sylvester Butler writes: "I burned reared. All in due time organization Denver. Col.; recording secretary, Miss will come. We can well afford to wait." Linnie Beeson, Albion, Ia.; correspond-

something so much better in THE PRO- city, is in a ferment of excitement over son, Albion, Iowa. The board of trus-GRESSIVE THINKER? Would you like the rapid growth of Spiritualism in that to see me forever roast in the lake of vicinity. Nearly all the leading citifire prepared for the Devil and his an- zens are enrolled in an organized Spiritgels for destroying so revengeful a ual body, and the meetings are attended pected, will be ordained as a minister book, claiming a supreme being as its by people for miles around. The attendance at other places of worship has dwindled to a minimum, ministers preaching to bare benches.

> Mrs. C. H. Hinckley writes: "Camp at Grand Ledge, Mich., opened finely on the first of August. The last meeting the 21st. I was there, and I must say to will be on Wednesday, July 31. those who want spiritual revival as well as beautiful scenery and excellent accommodations, that Grand Ledge is the place to find all of these at a small ex-

Summerland, Cal., camp-meeting commences August 25, and closes September bespeak for her a brilliant future, and could not refrain from giving this dent, Monticello. Cal., or Wm. P. Allen.

A. B. Van Sickle is strongly opposed the young and struggling aspirant for to the "frauds and fakirs who go about been followed up very closely. I am sequently had a good time. The officers, glad that it has been published, for its from the president down, seem to have thoughts find frequent expression, Coral, of the opinion that the gates of our and, trust me, those honors will surely camps are not guarded with proper Rev. A. Wheeler writes: "I write to than a score of mediums do of good. tell you I delivered a lecture Sunday, in There came to the city of Marshalltown, the Free Methodist church of Dunker- Ia., recently one of the fakir class, making the sunday of the spiritual philoso- shall contribute to the general success the sunday of the spiritual philoso- shall contribute to the general success the sunday of the spiritual philoso- shall contribute to the general success the sunday of the spiritual philoso- shall contribute to the general success the sunday of the spiritual philoso- shall contribute to the general success the sunday of the spiritual philoso- shall contribute to the general success the sunday of the spiritual philoso- shall contribute to the general success the sunday of the sunday of the spiritual philoso- shall contribute to the general success the sunday of the sunday of the spiritual philoso- shall contribute to the spiritual philos ton. Iowa, to a crowded house. Of ing great claims as a spirit photogracourse the place is an orthodox strong- pher, slate-writer, magnetic healer, test office of The Progressive Thinker. and elicited the highest praise in their hold, yet my lecture was well received, medium, etc., etc., and that he could enand you, of course, know I don't keep dow one with any kind of mediumship, my candle under a theological bushel. by 'delegating to you one of his ethereal My address is 720 Washington street, chemists, of which he had thousands Waterloo Iowa. All societies wanting hanging to his coat-tails all the time, my services can address there. All ready for a job.' We rented a fair-ground my services can address there. All ready for a job.' We rented a fair-ground Hannsomely bound in cloth with por-Spiritualists in or near Waterloo can to hold a campin, and before we got pos- trais of author. Price \$1.00. For sale session he was there, bag and baggage, at this office.

performing acts on a par with the mir-city. At the close of the lecture, the Hull in that beautiful city by the sea, istanding, and ordained to preach; or and serene, leaving the highways in acies of the Son of God, Francis Schla-audience unanimously extended to him on the morning of the 12th. I arrived whom no honest man can point a finger splendid condition, while all Mother Na der, who claims to have been, until two a vote of thanks for his able address. during the conference hour, was immeyears ago, a shoemaker in Denver, has His lecture was on an entirely different diately hurried to the audience, and had set wild the Mexicans of the territory line of thought from any heretofore descarcely settled myself when I was after, doing the work of the great Massion that the descarce wild a standard of the descarce wild a standard o south of the city. They are halling him livered in this c ty, and was exhaustive, called on for a short speech. I am so as a special disciple sent from heaven and in language so refined and high-direct to them to give sight to the blind, toued that would not offend the sensibil-hearing to the deaf and to relieve them ities of the most orthodox person. Mr. fer to appear in a different toilet from the exercise of her God-given gift. of all their diseases. Schlader is fol- Thompson does not take to the rostrum that of a dusty traveler; but on this oclowed about by hundreds of Mexicans for the money there is in it, but for the casion I forgot the begrimed face, and Indians, who pray of him that he good of the cause. He is a new man in dusty clothes, etc., for as I stepped to touch their wounds and cure them of the lecture-field and not known extential ments. Representatives of the sively as to his ability. In view of the I thought of nothing but the dear old their ailments. Representatives of the sively as to me ability. In view of the 1 blood and their presentatives of the sively as to me ability. In view of the 1 blood alone was about me—their presentatives of the sively as to me ability and alone was about me—their presentatives of the sively as to me ability and alone was about me—their presentatives of the sively as to me about me—their presentatives of the sively as the sively a him to enter their wagons or take their the neid that have neithed the neid have been totally blind for three years, lecture is more a labor of love than for when I know how it accumulates during ally (or monthly), and to make annual gave in brief a very appreciative sees since he touched this man's hands money."

credit for making comforts and other work at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. The articles for the Clinton Camp. Honor Court of Appeals room was crowded that the meeting with a poetical improvisation, in the way of an invocation. Mr. Hull followed with his magnificent disto whom honor is due.

W. K. Gordon writes from McKinney, Texas, that his meetings there are well' gaged at Lake Brady Camp-meeting entertained the large audience with a constant of the close. bers are ready to attend circles and in- now be enaged for fall and winter work. vestigate Spiritualism, although others Write him at Lake Brady Camp-meet- without saying that Mr. Emerson is one

he declined to touch, taste or handle it, ling. July 25. Some twenty-five friends like its surroundings, its people and its saying that he did not come to church to be tempted.

Some twenty five its surroundings, its people and its meetings. We expect a reunion with guides had controlled the medium, the the friends, another summer as we are Miss Daisy Hogan writes that after evening was turned into a social and

Mrs. M. Miller writes: "Mr. E. C. S. J. Maxim writes: "I have received Getsinger, the bright young scientist doubtedly his beaming countenance will a great many tests from different mefrom Detroit and Chicago, is adding shine forth in your sanctum before this real transfer what was manciany a very undiums, but the most perfect one was new laurels to his hard-earned crown, at falls under the eyes of your readers.

Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Stoll went to accurate in clying tests."

Grand Rapids. through a course of seil was pleased to notice a communication. entific lectures here, which are attended REMOVAL. -Thomas Lees desires to by some of our most worthy and influenthe pen of Mr. Harris, ex-editor of the

W. H. Thurston writes from Detroit, to not only judge of their work as medicame of inestimable help to the town, Prof. A. B. Severance and Dr. J. C. ums ourselves, but to hear the universal but his liberal views and plain, outspoat deception. The trumpets were soon Phillips, two first-class psychometrists, opinions of the many people attending ken editorials made a hard fight for him. are at the Clinton camp-meeting. their meetings. The verdict is unani-Frederick Cushman is now at La mous, that brother and sister Perkihs towns can scarcely realize the narrowat short intervals, gradually becoming stronger and louder until ordinary conengagements at 613 Main street.

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Trederick Cushman is now at La mous, that brother and sister regains on the side of the criticism of our visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper, to show that we are alive and visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper, to show that we are alive and visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper, to show that we are alive and visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper, to show that we are alive and visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper, to show that we are alive and visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper, to show that we are alive and visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper, to show that we are alive and visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper, to show that we are alive and visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper, to show that we are alive and visitors were so favorably impressed to fulfill their glorious mission of bringthe paper alive and the paper alive and th ing light to the darkened souls who are seldom read anything but the Bible and to receive in a State where religious in advance. J. P. Russell, Sec'y. without hope of immortality.

> Dr. J. C. Phillips is now at the Clinton camp-meeting and will take subscriptions for THE PROGRESSIVE I will drop Maple Dell. agent there.

Dr. J. C. Phillips writes that the prospects are very fine for the Cinton

camp this year. Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader is visiting the

S. N. Aspinwall writes: "It will be form test medium, will hold forth at ercises this afternoon, when the magnifiimpossible for us to visit Clinton Camp | Clinton Camp. He is an excellent me- cent auditorium, with a seating capacidium.

served and general satisfaction was ex-Sarah K. Hart writes from Belleview, pressed at the result. The following deavor to increase the subscriptions to "Mr. Sheldon's signal victory is named persons were elected: President, THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. second vice-president, Rev. Wheeler, then we go to Hannibal, Missouri. According to the Pittsburg Dispatch ing secretary, Mrs. E. T. Reynolds, Marthe hamlet of Fair Haven, near that shalltown lows; treasurer, H. M. Beetees elected are a strong faction and He Is Officiating at Various much work will be accomplished by them. Mrs. E. T. Reynolds, it is exfrom this association at the close of the camp. Revs. Hoffmann and Summers have been called out to adjoining towns during their sojourn here, and the seed that they have sown will bring forth an abundant harvest. The camp will close

'Life Work" of Mrs. Cora L V. Richmond. G. A. B. of Washington, D. C., writes

in reference to it:
"We are in your debt for an extremely interesting account of your pub-lic work. It is as readable as a romance,

It is something more to me than perusal will do the reader good. At the to your lifelong consistency, and your

"The Question Settled" and "The Con- great praise in their materializing trast" into one volume. By Moses Hull.

Maple Dell Camp.

ALONG THE LINE,

the camp season. Suffice it to say, the Juliano Sodillo, who had not moved her Geo. W. Walrond, trance speaker present meeting opened gloriously. We arms for sixteen years, was working in and clairvoyant from England, now re- were there the second week; it was esti-

and drank but a little water.

Julius writes that Miss M. E. Foster, lent speaker and carries an influence tiful city by the sea. The day was per-

After the music, I was invited to open

short address and test seance. It goes of the most popular mediums on our platform: his reputation was well sustained in his work on that occasion.

the friends another summer, as we are engaged to return and help in the good

At present writing, we are whirling associate editor of the Banner of Light. who came with us from Onset, and has started on a tour to visit the Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Iowa camps. Un-

tion in a late number of your paper from ered in Hardwick last March, and reported them favorably. For this he

county paper-consequently they do not liberty and freedom is not much known know how much courage it takes to say Truth will prevail, and the time will HISTORY OF THE INQUISITION "I am a Spiritualist."

I will drop my pencil until I reach

We stopped in Cleveland long enough for me to dine with my dear sister, and to kiss the lips of my dear mother in greeting and parting, and came directly to Maple Dell.

Maple Dell is a poetical name, and various camp meetings in the interest of this is a beautiful place. It is rightly named. As I write scores of hands are J. H. Metcalf, clairvoyant and plat- busy making ready for the opening exty of 2.000, will be dedicated. It is early E. T. R. writes from Marshalltown, in the day, but people are rapidly arrive tems of interest from the camp, and en-

> Our next point is Chatsworth, Ill.; we MATTIE E. HULL.

PROF. LOCKWOOD.

Camps.

TO-THE EDITOR:-I am on my way to Chesterfield, Ind., but obliged to wait here (Lima, Ohio), until 9:20 a.m., so drop you a line. I had a very pleasant time at Lake Brady, and the "Molecular Hypothesis" had the largest audiences the week. Lake Brady is a very pleasant place, and can be made one of the camps of special attraction. A pleasant feature of their daily programme are the open-air concerts, given every evening, immediately after supper, upon a platform adjoining the verandah of the hotel, by Mr. Humphrey's orchestra. This part of the entertainment is very fine, and the selections rendered are of a high order. The table de hote is good, under the man-Its inception or projection was a agement of Mr. Baldwin and his excellent wife. Somehow, we felt ourselves from the president down, seem to have same time, it will prove a lasting tribute the future welfare of the association in view, and are constantly on the alert, to shall contribute to the general success of the camp, Mrs. Glading and Miss This splendid work is for sale at the Maggie Gaule are special attractions, "Two In One," a combination of the Brother Pettibone and wife are eliciting W. M. LOCKWOOD. eances

When the heart speaks, glory itself is an illusion.—Napoleon.

Maple Dell Camp.

TO THE EDITOR:-It is with a degree of wonder I write you this morning relative to our beloved sister, Mrs. Maud the land. I will wait anxiously for the "Last Sunday T. H. Thompson, of appearance of the second volume." Cleveland, Ohio, lectured to the spiritThe daily press states that, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, looking like an and Philosophy of Spiritualism.' It was mortal more busy than myself during animated figure of Christ; credited with one of the finest ever delivered in this the few days I was there. I met Mr. Methodist Episcopal church, of the lecture the Hull in that beautiful city by the sea: Lord-Drake; one who is endowed by diwhom no honest man can point a finger splendid condition, while all Mother Na at, except to laud her Christian character as an example for others to copy the exercise of her God-given gift.

This suit has been in the courts for

statements in full through our papers of address to the board of managers, all the expenses for the cause; this board to give full security for the sum ecuting so gigantic and noble a work of \$10,000 and to receive all donations within the short space of six months' Workers, Doings, Etc.

Were spiritualistic Field—Its

Workers, Doings, Etc.

Bear in mind, please, that was publish weekly reports of meetings.

Workers being so graune and noble a work match we should make the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends match we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends we had an audience of about the fields yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends we had an audience of about the field yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends we had an audience of about the field yesterday. Scores of similar siding in Hamilton, Canada, intends we had an audience of about t bursements from all sources from his own State, and to report the same to the papers monthly in figures: they to be volunteers who could give a proper bond audience with the address of welcome for the faithful performance of duty, free of charge, except the actual outlay of paper, books and stamps, and if so decided, the traveling expenses, when actual necessity required it. In this way our mediums would be fully protected, fraud would be banished from our cause, and the Angel-world would aid such a cause, and we would not have to pay a por capita tax, as the wealthy ones of the cause would come to the rescue, and such a fund would be established as would at all times protect those whom God has endowed with inspiration, or other phases of mediumistic

I cannot close without saying, we have at our Maple Dell Camp Brother Moses Hull and his good wife, also Sister Mand Lord-Drake. Brother Hull surpassed even himself, by a wonderful adlress proving that the churches have borrowed all the spirituality they have from Spiritualism, as Spiritualism is as old as time.

Mrs. Maud Lord-Drake gave to the skeptical world many of those beautiful so-called tests, which were fully recognized, and our camp has opened with better auspices than ever before, showing more interest in the cause, and loath to disperse from the grounds. Brother Pitman, of the Banner of Light, was here, and had a front and rear view taken of the auditorium, for the oldest Spiritualist paper on earth.

We all love THE PROGRESSIVE

THINKER; you may be sure of that when I tell you I gave away fifty copies from our rostrum to-day, among an audience W. S. BALL, Treasurer.

Lookout Mountain Camp.

enough to give the Lookout Mountain simply immense, both vocal and instrucampers a hearing in your valuable paper, to show that we are alive and of melody and harmony. Some of our come when here, also, man will wake up and wonder what he has done for himself to cultivate his own spirituality. And there could not be found, we think, a better spot than on this mountain, to send forth the truth which Spiritualism brings to us, that from its lofty heights it would fall down on the people with a might and weight that reechoes like the thunder rolling over its hills.

Attractive in its own nature's glory, with the most remarkable natural wonders this camp possesses, giving forth the necessary strength for the building up of a strong physical body, it also gives nspiration to those who seek it on its nighest peak and will attract again inder the management of its well known, beloved president, Mr. Jerry Robinson, who is never tired building ip the cause of Spiritualism-like a 'Mecca," thousands of seekers after knowledge and truth.

Through the mediumship of Dr. Mary Gebauer, from Cincinnati, we have been favored with lectures full of soul-elevating sentiments, forcibly delivered at all imes, showing at once to the listener that there must be a power around her to enable the delicate lady to handle themes with such a force and flow of language, and follow immediately with the phenomena, proving with facts what she before asserted, to many in the audience giving full names and descriptions of their spirit friends and also of those still in the mortal. She could not stand the task if not assisted by the unseen forces to go before audiences, which are composed mostly of curiosity seekers and those still bound in the churches, who would like to question at once her right to point out their mistakes and iron-hand of ruling the church still holds over the head of their fellowmen.

Spiritualism has not the rapid growth here that is found at some places in the East or West; but it is bound to make its headway, and here is the camping ground, where it has shelter, and where t can be brought out into daylight, being protected by some very true souls, whose constant aim is to lift these grounds and the cause up to their former standpoint of years ago; and under the management of that noble pioneer, President Robinson, Lookout Mountain Camp will be a success again, if it lies in his power to make it one, and Spiritualism and its phenomena will be wanted by thousands on the top of the mountain just as much as it is now for health and pleasure. Guests and visitors are arriving daily, and we expect to have good audiences for the coming week, with a variety of talent on the grounds A LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CAMPER.

Dear weeps but once; cheap always weeps.-Hindoo. Sin is a basilisk whose eye are full of

Soft is the music that would charm orever.-Wordsworth. Most powerful is he who has himself I in his power. - Seneca.

renom. - Quarles.

Riverside Park at Grand Ledge (Mich.).

TO THE EDITOR: - The opening Sunday at Riverside Park at Grand Ledge, ture seemed to have robed herself in fresh garments of especial design and sion trains from three directions swelled the multitude already assembled by hundreds to see the new Park and its gi gantic attraction, the mammoth auditorium, and to see and hear Michigan's

The forenoon exercises were somewhat

ings; in fact, the sure key to beaven. Mrs. A. E. Sheets, our no less worthy vice-president, presented the vast, eager with that force of eloquence which is so characteristic of her lectures before the public, and which was very highly anpreciated, as was manifest by the frequent plaudits from the multitude. The afternoon exercises were conducted by Anna L. Robinson, who did the dedicatory act at her best, closing the services by many very remarkable tests from the spirit side of life; one from Gen. Develin, a former resident of Jackson, Mich., to a friend in the audience, who happened to be present. But, fear of occapying too much space, will not give details, only to say, the test was very convincing. Our camp starts off for the first week

with forty tents well filled and orders coming every day for more. We have two medium attractions for this week in the persons of Mrs. Augusta Ferris, of Bay City, Mich., and L. P. Mitchell. of Mason, Mich. Mrs. Ferris is doing wonderful work in reading sealed letters and pellets, and is remarkably accurate in every detail of description. Mr. Mitchell is simply outdoing his former record in materializations, is giving the very best satisfaction here, because of splendid conditions. And now, Mr. Edtor, I wish particularly to state this fact in behalf of Mr. Mitchell as well as all other mediums: If people will not give him good conditions, they will invariably receive poor results. I have found in every instance where the cry of cheat and fraud has gone forth, he has had to labor under extremely bad conditions Mr. Mitchell is as true as steel.

Wednesday evening, 24th, was the crowning light fantastic hop on the week's programme. One hundred couples for the first dance is very encouraging, and such a very enjoyable time in seldom, if ever, equaled; not a jar to TO THE EDITOR:-Please be kind mar the entertainment. Our music is mental. Our camp is one grand round

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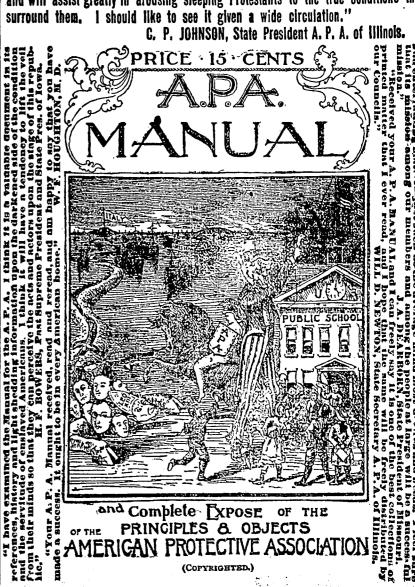
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ls Spiritualism True?

TO THE EDITOR:-You profess love and seek the truth. So do I. It would ill-become me in my 82d year to love and teach known error. For years. Spiritism has interested me much and had careful study, but I am thus far compelled to reject it, for the following

1. Its teachings have been contradictory, answering "yes" and "no" to every important question. It once taught, through many credited mediums, that the vilest criminals were conducted through the seven spheres in not over did not make it as a "concession," but 1,000 years, and entered heaven's golden as a statement of facts. We do not place gates never more to visit this polluted our "hope of heaven" on the purport of earth. That noble saints required but a the communications. Taken altogether short period of promotion and were more they prove man's existence beyond the promptly admitted. Yet we have late grave, and their conflictions, by show-reports of such noble men as Socrates, ing that individual character is rereports of such noble men as Socrates, Plato, Cicero, Isaiah, Moses, etc., etc., who have been dead thousands of years. Socrates' message was written in Greek. Some mediums of France and America now teach that purified souls do not en- not from its purported source. Ignomate new infants.

By some, Jesus Christ is called a pure truth? They profess to communicate it is the province of our higher study. other less important intelligence.

overdue. Why do not the noble spirits do not pretend to know. Jesus, Paul of such men as Wesly, Beecher, Brooks, and the Apostles taught that the world etc., at once relieve our anxiety or re- was certainly coming to an end in their port the facts? Why were millions in generation. Those then living were to Europe and America left in sad anxiety see it, nor could they put off that cataswhen it was long overdue in the late stormy season? Why have not spirits organized to convey us intelligence of stormy season? shipwrecks, starving seamen on desolate shores, and a thousand other things of deepest interest and importance to multitudes in the flesh? Why have not spirits organized their vast hosts so as to meet every new, stranger guest; tell him where he is and what to do? Why do our philanthropic Washburnes hold seances, meet scores of spirits and, as missionaries, instruct the benighted and disciples were mistaken as to time, then neglected ones? Why do not the spirits what assurance have we that they were of Columbus and many other explorers. who in the flesh were devoted to discovery and enlightening men as to new regions of the earth, at once tell us all are the teachings of Spiritualism in reabout the north and south poles, how to gard to the condition of suicides: do reach them best, and also of other unexplored regions of the earth? We long to be instructed. I There are hosts of after become happy? sunken and buried treasures. Some spirits ought to know their location and answered at length, except that portion true heirs. Why not kindly inform relating to punishment. There is no them? Why do deceased husbands and eternal punishment, for such would be wives send messages through strangers objectless, except as an expression of while knowing the aching and almost the most vindictive wrath of the being breaking hearts hunger for a few words | who imposed it. The suicide who leaves of love: Why do children come and earth-life to escape duties and responsicommunicate via strange mediums while | bilities, will suffer from regret, but if the mothers' hearts are more attent, not thus responsible he can only suffer longing, open than any others on earth? from the effect of the violence of the Billions die every contury, once deeply transition, and that would be no more interested in mundanc affairs. If they nor less than if inflicted by another, as can communicate with us, or even some in murder. of us, why do they not aid us infinitely more than they do? So far as we in the with wife and children depending on

the worthlessness of most professed great public responsibilities, finding communications from earth's dead saints himself recreant to his trust, would, be and philosophers by saying that ambi-tious, evil spirits, auxious to have an the gates of death. It is better to bear earthly audience, speak and write under here than regret hereafter.

Con the other hand, an individual may sion utterly invalidate the whole thing? Does it not account also for all the contradictions? Can a man of common sense base his hope of heaven thus? 4. Why did Paul write, "Now the

spirit saith expressly that in later days some shall fall away from the faith, giv ing heed to seducing spirits and doc-trines of devils?" And why did Jesus Was the Earth Made for Man? himself duclare that "false prophets should arise and show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, the very elect?" The above include a few of the reasons

why, thus far, I have been wholly unable to accept Spiritualism. Yours with DANIEL H. CHASE. Middletown, Conn.

A. This correspondent, by putting the new wine of Spiritualism in the old communications, then by the same evidence we might disprove the existence gained by constant repudiation and contradiction.

spheres and circles, it was an attempt to convey something of an idea of the Spirit-life. . It is not true that any such arbitrary division or classification exists, or that any arbitrary length of time is that, by implication, the theory of taken to reach any fixed point of adthings, justified by the evidence, may vancement.

The spirits come near as helpers, not to pour out the floods of knowledge so that we would not require to search and think any more. We are in this life mental wants as well as they can. for its lessons, and the formation of From Mr. Balfour's Dialectics, by Hercharacter. It would not be well for us, now that we have just escaped theological leading-strings, to be led by spirits. The great problems of history, and of nature, we are, with hints and prompt-

ings, to work out ourselves. We are to take the great mass of spiritual communications as we do the crowded daily papers, and receive or crowded daily papers, and receive or reject as our judgment declares. It is possible for the spirits to form a detective corps and bring intelligence of lost ored) number 319 communicants.

vessels, and all other disasters; but if we pause to think, we find that they have their employment which is strictly spiritual, and what they do for us is by

spiritual, and what they do for us is by self-sacrifice.

Mediumship is the result of certain conditions, and the child, however desirous of communicating directly to its mother, may find her, because of her grief, inapproachable. If it communicates at all, it must seek some other medium.

The idea that emission for as we

The idea that spirits, "so far as we in the flesh can judge, do not earn their salt," is certainly original, and probably the spirits might, with equal force, say the same of mankind. As inhabiting another sphere of existence, with its new and higher aims and purposes, we do not see why they should be expected to return to earth and become the guardians, teachers and general roustabouts to assist mankind? Why, if they do not come and be the unrewarded slaves, even to messenger boys, and detectives, their very existence is to be denied. It is marvelous that early education and religious prejudice can lead a mind, otherwise clear, to take such a distorted

Yet this correspondent would jump at tained, strengthen rather than destroy their weight in evidence. To each and every communication we should give consideration according to its value, and

ter heaven but are utilized again to ani- rant, contradictory or absurd messages have a value, and even falsehoods may identify their source. We are not seek myth, by others a wonderful human me- ing heaven, or a patent method to gain dium, also Apollonius of Tyana and a admission through its gates; we are certain "Issa" of India. Why does not one of those noble philosophers, who died before Jesus was born, tell us the exceed our perfect understanding; but

false prophets and deceiving spirits were to come then, and of this nineteenth century, Jesus, Paul and the Apostles knew not in their prophecies. If it was fulfilled, it was fulfilled then, and if it was not, to extend time nearly 2,000 years is unwarranted by the taxt; or, if it is claimed that Jesus and his not mistaken in everything else?

J. H. C., Ph. D., Hagarsville: Q. What they receive eternal punishment? Is there repentance and can they there-

A. This question has recently been

To make this matter plain, a man flesh can judge, "they don't earn their him for support would be a coward to

be so circumstanced, having no ties to earth, with all centered upward, that death coming in any form would be only a glad good-bye to earth.

appear acceptable to one who contem- cepted as facts. It took a long time to plates things without foregone conclusions. When he learns that millions planets moved around the sun, and still upon millions of years passed during there are some who say, "De sun do which the earth was peopled only by move."
Inferior brutes, and that even now three-fifths of its surface is occupied "tremu by an ocean basin carpeted with low the new wine of Spiritualism in the old creatures, which live in darkness, ut-bottles of previous beliefs, becomes per-terly useless to man, and only lately plexed and like many another honest known to him: and when he learns that two first questions. seeker is ready to reject what he fails of the remaining two-fifths, vast Arctic to understand. The trouble arises from and Antarctic regions, and vast desert that the Spirit-world is a reflection of this, and the spirit after leaving the body remains the same. Hence, the body remains the same. Hence, the superior to the average communications cannot be far superior to the average intelligence which receives them. If Spiritualism with contradictions in its antagonism, and the truth has been ever-present diseases and consequent mortality, and others producing frightful epidemics, like the plague and the black The most contradictory or imbecile death, carrying off hundreds of thou message proves that there is a spirit sands or millions, he sees little ground existence, and taking that as a starting for assuming that the order of nature is point we may consistently proceed to devised to suit our needs and satisfac-build. tions. The truth which the facts force When the spirits spoke of seven upon him is not that the surrounding world has been arranged to fit the physical nature of man, but that, conversely, the physical nature of man has been molded to fit the surrounding world, and not be one which satisfies men's moral needs, and yields them emotional satisfactions, but, conversely, is most likely one to which they have to mold their

> Monthly for July. The United Baptists have 183 societies and a membership of 9,361.

bert Spencer, in the Popular Science

The Orthodox Friends, or Quakers, have a membership of 80,655. The Hicksite Quakers claim a mem-

FACTS.

Future.

TO THE EDITOR:-In a recent issue of the San Francisco Examiner I read an article from Prof. E. E. Barnard, in which he makes a number of statements regarding the manufacture, mounting and use of larger telescopes. First he asks, "Will it be possible to make much larger lenses." Second, "Can the mechanical difficulties encountered in mounting these great telescopes of the future, be overcome?"

He then cites the fact (generally known) that large telescopes do not uniformly give as good definitions as small ones, and then states his reasons for this peculiar condition. He says: "The atmosphere itself is the greatest foe to the future great telescope, just as it is already to those of to-day."
"The real trouble oftenest occurs

when the air is very clear (the clear, crisp, wintry night, when the stars are bright and sparkling, is the worst possible time for a telescope, for on such a night the images are a mass of boiling and quivering light)."

"Sometimes it is fairly quiet, but in general it is very unsteady. The result of this disturbed condition of the air is, to more or less totally destroy the image of a celestial body when looked at in a great telescope.

"There are nights when the air is almost perfectly quiet; if under this condition we look at a star through a powerful telescope, it glows with a steady and powerful radiance. On such a night anything that is at all within the reach of that telescope can be seen with it, the finest and most delicate details upon the surface of a planet, the faintest star or satellite, all come out with a distinctness that permits the most delicate and accurate observations to be made. If this condition always existed, the work of an observer would be exceedingly pleasant ther less important intelligence.

What Paul or Jesus meant by the observer would be exceedingly pleasant texts quoted, applied to this year 1895, I and profitable, but such seldom occurs, and its occurrence is rarer the bigger does not last for any great length of time; a couple of hours of such perfect seeing and then the air becomes disturbed and the image more or less trem-ulous and blurred. The delicate details are lost and the faint satellite is blotted frightened the benighted people. The from view. If the observer has the run of several different-sized telescopes, he will appreciate the peculiarity of the atmosphere.

"There will be nights when he can successfully use a 6-inch glass that will not permit a satisfactory use of a 12-inch, and which would wholly forbid the use a 36-inch."

Prof. Barnard then goes on with his line of reasoning, to prove that if a 40inch telescope was made the time when it could be successfully used would be less than a 36-inch. Therefore if a 50, 60 or a 100-inch glass was possible, the times when either could be used would be shortened as the size increased, until there would be no opportunity to use that largest glass.

Finally, in closing his article, Prof. Barnard remembers that a Chicago man has invented and perfected a sectional lens telescope, and while he has never seen or examined it, he proceeds to inti-mate his opinion of it in the following words: "As for the telescope proposed by a Chicago man, a large lens made up f many smaller ones, like the eye of a fly, it is safe to say that no great telescope will ever be buit on this plan, and if it should be (and we don't know what

to farther progress; then the fertile brains at once outline a theory as to the character of the obstacle, the reasons for its existence, and the probability of its being removed or not. If this theory is put forth by one who is high in authority, it soon becomes the common opinion of the multitude. The wheels of progress are effectually blocked until AN IMPORTANT QUESTION. some genius arises, who, by new methods, appliances or apparatus, proves to the world that farther progress is possible, by opening new avenues to greater discoveries. Then comes the battle to The anthropocentric view does not uproot the errors that have been acconvince the world that the earth and

> Before touching the subject of the "tremulous conditions of the atmosphere," which is cited as a serious obstacle to the use of large telescopes, I will attempt to answer Prof. Barnard's

I hold that much larger and more a misunderstanding of the nature and areas, are practically uninhabitable, the method of construction will be that the Spirit-world is a reflection of mainder, fever-breeding and swarming nearly reached its limit, which is pracpowerful telescopes will be made, but

ferent species of parasites, which fuffict in many cases great tortures; or, still worse, when he thinks of the numerous binds of the many cases ground and corrected, when he thinks of the numerous binds of the numerous tons, mounted upon a single axle. and the product of the product of the product of the product of the glasses were ground and corrected, ple of constructing a sectional lens, and the product of the product tons, mounted upon a single axle, and they will find in every instance that I believe that in every case those that of mankind, for the books written are in kinds of microbes, some producing moving with absolute precision and reg. the larger glass will always give the have never seen it know all about it ularity, could not doubt that our great most satisfactory image, while a radical and, with that knowledge, make haste to

that it is possible to make.

pieces of glass, one called crown, the in a small one, when both instruments dreamed of by our most noted astrono-The Creat Telescopes of the other softer and not so dense. These such a case the air would certainly be two glasses are supposed to be of the out of focus. Again, make an observasame size, and are mounted close to- tion with both our 6-and 36-inch lenses, gether, one behind the other. (See using, say 100 diameters for each glass, fig. 1.) The glasses are ground in a temperature of 20 degrees above The glasses are ground in a temperature of 20 degrees above at normal temperature

temperature of the room in which the area of glass to admit it; to increase work is done must be kept at a certain this area, suppose we take 25, 50, 100 or point, generally somewhere between 60 500 four-inch lenses (these being still and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Now suppose we have two glasses, one

FIGURE 1.

6, the other 36 inches, both ground and having the same co-efficient of expansion corrected at, say 70 degrees, and both and contraction as the glass, when firmproducing a perfect image in that temperature. These instruments shall then ground the same as a single piece of be used in the same observatory, in a glass, thus bringing the rays of light locality where there is a variation of 50 from every piece of glass, to the one fo-

now, we will try our two instruments in a temperature of, say 20 degrees above used for the same area, than would be and its occurrence is rarer the bigger zero, or 50 degrees below the normal of the state of 70 in which the glass was made. In opening up our glasses to the weather for the purpose of making observations, an adjustment of the temper-

ature of the two pieces of glass in each

objective takes place. In the softer piece of each objective the adjustment is quicker and greater than in the harder, and by this uneven molecular action in each piece is that quivering appearance produced that Prof. Barnard calls "the tremulous condition of the atmosphere, and which, as a mutter of fact, does not exist outside of the telescope itself. It is a phenomenon resulting from the present faulty construction of all large telescopes. This I will attempt to show.
The tremulous condition will be readily noticed in the large glass, but will not be perceptible in the small one. When the temperature of both glasses have reached that of the weather, what must be the condition of the two pieces of glass in

each objective?

It is this, the softer piece, contracting quicker and more, becomes smaller than the harder piece; the image pro duced ceases to quiver now, but is dis-torted and blurred in the large glass, but not enough to be detected in the small one. To make this clear, why the quivering and distortion is detected in the large glass and not in the small one, we take two bars of iron, one a foot long, the other fifty feet long; lower their temperature fifty degrees, you can readily discover the shortening of the if it should be (and we don't know what people may do nowadays), it would be absolutely safe to say that it would be never be successfully used."

longer, but cannot detect it in the short piece. Whatever the contraction of the short piece might be, it would be fifty times greater in the long piece. The tracts are worthy of careful and serious thought, and, especially so among the lesh can judge, "they don't carn their lake his own life, and thus throw his burdens on them. A man assuming well-known fact that in all departments of most professed great public responsibilities, finding of salentific research men constantly."

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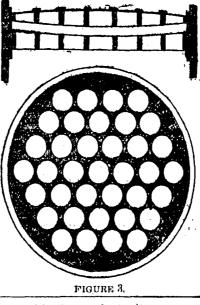
engineers are quite equal to the task of change of temperature will be noticed inform the public that "It is the idea of mounting and equipping any telescope in the larger glass first, blurring and a crank," "If such a telescope was built in the larger glass first, blurring and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and a crank," "If wouldn't lead to the task of mounting and task of hat it is possible to make.

distorting the image, while in the small it would be useless," "I wouldn't look "The tremulous condition of the atglass the change is so trifling that it through it if I had a chance, for it is mosphere," which of late is referred to can hardly be noticed. What more impossible to build a telescope that way, so much by many of our leading astron-plainly demonstrates the truth of this and all this in face of the fact that Mr omers, is a serious one, if true, as it conclusion than Prof. Barnard's own would render larger telescopes almost statement, viz.: "The real trouble oftenuseless. This would mean no further est occurs when the air is very clear. for nearly a year. It has been visited progress in the great science of astron- The clear, crisp, wintry night, when the by many noted and scientific people, omy. My purpose in this article is to stars are bright and sparkling, is the not one of whom would endorse the show, first, that this condition of the at-worst possible time for a telescope." statements of his critics as noted above. mosphere does not exist. Second, to And why? Simply because there is a Every opportunity has been given to show that it is wholly a defect in the radical change in the temperature on these gentlemen of the stars (who say construction of the present large telescopes. Third, that much larger telein which the glass was finished. Prof. it cannot be done) to examine Mr. Gathmann's invention: they would certainly scopes will be made in the near future, Barnard says further: "There are nights and fourth, the method of construction when the air is almost perfectly quiet." when the air is almost perfectly quiet." He then sees the stars plainly: the reason would have more force. I would be

zero, what is the result? Our 6-inch instrument gives a clear-out, well-defined image, while the large glass is blurred, quivoring and distorted. In this case both having the same magnifying power again demonstrates that the trouble is in the instrument, and not in the atmoshere. It is quite evident from what Prof. Barnard says, that for general, all round, every-day use, a 6-inch telescope of the present construction would be the most useful instrument, and I agree with him, because the glass being small, there can be no serious displacement by extremes of heat and cold. The way, and the only way, to have large tele-scopes is to remedy this appearance of atmospheric disturbance that is manifest in all large glasses. How can it be done? In the first place, if there are more times when a 12-inch lens gives better results than a 86-inch, and still more when a 6-inch gives better results, everything being considered there must be more perfection in a 12-inch than a 36-inch, and still more in a 6-inch than in a 12-inch, and on down to the little drop of perfection in a microscope. To get greater and still greater mag

nifying power, we must have more light; and corrected with great care; the to get more light, we must increase our more homogeneous and perfect than a 6-inch), coment them in a sash or frame, to 75 degrees of temperature.

It being a well-known law of physics that heat will expand and cold contract, so much more perfect than a large single lens, greater magnifying power could be possible in a single lens of the same size. With this method we might have great er area of glass than any single lens in the world; still there would be no more atmospheric disturbance than you would find in any four inch lens, he frame or sash of both the crown and flint glass expanding and contracting exactly the same. No lines of focus would be out of adjustment, any more than in the The Spiritual Alps single 4-inch telescope. (See fig. 3.)



An objective made in this manner, with a thousand small lenges, would be

with the light coming through a large number of lonses; but it is a fact nevertheless. This is the principle on which the "Chicago man," who is none other than Louis Gathmann, has built a 7-inch objective made up of 13 small lenses. I have visited Mr. Gathmann's observ

atory at least fifty times since last June. I have made a large number of observations with his sectional lens telescope, in all temperatures ranging from 15 to 80 degrees above zero; and I must say, that on all occasions, and in different degrees of temperature whon the air was warm and moist, and when it was cold, sharp and crisp, it has proved itself to be the most perfect, satisfactory and remarkable telescope that I have ever had the pleasure of making observations with. Some months ago, on a clear, crisp and frosty night I visited the North-

their 184-inch glass I made some observations of Jupiter, but the image was distorted, and no definition could be had. Returning to Mr. Gathmann's observatory, about one hour later, and making an observation of Jupiter with his instrument, perfect definition was had, no signs of any distortion of image was no "I wouldn't look pleased to have any of the gentlemen give some clear, lucid and scientific degmas, and asked 60d's parion for baring taught the reasons why such a telescope as Mr. Gathmann proposes is not possible, praction and judgment must be established to enable us to make further progress.

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