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# LIVING FOR OTHERS.

with Yourself.

Sublime Words, Worthy of Any Bible.

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weep with them that weep .- Romans,

That seems to be a very odd injunction, and we rather wonder if St. Paul words, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." meant exactly what he said. We are apt to think that our first duty is to look after our personal interests, lay up for ourselves a stock of comfort and happiness and thereafter enjoy the accumula-

tion with perhaps a passing word of pity for those who are not equally fortunate. The hard-headed and hard-hearted himself, get all he can, keep all he gets gether or perform with reluctance. and enter neither into the joys nor sorrows of others. He is to live in a castle where he can have all the pleasures and luxuries of life, but is to keep the world from sharing his good fortune by a wall that cannot be scaled, a most that cannot be crossed, and a drawbridge that

is guarded by a retinue of servants.

The Apostle dreams a different dream. He uses very revolutionary language, and language which makes selfishness and covetousness shrug their shoulders when he practically tells us that we are thoroughly heterodox if we say, "All that I have is mine," for the higher philosophy teaches us to put it another that I have is more, "for the higher philosophy teaches us to put it another to do it with there would be fewer

What you possess—this he insists upon—what you possess belongs to others, if they need it. Your business which we ever set ourselves, and we is not to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give. You are gladly avail ourselves of every excuse to hoard, but to give have a constant and the hoard of us there was a flash of lights the country, for the first time, in the evening. But a few weeks ago ne roue out may be to country, for the first time, in the evening. He took a trip to the falls, spent the evening there and wheeled the lookout should be a head of us there was a flash of lights and the country, for the first time, in the evening. He took a trip to the falls, and the country for the first time, in the evening the country for the first time, in the country for

the domain of spiritual law. If we in- praise of our friends and try to persuade fract a physical law we suffer the punishment of pain; if we infract a spiritual is deserved. law we suffer loss of character, a loss of eternity to do it. If we do not act on magnifying glass, and have no desire to the right principles here we shall go know the exact truth. into the other world handicapped; but When a contractor undertakes to build the lesson must be learned, if not in the a house, his first business is to find out present life, then in the hereafter, and whether the necessary timber and stone

throw yourself into the welfare of knowing how to use them, he would be secrated heart to rejoice in the joy of tical life, when one wishes to earn his others when there is little to rejoice in living, he must know his trade and have your own life, but such an attitude of at hand the instruments which alone can quite ideal-it is angelic. The grosser to apply for work as a carpenter or elements of human nature are sloughed mason who was ignorant of his ability off and you are in very truth a child of to do what he is to be paid wages for dooff and you are in very truth a child of ing.

God. There is hardly a loftier spiritual ing.

The same rule applies when we are the character. The

the pangs of poverty, whose burden whether he is in possession of those ele-would be lightened by your presence in ments, or, if not, whether it is possible would be lightened by your presence in the gloomy household and by the gift which you can spare and which you will never miss. If your surplus could fall to their lot; if the crumbs from your table could be bestowed on them; if your and when he has reached his conclusions and when he has reached his conclusions warm sympathy were to be offered, not he can work intelligently and successby way of condescension, but as a privi-lege which you claim the right to enjoy, . If he is a foolish man—and most of us a larger benefit would accrue to you are foolish in this respect—he neither than to them, and this dull world would knows much about the material in his no longer be a vale of tears. Brotherly own soul, with which he is to do his love and interest are "twice blessed," love and interest are "twice blessed," work, nor the plan according to which for the blessing falls on him who gives he is to shape his life, and as a conseand him who receives.

heartless? Why do we care so little for with ignorance he is apt to end with diswhat happens to others and so much for appointment.
what happens to ourselves? Why do we See the wrecked lives scattered along take everything within reach, as though the shore of time! What more pathetic happiness were for the strong arm and picture can be conceived than that of a the covetous heart? Is not our philoso- man who has made the worst of himself? phy narrow and our religion a pretence? His early hopes and ambitions, like the Can we face the Lord without shame or timbers of a stranded vessel, lie bleachwithout the consciousness of personal ing in the sun. The waves that break guilt if we have shared no one's grief on the beach sound like a dirge, and you and rejoiced in no one's good fortune? can hear in the air the tolling of bells. Under such circumstances we should Why has this misfortune befallen? In find that the pangs of remorse would most cases because he had no high aim, render the joys of the future futile and and was governed by impulse rather discover to our sorrow that only good than conviction. If he had known him-

There is but one law for the spirit—be the tragedy it is.
the law of love. We are in this world What can we do, the law of love. We are in this world What can we do, then, to keep our-that we may do what we can to make it selves from making these fatal misbetter. We are personally associated takes? Here is a very practical queswith all the burden-bearers within tion. The clergy will tell-you to 'get reach of our sympathy, and if we fail to religion." But religion is not a thing exert our utmost influence to lighten to be plucked from a tree like peaches. the sorrows of those who weep, to en- True, you must have religion, but where

The Benefit in Communing to approach the future with the memory of self-sacrifice than with all the religthat were ever formulated.

BY THE LEADING EDITORIAL WRITER Words of comfort, seek them out, go into self-examination in solitude. Their remote homes and carry with you find it a Jacob's ladder up which you a saintly soul which rejoices with them daily climb to heaven. that do rejoice and weeps with them Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and that weep. Then your life will be worth something, and you will be greeted on the other side with the welcoming

#### COMMUNE WITH YOURSELF.

Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door.—Matthew, vi., 6.

Very few men put themselves under a microscope and look at their souls with the sharp eye of critical analysis. Self-examination is a prime duty, but view is that every man must look out for a duty which we either neglect alto-

The consequence is that a great many of us have yet to make our own ac-

what we really are that we could pass ourselves on the highway without a nod of recognition.

If we knew ourselves thoroughly we should work with more economy of energy and to far better purpose.

If we knew what we are best adapted

way and say, "All that I have is God's." sighs and less heart-breaking.

What you possess—this he insists Calm, quiet, relentless self-examina-

ourselves that the praise or the flattery

In a word, it is a universal fault that which must be made up if it takes half we prefer to see ourselves through a

better, therefore, to begin right than to what he must do and what he has to do be forced to make things right by and it with. Each of his laborers has a tool You cannot be at your best unless you work not having the proper tools, or not It requires a sturdy and a con- treated with scornful contempt. In pracsoul is god-like. The frame of mind in make him an available artisan, Nothwhich a thing of that kind is possible is ing could be more absurd than for a man

ready climbed as high as heaven.

Think of those in your vicinity fellow wise man is a student. He knows what

quence has no definiteness of purpose Why do we make this life so cold and and wastes his energies, for if he begins

deeds can make even heaven tolerable. self more accurately his life would not

great secret. Acquire the habit of selfcommunion, and everything else will follow. Spend thirty minutes every day in the silence of your course of your in the silence of your own chamber, talking to your own soul about the great concerns of life, and it will not be long Ceorge Springwell's Acbefore you have God to keep you com-pany. Quiet, restful contemplation is more magical than magic itself. It is resolution. Look over your purposes and motives critically and impartially reant to the fundamental principles of a shut out the world and unfold yourself concerning to a deliberate judgment concerning their value, and you will find sooner or later that invisible beings "who walk the earth both when we want to be a sooner or later that invisible beings and things like that, but if you ever catch me riding that wheel after midnight, I won't know it." Thus did George Springwell vehament. pure and undefiled religion, and have no to yourself. Examine your hopes and right to expect the approval of the fears, coming to a deliberate judgment Father of all His children. It is safer concerning their value, and you will ious professions that were ever made, and when we sleep" are your welcome than with an assent to all the creeds companions. There is nothing so nearly omnipotent, so transfiguring, nothing that can so quickly bring you self-con-Do your duty to yourself by doing your duty to others. What you have, share it with the needy. Give them words of comfort, seek them out, go into

# words, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one Invisible Hands Turned It in

Disobedience of Orders.

"Why, no," said the mate, "I can't say that we're a bit more superstitious than other folk. You get into the moors and hills and you'll find landsmen quite as foolish as any of us. I'll not deny but there may have been a time-and yet I'm not very sure. That's true enough about steam; anyway, blue water isn't so lonely as it must have been when we were all under canvas. Seems to me it's loneliness that breeds superstition, and there's no loneliness like that of the To use a blundering bit of rhetoric in high seas on a starry night. Still things order to illustrate this statement, our estimate of ourselves is so different from no accounting for. high seas on a starry night. Still things

no accounting for. "Here's a case now; I wonder what you would make out of it? It was on a May night, something like fifteen years ago, and we were coming up the channel. It was one of those queer nights when the stars are clear overhead, but everything about you's as black as your We were bowling along with a fresh breeze that brought us a smell of old England, and everything seemed ship shape and snug, when all of a sud-

guess what I felt at that moment, with that cry in my ears and that big shadow rushing out of the darkness. Then two invisible hands, cold as ice, were laid on mine with a steady grip, and the wheel was sent flying hard a-starboard. We swung up into the wind, and as we did so a great ocean liner passed us at almost a struck a chill blast a great ocean liner passed us at almost along moderately he struck a chill blast leaping distance. Had we gone to port of air. This was on an August night, we should have been cut in two.

captain's brother was lost in the chan-nel—run down just like that, too."— Good Words.

#### "MIRACULA,"

#### A Play Dictated by Spirit Bartley Campbell.

What theatre is to have the new play purporting to have been dictated by the spirit of the late Bartley Campbell is not yet disclosed. It is a curious exploit, and probably its promoters court ridicule as a factor for pecuniary success.
The piece is called "Miracula," and its travelers to eternity, who are suffering elements go to make up a character, and writer, who pretends to be a Spiritualistic medium controlled by Mr. Camp-

bell, said to a Sun reporter: "A voice spoke to me, saying, 'Write a spiritual drama. You can do it, for we will help you.' Finally the voice commanded me to take my pencil. I did so, and this was the message received by me: 'We prefer to furnish our own dialogue and plot. The plot is ready, and we will be able to unfold it if you will yield to our control; I am Bartley Campbell.' At once the writing of the play began, and in less than ten days the work was completed. I do not wish to be charged with deceit or charlatanism. Spiritualism has now a sufficient following to give it the dignity of an established school of philosophy. 'Miracula' treats it as a philosophical religion in a scenic and dramatic form, the arguments, pro and con, being sustained by typical characters representing the opposing as well as the friendly elements. called it a religio-dramatic production; its primary object is to present the real philosophy of Spiritualism, and to introduce before the public the genuine phenomena in evidence. I shall attempt to produce genuine spirit materializations, just as they are seen in the seance-room. and have the promise of some very interesting developments. There has never been yet brought together in a single combination such a powerful psy-chic battery as compose the 'Miracula' company, for they are nearly all mediums of more than usual power, and ce-

Every base occupation makes one courage the struggling, to extend a is it and what is it?

sharp in its practice, and dull in every concomitant. His very soul was swayed belping hand to the tempted, we are recally and seemed to be in a by their intensity and seemed to be in a

# HAUNTED BICYCLE.

## count of the Supernatural.

"Yes, sir, that bicycle's haunted, and that's all there is to it. I don't know a thing about spirits and things like that, hold of the bicycle. The tale that Springwell tells is certainly a queer one, and one that is apparently vouched for by a number of his friends. They delare that any one riding the wheel after 12:30 o'clock on any night will wish he hadn't. The sensations experienced by such a rider are described as startling

in the extreme, and accompanied by manifestations that are of the hair-rais-Springwell lives in a modest little house on Lombard street, and is a clerk in one of the large dry goods houses. He came to Buffalo last July from New York, and just before he left the metropolis he bought a second-hand bicycle locomotion between his house and the store. It was only a few weeks ago that he was aware of the supernatural qualities of the wheel, and this he discovered in a startling manner. He was accusroom in the rear of the kitchen every night. One day he bought a cyclometer, and from the aid of the instrument he found that the wheel was haunted. He

took careful note of the miles registered on the little machine, and soon began to see that there were small discrepancies, periods of exactly three miles for which he could not account. Every night as he looked at the cyclometer he took a careful note of the amount registered, and every morning it was just three miles more. This bothered him considerably, but he dismissed everything with the thought that the instrument was defective in some way or other.

is not to hoard, but to give. You are not isolated from the world; you are a part of it. If there is joy anywhere you are to rejoice in it as though it were your own, and if there is sorrow anywhere you are to assuage it by fraternal words and deeds.

The text opens up a very large dother to look into the matter lest our suspicions should be corroborated.

The text opens up a very large dother to look into the matter very excuse to against the very darkness. In a moment the lookout shouted there was a cry, the lookout shouted there was cry, the lookout shouted there was a cry, the lookout shouted there was a cry, the lookout shouted there was a cry, the lookout shouted there was cary, the lookout shouted there was a cry, the lookout shouted there was a cry, the lookout shouted

and he could not account for the exvagueness. Something terrible he felt

friend ahead, but felt powerless. hands suddenly seize his hands as they this did not deviate the wheel from its path a single inch. Terrified beyond a sickening sensation sweep through him. He felt that something immeasurevery action. Of a sudden the pedals began to revolve with a rapidity that he declares was nothing short of marvelous. He flew up the stretch that interinconceivable rapidity, some unknown power having its ghostly feet on the pedals. On he flew. His friend was passed as though he were standing still. He cried to cry out as he passed him, but could not. On into the gloom beyond, till the city line was reached, then on again over the asphalt. The long stretch of smooth pavement flew from under him. He jumped car tracks, hardly feeling them, as he passed. Under the white glare of the electric lights he passed with his demon companion. He could feel that the ghostly rider behind him was panting under the exertion. He could feel a clammy breath on the back of his neck that sent terrible shivers through his whole body. Springwell declares with an expression that is indubitable evidence of his honesty that he will never forget this

essential to the successful treatment of The sensations accompanying this mad these diseases. light he says he is powerless to describe. lebrities in Spiritualism."-New York There was not only the horrible thought that he was in the power of the supernatural, but other emotions, that he says no language can ever portray, were

awful ride till the last moment of life

shadow of something inexpressibly ter-rorsome and ghoulish.

On he flew and he could make out a

shadowy something dancing before him. Something vague of outline, and white in color. It danced now here, now there, and he felt rather than saw that it was mocking him. On in the leadership of this phantom he flew. He crossed the utterly impossible for a man to think about himself for half an hour without becoming a shamed of himself, and shame after a little will transmute itself into the Park road passes over it. Ahead he could see the white shimmer of an electrie light, illuminating its dazzling circle beneath it. He felt the icy hands that had never relaxed their pressure from the moment he had first felt them, loosen a bit of their grip. He was regaining control. But the machine the ghostly monster behind him. He her ability than mere applause. craned his head a bit, and at that moment he felt a terrible blow over the wheel and lay on the pavement. He describes the half-glimpse of the thing behind him as something too inexpressible bestowed, and yet be so democratic

> olis he bought a second-hand picycie from a reputable dealer. This he took to Buffalo, and has ridden it steadily to and from his place of business. He is and from his place of business. He is a what would be called a bicycle crank, able to wheel. From the spot where he are the place to wheel the place the next able to wheel. From the spot where he can be considered to the place the place the next able to wheel. From the spot where he can be considered to the place the pl face. They revisited the place the next attainments. where he was hit is exactly three miles

and a few rods over. Springwell wrote to the man from whom he bought the wheel and he received an answer that is certainly queer. The dealer said that a man had brought the wheel in good shape, and asked a very small price for it, and that he, the dealer, thinking it had been stolen, told him he would not buy it. The man swore it had not been stolen, and offered to let it remain there until he was satisfied. He had kept it through the winter and never a sign of a claimant, hence he had sold it.

Springwell is at a loss to account for the

strange occurrence. He is utterly unable to say what could have been the cause, save on the hypothesis that some man was murdered while on it, and that it has thus become haunted. However

#### PALPABLE FACTS.

He declares that as he was riding into terrible evils, and when what is along moderately he struck a chill blast called a fit of the "blues" has full sway. These depressed mental states are most "It has become a great fad, no doubt, remained in that condition three days frequent on dull, humid days, when the for all other branches have been dropped and nights. On Wednesday evening present life, then in the hereafter, and whether the necessary timber and stone in two we should have been cut in two.

when the plan of the many processes of evoluaries within reach. He has the plan of the work in his throat. Before he was since then been giving wonderful action can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows can be avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and so knows are avoided or omitted. It is the house always in mind, and s aware he was a prey to a most horrible and the electrical potential, or the wind and vague fear—horrible because of its changed. On such days domestic animals overwhelmed with work, and vacations trance. become restless: the hens sit on the are impossible with me in those places. was about to happen. He glanced from fence and oil their feathers, and the cat I have just finished a miniature of Mrs. of heaven, and when she tells of its magnight to left. Nothing could be seen or is morose and peevish. Teachers and Cyrus H. McCormick; also of Mrs. W. nificent splendor her lips quiver, and heard. He thought he would call to his jailers often note that their charges are restless and ill-tempered during such beauty made an exquisite picture. Then as he was riding, a powerful weather, and commercial travelers cease something seemed to suddenly wrap it to waste their time in canvassing their self about him. He could feel cold customers, knowing that on such a day Stevens, and when I go to London this predicts the near approach of the judgit is no use to try to do business. Every-fall, I am engaged to paint the Princess ment day, and advises everybody to stop body seems to be more or less irritable, of Wales and many other beautiful Eng-work, pray and prepare for the eternity guided the machine, and he could not release them from the iron grip. He knew that he was in the power of some Crothers bears witness to the extraordisupernatural monster and that the ma- nary effect of bad weather on work. On but entirely from life, oftentimes devot- ers, she is said to have cured a Mrs. chine had passed from his control. He wavered from side to side. The wheel air was charged with electricity, the repersonality of my subject. I love the thirty-nine years' standing.

described curious curves and he thought sult of his studies would be full of faulty for a minute he was going to be thrown deductions and misconceptious, and the ground. All this time he did not what then appeared clear to him seems am constantly impressing upon my sit- have been cured by her and has become have control of the wheel. He tugged later to be filled with errors. An actuwith all his force at the handle-bars, but ary in a large insurance company makes this did not deviate the wheel from its path a single inch. Terrified beyond description he could not shout. He felt done then is so full of mistakes as to be useless. In a large factory from 10 to 20 per cent less work is turned out on ably monstrous had complete control of damp days and in threatening weather. The superintendent, in receiving orders to be delivered at a certain time, takes this factor into calculation. Ministers all know that their congregations are as vened between him and his friend with impressible by weather conditions as mercury. The most eloquent sermon passes over their heads on a very hot day in which there is not a breath of morning air, while if the sun shines brightly, and there is a gentle, warm wind, all the powers of the soul are called upon, and every faculty of the mind is alert, and open to the slightest impression. On such a day the storekeepers know that their sales will run up, as people are gay and expansive. Wet, windy or sloppy weather has, on the contrary, such an influence on the revival of miniature painting in Paris spirits of some people that they dislike to go out of doors, or to put themselves to the least exertion. Dr Cline states that the number of deaths caused by disease of the nervous system is 50 per cent greater on days with abnormally high Miss Kussuer has become a synonym for temperature than on days with normal everything superior in that line .- Chitemperature, and that equable conditions in pressure and temperature are

> Every medium knows that the weather at times exerts a potent influence on spirit manifestations.

#### A MEDIUM ARTIST.

#### Even if She Does Not Recognize Lifting Up the Thoughts to the the Fact.

MALIA KUSSNER, VISITING HER FAMI-LY IN THIS CITY, TALKS OF MINIA-TURE PAINTING, IN WHICH SHE

Miss Amalia Kussner, high-priestess and pioneer of miniature painting in An afternoon on the lounge, or in an America, is now in Chicago visiting her family, says the Chicago Tribune. She is acknowledged a peer in her art on seemed to be dragging something behind two continents, and has received more t. He felt he could now turn and see substantial evidence of appreciation of

Miss Kussner is a young girl, in appearance scarcely out of her teens. It head. Stunned, he dropped from his is hard to believe that one so young has sibly monstrous to attempt to portray. as she is. With the ease and finesse of He lay on the pavement for some five a diplomat, she carries one away from minutes, when Zeller came up. He was topic to topic, always avoiding the one riding like mad. Zeller stopped when subject—herself—until finally she laugh-he saw his friend and helped him to his ingly admits that she might as well talk feet. When Springwell told his story, of the one subject first as last, for she at first Zeller thought he was joking, will be made to talk of her painting—but he was finally convinced from the not that she does not love the subject, look of abject terror in Springwell's but she is provokingly modest about her

> SHE NEVER TOOK A LESSON. "How did I begin? O, I just began be-

ically and financially."
"You studied with masters abroad?"

wás asked. "No, nor at home. I never took a les-

son in miniature painting in my life. It simply seems to belong to me as a natural inspiration. Others call it a divine gift, and to me it certainly seems so, for when Mrs. Theodore Havemeyer, who lived so much abroad and never had any desire to be painted, declared, on seeing if we are sufficiently receptive and harmy first work, that I should paint her, monious. Life may be narrow from cirfelt there was something in it.

"I feel as if the reporter were robbed of all working ground in my case, there touches the best, and the freedom of the various masters, followed by the usual actic residence where one invades the than this spirituality which may be border-land of starvation, and the final achieved in the humblest home.—Chaawakening of pity in the fates, for I tauquan, New York. neither studied nor starved in the attic, sued for favor, and I won. Takes away the romance, doesn't it? But it leaves the substance just the sema the substance just the same.

"Yes, I have painted a great many of Psychic Effects of the Weather. the most beautiful women in America. love to paint the Western women. They have an independent spirit that Prof. E. E. Beals has given some inpleases me, and they pose with a freeteresting data on the psychic effect of
dom and abandon I can make much of,
the weather, says the St. Louis Globe
I care more for an interesting personal-Democrat. Every person knows of the ity than beauty of feature, and when I

Arthur Paget, daughter of Mrs. Paran habit the other world until then. She lish women. I never paint from photo- She has performed a number of cures graphs, as do many of the profession, by the laying on of hands. Among oth-

#### ARDOR AND GENIUS COMBINED.

With such ardor accompanying positive genius, is it to be wondered at that this young girl, so gifted, should have attained her marvelous skill in the most difficult departure in all art? She follows no school. Her magnetism seems to vivify the life in the sitter, and her own exquisite conception gathers what is best and most beautiful, and gives it full expression. Her colors hint of the Orient in their richness, but blend like the harmonies in music.

A peculiarity noted by artists and critics is that her miniatures show more figure than any modern painter, and that the neck and bust are as expressive a portrait as the face. The lines lack the stiffness of the French painter, and have a portrayal of life that is the chief charm

Miss Kussner appeared in New York, by a peculiar coincidence, just with the two years ago. She came unheralded, with simply her first work, and a letter of introduction to a wealthy and prominent patron of art. It is needless to add the work possessed merit, and since then cago Tribune.

The longest macadamized road in this country is the National, 650 miles.

The longest trestle bridge is over Lake Ponchartrain, New Orleans, 22 miles.

Nor cell, nor chain, nor dungeon The longest pier bridge is said to be speaks to the murderer like the voice of that of Victoria, at Montreal, 9,144 feet. solitude.—Maturin.

#### PHILOSOPHY OF REST.

## Divine World.

THE SPIRITUAL WORDS OF THE POET LONGFELLOW.

Physical labor is fatiguing just in pro-HAS ACHIEVED RENOWN ON TWO portion to the absence of thought, or the CONTINENTS—SHE NEVER TOOK A from this fatigue comes very largely from a change of thought currents. It is a great mistake to fancy that one is only at work when he is doing something on the visible and tangible side. easy chair, or a hammock, reading is not unfrequently far more productive even to the busy housewife, than it would have been spent over the mending basket or at the sewing machine. By living high enough to catch the outlook, so to speak, one generates a cer-tain degree of creative energy, which tides over work otherwise exhaustive with little sense of fatigue. To receive this energy is to rest. Therefore the this energy is to rest. philosophy of rest is to bring one's self into receptivity to this infinite potency,

Just how? One way is simply to sit down alone. and silently, and lift up the thought to the divine world. To realize, quietly, the exceeding beauty of life as lived on the spiritual plane. Things have happened, perhaps, that are irritating, yet hold fast to the thought that one must banish resentment; must govern his thoughts as well as his acts by benevolence; that one must ever keep in his mind the ideal of the divine harmony. cause I knew I must do something, so I decided to paint miniatures, and the first one I painted was a success, artisttion and enduring strength.

#### The Spirit-world around our world of

#### Floats, like an atmosphere,'

says the poet Longfellow, and the poet's insight has discussed a literal fact. As we are primarily spiritual being, we can receive of this infinite potency in which we live, and move, and have our being cumstances, but it always may be deep and high. And touching this, one

#### Miss March, a Colored Girl, Now Displays Supernatural Powers

CURES BY LAYING ON OF HANDS, AND PREDICTS THE JUDGMENT DAY'S EARLY ARRIVAL

times when all things appear dark and am, working my whole being—my soul gloomy, when little ills are magnified entity—is in those two inches of ivory.

The true product in the second of the second ALL THE TALK AT WATERING-PLACES. colored woman named March fell into a trance while listening to a sermon, and

> She claims to have seen the interior S. Walker. Mrs. McCormick's blonde her eyes fill with tears. She says she beauty made an exquisite picture. will live several months yet, and it Early in the spring I painted Lady makes her sad to think she cannot in

one of the flock she is gathering about her. A number of well-to-do farmers of the negro settlement in the adjoining portion of Paulding County, have either sold or mortgaged their farms and joined the flock, which is reported to be now nearly 400. She preaches to them three times a day, but remains at rest in a tent the balance of the time, and it is claimed no one can approach nearer than fifteen feet of the tent when she is inside, as invisible hands guard it.

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those who join the circle. J. W. DINSDALE. 1533 Masonic Temple, Chicago.

The nearest approach to the South Pole was by Ross in 1842, 78 degrees.

tree, covered with blossoms which filled

the room with fragrance.
The Rajah rubbed his eyes. "Hast

thou cast a mist before mine eyes?" he

spirit; and the magician approached the

tree, plucked a hunch of the flowers from

examined them closely, but they were

real. It was not a trick of hypnotic

"Would you know the secret of our

"It would please me greatly," I an-

He waved his hands before my eyes,

power, gentle lady?" he asked.

shown to the Rajah,

spiritual?"

it and presented them to the Rajah. The Rajah took them in his hand and

"Thou dreamest not," answered the

asked, "or do I dream?"

was silent.

# "THE PRINCESS AIMEE."

A STORY OF INDIA.

## BY CARLYLE PETERSILEA.

My Dear Brother:—It has, as you stranger to know or intermeddle with subtile power between us, which the know, long been my desire to write an-her grief; but my great desire to help French call en rapport. other story. Strange as it may seem to and comfort her overcame my scruples, some, I did not commence the life of an and so I approached and stood very near She is in danger!" my spirit cried forth, author until after laying aside the worn tenement of clay—of clay, do I say? No, that is not correct; it is simply an old—that is not correct; it is simply an old—commingled, and each thought, as it fashioned figure of speech—my earthly body was not a body of clay, and but a tographed within her aura, or upon it, to a long corridor, and out through a small be perceived by me as plainly as one on door; then through a small be perceived by me as plainly as one on door; then through a small be perceived by me as plainly as one on door; then through a small perceived by me as plainly as one on door; then through a small perceived by me as plainly as one on door; then through a small perceived by me as plainly as one on door; then through a perceived were as plainly as one on door; then through a perceived were as plainly as one on door; then through a perceived were as plainly as one on door; then through a perceived were as plainly as one on door; then through a perceived were as plainly as one on door; then through a perceived were as plainly as one on door; then through a perceived were as plainly as one on door; then through a perceived were as plainly as one on door; then through a perceived were as plainly as one on the perc very small portion of clay entered into be perceived by me as plainly as one on its composition; it was, rather, a body of earth perceives the photographic picture of his friend, and I discovered, as I private garden of his much-loved daughgether by a fine network of nerves; and that love, or dister, here he paused, for it was not his through an inherited tendency to distance the cause of the intrude upon the young ease, it became too worn to hold me her sad and tearful state. longer, and so I escaped from it, and it is saw the picture of an English "Look through the lat was buried beneath the cold sod, as a soldier, and another, of a stern, dark cried out, and he obeyed. useless encumbrance.

could be commenced in earnest.

the natural laws of my being.

alighted on the old earth to rest my walls. spiritual wings. SARAH E. DUNBAR.

CHAPTER I.

THE YOUNG PRINCESS.

One day I had taken a long flight even for a spirit-for I had not yet been long within the realm of spirit-I had flown from North America to India, and becoming weary, and somewhat curious, I settled down within the most beautiful spot which I could find in all India-a the most beautiful and brilliant hues.

even my own, and they were as happy vast sum of money. and consequently heaven; therefore looked upon a sight like this before.

Now, if I had been within my earthly both of theirs.

"Aimee," he said, as he grasped a of a young and beautiful maiden.

My spiritual feet now touched the earth, and I walked along the silvery paths, turning into one which led me in the direction of the voice. Presently I came full upon the sweet singer, whereat I paused and listened; but the notes which I heard were not like the lark, joyous, happy and free, but more lark, joyous, happy and free, but more like those of a mourning dove, sadly and without where to lay my head?" softly singing its life away.

I approached still nearer, and a splenpeachlike cheeks.

whose age must have been about the swered, after the manner of hypocritical same as that of this youthful princess—men:

pathy over this young Hindoo maiden.
To gain the entire confidence of my own daughters, when in the earthly form, to give them my unqualified sym-

the mind of one who might not like a | met mine-and there was generated a

Hindoo, and these I at once knew to be I was not young, I was not old, but had her lover and her father. I could read one of her dark, exquisitely-formed reached an age which is called middle-life. I had long been like an imprisoned tive command, and the lover's insinuat-other hand toyed with the sparkling bird within a cage, the wings of my spirit beating at the bars of its confinement, and when the hour came in which and her mind distracted. I also diswhistle to his lips, blew a shrill blast, I gained my freedom, I sang like a soar- covered her to be an exceedingly gifted and before the young man had cleared ing lark and mounted upward; but even person, for one so young, and as pure, half the distance between Aimee and the lark does not care to soar always, sweet and modest as a violet, which she the gate by which he had entered, he and must, at last, rest its weary wings. Very much resembled in spirit. I be-It is not now my intention to write came so deeply interested in her nature bound hand and foot, and carried to a about the meeting with all my friends that I determined to constitute myself remote vault beneath the building and and relatives; this will not interest the her guardian spirit. That she had no thrust in. public at large; but be sure I met all mother in the earth-life I soon found whom I desired to see, and many whom out; also that her mother had been one I did not care particularly about; but, of many favorites with which the Rajah long before leaving my body, I was de- toyed; that this beautiful little Aimee termined, if it were possible, to return had been accepted as his daughter and to you, my much-loved friend, and work princess; had been educated according struggling humanity with all my to her station, and all that wealth could give was hers.

farther end of the garden was softly One little book I have already written, pushed open, and a young man in an unand with this, I will commence my secdress uniform crept stealthily through, ond, which shall be called "The throwing quick, penetrating glances in Princess Aimee." Every word within this book shall be a truthful record of a that no one but the princess was within portion of my experience within the the garden, he glided, with noiseless spiritual realm; not the experience of footsteps, to her side. As he approached an angel, or completed whole, but that her, Aimee raised her clasped hands, of a spirit not yet acquainted with all and humid, supplicating eyes toward heaven, breathing a prayer to Buddha My soul was still hovering near the earth, my mind interested in its inhabitants, and one may be sure that I young soldier were found near the palfound enough to interest me for many ace, or within the grounds belonging to and many a year of earth time; yet I did it, he was to be immediately captured. not remain near the earth always, but, | manacled, and thrown into the deepest like the lark when weary of soaring, I dungeon or vault beneath the palace

> The princess raised her slender finger warningly, and then laid it upon her have they taken him?" lips, enjoining silence. The soldier knelt on one of the cushions at her feet and clasped both her hands in his.

"Oh! Aimee! Aimee!" he softly whisprincess! Gather together all your tombed alive." noney and jewels, and let us begone before your father can carry out his hair. stern commands."

"Look!" breathed Aimee; and she buried in the ground beneath it. "Look, songsters of the most graceful plumage, aid; as I had long called myself a spiritual lark, their songs outrivaled gold, which must have amounted to a spiritual lark, their songs outrivaled gold, which must have amounted to a raised her classed he

as I possibly could be, and as well He clasped his hands and gazed upon worthy of it. What does it matter the contents of the coffer with greedy whether happiness is confined within hungriness. He, a simple lieutenant in the breast of a bird or a human being? Her Majesty's service, the son of a gen-Happiness is happiness, wherever found, tleman of very small means, had never

those little birds were in heaven, and, when happiness was within me, so was I. there, my sphere now blending with

body I could not have entered this gar-den; but being a spirit, and invisible to mortal sight, the garden, with all it contained, was open to my inspection all ready, by nightfall, to accompany me not only the garden, but the princely on board a steamer which sails for palace to which the garden was accessory; and now I heard a sweet voice have leave of absence for one month, singing, not that of a bird, but the voice and by the end of that time, I hope we shall both be safe in that far-off land." spiritual feet now touched the As the young man thrust the jewels

This was the question which now agitated my own mind; for if it were possidid vision met my sight. Costly rugs ble to save this lovely maiden from a and cushions were heaped high, and wretched fate, I was determined to do did vision met my sight. Costly rugs ble to save this lovely maiden from a and cushions were heaped high, and wretched fate, I was determined to do seated among them was an exceedingly so. I now looked intently within the seated among them was an exceedingly so. I now looked intently within the beauting of the way he desired to go. His soul had upon the earth, and it is the first spirit- Michael Cletch, one of the pillars of the seated among them was an exceedingly beautiful girl; a young creature in the beautiful girl; a young creature in the birt discover if he were worthy of the love which this guileless Aimee bestowed untold value sparkled on neck and arms; bands of brilliant gems were wound bands of brilliant gems were wound bands of brilliant gems were wound beautiful girl; a young creature in the mind of this young man, for I wished to discover if he were worthy of the love which this guileless Aimee bestowed upon him, and I found nothing there would be as hard, I found to my sorrow, bands of brilliant gems were wound beautiful girl; a young creature in the mind of this young man, for I wished to discover if he were worthy of the love way he desired to go. His soul nad drawn in my thought, or suggestion, as easily as thirsty soil absorbs water; but to change him now from his purpose would be as hard, I found to my sorrow, appeared from his sight, and the magingle and the form water to go. His soul nad drawn in my thought, or suggestion, as easily as thirsty soil absorbs water; but to change him now from his purpose would be as hard, I found to my sorrow, appeared from his sight, and the maging heavily before him.

Clean stood silently before him. amidst her long, thick, midnight but admiration for her, wholly on actresses; she was habited in the costlest count of her high position and great of silken draperies, and as her voice wealth. The wealth which she would rose and fell in sweet, mournful take with her was the one thing uppercadences, tears sparkled within her most in his mind; but to love and serve large, sorrowful eyes and rolled, one her, if she were in poverty and unafter the other, down her olive-tinted, known, would not be after his liking: under such circumstances he would I had left a young daughter on earth, have deserted her at once; but he an-

as I soon discovered her to be—and my motherly heart yearned in loving sym-whom I care; but as I have very little

pathy and the best advice of which my the probable fate of this young creature, judgment was then capable, had been robbed and deserted by this man, in a

separates the material and the spiritual; urn, somewhat after the fashion of a eyebrows bushy, the hair and beard long yet I well knew that this gulf was not Turkish sultan. Choicest wines stood and flowing. He wore a white turban impassable; a little wisdom, and the two on a small table near him, which he ocimpassable; a little wisdom, and the two on a small table near him, which he ocworlds blend harmoniously together. If I made myself acquainted with her glass. I glided up to him, feeling as though I must be visible to him, but, no, I knew that I was not, and yet, as I was mot, all unknown to her. If I were visible to her, she might not be willing to give me her confidence— shuddered visibly, as though with cold. He threw the mouthplees of his pipe waved them, together with the wand, in hestated for a moment or two, thinking down, and raised his eyes unward, and they revenue I ought not to look into that perhaps I ought not to look into is, he raised his eyes upward, and they of five minutes, at least, and as I looked.

princess.

"Look through the lattice!" I again

There, still kneeling at Aimee's feet, and extended his hands to me.

CHAPTER II.

THE YOGIN.

ment—all but one—a tall, dreamy-eyed, the spirit just the same, as you will see; weird-looking woman, of perhaps thirty but the Rajah will no longer be able to years, the oldest of all Aimee's maidens, perceive the spiritual." and considered by her as well as by the for in India a woman of thirty years is is a spiritual attribute as well as sight.

forehead in sweet-scented water, at the can sense nothing. Lady, all things are same time murmuring an incantation. spirit, yet some things are covered by Aimee opened her eyes, which were now the material." wild and sorrowful.

"Your words can not save him now!"

"I saw them bearing him away toward the vaults beneath the castle," answered Alicia, "and as they passed by me, on their way thither, Yoseph, my husband, whispened to me, the the majorian into the Rajah. To enter the From the days of Rochefoucauld, pered, "I love you! Fly with me, my whispered to me, that he was to be en-

Aimee shrieked wildly, tearing her

"Go, go! Alicia," she cried, "and talk raised one of the cushions, as she spoke, when and where the rites are to be perwith Yoseph, your husband, and learn to bear me, and from him my power is lously the foundations of society, by aimspot which I could find in all india—a and the lid of a large coffer, which was formed—and, oh, Alicia! if it is possible, The garden was alive with feathered my Edward. Is this enough?" and there present at the terrible ordeal.

raised her clasped hands and streaming this tree really lives here within a beau-eyes toward heaven. this spiritual grove, and that this spireyes toward heaven.

Now I had always lived in America, itual grove is not hindered in the least and this was my first visit to India, as a spirit, and, consequently I knew little or nothing of the customs of India or its people; and my soul shuddered as I me, for the spiritual can exist within J. F. caught the gist of Aimee's meaning. the same place as the material, and yet Entombed alive? Oh, truly, this was neither be cognizant of the other; but a horrible punishment, indeed! To pass spirit covered by materiality can be out of one's body, as I had done, after a made to perceive spiritual things, and a lingering sickness, surrounded by dear- spirit out of the material can become est friends in the free and open air, when cognizant of material things, or it may all the cords which held the spirit to not perceive them; as the case may be. the body were attenuated and nearly And I will here say that the only proof severed, had not been painful; quite the one needs of this is, that a spiritual bereverse; but, for a young and strong man to be entombed alive, and pass out in horrible, struggling agony, was indeed, most terrible, and I was bitterly remorseful for the part I had taken in pass directly through the spiritual form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may pass directly through the spiritual form the mortal form may be standing by the side of one and wanted to know if the old blue laws of Connecticut had been revived for his especial benefit. these strange proceedings. Would it be and yet not know the fact, and the spir- for the accommodation of such gentle tingly done? I must go directly to the mortal may not become aware of it; and order. Rajah, now, and, if possible, inspire his if this is true of the spirit being, it is Brown went into a south side church soul with mercy; so I swiftly entered his also true of the spiritual tree, or flower, and pre-empted one of the front seats, apartment, hovered near him, and with or bird, or beast, and so on, ad infinitum; He listened to the sermon for a few all the power which I then possessed, I yet I do not mean to say that all spirit minutes and then fell sound asleep, tried to impress feelings of forgiveness ual life is so near the earth as to touch Presently the congregation was much and morey upon his brain. But now it or be intermingled with it; I disturbed, so the sexton said this morn-What a great lesson I, myself, was now "Father," said the Rajah, "your powbeing taught: that a spirit must be ex- er is very great, and now hear what I pered. ceeding wise, indeed; to influence all would ask of thee: I have a daughter—a swered the sleeper. Mr. Cletch shook things in the right direction.

Whilst the foregoing regretful lish soldier has been wooing her without awoke. Then he felt warlike, and Offithoughts were passing through my consent. But before she should wed cers Remson and McNeil had to come mind, the rich hangings, which were with this dog of an Englishman, I would and cart the Philistine to the station. before the entrance to the apartment, slay her with my own hands. This very He was arraigned before Justice Underwere thrust aside, and a singular-look- hour I discovered them together in her wood, and the sequel has already been ing being entered, and after saluting private garden. I have captured him. noted. the Rajah, stood in dignified silence be— He is now within the deepest vault be— A pri

fore him. re him.

neath the castle walls. I would cause "It has come to my ears that thou art him to be slain, father, but thou knowest the most skilled magician in India," said that my hands the yet free from blood—the holy sanctuaries, and then carted off the Rajah. "Thou art an adept. One of that I have never slied, or caused to be to jail for snoring. Better would it be the Order of the Sun, or, the Ancient of shed, any man's blood; and yet, I would the Ancients—the Magi?"

The magician bowed low, but without The magician held up his finger, warn-

an unvarying law with me; and I now desired to gain the confidence of this tearful girl; but I was a spirit, dwelling within another world, of which she was not conscious, and yet I stood within three feet of her, my world and her world so near together and yet so far apart!

The magician bowed low, but without far-off, and, to her, strange country; and I determined to save her, at whatever price. But, how? That I must at once find out.

I left them, and glided swiftly into the interior of this sumptuous abode. I soon found where the Rajah, her father, apart!

The magician bowed low, but without greaking.

"Show me somewhat of thy power, father, that I may know that thou art, indeed, what thou appearest to be, a genuine Yogin, and not a fakir."

The magician bowed low, but without speaking.

"Beaking.

"Dead!" he solemitly repeated; "Knowether, that I may know that thou art, indeed, what thou appearest to be, a genuine Yogin, and not a fakir."

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I saw a most powerful spirit drawing "I know—I know!" replied the Rajah; near unto him-one that shone even like "and yet I would that he were safely unto the sun; but I, being lately a mor-buried for at least one year; for, as thou tal, was hardly able to look upon it; knowest well, I can trust but few, and much less to understand it; but I saw my vassals all love my daughter. She the powerful spirit enter and conceal it will bribe and cajole them to do her self within the Bedy of the magician; bidding. Most holy father, wilt thou and now it was the spirit, and not the assist me to perform a rite-which l magician, who speke.

"Thou desirest," said the spirit, "that we show our power before thee: Behold!" and the spirit pointed toward the hold!" and the spirit pointed toward the "All shall be as thou desirest," he

centre of the large apartment, and where before apparently nothing had where before apparently nothing had said; "and to-morrow, at this time, I been, now appeared a large and stately will come again, together with mine assistants;" and with another bow he departed.

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MATERIALISM DESTRUCTIVE OF ITSELF.

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"How are you able to perform this TO THE EDITOR:-Professor A. E Dolbear's very timely and remarkable miracle?" asked the Rajah, rising and article, in the Monist of July, by banishgoing toward the tree; but the magician ing some of the old, false factors of phys-The Rajah examined the tree closely. ical phenomena, proves the untenable-It seemed to the touch like a genuine ness of Materialism, they heretofore betree, yet after all, there was, to him, ing its main support. The Professor, something weird about it. This was after a searching analysis and compresomething that I, although a spirit, hensive survey, closes his very opporafter a searching analysis and compreknew nothing about, and I also aptune article thus:
proached the tree and examined it mi"Physical know

"Physical knowledge is doubtless far nutely; thereupon the powerful spirit, from complete, but has been pursued far or mahatma; came out of the magician enough to make it clear that matter and and extended his hands to me. stances, and more, if there be any approach to truth in the position that the elements of ordinary matter are forms of vortical motion of ether in the ether, then it follows that the ether existed whereupon the room, the magician and prior to the elements, for the latter are the Rajah, all disappeared, and I was made of the former. If the ether be the standing with the mahatma, in a lonely frictionless medium it is assumed to be, grove, directly beneath the branches of then no physical process with which we the same tree which the magician had are acquainted could possibly be the condition for the formation of a single atom, own to the Rajah, "Lady," said the mahatma, "you and this makes it philosophically needsurely understand that you are now ful to assume some agency radically dif-entirely within the spiritual, the mate- ferent from any physical agency in our The Rajah now confronted his daugh- rial having vanished from your sight. experience which could act upon ether, The room, the Rajah and the magician endow it with energy of a particular Weary spirit at last rested, and many spirit "And this is your obedience," he said, are just where they were before, and so sort and make permanent structures. commanded; and her maids gathered itual! Now when I shall again enter such forms of energy as come into our around and bore her away without so the body of the magician, you will observe that he—or, it will really be my-for the physical universe as we find it, had been taken entirely by surprise and self-will wave his hands, together with and therefore any scheme of philosophy was nearly insensible.

The maidens laid Aimee upon her couch, and then silently left the apartthe wand before the Rajah's eyes, when the wand on the ward disappear from the tree will gradually disappear from his sight; but, lady, the tree is here in the vortex ring theory of matter." the wand before the Rajah's eyes, when which builds on these alone is a defec-

After this coupde grace, this vigorous coup de pied, it is only reasonable to supand considered by her as well as by the others, a very ancient dame, indeed; for in India a woman of thirty years is "Yes;" replied the mahatma; "touch raise the unclean thing from the gutter, will hereafter have the hardihood to and again present it as a claimant to She bent over Aimee, bathing her A dead body, when the spirit is out of it, philosophical recognition. The over-orehead in sweet-scented water, at the can sense nothing. Lady, all things are throw of Materialism by physical science is literally a case of self-destruction; for physical science has all along been its "But how are you able to make the foundation and stronghold. In like manspiritual visible, and not the material; ner and very soon must Agnosticism and she cried. "But tell me, Alicia, where and the material visible, and not the Atheism, having lost their underlying support, follow the same road as their

spirit is not strong enough to bear it. Buchner and Schopenhauer, this de-He would be rent asunder; but the ma-gician has led an abstemious and holy life for many years, therefore he is able all moral motive, thereby sapping insidtransfused into the Rajah; therefore, ing at the destruction of man's rational the Rajah's spirit is quickened and he sense of moral obligation. Look at Chatbe is able to perceive that which I desire terton, Swift and Byron, and the endless Oh! him to see and feel; yet, even I cannot train of noble minds whom it sent tosshim to see and feel; yet, even I cannot make the Rajah see that which does not exist; for you perceive, gentle lady, that this tree really lives here within a beautiful spiritual grove, and that this spiritual grove, and that this spiritual grove is not hindered in the least Professor Huxley, in replying to Mr.

I choose that a story should be founded on probability, and not always resemble a dream. I desire to about a destrict that the sophistries of pseudo-science! Long ago did it under the appearances of fable, there may appear some latent truth, obvious to the discerning eye, though the scape the observation of the vulgar."—Voltaire. Professor Huxley, in replying to Mr.

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Cletch shook Mr. Brown a trifle more forcibly. "Wake up, brother!" he whis-pered. "Kee-yaw-waw-barrum!" anvery beautiful maiden; a dastardly Eng- the slumberer so earnestly that he

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Political leaders who do not see the danger threatening our free institutions, and Protestant ministers who feel indifferent, or perfectly secure in their present enjoyment of religious freedom, are "blind leaders of the blind," unless their supporters are more discerning than themselves of the portents of current events.

The necessity for the A. P. A. movement is clearly evident to all wise, patriotic Americans, but "line upon line, and precept upon precept," quoted from Catholic authorities, is necessary to arouse the lukewarm Protestants, and the priest-blinded, though liberty-loving Catholic voters of our nation, to a consciousness of the secret plots of the Jes-

uitical bosses of the papal hierarchy.
In justification of this movement quote from one of the later encyclicals of Pius IX., directed especially to his subjects in America;

Every Catholic should rigidly adhere to the teachings of the Roman pontiffs, especially in the matter of modern liberty, which already, under semblance of honesty of purpose, leads to error and We exhort all Catholics who would devote careful attention to public matters to take an active part in all municipal affairs and elections, and to further the principles of the church in all public services, meetings and gatherings. All Catholics must make themselves felt as active elements in daily political life in the countries where they They must penetrate wherever possible in the administration of civil affairs; must constantly exert the utmost vigilance and energy to prevent the usages of liberty from going beyond the limits of God's law. All Catholics should do all in their power to cause the Constitutions of the States and legislation to be modeled in the principles of the true church. All Catholic writers and journalists should never lose for an instant from view the above prescriptions. All Catholics should redouble their submission to authority, and unite their whole heart, soul, body and mind in the defense of the church and Christian wisdom.

Cun any language be plainer in showing the political designs of the papal power to unite Church and State, and thus subvert all our liberties? Every word of this quotation should be written in capitals, and kept in daily sight of every lukewarm, careless Protestant in America, as a signal of "Danger at

To show the ready compliance of "all catholic writers and journalists" to the Pope's injunction to them, and to furatthe ballot-box your fealty, and show ther confirm the truth of our theme, we quote from two of the most popular Catholic organs of this country, the Catholic World, of New York, and the Catholic Review:

'The Catholic church numbers onethird the American population, and if its numbers shall increase for the next thirty years as it has for the thirty years past, in 1900 Rome will have a majority, and be bound to this country to keep it. There is, ere long, to be a State religion in this country, and that State religion is to be Roman Catholic. The Roman Catholic is to wield his vote for the purpleasurable duty to perform in giving to

therefore we lose the breath we expend the accuracy of what I am about to in declaiming against bigotry and intol- relate. erance, and in favor of religious liberty, or the right of any man to be of any re-ligion as best pleases him."—Catholic camp for the purpose of attending a Review, July, 1870.

we hold dear!

Do Protestants, who have so long enlectly secure in its continuance, propose the name of their bishops:
"We are determined, like you, to take

does a skillful general do when he wants spiritual forms, and taking them to their to conquer a country? Does he scatter friends. his soldiers over the farm lands and banners, and marches at their head to convinced.

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Well Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritualordinary lower and walue, by a bold,
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WARNING corners of the world into the very hearts of those proud citadels which the Yankees are so proudly building up un-der the name of New York, Boston, Chicago, Albany, Buffalo, Troy, etc. Under the shadows of these great cities the Americans consider themselves as a Catholics Determined to Rule the giant and unconquerable race. They look upon the Irish Catholic with the utmost contempt, as only fit to dig their canals, sweep their streets, or humbly cook their meals in their kitchens. Let That the Pope of Rome and all his no one awake these sleeping lions to-day; let us pray God that they may sleep

> honor and profit! "What will these hypocrite sons and daughters of the fanatical Pilgrim Fathsingle school-teacher, not a single policeman will be elected unless he is a devoted Irish Catholic? What will devoted Irish Catholic? What will taking the hand of Engineer John Monthose so-called giants think and say of their unsurpassed ability, skill and shrewdness, when not a single governor, senator, member of parliament will be elected if he be not sincerely devoted to elected if he be not sincerely devoted to our holy father, the pope? What a sad figure those Protestant Yankees will cut when we will not only elect the president, but fill and command the armies, man the navy, and have the key of the public treasury in our hands! It will then be the time of our devoted Irish Catholics to give up their grog-shops to become the governors and judges of the land. Then our poor, humble Irish mechanics will come out from the damp

ditches and the canals to rule the cities in all their departments, from the and tried the rakes.

there was no apparent reason for its stately mansion of mayor to the more At 9 o'clock sharp he placed his hand stoppage. The rattling of the chains humble, though not less noble position of on the throttle and the engine pulled continued, and another investigation of the chains have the same of a vectory of the chains showed that a delivery in the same of a vectory of the chains showed that a delivery in the same of a vectory of the chains showed that a delivery in the same of a vectory. school-teacher. Then, yes, we will rule out the same as if a veteran engineer showed that a chair which had been in the United States, and lay them at the had hold of the throttle. The train was the center of the room had been turned the regular scheduled train of the over, and was near the side of the room. may put an end to their godless system of education, and sweep away those impious laws of liberty of conscience which are an insult to God and man." (!!)

Says Father Chiniquy, from one of whose letters the above taunting threats of the marplots are taken: "From that time (forty-two years ago), the Roman Catholic priests, with most admirable ability, have massed their Irish legions into the great cities of the United States, and the Americans must be very blind indeed, if they do not see that the day is very near when the Jesuits will rule House of Washington, to the humblest civil or military department of this vast Republic. They are already masters of New York, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cincipnetiand San Brandson.

promised land and the rich inheritance God had in store for them. The consequence is, that when you find only a few American, German and English millionaires in San Francisco, you count more than fifty Irish Catholic millionaires in that city!

Such is the adroitness and consummate strategy which is massing wealth and power to overthrow our government, and who so blind to the coming storm as to feel perfectly secure while sleeping

these accursed plotters that Americans yet have loyalty and courage enough to DR. DEAN CLARK.

#### A SKEPTIC CONVINCED.

At a Seance with Mrs. L. A. Roberts.

pose of securing Catholic ascendancy in this country. All legislation must be governed by the will of God, unerringly indicated by the Pope. Education must be controlled by Catholic authorities; and under a display and an all under a display and a display and a display and a display a display and a display and a display a and under education the opinions of the latit camp in Twin City Park, midway and these are his first performances, individual and the utterances of the between St. Paul and Minneapolis. I believe. ISAAC NEVATT. press are included. Many opinions are say it is a pleasurable duty, because of o be furnished by the secular arm, un- the deep sense of obligation I feel myder authority of the church, even to war and bloodshed."—Catholic World. July, the last vestige of doubt from my mind, in regard to materialization being possi-"While a State has rights, she has ble), requires that I should make public them only in virtue and by permission of to your readers the manner in which the superior authority, and that author- that doubt was removed. Should any ity can only be expressed through the reader desire fuller particulars, I shall church. Protestantism of every form be pleased to answer any question by has not and never can have any right private correspondence, and furnish where Catholicity has triumphed; and names of others who will testify as to

On the evening of Friday, July 5, I seance of a medium with whom I am ac-This last quotation shows not only the quainted, and finding that I was to be determination to subject our State to disappointed, I entered the Roberts cot-Church, but to suppress every liberty tage at a venture, and engaged a seat for myself and little boy. I saw Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for the first time joyed religious liberty that they feel per- when I engaged that seat. The circle being formed, I was astonished to see to utterly ignore such bold, audacious absolutely no cabinet whatever in the menaces as those above quoted? Are room, which was a plain, unfinished any true patriots so short-sighted, or so "shanty" cottage of one room only, built deaf to these "notes of alarm," as to feel on blocks upon the ground. Almost imsecure while Jesuitical "miners and mediately forms appeared, materializing sappers" are undermining every strong-hold of our national security? If obliv-ious still to such "tokens of evil omen" appeared came to me and took my hand, from the walls, and from the floor at our feet, and the second sweet form that as already quoted above, let them read and called my name. My dear wife I the following quotation from the arch-saw, recognized, and kissed, beyond the conspirators who assembled at Buffalo, shadow of a doubt. She took our boy in N.Y., 1853, to consider the proposition of her arms and seemed unwilling to let the editor of the Freeman's Journal, to him go, talking with him and caresing take many of the Irish Catholics from him until the last minute that her our crowded cities and colonize them in strength held her together, and then, the then open West. The Irish Catho- slowly, with a smile and a look of unutlic priests thus coldly answered him in terable love, passed down at our feet,

dematerialized. Other forms then appeared-a child of possession of the United States and rule ten, followed by a tall man of six feet. them; but we cannot do that except by Sometimes as many as four or five forms acting secretly, and by using the utmost appeared at once before us, and there wisdom. If our plans were known, they was the medium at all times in plain certainly would be defeated. What view helping and strengthening the

I am a natural skeptic, having been spend their time and energies plowing formed upon a material plan, and have the fields and sowing the grain? No! attended many materializing seances, He keeps them well-united around his and until that evening I had not been

other. He pulls down the high towers and the citadels he meets on his way. It is not saved, and the citadels he meets on his way. The tribute, she will doubtless be quered, and become the prizes of the prizes of

#### A WONDERFUL FEAT.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain, hundreds of people crowded about the St. Louis and San Francisco depot, Springnewspaper men.

to try his air before starting, and there the chains, this time longer and more was much speculation if this would not violent. A second search was as fruit. prove a stumper to the mind-reader, but less as the first. On returning to his

Frisco road, which makes a complete When the night man, William Har-circle of the city, and then runs thirty-five miles to Bolivar. The route of the mysterious noises. While the five miles to Bolivar. The route of the mysterious noises. While the through the city crosses all the principal two men were talking, the rattling streets, and at many of the crossings started again, and with a trackwalker Prayer's a failure—fails to work-there is no flagman. At these crossings who was passing, the men searched for the train comes to a standatill, while the some solution of the noises. Nothing No life is known without its law,

Main and Market streets, were carefully was starting up the ladder, the groans and properly made, and the train started again. They seemed to come brought safely into the north side sta- from a dark corner of the cellar. The around the belt.

trip occurred in the 'Frisco yards. groan was heard for the rest of the A brakeman standing to one side of night. the track, whom Mr. Niswonger could The ghost came, again on Monday gineer's intent in a moment.

ance is that Mr. Niswonger knows from the ground. He blew the whistle,

TO THE EDITOR:—I inclose the above,

Springfield, Mo.

#### SUNDAY.

it Will Be My First Day i n Heaven," Cried the Dying Girl.

ton, Mo., of the sad death of Miss Angie the world is advancing in spite of the Bowsher, formerly of Upper Sandusky. baleful influence of credalism, and we She had been with an outing party at are happy to note the wonderful effect Mineral Springs, Mo., and her chum, it is having on the masses, at least, those Mineral Springs, Mo., and her count, it is having on the masses, at reast, those Miss Allie Ballew, taking a repeating of a liberal turn of mind. The light in which the Sabbath (Sunmen of the party, attempted to fire it. It discharged prematurely, the contents to that of a quarter of a century ago. If striking Miss Bowsher in the back and all would think for themselves and not passing through her body. She lived allow others to do their thinking it four days, and passed away while sleep would be but a short time until that suping, after one of the grandest death posed sacred (?) day would be relegated scenes ever witnessed. She had sur-vived an operation which promised re-other days of the week. covery, and although suffering no pain, she said she would die. She sang familiar church hymns, and expressed the deepest sympathy for Miss Ballew, who accidentally shot her. Asking what is to their personal interest to do so, and day it was, she was told that it was Satthen in the pulpit will damn (condemn) But I turn from all their proffered aid, urday, and replied, her face gleaming urday, and replied, her face gleaming the company for running trains on the with happiness: "To-morrow is Sunday. Sabbath. They will also read the Sun-First day in heaven will be Sunday. Won't that be grand?" She then asked Rev. O. S. Russell, whose rifle it was that caused her fatal injury, to read and pray. When he took the Bible to read, she asked every one to listen. He read several verses from the eighth chapter of Romans, after which he offered prayer. After the prayer she said:

heaven." Before falling asleep, she ex-claimed, with outstretched arms: "Oh, care of others, and true to their profes-care of others, and true to their profeshow beautiful! Perfectly lovely! I see sion their main object is to keep him in Mr. Carl."

## SIGNAL TOWER HAUNTED.

tower west of the city, on the line of the And Thou art injured, how can we Consolidated railroad, is said to be From sharing be entirely free? field, Mo., one day lately, to witness the haunted. It has a ghost, too, according How can we expect to be performance of mind reader Charles to the stories of Towerman Charles W. Unharmed and harm another, Elliott Niswonger. At every street Flagg, and William Harrington and When each in life to each is brother? Elliott Niswonger. At every street Flagg, and William Harrington and crossing great crowds stood good-naturedly in the rain, to get a glimpse of the Burr road, and in a lonesome the wonder when the train should pass. Spot. About half-past 10 o'clock on last A mother's heart who gave him birth; Sunday night Charles W. Flagg, who was in charge of the tower up to midwas blindfolded by a committee; then, night, was aroused by the rattling of Disease to injure mealth;

Trainmaster Coover of the Frisco, F. S. where the levers and telegraph instru-Hefferman, manager of the Grand Opera ments are, Flagg called out, but re-house, and the mind-reader's manager, ceiving no answer, took his lantern and Mr. F. W. Himstedt, a representative of went downstairs. He made a careful the Associated Press, and a staff of local examination, but discovered nothing. A few minutes after he had returned to The invariable rule of the engineer is his post, there was another shaking of Unapproachable, impenetrable Light; he had no sooner taken his seat and telegraph instruments again, Flagg was touched the finger-tips of the engineer startled to find that his clock had than he very promptly reached over stopped. It had not run down, and and tried the rakes.

there was no apparent reason for its stopped. It had not run down, and Who runs the world Thyself to suit; there was no apparent reason for its Who made a Satan with his "fruit,"

brakeman goes ahead to flag it across. | could be found. Flagg and Harrington At all these streets the mind-reader were upstairs, and the trackwalker was The sun revolves and lights each day made the proper stops, while at cross-ings with a regular flagman he only slowed up, as is required. At Phelps avenue station he pulled up at the depot avenue station he pulled up at the depot and made the stop to take on passengers. A big crowd witnessed the stop here. Baldwin, who was passing, joined in the All things that are to-day will be

his train with silght jarring, and the groans ceased, and the chains failed to train proceeded on the return trip. The rattle. The search revealed nothing. stops at Jefferson, Boonville, Campbell, Just as Baldwin, who was the last man tion again after its perilous journey men beat a hasty retreat, and watched and waited until morning for the ghost, The most remarkable incident of the but only an occasional slight rap or a

not possibly see, waved his hand in night. This time Engineer Louis Hoyt salutation to the engineer, whereupon saw it directly in front, of his engine. the mind-reader immediately waved his When he sounded the whistle it vanhand in reply. One of the railroad men ished. Engineer Hoyt, takes out the in the cab, without previous arrange. Bridgeport freight every night, leaving defend their altars and their fires at all ment, signaled the engineer to whistle this city about 11 o'clock. When he while the train was going along an un- was nearing the tower he saw that the frequented locality. In a moment the signals were all clear, and he increased whistle sounded clear and sharp. The the speed a little. As he passed the mind-reader had penetrated the en-tower he looked ahead again, and directly on the track in front of him he The point about the whole perform- saw a human form. It seemed to spring nothing of an engine, and had never be- When the engine came up with the fore attempted to run one in his life. form it seemed to move on ahead of the locomotive, and then disappear. An investigation by the trainmen and those in the tower showed that nobody had been struck. Engineer Hoyt says he is not mistaken in what he saw on the track ahead of him.

#### SOME REFLECTIONS

On the Altruistic Spirit of Jesus

TO THE EDITOR:-The altruistic spirit of Jesus is sorely ignored by the professed followers of their ideal personal ity. The teachings of the popular church of to-day, and for centuries past, culmi nate in retarding the spiritual growth of all who come under their influence but under the benign influence of our Word has been received from Prince-advanced thinkers and liberal teachers

Railroads, with perhaps a few exceptions, run trains about as regular on Sundays as they do other days, and the clergy will take a Sunday train when it day papers they vehemently denounce in their pulpits. Why is it such moral traducers are held in the highest esteem by the apparently first people of My soul, among the daisies gold, revels to-day? Simply because they do not do their own thinking on these very im-portant questions, but think as they are told to think by their spiritual advisers. "Let us sing," and then started the song, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?" She then looked up and said: "Tell Allie good-bye." Calling her sister, she said: "Hortie, I am going to sister, she said: "Hortie, I am going to think of anything else, leaving the real spirit nurse and free The business man is an object of much Zoie, and there is Gennie, and there is ignorance, and they do not scruple to any means that will not justify the end.

quered, and become the prizes of his much surprised. The tribute, I feel, is victory without moving a finger. So it is with us. Silently and patiently we must mass our Irish Roman Catholics in the great cities of the United States the great cities of the United States is centious, honest and true.

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plan-'

We know Thy law, immutable, Therefore we pray just suitable: We pray for that which we, no doubt, Can get by work, and not without; Then, if by work and not by prayer Each one can get his proper share, Prayer's a failure-fails to work-Prayer would starve the men who shirk Imperfect, or without a flaw Somewhere, somehow eternally, Hence. man to-day, the most distressed Some day will have his due expressed. Paul, Milwaukee, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cincinnati and San Francisco.

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#### AT EVENTIDE.

LOVINGLY INSCRIBED TO MY SISTERS. I am sitting so near the gates ajar, That I hear the tread of the angel's feet:

Their voices stir all the upper air With a song whose cadence is low and

And the words-ah me! It is but the tone

That reaches my life from the mystic band, But my spirit takes joy, for I'm not

And my spirit the song doth under-The day was dark, and weary and long;

I had woven many a thread of gloom n Time's old web, and had weary grown Of plying the busy, too busy loom. But this eventide as the gates swing back.

And the work of the day I behold, see in the light of the falling rays Many a thread of the finest gold.

The gold was spun of a loving thought | G. M. of the Order of the Magi, Chicago. And a little prayer, I thought no one heard. Yet it somehow thrilled my aching heart

And hope was born with no whispered word.

So the day is gone, I know its page
Bears the blot of many a briny tear,
For the hours were dark, but this eve the rays Promise a morning fair and clear.

t is better to sit with day's work done Though poor be the effort, than with still hand To listlessly wait while the tide flows on. Or idly count every falling sand.

For at eve the Gates may swing ajar,

And through the opening there will come alway silent answer to every prayer That brightens the clasp 'twixt night and day.

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Whenever my soul seems weary of cease less toil and pain, recall this dream-given to prove our

higher gain: Once more I stand on a desolate strand a storm with the night has come; My feet are deep in the drifting snow, an alien far from home;

Pitying ones offered a staff to aid my lonely way, And others bade me tarry till the dawn

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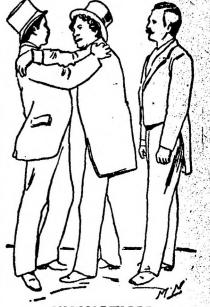
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past two o'clock in the morning. A few hours before he died by his own hand he

went crazy. Though many persons have

slept in that room none ever had re-

vealed to them what you saw. It's all

very queer, and I'm inclined to think

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#### A Bad Man.

A friend, a medical practitioner, was in his service, a native who knew every-English education, even excelling in there now."

"Very bad." "What is his principal defect in character?"

"He is a b-a-d man."

"Yes, you said so before, but in what does his badness consist?" "He is a b-a-d man."

"Does he contract debts and not pay them, or cheat the laborer out of his

"Oh, no, but he is a bad man."

"Does he oppress the poor?" "No, he always gives to the poor, and all go to him for help when in distress, and always get relief."

"Does he drink, swear or gamble?" use tobacco."

41 can't see what makes him Does he neglect his family or run after other women?"

"No, no. He has a most excellent family, and is always with them."

"Now, Alex, you tell me Mr. X. is a bad man. Please tell me one thing about him that justifies you in speaking of him in this way."

Poor Alex seemed tortured by the interrogation, but he stammered out, "He is a b-a-d man." prolonging the sounds on each letter in the word bad to its

greatest possible length. In process of time our friend learned that Mr. X's "badness" consisted in insisting that those having business relameeting engagements, and never to falsout of sight, and avoiding him when the obligation became due, he treated that person as a "bad man," and would never trust him after, hence his unenviable reputation of a "bad man." The "badpess" was the fault of others, not his

Are there not other bad characters who are made that way?

## A Legitimate Inquiry.

Sale, in his introductory chapter to the translation of the Koran, gives the rules of Mahomet for the conversion of the world to his faith. They ought to be adopted by the Christians: "First, Avoid compulsion. Second, Avoid teaching doctrines against common sense. Third, Avoid weak arguments." He gave as a reason for his advice: "The Mohammedans are not fools, neither can they be converted by hard words.'

It is generally supposed Mahomet favored forcible measures for the conversion of the world, but in the second every person held there in restraint? chapter of the Koran we read: "Fight Such action cannot be taken too soon. for the religion of God against those who fight against you, but transgress not by attacking them first, for God loveth not the transgressor."

Where would the dominant religion prophet who taught: "God is God; there is no other god than God, and Mahomet A very commendable act. is his prophet?"

## Clubs in Aid of Morality.

Rev. Dr. Hirsch, the Jewish divine of Sunday liquor law in New York, said he of existence. would not club the people into morality. On the contrary, he would use the cators for ethical purposes. He said: pleasure.—Addison.

The American people are treated as babies needing guardians. In European cities but little restriction is provided by law for the sale of wine and beer, and there is much less drunkenness there than with us. It is a rare thing to find a Jew who is an inebriate, though ferthe miracles of old. It is reported that mented wine is used in their religious the sun aboved the command of Joshua eremonies."

#### Not Good Logic.

Michaud, in his "History of the Crusades," Vol. 3, p. 117, tells of a body of French and Genoese crusaders who embarked on board of ships they had secured, and sailed for the Barbary coast, with music and streaming banners. Making a rapid voyage, they OLUBS: IMPORTANT SUGGESTION: reached their destination, and laid siege to a city then known by the name of know why they were assailed, sent an doubtful manifestations of supposed me-embassy to the Christians, to learn the diumship, and circumstantial evidence reason of this cruel attack. The reply, after long deliberation, says Michaud was in these words:

"Those who demand why war is made," against them must know that their line- by many others, and the stirring has evage and race put to death and crucified idently done much good to the cause of the Son of God, named Jesus Christ, and Spiritualism, for fakes and frauds never we wish to avenge upon them this fact and evil deed. Further, they do not believe in the holy baptism, nor in the ern Spiritualism, which has such an Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus abundance of evidence that defies criti-Christ; and all these things being concism, that the fact of supermundane sidered is why we hold the Saracens

and all their sects as enemies." convinced they ought to die for the rea- thing in science to-day. But in all religdid not propose to be slaughtered or plundered. The invaders concluded

#### A Barren Country.

sent out by Moses to view the promised stop with this tremendous discovery, temporarily located in a southern city land, as literally flowing with milk and either. He ventures into speculations a few years ago. He had a negro boy honey. The cluster of grapes, borne on as to why Spiritualism was ever pera staff between two men, found at the mitted to be! If he believes in God as body in the region. Our friend had brook Eshcol, gives an idea of the pro- the maker and finisher of all things, of man in the city, a gentleman of more tant time. Now it is known as a barren, that will not impeach the Divine characthan ordinary intelligence, but he had the had list craggy mountains are mostly verbeen necessary to show how gullible heard he was not liked; instead, people dureless; its valleys are narrow, and its seemed to delight in speaking harshly hillsides precipitous. The geological religious!

of him. He thought to learn from his formation does not indicate that it could May the sun be credited with integ-

mathematics:

"Alex, I find you are acquainted with Mr. X.: what is his reputation in this region?"

dle Ages travelers made it a practice to load themselves with the soil and rock of the Holy Land. The cemetery near Pisa, Italy, called Campo Sento, is said others when his miraculous search-light brought from Jerusalem in 1218, during our liberal Democratic Fredonia Adverthe hey-day of the Crusades.

in 1543 Carraffa, a tool of the Pope, is-ity go down forever? When an accredited minister is convicted of crime, and sued an order commanding that "no book his weakness exposed, does our wonder- Italy, and their city to be its political carpet, while I lay as if held powerless shall be printed without leave from the ful sage expect to see every church top-capital.

That disposes of the matter as far as logues of all the works they offered for tricky mediums come from avowed Spirare not in favor of forcing a ruler on an band and the young folks were at my sale. The Council of Trent delegated itualists; and Mrs. Wheeler, to whom unwilling people. The American Decades and the young folks were at my quired to send to the holy office catasale. The Council of Trent delegated the right of supervision of all publications and worships, the right of supervision of all publications and worships, the right of supervision of all publications and worships, the right of supervision of all publications and worships, the right of supervision of all publications and worships, the right of supervision of all publications and worships, the right of supervision of all publications are not all statements and worships, the right of supervision of all publications are not all statements and worships, the right of supervision of all publications are not all statements and worships, the right of supervision of all publications are not all statements and worships, the right of supervision of all publications are not all statements and worships, the right of supervision of all publications are not all statements and worships, the right of supervision of all publications are not all statements and worships, and worships, the right of supervision of all publications are not all statements and worships, and worships, are not all statements and worships, and worships, are not all statements and worships, are not all statements and worships, and worships, are not all statements and worships, are not all statem "Oh, no, he does neither; don't even tions to the Pope. Thus was the press is one of them. Being deeply interested controlled, and all our early literature in the great truths of modern Spiritual- men, deriving their just powers from was made to harmonize with the Pope's ism, and herself a medium, she, like all interpretation of Christianity. Is it sur- other intelligent, earnest believers, deprising scholars find evidences of the sires "the truth, the whole truth, and destructive of these ends [the securing frauds and forgeries, in appalling numbers clustering around the first reliable history of the church which the art of investigators everywhere. Mrs. Wheeler ter or abolish it, and to institute a new printing has preserved to us? or that is diametrically opposite the wisdom of government." led and deceived thereby?

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## The Preachers Victorious.

The Sunday question has been a very disturbing element at the Atlanta Exposition, now in session, the concessionaires demanding an open fair, and the preachers threatening a boycott, if granted. The old adage, "Every dog prohibited from passing through the must have his day," applies to the occumails in Canada. It is well known that and to the choice of the man who rules house that was built during the Revolutionary and to have a single from passing through the voice in the choice of the man who rules house that was built during the Revolutionary for the pants of pulpits at present; but will they be always permitted to rule with an iron hand? The time may come when the people will be in the ascendant.

## When?

Though Ecuador, in South America, is ostensibly a Catholic country, yet the late revolutionists threw open the convents, and gave freedom to such nuns as desired to escape from their slavish condition. When will the citizens of these United States resolve, and put their resolve into execution, providing commis-

## A Just Act.

Rock River Conference of Methodists, unanimous vote, adopted a resolution

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The friendships of the world are oft Gibraltar. church, the school and the home as edu- confederacies in vice, or leagues of

#### It Is Really Too Bad!

Some very wise contributor ventilated his wonderful genius in the Fredonia (N. Y.) Advertiser some two weeks ago in a way that is quite as suggestive as the sun obeyed the command of Joshua to extend the day "until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies." But that was a small affair before the marvelous achievements of our modern divinity. Discovery is greater than heroism in battle, and the writer above-mentioned has made a most astounding discovery. He wants a monument forty feet high to commemorate the event! Bright, sharp and spirited Mrs. Wheeler, as correspondent of the Africa. The inhabitants desiring to Buffalo Express, has been airing some is pretty strong against two who have been endorsed by many Spiritualists, and distrusted and seriously criticised help any cause, least of all that of modern Spiritualism, which has such an agencies concerned in phenomena called assured them they were not Jews, frauds have a liberal patronage. But the Italian people. that they had never killed a God, and the astounding discovery of the Advernot the paper at hand and may not quote accurately, but this is the idea and approximately the language.) The mirac-Palestine was represented by the spies | ulous genius of the Advertiser does not

chore-boy wherein the gentleman was have been adapted to agricultural pur- rity if it again pause in the heavens at fault, for he saw it was necessary to have some business transactions with him, so he addressed the youth, a lad of of vegetation the soil must have been secured a hearing and a verdict in its seventeen, who gave evidences of a good carried away by pilgrims, for it is not favor, from many millions before Lily Dale received its name or Mrs. Wheeler It is represented that during the Mid- wrote a line; and among them were to contain five fathoms of hallowed soil condescends to illuminate the pages of tiser! Many thousands found the evidence in their homes, by demonstrations The Press Was Enslaved.

With the multiplication of books after

as certain as any on which science builds, long before Lily Dale was known to the world, or any of its mediums dethe discovery of the art of printing, the veloped. When a Sunday-school teacher church saw the danger to which it was robs a bank, or attacks the virtue of litexposed by a revelation of its frauds, so the girls, do we expect to see Christian-

most reliable and thorough exposures of all true Americans are concerned. They A few moments later my aunt, her husnothing but the truth" to pass as evi-dence, accredited by Spiritualists and ness] it is the right of the people to althe uneducated multitudes were mister that the unknown sage, whose hurricane breath has so effectually annihilated have only done what this immortal doc-Lily Dale and with it modern Spiritual- trine, uttered 120 years ago, authorized ism; for she believes in Spiritualism them to do-viz.: adopted home rule. and thinks this ventilating of frauds the

to discriminate between cheap jugglery of the sweets of human political liberty, and genuine mediumship; and, if I mis- If the Italian Nation were to say to the take not, the C. L. F. A. and represenhold his breath a year or two—and that the Pope," he would get only a fraction is a small miracle for such as he—Lil; of their votes. For the Romans do not Dale will have a chance in the resur- want him as their King. If he were ify in any direction; that if he loaned a put sed, without a change of basic prinperson money, and found him sneaking ciples; the odor of hell will hang round better attractions, and interest more or Spain as King, he would have to get people than ever before, but if he blows an army to fight for him to keep them better attractions, and interest more people than ever before, but if he blows on it, who can calculate the consefrom casting him out. Withdraw that spirit reproduction of a mortal's act."

quences? Please don't. LYMAN C. HOWE.

#### A High-Handed Outrage.

The Truth Seeker, of New York, a leading free thought paper, has been charity." That is, it is against justice the main thoroughfare of this beautiful mails in Canada. It is well known that and taxes them! Canada is oppressed by the papish priesthood, and the various churches there are living under conditions that afficted the sixteenth century. Such and taxes toem!

The Archbishop, who is an Irishman, of the place. When I was a boy, about twenty years ago, my parents occupied to the upper portion of the building. The not stand as high in his estimation as first floor was then, as now, used as a umship a crime; yet men are occupyafflicted the sixteenth century. Such an outrage would not be tolerated in this he is un-American in the position he When my mother tucked me in the little our land, whose acrobatic eloquence country for a single moment.

#### Lockwood's Telephone for Philosophical Experiments.

We have been shown a "long-distance telephone" made by the Dearborn Telephone Co., expressly for Prof. Locksions to visit every private prison in the wood's scientific and philosophical lecland, known as convents, and release tures. The instrument is a splendid Important to Delegates to the piece of artistic workmanship, and is entirely unlike anything before made. It is claimed that a whisper can be heard with this phone a hundred miles. Prof. Lockwood uses the telephone to demin session at Elgin, by one less than a onstrate the co-relation of conscious vocal thought to matter, and these demonbe to-day had the promulgators of unanimous vote, adopted a resolution strations lead up to the grandest concep-Christianity heeded the counsels of the admitting women as lay representatives tions of nature's attributes, ever offered in the annual and general conferences. to a public audience. It is by these successive experiments made by Prof. Lockwood in various departments of psychical science, that the relationship It is doing grandly. Read our first between life visible and invisible is

The strongest fortress in the world is

The oldest known horse slightly exceeded 52 years.



Where Many Grand Truths Are Revealed.

SAW THE CHOST OF A SUICIDE—A LIT-TLE BOY'S GRUESOME SIGHT-RE-MARKABLE DREAM PROPHECY OF

Dreams, those wonderful phantasma-Prompted by the dreams already pub-

"A few weeks ago I visited my aunt do not desire publicity."
Mary," she writes to the Sunday World. Mrs. B. contributes a wonderful dream country stone house. On the night of my arrival I was assigned to a spare room on the second story. Being very tired when I went to bed, I was soon in a sound sleep. My mind, excited by the came from Germany. We landed at Charleston, S. C., and on the voyage over encountered one of the severest hustle and bustle incidental to travel, storms that our captain said he had ever

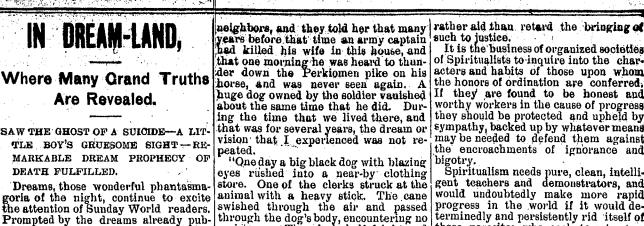
ed some remarks made at New York by convinced they ought to die for the reasons given; on the contrary, they ridiions, and all else where human nature is the logic of the Christians, a factor, errors are inevitable and them they were not Jews, frauds have a liberal patronage. But the political King of Rome against the glared with animal-like ferocity, One wishes of the Romans themselves and of the litalian people.

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The political King of Rome against the glared with animal-like ferocity, One wishes of the Romans themselves and of the litalian people. There cannot be many Catholics, if fully nervous and in great mental agony. waves. plundered. The invaders concluded the prows of their ships homeward.

The invaders concluded the product of the tiser prodigy is that Mrs. Wheeler has they are true Americans, who will in- He strode over to the window and apmental institutions of this country—as | end, he walked fiercely across the room | ets in the harbor. The captain ap- | simply Spiritists, Spiritualism is the to where the bureau stood. Pausing be- proached me, cap in hand, and asked science of life and contains all truth. It those enunciated by these two ecclesi-One of them says the Pope fore the glass, he removed his necktie me if I was Miss B. I answered him in is eternal with the Universe. "must be the ruler of a temporal terri- and collar, pulling his beard aside as he the affirmative. He then, with great Listen to these citizens of America he drew forth a razor.

preaching the doctrine of absolute monthumb, and then, satisfied as to its keen- of my brother and sisters. Opposite 'What of it," says Bishop Messmer, ness, gave a horrible gurgle of exulta- each name, beneath a black seal, to "even if the people of Rome did vote tion. made the acquaintance of a business ductiveness of the country at that disman in the city, a gentleman of more tant time. Now it is known as a barren, that will not impeach the Divine character of the ruler?" pulse, he drew his beard aside with one crape, were the dates of their death. It means a great deal from the American point of view. It means that he powerfully brought the keen blade the captain. ought not to be their ruler. The people across his hairy throat. The result was of Italy have decreed that they want frightful. Blood gushed from the hor-ment says,' said he. Rome as their political capital, and the rible wound like a pent-up torrent sud-Romans as their fellow-citizens. The denly freed, and splashed everything and after a long struggle with myself I something greater or more startling Romans have said they wanted to form near him. With an inarticulate cry the part of the constitutional monarchy of man reeled and fell backward on the



eyes rushed into a near-by clothing store. One of the clerks struck at the through the dog's body, encountering no high in that community and whose word wouched for by many reputable people may be implicitly relied upon. vouched for by many reputable people whose names I withhold because they

"My aunt lives in a large, old-fashioned story. It will certainly vividly impress confusing events of the day and the over encountered one of the severest

"Almost a year after our arrival in did so. Then opening a bureau drawer solemnity, handed me an imposing doc-Then, with a wild, maniacal im- which was pendent a small strip of medium is a sensitive and can be influ-

"'I know nothing but what the docu-

"The dream distressed me intensely, to forget all about it, saying that God dium has the choice to do this or starve, was good and that no harm would come I have found this to be the condition of to us. But providence had already preswept the beautiful city and devastated mother and I alone survived."

showing that the secular press is highly interested in publishing incidents directly connected with Spiritualism and its philosophy.

New York City.

# MEDIUMS ARRESTED.

#### An Outrage That Should Be Resented.

A TIMELY PROTEST FROM THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE, AND AN EARNEST APPEAL TO SEPARATE THE GENUINE FROM THE SPURIOUS.

TO THE EDITOR:-My soul is stirred "'Why, what has happened?" asked my aunt. I told her what I had dreamed. to indignation as the intelligence comes 'You must sleep with my girls for the to me that another onslaught has been reet of the night? made upon our mediums, and through them a blow dealt at Spiritualism. "As I left the room I glanced at the clock on the wall. It was just 2:30 in the morning. That day, when break-

In this city of brotherly love, where the first sounds vibrated upon the atmos-"'It was no dream that you had last night, dear; it was a vision. Many years ago your uncle's brother committed suicide in the room in which you slept, and in precisely the manner of the proposed of the magistrate. fast had been eaten, my aunt said to me: phere that proclaimed liberty to man ported by one who was present at the initial hearing at the magistrate's office, that they were treated in a very summary manner, without reason or justice, the testimony in each of the several cases being given by one witness only.
In one instance this witness testified

against a reputable medium who de- efit of our subscribers. Books will conclared she had never set eyes on the tinue to be published from time to time, man before. In spite of this she was at about the same price of the Encycloplaced under a \$600 bond to appear at pædia, enabling our subscribers to keep "No matter what my aunt says, I shall court. Two of these mediums have in abreast of the times at a nominal cost. always firmly believe that what I saw their possession papers of ordination It will be a good investment for every granted by the First Association of Spir- | Spiritualist to become a subscriber to itualists of Philadelphia, and have been THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, in order Another queer dream or vision comes faithful workers in our city for many to be able to buy the books we shall overturned immediately. My kingdom from Pottstown, in the same State. The narrative, the writer says, can be substantiated by many reputable persons.

Verily, friends, it is time to draw the curtain of forgetfulness upon personal animosities and petty grievances, and rise as a united body to defend the cause that lies so near our hearts. It is evident that the ceremony of

house that was built during the Revolu- spiritual ordination is without value in tionary war. It is one of the landmarks the eyes of the law, and always will be those of Dublin. He is inconsistent and store. I was then about ten years old. ing theological pulpits in every city of iron bedstead that stood in the corner of (minus logic or reason) is delicately in-It is pitiful to see the highest religional the room one night not long after we terspersed with many prophecies conious dignitary in the great city of the we had moved in, she said: 'Now close cerning this life, and the future abode your eyes tightly and count one hundred and state of those who fail to believe, white sheep running over green grass for which these men receive thousands

of dollars yearly.

We believe that back of this attack eth sheep I was asleep. How long I lies the power that has ever sought to slept I dou't know, but when I awoke I crush out all that has brought light and was shivering from head to foot and liberty to mankind, the hand that has gasping with fear. My mother, who ever held aloft the sword, the lash, the slept in the adjoining room, hurried in dungeon key; the power that would en-All delegates to the N. S. A. Convention, living in Chicago, or who will pass through Chicago, en route to Washingthat I did, that while I lay in bed the to wipe out from the face of our fair receive a copy of your Encyclopedia of door of my room opened and a woman in land, over which floats the emblem of Death, and Life in the Spirit-world. It ton, are requested to communicate with door of my room opened and a woman in land, over which floats the emblem of deepest mourning entered. As she liberty, a law that is unjust and unopened the door I saw the hall lamp
burning dimly on its bracket. The woing a government "of the people, by the

man glided across the room, the moon-light streaming through the windows Among those arrested are two or Prof. Lockwood is recognized as one of bed. For a moment she stood in an atti- as fortune-tellers and frauds, and de-number is often worth more than that. Prof. Lockwood is recognized as one of the ablest lecturers on the spiritual rosting. In this little volume he presents in succinct form the substance of his lectures on the Molecular Hypothesis of Nature; and presents his views as demi-lecture. It is time that some distribution be made before the world be shadow on the wall fades and becomes tween true and honest mediumship that last, being recommended Ayer's the ablest lecturers on the spiritual rosting bed. For a moment she stood in an attilus serve whatever punishment is inflicted upon them. It is time that some distribution be made before the world be shadow on the wall fades and becomes tween true and honest mediumship that dwarfed when the afternoon sun slowly is used to elevate humanity, and the "but at last, being recommended Ayer's "out at last, being recommended Ay

that one morning he was heard to thun- of Spiritualists to inquire into the charder down the Perkiomen pike on his acters and habits of those upon whom the honors of ordination are conferred If they are found to be honest and about the same time that he did. Dur- worthy workers in the cause of progress ing the time that we lived there, and they should be protected and upheld by that was for several years, the dream or sympathy, backed up by whatever means may be needed to defend them against the encroachments of ignorance and

Spiritualism needs pure, clean, intelligent teachers and demonstrators, and would undoubtedly make more rapid progress in the world if it would determinedly and persistently rid itself of lished, Sunday World readers have sent in some startling dream experiences. The clerk, half frightened class of wonder-seekers, without brains A particularly vivid and creepy dream dog leaped through a back window of or common sense, that unfortunately are Story is, sent from Millerstown, Perry the store and vanished in thin air. This ever hovering near the borders of Spir-Gounty, Pa., by a young lady who stands may seem incredible, but it can be itualism, and yet are in no sense Spirit-ALICE C. BARRY. Philadelphia, Pa.

#### IMPORTANT QUESTION.

#### Who Is Responsible for the Fraud Mediums?

TO THE EDITOR:—There is a cause for everything. The spirit of man is forplayed me all sorts of fantastic tricks in experienced. When our ship got to ever the center of innumerable influ-Charleston only one of its masts re- ences and it infallibly obeys the strongmy sleep.

Charleston only one of its masts re- ences and it infallibly obeys the strongmained. It was a noble ship and brought est. If fraud exists among mediums psychio is as well established as any- Archbishop Corrigan, and by Bishop door of my bedroom opened and a tall us safely to land, though a few days before there is certainly a cause for it. Search will cease to be.
The Spiritists—the men and women

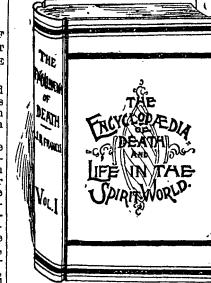
who tie themselves down to the phenomena, who think all is done when certain manifestations are witnessed, who

These Spiritists are the curse of Spiritualism. They are not contented with ument. I opened it and to my horror the little genuine phenomena they may "He carefully felt the edge with his read the names, ages and dates of birth receive, they are forever seeking the wonderful and marvelous. Spiritists, do you not know that the

enced and acted upon by embodied spir-"But they are not dead,' I said to its as well as by disembodied. You are more guilty than the medium. You are not contented with the little genuine you receive; you do not appreciate that, but you compel the medium to give you things in the majority of places where I ordained the result, and on each of the have been engaged to lecture. If the dates specified in the dream document medium will not degrade those divine they died-died of yellow fever, which spiritual gifts and give you what you demand, then you proceed to denounce so many homes and turned so many that medium as being no good and not hearts to stone. Of our family my able to give you anything. One materialized form won't do, you must have The above, from the New York World, fifty, or the medium is no good. Let me is only one illustration among thousands, tell you Spiritists that to be tied down to the phenomena is just as bad as being tied down to dogma or creed.

The true Spiritualist will move steadily forward, not being chained down by phenomena or creed; always having the window open towards the infinite, always with the expectation of more light, more truth to break upon the vision. Continually advancing onward and upward. CHARLES WESLEY PETERS.

Decorah, Iowa.



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# PEN-FLASHES FROM OHIO.

BY C. H. MATHEWS.

The shooting, by cowardly men, of their wives and "concubines," has got to be such a common, everyday occurrence, that I fully agree with the New Orleans Times Democrat that "it is a phase of the crime of murder that is cowardly beyond the ordinary, and that ought to be stamped. by invies and ought to be stamped, by juries and good authority for their kissing ceremo-courts, out of this community, which has That's right.

"IT IS BAD FOR THE PREACHER,"

murderer, who tried to get the weapons wouldn't be nearly so voluminous. away from the grand jury so that they would not be in evidence against him.

have another heresy trial, of Prof. Wm. Henry Ryder, as "Norris, Prof. of New fall.

Testament interpretation," and although

THE GREAT ACNOSTIC. he affirmed in shorter and clearer terms than before the views he had held and

nuisance by the authorities of Pontiac, Michigan," and an ordinance passed forbidding its preaching on any but two July 27th at Nebraska City, Neb., also, and then released because no charge could be brought against them. When the army came out again "the fire department attached hose to a hydrant and thoroughly drenched the salvationists. All fair-minded citizens de-nounced the performance." Well, the salvationists will probably increase in Spiritualists are doing. The authorities are all good Christian people (!), of course, and are worshiping and praying to the same God as the Salvetton Arms. numbers under persecution, just as the to the same God as the Salvation Army in their fight against bigoted and silkstocking Christianity.

SMASHED THE VIOLIN.

BROUGHT HER TO.

A woman, about to be baptised in the Campbellite Church, Jamestown, Kansas, fainted, but the nervy preacher promptly dipped her under the water and she "came to" all right.

tember. The chaplain, at the murderer's request, sang "Nearer my God to thee," and he "met death bravely."

Mark S. Levering, of Bridgeton, N. J. was fined \$1 and costs for desecrating the Sabbath day by cutting an armful of wood. Religious bigotry and intolerance is on the increase in free America.

upon our public servants the mandates of Christianity." What a travesty this

IN THE LEAD.

A COWARDLY CRIME STICMATIZED. |on the "tabernacle." "Down with the Behind the cloud-topped hill, an hum-

a prestige for chivalry to preserve." kiss. The churches of Christ salute To be, contents his natural desire; you."—Rom., xvi., 16. "And he came near and kissed him." That was Jacob, "IT IS BAD FOR THE PREACHER," who kissed his father, Isaac.—Gen., says a dispatch from Danville, Ind., Sep-xxvii., 27. There are scores of places tember 14. It seems that Rev. Hin in the "Holy Book" where kissing is shaw is on trial, charged with shooting recommended and practiced. That su-Allie Ferree. The girl was seen at her perintendent of police had better be sister's in Indianapolis, sitting on the minding his own business and let the preacher's lap, on the sofa, the reverend 'kissing Christians' alone. Them's my gentleman (!) having his arms around sentiments. The reading matter in the girl. A pistol and a razor were the their "tents" is said to be "objectionaweapons used. The prosecution has ble." But then, if we were to eliminate strong evidence against the reverend the objectionable parts of the Bible, it

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the highest prelate in the Church of Eng-AN ORTHODOX BACKDOWN. land, admits that divisions among The board of visitors of Andover The-Christians are the chief obstacles to the ological Seminary had about decided to progress of the gospel. A church di-

Prof. Thomas Henry Huxley, one of the most learned and eminent men of doubt. than before the views he had been accounted by the present century, was born at Ealing, the phase of materialization is the cided, on a sober second thought, that he stood "clearly within the limits of the he stood "clearly within the limits of the last, aged 70 years. In his death the most difficult to be compressionally and the most he stood "clearly within the imitsoff the subscription to the creed." It was a square back-down on the part of the board of visitors, and Prof. Ryder will be allowed to go on teaching the here-tical doctrine that Christ is not God, but the beard of the phase does more harm than good to the phase does more ha tical doctrine that Christ is not God, but that his person "was both human and divine." Old orthodoxy can't stand these heresy trials without endangering the pillars of the church; hence they are willing to compromise.

PETTY PERSECUTION.

classification of himself as an "Agnostite," that is, one who "does not know" anything about any life but this, and "Although the phenomena known as spiritual manifestations claim to prove a future life from scientific facts, Mr. Savage, that bright Boston clergyman, says "that is what mankind wants to mind directed by an honest and fearless know to-day more than anything else," I cannot understand why "the Salva- mind, directed by an honest and fearless know to-day more than anything else." tion Army has been declared a public soul. It is to be hoped that he peered that is to positively know whether death into the future and caught some glim- is the end or whether we consciously merings of the life beyond the grave, through the philosophy and phenomena specified streets. They were arrested of Spiritualism. He was a truly great testimony and prefer the Christian, or

But great as he is good." SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY. photographer, who was a member of the American Psychical Society, and who declared that he had as yet seen "no evidence that death is not the end but I am unable to explain the process immortality. Hence, the importance of by which this was produced." The New proving spirit phenomena, and it ex-SMASHED THE VIOLIN.

James Hodge, of Nile Township, near Portsmouth, Ohio, at one time a good tion I wish to say that since I had one take in the phenomena; and he and they have heard a start of the Psychical Society take in the phenomena; and he and they violinist, so runs the story, has heard a casion three or four years ago to testify are so sure they are on the right track, violin played about his house when no as to the genuineness of certain spirit in the search for the truth, that he says player was visible. It finally became annoying, and he shouted to the unknown violinist to 'Break the blanked thing." The music sounded louder, and then he heard a loud crash in the closet, where the instrument was found in an object the Rusdy campungating the search for the

a number of the same class of believers very unscriptural. I will quote it behave been sent to jail in Tennessee be- cause it conforms with my own idea, WHAT A TRAVESTY!

Isaac Edwards, the Hocking county, hio, murderer, was hanged in the pen-

STRANGE PROVIDENCE.

Some safer world in depth of woods embraced; Some happier island in the watery

bler heaven;

land behold,

No fiends torment, no Christians thirst for gold. He asks no angel's wing, no seraph's

But thinks, admitted to that equal sky, His faithful dog shall bear him com-

C. H. MATHEWS. New Philadelphia, Ohio.

VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES. Satisfactory Materialization Realized in Good Light.

NOTES FROM THE DIARY OF A VETERAN I feel like writing an article on materialization, and illustrating it with an experience. I always like to relate my experiences in the phase of materialization when I am sure they are genuine, and I never do relate them, as many know, when there is a possibility of

The phase of materialization is the

survive it. Still the great majority of civilized mankind reject this modern Bible idea of future life, for which there "Not great like Cæsar, stained with is no evidence except hope and faith, and blood, they actually think and act as if this they actually think and act as if this life was all; when hardly a scientific scholar is to be found who does not think that death is the end, except the Henry Borisovich Levin, an expert few who have investigated spirit phe-

Beatty, Pa., is, we are told, still under its life intelligent, its glory discernible. consideration by Archbishop Satolli. Death will not annul the countless dif-

of Christianity." What a travesty this upon the morality and religion of the nineteenth centric.

The worst wind-storm that ever visited thing, and certainly if genuine and actual erally do. He came often at Mr. Altural are the most wonderful phenomena bro's, when the Berry Sisters were the metally destroyed school buildings and damaged in the whole list of phases. I am sure destroyed school buildings and damaged the spires of the Baptist and Catholic they are genuine, but when I have child's

years a full-blooded native American Indian will be a natural auriouity.

"Lo, the poor Indian! whose untutored mind
Sees God in clouds, or hears Him in the wind;
His soul proud Science never taught to stray
Far as the solar walk or milky way;
Yet simple nature to his hope has given, Behind the cloud-topped hill, an humbler beyon."

knows that intelligence is of human my views of the phase and illustrated it genesis, and where there is intelligence for the it is or was a famin I mean the dictionary meaning of intelligence, for the Devil is dead, and no one now believes in a personality of will, and the Infinite never talks in a franguage, and it is a condition based at fact, that any intelligence to by a positive fact from my experience. I am sure those who know me will be lieve what I say.

JOHN WETHERBEE.

MORE DEVOTIONAL.

Plea for Greater Spirituality.

Wm. Stainton Moses—a scholarly man. Wm. Stainton Moses—a scholarly man,

a graduate of the University of Oxford,

and late editor of London Light—under the nom de plume of M. A. (Oxon), waste; once, in reply to the question how he peaches while visiting. Then we had a Where slaves once more their native knew the manifestations were the work conference, for our speaker was sick and of spirits, gave the best answer I absent.

ever saw, and it will not be out of place to quote it here: "My first reason is the more devotional, more prayerful, more must have come from a spirit, and that ity among Spiritualists. settles the matter with me. That is As we live here, so settles the matter with me. That is As we live here, so we attract. An why I like the simple modes better than unforgiving, spiteful person will attract the more complicated phases, such as kindred beings about him, intensifying materialization; but it takes all kinds of his own unhappy condition and making people to make a world, so it takes all his associates unhappy.

phases to meet all classes of minds.

Asking forgiveness of

two things: that in the manifestations claim to be.

heard of that being done, but I have favor he will do it quicker than if never never succeeded; and the fact that others have succeeded has not satisfied me, and when even at both seances the spirits have identified themselves to be renot like the inability of a spirit, at a test seance where he has identified himself, to tell me when he materialized ally the persons they claim to be, I do to me last, and identify the two interviews, even when they have been very recent. I do not know as it would be evidence if they did or could repeat the message I asked them to at a prior seance, for telepathy might explain that. But for all that; I am quite sure I have had genuine spirit materialization. Now, after the, foregoing as an introduction, I will relate an experience that

I am willing to endorse: If I am sure of

anything, I am sure it is what it claims to be. My son, Elliott, died ten years ago. He has appeared to me many times, and better made up, and more natural than any other spirit. I will relate one instance, because it was at a seance under test conditions, and given to Prof. Wallace, who' was present. I am positively sure there were no confederates. This occasion was at Mrs. Ross', whom I consider the best medium for the phase I have exertfat with, and I have Mich., has reduced the yearly rent of done so many times, and under perfect test conditions, and I have perfect evidence they are what they claim to be.

One of the objectionable features of materialization is their usual darkness, so Johnson, of Battle Creek, spoke for the difficult to see the features of the spirit local society. He is such a good speaker or apparition. I think the seances at Mrs. that he deserves to be employed con-Ross' the lightest and most satisfactory stantly. A person can easily see by his of any I have attended. This one given actions and gestures when his controls are reported to speek then he heard a loud crash in the closet, where the instrument was found in an old chest smashed to smithereens. He is nonplussed. But the Spiritualists of Portsmouth can give him an explanation.

TOO COVETOUS.

Rev. D. L. Webb, a revivalist, who was holding meetings at Nauvoo Church, where the instrument was found in an old chest smashed to smithereens. He is nonplussed. But the Spiritualists of eight or nine "strange visitors," I discover my friend, so distinctly impressed on the plate as to leave no doubt in my mind that he crowded into the cottage and was caught by the camera along was holding meetings at Nauvoo Church, where the instrument was found in an old chest smashed to smithereens. He is based on fact, and I don't know anything that I am sure it is based on fact, and I don't know anything that I am sure of than I am that death is not the end of the individual. I think it is the end of the individual. I think it is the mission of Spiritualism to prove that fact; the details of what may occur and that he crowded into the cottage and was caught by the camera along when the opening of the Brady camp-meeting for myself, I am sure it is based on fact, and I don't know anything that I am that death is not the end of the individual. I think it is the end of the individual. I think it is the end of the individual. I think it is the end of the individual. I think it is the end of the individual. I think it is the end of the individual was present. He looked very natural, and the light was very good; he would do so and so." The fact of it is, would do so and so." The fact of it is, would do so and so." The fact of it is, would do so and so." The fact of it is, would do so and so." The fact of it is, would do so and so." The fact of it is, would do so and so." The fact of it is, would do so and so." The fact of it is, would do so and so." The fact is not so reliable nor of so in the presence of Prof. Wallace was usual. On one of these pictures, and my wife also, the mission of Spiritualism to prove that fact; t was holding meetings at Nauvoo Church, was not on hand Sunday, September 8. He preferred to elope with the wife of John Swords, a wealthy farmer, with whom he boarded. Now Swords is hunting for the preacher with a shot-gun. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife," etc. Gospel truth!

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REFIGURE LIERTY

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Georgia has a quiet, harmless SeventhDay Baptist believer in the chain-gang, for a year, for working on Sunday; and a number of the same class of believers

was not a Spiritualist, I do not see where he said seem very natural—it was what I would have expected, and it made the mediumistic, and got it intuitively; at any rate, I think it literally true, but very unscriptural. I will quote it believers laying his hands on the garments I was wearing. This I consider very good, for I was then wearing his clothes. I knew I had some of them on, and on ex-Ohio, murderer, was hanged in the penintentiary at Columbus on the 15th of September. The chaplain at the murderer's CATHOLIC BEER. derclothing also. He being just my size, I had appropriated his wardrobe. August 29.—The protest against the manufacture and sale of beer by the Benedictines of St. Vincent's Abbey, of Benedictines of St. Vincent's Abbey, of clothes? I am sure no one in the room he Sabbath day by cutting an armful of Rev. Father Zurcher, of Buffalo, N. Y., and intoler-late is on the increase in free America.

EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY.

The dispatches of August 12, 1895, report a horrible story of brutality at the late of the sabbath day by cutting an armful of Rev. Father Zurcher, of Buffalo, N. Y., and late of Rev. Father Zurcher, of Buffalo, N. Y., is also displeased, and sends in an objection. However, as they "only make four barrels a week, which the monks abound with personality. Each intellect will keep its natural bias, each intellect will keep its natural bias and the counties of the counties of the counties of the counties of The dispatches of August 12, 1895, reregard as an insignificant output," and
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foreverse and love deepen with knowltercourse and love deepen with knowlflogging of Harvey Merritt, with 70 and sometimes 175 lashes on the bare back, the blood spurting forth at each stroke. Six men held him while the punishment was being inflicted, and "one of his eyes was put out by the terrible strap." And yet Grover Cleveland says: "We still profess to be a Christian people and will find our safety and welfare in enforcing find our safety and welfare in enforcing find our safety and welfare in enforcing from heing satisfactory as a general mission to make beer was given by the pass will pass us, acquaintances thrive on intercence in the profess through the pass will pass us, acquaintances thrive on intercence in the profess through the pass whose face bore guilty stain—

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She had bartered virtue to save her and so will continue and say the phase has not been explained really intelligant was allowed to the priesthood in limited facts are claimed to be produced, but the conditions, as yet, are extremely far from heing satisfactory as a general good shape, and better than spirits gently by either and well he appeared; and he certainly hered. I told him before he left I want tercourse, and love deepen with knowled to introduce him to Prof. Wallace; he retired for a little strength, and came out immediately and was introduced to be a continue and say the phase has not been explained really intelligant to speak of materialization, and so will continue and say the phase has not been explained really intelligant to speak of materialization, and so will continue and say the phase has not been explained really intelligant to professor, who remarked how strong and well he appeared; and he certainly has not been explained really intelligant to professor, who remarked how strong and well he appeared; and well he appear from being satisfactory as a general good shape, and better than spirits gen-

Chicago is progressive in all things, churches. It seems to me that "provisays the Dayton, Ohio, Herald. An understand churches, in whom so many pious people denominational club of ministers has put their trust, should, at least, protect and are more convincing of the claimed which was arranged by him under test and are more convincing of the claimed which was arranged by him under test and are more convincing of the claimed which was arranged by him under test and are more convincing of the claimed conditions he campaint and welled over I remember on one occasion, at a se denorminational club of ministers has been organized there, and its members are to discuss social, political and religious questions on broad grounds, and a more cordial religious fraternity is to be established. Here is another instance where Chicago might be followed by religious teachers of other—cities, with much good to their fellowmen.

RELICIOUS OSCULATION.

It seems that there is in Pittsburg, Pa, a peculiar style of religion among the disciples of "The Church of the Living God." The preachers held daily services in a big tent for more than a week ending July 30, consisting of prayers, reading the Scriptures and passing that. The practice of kissing all the worshipers was dispensed with, because the superintendent of police had threat-end to arrest them if they did not leave the city and discontinue the public practices of the "Kissing religion." Superintendent of police had threat-end to arrest them if they did not leave the city and discontinue the public practices of the "Kissing religion." Superintendent of police had threat-end to arrest them if they did not leave the city and discontinue the public practices of the "Kissing religion." Superintendent of police had threat-end to arrest them if they did not leave the city and discontinue the public practices of the "Kissing religion." Superintendent of police had threat-end to arrest them if they did not leave the city and discontinue the public practices of the "Kissing religion." Superintendent of police had threat-end to arrest them if they did not leave the city and discontinue the public practices of the "Kissing religion." Superintendent of police had threat-end to arrest them if they did not leave the city and discontinue the public practices of the "Kissing religion." Superintendent of police had threat-end to arrest them if they did not leave the city and discontinue the public practices of the "Kissing religion." Superintendent of police had threat-end to arrest them if they did not leave the city and discontinue the public practices of the

AT GRAND LEDGE, MICH. On September 8, after camp-meeting, we had a picnic and a good time eating

ntelligence that communicates says forgiving one to another; more repentthey are, and my second reason is, I ance for abusing a friend or neighbor never came across an intelligent force, in an angry spell; more of a willingness and never knew any one who ever did. to ask forgiveness and to applogize for Force is that which is used by intellirudeness or harshness; more of a desire gence, and the intelligence is what I to grow spiritually and to reconcile an call, and what calls itself a spirit." I offended brother and to make our part think I have the argument where I all right; more of a desire to return found an intelligence which no mortal good for evil. A polite person will alhas produced; and when the intelligence ways apologize for any wrong done. When a person humbles himself to make ter, and is demonstrated to have come his side of a wrong right, he exalteth from no one present or in the form, it himself. There is not enough spiritual-

Asking forgiveness once is none too

But, for all this, if my sensuous experience is good for anything, I am sure of for every and all wrongs.

There is not enough for giveness or re there are bounds both by spirit and by ligion among Spiritualists. They are mortals; and I am sure also there are all the time seeking after a sign, after genuine phenomena, and what they phenomena, without practicing the lit-claim to be. Among the disabilities of my getting pray as church-members do, we can proof of genuine materialization is the pray in accordance with our philosophy, know all our wants, and if we ask for good, unselfish and righteous favors, our prayers are more apt to be answered. Prayers along the lines of a progressive,

> life, and as we live, so we attract, hence Spiritualists have the strongest reasons for prayer and a thankful, devotional state of mind. One of my angel guides has asked me

> to pray before going to bed, and I am doing so. I ask good, pure angels, if they have the time to spare, to assist me to grow more spiritual; to outgrow my faults; to strenghten me; to inspire me to have charity for those who misjudge me; to outgrow all envy, jealousy and spitefulness; to return good for evil; to have pure thoughts; to assist my friends to endure their trials. I learn to be

A prayerful, aspiring state of mind is far better than cursing, swearing, slang or vulgarity. I ask an interest in the reader's prayers and good thoughts, and thank you in advance for the same. The board of trustees of Grand Ledge,

thankful for small favors from my spirit

friends.

On Sunday, September 23, Dr. P. T.

cation for a college in future years? Then the children of Spiritualists would feel at home in a friendly college of their own? HENRY E. MARTIN.

THE DIVINE TRAMP.

He came with worn and tattered robes to the crowded city's street, and sought the haunts of wretchedness

where stumble erring feet; His head was bent in sorrow-with wounded outstretched palms He asked in name of mercy for daily

needed alms. The soul of greed eyed him askance: "Who are you, sir -Go on!-Asking aid of rich and poor-I say to

you, begone! We have our own to succor—our paupers to clothe and feed. Begone! thou pale imposter!" said the cruel spirit of greed.

Then he furned to a sad-eyed woman,

my abode is one of woe;

Yet children await my coming, and thither will we go: My one brown loaf with thee divide, in name of the merciful One."

When lo! from off the kingly breast the tattered robe was thrownesus of Nazareth stood revealed—snov white his comely dress. His wounded palms gave hearing balm

of love and tenderness. Behold the need of light," he said; "where greedy mammon sways, Behold unselfish love of hearts pushed to the downward wave. Oh, ye who rob the toiling poor to swell your hordes of gold,

You nail my spirit to the cross, as did the ones of old: Ye grind them down beneath the wheels of selfish gains to-day;

Ye starve their children, that your own be clad in bright array; Ye offer much to a God of wealth, nor know that Jesus stands

Near palace homes and dens of want with wounded feet and hands!" JAS. M. WADE.

Dorchester, Mass.

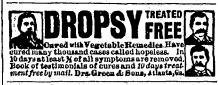
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E. P. H. writes from Owosso, Mich. 'Mrs. A. E. Sheets, one of our old workers, has just closed an engagement of five Sundays with the First Spiritualist Society of this place. Her style is forceful, her comparisons are fine, and shown in a special meeting of the society and its friends, called to consider ways and means whereby we may enter into a more lengthy engagement with her. She comes to us for the Sundays of December at least. Mr. D. P. Dewey, of Grand Blanc, Mich., will occupy our rostrum the Sundays of October.

W. J. Colville's course of eight public and two private lectures in Denver ended October 1. The attendance was large and representative. He is now in Los Angeles, lecturing for the First Society of Spiritualists. His work in Oakland begins November 1.

The Woman's National Convention met at Lake Brady, Ohio, on August 20. Dr. Martin, chairman at the Lake, welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. Dr. Pierce, of Boston, responded. meeting was a grand success.

F. A. Wiggin, the celebrated lecturer and platform test medium, of Salem, ualists of Indianapolis, Ind., for the Sundays of October and November. Societies desiring his services for week evenings, located within a hundred miles of that point, can address him at Indianap-

New York City, October 11; Brooklyn interesting and instructive. His talks Philosophical Society the 13th. Present are plain, and well calculated to interest

writes from an Eastern city, where a society or club has been formed, composed of people whose hearts are in the cause. but whom lack of means hinder in their work. In the same city are well-to-do ber and November sees us with F. A. persons who claim to be Spiritualists, but they attend and help to support the popular churches, and do not render practical and pecuniary aid to Spiritdium, when called on for help to carry on Spiritualist meetings, said he could not give anything, for he had just given to the Y. M. C. A. Some so-called Spiritualists even go so far as to apply vile epithets to their poorer and more plainy-clad brethren who are trying to uply-clad brethren who are trying to up-services, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., in our pastor, Rev. G V. Cordingly, fa-and justly represented in our conven-hold the banner of Spiritualism to the Irwin Hall, corner of West Madison and vored us with an impromptu poem on tion. It is most important that this public. This is a sad sight, and ought not to exist.

Mich.: "Mrs. Anna L. Robinson is fagain at home after her grand work at the various camps during the summer. It is filled by earnest minds, ready to old and young enjoyed refreshments, vention be done to the satisfaction of all. She is full of enthusiasm for her winter's advance our glorious cause. The spirit gaiety and dancing. These entertainteachers desire your co-operation in this ments will be given the last Friday of letters at once. Spiritualists, do not fail to attend the Washington Convention. thus far are a prophesy for the future, lighten the burdens of sorrowing morshe will do so, although she has given tals. Please give this entreaty more perfect satisfaction heretofore. She is the lyceum work, and each Sunday adds performing your duties." soveral new members to the already long list of old ones. We feel sure that the good spirits will bless her efforts and the seed now sown will bring a rich

harvest in the future." J. B. and C. Miller write: "We noticed in a recent number of THE PRO-ORESSIVE THINKER a card from M. F. nam County Truthseekers, the object Hammond. Now, to all who are interbeing to investigate psychic phenomena ested in the cause we will say that we and discuss the science of soul culture. can recommend him as a good speaker; Truth being our object, we will endeavor one who has the best interests of Spiritualism at heart, and any society will do well to employ him. He is a number one organizer. We know of towns where there are many excellent Spiritualists and good mediums, and no society-Kal amazoo, for instance, and we believe the many friends outside of these would be pleased to hear that some good missionary had accomplished the work, and we believe the South Haven friends, as well as others, of Mr. Hammond would be pleased to know that he had been

called to do the work." Frances A. Tuttle writes from Clyde Ohio: "Sunday, September 22, we had Marguerite St. Omer with us again. After a grand lecture, full of eloquence hey were remarkable and true. One at 547 Bank street, New London, Conn. Colton.

lady, in a trembling voice, acknowledged the reading of a purse; and told why Marguerite St. Omer felt so much of a spiritual influence and so sad. Her labor washington, D. C., during October. here has not been in vain, Many have that Spiritualism is true."

H. C. Sessions writes: "'Utilize Your endorse him as both lecturer and me-Gifts,' is the title of a communication dium, and I sense the views of our State from Clara Marsh in THE PROGRESSIVE | Board when I say so." PHINKER of September 21. Here is her

residing in Westerley, R. I., responding ance on Monday eve to a good house, to the call for six thousand Spiritualist giving a brief sketch to each one. The volunteers to donate fifty cents each, to time was pleasantly spent by each and liquidate the indebtedness of the in- all, while some hearts were made the solvent Chicago Camp Association, happier by her coming." sends her donation of fifty cents, as one will C. Hodge is engaged at Ashland, of said volunteers. The lady sends it in Wis., for the month of October. He can care of Dr. Greer.

Posing as "wonderfully-gifted medi-ims," "Or. Alexander Hume and Kate ums," "Or. Alexander Hume and Kate Fox," the notorious, are still carrying on Fox," the notorious, are still carrying on their fake shows, and raking in the of October. He would like engagements shekels from duped audiences. At Aspen, Colorado, recently, a young man viewed hundred miles of that city. Letters sent the operations of the fakirs, from a perch in care of T. A. Skinner, 102 Lincoln above the stage, unknown to the opera- street, Columbus, Ohio, will reach him. tors. He tells freely what he saw of their tricks-for it is all trickery. People left the hall disgusted with the fraud us a brief item, please. A great deal can be expressed in a dozen lines; but informant writes that a good medium long reports will not be used. Meetings could do much good at Asyen. could do much good at Aspen.

John P. Goodwin, of Seward, O. T., society where he could find a permanent home. "I think I might be of use to the cieties of New York City and Brooklyn, society, and I know that they would be we will continue to hold the Wednesday of use to me in my development. I wish to pay a tribute to the Encyclopædia of the first meeting held on Wednesday, Death, etc. It is as grand a work as I October 2d, every available seat in the ever read. I had rather judged from hall was occupied. Mr. T. Ransom Santhe title that it would be something of a ford was the chairman and in a speech character; but, after a careful perusal, the new society, the most essential of it should make one feel that it will be a which secure the services of some of the

wanted to tell your readers whenever a high order. At the meeting on Wed- a case to the Supreme Court of the land she came their way to be sure to hear nesday, October 9th, the following melin order that it may be finally adjudiner. She gave names in full, and reladiums and speakers will be present: Mr. cated. tionship, and incidents in your life, without a moment's hesitation. Last Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Henry Rogers, J. Cole evening she gave some of the most mar- Blake and Mr. John Morey. velous spirit tests that were ever given from a spiritual rostrum in Boston."

Meriden, Conn., will resume meetings past two Sundays and will be with us Sunday, October 6, with Mrs. Carrie next Sunday. He is an earnest and Loring, of East Braintree, Mass., as faithful worker, and we bespeak for him speaker. We have secured for the coming season the large and beautiful Odd called." Fellows' Hall on State street. It is well lighted and ventilated and easy of access, which will be of great benefit to older and feeble people. We have nearly all our dates filled, and by the best speakers on the spiritual rostrum. With good speakers, good singing and a Mass., speaks for the society of Spirit- commodious hall, our meetings are resumed with every prospect of successful and gratifying results."

that point, can address him at Indianapolis (Ind.), Association of Spiritualists again began weaving the woof of liberal thought. We take up the work www. Aber gave two wonderful materializing seances under test conditions.

"Dr. Fisk, an excellent independent of the truth, that shall yet rid the world slate-writer, has given some remarkable slate-writer, has given address him at Indianapolis (Ind.), Association of Spirite cago, resumed its meetings the first Sunday in September, re-engaging their former pastor, Rev. Geo. V. Cordingler, for one year. Our society is well at tended and in a flourishing condition, and will be on sale from October 15, and will be good to return on until October 21. All persons wishing to visit Washington on the tended and in a flourishing condition, and will be on sale from October 15, and will be good to return on until October 21. All persons wishing to visit Washington on the tended and in a flourishing condition, and will be on sale from October 15, and will be good to return on until October 21. All persons wishing to visit Washington on the tended and in a flourishing condition, and will be on sale from October 15, and will be good to return on until October 21. All persons wishing to visit Washington on the tended and in a flourishing condition, and will be on sale from October 21. All persons the form of the truth of the world of the wo slate-writer, has given some remarkable error and superstition. Our first speaktests, in the broad open light of day, to
parties bringing their own slates."

The first monthly musical literary entertaintituelists and Liberals wishing to attend
the speaker in the eight months' course of lectirst monthly musical literary entertaintituelists and Liberals wishing to attend
the season on Friday the great convention, to see the nation's E. J. Bowtell spoke at Yonkers, N. Y., September 13; at Fraternity Hall, Jamestown, N. Y. He has served us Brooklyn, N. Y., the 15th and 29th. He well during September, and has presistance of the following well-known talwill lecture at Manhattan Liberal Club, sented much in his way that has been address, 583 De Kalb avenue, Brooklyn, a mixed audience, and his earnestness of delivery gives confidence. He is cer-An ardent, outspoken Spiritualist tainly doing much good, and the cause is benefited by his earnest labors. Mrs. Sprague, who is with him, does much good in her private work, and is a pleasant and agreeable lady socially. Wiggin, of Boston, who is a great favorite with the Indianapolis people. Our hall is always filled to overflowing when he is with us, In December we will be ualist effort. One business man and me- served by Mrs. T. D. Hegyner; in Janu-

F. Corden White." lso very much in earnest in regard to then act, and you will be the happier for

> L. P. R. writes: "On October 2d the Spiritualists of Unionville, Mo., met and effected the first organization by electing A. J. Williams as president, Jessie McCalment as secretary, and Mrs. Eliza McCalment as treasurer. The society is to be known as the First Society of Put to honestly and earnestly investigate as best we can all the phenomena connected with Spiritualism. As the masses of the people become more educated, free thought and free action will be more general. Creeds and dogmas are fast falling to the rear, and intelligence and truth are taking the lead in the great intellectual reformation of this, the

opening of the nineteenth century.

Societies wishing the services of A. E. Tisdale, the blind orator and lecturer, for the last two Sundays in February, speare. and truth, she gave readings from arti-the month of March and the last two Great minds must be ready not only to les laid on the desk, and in all cases Sundays in April, 1896, may address him take opportunities, but to make them.—

C. E. Dent writes: I wish to say we been brought to see the truth of our are glad to have Bro. A. F. Brown, of beautiful faith and are seeking more St. Paul, Minn., with us in Michigan. light. May she continue the good work He is doing a grand work here, and has wherever she goes, and open the doors been kept almost constantly at work. of the Spirit-world so that all who hear the words of wisdom and truth may see have had him at Vicksburg eight days. beyond the veil and know for themselves I was with him at Haslett Park Camp and also at Marcellus, and can heartily

Mrs. O. H. Soule writes: "On Sunday, Mrs. Lizzie M. Brewer, a noble lady, worker in the field. She also gave a se-

be addressed there for further engage-

Prof. Lockwood speaks for the Spiritduring the week at places within one

H. F. Tower writes: "A new society has been organized in New York City called 'The Occult Club,' that meets street. The hall has been taken for the month of October, and if we secure the 'Hark from the tombs a doleful sound' he outlined what would be the objects of pleasure to die, or rather, begin to live. most noted workers for every Wednesday Ella McRoberts, of Boston, Mass., Fifteenth street, New York City, was writes: "After going to Mrs. Maggie the speaker and test medium for the

Della Platt writes from Battle Creek, Mich.: "We are still giving our mite to Secretary writes from Meriden, Conn.: help the cause. Dr. Hammond, formerly The Psychical and Liberal Society of from the East, has lectured for us the a warm welcome, wherever he may be

Mrs. Mattie E. Hull has been lectur-

through Chicago last Saturday on her ualist Convention as they do so. This way home from the camp-meeting at Fort Worth, Texas. She reports it a signed by Secretary Woodbury in order grand success.

B. F. Schmid writes from Indianapolis (Ind.) Association of Spirit ual Society of 3120 Forest avenue, Chient: Opening remarks by the Rev. G. tions of the country will avail themselves V. Cordingley; Mr. Lew Howard, inspiration pianish, Miss Eldora Parson, elocutionist and impersonator; Mr. Max preciation of the reduction of fare that Hoffman, tests and psychometric read- has been so kindly awarded us. These ings; Miss Brown, recitation; the world- rates were obtained through hard work renowned independent slate-writing mediums, Mrs. Lizzie and May Bangs, gave the N. S. A., and it is due all concerned a wonderful seance in the light of inde-that there should be a full attendance. credit to our cause. Now, friends of markable tests, all of which were recog-

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A heap of ill-chosen erudition is but

the luggage of antiquity.—Balzac. Men should not talk to please them-Sterne.

I would have a man great in great things, and elegant in little things.—

# GLORIOUS" NEWS!

Dr. J. O. Batdorf Escapes the Meshes of the Law.

Let Us All Swing Our Hats With Joy.

TO THE EDITOR:-The federal grand jury closed its session to-day. When my case was under consideration I was permitted to appear before the jury and make a statement of my method of doing THINKER of September 21. Here is her closing sentence: 'May all to whom the gift of mediumship has come receive it as a sacred power and wear it as a crown of purity in public and private labor.'

These are words fitly spoken, and I would that they might be heeded by every medium and true Spiritualist.'

Mrs. O. H. Soule writes: "On sunday, September 22, Mrs. Marion Carpenter, of Detroit, lectured for the Ionia (Mich.) Spiritualists' Society, both morning and evening, to full houses, giving tests at the postoffice inspector and the district attorney one year ago, in which I expressed my willingness to change my advertisement in any way the government of satisfaction. Mrs. Carpenter is one that can be recommended to all as a true would inform me what was wanted, and business. I gave them a history of this well represented. Many evidently came that they had failed to inform me and

> new advertisement. Kindly publish of your good PROGRESSIVE THINKER Sincerely and fraternally yours, DR. J. C. BATDORF.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

#### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

TO THE EDITOR:-In another week the National Convention of Spiritualists will be in session in this city. Even now the o'clock, in Spencer Hall, 114 Fourteenth | indications are that the attendance will be large, and the enthusiasm great. Every society in the land ought to be writes that he would like to go to some patronage of the people that attend the represented at this convention, as business matters of great importance to Spiritualism will there be considered. Nearly thirty amendments to the constitution of the N.S. A. will have to be disposed of, and many items of new business will be introduced. Measures lookpersecution, and the public from imposture will be discusse

Methods of establishing an active propaganda, of raising revenues and of mediums under the law will be dealt Waite's seance, Sunday eve, the 22d, I evening. His speaking and tests were of with at length. It is necessary to take it is used." This is a most important matter, and

> alluded to. We urge all Spiritualists to Mrs. Dr. Cole, Dr. G. L. Lincoln, Hon. note that reduced rates have been secured upon all railroads from New York Gilman (materialization mediums), and Mrs. Mattle E. Hull has been lecturing home ing to large audiences in Iowa, where she has been enthusiastically received. She goes this week to Unionville, Mo.
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> Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson passed through Chicago last Saturday on her way home from the camp-meeting at large way home from the camp-meeting which will entitle the purchase target which will entitle the purchase target way. J. McConnell, of Dallas, treasurer for two years, and since target, W. J. McConnell, of Dallas, treasurer for two years, and since target, W. J. McConnell, of Dallas, treasurer for two years, and since target, W. J. McConnell, of Dallas, treasurer for two years, and since target, W. J. McConnell, of Dallas, treasurer for two years, and since target, w. J. McConnell, of Dallas, treasurer for two years, and since target that the reduced rates may be obtained

pendent slate-writing, many messages | Societies that do not feel able to send being received and all being recognized a representative at their own expense by some one in the audience. One mes- can send their credentials in blank, sage of especial interest was written in signed by their proper officers to the letters of gold, whilst the slates were committee on credentials, empowering Union our opponents tried to pass bills, suspended by a handkerchief on a walk- said committee to appoint some one to ing-stick, held by two skeptics, who act for them. A letter of sealed instrucary by Mrs. A. E. Sheets; in February stated to the audience that they could tions should also be sent to the commitby Mrs. Celia Nickersons in March by feel and hear the writing whilst tee to be placed in the hands of the dele-Miss Marguerite St. Omer, and April by the message was being received which gate appointed, for his or her guidance Subscriber writes: "The First Society A piano selection by Miss Flossie Paul, society in the United States, now conof Spiritual Unity holds regular Sunday and Master Walter Graham, after which nected with the N.S.A., can be fairly South Paulina streets. This hall is spa- 'Music,' 'Innocence,' and 'Our Coming matter should be considered, therefore cious and comfortable, with seating President,' which was rendered in his we urge all societies to take immediate Secretary writes from Port Huron, capacity for fifteen hundred people -a usual brilliant manner, closing with re-action in relation thereto. Let every society's quota of delegates be filled in Come one! come all!

HARRISON D. BARRETT, Pres.

Swedenborg and the Other Life. slaughter by an East Thirteenth street butcher of his wife, to make evidence in support of the theory of the followers of known as "Our Noted Workers." I want Swedenborg, that human being can be to have a book, or directory, for myself, Life of Thomas Paine, suddenly possessed by demons from the other world. Such a supposition can only best explain the savage and atrocolus murders sometimes rife like the one referred to. It will be remembered that Swedenbarg altitude of the savage and atrocolus murders sometimes rife like the one referred to. It will be remembered any spiritual papers and how many and the savage and America. Cloth, 75 cents. that Swedenborg claimed during long any spiritual papers and how many and that Swedenborg custimed during the trances—witnessed and verified by non-believers in his revelations—to have been angelically conducted through the been angelically conducted through the least 1 am so often asked about the diums and speakers. I will find it convenient in my missionary work, and I take subscriptions for The Progressian to the least 1 am so often asked about 1 which—as 1 am so often asked about 1 which selves, but those that hear them.— have learned that every person, during Sterne.

Hypocrisy, the only evil that walks an evil spirit, to either of whom he Hypocrisy, the only evil that walks invisible, except to God alone.—Milton. good spirit was termed on earth concience, and the evil one deviltry. Man's happiness on earth from listening B. C., would be a most excellent place for a good medium. Many are becoming deeply interested there.

Thought is the blossom; language the opening bud; action the fruit behind it.

Beecher. You cram these words into mine ears have been on close and intimate terms against the stomach of my sense.—Shak- with the evil spirit.—New York Mer-

cury.

#### The Camp at Ft. Worth, Texas.

This new camp-meeting has proved a success. Jennie Hagan-Jackson was a a great favorite there. Dr. DeBuchan anne's lectures, too, made a decided hit. Mediums were present from various parts of the country, and a most excel-lent time was had. The Gazette, speaking of one of Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson's addresses, says:

"The auditorium at Tyler's Lake Park was well filled Thursday night to hear Mrs. Jackson's lecture. The professional and business classes of Fort Worth were through curiosity, but before the little woman had spoken very long they were the most interested of listeners.

"'Man; His Origin as an Evolutionary Expression of Nature,' was her first subject. We have but little absolute knowledge of man, she said. The eternities would inform me what was wanted, and of speculation lay about us. We are all from an unknown shore, sailing over an had brought this suit one year later unknown sea, toward a vast futurity. without warning or notice.

I am happy to say that the jury reful vaulting in trying to reconcile Geneturned no bill, and I am free to do busissis with geology in their accounts of creness under the new arrangement and ation, and the origin of man. But we have all learned that instead of there these facts as the thousands of readers having been a sudden creation we have been passing through a series of changes. will be interested in knowing the result, The process of growth in all the ages has resulted in man, its last and highest

> been created perfect by God; then He took a rib from him and made a woman out of it. Adam must have been imperfect after this surgical operation was performed, and God was to blame for it. And how could poor Eve be expected to be perfect, when she was an after con-sideration and made out of nothing but a crooked rib. She had always been glad Eve got the apple first, for if Adam Westerfield was a pioneer. had picked it he would have eaten it all. the country when only a wild all told the Adam and Eve story. Scholing to criticise, but if we regard it as a historical fact, it is full of absurdities.

Light), Capt. Watkins, Secretary McCon-This is a most important matter, and every Spiritualist and every society of Spiritualists ought to take a deep interest in it, and in the other measures above est in it, and in the other measures above the spiritualists of the spiritualist

Spiritualists of Michigan.

TO THE EDITOR:-Michigan is ahead in Spiritualism; it is the Banner State, having more local associations than any other State in the Union, and is auxiliary to the National Spiritualists' Association, having a charter; it is noted for taking more spiritual papers than any other State, and has the oldest spiritual church in the world, located at Sturgis, and it is well kept up. We have a large corps of speakers, and several that developed here are working in other places

now. As to mediumship, I claim we are ahead in numbers and variety. Now, when we look over statistics and find last winter, to get a corner on our rights, and to think of it for one moment that fifty-one of our prominent workers are either behind the bars or pending sentence, is it not time for the spirit to move us to action?

It is said there are very near fifteen million Spiritualists in the United States and if such is the case, why don't they place themselves on record by organiz ing and uniting for protection?

Now, let me say a little to my co workers of Michigan, as president of the Mediums' Protective Union. We have a Mediums' Home-one of the three in the United States-and it is paid for; we are out of debt on it, and what we want is united action. Organize; take out a charter from the State Association and let us know how many we have that are willing to be known by their works. We are to have another meeting of the executive board November 27, and can There is much in the account of the take action on applications for charters

SIVE THINKER. I hope all co-workers in the State will answer as soon as convenient.

I expect to devote all of my time to The Rights of Man. the work after November 1st, and I wish those that I promised to see after that time, to make their dates, so I can schedule my dates to the best advantage.
I will hold myself ready to answer

calls to attend funerals at all times. C. E. DENT, Trustee of State Association Vicksburg, Mich.

Every great writer is a writer of his-The oldest German college is Heidel- tory, let him treat on what subject he

#### PASSED OVER.

Dr. John W. Westerfield, President of the Indiana Association of Spiritualists.

One of nature's noblemen has passed from mortal sight to the higher life. It seems fitting that more than a brief mention should be made of this event in mention should be made of this event in in the life of one of the pioneers of modern Spiritualism.

CHAPTER I.

The Struggle before the Surrender of Womanly Self.

respect in the Confessional. ern Spiritualism.

Dr. John W. Westerfield came from revolutionary stock. He belongs to a family identified for generations with the development of New Jersey, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, many members being men of prominence in their respective communities. His great grandfather moved at an early date from New Jersey to Kentucky, when that country was yet an unbroken wilderness, swarming with wild beasts and yet wilder red men. In a fight with Indians near Boonsboro, the great grandfather of Dr. Westerfield was killed and his wife and

duughter carried into captivity.
Dr. Westerfield was born in Preble County, Ohio, June 1, 1816; he came to Indiana when 13 years of age. His education was obtained by walking two miles to a log school-house and setting on a bench made of split saplings. In 1839 he commenced the practice of medicine at Anderson, Ind., where he soon acquired a large practice. In order to "Reverting to the Genesis account of man, she said Adam was said to have on horseback through dense forests, great swamps and swollen streams.

In 1842 he married Miss Mary Bussell; they became the parents of a son, John, who died in his fourteenth year. He has held numerous offices of trust in the community in which he resided, being elected to the offices of commissioner and auditor a number of times.

It is seen from the foregoing that Dr. the country when only a wilderness, he However, he got part of it, and it must bravely endured the vicissitudes of have been the core, for 'Adam's apple,' such a life to clear the way for those to still sticks in his 'throat. Taking a broader view of religions, she said they in the realm of religious thought; for such a man the religious dogmas and ing to the protection of mediums from ars knew this. If we look at it, then, as credited superstitions of the past would a beautiful allegory, there will be noth- not answer, so in 1849 we find him investigating and becoming convinced of the truth of Spiritualism. This was a time "Death never came into this world as when it cost something to be a Spiritualforceful, nor comparisons are line, and pleasure to die, or rather, begin to live. How lectures are highly intellectual and lit is good reading for Spiritualist or educational. The people of the place Christian."

| Most noted workers for very work also be acted upon. The matter of selection and lit is good reading for Spiritualist or might meeting. Mr. John Morey, for curing just treatment for our magnetic the king of terrors, but the white-winged were heaped upon them by churchly bignerated with the work of the liberal thought of toestablishing missionary circuits will a punishment for man, she declared. ist. He and his wife bravely faced the also be acted upon. The matter of se- Death is as natural as birth. It is not abuse, vituperation, and ridicule which no death in the common sense in which the road for the liberal thought of today. Dr. Westerfield and his aged wife Prominent among those present were: who survives him, were the first Spir C. W. Newman (editor of Dawning itualists in this county, if not the State.

It had long been his hope and ambition to see the Spiritualists of Indiana united in a State organization and a camp established; he has lived to see this an established fact.

In 1887, mainly through his instrumentality, the Indiana Association of Spiritualists was organized and a beau-City on the east, to the Mississippi and many others. The Texas Spiritualist tiful forty-acre grove purchased for a contiguous territory on the west, and Association is officered as follows: Pres- camp site. Since 1890 camp-meetings from the Ohio river on the west, and from the Ohio river on the south to the Great Lakes on the north. Tickets will be sold on the certificate plan from all Worth; second vice-president, C. W. Worth; second vice-president, C. W. Dr. Westerfield has given largely of his large railroad centers to Washington, Newman, of San Antonio; third vice- Dr. Westerfield has given largely of his which will entitle the purchaser to one- president, Dr. J. De Buchananne; secre- means and time to this end. He served

J. W. Wray, Fort Worth: O. E. Dickin- life was spent in doing good and he son, Mineral Wells; Dr. B. C. Tabor, passed to the beyond Sunday; Septem-Dallas; Miss Bettie Lenox, Stephensber 29, as peacefully as the sleep of a ville, and Mrs. L. A. Hinsdale, Fort child. The simple inscription upon the floral offering from the Indiana Association of Spiritualists told this whole story of his life. It read:

HIS CREED. "I believe in doing all the good I can,

livered by Mrs. Colby Luther, his coworker for years, was replete with force eloquence and masterly logic, holding her audience spellbound for over an hour. The tribute she paid to Dr. West



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J. C. D., Washington, Pa.: Q. We have had a medium, a grand, good man, whom everyone respected for his honesty and charity. He has now become filled with the idea that to communicate with the good spirits the medium should be perfect, and hence, will not exercise his gift because he feels that he is not good enough. Is it prerequisite that the medium be perfect, to get communi-

A. It indeed would be well if all felt as this medium, the necessity of purifying themselves, and perfecting angel graces before entering the presence of the departed.

The mere fact of being able to receive communications depends on organization, and not on moral character, But the kind of communications received, the class of spirits drawn to the medium, depends on character and intelligence.

It is well for the medium to be careful and watchful, but he should not carry that to the extreme of prohibition. No one is perfect. The spirits are not themselves, and it is folly to expect perfection here. Better receive the assistance tendered by our spirit friends, though it may come through channels

denly, or glide across the room; how

am I to understand these? pressing influence on the cause.

of manifestation comes cultivate the phase, whatever it may be.

(2) After a careful examination of this nerves, and our correspondent should take extra care of his eyes, or the symptoms will become greatly aggravated.

tions have been very good, but recently thousands or even millions could be said they tell her that she is soon to die, and that the great shadow she feels means learned men readily assemble. Even to being present, read the clicking sound; to meet current expenses; for I hold

vanced spirits can foretell events. It is present century. What would be our vanced spirits can foretest events. It is equally beyond doubt that, having the prescience enabling them to do so, they would not cause pain and inconvenience by imparting such knowledge. "Implicit faith" should never be placed in any message, and the higher the source claimed the more severely should it be examined. As the intelligences writing for this department are appealed to, their direct answer is not in accord with the message received by the medium. Her spirit control intends well, but mistakes the meaning of the "shadow." It is incipient disease, heralded by nervous prostration, which casts the shadow, and if she at once takes the necessary precautions in methods of living and remedies she will escape even the threatening attack. Exercise in the accountlation of the Nile, at a given rate open air, a lessening of responsibilities, a tonic, and determination to dictate to the same surface that the banks of the Nile, and the vash of termination to dictate to the same surface to the responsibilities, a tonic, and determination to dictate to the same surface that the curtain be drawn while the manifestations were going on, which conflict and cancel each other, nothing were handed out by a visible spirit materialized hand, and found to have messages thereon, addressed to parties in the audionce, and signed by full names, which were all recognized.

The sealed slates were found to contain colored writings upon both insides of the slates, and the seals not broken. This is uncibiounded the skeptic, although the said it was positively done by invisition to accord that it was distembodied to parties in the audionce, and signed by full names, which were all recognized.

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Some Interesting facts.

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and when you are for a moment passive parison. Dr. Plungeon has been quite they speak a word, that is, make the successful in reading the inscription on thought-impression of a word and im-mediately you are thrown into a positive state of expectancy, and then can hear Maya—older, he thinks than the Sanstate of expectancy, and then can hear no more. The stronger your desire, the skrit. The ancient races of Arizona farther you remove yourself from the were of the same race as all the people necessary state. Difficult as spirits find of Central America and Mexico. it to impress a medium, it cannot be maintained that a dog, if a spiritual be-ing, could impress its bark on a clairau dient. It must be the work of an intelligent spirit, probably for the purpose of identification, or to awaken some

buried memory.

If the correspondent will sit in a well-

ruins in Egypt contain stones of such ple is correct. weight that no known method of engineering at present could place them in similar position. Is it true?

search to warrant the conclusion that her method of teaching the principle of come by her many friends. there has ever been a time when the hu- ethics. She illustrates her subject with

Arizona and New Mexico, ever been dociphered?

(5) Is the cause of tides established beyond question?

A. (1) The blocks of stone in the Pyr amids are not as large as some obelisks, which seem to have been sacredly made from a single piece. The sculp-tures on the walls of the temples show exactly how the blocks were transrepresented over and over again. The drawn by men, who took hold of the long ropes, by the hundreds or thousands, as the need might be, and drew

lash of a master. The Obelisk, now standing in Central Park, New York City, is a fair representation of these stones, and when it was required no difficulty was experitransporting it across the ocean, and

erecting it in its present position. The Monolyth, cut in a Wisconsin quarry, to be set up at the World's Fair, exceeded the design of setting it up at the Fair failed only because of want of means. The forging and setting up of the Ferris Wheel, or manufacture and transportation of the Krupp Gun, calls for more engineering skill and more powerful appliances than would be necessary to handle any stone in the pyramids or temples of Egypt. The astonishment is not so much at the size of the separate blocks, enormous as they are, as at the rude methods and seeming inadequacy of the means at the command of these primitive artizans

(2) It has the force of an axiom, that only two centuries ago; and the means could be plainly seen.

of happiness have increased in even past should read history, and learn how bid a pleasant greeting to all; after that terrible past contrasts with to-day. which, most all present received tests the present received tests to present, and entogrze the the curtain and an independent voice looks like new. The building is in good alabaster. There may be a spontaneous condition and will not need repairs for burst of some marvelous psychic force in J. L. Cameron, Salt Lake City: Q. (1)
What are the necessary elements or qualifications in order to develop into a materializing medium? Is it necessary

It is one of the lies which have been repeated by generations, until they pass through the trumpet. The trumpet and will not need repairs for many years to come, and we think it a great pity that this old, historic house— great pity that this old, historic house— incelly furnished and capable of seating heer sanctioned. It is upheld by the sight of all. materializing medium? Is it necessary Bible, and the right of the master over to sit in a circle to develop this phase, the person of his slave has been taught enough to have been heard one block and is materialization possible without from the pulpit. The age shook off away; several bugle calls were given, (2) I see lights that come and go sud-enly. or glide across the room; how ing, drawing acunder by wild horses, A. (1) The present desire which is so universal and intense, to receive mate rializations, and strive for phenomena by this barbarity. To-day this savagery which in the nature of things are impossible, is not to be encouraged. The which seeks to reform and not vindictconstant exposures which attend these ively avenge. Not a generation ago reckless exhibitions have a very dethe insane, most pitiable unfortunates, were chained like wild animals, and if It should be observed as a rule to sit they raved were scourged or starved. in a circle, or alone, and whatever form Now they are treated with loving kindness, and many under such care are restored to reason. Not twenty-five years ago there was public expressed opinion individual case we must say that the as to the just treatment of animals, and lights seen are from strain of the optic by the Bible it was taught that they were made for man, and had no rights he was bound to respect. Now Humane Societies are educating the people out

T. O. T., Michigan: Q. We have a Only a few centuries ago, and the nomedium (a lady) recently developed in automatic writing. The communication obliged to sign their marks. One in

of cruelty into kindness.

(5) Every now and then some one will gain brief notoriety by disputing the received theory of the tides and advancing another. All of these originate with those who do not comprehend the laws of mathematics which express and demonstrate that theory. A test of a scientific theory is, that from it future ocformed circle a few times, she will be able to preserve the receptive condition and receive messages instead of words.

C. Phelps, Soldiers' Home, Cal.: Q.

The assertion is often made that the ruins in Egypt contain stores of such servers.

man family had reached as high a state of civilization as the present, either spiritually, intellectually or morally?

(3) What are the most generally accepted conclusions in regard to date of the pyramids of Egypt?

(4) Have the marks, paintings, piecular or hieroglyphics on the rocks, in the process of civilization as the present, either spiritually, intellectually or morally?

(5) What are the most generally adapted for use in Children's Lyceum. In the hands of mothers and the pyramids of Egypt?

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THE BOY MEDIUM.

A Very Remarkable Scance.

TO THE EDITOR:-On the evening of September 17 I had the pleasure of attending one of the Brockway family's seances at their parlors. The boy medium, Charlie Brockway, was searched ported, as the scenes of the building are represented over and over again. The examination of the same. This cage is blocks were mounted on rollers, and constructed of open lattice-work of halfinch strap steel, the meshes being one and a half inch, riveted at corner of each mesh; the cage is five by two by two feet in dimension, with a door openthe enormous load, smarting under the ing all of one side, which was secured with three hinges and two padlocks; sealing-wax was placed over keyholes. with impressions thereon. To prevent any openings in or out, a rope was was required no difficulty was experi-enced in placing it on board a ship and transporting it across the ocean and through the squares, over the ends, and the same knotted and sealed. Seals were placed in several different places, all over the cage,

A table was then placed eight and a were placed ten or more small slates, some being brought by those present. Among the slates was a pair brought by a skeptic, who said it was all trickery, and that he would prove it by his slates, which were wound around with string, the knots being sealed also on the corners of the slates. A cornet, music-box, banjo, two bells, speaking trumpet, and a "dumb telegraph key," were also placed upon the table. The table and cage were inclosed in a cabinet of dark who declared that general repairs were checkly necessary to its preservation.

A short time before Mr. Wait's death the building was inspected by experts who declared that general repairs were checkly necessary to its preservation. cloth, ten feet long, five feet deep and absolutely necessary to its preservation, seven feet high, suspended by ropes and the consequent general overhaulfrom the wall, with a slide curtain ing of the church, within and without, but have east the scalety all title short

trumpet at this juncture glided from the floor, where it had fallen, the name of the spirit bugler was given, and Mr.
Genur conversed with him. This raisthe cabinet, several in number, and in ought to be sustained.

different sizes—bables', ladies' and mens'

The society here at home is doing its

the cabinet and caressed by his spirit will stand with them shoulder to shoulder wife, she placing her hands upon his in the battle for humanity and liberty. head. He says he is positive it was his wife's hands. His daughter also came. good "send-off" many who have become

to be learned. Now great congresses of erator. An operator (Mr. Alonzo Coons) cessity, while the committees worked on her death. Can implicit faith be put in such messages, and can the higher order of spirits for tell such events?

A. There can be no doubt but advanced expenses to the equal of man. All the great inventions and scientific discoveries are of the varied expenses; to the equal of man. All the great inventions and scientific discoveries are of the varied expenses; to the equal of man. All the great inventions and scientific discoveries are of the varied expenses; to the equal of man. All the great inventions and scientific discoveries are of the varied expenses; to the equal of man. All the great inventions and scientific discoveries are of the varied expenses; to this incorporated will be of like the founders of this incorporated institution, that the Free Church should not be permitted to fall, or the principles represented by it to die; but that where the varied expenses; to the clicking sound; with the founders of this incorporated institution, that the Free Church should not be permitted to fall, or the principles are of the varied expenses; to the clicking sound; with the founders of this incorporated institution, that the Free Church should not be permitted to fall, or the principles are of the varied expenses.

name. A jealous so-called medium of ton, D. C. our city made a false report as to the honesty of these mediums, which was published in the San Francisco Chron-icle, but it neglected to give the truth

(2) Is there anything in history or re- The author shows a wise practicality in from Los Angeles, and was made wel-

AN EXPLANATION

The Free Church of Sturgis, Michigan.

TO THE EDITOR:—Anticipating the appearance in the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE TAINKER of the paper forwarded a few gays ago, regarding the Harmonial Society and Free Church of Sturgis, I solicit your permission to pre-sent a further explanation of the circumstances which called out the resolution accompanying the report.

It may be remembered that I entered

stopping the Junemeetings. At that time member, about as follows: the officers of the society were discouraged in consequence of the lack of funds and thought it would be advisable to forego the June meetings and try to keep up the weekly meetings, and I protested against this as savoring of disloy bit of advice to my brothers and the principles which called the Free sisters of the East: Never let a low alty to the founders of the society and the principles which called the Free Church into existence, a resolution hav-trol be lower than yourself. For, while in size any block ever out before, and half feet from the cage; upon this table ing been passed at its dedication that 'a the design of setting it up at the Rain half feet from the cage; upon this table three days' applying the left in the legion of setting its upon the cage; upon this table three days' applying the legion of the legion of setting the legion of th three days' anniversary meeting shall the lower grades of any nationality, for be held, in commemoration of that nota- the laudable purpose of ameliorating ble event, each year following, in the their condition, not one of you would their condition, not one of you would month of June." By a great effort on their condition, not one of you would the part of the soliciting committee and wish them to control your actions; officers, the June meeting was held that year and the year following, and the chain, I am happy to say, stands unbroken to the present.

neither in this life, nor that to come. Seven-eighths of all the Indian tribes are Roman Catholics. They pass out with the mighty brotherhood of the broken to the present. A short time before Mr. Wait's death

The curtain was drawn across. It had metallic roof put on, etc. Then the inthough it may come through channels and by ways with which we do not sympathize. It is a wonderful triumph that we have them at all. So few have marked mediumistic power, that it becomes a duty for those who have, not to place it under a bushel, but where it may assist others.

The day-laborer can be described the end when the bells is defined was drawn across. It had side walls and ceiling were hands metalle roof put on, etc. Then the ingreater ratio. The day-laborer can be described the end when the bells is defined and better food, and more sanitary shelter than ancient kings were able to do by theirs. Anyone who has been taught to she come at the present, and eulogize the past contracts with to day have a with to day assist others.

The curtain was drawn across. It had side walls and ceiling were hands metalle roof put on, etc. Then the ingreater ratio.

The day-laborer can be were tapped, and we could plainly distinguish that the bell was floating from one end of the cabinet to the other; the one of modern style, the floor one end of the cabinet to the other; the outer tangent and the curtain and an independent voice of the importance of the end when the bells is determined to the end when the bells is determined to the could plainly distinguish that the bell was floating from one end of the cabinet to the other; the old platform was true to end were tapped, and we could plainly distinguish that the bell was floating from one end of the cabinet to the other; the old platform was true to the end when the bells is deed walls and ceiling were hands one of the countries of the curtain and an independent voice of the c The cornet was then blown upon, loud enough to have been heard one block away; several bugle calls were given, which were at once recognized by Mr. September of Oakland, who was a soldier in the late were given in the past; hundreds who attended them who was a soldier in the late war. The in the past; hundreds who attended them

> ing of the trumpet from the floor, in full principles which; are dear to every sight of all present, was considered a reader. It stands for freedom of speech very convincing manifestation. Hands and of religion and for the blending of were seen materialized on the outside of the future world with this. Surely it

> hands. One face was seen, but not plain full duty, but, alas the laborers are few enough to be recognized.
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> Mr. Robert Bishop was called up to they have allies abroad whom they hope

> Mr. Bishop was a perfect stranger to cold would warm up, the society would the medium. The full names of his wife be encouraged to still greater effort at

and daughter were given through the speaking-trumpet.

Next was heard a clicking or rapping sound, which turned out to be the telegraph key in the hands of a spirit opporator. An operator (Mr. Alerso Cossilv, while the committee worked on the second section agent to said greater entor at home, and many desirable acquisitions to its membership would be secured.

For my part I limit to see a reserve fund, owned by the society, which could be drawn upon in cast of danger or negative while the committees worked on the second section.

threatening attack. Exercise in the open air, a lessening of responsibilities, a tonic, and determination to dictate to the spirit intelligences, instead of being an automaton in their hands, will dispel the shadow, and bring amother order of control.

S. E. W., Old People's Home, San Prancisco: Q. I am sadly perplexed over the manifestations which come to me. For years I have heard names, and words have been spoken to me, but only just once, and try as hard as they may, they are not repeated; I have essent grantly have heard the bark of a dog. Please tell me why my dear ones will only speak one word?

A. Your dear ones come near you, and when you are for a moment passive of the seal to the spirit problem. The properties are the present of all trees and try as hard as they and when you are for a moment passive of the seal to the capture of the seal to the capture of the seal to the capture of the seal to the cornain the curtain be drawn while the drawn while to the same as the Bible records in the ancient time to the same as the Bible records in the ancient time to the submitted on the conduct of the was done. The bells were ringing up to the time the light fell in the cabinet, when the bells were seen to fall. I was then found that the medium was still in the cage, with none of the seals broken. The boy has been in the public work of present day.

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The has been placed under various test conditions, such as filling his mouth when the pleasure of any phenomenal, which you was all the fall in the capture the tringing up to the time time and in the conduct of the weather the commuttee, being both well-known Spiritualists, were the when the bells were seen to fall. I was then form the scales broken. The boy has been in the public work of present day.

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The has been quite the time and not the time the light fell in the cablinet, the first to daily interpret with was nominated by the audience; said skeptic washed and cleaned the slates, which were passed around for inspection; the slates were placed on the floor (previously having been strapped together by a strong rubber band), the skeptic placed both his feet upon them, and soon writing was heard going on on the slates.

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In the selection to seek advice how to proceed from the higher realmed to proceed from the blowed it out-blow to the waverer, and worth a thousand of those so-called tests, each one of which may need to proceed from the higher realmed the slates. Imagine the surprise of the skeptic signed in Mr. Lincoln's own handwritwhen both slates were found to be writting, can be seen at the residence of Dr. ten full, and signed by his relative's full Theo. Hansman, 1310 I street, Washing-

"Old Testament Stories Comically Illustrated." Church people are cautioned not to open this book, as its comemonstrate that theory. A test of a solutific theory is, that from it future occurrences may be predicted. By this heory the ebb and flow of the tide may be calculated for a given place any number of years ahead, with the same cerainty as an eclipse of the moon or sun. This shows that the fundamental principle is correct.

Right Living." By Susan H. Wixon. The author shows a wise practicality in the method of teaching the principle of Sthics. She illustrates her subject with many brief narratives and anecdotes, which render the book more interesting.

Icle, but it neglected to give the truth in regard to these mediums, or of the sprinciple of other readings, or of the sprinciple of the mediums, or of the sprinciple of the many brief narratives and anecdotes, which render the book more interesting.

Icle, but it neglected to give the truth in regard to these mediums, or of the sprinciple to the cause. We give this to your readers, feeling it to be a justice due to induce uncontrollable levity. It is a book for the free finiteer who wishes to indeed not to open this book, as its comtioned to to open this book, as its comtioned not to open this book, as its comtioned noted not to open this book, as its comtioned not to open this book, as its comtioned not to open this book, as its comtioned not once in the find the neaders, and its private the same thought on the readers, and the neaders, special point in the neaders, feeling it to be a justice due to induce uncontrollable levity. It is a their belongings, be they little or much. The same that th

STARTLING THOUGHTS.

A Warning Sounded Against Dangerous and Low Controls.

A CLEAR-HEADED WORKER GIVES HIS VIEWS-THEY ARE WORTHY THE SE-RIOUS CONSIDERATION OF MEDIUMS AND SPIRITUALISTS.

TO THE EDITOR:-I attended the meeting, the first afternoon meeting since their vacation, of the First Society of New York, and listened to and drank in some very clever remarks by a Gerpublic protest in May, 189s, against man, who spoke, as near as I can re-

I am a Spiritualist, a scientific, philosophical Spiritualist! I have passed beyond the mere phenomena to the more beautiful, more soul-satisfying philosophy. I am from the West, and church at their very elbows-therefore

absolutely necessary to its preservation, ever healing power mediums possess is inherent in themselves. Spirits draw the present, spiritually, morally, intellectually, is in every respect superior to any age in the past. The average of human life is about double what it was only two centuries ago; and the means of hypothese have controlled to the plainly seen.

The wall, with a slide curtain and without, with a slide curtain across the front. The light was then must have cost the society a little short of \$1,000. The inferior bricks were under the plainly seen any part out of the walls and good ones fitted in, the dome was taken down and replaced by a new one, a handsome and durable of spirits. They are the demade. Mediums are born, not made. Mediums are born with the elements of the phase of power they reprements of the phas from the healer. Healers are born, not velopments of patience, perseverance and inward harmony of innate conditions, brought to light, perhaps, by spirit forces, but only as the sculptor bringe to light the classic statue from the unsightly block.

Marble statuary is not hewn from was struggling until it cracked, and

Pick your associates here as you would wish to there, and don't seek for nor allow a control spiritually your in These may not have been the learned

gentleman's exact words, but the sum of them I have faithfully chronicled, and I ask that they may be published in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, for in its columns they will not be lost. They savor of a philosophy which, if followed, would raise the standard of Spritualism. So many of our originally pure-minded

mediums have fallen from their high state; have been led into 'a fool's paradise," through yielding to these same pernicious influences, that have the ponderous machinery of the church at their back, and have been ground to powder by its merciless cogs. How many women have married men to reform them. How many women and men have courted controls for a like purpose. To draw a moral, I will quote from Tennyson:

"As the husband is, the wife is; Thou art wedded to a clown,

And the grossness of his nature Will have weight to drag thee down. I am not a medium, but often the observing onlooker may see moves the player wots not of.

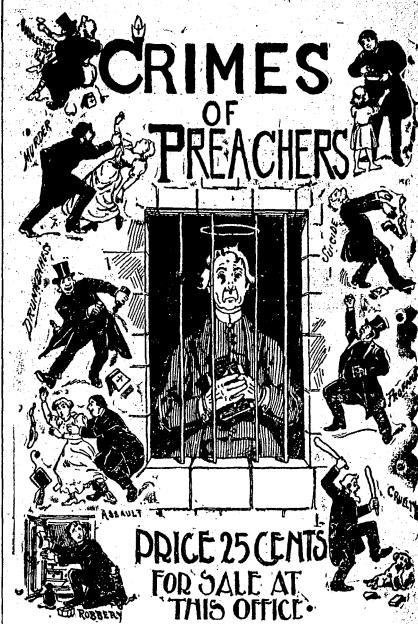
A word more, that if fully heeded, will be of some good to the cause, and

another hand, of a different size and shape, writing upon it. All the slates were handed out by a visible spirit materialized hand, and found to have messages thereon, addressed to parties in the audience, and signed by full names.

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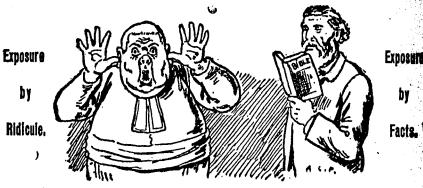
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"And he said unto them: 'Thus saith

the Lord Cod of Israel, put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.' And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses, and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.'

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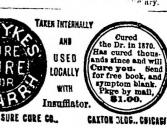
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