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THE FALLACIES

And Sophistries of Theosophy.

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FRIENDS OF TRUTH:-Although the mission of a critic who seeks to expose error for the good of those who hold to it, as well as to prevent the unsophisticated from being misled by it, is not always a pleasant one, but is often a thankless task; nevertheless I feel it incumbent upon me as a duty, to en-deavor to show that a cult which originated about twenty years ago, and has since elicited considerable attention by reason of its high pretensions as "The Wisdom Religion," is but a Colossus of Error, builded largely of myths and speculations, with occasional truths interposed, cemented together by ingenious sophistry, and whitewashed and gilded by the magic art of a most consummate enchantress and adventuress.

AS MADAME BLAVATSKY

is the great oracle from whom or through whom this strange conglomerate of ideas has come, we may first question her reliability and veracity. Is or was her ipse dixit sufficient authority to pin our Is or was her

As to her truthfulness, many of her best friends and followers, and even her consociates in the fabrication of the system, admit that she was a falsifier at times; and as to her reliability as a teacher, her books contain so many pla-giarisms (over two thousand in 'lsis giarisms (over two thousand in Unveiled," alone), so many forgeries and garbled quotations (at least one hundred and sixty in "I. U."); so many misstate-ments (at least one hundred and twenty in regard to Hindooism and Sanscrit lit erature); and so many errors in regard to important subjects, as, for instance, over sixty relating to Buddhism; over one hundred regarding Hebrew religion is as well established as that of evoluand literature; seventy-five concerning tion, of which it is the basis, and this Christianity and the New Testament; law determines the mental and moral thirty about the classics; twenty-five on constitution as much as it does the phys-Egyptology; twenty upon Assyriology: and twenty more relating to Persia and and mutually affect one another. "Like Zoroastrianism—so says Wm. Emmette begets like." Parental traits of charac-Coleman—that all together they prove ter and their mental qualities are every- ble opportunity for eternal progress is her utter unreliability.

THE MAHATMAS.

And as for her Mahatmas, undoubtedly

dhists, declared his disbelief in their the black karms of one of existence to Moncure D. Conway. Sir All improvements in domestic animals, Edwin Arnold, who conversed with and in man too, physically, are secured many learned Pundits, found no proof of by attention to the law of heredity. gret, their existence. Sir W. W. Hunter "The survival of the fittest" is largely says Koot Hoomi, whom she (Mad. B.) due to transmitted "variations." Seemclaimed as her chief authority, is not a ing exceptions to heredity, where a child Sanscrit name or word. Originally she is, in some respects, unlike either pawrote it "Cotthume," a compound of Ol- rent, are often cases of "atavism, cott and Hume, two of her "sucking taking back in the ancestral line. Other

Furthermore, Mr. W. E. Coleman, one of the ablest and most erudite Oriental scholars in this country, says there is born of common place parentage, are is scarcely an item in the 1,500 pages of fully explained by the law of inspiragot it direct from Mahatmas; and he has sexual law, or to some disturbed nervous ancing of accounts." following sources, viz.: About one-fourth tion, just as monstrosities and to modern Spiritualism; one-third to Brahmanism and Buddhism; one-third to Paracelsus and Eliphas Levi: and the remainder to Science, Gnosticism, Kabbalism, Neo-Platonism, Rosicrucianism and other forms of Mysticism. (Exit Mahatmas!)

Again the Madame's authority is im-

peached by her MANY SELF-CONTRADICTIONS.

In Isis Unveiled she (or her Mahatmas) teaches the three-fold nature of riously combined life-forces of its pa-Man and the trinity of Nature; while in rents, and is doubtless a new being. Secret Doctrine she insists on seven-fold Were it not thus neither species nor principles in both. In Isis Unveiled she races could be perpetuated. Observasays that reincarnation seldom occurs tion and experience, however, have due, notwithstanding that he is comtrice on this planet; while in Secret proved the scientific fact that each foun pelled to do it "for the exact balancing Doctrine it is claimed it occurs many times in the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms successively, and over karma, as understood by Theosophists. 5,000 times on the human plane.

In Isis Unveiled she says the elementals never evolve into men; while in Secret Doctine she says: "They are all future men." O, Consistency, thy other name was not Blavatsky!

Thus those who are not victims of the mise, and have shown that it is not the "glamour" she confessed that she cast cause of human conditions, nor characupon her hypnotized followers, ought to ter. A thousand ills that afflict human see on what conflicting authority their ity, and destroy health and life, may be boasted "Wisdom Religion" rests. Will traced to physical environments withsuch a conglomerate house, "divided out regard to numan conduct.

against itself," stand the test of further To claim that calamities for investigation? Let us see if the superstructure is not as rotten as the basis.

IS THEOSOPHY PHILOSOPHICAL?

Granting that all cults, isms and osothe main pillars of Theosophy and see So says reason and common sense! if they are logical and rational. Its great high priestess made

KARMA, REINCARNATION AND SEVEN PRINCIPLES

the great trinity of her alleged "Wisdom An able exponent of Theosophy has where we leave of here, and there for-Religion." The first two, she said, are given several reasons (?) for its necess-"inextricably interwoven," hence we ity, which we will first consider:
will consider them together. It is claimed that "only through the needless experiences of feetal, infanclaimed that they explain the Problem reincarnation can knowledge of human tile and child-life. Evolution does not of Evil and all the diversities of human life become exhaustive."

and equitably, each effect to each cause, tracing the latter back to its producer." Another high priest of this "osophy" says: "Karma is another name for the great Unknowable Causeless Cause." God, we suppose.

In personal application by its teachers it seems to mean character. They claim that each person's Karma acquired in one incarnation, determines his or her condition in all respects in the next incarnation. In other words, by the thoughts and deeds of a previous mortal

Logically, this doctrine is a denial of selves, not what Nature through parentsustain heredity, some Theosophists admit that our physical nature was determined by inheritance, but mentally, morally and spiritually, say they, we made ourselves as to conditions.

This illogical position to which the spirits create our bodies by organic law, and if Karma produced the state of our hundreds of proofs, they remain "earthspirits, it must have produced that of bound" till they get their fill of them, our bodies also. Granting that our spir-without reincarnating, unless it be by a itual ego is the maker of our bodies, as mere semblance of it through control of some Theosophists claim, have they mediums. proved its pre-existence as an individualized personal identity, which selects and controls the parental conditions of each reincarnation, and thus proved that Karma has made us what we are bodily and in character? Nay! These postulates of Theosophists are but bold assumptions, not demonstrated facts. On the contrary, the

LAW OF HEREDITY

ical, for they are both evolved together, of the higher and better spinished in ical, for they are both evolved together, where, we are told by those who are where we are told by those who are where to know, every possiwhere transmitted to children. Race found. and family characteristics persist from generation to generation through heredity.

Does karma or heredity, produce hy-Sumangula, a chief priest of the Bud-brids? Was the mulatto made such by instances may be accounted for by antenatal influences, both physical and psychic; and still others, as where a genius "Secret Doctrine" which he cannot tion, as we shall show further on. When point out in the published literature of an idiot is born from intellectual pathe world, though she claims to have rents, his misfortune is due to violated traced their pretended teaching to the condition of the mother during gestamarks" are.

> It is entirely unnecessury to accept the far-fetched and fantastic theory of karma, to rationally explain any and all seeming deviations from the universal law of heredity.

THE SPIRIT MONAD.

Throughout the entire kingdoms of nimate nature, every living creature place. begins existence as a germ, or spirit monad, deriving its being from the vatain head does "bring forth after its own kind." and this law is heredity, and not sinned!

DOES KARMA ACCOUNT FOR ORIGINAL EVIL?

If it be true, as asserted, that it is "the causeless cause of all things," of course it does. But we deny the pre-

To claim that calamities from flood, fire, famine, pestilence, earthquakes, thunder-storms, etcetera, are "Karma-Nemesis," is to tax reason and credulity to the very verge of superstition. And as to "moral evils," ignorance and perphies must be judged on their intrinsic versions of man's animal nature, hered merits, as well as the assumed high au- itary tendencies and influence of envithority of their source, let us candidly ronments fully explain them. Evil is and impartially examine at least two of born of undevelopment, not of karma. REINCARNATION.

> As reincarnation is "inextricably interwoven" with karma; let us see if it has not an equally shaky foundation.

Well, what necessity is there for each Well, what necessity is there for each Heathen mythology never taught a The "Key to Theosophy" thus defines human being to have the experiences of more irrational "fad" than re-incarna-

the universe, the source, origin and claim that each stom in the universe continually to return to conquer "the fount of all other laws that exist throughout Nature. It is the unerring law atom in order to become shaped like it! no purpose, for after the lower nature

experience. 2. Again: 2. Again: "Reincarnation gives oc-casion for development of all the facul-ties, which can only be developed during incarnation can easily be shown to be incarnation."

How do Theosophists know what is assumed in the last paragraph quoted? Nature teaches quite the opposite. Evolution implies that spiritual faculties existence, we made ourselves just what we now are constitutionally, and our present happiness or misery is the exact measure and result of our good and bad deeds in previous incarnations.

Logically, this doctrine is a denial of

Logically, this doctrine is a denial of the universal law of heredity, for it assumes we are what we have made ourselves not what Nature through parents higher deaths. higher development. It stands to reason age made us. But when confronted with that we need the experiences of a feetus, innumerable facts from all Nature, that babe, child, and youth but once-not 5.000 times!

3. Again we're told: "Only through reincarnation is the unsatisfactory nature of material life fully demonstrated." That is not the case with the average

4. We're further told: "The mean ing of

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD becomes apparent only as the veil of self and selfish interest thins-which a

series of incarnations effects."
This is crass materialism. It implies that only in the flesh can the evil of selfishness thin! This makes matter su-

perior to spirit, and in a gross form at that. Such an idea immensely exaggerates the importance of earthly life, and im-measurably belittles the opportunities of the higher and better Spirit-world

there and ought to know, every possi-5. Another egregious fallacy is stated "Reincarnation gives scope for thus: True exact justice to every man. awards must be given largely on the plane whereon they have been incurred. Physical outrage has to be checked by of spiritual manifestations, the infliction of physical pain and not Having now disposed of

balancing of accounts, and many are needed that every good or evil done in

which Theosophists claim a special ten- No spiritual growth there chic; and still others, as where a genius derness, with a vengeance! This whole is born of common place parentage, are proposition is the old barbario law of and heredity—two laws scientifically but a part of church work because cusfor a tooth." "If thy brother smite tation. thee on the one cheek, turn" and hit him on the other "for the precise bal-

Theosophic justice requires that a loesn't get his due in one life, he must be reincarnated till he gets "exact justice"—tit for tat. O, Sophistry! thy
most appropriate "Christian" name is Theosophy!

Pray tell us when crime would cease by this method of "balancing accounts?" Surely not while reincarnations take

This is both an illogical and an immoral doctrine. Karma says all human suffering is just: that we must suffer every pain

INFLICTED UPON OTHERS.

Yet it punishes the one who gives us our of accounts, on the plane whereon" we

The theosophic idea of compensation and retribution is that of savages, that 'physical outrage must be checked by infliction of physical pain." overcome with evil, but only with good! The physical body is not the man. Our spirits, not our bodies, are responsible for the good or ill we do. The idea that

many earthly careers are necessary "that every good or evil done in each Religion.' In the name of reason and commonsense, why may not the decarnated

spirit-that did good or evil be compensated for both in the Spirit-world? The "according to the deeds done in the law of evolution is that we

BEGIN SPIRIT LIFE

ever progress, instead of returning to thus take the back tracks.

Karma; "Karma is the ultimate law of every other one, as claimed? As well tion! It compels our "spiritual ego"! Rochefoucald.

which adjusts effect to cause, on the Nature never made two atoms, nor two has been subdued, we have no farther spiritual, mental and physical planes of persons, wholly alike. Each fills its own use for it, but it is left behind, while being. It adjusts wisely, intelligently place, and thus preserves its individual the divine part of us enters Nirvana or place, and thus preserves its individual the divine part of us enters Nirvana or identity as nature designed. Reading, is absorbed by the Infinite Spirit where observation and comparison will give us, it started from, none the more spiritual all we need to know of other people's than before it played this egregious and Sympathetic Presenexperience.

A Vivid and Sympathetic Presentation, or "much ado"

equally sophistical.

IS THERE ANY POSITIVE PROOF OF IT? tastic hypothesis.

echoes from dream-land, or of our spiritual experiences in sleep. Others are impressions from our "familiar" guard-

And as to great genius, precocious and to doubt them is to destroy. They children, etc., these as shown when are outgrown, absolute, yet remain in treating on Karma, can all be accounted the books of the churches—unrevised for by ante-natal influences, human and and unrevisable. spiritual, upon the mother's mind, and The new conve

iny decarnated spirits still hanker for is but a fantastic fad of Paracelsus, a 'fiesh-pots," as Spiritualists know from dreamy mystic of the Sixteenth Centulundreds of proofs, they remain 'earth-ry. It has no true foundation in nature nor in man.

The trinity of nature; which Madame Blavatsky, or her Mahatmas, taught in Isis Unveiled, Vol. 1., pp. 281-286, and which she quoted St. Paul, Plato, Plutarch, Ireneus, Origin, and the Kabbalists to sustain, is fan more rational and scientific.

Matter, force and spirit or intelligence are all the primal principles that can be found in Nature, or in man, who is nature's epitome.

ELEMENTALS, ELEMENTARIES, AND AS-TRAL SHELLS

are three more ridiculous absurditiesmere mythe—nightmares of the dark from the theological school, he has been ages of superstition, conjured up by the kept apart from the living present, and apostate Madame Blavatsky to account steeped in antique ideas until he is a for the spiritual phenomena. Not a par- part of the past, and when he enters the ticle of proof worthy of a moment's notice has ever been given of the exist-ence of any such "Brownies," or hob-ahead, but he is a century behind. He conception of the nicotized brain sim- generation. ply show that Theosophists will "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel" to get are, as a rule, made of quite ordinary away from the only rational explanation material, as the bright youth find more

merely by the arousing of internal re- fads of theosophic nescience, let us syn- into him at college, and the practical thesize our strongest objections to its "One career is too short for the precise great central dogma of reincarnation. each may be requited on the earth to make any progress in. The theo mons are made sermons; his orthodoxy And something also of your race.

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sophic devachan or heaven is simply a passes unquestioned. He is dry and un And where among I have discerned sophic devachan or heaven is simply a passes unquestion and his heavens listen as to One human heart that sometimes but This, it seems to me, is applying the great law of universal brotherhood, for of time between each reincarnation.

ax talionis, 'an eye for an eye, a tooth demonstrated as fully as that of gravi-

(III.) It destroys all family ties on and mother, nor are children really brothers and sisters-and it blasts all murderer shall be murdered, and if he hope of family reunion in the Spiritworld!

(IV.) It destroys the personal individuality of the greater part of the human race—only one ego to 5,000 bodies! (V.) Its theory of life is appalling and awfully depressing. It condemns us to a dreary round of mortal hardships, disappointments, sickness, and woes innumerable, which must continue at least "three score and ten" 5,000 times repeated, or 35,000 weary years, and all this alleged effort of the reincarnation geni to justify us ends in loss of all personal consciousness in Nirvana! Sic transit gloria mundi!

Such are the fads, fallacies and soph-istries of the great "Wisdom Religion" (whose foolishness never was equaled) which thousands of Spiritualists (?) have accepted as truth "way beyond" the all comprehensive science, philosophy, and

religion of Spiritualism!
In my humble opinion (though I may barbarous materialism gives the lie to be mistaken), to use the expressive lanthe title "Wisdom Religion." Satan guage of the Bible: "It is the work of can never cast out Satan. Evil is not seducing spirits and the doctrines of devils." The only Mahatmas who teach it are Jesuit spirits. Beware of them!

Note.-Dr. blarke proposes, if sufficiently encouraged, to publish this lec-"that every good or evil done in each ture in full, treating other points not may be requited on the earth where it spoken of above, and amplifying those took place, shows the poverty of spirit- abridged; and to couple with it another ual knowledge in the boasted "Wisdom equally searching upon Christian Sciequally searching upon Christian Science, and to add to those a succinct synopsis and treatise upon the Spiritual philosophy, showing its superiority to both of these pretentious cults which have drawn many away from the "true Bible teaches that there we are judged faith," by their seductive pretenses of superior wisdom. The three combined body," and millions of communications will make a large pamphlet, which will from there to-day confirm its teaching. contain a photo-atthograph of the author.

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> Misers mistake gold for good, whereas it is only a means of obtaining it.-

MINISTERS.

Who Expound the Gospel.

tation.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE

I would not east reproach nor speer at Not a scintilla! The facts put forth as the ill-advised work of ministers of the such, to-wit: Seeming memories of a gospel, for in my heart I pity them. former life; precocity of mind in chil- Their position and that of the churches (such as all of man's are) will develop dren; mental superiority of some, and is most anomalous. Creeds and set forms corresponding, and ten million facts of modern Spiritualism which cannot be all be scientifically and rationally experiences. The control of th plained without resorting to such a fan- grown by swift progress, not in the direction they led, but in the more thor-Most of those vague memories are ough understanding of the world of causes and effects—the world where like a card-house, and make all things knowledge is supreme.

These creeds and dogmatic doctrines ian spirits whose thoughts at times so have made no growth. They remain interblend with our own that their ex- unchanged and unchangeable. They periences may seem to have been ours are conservative forces of blind resisting a previous life.

are conservative forces of blind resisting ance. They are infallible of necessity, ance. They are infallible of necessity,

This illogical position to which the logic of facts has driven some Theosophists, surely contradicts their definition of Karma as "the law of cause and effect acting on all planes." It contradicts them from Mother Earth. Besides, if allowing the specially weans them from Mother Earth. Besides, if any decarnated spirits create our bodies by organic law.

That is not the average for by ante-natal influences, human and spiritual, upon the mother's mind, and by post-natal mediumship. Inspiration is often the secret of genius.

The new convert does not subscribe to them. The minister is careful not to them. The mother's mind, and by post-natal mediumship. Inspiration is often the secret of genius.

THE DOGMA OF SEVEN PRINCIPLES of is but a fantastic fadi of Paracelsus, a list the average for by ante-natal influences, human and spiritual, upon the mother's mind, and by post-natal mediumship. Inspiration is often the secret of genius.

The new convert does not subscribe to them. The new convert does not subscribe to the new convert does not subscrib discussion, and no longer blow the embers of hell-fire to a white heat, parade the Devil, nor talk of eternal lamentation. They feel the firm hold their predecessors had on the laity has loosened, and the prestige of their office has gone. They are no longer revered as anointed revelators of God's will. They

are moral and intellectual teachers, and if strong enough, gifted leaders, per-haps, but their office has been outgrown. The want they once supplied us no longer exists. The phase of civilization which called for ministerial office has passed, and the form as a shadow only This is no theory of the minute,

remains. Hence, the minister of the gospel has a difficult task before him. If fresh pulpit, he is an anachronism-out of ahead, but he is a century behind. He goblins! Gulliver and his Lilliputians is a Rip Van Winkle, awaking from are as much of a reality. Such fantastic sleep, with knowledge only of a dead

If of ordinary mould-and preachers Having now disposed of these puerile the antagonism of the beliefs drilled Is in some measure shared by you, thoughts of the day, but he blindly goes on preaching as his professors taught "I firmly trust that is not true." the infliction of a penance for Christ's In pity for a brother's woe sake. It is a burden for him to speak,

tom enforces it. Should, however, the preacher be cast of fine material; should be think | Nor easy sympathy well told. earth: Parents are not really father for himself, and be quickened by the Nor chilly gift of naked gold; fresh thoughts of living men, and, reas- But moments he might ne'er regain, oning, break through the shackles of Yet squandered them in cheerfulness sympathy. On the one hand, he has For one, I say, to whom distress spent years preparing for his profession; Spoke and he turned I counted ten by it he gains support for himself and That marked the human cry of pain family; honors, emoluments, friends, in | And looked, but never looked again. fluence, all the heart holds dear, entice Cold selfishness comes not in heaven; him to the ranks of the orthodox faith. Sooner are hot sins there forgiven. On the other hand is the independence Therefore," the ape said, "on the whole of free-thought, the aspiration for the I hope we monkeys have no soul. highest truth, the urgency of conscience For, mark me, we could never live to be true to conviction. He is far Happy with your alternative; ahead of his creed, and believes himself You with your souls may win to be in advance of his church-members. But soulless apes have no damnation. Here he mistakes, for he conceals and hedges before a laity more radical than

himself. They have outgrown their creed, and hail with rejoicing his bravest utterances. If he continues to grow, the synod or conference, made up of ordinary men, will suppress his bold ness, and he will continue to preach offering the strange spectacle of a church listening to a preacher they do not believe, of a minister preaching doctrines he knows to be false.

It is difficult to comprehend the per plexity of a minister thus situated. well knows that nine-tenths of all his ministerial brethren stand on this ragged edge, and in their hearts rejoice when one of their number dares say a brave and honest word, and that the other tenth are of no account, vet he as well knows that every one of them will denounce him with frowning countenance before their respective churches and call him before the church court and brand and blast him with the opprobrious name of "Heretic." He has abored all his life to gain a standing with these ministers, and become a teacher in his church. His social life is with them, his standing in the community in their hands. His support and that of his family is gained by his popularity with the laity. His educational bias and prejudices are on one side: on the other honesty to what he knows is truth, and integrity to the new light which conflicts and overthrows nearly all he has thus far in life regarded as o

Beecher, Swing, Thomas, and a few oth- Malevolence is misery: It is the mind

of human nature. If he fail in these qualities, he loses everything but his self-respect, and becomes an unrecognized minister without the possibility of having a church to preside over. For he knows too much for a minister, and not enough for a lecturer in the ranks

Hence it is that the incentives which move most men are strong to hold the minister in his bonds and make it the most difficult of all things for him to be honest. The laity are equally dishonest. They are in fear of each other, as the minister is in fear of them, On some occasion of love-feast or conference, where all may arise and relate their experience, if, instead of mouthing the parrot story of their grandfathers, they would tell the truth as to just how they felt and believed, from the humblest member to the minister, they would find for once "confession good for the soul," and there would be such a revival as

As it is, with fear and trembling the minister stands before his church, and asserts what he knows is impossible to believes; frowns on and denounces the fresh thoughts he knows all must believe; pretends to abhor what he knows in the end will be accepted as divine truth; makes himself a sham and monutebank, a cheat, a whitened sepulchre not of dead men's bones, but of dead

would shatter the old castle of belief

Let us not denounce and sneer, but with unmeasured pity spread the mantle of charity Let us bring the pulpit and pew to a better understanding by sup-plying that knowledge of Spirit-life for which they long have blindly sought.

THE APE AND THE THINKER.

Revolving deeply as he went The controversy of descent, A Thinker chanced upon an Ape, And after sundry moditations. Engendered by the creature's shape, Exclaimed: "There's surely something

And you and I must be relations." The monkey closed one weary lid, And "Nay," he muttered, "God forbid!" "What!" cried the man, "you with your

tail. So humble in the social scale, Say this? My friend, have you reflected How good 'tis to be well connected? Or else, if this world you despise, And on the next one fix your eyes, In such case what have you to hope for For if the scriptures are correct Life here is all you can expect. Your good deeds by no angel hourded, You die forever unrewarded. Darwin's right, the soul I gr And thus we twain walk hand in hand Joint tenants of the promised land."

(I.) It is gross materialism, for our him to preach, and lets the world go its Replied the melancholy beast; "spiritual ego" must have a human body way. He is a made preacher: his ser- "I've come to know this world at least, interesting, and his hearers listen as to One human heart that sometimes burned One man, confronted face to face Who found the time to pause and spend Some costly moments for a friend; Not deep, sad eyes devised for show. his creed, then, indeed, he deserves our. To heal some heart, to ease some moan

You with your souls may win salvation,

THE PRESENCE.

The greatest souls of every age Have walked with God, 'Mid unseen witnesses the sage Has ever trod.

Though, save on rare occasions, they Reserve their speech, They never fail his call, but stay Within his reach.

About him stand And proffer aid: he needs but to Put forth his hand. Upheld by such as these is he

Whose cause is just:

All spirits of the good and true

He meets whatever is to be With simple trust. 'Tis thus he tastes of victory, Though overthrown; 'Tis thus that in the desert he

Is not alone. 'Tis thus he does his portion take Without a cry;
'Tis thus he for his fellows' sake Fears not to die.

MILES MENANDER DAWSON.

God overrules all mutinous accidents brings them under his laws of fate, and makes them serviceable to his purpose. -Marcus Antoninus.

The most cultivated minds are usually momentous worth. The position is the most patient, most clear, most ragrave and merits profound sympathy. tionally progressive, most studious of if really a strong man, he may, like curscy in details.—James Martineau. tionally progressive, most studious of ac-

ers, carry his church with him up to in- of Satan; the great enemy, an outcast dependent grounds, but he must possess from all joy, and the opponent of all more than ordinary tact and knowledge goodness and happiness.-J. Hamilton

FAKES AND FRAUDS

And What to Do With Them.

STRONG PLEA FOR HONESTY AND IN-

TEGRITY AMONG SPIRITUALISTIC WORKERS. TO THE EDITOR:—Under the head of fakes and frauds, I have a few things to say. My experience with so-called mediums who travel over the country for

the money they can make out of the business, convinces me that at least threefourths of them are frauds, or they practice it at times. The question is, what are we going to do about it? Something must be done or our best people will leave our ranks and join other liberal societies. I, from this time on, will indorse no mediums that will not submit to absolute test conditions and prove their mediumship. To this no genuine medi-um can object. I trust all our papers will take this stand, and I know all our noble mediums will rejoice to see the

frauds relegated to parts unknown. I have recently been the means of driving from our city one of the greatest tricksters that ever traveled over the country as a test medium and independent slate-writer-by name while here, Charles Lee. Many of our people are satisfied that he is a good medium and slate-writer. I will offer no opinion for or against his mediumship, except to say that I offered him \$100 to obtain for me one name written between two closed slates under test conditions. My offer was refused even a trial. This looks a ittle fakish.

His mode of beating people is to make them believe that he can develop them to be good independent slate-writers, for which he charges them \$25 cash, if he can get it; but rather than miss the job, he will take \$10 cash, balance when developed. Also for a good fee he would find lost friends, property and every-thing in that line. Take notice: He is going to remain at least six months, and it always requires six or seven weeks to develop state-writing or find lost friends or property. This is his stereotyped ex-pression, "six or seven weeks." He endeavors to make as many as possible believe he can do all he claims, and in a few weeks he has caught a good string of suckers. He requests each and every one to tell no one, as "it will ruin conditions." In a little while he receives a telegram from his short, stout, blonde wife, who is in a certain city, saying:
"Very sick: come at once." He is off at
once to see his dear wife, but, strange to say, he takes the train going in the opposite direction, and some think he has been lost, or sand-bagged unto death for

the money he took with him. Poor fellow, he has never been heard of, nor will he be. I suppose he has been reincarnated ere this, but this time as John Doe, or Richard Roe. Lee is 35 to 40 years of age; about 5 feet, 8 or 9 inches; weight 145 to 155 lbs; complexion rather dark; of very good address, and

a hand-shaker all round. Spiritualists everywhere, keep a sharp lookout for this pair, as they will be somewhere and some of you will lose your money.

This developing business is one of the fakirs' strong fortes. I am fully con-vinced that if we can stop the frauds we will increase as no other religion or belief ever increased before. Dr. E. J. Morrison and E. A. Holbrook in a late PROGRESSIVE THINKER give their views with no uncertain ring. They are my kind to a dot. I, too, was a disbeliever in materialization; but not now, nor for the past twenty-three years.

When J. H. Mott was living in Mem-

phis, Mo., 1 read many reports of his wonderful materializations. I made up my mind to test this matter for myself. Accordingly I addressed Mr. Mott for the first time this proposition: "I have read much of you and your phenomena. Desiring to know the truth, I offer you the following proposition: If you will come to my house, and under test conditions cause to materialize any one of my departed friends so that I and others fully recognize them, I will pay you \$75." He replied by return mail that he accepted my proposition, and that I might expect him on the following Wednesday evening. Promptly at the appointed time Mr. Mott arrived. Everything was in readiness, with twenty sitters. We placed the medium under the most rigid test conditions our combined skillcould devise. Mr. Mott offered no objections to any tests we wished to subject him to, only requesting us not to hurt him. We soon had him secure, to the satisfaction of all. Soon the bell began to ring and a face appeared at the aperture and called for Dr. Foreman. I answered by stepping up to the cabinet. To my astonishment I beheld my fatherin-law, who had passed over about eighteen months before. We exchanged salutations. I immediately called up two of my friends who knew him as well as myself, both of whom were avowed Atheists. They both stated upon their honor that we were talking to Richmond Williams beyond the shadow of a doubt. To make this report short, I will say that Mr. Mott gave me three seances, at which many spirits appeared and were fully recognized by almost all present.

I paid the \$75, and from that day to this have been a happier man, with not a doubt of the truth of materialization ever entering my mind. Since that time

and many frauds. Some years later Mr. Mott was tested by Dr. Grove and others of Kirksville, do., as no medium was ever tested before, so far as I have ever heard. In

have seen some true materializations

those trying tests he gave perfect satis-[CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.]

beneath its drears roof an hour if it was

OR LIFE ILLUSTRATED IN VARIOUS PHASES.

In Which Practical Divine Lessons Are Taught, Which Spiritualists Should Consider.

BY LOUISA BIGGS READ.

prevailed in the village. Two more of its inhabitants had disappeared as strangely as Nellie Warren had, a few years before. While the villagers were pleased to attend the play in the paviluttering improbable conjectures, dialikby a villain, and running around, trying to get clues of the fugitives, expecting to find them in the old mill or some copse of woods, they were separated from them by breed to see the second of the fugitives of the find them in the old mill or some copse of woods, they were separated from them by breed to see the second of the second o mountains; vast plains and miles and miles of green fields intervened.

It was approaching Admission Day, a few years prior to the events narrated he preceding pages of this story. Californians celebrate the 9th of September, the anniversary of their glorious State, much as the 4th of July is celebrated in other States. Ethel Arlington was deep in the mys-

teries of a costume for the occasion though the time was several weeks dis tant, when her grandmamma entered the window, She stood for a few minsion stood on an eminence where one columns supporting the arch or enmight command a fine view of the city.

Presently she turned away and took a The structure was massive and impos
The structure was massive and impos
Gilbert went to Alamedia for a few She arose and left his side indignantly, by habit because it is the custom of Christians to call themselves sinners—
of visiting his relations.

We dear." said the old lady. "If fear expect no few of the city transfer and left his side indignantly, by habit because it is the custom of Christians to call themselves sinners—
of visiting his relations.

"My dear." said the old lady. "If fear expect no few of the city transfer and left his side indignantly, by habit because it is the custom of Christians to call themselves sinners—
of visiting his relations.

"My dear." said the old lady. "If fear the proud old lady's disgust.

"My dear, lay by your work; we will have a dressmaker," she said. when occupied by the Gilberts. A "I feel like sewing, grandmamma; it white-haired elderly gentleman left the makes the time pass.

grand old lady, half sighing. her thoughtless speech. "Poor Lawrence," said the aged lady,

again sighing.
"I fear he will not be the same dear old Lawrence when he returns; he has suffered so much," Ethel said.

"He disregarded my advice. He must suffer for his folly. Your papa made went out closely veiled. the same mistake, my dear. He mar- One day in Junea cah ried into a family without position or

when I mentioned that to you. I meant solemn-looking mansion a convent. to impress upon you the fact that mistakes in marriage affects posterity for when their conjectures were proven several generations. If one takes a step false so far as the priest was concerned. to impress upon you the fact that mis-

the girl simply.

My dear, caste should be observed more than temperament; high-bred people will not yield to degrading practices: or, if they do, the world will not know They are never vulgar, passionate or excitable."

"I never heard mamma was ill-tem-

said meditatively. "Lawrence has erred, but will redeem

"But he will never again be happy."

not. Only the weak carry their hearts tons. upon their sleeves. The proud are taught to dissemble from infancy." 'Then they are not natural."

"Quite natural. It is natural for proud people to maintain dignity at any of cold formalities, devoid of sentiment. Yet it is grand. We look from our altitude down on the servile class, the Sudras of our nation, in pity for their weakness, their demonstrativeness, their confidences, their sentiment, their manifestations of sorrow. I should not own Lawrence a son if he betrayed grief for that abandoned woman he so foolishly made his wife.'

"But he loved her, grandmamma." "Love, as you regard it, is a delusionnever has or can be realized: Woman must be man's equal socially and intellectually and vice versa to bring happy results. Each must have the highest respect and confidence in the other. That love. Incongruous union, unequal marriage, is the base of all social evils."

Then how can those whose fate it is to be lowly born ever become better, ever arise above their ill-fated destiny?" "By adaptability, emulation, assimilating without combining. In this way they can improve from generation to Eethel's brother, to me," he said, look-generation, pursuing a strictly honorable ing tenderly into her eyes, "but I can they eventually reach the highest limit just received information of a business of human greatness. On the other hand, failure at Portland, and, being a heavy one may take a step downward and transmit their folly to a portion of their pos-

A servant interrupted them by announcing that Arthur Gilbert was waitnouncing that Arthur Gilbert was wait-ing in the parlor to see Miss Ethel. The your brother and spend Admission Day young lady, blushing, explained that he with you. I hope, however, to renew was the gentleman who had caught her the pleasure I have enjoyed in your sofrightened horse a few days before,

which probably saved her a serious action took her unresisting hand tencident. Both ladies went promptly to derly and looked gravely in her face. the parlor. "I am pleased to have the opportunity of offering you my highest gratitude for your act of bravery in catching my granddaughter's horse, Mr. Gilbert," the old lady said, extending her hand, yet maintaining a cold dignity, which the quick, perceptive mind of the visitor himself grow pale, for he knew that interpreted, "You have meanly taken much might intervene.

intrude your society on my granddaugh-

"Miss Arlington, knowing it your cus-

The next day the wildest excitement 'Gardens,' I called to ask the pleasure of

fountains and flowers or watched the animals till the great bell rang announcing the play had begun. They entered the pavilion, watched the play and pronounced it a success; then returned home, having enjoyed each other's society more than they dared own to them-

CHAPTER III.

the room and walked across the floor to stood a great stone house which resembled a monastery in gloom and stability. utes gazing out on the beautiful scenes Even the facade was unadorned, save a in retirement." of San Francisco. The Arlington man- few flowers carved at the capital of the

seat near her granddaughter. Laces ing, though one not desiring complete something is wrong at that house."
were strewn about the room, much to retirement would hardly choose it for a "Why do you think so, grandma?"

The house had been tenantless a year mansion about nightfall each evening "Time passes fast enough," said the and walked rapidly toward Geary street but was never seen at any other time. So it does," Ethel said, regretting Another gentleman promenaded the grounds incessantly and was ludicrously called the peripatetic. He avoided conshowed deep perceptiveness and magnognize if we knew netic force. A lady, tall and richly attired, attended mass regularly and Her speech was in

"Mamma was good and true," said the alighted and entered the gloomy house. girl, looking at her guardian in wounded The neighbors found gratification in You are an Arlington. Go visit those conjecturing that the new arrivals were So she was. I was half dreaming priest and novice, calling the massive,

both love each other and are true," said lacked stature to be called perfect in button. form, yet he was a handsome man.

> Arthur Gilbert. He was witty, courte-ous, faultless in dress. To the old he She led her through a long hall v young amusing.

Arthur Gilbert, perhaps, saved her life. sunshine. He frequently called, after this event,

crudities to her granddaughter, but she such luxury.

thought her grandmamma growing un.

Mrs. Gilbert appeared to Ethel an ac thought her grandmamma growing un-generous with age. She could not see proud people to maintain dignity at any his faults. Ethel was no longer impa-quite pleased with her visit. The hour self-sacrifice. Social elevation is a plane tient for her brother's arrival. The passed very quickly. She departed with days were no longer too long. Each day brought her some new delight-drives,

> time and thoughts. At last the long-expected letter came. Lawrence would be at home to spend the Admission Day. His sister joyfully imparted the good news to Gilbert, when he called an hour later. He knew she expected her brother before Admission Day, but turned a shade pale as he said: "Then he will likely arrive this

> week?" "We may expect him at anytime, now," she said in her gay, merry way. I am sure you will like him very much, he is so— But he has had a great mis-fortune," she added seriously, "he may not be the same. Anyway, he will al-

ways be noble and grand. "He is a noble man, Lam sure. He could not be otherwise, being Miss Eethel's brother, to me," he said, lookcourse, keeping on aspiring lines till not meet him on this occasion. I have stockholder, I must go at once. I came

to bid you good-bye.' "I am sorry you must go," she said disappointedly.

with you. I hope, however, to renew ciety on my return; may it be so?"

"Tell me you will not forget me," he

said, "and will welcome my return." "I shall certainly not forget you and hope nothing will intervene to cause me not to welcome your return," she said

Lawrence Arlington was seven years the advantage of that little incident to older than his sister. Both had been reared by their father's parents. Their "Do not mention gratitude, dear own parents died during Ethel's infancy: madam. I did no more than the mean- Their father was the only child of the est ser! would have done."

aged couple, so they naturally cherished

Ethel thought his gallant reply should his children as their own. At the age of have pleased her guardian, but saw it twenty-six, Lawrence met and married only irritated her. After a few general an actress two years older than himself. remarks Gilbert turned to her and said: This was a great blow to the proud

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The state of the s

grandparents, but when they heard of her subsequent dishonor they were deeply distressed. Lawrence was impulsive and his rash marriage was prompted by the passion of youth, so often thought by very young people to be true love.

He arrived two days after Gilbert's

departure. As he only remained a few days, no particular mention was made of lety at present and fills the house with by; may God bless you."
young Gilbert's late visits to his sister. gloom. I could not be induced to remain "No, stay." He knew of no one on earth to whom he would as soon trust his sister's care as not for being near one whose society is which wound around to the street. She his proud grandmother, whose actions indispensable to my happiness." could hardly believe her ears, but lookhad always been above reproach. Then, had always been above reproach. Then, had always been above reproach. Then, he trusted his eister implicitly and replied by seating himself by her side ing up saw her strange neighbor leaning over the balustrade actually calling and taking possession of both her hands. He felt her warm, jeweled fingers witticism and levity had changed to quiver. A thrill, half pleasure, half ford was walking back and forth along. a feeling of deep tenderness for his aged trembled with emotion. ; guardians. When the hour for his de- "Miss Arlington—Ethel," he said, tom to spend Saturday afternoon in the

CHAPTER IV.

Gilbert returned two weeks before Ethel expected him. A month had passed rather drearily to the Arlingtons, as they now missed Lawrence more than ever. The great house was despairingly monotonous to the young girl. She welcomed Gilbert with unaffected pleasure days while she entreated her guardians when he called, just after the old couple to consent to their marriage. had retired for the night, about an hour, "My love, it is useless," he said; "they

he said, after landing.
They enjoyed a delightful hour's conaunt and cousin. His cousin was an in- both our lives wretched," valid, he said, and might not be able to The elderly gentleman," he said, "was and despair?

"They are so exclusive.

"So are we exclusive." "We do not go out with our faces always veiled heavily, as though fearing

never consent.

The hour of temptation comes to all.

There was an old house on Longwhart,

most villifying nature.

great success.

missionary cause

determined to discharge her mission.

"Oh, a fortune-teller are you?"

neals all sorrows and cleanseth all sin."

you've lost friends or

recognition." 'Perhaps it is modestv." "No; they are either foolishly vain or

living under a cloud." "Grandmamma, you astonish me Arthur Gilbert says his aunt is a great versation, yet his penetrating eyes authoress whom we would quickly recognize if we knew her non de plume,

"My dear," she said, "I can trust you. people, then you can better judge them. I have passed my life in refined society. I cannot be imposed upon by gilded peo

Ethel went, During her short walk downward it not only affects himself or for the young man was a gay, dashing cerity in desiring her to visit his relaherself, but also vibrates through their fellow, so handsome that the ladies were tives. She half regretted having started, tives. She half regretted having started, blood for ages."

'I do not see why a marriage is unequal or how discord could arise when equal or how discord could arise when as Mark Anthony's. He came over her as she pressed the bell-lously neat and practical. His wife was low with the massive door; it was disparity of age. Whr. Clifford, the old ing and wise. You are living in sin was as bewitching as Absalom's, his eyes too late to retreat. An uncanny feeling gentleman, was gine-looking, scrupusched at once, this fair, curly hair but was now at the massive door; it was disparity of age. Whr. Clifford, the old ing and wise. You are living in sin was as bewitching as Absalom's, his eyes too late to retreat. An uncanny feeling gentleman, was gine-looking, scrupusched at once, the old ing and wise. You are living in sin was as bewitching as Absalom's, his eyes too late to retreat. An uncanny feeling gentleman, was gine-looking, scrupusched at once, the old ing and wise. You are living in sin was as bewitching as Absalom's, his eyes too late to retreat. An uncanny feeling gentleman, was gine-looking, scrupusched at once in the old ing and wise. You are living in sin was as bewitching as Absalom's, his eyes too late to retreat. An uncanny feeling gentleman, was gine-looking, scrupusched at once in the old ing and wise. You are living in sin was as bewitching as Absalom's, his eyes too late to retreat. An uncanny feeling gentleman, was gine-looking, scrupusched at once in the old ing and wise. You are living in sin was as bewitching as Absalom's, his eyes too late to retreat. An uncanny feeling gentleman, was gine-looking, scrupusched at once in the old ing and wise. You are living in sin was a bewitching as Absalom's, his eyes too late to retreat. An uncanny feeling gentleman, was gine-looking, scrupusched at once in the old ing and wise. You are living in sin was a bewitching as a bewit was a bewitching as a bewitching as a bewitching as a bewitchin

> Ere a fortnight passed the avenue with profusion of smiles, but the young glimpse of her. At precisely eight ing each other, then call themselves was familiar with the form and name of lady was suffering from headache and o'clock each morning the old gentleman o'clock each morning the old g She led her through a long hall with at nightfall. was deferential and obliging, to the oddly frescoed walls, into a unique par-

oung amusing.

lor of crimson, brown and gold. "This He soon gained admittance to the is my room," she said, "it represents

gage in family quarrels."

quietly awaited the denouement. His room. The three colors were artistically blended in the silken curtains, car-Arlingtons' are retrograding!" Ethel overlooked, for his humor was so charm- pet and upholstery. Vases of autumn ing. He soon met Miss Arlington, who flowers were arranged in brackets of was fond of that organism, society, her unique design. Costly pictures of auhimself. He is an Arlington. An Ar- family now avoided, and, not long after, tumn scenes adorned the walls. In short, lington will always rise above misfor- happened the accident mentioned, when the room was a dream of autumn and

"But he will never again be happy."

"The world will not know it, if he is at the palatial residence of the Arlingtot. Only the weak carry their hearts tons.

"The world will not know it, if he is at the palatial residence of the Arlingtons.

"The world will never again be happy."

A large parrot in a gilded cage quite startled Ethel by crying out: "Poor Poll! Poor Poll!" She thought he ought The proud old lady pointed out his to be a happy captive, surrounded by

complished, pleasant lady, and she was passed very quickly. She departed with promises of future visits, but the great loor was scarcely closed behind excursions, flowers, delicate perfumed when she was terrified by the most hidnotes, and all the tender missives that eous scream she ever heard uttered. belong to youth and lovers, occupied her She walked on, impelled by the terror she felt, without looking back.

CHAPTER V.

Naturally she became distrustful of request Arthur Gilbert to cease visiting at her a full moment before either her without giving him any reason for doing so. But when he called again his unaffected, easy, graceful manner seemed so real that she decided to ask him to explain the mystery of his home. She accordingly related her visit and told him of the horrible scream that He looked grave a moment, then asked

anxiously:

"Have you mentioned this to any one I guess," she interrupted, as Mrs. Walker hesitated, trying to think what "And if I have?" said she, looking him it really was.

years, has consequently been indulged sympathize with all meddling women." by fond parents, being an only child. "I felt that some great sorrow bur-dened your soul, and" ill she has become so whimsical and iritable that she is a great trial to her friends at times, especially when she has one of her bad headaches. She will

to annoy the rest." "Can she find no relief?" Ethel asked, half doubting his story.
"Only temporary; her mind is af-

fected, you see-I mention this confidentially. My aunt is so greatly attached to

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

"All women are by nature devotion—they make them although I am strong—to give them strength to bear a secret in your their trials. You, a woman, must recogy you to do so." CIII, AUGIOFERIORI IUX:

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her, she being her only sister's child, nize that fact. You have a woman's that she urged in the bring her here hoping for her recovery; but I fear she is growing worse."

"That is indeed sad," said she, now fully convinced that his story was true.

"Yes, it is sad for us all." My aunt, as you know, is a hubblisht woman but.

"I will go away; I do not wish to annoy you know, is a hubblisht woman but.

you know, is a building woman, but you," said the brave little woman, with Alice's condition causes her great anx- her eyes swimming with tears. "Good-

Mrs. Walker was descending the steps

gravity and thoughtfulness. He showed pain passed through her heart, and she the narrow verandah, but as she approached her, stopped and stood looking out on the bay as though trying to peneparture came it was with difficulty that passionately, "I love you as I have never trate its opaque waters. She pointed to he pronounced the words that so often loved woman. I am utterly unworthy a rustic bench and asked her to be

bring pain to human hearts—Good bye, of your affection, but can not live without seated. it. If you drive me from you I shall—I Mrs. Walker sat down, wondering if really do believe—I shall kill myself. she was going to throw herself into the You surely will not be so cruel, my own sea, as she walked very near the edge own darling."
Of the porch. Presently she turned her the clasped her unresisting form to deep brown eyes full upon her as though his breast. She raised her head and searching her inmost soul, and said:

tried to speak, but he sealed her lips with his first fervent kiss. "I want to say a few words which are not very flattering to yourself and then I will tell you why I called you back. Finally, she pulled herself together Will you listen?"

and begged him to go away for a few "With pleasure."

"No, not with pleasure; you can only hear what I have to say with pain." will never consent-I feel that they will "With patience, then; please go on." not. You believe me your own true "Well, your patience will be tested versation, and then he arose to go. As love—I know you do. God intended us To begin: You are a gadding, meddle-he did so he requested her to visit his for each other. Do not risk making some woman. You have done some good in the world in a general way, but "What would you have me do?" she your evil has overshadowed it. You talk see her, but his aunt would be delighted, asked, looking at him in astonishment of Jesus and experience an emotion that you think is the divine power of God A block from the Arlington residence, his uncle, a retired sea captain, and on one of the finest streets of the city, very eccentric. The gentleman called Every legal rite shall be observed. The prayers in church and believe yourself stood a great stone house which resem-the peripatetic was a clergyman, but bond shall be made as strong as human very near the throne of God, then arise having had a recent sorrow was living power can make it, only no one must and tell the audience that you are the in retirement."

| power can make it, only no one must and tell the audience that you are the know yet." She arose and left his side indignantly,

expect no favor from her grandparents. You are so bigoted you believe yourself He reasoned that if they were married a saint. You talk of the loving Jesus secretly all would be forgiven in time, one hour and the next you whisper to and that they should be married at once Mrs. Smith that Mrs. Jones has a new for their own happiness. She felt the bonnet, although owing her dairyman truth of his words. His reasoning for two months; that the minister's wife seemed good: her; grandparents would is too fashionable and laughs too much to be sincere in her religion, for clergymen's wives should be always grave; Even Jesus had his hour with the tempt- that Thompson actually hired a carriage ers. It is at these times destinies are and took his family for a drive Sunday, decided for good or evil. One may, however, refuse the over- that Mollie Brown is having beaux, tures of the Devil if he comes undis- though not yet eighteen; that Mrs. guised, but when he appears in the Black has discharged her hired girl bemask of Cupid and kneels at the feet of cause she doubted her character, and Her speech was interrupted by the in- a romantic maiden, he is usually victo- was right, of course. If a girl's characseemed a devout Catholic, but always credulous expression of her grandmam rious. Before Ethel awoke from her ter is doubtful no one should give her went out closely veiled.

That—but this is a great se-One day in June a cab was seen, rather tacked eyes full on the girl's flushed face, cret marriage and all arrangements cret and must not be told-Mrs. Black indistinctly, through the dense fog, to then arose and laid her hand gently on were settled for immediate consumma- actually receives gentlemen when her stop at the gate. A lady and gentleman her shoulder. husband is from home. Some think that the reason she discharged the girl, but she is a stanch member of the church and if the story gets rumored about it missionary purposes. will injure the cause of Christianity. Not only that, but Mrs. Black donates built upon pierstis Time and neglect more liberally to the missionary and

> wife between whom there seemed great blind, while you think yourself far-see-Gilbert's stately aunt received her neighbors thought who had caught a sociates degrade themselves by slanderleft the house and returned punctually sense; they've so much wool over their eyes they can't see their faults."
> Mrs. Walker was at first white with

Families of mechanics and tradesmen occupied the neighboring residences, anger, but she had promised to listen They were respectable, church-going and concluded to await the end and learn "I never heard mamma was ill-tempered, or that there was ever any disagreement between her and papa."

"I presume not; your papa was an Arlington. Well-bred people do not engage in family quarrels."

He soon gained admittance to the is my room, she said, it represents the people, yet they loved gossip more than against her character. As she protected from their God.

Some peculiar influence, extraneous or otherwise, brings to every place some particular fad which has its leader or she had hastily gathered, intending to make at her close, growing weaker. In the purpose of this woman's wild tirade people, yet they loved gossip more than their God.

Some peculiar influence, extraneous or otherwise, brings to every place some particular fad which has its leader or she had hastily gathered, intending to make at her close, growing weaker. In champion. At this time this nook of make at her close, growing weaker. In- one dollar in these times of rock-bottom prices. San Francisco was amuck with sewing stead of the angry gleam that first shone circles and missionary workers, with from her eyes, there now stood a tear of their usual concomitant—gossip of a mortification.

medley, nevertheless it exists in all classes of society.

Mrs. Walker, a bright-eyed little woman, was a leader in her social sphere. She was active in getting up the social sphere was active in getting up the social sphere. She was active in getting up the social sphere was active in getting up the social sphere. She was active in getting up the social sphere was active in getting up the social sphere was active in getting up the social sphere. You want to do right hurch festivals, soliciting alms for mis- truly noble soul. You want to do right, slonaries, a tireless and efficient nurse but have become so confused by orthoand a great success at gleaning news. dox dogmas that you don't know what Her neighbors were, consequently, very right is. There was a time when you dependent upon her and thought her a felt guilty at gossipping, but you made it a habit and now have become hardened fords, while her neighbors waited in you go to church and think Christ abbreathless suspense to learn who they were, what they were like, why Mrs. C. his flesh and drink his blood. You can had married a man so much older than never get forgiveness by this sort of canherself, Mr. C.'s business and especially nibalism. You have noble qualities and what church they belonged to, if any; if by renouncing what your instinctive nated they have been supported by the support they belonged to the support they belonged to the support they have been supported by the support they have no been supported by the support they have been supported by the supported by the support they have been supported by the supported by t not they must be converted and help the ture tells you is wrong, you will become a grand woman. You have great moral Mrs. Clifford opened the door at her courage; you have strong force of charher new acquaintances. She decided to visitor's timid knock and stood staring acter; you have a high sense of honor and the ability to make yourself what I desire in a true friend if you will try to spoke. Then she said very quietly:

"I do not receive callers, madame."

Mrs. Walker was a brave woman and you will try." do it. Tell me, that for both our sakes,

No trace of mortification was now visible on Mrs. Walker's features. Her "Please let me talk to you," she said. "What is your mission? Do you want head rested on her hand. She looked told him of the horrible scream that a new organ for the church, or is it a out over the purple sea in earnest emanated from the upper part of the house, as she departed.

He looked grave a moment, then asked.

Weither, lady; I am your neighbor compressed. She made no reply till Mrs. Clifford again repeated the quesand my mission is—"
"Attending to other people's business,

"Will you solemnly vow to renounce what you now see a great evil and dangerous custom—that of gossip of any straight in the face.

"I do not wish to meddle with your of my friendship, which means my happens and the face.

"Then I should be very sorry. My business. You seemed so retired I symposis of my friendship, which means my happens and the face.

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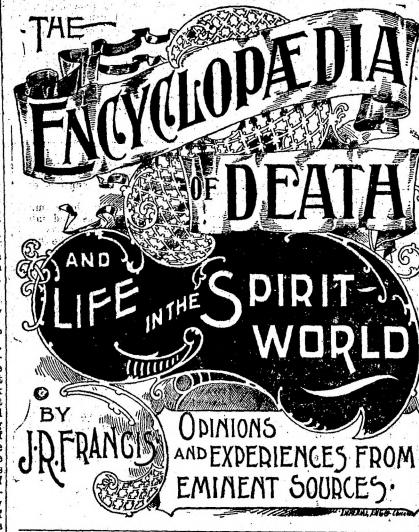
"I do not wish to meddle with your of my friendship with your of "I do not wish to meddle with your kind, for your own sake and for the sake piness? You came here desiring to "Then our sympathy is mutual. I make me happy. You have the power mpathize with all meddling women." of doing it. If you will make me this "I felt that some great sorrow bur-"Yes," she said, rising, "I will prom-

ise what you ask. You have revealed "No. I am not a fortune-teller and do my true character to myself. Your picture is real. You have photographed my true life. I have slandered good girls. By dropping remarks that I meant to be taken as of no consequence, sometimes scream when suffering, just not believe in it. But you are unhappy; "You can't bring them back and had as well give yourself no trouble about my affairs." I have started balls rolling which every "I can't bring! them back; but I can other tongue in the neighborhood added tell you of a blessed Tesus; how His love material to. They finally grew to mon-heals all sorrows and cleanseth all sin." strous size and crushed many an innocent woman. I felt like a criminal all "I have heard of him before and probthe time you were speaking. I will ably know as much about him as you do: so if you have nothing of more import promise to never again say what may ance to talk about I would rather not injure an innocent person; to never again discriminate in favor of church She did not finish, for Mrs. Walker members or influential people. I will threw up her hands and implored her make 'Justice' my motto. I will renot to use such blasphemy against her nounce dogmas and build upon reason. Is this enough?"

s this enough?"
"Quite enough," said Mrs. Clifford, al," she said, in conclusion. "All women trembling with emotion. "And now, lead the help of God to make them although I am sure you have never kept strong—to give them strength to bear a secret in your life, I am going to ask their strong. You, a woman, must recog." you to do so."

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MORAL HYSTERIA.

ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS IMPULSES-EMOTIONAL INSANITY - SPIRITUAL-IST TEACHERS.

"It is instructive to observe how the great ethical and religious impulses that have from time to time swayed the human race have always driven certain individuals into a sort of emotional insanity. When the early church was cted to persecution, and manty rdom was forced upon many, there were not wanting men and women who virtually committed suicide by forcing the unwilling authorities to make martyrs of So the ideal of saintship held by the early Christian ascetics soon produced fantastic visionaries like St. Simeon Stylites. When, in a later age, the suggestion of rescuing the Holy Land from the infidel took shape, it resulted in what must be called the emotional insanity of the Crusades. History is so full of such strange, morbid perversions of ideas, in themselves praiseworthy, that it is unnecessary to recur to them. No step forward has ever been taken by the race in which instances of this tendency have not occurred. The Roman Catholic 'Penitentes,' of New Mexico, to-day, who cruelly flagellate themselves and each other, and sometimes actually crucify each other, in Holy Week, are a modern case in point, To all intents and purposes they are as sanity is only a morbid and extravagant perversion of the fundamental truth that self-denial and suffering may be one of the gateways to the highest and noblest possibilities of life. 'If we look about us to-day we cannot

help seeing that the great impulse of altruism, which is doing so much to unify and humanize the race, is producing similar morbid and abnormal tendencies. These tendencies have occasionally cropped out in the work of Christian missions, and have been cause they are Christians. One might wisely be postponed until happier times. But there is no reasoning with moral Don Quixotes; when they are mounted on their Rosinante they will ride full tilt against the windmills they think they see, in spite of all the arguments of. common sense or expediency. 'So, also, in the work of moral rescue,

which is one of the great sociological signs of the times, there may be dis-cerned the hectic note of morbidity; and in this matter women are the chief sinners. The explanation of this is simple. that while they lead in all helpful movethat he always became hopeless of a ume, and we wish to dispose of the full movement when the women engaged in edition before February 1, 1896. 'Adit began to spell right with a capital R dress your orders to Francis B. Woodand wrong with a capital W. For, as he bury, Sec'y., 600 Pennsylvania avenue, explained, from that moment right and S. E., Washington, D. C. wrong ceased to be facts related to the real world in which we live, and became fetiches standing apart by themselves in the fantastic world of hysteria. The trouble which good and well-meaning women with a 'mission' may unintentionally cause, when they are ruled by their morbid emotions only, has been strikingly illustrated by certain recent From the earth-stratas up to the star-lit events in this town. No altruistic enterprise, however praiseworthy and noble it may be in its conception, can ever succeed if its promoters are credulous, hysterical, and wanting in sane judg-

"But, unfortunately, moral hysteria is by no means confined to women. It is occasionally emitted from the pulpit, the bench and the bar. It has crippled many an otherwise hopeful movement of political, social or religious reform. It has poured money into numberless absurd and chimerical schemes for the betterment of the race. It has taken up altru-ism itself, which is perhaps the truest and noblest note of modern civilization, and has striven to cheapen it into a silly fad, in which the pitiful tragedies of the poor are exploited by empty-headed To-day the world's one grand desire 'slumming' parties. The world to-day Is. "un the hill of progress high needs badly to be delivered from the disease of moral hysteria, for disease

The above, from the New York Tribune, contains some potent facts. The spirit of altruism is lovely, is heavenly, is divinely beautiful: but even altruism must be modified, in its practical outworkings, by the nature of the environments wherewith its exemplars and ministers, and their objects, are surrounded.

The sober fact is, the conditions of a purely heavenly state are not the conditions of our imperfect earthly state; and the altruistic lines of action that might adorn the perfect soul in the purely heavenly state of existence, may not be adapted to the lower and grosser conditions that prevail on this earthly plane. True wisdom will take into consideration the conditions of things as they actually are—the concrete existing facts of the present, rather than the ab stract ideals of an unrealized state of perfection. Herein lies the weak point of the anarchist of to-day, who would forthwith do away with governments and laws; he would apply to the present, the imperfect man, in his present conditions, a principle that can only be adapted to the perfect man in a perfect state. As related to present facts and conditions, it is the perversion of an

Is not the lesson concerning moral hysteria specially applicable to certain ness, if not actual stupidity.

phases of individual life and conduct within the fold of Spiritualism? How much of the idiosyncrasies in speech and action of some mediums and speakers It is Regarded as a Disease, may, without injustice, be classed as moral hysteria-morbid, abnormal, un-

> sult in injury. Spiritualism is good: but spiritism-run-wild—spiritism without the controlling and guiding element of individual good sense and the proper use of one's inherent right of self-control and judgment, may and does lead into a sort of fanaticism that, masquerading under the name of Spiritualism, is but a morbid, abnormal, parasitical appendage at best, and detrimental to the spiritual tree of life, whence its strength is derived.

> How many mediums, etc., have "missions." There are missions and missions—and missions—as numerous, as varied, and as pestiferous as the flies and lice and frogsthat troubled Pharach and the Egyptians; and if Spiritualists could get rid of the "missionaries" for good and all, by turning over to them all the jewels and gold and silver and greenbacks they possess, it would be a good thing for pure and undefiled Spirit-J. C. UNDERHILL.

Hammond, Ind.

THE REPORT

mad as March hares. And yet their in- Of the Convention of the N. S. A. for 1895.

> AN EARNEST APPEAL FOR SPIRITUAL ISTS TO PURCHASE IT.

TO THE EDITOR:-The report of the convention of 1895 will soon be out of press, and we appeal to the Spiritualists of the United States through your columns to take an interest in this work. The revised constitution and the discussion in relation thereto, the new by-laws, largely responsible for many of the ad- the question of per capita dues and the mitted failures of missions. Good men, arguments in relation to the same, the with more zeal than wisdom, have reports of the president, secretary, thrown themselves into the work, with- treasurer and the various committee reout any proper equipment, under the ports, are all given in full. The report impression that their mere desire to of the committee on resolutions will be convert the heathen is the best and only especially interesting in view of the fact preparation for it. Then, too, we have that one resolution proffered the sympathe spectacle of good men, whose motives are worthy of all praise, going to the labor leaders, Seventh Day Advent-Turkey to convert the Armenians to ists and others who had been unjustly Christianity, in face of the fact that for imprisoned under the laws. This discenturies the Turks have been perse- cussion was one of the most animated. cuting and killing the Armenians be- and, at the same time, friendly debates that took place during the session. The suppose that if the Armenians are good evening addresses are to be published in enough Christians to become martyrs, full and are replete with earnest thought, their further enlightenment might couched in scholarly language under the inspiration of some of the most advauced minds in Spirit-life. We cannot discriminate between these addresses, but when we say that each one alone is well worth the price of the book, we are stating only a simple fact. The reports

from foreign countries are also interesting and instructive. The letter from M. Thibaud, one of the most gifted in the United States and Canada. Copies if, being lame, thou canst not mount Women, because of their more highly of this report can be obtained from Sec'y developed emotional nature and finer Woodbury for 25 cents per volume. We spiritual insight, have caught the in- appeal to the readers of this article to spiration of altruism more truly and send in their orders at once for one, or quickly than men. So it has happened one hundred copies of this excellent work, in order that the officers of the N. ments of service to the race, the very S. A. may be able to determine the size emotionalism which thus prompts them of the edition of the report that they emotionalism which thus prompts them to deeds of kindness occasionally betrays them into extravagances of edition of 2,000 volumes, but cannot do universe loves nothing so much as to people, but the simplest principles of also officiated at the funeral. thought, speech and act. The mawkish this unless the Spiritualists will sub- change the things which are and to sentimentality over brutal criminals scribe and pay for that number of copies make new things like them."
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THE WORLD'S ONE GRAND DESIRE. Is, "up the hill of progress, higher, higher!" Narrow, contracted, pessimistic ways

Belong to other days, To be in touch with its heavenly mansion

Means more soul-expansion.

A CHILD'S KISS. Sometimes a sweet child's kiss

Will give more lasting bliss Than thousands of dollars in a world like this: For the heart was in it.

Money is hard and cash is cold, To be used on the market of "bought and sold." Not satisfying when we win it.

In the child's kiss the heart was in it.

GOD'S BEAUTIFUL LAW. It is far easier to be good When nature's beautiful laws Are understood. Harmonious laws-With no my hical cause— Are the grand magnets that doth draw. I thought, I searched, I saw, And found no tyrannical law.

According to the physiognomist, a projecting under lip is a bad sign, indicating pig-headed obstinacy and dull-

GEO. SPAULDING GREEN, M. D.

BOOK REVIEWS.

RIGHT LIVING.—By Susan H. Wixon, author of "Apples of Gold," "All in a Life-time," "The Story Hour," "Sunmer Days at Onset," "Sunday Observspirituality in life and thought?

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her "religion is to do good."

Having sailed farther out on the sea of life than many of her readers, and having been a close observer all the days of her life, she feels it her duty to point out the true way to younger mari-

This book is a bible which will bless

The purpose of the book is well stated

tory chapter. It says:
"Every aid should be sought to deepen and strengthen moral conviction. A word timely spoken has saved men from rope thrown to those in the mire of fakes get, and all will be well. doubt and despair. It is the stairway Stockton, Cal. A. L. Fol leading from danger. Appropriate sayings, similes, bits of wisdom here and there are the golden nails that fasten facts in the memory forever. Philosophers have dropped them all the way along. Yet all wise precepts are valueless unless practically carried into use, not for one day alone, but for every

day."

Knowledge, education, justice, tem-perance, tobacco. individuality, self-reiance, and other subjects entirely too numerous to mention, are all handled with rare skill.

Our author starts out with Goethe's book." She thoroughly endorses the idea that

'We live in deeds, not years; in tho'ts, not breaths; In feelings, not in figures on the dial. We should count time by heart-throbs.

He lives most Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

In this chapter Miss Wixon makes some quotations from that grand old heathen, Marcus Aurelius, which are the Sermon on the Mount. Here are a few of them:

"Men exist for the sake of one anoththem.

"The best way of avenging thyself is not to become like the wrong-doer." upon the battlements alone, but with the help of another, accept help."

a benevolent disposition, even to liars and unjust men.'

"Observe constantly that all things

"Anything that tends to the elevation of mind, it is not surprising that the arand happiness of humanity is moral. ticle of Mrs. Cassell should have hearly Any power that lifts man from the filth made a convert of me. rance and substitutes knowledge is

One of the texts for the little sermon martyrs."

To quote all the good things that our author says herself and quotes from otherapist should share the same fate as the dissolution of the spirit and physical was ers, would be to quote all the 292 pages hod-carrier rapist. And strange as it colliding with an electric car while out of this book. It cannot be done. I may seem to our Boston philanthropists, driving. Brother Larpentuer has been

"Wisdom." In this she says: "One may have great knowledge of for these crimes. It is not so.

guage of Cowper:

'Knowledge and wisdom, far from being one, Have ofttimes no connection. Knowl edge dwells

In heads replete with thoughts of other men: Wisdom in minds attentive to her own. Knowledge, a rude, unprofitable mass, The mere material with which wisdom

builds.

Till smoothed and squared, and fitted to its place, Does but encumber whom it seemeth to enrich.

Knowledge is proud that he hath learned so much, Wisdom is humble that he knows no more." On the last page the matter is summed

up as follows: up in indolence, squandering his best days in profligacy, in gluttony, in wasteful extravagance, in ways that lead to disease and ruin, all would say, is not wisdom. But, on the contrary to be-

hold one who is careful, conscientious, prudent, well-behaved, well-educated, improving his time, earning his living,

lold and young, it is so especially adapted to be. - J. S. Mill.

to assist the young in the battles of life, that I would say to all Spiritualists and Liberals, you cannot find a better book to put into the hands of those whose ages run from fifteen to thirty years. Use it freely among young people as a holiday present. I herewith send an order for six copies to be sent to six of my young friends. MOSES HULL.

FAKES AND FRAUDS

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faction. This statement I received from Dr. Groves' own lips. I, with hundreds, yea, thousands, of

genuine materializing medium. We have in San Francisco quite a number of mediums who advertise as mate-said she, "if you are here again, I may rializers. I will pay any one of them a be able to attend more regularly than I good round fee who will come to my have this time. I am so interested." house and give materializations under How little she thought that in a few my test conditions. I assure them they Spiritualists of our metropolis will see to the realities of the higher life by actual those who will purchase, read and act it at once that all the mediums claiming experience.

on its wise precepts. I verily believe to be materializers shall be tested and there is that, in it which will make its proven to be honest, or compel them to students more wise than all the Sunday-close up shop. Outside of the Brockschool literature in the world. I wish I ways, I doubt if there is one who will devotion to her parents and brothers was a standard of the mediums claiming experience.

The realities of the higher life by actual the realities of the ligher life by actual experience.

Miss Simms was universally beloved for her many sterling qualities. She was the eldest child, and her untiring devotion to her parents and brothers was devotion to her parents and brothers was experience. could know of thousands of them being submit to test conditions in San Fran-often the subject of comment among used this present year as holiday pres-cisco. It is well to keep your eyes wide their friends. Notwithstanding the famopen on independent slate-writers, for ily have all the consolation that Spirit The purpose of the book is well stated among them are many frauds. Let us ualism offers, their souls are sorrowful in the second paragraph of its introduc- have no more pellets and envelope for there is a great vacancy in their tricks, unless the envelopes are dark col- home. There will long be daily remindored, so that deodorized alcohol cannot ers in the family circle of the loved one be used to show the writing on the in- gone. To those who have the knowl-

HANGING IS TOO GOOD

For Such Fiends as Rapists.

A. L. FOREMAN.

A Cordial Endorsement of Eva A Cassell's Conclusions.

TO THE EDITOR:- "Hanging is none too good for a man who infringes on the rights of his sister, seizes her body vioproposition that, "Living will teach you lently, and finally murders it after com-how to live better than preacher or mitting indignities too horrible to re-

"Lynching is none too good! Burning at the stake is none too good! Any torat the stake is none too good! Any tor-ture that can be devised is none too His physical body became feeble many Future Life According to Science. good for a black wretch who seizes the organism of a white woman and imprints his fiendish personality! upon the very cradle of the human embryo, while angels weep at the sacrifege."—Eva A. Cassell in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of December 7, 1895.

Allow me to express the hope in your heathen, Marcus Aurelius, which are columns that the clarion notes uttered the kbowledge of eternal life, and the worthy to be placed side by side with by this earnest and brave woman in becommunion of the spirit, as clearly as half of her sex; will meet with a response from a thousand gifted women of ur land. Such co-operation from such Spiritualist Hall in Bartonsville, Vt., er; teach them, then, or bear with a source, would settleithis matter in this conducted by the writer. country for all time. asidn.

Woman's rights and women's wrougs European scholars of modern times, is worthy of especial notice, and we recommend its perusal to every Spiritualist commend its perusal to every Spiritualist dier in the assault of a town. Therefore, land forge to the, front and do it themwill never be properly and fully set forth till, like this brave woman, the selves.

Although an old-time opposer of capital punishment, and particularly to soul has passed away; one who was ever what is termed mob law, I confess when thoughtful of others and self-sacrificing. "One thing here is worth a great deal what is termed mob law, I confess when thoughtful of others and self-sacrificing.

to pass life in truth and justice, with I consider the debauched condition we she will be missed at all our gatherings, but most of all by those in need. Mrs. justice, I am half-inclined to accept both as perhaps preferable under the circumstances to the survices were impressive, soul-in-specific and replete with comfort for the specific and replete with people, but the simplest principles of also officiated at the funeral. stances, to the present condition of beloved sister who was the only

of degradation, and places him on the If nothing but the fear of a speedy and visited her to see her complete compossolid ground of sound sense, good under- sure death, even with accompanying ure and reliance in her spirit-friends, standing and wisdom, is moral. Any tortures, will deter a rapist from the and perfect confidence in the truths that influence that makes of a human being most infernal and diabolical act of which a better man, a more devoted husband, human nature, in all its deprayity, is a wonderful impression on her many human nature, in all its depravity, is a wonderful impression on her many a kinder parent, a more agreeable capable, then, in the name of every-neighbor, a truer friend, a more genial thing that is holy, pure and good, and in the name of uprising humanity, let us is moral. Anything that removes ignohave both judicial murder and mob law, rance and substitutes knowledge is the latter both and removed in the name of uprising humanity, let us have both judicial murder and mob law, the latter being rather preferable.

Although from my locality one might carried out. One of the texts for the little sermon on "Knowledge, The Great Treasure," thropists would) that I would confine this is an Arabic Proverb. "The ink of scitreatment to the negro, I wish to say ence is more precious than the blood of most emphatically that the rapist of any infer (at least our Boston pseudo-philancolor should meet the same fate. Position should not save them: the senator have produced a few samples of what I believe this feeling is shared by the will be found in rich abundance by the people of the Southland generally; alearly years, but has borne his infirmities though for political partisan purposes, heroically, always cheerfully meeting The very last chapter is devoted to the impression is sought to be conveyed his hosts of friends; a man of the strict-

books and yet lack wisdom. Some I am a native of Pennsylvania, but books and yet lack wisdom. Some I am a native of Pennsylvania, out children without much knowledge yet possess wisdom. To have wisdom is to have the capacity of seeing right, of discerning, also, the path to which the right points. It is to adapt means to their treatment of the negro, expecting an end."

I am a native of Pennsylvania, out have lived six years in Tennessee, and being an old abolitionist of the Phillips, Garrison and Lovejoy stripe, I looked with suspicion on these people as to their treatment of the negro, expecting an end."

To see those stories of cruelty to the late and true and the progressing of twenty-five years, I can truthfully say I never heard him speak ill of a fellow-being. He was ever ready to apologize for their shortcomings. I never saw him with a ruffled temper. Born and difference between knowledge "The difference between knowledge slaves verified. In this I have been disand wisdom is thus defined, in the lan- appointed. Although in some respects dictated, he early investigated the spir-I prefer the civilization and ethical culitual philosophy and accepted it as the ture of the North, I will say that in innate hospitality to all, and in special courtesy to ladies, and a determination to protect them from incivility and abuse of any kind, we Northern people can

take lessons from them to advantage. Does it occur to our down East friends that, with a negro population twenty times in excess of what it is there; that A Beautiful Gift for the Holidays. therefore more crime lother causes being equal) of this character is to be exing equal) of this character is to be expected? Besides, the negroes them Tuttle consists of a collection of the selves are frequently the foremost to finest poems of this well-known poet,

Referring, in conclusion, again to Mrs.

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Price \$1.00, postpaid. Address HUDSON TUTTLE, Publisher, Berlin Heights, selves—our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters will take this matter in hand, "To see one idling away precious time, daughters will take this matter in hand, neglecting the duties of life, growing creation, nothing will be done but talk creation, nothing will be done but talk and resolve. A few to lead like Helen accomplished. V. FELL.

Money is powerful for good if divinely doing good as he goes along, living a sweet as the hawthorn; shut it up and he is, but quietly and steadily; and the

wane. We are not content to know that Ruskin, While this book is good for all, both things are; we ask whether they ought The first adobe houses were built by

Passed to Spirit-Life.

From the family residence of Cyrus Simms, October 12, Ella Simms, his daughter, passed to Spirit-life. The Simms, October 12, Ella Simms, his daughter, passed to Spirit-life. The father and mother of the subject of this notice have for years been staunch Spiritualists. Their home is but a few miles from Hannibal, Mo., and during the Mound Park meeting of last season, conducted by Mr. Hull and myself, the Simms family was represented at nearly every meeting. Toward the close of the meeting, Miss Simms had a very ill turn, but she was in attendance two sessions the last Sunday, and said to the writer: "I did not feel as though I could remain away, especially as this was to be the last day of the meeting." She inquired if we were sure we would come to Hannibal another season. "I hope," said she, "if you are here again, I may be able to attend more regularly than I have this time. I am so interested."

How little she thought that in a few weeks she would rise out of the physical, and have the opportunity to test the realities of the higher life by actual experience.

Miss Simms was universally beloved daughter, passed to Spirit-life. I, with hundreds, yea, thousands, of main away, especially as this was to be other people, know that Mr. Mott is a the last day of the meeting." She in-

will be well treated. I do hope the good ical, and have the opportunity to test

side: Let honest mediums come to the edge of Spiritualism, as do these friends the convict's cell. Sound advice is the front and receive the money that the no word is needed from me to assure them that their daughter and sister still lives, and under favorable conditions will make herself known to them. Dear friends:

> cannot tell how she, you loved, wil reach you From her fair land:

The Spirit has its own unspoken lan

guage, You'll understand. MATTIE E. HULL.

Passed to Spirit-life from his home in Bartonsville, Vt., November 6, 1895, Elisha Hall, aged 83 years, 6 months Mr. Hall was a deep thinker, a clear

reasoner, consequently one of the first to accept the philosophy of spirit communion; was ever its earnest advocate, ever months before his spirit was released It was a source of great comfort to him to listen to the reading of your valuable paper, by his companion who survives him. She is "only waiting till the shadows are a little longer grown," realizing there is only a thin veil between them. May all of his dear ones be blessed with was our brother.

His funeral services were held in the MRS. S. A. WILEY.

Rockingham, Vt.

Passed to Spirit-life, November 21 1895, Mrs. Frances Maxon, in her 48th year, of cancer of the stomach. We feel a most generous and noble

are in socially and politically in this country—how justice is circumvented by pelf; how, by bribery, directly and inditional three years ago through the transition

one of the best ever written. Here it is: things. Being somewhat in this state present, all of her own family having

After she became aware her case was hopeless it was a marvel to those who request to be cremated, which was fully H. H. SKINNER. Detroit, Mich.

Passed to higher realms, from his late residence, No. 51 West Exchange street, November 30th, Brother E. L. Larpentuer, aged 57 years. The cause of the that it is only the negro who is punished est integrity, reliable in all his business for these crimes. It is not so. relations. Having had an intimate acive spirit, ready to accept what reason M. T. C. FLOWER. human race. St. Paul, December.

FROM SOUL TO SOUL.

punish crimes of this character committed by their people wall of which disproves the idea of a race war.

hope, Mr. Editor, that the ladies them Ohio, or the Office of THE PROGRESS. IVE THINKER, 40 Loomis street, Chicago, Ill.

The best men are not those who have Gardner, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and waited for chances, but those who have Frances Willard, and thenwork will be taken them; besieged the chance; conquered the chance; and made chance the servitor.—E. H. Chapin.

It is no man's business whether he has used. Give it plenty of air and it is genius or not; work he must, whatever noble, self-respecting, moral life, we it cankers and breeds worms.—G. Macwell say, he is wise; he has wisdom. donald.

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Forcibly Stated.

A clergyman in a Boston pulpit re cently said: "No one but an idiot goes through life without a creed." THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER is of the opinion that he who adopts a creed to govern his action and belief for life partakes more largely of the characteristics of an idiot than does he who has no creed, but changes his views from day to day with increasing knowledge. The most worthless of all creeds are those inherited from our savage ancestors.

There is a close relationship between creeds and the primal meaning of the word religion. The latter comes to us designed to make eternal. Some monk in the long-ago formulated what is known as the apostle's creed. Without regard to advancing knowledge there has been a determination on the part of the church to force all men to conform creed is like the Procrustean bed of the Grecian robber. Each occupant if too short was stretched, and if too long his legs were lopped off so as to bring him to the required length.

Bad Logic.

Observe, when the Hawaiians were free to act their own will they deserted the parson's logic?

Another Terrible Lesson.

kneel in prayer. Indeed, it is very ofran a splinter into his knee; inflamma- continuation, he is reported as saving: tion was set up, blood-poisoning followed and the taithful divine, with no fault but kneeling in his devotions, was swooped up by the powers that be. But for that inconsiderate act it is probable he would have survived many years.

Sixty Is a Crowd Punctuated.

MORAL: Don't kneel when you pray.

The statement of Rev. Sam Jones, quoted in our last, that "forty persons in attendance at church service is a the penitentiaries? crowd, and sixty is a jam," was punctuated at the St. Chrysostom church, this city, on the 4th inst.; only "one lonely little worshiper, whose eyes were big most to her waist in two fluffy braids, and whose dress reached just to her shoe tops, bad to say the amens, and make the responses." So says the So says the Chronicle. The good Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Snively, who ministered on the occasion, should hurry up and get his God into the Constitution for he seems to be leaving the hearts of the people.

An Old Heathen.

That old Pagan philosopher, Cicero, who was born 106 years before our era, whose fame as an orator is immortal, discoursed in this way on the death of be it had been sent by God as a punish-Scipio, to whom he was devotedly at ment for my utterances. In that case I

"I comfort myself with this solace, that I am free from the error by which most people are wont to be grieved at the loss of their friends. I think no evil has befallen Scipio; to me it has hap pened if any has happened-and to be greatly grieved at one's own misfortune is the part of one who loves not his friend, but himself."

Christian Logic.

pleases, unless he pleases to think right."

Such was the language which recently surpation cannot be arrested too soon, titled to the work.

Speedy Retribution Desirable. The lynching of negroes in the South. as discussed by Mrs. Cassell in these col-

proval on the doings of a crazy mob. The law takes cognizance of human tain of the guilt of the party, then quick icises the Trakes and T ence in restraining the criminal classes. On our second page Mrs. Louisa Biggs

be stricken down so soon as his crime Read is the brainiest woman in Kansas, was committed, there would be no pre- and in this story our readers will have of Liberals who pay school taxes, and meditated murder. That which comes a choice treat. nearest such actions must be the most | On our third page J. C. Underbill that these institutions should be non-

effective in the way of restraint. But the moralist would have the law do its work in a legal way. What is terse article, endorses Mrs. Cassell's Sunday-school and church? The fible contains inspiration, but is one central truth, that the person advertible to the five sin regard to the punishment of views in regard to the views in regard to the punishment of views in regard to the views in views in views in regard to the views in regard to the punishment of views in regard to the punishment of views in regard to the punishment of views in view and presents an indictment. The prision with his suggestive "Wayside Jingles oper is brought into court. Then foliand Jewels." President Barrett prelow adjournments and the usual delays sents good reasons why everybody subject the objector to violent denunciary should have the report of the convention of the N.S. A. The dear, good, should have the report of the convention of the N.S. A. The dear, good, should have the report of the convention of the N.S. A. The dear, good, should have the report of the convention of the N.S. A. The dear good reasons why everybody subject the objector to violent denunciary velopment. The blood of animals, or ter defense for a medium in case of articles are infidel—an all-thought and other not be exercised in this matter; theresympathizing preachers come to his re-lief, the sisters, warm-hearted souls, for-editorials, there will be found a most get the crime, and work upon their im- excellent article by R. J. Dague, a lead-aginations until they think the prisoner ing journalist of California. Other is persecuted. The demon of yesterday gets religion to-day, and the clergy with sublime thoughts—extracts from hover around him, and arouse public the secular press. They show the drift

of moral guilt is raised, and a divided partment devoted to Spiritualism. "Our Angels," and "A Child in Heaven," are by Geo. H. Hepworth, editor of the New trials with like results the prisoner is York Herald. That page alone is worth set free, or, if convicted, an unfair a year's subscription to THE PROGREStrial is claimed, and a new one is prayed SIVE THINKER. word religion. The latter comes to us from the Latin religo, re, back, and ligo, ligar, to bind. It is a binding back to on error to a higher court. If the appropriate installment of items, etc.

The seventh page contains Hudson ancient faiths, just the thing creeds are peal fails, the governor is asked for a Tuttle's interesting and suggestive and like Abraham to our school children as pardon. During all this long delay the swers to questions. John pardon. During all this long delay the swers to questions. John Wetherbee a pattern. His conduct as a polygamist render Him is to go about doing good—original offense is forgotten; the preach- has an excellent report of the doings at and libertine, and his dastardly treat- that the best religion is the practical ors have worked up the case for all it is Ayer's Temple, Boston. Eva A. Cassell ment of Hagar, and his own child, toworth. They finally stand at his side when executed, and pray God in his bechalf. The drop falls, and the culprit.

The eighth page contains a to that worthless article of faith. A half. The drop falls, and the culprit, washed white in the blood of the Lamb, able article on the "Woman's Bible," swings off to heaven with the words on which is creating so much discussion at his lips: "I know my sins are forgiven, and I shall be with dear Jesus at the

With any number of parallel cases in Rev. R. T. McArthur gave a discourse mind, who can justly blame the mob for in the Calvary Baptist church, Chicago, executing speedy justice? In case of posquite recently, in which he showed by itive guilt, if a jury could be empanfigures an immense falling off of Chris- neled, and the prisoner given a prompt Liliukalana, who, he said, removed all would quickly retire from business; but ment he had hopes the natives would return to Christianity. ludes, let us turn aside and drop a tear, regretting that a just God has not prothe agony of a thousand deaths.

right hand of God in half an hour."

debase themselves. Is the proof asked no class of the community has so large a for? Rev. D. F. Levy, late of Fair- percentage of Christian believers as the Locust street, Valparaiso, Ind. mount, Tenn., while quickly kneeling, criminals. Quoting him verbatim in

> "Rarely, if ever, do you find an avowed Atheist among them, seldom a in some orthodox cult."

Spiritualists and Jews might have been included with propriety among Atheists and Deists, as not contributing to the criminal classes. With these facts well established, then are not the revival meetings, to all intents and purposes, recruiting stations for peopling

A Judgment of God.

When Col. Ingersoll was interviewed and gray, whose brown hair came aldays before, he said:

"It reminds me of an experience I had one time I had a severe throat trouble, and the statement got into the newspa-pers that 1 had cancer of the throat. of my blasphemous utterances.

"I answered the letter and told him he might be right. If it should develop that I had a cancer, as he said, it might did not know as I should blame God very much, for if I was in his place I might be tempted to kill a man whom I could not answer. That settled the clergyman and he subsequently wrote me a letter of apology."

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A Merry Christmas.

21st, and before another reaches our umns two weeks ago, no doubt met with readers, Christmas will have come, its disapprobation by some of our sensi- festivals enjoyed, and thousands of poor, tive readers. The refined mind views lonely hearts made happy. We hope all acts of violence with horror. It can that our readers will not only have a never be guilty of those gross crimes happy Christmas, but that they will all which incite the populace to frenzy, strive to render some one else happy hence it is illy qualified to look with ap- who is placed in less fortunate circumstances financially.

While we have made no effort whatpassion, and frequently looks leniently ever to get out a special Christmas edion the homicide who has murdered a tion, this number of THE PROGRESSIVE near relative, or has invaded his home, THINKER will be found most excellent. and debauched his wife, daughter, or Dr. Dean Clark has something valuable sister, provided the killing immediately to say on our first page in criticism of follows the offence, before the hot blood the Theosophists, though his views on has time to cool. In these lynching reincarnation will not be endorsed by cases, whether South or North, the thousands of advanced thinkers among public are conscious that the more Spiritualists, Hudson Tuttle has somespeedy the penalty the more effective thing interesting to say of those who exthe lesson. They only stop to make cer- pound the Gospel. A. L. Foreman crit-

If a flery bolt was flashed from heaven, Read has the second installment of her tion, I believe, is correct; but will they and the assassin was certain he would charming story, "Dual Lives." Mrs. now stand up for the rights of Jews, Ag-

The eighth page contains a very readthe present time.

Mrs. E. V. Wilson.

We overlooked the important fact in being of wrath, fealousy and variable-our previous issue that we have just issued an edition of "The Truths of Spir-virgins, the murder of women and chilfigures an immense falling off of Chris-neled, and the prisoner given a prompt tan converts from the natives of Hatrial with no delays, and the verdict wall, under the reigns of Kalakaua and was executed instanter, Judge Lynch Liliukalana, who he said, removed all would quickly retire from business; but restraints from religious bellef, and while the present order of things continthereby aided the spread of idolatry.
Under the new, pure and free government he had hopes the natives would re
white me preserved an occasional hangcent of profit. Now, Spiritualists—every of ery one of you—we want you to purchase a copy of this book for the benefit ing Esau before he was born; of causing cumstances. ment "it is hoped they will return to the mity of the offense, in which event it is measure, helpless. By sending her a sought to do to the Israelites because he true faith!" Is there not some defect in possible the wretch would have a sought to do to the Israelites because he possible the wretch would have suffered dollar, you get more than the worth of smelled the sweet savor of the burning an estimable lady.

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The War Against Mediums.

It still continues in Philadelphia. Mr. Theodre Price, a genuine medium, has been "convicted." Spiritualists everyraised.

iental authorities into three portions:

A Merry Christmas. The date of this paper is December IMPORTANT QUESTION.

It is Addressed to the Members of the A. P. A.

Stirring Arguidents Against the Reading of the Bible in the Public Schools,

BY R. A. DAGUE,

A Leading Editor of California.

SCHOOLS.

TO THE EDITOR:-I notice that about cago Board of Education to require the

ence in our public schools, which posiwho do not want their children taught theology in the schools, but who insist treats in a highly satisfactory manner, sectarian and purely secular, while the "Moral Hysteria." Dr. V. Fell, in a youth should be instructed in religious do its work in a legal way. What is terse article, endorses Mrs. Cassell's creeds and doctrines at home or in the The Bible contains inspiration, but is

The time was once when to object to President Barrett pre- the teachings found in the Bible would now. The riper scholarship and higher criticism of the last twenty-five years scholars of this day.

Wetherbee a pattern. His conduct as a polygamist

cruel, brutal tyrant, who authorized bloody butcheries; and fiendish atroci- Time's finger on the dial of life ties that would to-day disgrace a savage Indian chief or Chipese monster.

Now, the Old Testament not only presents Moses with this vile character, but often, very often, represents God as a itualism-Immortality Proved Beyond dren, the massacre of whole cities and Doubt by Living Witnesses." This work peoples, the author of slavery, and often is by the late E. V. Wilson. It contains dianapolis, Ind., paid for the publica- deceive the people; of hardening Phaof the widow. She is in straitened cir- the sun to stand still, thus lengthening We hope 1,000 orders will the day that Joshua might have more reach her within the next thirty days. time in which to slaughter his enemies, your money, and at the same time help flesh of a bullock, which ascended up to him in heaven.

The Old Testament was written by

MEN OF LOW MENTALITY and savage instincts, hence their conception of a Deity was correspondingly low. In this age of enlightenment and high purposes, when we want to teach our children to have pure and merciful and loving ideals, is it wise to present to them the conceptions of God that were held by ignorant and semi-savage tribes three or four thousand years ago? Surely not. Those men in early ages wrote the for the renewal of my subscription and best they knew. They presented God fifty cents for Volume II. of "The En- in the light they viewed him, but their ideas of God and. of his nature and purposes ought not to be adopted as ours. Their standards of justice and morality

It is a profound mistake of theologians time. It contains more startling facts to consider the teachings of the old anupon the subject on which it treats than cients as so perfect that they can not be improved upon. To-day we are happily gator and advanced Spiritualist should fur advanced in science and theology. own a copy of this valuable book and let We now know that the earth, and moon, their neighbors read it. It will make and sun, and stars were not made in six a dozen of my friends who are not Spirago. We now know that this planet is itualists have read my Volume I, and not flat. We now know that the earth express themselves much pleased with never stopped an hour in her revolution the contents, and now seem anxious at the command of General Joshua. We now know that there was no "Noah's phy. How on earth you can publish a deluge" such as is described in the book like that for fifty cents is entirely Scriptures, and that the rainbow always I have learned how to pray, and toil, and beyond my comprehension. But mis- existed since water first fell and the sun shone. Not only do we know these So pray for courage to receive what things but our conceptions of a Deity are immeasurably higher than that of Moses, and David, and Joshua, and Solomon, and our standard of morality and ustice is also very much better than theirs. Theology should be as progressive as science and government, though the rate of advancement of the former has been much slower than the latter. We have largely outgrown the old

childish idea that there is a malignant UBIQUITOUS DEVIL

nearly if not quite equal with God in power, and much of the time more crafty and shrewder in management of affairs. Clear-thinking people no longer believe that Satan so effectually thwart ed and upset God's plans that it became necessary for God's son "who is God him-self," to be put to a painful death on the cross in order to prevent the devil from where should awaken to the dangers gaining a complete victory over God and that confront them, and assist those in a thorough frustration of His designs. They no longer accept the old teaching that although "God suffered death" to defense. At least \$1,000 should be make a way of escape for mankind from Even by the falling of water drops a or more new subscribers with their own the power and dominion of the Devil. yet, owing to Satan's unexcelled clever

of men who lived in the infant age of the world. To hold the beliefs they held is excusable in them. Not so with us. Such teachings are dishonoring to

COD AND MAN

and a serious reflection on his justice his power, his wisdom and his goodness Now the more awakened people think of God as an intelligent power that is infinite in wisdom, infinite in love, and

UNCHANGEABLE, ETERNAL LAW governs everything from atom to sun. rom the youngest babe to the highest intelligence of the higher heavens. The universe is a school in which we will be alted plane. This physical existence is the kindergarten state. Punishment for wrongdoing there is and will be in this existence and the next, but it is not inflicted by the wrath of God, but it is for corrective or reformatory purposes.

the future. Josus was not the God of the part of the courts between mediumship universe, but a highly unfolded and 11- and fakirism of all kinds. This will enluminated son of God, and we are all able all local organizations, and the Naearlier time, was put to death. Not so poems and ceremonies may be helpful to fore, we should stand by the terms methose in the infant classes of God's great dium and mediumship under all circumschool, but are useless to the unfolded stances. have stricken the scales from the eyes of | soul who knows he is to live forever and | millions and no longer do the more can advance spiritually only by conform-Our fifth page is full to overflowing broad-minded classes believe the Bible ing to the spiritual laws of his being. to be infallible-to be perfect, without There are no days holier than other sympathy in his behalf. His trial comes of public sentiment, and are a harbinger on. Able counsel insist he was insane of the good times coming when every when the crime was committed; a doubt leading secular paper will have a deways written by men quite limited in but forward. In the crime was committed; a doubt leading secular paper will have a deways written by men quite limited in but forward. It to cold make the crime was committed; a doubt leading secular paper will have a deways written by men quite limited in but forward. was written by men quite limited in but forward. Let no old, musty super-knowledge and possessing even less edu-stition cause us to put into the hands of cation real inspiration and wisdom than the school children books, unexplained, that will instill into their tender minds BIBLE ABSURDITIES AND CRUELTY.

Many teachings of the Old Testament, especially, are not only false, but decidedly immoral, and wicked. Just think of the idea of holding up a man like Abraham to our school children as that the most acceptable service we can

HIGH NOON.

Points to high noon. And yet the halfspent day Leaves less than half remaining! For the dark,

Bleak shadows of the grave ingulf the To those who burn the candle to the stick.

The sputtering socket yields but little Long life is sadder than an early death.

We cannot count on raveled threads of age Whereof: to weave a fabric we must use The warp and woof the ready present

yields And toil while daylight lasts. When I bethink ow brief the past,

more brief. Calls on to action, action! Not for me Is time for retrospection or for dreams, Not time for self-laudation or remorse. Have I done nobly? Then I must not let Dead yesterday, unborn to-morrow

shame. Have I done wrong? Well, let the bitter Of fruit that turned to ashes on my lip Be my reminder in temptation's hour,

And keep me silent when I would con demn. Sometimes it takes the acid of a sin To clean the clouded windows of our

So pity may shine through them. Look ing back My faults and errors seem like stepping-

stones That led the way to knowledge of the truth

And made me value virtue. Sorrows shine In rainbow colors o'er the gulf of years

Where lie forgotten pleasures. Looking forth Out to the western sky, still bright with

feel well spurred and booted for the strife That ends not till Nirvana is attained.

Battling with fate, with men, and with myself. Up the steep summit of my life's fore noon.

Three things I learned—three things of precious worth, To guide and help me down the western

save;

Knowing what comes to be divinely sent To toil for universal good, since thus And only thus, can good come unto me; To save by giving whatsoe'er I have

To those who have not—this alone i gain. ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

proud. Mr. Ott has ridden the plains for twenty-five years, and is well-known in Wyoming and the Northwest.

As universal practice as lying is, and as easy a one as it seems. I do not re-

water pot is filled.—Buddha. No virtue fades out of mankind. Not

The human teeth are divided by ness, he still largely succeeds in frustrat over hopeful by inborn temperament, tental authorities into three portions; ing God's plans. Not Such a great plan cautious by long experience, yet never

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To Societies, Mediums, and to All Spiritualists.

The recent attempts of the officers of the law to class mediumship and fortunepower, and goodness, and justice, and telling under one and the same head, and beauty, and glory, and is himself the the fact that they are supported in these law of the universe. God is spirit and attempts by some of the judges upon the is from everlasting to everlasting, the bench, render it important that all mecenter and circumference, the creator diums, and the friends of true mediumand preserver of all things visible and ship, should unite to disabuse the public invisible, and every human soul is a part | mind of the idea that the two classes are of Him, not one of whom can be irre-synonymous. Fortune-telling presumes UNANSWERABLE STATEMENTS - THE trievably and eternally lost and put be- for a consideration to predict future BIBLE BY NO MEANS A SUITABLE youd the reach of infinite love and good- events, portray business openings, unite BOOK TO BE READ IN THE PUBLIC ness. No power can exist in the uni- lovers, reunite families, etc., by means verse antagonistic to God unless by His of charms, cards, dice, and pretended consent. Infinite, supernatural powers. A medium is an instrument through whom disembodied intelligences can make themselves known to mortals, by giving positive proofs of their identity. The distinction between these two classes is clear pupils to all eternity. Every soul must and charlatans, pretenders, tricksters, learn the lessons of existence and go up fakirs and frauds no longer permitted to prey upon the public.
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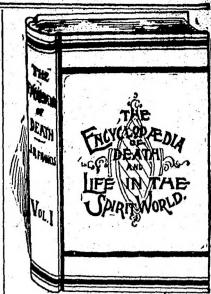
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the money without the usual-security, human crime, I could not have been give my life to helping you in the courage and their mational glory. with the express understanding that it worse. was to pay up the mortgage, and be repaid at the earliest convenience. Instead of paying the mortgage, B used ery would be so intense that I knew

A SINGULAR MALADY.

Soon afterward B took sick and died. A was at his bedside, and while stubborn is hateful sin! I resisted itude to you for all you have done, feeling deep sympathy for his family, this antidote for hours. I was simply and to undo the wrong I done you. I that heaven holds the earth in its arms still retained the uncharitable feeling desperate, in my wandering from room can say from the depth of a full heart, as a mother her babe. No distance son when you carried his wornout body toward B. This was the more retion of kindness, without any special passing through the dining-room about kind thoughts. appearance of outward piety. Again, at the grave of B, A stood unmoved, and mentally refused to forgive B, hoping he would never have rest until he had atoned for his wrongdoing. rest in peace, for you have surely tion of life, the simplicity, or natural, All this time A gave but little thought to the loss of the money; the ungrateful action of B to his family and friend was the principal motive that went to bed, and slept several hours. tive evidence that God demands cominfluenced A, which feeling became a I feared a repetition next night, but pensation for violation of his laws. passion that held possession of A

sick, physically and mentally; the folnoon about 4 o'clock. I was sitting in my library reading; had been readchair, back of my right shoulder. I I become that I could not sit down, peace? As ever, B." nor yet stand, with any comfort, and I felt so burdened with some imaginary trouble that I thought I must scream scription of the horrible experience A right out for relief. I tried to be had passed through, was forwarded to calm, and reason that it was all D, asking for advice and counsel. D imagination or an attack of nervous-regarded the whole affair as most re-Will shine among the friends I know. ness, but the more I tried to reason markable, and, to say the least, out on that line the worse I got. My of the ordinary current of mortal hands had now become cold and events, and he sought for light among clammy. I shook as one with a se- the invisible powers that gave him vere chill. Having returned to my automatic writing, by asking the folown house, I undressed and went to lowing questions: bed, but could not lie still. The chill "Was A correct in attributing that

grew in severity, my limbs jerked and sick spell to the unforgiving spirit quivered like one in a spasm.

A TERRIBLE STRAIN.

"All this time the mental strain was rect." terrible, and I was possessed of the -THE STORY OF A MAN INFLUENCED conditions continued I would go raving by not forgiving him." TO DO BIGHT BY MESSAGES FROM mad. For relief I got out of bed, and again for relief I got into bed—how A and B lived in the same town in place his hand on my shoulder every ness. Southern Illinois. D lives 200 miles moment. I have but little memory of

A, who is a very philanthropic, kind- ber that I always felt B was standing source of the most remarkable events, are investigators of the subject of out in large globules all over my body. ions, in which the father and grand- history can possibly doubt. after-life, each having mediumistic In this painful agony it was simply mother of A, who are both dead, apand others to be dead; neither is a back and forth from room to room, for the good advice given to their brews are illumined by them, and religion explain the terrible problem? member of any spiritualistic circle; into bed and out again, for cleven child. Immediately on receipt of D's every prophet held communion with both are active members of their re- hours, which to me seemed an age. I letter A did as requested, and by act them and received from them the kind that a solution must be found, if spective churches. B is dead. So cannot describe or give the faintest and deed gave evidence of the total mandates of the Most High. Daniel, there is one. I am aware that "God much for the personnel of the in- idea of my feelings, nor did I ever forgiveness of B. Inside of a month, when speaking of the strait he was in, moves in a mysterious way his wondividuals who go to make up the ac- before realize it was possible, without through the same medium referred to, said: "Behold, there stood before me ders to perform," but he always leaves ors in this, to say the least, remarkble statement:

Some two years before the death of

A received the following message:

God bless and keep you. Oh, the
and chill at one and the same time, joy of knowing I am forgiven. I have tors in this, to say the least, remark- any visible cause, to work the body A received the following message:

> ANCUISH AND MISERY. "At times my pain, anguish and mis-

the money to relieve himself of a not what to do; nursing and the care I have suffered even as much as I ended he was ministered unto by scope was to separate the stars in the criminal lawsuit. This came to the of my family, which I had in abund-caused you to suffer. During all those angels; when the tearful women stood milky way; but Galileo got glimpses knowledge of A, who felt deeply hurt ance, was of no more avail to give me days I passed from the body I did not at the tomb it was an angel, "whose of the Creator's plan, and we may do at this outrage of friendly confidence.

A felt that it was an insult to philansisting a cyclone. In this delirium of but could not help it. Now I am conceived an unnatural hatred for B; when B's family was turned out of the homestead this feeling became intense.

or uniorgiveness, and, I firmly believed, the spirit of the man I refused to form the spirit of the spirit of the spirit of the man I refused to form the spirit of the spirit of the man I refused to form the spirit of the man I refused to form the spirit of the man I refused to form the spirit of t I was impressed with the desire to same source to A: throw up my hands to heaven and ask to room, seeking rest and ease. I was all is well. God bless you for the atoned.' Immediately I got relief: rather than supernatural, condition of my mind calmed down, my nervous- that continuation, the responsibility ness left me, and I ceased to feel pain, for acts done on earth, and the posinone came, and I felt as well as I until the following incident occurred:

About a year and a half after B's night gave me a foorful idea of the left incident and philipped and About a year and a half after B's death, one day A became violently death, one day A became violently the following the following that await, in after-life, the an explanation outside of the superunrepented sins of earth. I am now natural or spiritualistic theory, I lowing is A's description of this sin- convinced, by experience and evi- would be glad to have it.—Inquirer, gular malady: "It was Sunday after-dence, that I participated in at least in Inter Ocean.

ing several hours. All at once an indent occurred, A received a letter A few weeks after the above incidescribable feeling of trouble and dis-from a lady spiritual medium then re-tress came over me. It seemed as if siding in Indiana, some 150 miles

Little Joe is a hearty, rollicksome lad, Neither very good nor very bad;
There is a roguish smile in his looks, someone was standing back of my from A's home, who had but little acquaintance with A, and knew nothknew that I was alone, yet looked to ing of the above incident. Inclosed His hair is the color of amber or red Han a grinkle that graces a round if see who it was, but no person was in the letter was the following comvisible. Still the imaginary presence munication: "A—, I have done you His cheeks are plump as a red-cheeked troubled me. A cold, chilly feeling a great wrong while yet on earth. At nervous. I tried to read and throw off but mortals would not allow me to acthe feeling, but could not concentrate knowledge it. Now I know it to be and the more I tried to throw off necessary to do so for my own advancement, and I come to you for That into the heart of deepest woe the painful feeling the worse I be-came. I laid down my book and feel I will not ask in vain. Will you From sympathy's tender, yearning walked into the garden, crossed over to see a neighbor, but so restless had negge? As ever B"

MOST REMARKABLE.

The above letter, with a full de-

that refused to forgive B?" The an swer was written: "Yes, that was cor-

"Was the soul of B really present idea to run somewhere, I knew not with A during that terrible agony?' where, and scream for help. I had Answer: "No; B was not, nor was he ANGUISH OF AN UNFORGIVEN FRIEND from doing either, but realized if these punishment he was imposing upon B call angels occupy so prominent a

After receiving this information, D wrote at once to A, begging forgive-The facts in the following incidents many times I cannot tell. My family ness from the heart without having a events. I ask the Inter Ocean to pub. nels were placed on me without giving charity which would evidence the forlish them, hoping the record may at me any relief. I felt desperate. I was giving spirit, and further, D wrote to tract the attention of some doubter on desperate, and I wanted to throw A: "You should regard yourself as agencies in the accomplishment of his the subject of future life, or that, in them off, How great is the hell of one specially blessed by God in being purposes. this day, when the almighty dollar is one's own conscience. All this time selected as the instrument of his dithe helm and power of our thoughts, the one hateful act of my life pressed vine mercy to that poor soul, as well it may be read by some persons who me like as if a mountain lay on me, as the event, is a wonderful evidence had in the belief that a throng of inmay come to the conclusion that God for during all this frenzy I fully real- to us all of the necessity of charity in visible beings are nigh at hand in our the goodness of God is taxed to its into the shadows of death, is just as near to us now as he was to ized and was clearly impressed that mortals. If these incidents which you the people in the days of Moses and the spirit of B was with me, and that inform me of happened in the days of tress, and lending such aid as lies in the ways of Providence, and the Christ, if we will but create the con- I was suffering just as he was, and early Bible history they would cerditions. As the parties who figure in that it was my unforgiving spirit that tainly be recorded in that remarkable these incidents do not desire publicity, prolonged his suffering. I felt that book, and deserve to rank with many initials only are used, but any seriously he was with me and following my of its supernatural events. By all abled to resist temptation by their falter in our allegiance to the Lord. disposed inquirer can be put in com- every step. I kept glancing behind means try to meet the mercy and power added to our own, how often munication with them through this me, expecting to see him just as if he grace of a loving Father, with the holy suggestions come from them were living. I looked for him to purest and most heartfelt forgive-

next few years coming.

"Dear Friend:-I have now an ob-

stood. Speaking out loud, as if he dence of their truthfulness, the striking were alive and before me, I said: I feature of these facts to my mind is forgive you; for God's sake leave me: the evidence they give of the continua-

I know there are psychic and phil-

LITTLE JOE.

Neither very good nor very bad; There is a roguish smile in his looks, Though quite a dullard he seems in

crept over me, and I began to get very times I felt myself to be in the wrong, And his face and nose are somewhat dapple.

But Joe is really a funny fellow-About his voice there is something so

From sympathy's tender, yearning heart Find not a blessing in their woe That I have found in little Joe. I pray that he may wiser grow,

And loving hands on him bestow The kindness suited to his age, To make the coming man a sage.

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OUR MANGELS,

A CHILDSON HEAVEN.

As Set Forth by Brilliant Qenius.

THE ARTICLE IS A SPLENDID SPIRITUAL BERMON, BEAMING WITH GRAND TRUTHS, BY GEORGE H. HEPWORTH, IN THE NEW YORK HERALD. "Angels came and ministered unto

him."—Matthew iv., 11. It is a glad surprise to the careful student of the older and the newer scriptures that the beings whom we position in the Father's dealings with his children on the earth. And it is

not the least curious fact in the history of our modern religious life that and the world's sympathy is most gencan be vouched for, so far as human were about me, and could not account taint of worldly hate, and suggesting the mission of these angels should be testimony can vouch for supernatural for this unusual condition. Hot flan-that A should do some unusual act of either ignored or practically discredited. We have not been willing days of his youth. to admit that God uses any secondary

As a consequence we suffer spiritual loss, for there is great comfort to be time of trouble, pitying us in our dis- utmost limit. Reason fails to follow their power. How many of our burdens are lightened by their succoring strength, how frequently we are enwhich we attribute to our own minds they do come from heaven to earth. from that town and is acquainted with what I did, but I can plainly remem- To add evidence to the supernatural and that our daily lives are blessed by their presence, no one who accepts the

B he came to A and asked for the while my mind, haunted and feared, been held in darkness all these years tiplied by others of a like nature that enough to set our hearts at rest, loan of \$1,500 to pay a mortgage on stood on the brink of raving madness, by the misdeeds of my life, but I was we are almost startled by their con- enough to assure us that no mere achis home. A held B and his family in with reason enough to realize the hor- not wholly responsible. I was in- stant recurrence: They shine like cident has occurred, but that the high esteem, and believed him (B) to rors of both body and mind. Had I fluenced by those I believed in the stars on a winter night; and to them eternal plan is being carried on withbe a man of honor, and loaned him committed murder, or some other in right. Oh, God will bless you. I will the Hebrews were indebted for their out error. Religion deals with matters

> same source, the following message: the child was commanded by an angel; is as feeble an instrument with which "My Kind Friend:—God bless you. when the temptation of Christ was to find out God as Galileo's toy tele-

I adduce only a few out of many instances, but they are sufficient to for mercy and relief; but, oh, how ject in Spirit-life to prove my grat- establish and emphasize the fact that When death came it neither dissipated we are seen though we do not see, and the forces nor destroyed the character. forms a barrier either to our longing to the churchyard, and perhaps he acor to their response to it. We may companied the sad procession. Vital 3 o'clock in the morning; pausing, I If the above incidents are true, and not feel the hand that is placed in forces are indestructible, as science turned toward where I supposed B the parties are prepared to present evi- ours, but it is there; we do not hear long ago insisted, and personality rewith the hearing of the ear, but with mains intact in spite of all that death the hearing of the heart; we do not can do. Indeed, death is simply the see these guardian spirits with the eye, server of a summons in accordance but with our inner consciousness we with orders from above. Some one is are sure that they are close by.

we are exploring! What a glorious named in the warrant. When this realm of fact is revealed to us! The person goes he carries his entire perpoor soul that is being driven along sonal entity with him, without the loss the downward path by the fury of his of a jot or tittle—his intellect, his "Two Little Pilgrims' Progress" in passions is accompanied at every step moral qualities and his affections. their supremest efforts they try to bar him in your embrace. crime with indifference, is surrounded God. .

joined by the Father to do us good self have much. service if we will allow them to do so. The third fact is that the door of make herself write thereupon, pro-

those who have been closest to our earth are thus forever intermingled, hearts, I believe, and they are always and in your home there are unseen

A CHILD IN HEAVEN

"Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with weep, but tears may become steppingthee; thou hast appointed his bounds stones to higher thoughts, and the that he cannot pass."—Job, xiv., 5.

possible to a home, the loss of a child of eternity dawns, may be rounds in is perhaps the most disappointing and some Jacob's ladder whose top is the hardest to bear.

"There is no household, howsoe'er defended, but has one vacant chair," erously given when that chair has

At first sight it would seem as though something had gone wrong in the universe, and we are mentally puzzled. We have the feeling that a young man has a certain right to life, and if he is robbed of it our faith in deeper our love the harder is it to believe that a mistake has not been committed. Faith droops and we

He was on the very verge of great things, we say, and the prospect was specially alluring. He had noble gifts, or hearts, no one can tell. But that had dreamed dreams of a successful career, was full of hopefulness and buoyancy and vigor. Then death intervened, and it instantly became imhearted, humane person. A and D beside me. Perspiration would break that same night, D had one of his vis-record of Christ's ministry as veritable possible for him to do what we should have taken pride in seeing him do and what would have won for him an powers partially developed; D receives impossible for me to lie in bed, and peared to him for the purpose, as he of the Old Testament like a golden enviable name among his fellows. automatic writing and occasionally yet when out of bed it was equally was afterwards informed through the thread in a costly fabric. The dark How can we be resigned under such sees visions of persons known to him painful for me to remain up. I walked automatic writing, of thanking him places in the life of the ancient He- circumstances and in what way can

> There are so many instances of this which are beyond the reach of our The birth of Christ was announced reason, but I doubt if it ever contra-Soon after A received, through the by an angel; the flight into Egypt with dicts our reason. The intellect of man

That boy was a bunch of vital forces

which took the form of character. You did not bury him. He was your wanted in another sphere of existence, What a glorious realm of thought and death comes to take the person

lonely heart that has been chilled by as logic can make it, on which you are spiration it had given me, she replied frosty misfortune, and falls upon a to build a shelter from raging doubts that it had the very same effect upon desperate mood that legards even and the fierce spirit of antagonism to herself; that really nothing had ever

We have here a practical fact, but because he has died, but rather has he has something to give somebody.'

And who are these heavenly beings? heaven is not bolted on either side, ducing two books that will rank with her method of teaching the principle. Why not those who have been bound but swings both ways. There are the best she has done. "A Lady of ethics. She illustrates her subject with to us for many years and who love us those who go in and those who come Quality," not yet published, was sug- which render the book more interesting now more than ever? Shall they who out. A great throng of released souls gested to her by one of the vaults in and more easily comprehended. have been so dear, but who were sum- are constantly finding their way up- her wine cellar in Portland place. It especially adapted for use in Children moned to the other land, be sent far ward to the new life, and another is written in the style of the Spectaaway, while strangers do his bidding throng are constantly coming down to tor, and is a book of tremendous for our behoof? Our guardians are minister to our comfort. Heaven and power and interest.

ready to come at our call. They hover visitants who could tell you strange about us, guide our wandering foot- news if you had ears to hear it. You steps, avert impending danger, do cannot call for help but the Father what they may to encourage and cheer, hears you, neither can you reach out and after the nightfall, when the morn- your hands but someone takes them. ing comes, they will be the first to The coming of the departed when they greet us and welcome us to that home are needed is a truth that underlies where partings shall be forever un- every system of religion known to the human race, and is chiefly illustrated by Christianity.

longings which cannot be repressed Of all the bereavements which are and will not be satisfied until the day hidden in the clouds. You may mourn, but your mourning should be based on resignation. The light will break on your darkness some time, and then from your coign of heavenly been occupied by one in the halcyon vantage you will be surprised that you of her whole nature, and nothing could believed so little and that your belief exceed her daintiness in all matter was harassed by so many doubts. pertaining to her personal appoint There is nothing in this world so ments. She once said that it seemed nearly priceless as the cheerful faith so absurd to sell lace by the yard; that that a morrow shall come when you no one should ever buy it except by shall once again fold to a warm em- the mile; and at a time when she was brace those who silently stole away very ill one day she said: "You may

GEORGE H. HEPWORTH.

GENIUS IN FAIR GUISE.

About Mrs. Hodgson Burnett love and omnipotence can be at the

THE BRILLIANT NOVELIST WORKS ONLY UNDER INSPIRATION.

Mrs. Burnett laughingly deplores the day when bangs shall go entirely would take a very large book to conout of fashion, and declares that she tain all the impositions that have been could never present her unadorned practiced upon her in her effort to see front to a carping world. Her golden how far one little woman can carry fringe does help to conceal a very out this beautiful idea.—Marion De high, very prominent forehead. Indeed, her head is of unusual size, and the phrenologists all say contains a man's brains. But whether masculine or feminine, they'll do. She possesses the most extraordinary fertility of Remarkable Premonition of imagination, the kind that seems to respond spontaneously to any demands made upon it.

TRUE INSPIRATION FERTILITY.

friends were grouped about her—the Church of the Immaculate Conception. thing she most loves-when a fair- in Brooklyn, Saturday night. Her haired young girl said: "Dearest, I mother went to the fair to hear her want to write a story; tell me how to daughter sing in public. The young go to work."

"you do not have to look for your hearse before singing. In the middle story; it is always at hand; always just of a verse her voice failed and she near; everything contains the story. experienced a choking sensation. Now, let us take the first thing our A Sister of St. Joseph, who was eye lights upon, and I will tell you playing the accompaniment, and who pointing at random, "Take that pic- music, asked the singer what was the ture, for instance." It chanced to be matter. a Spanish bull-fight, and she began Miss Morris burst into tears and recame to be written.

set of stories which she had just com- ried to a chair and Rev. Father James pleted, in despair wrote Mrs. Burnett, T. Crowley summoned. He saw that ing her to suggest one. Almost im- sent a messenger for Dr. Neville. mediately came back six, all of them Someone handed Mrs. Morris a glass good; one of them actually inspired of water. She took a sip and said: always make their first appearance lost consciousness, and Father Crowley dressed in their best, so that she is administered the last rites of the able to send her first copy to her pub- church, and just as Dr. Neville en lishers, a beautifully dainty man- tered the room Mrs. Morris died uscript, disfigured by few erasures or Brooklyn Eagle. interlineations.

A CHILD IN A BOOK. I had the pleasure of reading her

manuscript while she was writing it by God's messengers—the messengers That boy, therefore, thrills with life last year, and was somehow very unof his pity and his love-and with to-day just as he did when you folded usually stirred by the clever and beautiful story, and when I told her how his way to further wretchedness. The This is the corner-stone, as sound much new purpose, courage and inwielded a more powerful influence The nurse said, "Go into mamma's room by invisible agents who are doing all There is a larger field of usefulness over her than this creation of her own that heaven itself can suggest to make there than here, which is the second brain. She had always before felt the way smoother and the sky brighter. fact. Heaven is not the lounging- that she could not force herself to And the mourning soul, sitting in the place for indolent souls, the Sleepy write, but must wait upon her mood; shadow of a great bereavement, look- Hollow of the universe, where one re- she had, however, consented to uning upward with tear-dimmed eyes poses on eternal river banks and sings dertake this story against her inclinais no one near to whisper consolation? himself into a mental nonentity. A tion, as in the beginning the subject Is God unmindful or powerless to man wakes up in heaven, after this in no way appealed to her. But this assuage this wrief? The angels who restless dream of earthly life, and dear little girl soon got absolute dorepresent God sympathy are in that sees that God has glorious work for minion over her, and inspired her with darkened room, and the peace that him to do-work in his own develop- her own two animating ideas: "You comes to the broken heart comes from ment and helpful work for others, can do anything you set your mind That son has not ended his education to," and "No one is so poor but that we have made tod little use of it. The just begun it, and begun it under bet. And under the stimulating influence wonder is that we have neglected it so ter suspices and better teachers. So of this little child she regained the long, for it is one of the most precious far as he is concerned, he has reaped courage and confidence which seemed truths to be found within the whole a great advantage, and would be sorry to have gone out of her with the death range of God's providence. Not alone, if you could call him back to these of her eldest son. She came to feel never alone, but always in the com- narrow quarters. He has nothing to that she, too, could do anything she are alive to the beauty of nature. panionship of ministering spirits en- regret, although you think you your- set her mind to, and for the first time in her life found that she could even

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POSSESSES TRUE FEMININITY. Exceeding refinement is the keynote realize how ill I am when I tell you that I have even lost interest in laces and ribbons." The sorrows and suffering of the

world often weigh most heavily upon this noble woman's heart, and like many another she wonders how both helm; "but," she will say, "if there were no God, then so much more should each one of us constitute himself a God to help every human being within his reach." And I suppose it pew, in New York Sun.

FELT DEATH'S PRESENCE

Young Woman Singer in Brooklyn.

Miss Maggie Morris was to sing at One day a little circle of women a fair in the basement of St. Mary's woman was nervous and went to the "Oh." said the gifted novelist, academy adjoining the church to re-

how to make a story out of it." Then had been Miss Morris' instructor in

weaving her magic spell about it, and plied: "I don't know; I am all choked

brick wall. She had fallen to the floor At another time Miss Gertrude Hall, amid the merry-makers in the fair after agonizing for a fitting title for a and said she felt faint. She was carwho is her most intimate friend, ask- Mrs. Morris was dangerously ill and "Far From To-day." And her stories "It's no use, I am dying." Then she

WHICH ONE WAS KEPT.

There were two little kittens, a black and a gray, And grandma said with a frown:

"It never will do to keep them both, The black one we'd better drown.

"Don't cry, my dear," to tiny Bess, "One kitten's enough to keep, Now run for nurse, for 'tis growing late And time you were fast asleep.

The morrow dawned, and rosy and sweet Came little Bess from her nap, And look in grandma's lap." "Come here," said grandmamma with a

From the rocking-chair where she sat: 'God has sent you two little sisters; Now, what do you think of that?

Bess looked at the babies a moment. With their wee heads, yellow and brown. And then to grandma soberly said. "Which one are you going to drown?"
—Exchange.

The enamel of the teeth is composed of 96 per cent of calcarious matter, a Men are won, not so much by being blamed, as by being encompassed with

love.—Channing.

It is a sure evidence of the health and innocence of the beholder if the senses

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GENERAL SURVEY.

The Spiritualistic Field-Its Workers, Doings, Etc.

Bear in mind, please, that we cannot publish weekly reports of meetings. Whenever a change is made in speakers, or anything of special interest, send us a brief item, please, A great deal can be expressed in a dozen lines; but long reports will not be used. Meetings are of local interest only. We extend a cordial invitation to all speakers to send in their appointments to lecture, and general movements, which will be real by at least 40,000. We go to press early Monday morning, and items must reacd us as early as Friday or Saturday in order to have immediate insertion

J. A. Bailey, of Clinton, Iowa writes: "At present we have as lecturer Brother B. L. Eskelsen, who, for the short time he has been in the field, does well. His controls exhibit a good deal of spiritual fervor. Our meetings are well at-tended, and itinerant workers who may find themselves drifting this way, will and it for their interest to correspond with our secretary, Mrs. B. L. Eskelsen, or our president, Mrs. Wm. Smith."

Mrs. Hiram Holcomb writes: "I wish to say, when women have control of their own bodies, there will be less monsters and less monstrosities, and when humanity learns that eating half-cooked flesh f beasts is what feeds and keeps up those horrible natures, and learn to feed their children on decent food, and when lynching and capital punishment is done

F. Corden White, platform test medium and lecturer, who is filling an engagement in Milwaukce, makes frequent trips to this city, his favorite place.

ncea success. A strong appeal was ten together an audience and a hall, but s still a worker as of old in the sacred to be endorsed by all mediums who state and in harmony there is strength." in her section, for her unswerving devoion to Spiritualism and the friendly spirit she has exhibited to mediums generally. South Chicago is a field where hope to consecrate a long period in mediumistic labor."

F. E. P. writes from Otsego, Mich. A religious war is on at Pine Grove, ch. A teacher in one of the public shools uses the bible in her opening exrcises. John N. Mason being director and a staunch Spiritualist, does not beo teach religion, especially a dead one them. they must have it, that the church is e place to go for their silly stuff. Mr. Mason is a man of advanced ideas, and is ot going to let this thing go on if he in help it. O, for more men like John

George R. Anderson writes from New Kork: "The First Spiritual Society, enry J. Newton, president, held their Carnegie Hall. Prof. Peck, the genrowded. Mrs. Edella Concannon, wife of the famous materializing medium, ave platform tests of a very convincing nature, some very pathetic, which loved many of the audience to tears. the has a grand gift, and in her gentle, olished manners gave a very favorable inpression to the audience, it being her ist appearance on this platform. These fork, at 153 West Twenty-third street. A motion was made by the presient for a vote of thanks to the New ork Recorder, for its fair treatment truthful reports of Spiritualistic at Fraternity hall, Brooklyn, Sunday ternoons, and at 114 West Fourteenth eet, N. Y. City, (Spencer hall) every Vednesday evening at the Occult Club. new platform medium in Mr. J. Forein is attracting attention at the Amhion Theater building, Brooklyn, on inday evenings. He is engaged by e Bedford Avenue Spiritualist Associ-

mmond will be with us next month. on their side, etc."

Mrs. M. J. Wentworth, of Knox Cenre, Me., writes: "The Good Will Society of Spiritualists, in South Levant, Me., as president. The society numbers 116 ances, lectures and psychometric read-and is in a very flourishing condition. Ings every evening to the satisfaction They meet once in two weeks for a cir- of her audience. A goodly number of made to the fact that all humanitarian could not deny. A 'Helping Hand' club and religious movements had as their was also formed, and the two weeks' hope the one essential sentiment which feast of spiritual good things closed with had been voiced in different languages a very entertaining social. Any society from the time when angels sang "peace wishing to secure the services of an unon earth, good will to men," till now, tiring worker in the cause, especially if uplift humanity to that standpoint where Port Huron, Mich. She goes to Sagthe ties of human brotherhood shall inaw from here, then to Flint. She carhind with its golden cord. The home ries with her our best thoughts, and mediums were invited to take part in a hope for her return in the near future." social meeting. Before the address, frs. Parkhurst, of Levant, made very interesting remarks under inspiration. Mrs. N. Barns gave tests which were recognized. Mrs. Ella Hughes gave the invocation. Miss Nellie Chase improvised and sang and played the organ in a manner most acceptable to all."

audience gathered at the Los Angeles Theater recently, to hear Dr. Ravlin's to welcome the return of Dr. Schlesinger. The latter gave a large number of very fine tests and messages, and received repeated and hearty applause. In the evening also there was a very large attendance. After a remarkably fine inspiration address by Dr. Ravlin, Mr. Earle held the audience spellbound nearly an hour with tests, and then exhibited his slate-writing powers by getting messages upon several pairs of closed slates. One pair of slates that were shown to be clean were carried by Mr. Earle under his arm while passing through the audience. Upon being opened they were found to be filled with names, all handsomely written in different colors!

Isaac Perry writes from the National Home, Kansas, that a petition is being circulated over the country requesting Congress to pass a bill providing that any member of the Soldiers' Homes, who may so desire, renouncing all further claims to any Home in the future, be allowed a sum which, added to the amount of pension already granted, would amount to \$25 per month, thereby enabling worthy comrades to remain at nome with their families.

be forgotten soon by the Society of Spir-

itualists of Muncie, Ind. 'The Ladies' Aid gave a grand dinner, and was kept busy from about 11 o'clock a. m., until way with, there will be less of those de- after 2 o'clock p.m., carving and serving Juded earth-bound creatures to seek rethe festive turkey, with other substantials to near two hundred people. The passions beyond the power of those here society elected the following officers for the lecture and give tests within 200 miles society elected the following officers for the lesh to control." the ensuing year: John Loth, president; grand work."
B. F. Fisher, vice-president; J. F. Sni- Wm. Renne der, secretary; Z. T. Mong, treasurer; John Shields, Harry Griffin and George Compton, trustees. The officers were a packed house greeted Mrs. J. J. Whit-then called forward aspent and short time ney on her first appearance before Bishop A. Beals passed through this in speeches. In the evening, after support and been served by the Ladies' Aid, a short time was spent in a general rest and recreation. Then Brother J. H. and recreation. Then Brother J. H. pands as custodian the ladies' and recreation. Albert Sawln writes of the grand work in South Chicago: "The free, extended thought implied by the word denhall seems to be always ready and recreation." I endeavored to demonstrate to an exceedingly appreciative in the hall seems to spiritualism. Brother E.W. Sprague and wife, of Jamestown, N. Y., and thanked her for the way she had represented them at Washington in the manual in Society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society, placed in her hands as custodian the National and State charters of the society and thanked her for the society and dong used in South Chicago for spiritual were with us on the 29th ult., and gave the 18th. They had the house packed a good lecture. We expect Prof. W. M. to the door. Whenever Mrs. Whitney house a special ways a promade for the organizing of a permanent most talented speakers we have in the sure of a full house, as she is one of the society in South Chicago. Mrs. Snyder cause, on the 21st and 22d inst. The sobest platform mediums in the country and expense got-ciety in Muncie is in a most glowing and equally as good in private. Her shape, and bids fair to make great parlors are crowded with anxious invesstrides forward the coming year. gause, and she it is who has never failed never have been in a more harmonious

Herman Wettstein endorses what Eva A. Cassell says on "The Beast in Man" and favors heroic and radical measures to abate the evil of the outrages upon defenseless women. He says: "Radical measures must be resorted to-measures that will strike terror to the hearts of those who have no higher aim than the gratification of their passions—measures to regret my inability to assist you in gratification of their passions-measures that will attract the attention of the whole world in general and human brutes in particular. Let them know what they may expect if they do not lieve it the proper thing to do. He says bridle their lust. Hanging, or penitenwill not pay his money to any teacher tiary for life, is altogether too good for

Charles Carter writes of a visit by Prof. M. Rondelle, at Lancaster, Ohio: "While the professor was out of the room I wrote two questions and folded the paper five times. Immediately on entering the room, he said: 'I feel your mother's presence—her name is Rosana.' In three minutes more he said: 'There is a written answer to your quesfenry J. Newton, president, held their tion inside of your paper.' I had grasped the note tightly in my fingers all this time-and sure enough there was an inall orator, lectured morning and evening dependently-written answer, correct, to proper a sudjences. The median of a sudjences and evening there was an independently-written answer, correct, to my question. Hundreds will testify to my question. Hundreds will testify to meeting in the afternoon was his having done the same for them.

Mrs. Scott Briggs writes from Sar Francisco, Cal.: "In justice to C. V. Miller, and for the benefit of those who be lieve as we do, and those who do not, I should like to give the grand experience that I with others had at Mother Sadie's materializing seance, Nov. 27. was sitting outside the cabinet, in a perfectly dead silence, while the dropping of a pin could be heard, twenty-one etherealized forms, two and three at ances and meetings. The motion was once, came out and stood swaying in the conded and carried. John W. Fletcher opening, giving their full names to believers and unbelievers alike. The medium's cabinet controls materialized beautifully; but they were not the only ones. A spirit who calls herself the lace-maker of the medium's band came out and from her empty hands, in full view of the whole audience, made lace like a cobweb. To me, personally, came ion, Mrs. M. Evans, president. His bright is well recommended. Fred. Foxing is well recommended. Fred. Foxing is well recommended. Fred. Foxing is the last of the Fox family, is biding seances in the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was biding seances in the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds good tendays. For the cause is at Tomah, taking me by the days greeted, the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds good tendays. For the cause is at Tomah, taking me by the days greeted, the city at 1320 Broad-other freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed by the freeds greeted me while I was allowed greeted me while I was allowed greeted me while I was allowed gre Capt. A. F. Scott, my brother, as natuw, assisted by Mr. J. Moorey. His alone in the cabinet, giving their names. dependent slate-writing, trumpet speak- Wis."

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Spiritalists were inscribing there has been unpleasantness in their upon their hanner the central truth upon 'ranks, we would cheerfully recommend which the Spirit world were seeking to Mrs. S. M. G. Cronk, 921 Wall street,

J. M. H. writes: "The proper way to weed out of our spiritual ranks all fakes and fortune-tellers, would be to have all genuine mediums registered. All not genuine who give seances should be dealt with by the laws of their State as frauds. Then there would be no trouble in protecting the genuine. I believe The Medium states that a very large all applicants for registration, not propudience gathered at the Los Angeles erly known, should pass through an examination by a competent committee. ecture upon "The Light of Life," and My candid opinion is Spiritualism is a genuine religion."

> J. W. Kimball, of Williamsport, Pa. writes: "We have several Spiritualists here, and they have several times tried to get a society in operation, but so far they have been unsuccessful. If we could induce some good medium to come here I think we could make it pay them, and it would do a lot towards building up the cause here. If this should reach the eye of any medium who can produce honest manifestations, they can do well here for a short time. I would like to correspond with a good materializing medium to that end. Address me at 111 West Third street."

Frank T. Ripley is now lecturing in Baltimore, Md.

Henry J. Newton, of New York, writes: "I send you to-day the 'Recorder' of yesterday, containing an account of a seance given by Mr. Concannon, in Brook-lyn. I have attended one of his seances under equally strict test conditions. The manifestations were wonderful. I take great pleasure in speaking a good word for a good medium.

F. A. E., Caro, Mich., writes: "Mrs. S. M. G. Cronk, of Port Huron, Mich. J. F. Snider writes: "Thanksgiving spent the past two weeks in Caro, giving parlor lectures and seances. Her speak Day of the present year is a day not to ing and tests were fine. While here she organized a society called The First Spiritual Society, with twenty-five mem-bers; also the Helping Hand Society with fifteen members. She left for Saginaw December 7. She will accept calls to lecture and give tests within 200 miles

Wm. Renney writes from San Francisco, Cal.: "On Sunday evening, the 17th of November, at 111 Larken street," tigators. She is doing a grand work on the Pacific coast."

Dr. Theo. Hansmann, of Washington, D. C., writes: 'I am rejoiced when contemplating the wonderful work you do for the cause of truth and progress. Each number of your PROGRESSIVE THINKER is overflowing with bright ideas, bravely, unflinchingly brought your onward march.

Secretary writes from Salt Lake City "A week has elapsed since the permaa co-operation of forces we hope to make | The Banner of Light, Boston, says: the reapers are few.'

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medium is with the First Spirituralist present." Society of Kane City, Pa., for week of Lucy Barnicoat, of Boston, Mass., lec-City. Terms reasonable. Address him at Riverton, Neb. at Kane City, Pa., Venango county.

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H. E. W. writes from Caro, Mich.: The well-known psychometric me-Another society of Spirituatiets have dium, Mrs. L. A. Coffin, of Onset, has gladly sought for. Mrs. Jeffery gave us banded themselves together to work for been united in marriage with Mr. Tru-

a common phrase, that it is out of sight! You need not be at the trouble to inform me when my subscription expires, for I cle and hold meetings at times. Your church-going people attended the secorrespondent was the speaker on the ances, and most of them got tests from am watching that closely. A few weeks anniversary occasion. Reference was their friends on the other side that they from Miss Dr. Hellen Bassett, of Hendemploy no one but first class mediums derson Harbor, N. Y. In 1859 I was a who we know to be truthful and honest. resident of that place, and was converted to Spiritualism at that time, and have never been sorry a minute. A Mrs. ing very well. We are adding to our Bassett, whom I suppose to be the ranks daily. Miss Anne Eva Fay was mother of Miss Hellen, was a medium, here for a week. She did wonderful and I will not soon forget how she was things, and set thousands to thinking. persecuted, called all kinds of names; This week Madame Darrell is holding even her husband thought she had gone seances in materialization. She sits daughter who can uphold the doctrine, come out in subdued light, and are recthe best on earth. In this City of ognized by their friends. She will be Churches we have a number of Chris- with us next week." tian Spiritualists who still hang to the Rev. James DeBuchananne Ph. D. church and listen to the horrible doc-trines. They remind me of the darkey now back at Ft. Worth, under two who set a trap to catch a possum. He months engagement with the First questioned whiy he did it, said: 'So he of Ft. Worth's most prominent lawyers could cotch him a-guine' or a comin', and social leaders, with fair promise of in the church, so they can catch salva- with some of the best citizens among tion a guine' or a comin'." Secretary writes from Allegheny, Pa.;

> 2:30 and 7:45 p. m. Moses Hull, the vet- an able lecturer. eran expounder of the spiritual philoso- Thos. Lees writes: "The Children's society has engaged Mr. Hull and his wife for two months next season. By that time the seed he has sown the present time will show good results, We have some good mediums in this place, among whom Mrs. Dr. Jones ranks among the first. The society has engaged Mr. E. W. Sprague, of Jamestown, N. Y., for the month of January. He is an ardent worker in the cause Other good talent is engaged for the season.

40th street: the pleasure of receiving into our hearts Minnesota and northeast Iowa. Adand home, Miss Ariel E. Dodge, of Lit-dress us at Decorah, Iowa." tleton, Ill., an accomplished and inspired planist. We also have associated with us now in spiritual work, a mystic of the us now in spiritual work, a mystic of the last planes. The spiritual work is a mystic of the last planes are spiritual work as mystic of the last planes. The spiritual work is a mystic of the last planes are spiritual work. met Tjark Ben Hassen will do awell tunity. The members of the Band of Love receive their friends every Thursday from 2 to 5 p. m. Every Thursday evening, from 8 to 10, a dime social will be given also in our home. The programme will be varied both mortals

We regret to announce that Lyman C. Howe has been called suddenly cipal staircase, on the walls of which from his engagement in St. Louis, Mo., hung many heavy paintings, when sudto his home at Fredonia, N. Y., on account of the serious illness of his daughthe shoulders, and held him back. Surter, who is not expected to survive but prised, he turned around, but saw no a few days."

and spirits manifesting. All are wel-

Wis.: "Mrs. S. M. Lowell, of Anoka, gating Association. As in many other known hand he would surely have been places the real work of the society has killed." to be done by a small number, but the leaders of the association are thoroughly in earnest for the cause of Spiritualism. They are readers of THE PROGRESSnot yet grown so as to be regular sub- highest love and affections." scribers, with the words: "This is my Bible." If there is anything that we as truths which we all need."

Dr. J. B. Elliott, the magnetic healer, has removed to Pasadena, and is located

this city one of the foremost in the land 'Mrs. Mattie E. Hull will take up her combat, succeed we must, and no fakirs to join her by January 1. They will need apply; but all true and honest memake their home in this city until June. diums will not only find a hearty welcome, but a support equal to any. We for their temporary home, announce-are a new and young organization, hence ment will be made in The Banner, and we need workers and support to combat they will be 'at home' to friends, at the effluvia and dogmatic darkness of least, one or two evenings each week, past years. The harvest is ready, but when in the city. Mrs. Hull writes concerning their prospective work in the East: 'It is with no small degree of has grown so under the ministrations of pleasure that we are anticipating our Mrs. Summers, that it now meets at a reunion with old friends; we trust we larger hall—Munches' Hall, 1052 Mil- may be able to do a good work for the once more in the flesh. She breathed waukee avenue. Dr. R. Greer will lecture on the subject, "Have We a Soul?" that we have lost none of our interest or inspiration in our life work. Spiritual-Tisdale for the last two Sundays in Febery part of the world, and the same in every spheres, and permitted to come to ruary and the last, 8th and 29th in March, ditions necessary for its advancement.

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December 8th. He would like to make turer, psychometrist and poetical improengagements with societies near Oil visor can be addressed, for engagements

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A "Send me Volume II. or The Encycloped pædia of Death, and Life in the Spirit-cember 23, at 8 o'clopk for the peneme of World. I have Volume I., and money the incarcerated mediums of Philadel-could not buy it if I could not get and delphia. All Spiritualists should give this their full supports we have a support of \$15.15 for the round trip, tickets good tendays. For the round trip, tickets good tendays. For the round trip, tickets good tendays. For the round trip, tickets good tendays.

G. M. H. writes from Belvidere, Ill.: The star-fish is all mouth. When this

two grand discourses. She gave some on the second anniversary held services at Wilson's hall, November 17th, dren and the progress of the cause of now located on the socialed "Howard graphs, and described spirits who active means ago several earnest Spiritualism. We have had with us fer the past two weeks Mrs. S. M. G. Cronk, of Port Hunon, who has held test services and revelopment of the society numbers 186 areas of the past two weeks Mrs. S. M. G. Cronk, areas of the Progressive Thinker attempts the past two weeks areas of the past two weeks Mrs. S. M. G. Cronk, areas of the Progressive Thinker attempts the past two weeks Mrs. S. M. G. Cronk, areas of the Progressive Thinker attempts areas of the past two weeks Mrs. S. M. G. Cronk, areas of the Progressive Thinker attempts are attempts and some were recognized as related to the past two weeks Mrs. S. M. G. Cronk, areas of the past two weeks more than two years. I must say, to use paper, the Republican of to-day, the a common phrase, that it is out of sight! following: 'As a result of her recent lectures in this city, it is reported that a number of prominent citizens have become converted to Spiritualism.' So you see things begin to brighten up. We employ no one but first-class mediums,

> C. H. G. writes from Topeka, Kan. "The work here in Topeka is progressdaft. I am glad if she has raised a under strict test conditions. Full forms

> left it open at both ends. On being Spiritual society, with Judge Wray, one Christian Spiritualists wish to remain building up a strong spiritual society, it's membership. I lecture at 3 and 7:30 each Sunday, and will try to do work in "The First Church of Spiritualists of outside towns during the week." this city meets regularly on Sunday in DeBuchananne can be addressed for en-Old Quincy Hall, 127 Louck street, at gagements at 500 Taylor street. He is

phy, delivered three lectures for the so- Progressive Lyceum of Cleveland, O. ciety this month. The president, Mr. which temporarily met in Weber's hall, ciety this month. The president, Mr. which temporarily met in Weber's hall, George Heffner, in a few well-chosen reon the west side for a few months, again marks, introduced the speaker to re-occupy their old quarters in Memorial crowded houses. Mr. Hull held the rapt Hall, 170 Superior street, where they held in secrecy.

Attention of the large audience for will held their annual festival. Sunday. crowded houses. Mr. Hull neid the rapt, Hall, 110 Superior screen, whole street, while sunday, attention of the large audience for will hold their annual festival, Sunday, nearly two hours at each lecture. The December 29th, 2 p. m. Speeches, much published, would cost from seventy-five to one hunnearly two hours at each lecture. The December 29th, 2 p. m. Speeches, much published, would cost from seventy-five to one hundred dollars.

2 This system also contains a chart which will give the planets for the

town, N. Y., for the month of January. In that time we have given in all ten lectures to a small, but very intelligent body of thinkers and investigators. While here we have been the guests of Mrs. Georgina McIntyre writes from those broad-minded, liberal-hearted 1891 Washington boulevard, near West grand-souled champions of spiritual and "Last week we wrote you intellectual advancement, Dr. Haskins regarding the removal to this city, of and wife, and very enjoyable family. A the phenomenal medium, Mrs. Cassie valiant few are striving earnestly here McFarlin, for whom a recital and reagainst the usual antagonistic orthodox ception will be given. December 23d, at tide of creedism, and marked progress o'clook, in Rebman's Hall, 2074 W. is being made. We are open to en-Lake street, to which all are welcome, gagements to work for societies any-Since writing the above we have had where in the region of south central

inner shrine. Those who have never hall, 610 S. Spring street, Los Angeles, Cal., every Sunday afternoon. Mrs. to avail themselves, of the oppor- Bullene is favorably known in the East. "Die Uebersinnliche Welt" of August

contains the following account of an intervention of spirits to save life: "One of my friends was stopping recently at a country seat in Cheshire, in which was one of the largest and most valuable collections of portraits in England. One evening he was late to tea, and accordingly he was going hastily up the prinhung many heavy paintings, when sud-denly two strong hands seized him by one. At the same instant there fell A subscriber wites from Ashland, with a crash a life-size picture, two feet from the place Minnesota, is filling a very successful and shattered the banisters into atoms. engagement with the Spiritual Investi- If he had not been held back by an un-

Exterminate the Breed.

"Let fakes and frauds be retired to IVE THINKER and as soon as read, dis- the rear until they shall learn not to tribute them freely to those who have make merchandise out of the soul's

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER desires Spiritualists have to be thankful for it to emphasize the above sentence, quoted is for Brother Francis and the THINKER from the article of Dr. Higbie, in its that he sends out to us each week so issue of the 7th inst. The United States filled with the bright and sparkling government imprisons for a term of years the vile wretches who counterfeit the current coin, and that though of nent organization of the First National Spiritual Organization of Salt Lake City. Through the good work of our sister and co-worker, Mrs. Loe F. Prior, one of the best test and trance lecturer mediums of to-day on the rostrum, we have succeeded in an organization here, and by a co-operation of forces we have to make the corner of Raymond avenue and Painter street.

Dr. Raylin has been creating great dead, palming one's self upon the credulus at the course in California. His lecture on "Spirituality in Its Height and Depth" was very fine. pure metal and faultless in execution. tinct. They need not apply to these colfor good mediums to inhabit. While we residence in Boston about the 18th of the favor. He who practices a fraud once have a decidedly mixed element here to present month. She expects Mr. Hull will do it again and again when favorable opportunities occur. Everything good is counterfeited, but woe to him who traffics with our affections for immortal loved ones.

Passed On.

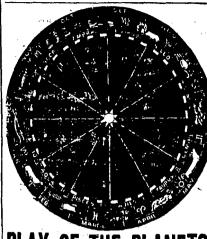
Lyman C. Howe sends us the following from his home at Fredonia, N. Y.: "I arrived home Thursday, December 12, in time to see my precious Maude her last at 3:45 p.m., Friday, December 13. Though a great sufferer for many months, the went out as quietly as if anything dreamed of, even by her closest friends."

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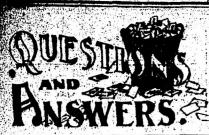
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"If we conceive of spirit at all, it must cines, far-fetohed and costly apparently be through the medium of matter; if are more active; than those which may not composed of matter it is naught. be had for the gathering. Something cannot originate from nothing; an infinity of nothing is nothing still. This view may be considered as materialistic, but it is not materialism as commonly understood. By matter is not meant the elements exclusive-

ly. As there are waves of light and waves of sound which the eyes nor ear are organized to take cognizance of, so beyond the limits of the so-called elementary substances others are possible which the physical senses do not recog-

There can be a world formed of material which the eye cannot see nor the sense of touch feel As a distinction, to avoid confusion, the material beyond sensuous recognition is called substance; hence, it may be said truthfully: All things which exist are material; without matter nothing exists; without matter, or substance.

T. N. Travis: Q. (1) What is the difference between transfiguration, impersonation and materialization? (2) Is the materialized body an as

tral body? (3) Can you give the names of the elehealth has been poor, and the clock, dements which enter into these bodies? (4) While busy at my work, my mind prived of its usual attention, has been absorbed in spiritual thought, I hear keeping indifferent time. One morning

some sweet song with music. As I am the clock struck five, and in a few mindeaf to earthly sounds, whence this utes stopped. Early risers who heard

A. Transfiguration, as applied to Christ, means the shining through of the spiritual nature, until the glory of the spirit appeared in place of the mortal; when applied to a medium it has the same signification. The body becomes transformed by the intensity of the Spiritual explanation. and had died five minutes past 5, and the Spiritual exaltation.
Impersonation is the representation

by the medium of the spirit purporting point to the identical time when the by the medium of the spirit purporting point to the identical time when the tail his seances on this occasion, which to control. This is done by the spirit pulse ceased to beat, and the active has been done so many times, but I will controlling the medium after the manner and methods of the hypnotist, and the clock were paralyzed in death. actions, to that complete possession or obsession, when the features of the subobsession, when the features of the subject are changed, being transformed to meant by the riddle of the Sphinx. Has represent the control. This is a quite the great Sphinx by the pyramids any common phase, and may be observed in relation to it?

Materialization is the attracting to the spiritual bodies of a sufficiency of mat- of the most distinctively characteristic ter, so that light will be reflected and illustrations of ancient methods of the forms seen. It is not a correct term. etherealization more closely expressing the process. There are materializations which weigh heavily on the scales, and the peculiarity of having been cut out are arrayed in garments which do not disappear with the wearer. They are of the earth earthy, and have no place in this explanation.

(2) The "astral body," if it mean anything, is synonymous with the spiritual body, and this, as previously stated, can feminine and masculine, the darkness make itself seen by attracting physical atoms around it.

There is a correspondence be- matter. tween the refined elements which enter | The gods of Egypt wore often repreinto the formation of the spiritual body, and the physical elementaries. They changed as in the substitution of a handed over by visible, materialized

refinement. Carbon is represented by unfathomable secrets they have emmessages were recognized, and about a "Go ye and look upon that land, oxygen, and thus through the long cata- The desert sands drift, the stork passes logue. Hence spirits are organic beings with flapping wings, and the wandering thousand or twelve hundred persons That old, old land, which men call new

the revival of memory, of strains heard at some next time. The riddle of the strains heard at some next time. The riddle of the spirits present, also all wanting to a spirits present, also all wanting to a spirits present, also all wanting to a spirit spirits present, also all wanting to a spirit spirits present, also all wanting to a spirit spirit spirits present, also all wanting to a spirit spirit spirit spirits present, also all wanting to a spirit spirit spirit spirits present, also all wanting to a spirit spirit spirit spirits present, also all wanting to a spirit at some past time, or the impressions the riddle was considered the culminamade on the brain by the diseased nerves of the ear.

The true explanation is that of clairaudience—the hearing by means of the spiritual being, independent of the physical ear.

According to making by means of the physical ear.

According to making by means of the physical ear.

According to making by means of the poetic Greeks regarded the court of the gods directly related Beals."

Joseph G. Patton, Towanda, Pa.: Q. (1). What is the meaning of the black the head and breasts of a woman, the and white clouds, often very beautiful, which I see when I sit in a circle? (2) What is the best way to produce dles, and it seated itself on the Phicean

clairvovance.

A. (1) These clouds are attempts to Thebans: present pictured scenes to the mind. (2) An easy and direct means to produce clairvoyance is by hypnotism. If and three at night?"
the subject cannot be influenced hypnot. Many who were esteemed wise, or so ically by a good practitioner, there is esteemed themselves, went up the hill little use in his persisting. After a with an answer, but not having the right time the subject will be able of himself, without other assistance, to enter the king offered the hand of his daughter clairvoyant state, or will find many and the throne to any one who would spiritual beings ready to assist him, solve the riddle and thus free the land that they may employ him as an instru- of the affliction. Œdipus, hearing of and I investigated very thoroughly indement. A well-organized circle may produce the same effect as a hypnotizer, or such concentration of thought may be gained that the exalted state may be gained that the exalted state may cane in old age, or at his life's evening."

tian, the Egyptians never having had such glasses. The mirrors are manual factured after modern methods, and the confessional." This book, by the well-known Father Chiniquy, reveals the decay have come to me from him, that it name. It may be true that by holding grading, impure influence and results of throws a halo of truth on many that are one of these mirrors in the hand and in-tently gazing into it, the hypnotic or the sad experience of many wrecked cused for saying so much of this scholmesiheric state may be induced in those ives. Price, by mail, \$1. For sale at arly man which has nothing to do with sensitive to it, and by continued use his office.

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the purpose is the same; the concentration of the mind on one fixed desire, and by this concentration, its exaltation,

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the chime for five affirm that there was

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ideal animal. Its purpose is artistically

to convey the thought of the union of the

the weapon and stock in trade of the

According to that beautiful mytholo-

with themselves, Juno sent a monster to ravage the territory of Thebes. It had

body of a lion and the wings of a bird.

The Muses had taught the monster rid-

Hill and gave the famous poser to the

"What animal is that which goes on

one were devoured by the monster. The

"wise man."

Are spiritual beings formed of matter?

A. In reply to the question I quote from the first page of "Philosophy of Spirit," recently republished in England, being the 2d Vol. of "The Arcana of Nature:"

or the past and present.

A glass globe or a "crystal" an inche once, as usual, seemed satisfied and interested, and quite often applauded approvingly at some of the strong points, the prepossession of the mind with the land the car that I was one of the number present, and the car that I was one of the number present, and the car that I was one of the number present. and the car that I rode in to the belief in their superior efficacy, as med-Temple was filled with people who were going there. All were full of expectations of enjoying the seance. One lady said if she did not believe in Spiritualism, she should not believe in anything; * . Cincinnati, Ohio: Q. Is and the whole of that carload crowd there anything more than coincidence in seemed to be of the same mind, and in the stopping of the clock at the hour of death, or its striking as a warning, which has been frequently reported? that way said "amen" to the sentiment. I said that, of course, was my sentiment, and also that I had read an item in a daily paper that Mrs. Mary Livermore was quoted as saying: "As to a future life, I have never seen anyone so sure A. I have made a large collection of such incidents, and would regard it as a favor if those, who have met with such would send reports of them to me. The that he did not wish to be a little surer." number of such cases precludes the possibility of coincidence, and the most plausible, to put it on that ground, is that a spiritual agency stops the hands of the clock at the appointed moment, methods of that life-not any surer that or strikes the warning hour. At random A startling coincidence, which has set even the more unsuperstitious to thinking, happened in Bucyrus recently. For manifestations and how long we are to many years it has been the office of a skilled German jeweler and clockmaster last, for we cannot prove immortality. There is quite a difference between beto attend to the clock which hangs in the ing sure of a life after this human one is over that ground before. But we must steeple of the court-house. This master over, and an immortal one, but I like workman, Kehrer by name, is quite what the Rev. Mr. Savage says on this subject, "for if we survive one death, I noted for his complicated and ingenious clock movements, many of which have can conceive it possible to survive a attracted attention throughout the

TEMPLE SEANCE.

thousand." This thoughtful crowd seemed to agree with me, and soon we were at the Temple and seated. Some one said that Mr. Keeler was going away soon, and would not be the medium here more than one or two Sundays more. I do not know whether that is true. I shall be sorry if it is, for his are the most satisfactory manifestations we have for a large audience that I have ever seen, and I do not think there is a thoughtful attendant that Mr. doffett speaks of s witnesses his phenomena but feels that they are what they claim to be-certainly not sleight-of hand or trickery or by any human device

the hands of the old town clock still There will be no use in relating in demind and skilled hand of the master of mention one thing that gave great satisfaction. Mr. Ayers invited people to come up on to the platform, one at a time, and some twenty-five or more came up, male and female, and shook hands with the spirits and looked over into the cabinet. Every one said they saw the things move, but said no one was in the cabi-A. The "Riddle of the Sphinx," which has come down the ages, as one net. One woman who had never attended a seance, said, in looking over the curtain, she saw the guitar move, but no-body was there to move it. Some one in thought, has no connection with the Sphinx of the pyramids. This Sphinx the audience said loudly: "Ask it to turn over," and the woman did so, and then said it had turned over, and nobody did is the largest, and from its position, and it. "Now," said she, "turn back;" and it did so, and the circumstance, so eviof the solld rock on which it rests, has dently honest, amused all present and was loudly applauded. I think with all excited the wonder of mankind. It is formed by uniting the head and bust of a woman with the body of a lion or vincing physical manifestations, especially in so large an audience. One must unsexed, I should think. In my opinion, it is a

with the light. the spirit with the anistated. mal, beauty and the beast, God with As usual, the last half hour was spent him. by the spirits writing messages on the leaves or blocks of paper, which were and the physical elementaries. They differ in activities from the progenitors, that is all. They are all unknown to earth and have not received names.

The spiritual elements, such as the earth emanates, which ascend to form earth emanates.

balmed in stone, with lips forever silent. hundred were sent out, so they were nec- That far, vast land that few behold, essarily very short, for if there were a And none beholding understand as much as while in their physical Arab pitches his tent, and feeds his present, there must have been as many That land as old as time is old. spirits present, also all wanting to let

ored ones, having many friends on the And you are of the favored few; the riddle was considered the culmination of wisdom, and the conundrum was casily as I am so open to the fact, and For you have learned your littleness. one or more has been sent to me at every seance. My wife's father sent one, thus: And signs that men misunderstand; 'John, we shall keep coming as long as A land of space and dreams; a land you do: nothing special to say now. Wm. Of sea-salt lakes and dried-up seas;

It may seem strange to some that a And lonely wells and pools; spirit should take so much pains to say so little, and unimportant at that; but I That hath its purposes and plans, am always respectful when I am sure That seems so like dead Palestine, they are from a spirit, whether they are Save that its wastes have no confine an identification or not, for a spirit Till pushed against the levell'd skies; message proves a man's survival of phys- A land from out whose depths shall rise ical death, and I also know that if there The new-time prophets. four feet in the morning, two at noon, are a thousand or two invisibles present, one of them doesn't want to monopolize From out whose awful depths shall come, came to me from my neighbor and friend, the well known Epes Sargent, and short as it is, I am sure he had a hand in it, for he has so often identified himself: "I greet you old, friend. Epes Sargent." It will be remembered he y may employ him as an instruof the affliction. Œdipus, hearing of pendent slate-writing during the last For weary feet.'

A well-organized circle may the offer came, and confronting the ten years of his human life, and at every "Lo! from this land." sitting during the ten years since his depresent and written a message referring Thereupon the Sphinx threw itself to earthly experiences, and has thor-A. G., New York City: Q. What is an Egyptian Mirror, and where can I obtain one?

A. The "Egyptian Mirror" is small, round glass, sometimes convex, said to possess occult properties, inducting transpose clairvovance, etc. Its name and place.

down and expired.

There is no "book" on the subject, but the narrative in many forms may be found in any work of mythology. It is found in the folklore of all nations alive, and that I shall live also. I can say also this, that message on this occasion, and all others, were in his fine, moved from them" which is being fulling transpose. for I have read the manuscripts of many this seance of Mr. Keeler, but I think

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THE BEAST IN MAN.

Eva. A. Cassell Makes & Reply to At Ayers' Temple, Boston, Mr. Moffett.

TWELVE HUNDRED PEOPLE PRESENT TO OF THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER I see a criticism from a pertenting gentleman concerning my last heticle. I was hoping that some ten or twelve hundred people gathered at the Temple to witness the seance, which, as usual this season, was by Pierre L. O. A. Keeler, these were the usual physical manifestations that we have been favored with the past two months. The large audi. TO THE EDITORIA! In the last issue

Mr. Moffett says that my ideas bear too much of revenge to be purely spir-itual. If I ever had any spirituality, it is totally dissipated—annihilated, when I reflect upon four-year old Myrtle Vance suffering physical disruption and finally death in the flendish grip of the negro. Whatever spirituality I possessed, fled shuddering with horror at the awful desecration of the infantile

Most of my readers will agree with me that the question involved is not one of spirituality; but it is one concerning the well-being and safety of the white women of the nation; whether they are to be assaulted with impunity, as will be the case when lynching is done away with. Southerners say that it is fear of lynching that prevents more outrages. The record of these wrongs would be want to be any surer; that man did not greatly enhanced were it not for fear of die when his body did. I would like to such a retribution. If these constant such a retribution. If these constant be a little surer of some of the details or rapes now occur when lynching is imminent, how many more will take place when the fear of such a punishment is removed?

> Mr. Moffett's argument about sending the soul of the rapist to the Spiritworld, is good. He speaks as a Spirit-ualist. As one myself, I have been all reflect that the world's people are not ing as a fitting punishment, I put myself among the world's people who understand nothing of sending the soul of the the guilty assaulter as soon as appre-hended, and, under the present earthly

Mr. doffett speaks of spirituality as Mr. Joffett speaks of spirituality as an anniquiator of lynching, and it may be so in the future; and when that time comes, lynch law will not exist, anyway, for the rapists will have become so spirituality as ruler. Heading in this State, in resulting an instructed the secretary, Mrs. Mary Ayers, of 129 River street, Lansing, to notify every society that had become auxiliary to the M. S. S. A. for the rapists will have become so spiritualized that they will not commit assault upon women; so there will be no lynching to be done away with. But that is far in the future. We must have some fitting restraint for the rapist of the First Spiritual Association of today, and a punishment compatible

with his crime. Mr. Moffett suggests unsexing as a remedy, as he considers it wrong to hang admission. Sunday morning, December or lynch criminals 19 Very well; upon the same basis as he issumes, I might the meeting to order, followed by a most the same basis as lie assumes, I might the meeting to order, followed by a most ask, what authority have we to deprive excellent address by Sister J. B. Jackson. one member of the ruman family of his inalienable right and privilege of perthing without a sex? God endowed him with bodily functions as well as life. If it is wicked to lynch him, it is wicked to unsex him, as both muthods deprive him of his alienable rights and privileges. It is reduced in price to twenty-five cents

ise the knife upon him as it is to lynch tionally strong. EVA A. CASSELL.

JOAQUIN MILLER.

"The vastness of that voiceless plain.

I seem to be generally among the fav- Thenceforth, for aye, a part of you,

"A wide domain of mysteries A land of caves and caravans,

All clad in skins, with dusty feet, A man fresh from his Maker's hand, A singer singing oversweet, A charmer charming very wise,

"And then all men shall not be dumb; Nay, not be dumb, for he shall say: 'Take, head, for I prepare the way

Of Jordan streams and sin-washed sand parture I have attended he has been The Christ snall come when next the

race

Of man shall look afford his face."

If Isaiah could forgical the birth of filled before our eyes—what is there strange in the fact Hat Joaquin Miller foretold the coming of Schlatter twenty years ago? Miller fld not pen the poem, but an individualized Intelligence who could see thus far Thito the future controlled his muscutaisu system and he wrote the above, having no idea why he wrote it.
Seers and prophets still live because

spirit is eternal. The golden age lies ahead of us, not behind. San Jose, Cal. GEO. W. CAREY.

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The Proposed International Congress.

The Council of the London Spiritualist Alliance have had before them a considerable number of letters received in response to a circular addressed by the

appropriate time, that year marking the Jubilee of the origin of the modern Spiritualistic movement. This suggestion met with the full approval of the Counoil, who will accordingly take the necessary steps for Its successful realization, in which they confidently hope to have the cordial co-operation of their friends in all parts of the world. Suggestions, offers of papers,

proposals to attend, and all other communications may be addressed to the President of the London Spiritualist Alliance, 2, Duke street, Adelphi, London, W. C.

From Grand Rapids, Mich.

C. E. Dent, trustee of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association, writes of is experiences at Grand Rapids, Mich. Ve have only space for a brief extract: I left Vicksburg, November 26th; arived in Grand Rapids the same day, and found our cause alive there. The executive board of the M. S. S. A. met the next day in Mr. Moulton's office. Present, L. V. Moulton, president; Mrs. A. E. Sheets, vice-president; Mrs. May Ayers, secretary; J. C. Batdorf, treasurer and trustee; John Hutcherson and myself,—the board of M. S. S. A.

The business of the association was found in good standing. Under the head for new business we complied with H. D. Barrett's request and sent a list of our ordained ministers of the gospel of Spirand found our cause alive there. The

Spiritualists, and when I spoke of lynch-Barrett's request and sent a list of our ordained ministers of the gospel of Spir-itualism to whom we had granted perrapist to the Spirit-world, and its probgive a partial list: L. V. Moulton, Mrs.
able return to obsess the masses. Who
A. E. Sheets, Mrs. Julia A. Walton; the world's people going to stop long der, D. P. Dewey and Mrs. C. E. Wood-enough to listen to these arguments of ruff. There are otherwise the control of t enough to listen to these arguments of ruff. There are others who reside in the Spiritualist? No! They will lynch Michigan. We also ordained George H. Brooks, formerly of Elgin, Ill.

"I choose that a story should be founded on prob-ability, and not always resemble a dream. I desire to find nothing in it trivial or extravagant; and I desire above all, that under the appearances of fable, there may appear some latent truth, obvious to the discern-ing oye, though "escape the observation of the vulgar."—VOLTAIER. We voted unanimously to hold a mid-winter meeting in this State, in Feb-CONTENTS: "The White Bull." a Satirical Romance; "Zadig, or Fate." an Oriental History; "The Sage and the Athelst;" "The Princess of Babylon:" "The Man of Forty Crowns;" "The Huron, or Pupil of Nature;" "Micromegas." a Satire on Mankind; "The World as it Goes;" The Black and the White;" "Memnon, the Philosopher;" "Andre Des Touches at Slam;" "Bababec;" "The Study of Nature;" "A Conversation With a Chinese;" "Plato's Dream;" "A Pleasure in Haying no Pleasure;" "An Adventure in India;" "Jeanuct and Colin;" "Travels of Bearmentade;" "The Good Brahmin;" "The Two Comforters;" "Ancient Faith and Fable." to send her word what they would bid to have it at their place, and then the press to the interest of the cause.

Che First Spiritual Association of 15 cents.

Che First Spiritual Association of 15 cents.

Grand Rapids meets at its hall Wednesday evenings and have a sociable or entertainment of some kind at ten cents Mr. Dent concludes his communication

forming his bodily functions? What Lindsay, Mrs. W. C. Coffman, Mrs. right have we to deprive him of the badge of manhood and make of him a Dykhouse and others. by speaking very favorably of Mrs. John Lindsay, Mrs. W. C. Coffman, Mrs.

The Arena.

With the December issue, The Arena appears to me that there is very little difference in the punishment. Most men would rather suffer death than be unsexed, I should think.

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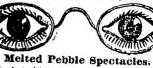
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