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OUR TWO HOMES.

This Longing for Immortality.

The Burdens We Bear.

DIVINE LESSONS TAUGHT BY GEO. H. HEPWORTH, LEADING EDITORIAL WRITER ON THE NEW YORK WORLD. OUR TWO HOMES.

An inheritance reserved in heaven for you.-1. Peter, 1, 4. If a man has a happy home his prayer will be one of gratitude, and he will have very little to ask of God.

When a boy goes into the world from a virtuous home he is like a young knight, well protected and well-armed, for if a child has been fed on truth and honor he has a slender appetite for immoral allurements.

Our homes are a mint and we are the therein.

One may be furnished with a complete panoply at his mother's knee, may be armed cap-a-pie for struggle and victo-

Show me the home of a boy, and I will prophesy concerning his future without a tremor of uncertainty. Show me a man's home and I can account for his peculiarities, his cheerfulness or his despair.

A quiet home, on whose altar the flame of love and confidence never goes

the home on earth to the home in more raindrops than the tears which heaven

THIS LONGING FOR IMMORTALITY. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven .- Acts, i., 10. We did not come into the world of our own accord, and are therefore not re-sponsible for being here.

It is evident, however, that we are here for a purpose, and it is perfectly the incidents that have broken our clear what that purpose is. hearts. When one has passed beyond When we arrive it is with a perfectly the mysterious limit of life and disap-helpless body. For a time we must be peared from our sight, though not from taken care of—our necessities supplied our memory and affection, it may be by some person or persons who have that his fortune is botter than ours. He been appointed to that end. After a few has taken the path which leads to the years we obtain possession of ourselves, land where sorrows are unknown, while and begin to think and act on our own we remain to bear alone the burdens

ind gran to think and act on our own we remain to bear alone the ourdens judgment. The body goes through the mysterious processes of growth, and continues to develop until it reaches a certain stature. Then the growth ceases, and by slow de-grees the body declines in strength, un-grees the body declines in strength, un-

til at last we enter the stage of child-hood a second time. us old before our time - the endless trials and disappointments which fill us with nood a second time. The law is that the body shall increase anxiety and are so discouraging that we Our homes are a mint and we are the precious metal which receives its stamp It is safe, therefore, to generalize, and we should cling to it so tenaciously. We say that everything has a purpose ahead feel like men in a boat rowing against of it, and ought to have such an environ the current, who make no headway, ment that this purpose can be reached, however eagerly they may bend to the

ment that this purpose can be reached, how the second provided the laws which govern it are bars. obeyed. That statement proves itself, It is concerning this class of sorrows that we end counsel and an encourag-that we end counsel and an encouragand is not subject to denial. The mind and the soul, like the body, are merely dormant possibilities at ample, this man began life with high birth. They know nothing and have ex- hopes, and as the years went by the perienced nothing. Kuowledge and ex-bopes withered and fell one by one until perience come little by little, and in nothing is left except the dull monotony that way mind and soul commence to de-velop. of drudgery. The bells which merfily chimed in other days have been tolliug

flame of love and confidence never goes out, is as close to heaven as mortals can get this side the grave; a home which lacks love and confidence breeds germs of minutiping the set of the of misery which multiply until ruin has of contradiction that there is also an business failed him. He would give his done its awful work.

The purpose of marriage is the build-ing of the home. If there is any other where the opportunity will be offered to motive—wealth or social position—we attain that ideal. It would be strange some large-hearted boy has gone wrong, motive—wealth or social position—we attain that ideal. It would be strange some large-hearted boy has gone wrong, perform an act of sacrilege, defy the laws of the universe and roap a harvest to declare that one part of us can come of tears. True love never listens to the ring of gold, and if we clasp hands be-caue they hold a check book we simply finvite the avalanche to crush than it could do or become. Some large-hearted boy has gone wrong, and, like an ocean steamer under full headway in a fog, may reach the wreck-headway in a fog, may reach the wreck-

simply invite the avalatence to crush that it could not become. us, There are broken lives which lives that might have been beautified, stormy lives that might have been filled with sunshine, desperate lives that might ing of body, soul and spirit—one-third of have been saintly, lives whose misery have been saintly, lives whose misery have been fair play for itself with a events of life, and they are happening

THE TIMES-HERALD GAVE A DESCRIP-TION OF HIS WORK. BELVIDERE, INL.-Presently no in-ranges from fifteen to forty daily. It is

have fallen from human eyes. Hearts are heavy everywhere, and if we ask why this should be, the answer must be sought with patience and perseverance. There are other experiences besides corporated village will be without its "divine healer." There is scarcely a county seat in Illinois but has one now. Schlatter's great, vogue in the west had much to do with the development scances, or whatever may be the proper those connected with the vacant chair of many other miracle-workers, real or term for these gatherings, are held at counterfeit. Belvidere has a home-the home of Robert T. Simpson, in Ogwhich are very hard to bear. It is even sale to say that death has rivals in the eral practice of prophets and rainmak-ers, has settled down in the neighbor- Simpson has generously permitted the production of suffering, and that the loss of loved ones does not rank first among

Simpson has generously permitted the transformation of her sitting room into hood in which he was born and exercises his power to the physical good of a receiving office for all kinds of invalids. his neighbors and friends. Wilbur E. Here they gather and here Hammond Hammond is the name of the young man. throws himself into what he calls a One year ago he was a farmer, dallying trance condition and lavishes advice with the soil of a Boone county quarter and animal magnetism on his callers. section and making it annually spring. He had been in Chicago all the early with new life. Then his fame extended part of this week for rest. The demands scarcely beyond the limits of his native made upon his time and strength, he township. Now he is known in distant said, had thoroughly exhausted him. places and his daily mail contains many 'There was much calling at the Simpson letters craving his judgment and enlist-house to know when he would return, ing his powers in the treatment of and many who came from afar for treatphysical ills. He can cast out devils by ' ment had to take their complaints back wire or per post as well as he can by home. When he reached Belvidere

EQUALS THE MESSIAH. It is hard to conduct an argument with passed his fingers over the woman's fore-head, and occasionally his own, and in every respect observed the course pura man who responds to a logical present-He Cures the Sick Free of Charge. sued by "magnetic" physicians. This continued fifteen minutes. Then the spirit spoke: "Ven you go back home, I voult suck-

yest dot you trink somedings hot; some zaffron tea to pring oud dot boison much THE SECULAR PRESS, HAS SOUNDED HIS treatments he has held the hands of ercise maype I dink it do some good." Hammond's face began to twitch, and some thousands of persons. They have come from all parts of Illinois, and some of his visitors have been from other the patient in a tone indicative of a hesitancy to tamper with the workings of a spirit struggling with a desire to gaiu

"Say, John, what'd you take for indi-gestion?"

"I first discovered that I possessed this mediumistic power two years ago," said the healer. "1 discovered it from sitting in a circle with a medium from Michigan. I went into a trance the third or fourth time we sat together, I think. The power developed itself from that time on. The first spirlt that controlled me was that of Dr. Wright, but he educated this one that now operates through me, and now he controls me. The spirit is that of a German. and sometimes, when I am deeply entranced, I talk in the German tongue. I have also talked in several foreign languages in this condition. 1 never studied German and cannot speak it when in my normal condition. My only knowledge of the language is such as any boy might get from occasionally meeting or associating with boys who were of German parent-

age. I know an occasional word or expression, that is all." "Do you imagine you have any of the divine attributes?" was asked, "or just how do you regard yourself and your

healing? "I don't claim to be any more divine than other men," replied Hammond. "I try to do what good I can. I think everyone should. I certainly make this effort. I take it that I am controlled or dominated by a spirit who has the power to determine the character of the maladies with which these persons who visit me are suffering, and the ability to tell what is the best treatment for them. I think it is my duty to use this power to do the widest good. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have been of the greatest aid in the work. They have thrown open thoir house for the reception of patients, and do all they can in every way. Mr. Simpson was one of the first persons I treated. He received so much benefit, he thought he should do what he could to

help others." Hammond's first effort as a physician was made a year or more ago. He had previously gono into trances at odd times to trace stock that had broken the corral and wandered off, and promoted the cause of morality in the vicinity by using his clairvoyant power to locate missing articles. This detective ability did much to imbue persons of easy cou

thirst. One of them had a permanent headache, and the other an evil practice of falling unconscious at inopportune times. Both have been restored to times. Both have been restored to health. George Schilling, secretary of the bureau of labor statistics, received Hammond's treatment. The nature of his calamity is not known. The list of patients might be prolonged indefinitely. All classes of society and all forms of illness have stood before the healer. For his labors to improve health Mr.

Hammond will receive no pay. He was married less than two years ago to Miss Frances Jones, a charming young wo-man of Belvidere, who has an implicit confidence in her husband's power to combat almost any kind of evil, and they have a child. Hammond, prior to coming to Belvidere, had managed his mother's farm. They are well-to-do, but by no means independent of their per-sonal exertions for a livelihood. Notwithstanding the apparent necessities of his situation, he will not put a figure on his gift or a price on the exercising of it. He has resisted the offers of en-terprising capitalists to "syndicate" him and John, his control, on the basis of a large percentage for Hammond. He says he doesn't care to convert his peculiar attitued into a means for be-coming wealthy. Still, there is no bar to voluntary gifts to the friends of the healer, and Hammond's wants and the needs of those dependent upon him are fairly well cared for by offerings of the patients. "One reason why I feel that it would

be wrong to charge a fee," said the young man, "is because the spirit that dominates me always thanks the patient after we have administered a treatment. He seems to feel grateful for the opportunity to do good, and 1 would not feel right if 1 made a scale of prices for it." Mr. Hammond is a good-looking young man of rather slight build. His educational attainments are those of the pupil of a district school. By reason of the early death of his father, he was forced to leave school when 12 years old to atto tend the farm work. His obviou eharacteristic is diffidence. Hammond has three younger brothers, who promise somewhat in clairvoyant possibili-ties. One of them is an "inspirational" painter-is influenced to produce flower paintings. It is said that he never had any instruction in art, and the proposition is not difficult of acceptance.

SHE STOOD BY HER SON A Spirit Wife Refuses to Return to Her Husband Until He Rights a Wrong.

science with a respect for the property THE SON IS DRIVEN AWAY FROM HOME BY THE FATHER. TO WHOM THE

cover from its effects.

home. itic what the heart is in the physical existence. system. They constitute the element The fact is everywhere patent that the but it is neverthcless fair to say that our system. They constitute the element open to the temptations which sing like sircns and end in destruction.

himself he will bravely do for the protection of his household, and the man who would not otherwise think it worth while to struggle, will, for the sake of tained. his home, compel fate to give him what ing loved makes us heroes, and the thought of our dear ones makes us willing to sacrifice even life in their behalf.

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But the home rests on an insecure foundation. We can protect it in some directions, but in others we are helpless. We may give comfort and luxuries, but we cannot give continued health. circle may remain intact for awhile, but there comes a time when it is invaded, never feels so powerless as when he faces who are striving hard to make both ends a disease which has entered his house unbidden and will not retire when so ordered. The strongest man is only a child when he looks on the body which is the only thing that death has left. Death and the little one have gone away together.

Then comes a time when we are told that there is a place where these part-ings are unknown, where love flows on will furnish what has for a time been reings are unknown, where fore nors on will furnish what has for a time both to in uninterrupted beauty through count-less ages, and we call that our Home. Two homes we have—one here, with its after. Death is only the servant who there the door when Providence rings. beyond the stars. The loved ones who the bell, and ushers you into the larger perforce bid us farewell, for reasons building where you will have the chance which we are not able to penetrate, are to become a larger man. led through the valley of shadows to Amid the drudgery ar led through the valley of shadows to Amid the drudger man. eternal mansions, where, their affection life keep that truth in mind and it will undimmed by the change of residence, clear the fogs away and leave you in they patiently await our coming. And sunshine. We are on the road Home, undimmed by the change of residence, waiting for us they minister to and the way is sometimes dark and our comfort, are messengers from dreary, but when we get there is and heaven bearing to our saddened hearts see that every experience of earth was heaven bearing to our saddened hearts see that every experience of earth was intended to fit us for the higher joys of wholly laughed can be altogether and heaven. No man who has once heartily and heaven.

It is possible to make this lower home like unto that above-so like it that nothing will seem strange when we reach the further shore. It is possible to enjoy the bliss of trustful love here to are heavy laden.-Matthew, xi., 28.

no plummet can sound. They are scat- generous hand, while two-thirds of us, somewhere every day. There are fe tered everywhere, and they are the con- and altogether the best part of us, are homes in which some shadow of this sequence of ambition and selfishness in denied the chance to attain their legiti- kind has not fallen, and they show us

sequence of amortion and semanness in defined the chance to attain their regime. The first and they show the mate only the chance to attain their regime. The sole is one relation on earth which is not the only thing, nor yet is the chief three is one relation on earth which is the relation between a man and a woman who are to walk in each is the will give us hereafter the opportant of the sole is an any sterious way his wonders the interval of the sole is a more furnish the sole is a more furnish the sole of the sole is a more sole of the sole of the sole is a more sole of the sole of th other's company until death forces a tunity which not even he can furnish us to perform." But it is certain that he separation. A merely ambitious thought within the narrow limits of earthly life. never sent a cloud that had not a silver is like a drop of poison in a tumbler of We may reverently assert that no soul lining, and in his all-including proviwater, and he who drinks will never re- ever can, under any conceivable circum- dence no event can occur which as not stances, achieve in these seventy years attached to it some measure of hope and

There is something of God in a true a moral perfection which corresponds cheer. nome. With what beneficence He has with the physical perfection which the 1 If this life were all, then, it must be nome. With what behencence He has with the physical perfection which the if this life were all, then, it must be made the arrangement, and what good body easily attains. There is something confessed, our lot would be a hard one. things, like a stream of molten silver, wanting to the soul, then, and that A sadder or more desperate plight than flow from it! There are many such on something is an extended opportunity man would find himself in were another the earth, and they are to the body pol-, which can only result from an extended life denied cannot well be conceived. It

of progress, and they contain the secret spiritual part of man has hardly more sufferings in this world make the necesof the noblest manhood and the purest than waked up when Death drops the sity of another world absolutely impera-womanhood. Blot out our homes and curtain. The first act has been put on tive. Looked at from the lowest standwe revert to barbarism. Man is a mere the stage, and is being played well or point, this life, with its incorrable animal until he sits by his own hearth-badly as the case may be. We see at a griefs, its bent shoulders, its bleeding stone; he is the toy of circumstance, glance that there is a plot, and we be hearts and eyes bedimmed, domands a come interested in it. That first act future in the name of ordinary justice. suggests the second and the third, and Looked at from the highest standpoint.

It is tho sense of responsibility which makes us strong, and when that respons-ibility includes the welfare of wife and when the automatic material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; ibility includes the welfare of wife and when the automatic material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; ibility includes the welfare of wife and is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a nobler state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; is a material for a pare us for a noble state of existence; ibling includes the welfare of wife and inageny of a contrast, is abundant, and but what should be said—except that children he must be a poor creature in-deed who is not broadened and enno-logue we have a right to expect—why sham—if, having toilfully prepared our-bled by it. What one would not do for not the right to demand?—that the play selves, we be told that there is nothing the work of the right to demand?—that the play selves, we be told that there is nothing shall continue until the plot has been to be prepared for? That argument for fully developed and the purpose which immortality is like the cry of innocence the author had in view has been at condemned to death by a capricious

tained. Now, we have a large number of shall be set aside. It is irrefutable and he demands. The consciousness of be- great men in the world, who rise like can no more be broken than a piece of ing loved makes us heroes, and the pyramids from a level plain, but the chilled steel.

greatest of them all is conscious of inex-haustible resources and feels capable of homes of this old earth-aye, the lives hausticle resources and roes capacity of nomes of this old cardinay, the first doing grander things than any yet that have been wrecked by overcoming achieved. That is a very startling fact, temptation, and the very crimes that No man ever got to the end of himself, have been committed, cry out for immorfor somehow a great deed simply opens tality in which wrongs may be righted the door to other deeds still greater. and peace and rest will follow hardship But there is another fact which is and struggle. and struggle.

painfully pathetic - namely, that there You may find good cheer in this ad are hosts of men in every rank of life vice-to do the best your circumstances allow, to bear what comes as bravely as you can, to keep your heart pure and pacity for greatness. Give them the opyour hands clean, no matter what beportunities of education and environtides, and to do all this in the strength ment and they will attain an eminence now beyond the reach of their vision. The earth is full of undeveloped great-laden, and i will give you rest." Your laden, and I will give you rest." You ness, greatness suppressed by circumrelations to God are not to be shaken by

stance. the fact that you do not understand hi Therefore, there will be a second and providence. On the contrary, when the path is rugged and the night is darkand very dark, indeed, it is sometimescling all the closer to your faith, for it is the only thing under the stars that mingled joy and sorrow; the other there, opens the door when Providence rings days ahead if not here, then there and once on the other side we shall see plainly what is now hidden.

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THE BURDENS WE BEAR.

False praise can please and calumny, affright, none but the vicious and the our comfort, are messengers from dreary, but when we get there we shall hypocrite.-Horace.

There are not unfrequently substantial reasons underneath for customs that ap-

pear to us absurd .-- C. Bronte, Come unto me, all ye that labor and It is a man's duty to have books.

such extent that when we are in God's The prevalence of sorrow in this library is not a luxury, but one of the nearer presence we shall simply feel lower world is somewhat appalling to a necessaries of life.—Beecher. that we have entered a warmer zone. sympathetic nature. It is to be found in A picture is an intermediate something When religion has done its perfect athousand shapes and in every nook and between a thought and a thing.—Cole work in us it will be but one step from corner. The clouds have hardly held ridge.



actual contact. Even those who dis-| Wednesday his first visit was to the credit his ability as a disease queller home of a lawyer, whose wife was ill. will admit this truth.

Mr. Hammona is a young man-he has not yet attained his 24th birthday. He regards himself with the utmost se riousness. He is by no manner of means took outdoor exercise for the first time a dealer in psychological gold bricks, but thoroughly believes in himself and his possession of powers not held by the ordinary person. His motives are above He does not attach to himsuspicio self or his methods any divine attributes or characteristics. Others are not was brought over on the noon than barred from doing so. In respect to this relief, but it appalled neither Hammond barred from doing so in respect to this nor "John," for such is the name by urally inspired medicinal prescriptions two opinions are held in Belvidere. One section of the community regards him with a veneration mingled with super stition in some cases, and the other holds him lightly, and his merits as a healer and replied:

as purely imaginary. Meanwhile young Mr. Hammond continues his daily of der name alretty dan of der effegts, round of trances and administers to the | yet. halt, the lame, the blind and the hyshere as elsewhere, purports to be the spiritual remnants of a German doctor. teric. With the vast number of patients properly classified under the last head

speaking through Hammond, the disemhe is more apt to prevail. Nervous disbodied physician uses the most remarkorders respond most readily to his treatable dialect ever heard outside of a ment, for the reason, the scoffers say, that such maladies depend for existence vaudeville show. It is not the broken English of an educated man, but such largely upon the imagination, and when treated through the imagination depart mangled vernacular as a stage German entertains his audiences withal. One with alacrity. Hammond himself does not seem to recognize this phenomenon in his practice. He and his dominating example of Hammond's mode of treatment will do for all. The formula is the same. The man was seated in Mr. influence will attack a deformed leg or a Simpson's home conversing pleasantly diseased bone as cheerfully and enthuwith the Rockford delegation when he sizstically as a case of nervous headache. felt "John's" approach. In the five months of his career as a

The first patient to be treated was a healer the young man; has wrestled with disease in every form. He leaves a case of appendicitis to prescribe for strabismus, and the matism or the sufferer from eczema and had her hands heavily bandaged, for there the malady had asserted itself most strongly. "I hope," said the patient, "John will thirst for strong drift disappears upon the touch of his hands. True, the hurry up an' cure me. Folks in Rock-ford air kinder lookin' to me as an excrutches may again be required, or the reformed drunkard abandon the perample. Ev'ry day someun asks me how I'm gittin' on with my treatment." Mr. Hammond sat in front of this canpendicular, but still there are men walkdidate for blood purification and took the fingers of her left hand in his right.

pendicular, out still there are men walk-ing without brops who traveled with cane and crutch for years, and there are others as dry as powder-houses, their last drink months away, who were fa-miliar and daily examples of the ill ef-fects of the donk habit, prior to falling undar Herry and Ard With controlling Presently his hand and arm began to twitch, and he took her right hand with his left. "Sometimes," he said, "it's hard for under Hammond and his controlling genius. Persons who had suffered from me to give up to this control; after I've pulmonary troubles consumption, they call it took open air walks this week, been resting." Then he closed his eyes, and his face

and say they owe their lives to the contorted in a manner that must have young Boone County farmer. One man alarmed a stranger. Not so with the whose hand was crushed and had suf-

fered from a consequent paralysis of the "Well, that's John, all right enough," pitch baseball. So the instances might manifestations with much interest. It be multiplied. All these persons have was really John. Hammond, who, with a deep-seated belief. In the efficacy of closed eyes and tense features, stroked Hammond's system of therapeutics. It his patient's hands and arms, shook his is difficult to dispute Hammond's pow- own hands with short, quick movements,

says, he was working about his farm when he became conscious of a strong desire to go to Belvidere. Without any reason beyond this impulse he drove to the city, and going directly to a broth-er's house found his sister-in-law prostrated by a severe illness. Then the spirit of "Dr. Wright" assumed the rosponsibility and the patient recovered. Subsequently, under domination of the scientific "Dr. Wright?"-who had been dead twenty years - Hammond treated his elder sister, Mrs. C. M. Harmount, for consumption. Mrs. Harmount is now apparently in good health. Hammond's ministrations soon became in Requent demand, and every Sunday night he had receptions of invalids at his home. The shade of "Dr. Wright" complained of overwork eventually, and substituted the present control, "John," as the prescribing genius. The de-mands made upon Hammond were such Her disease is diagnosed by her physithat he could not attend to his farm cians to be consumption, and incurable. work. His health also became infirm. He says that the maladies removed from Under Hammond's treatment it is said she is vastly improved, and last week patients were transferred to him. His in a year. 'In the afternoon the young resisting powers have so developed with his others that he only suffers now from man went over to the Simpson, home to find a delegation of six women from weariness and the exhaustion that fol-Rockford, who had brought their men-tal and physical ailments with them. It lows labor. Last September the calls from suffering humankind became so frequent that he left the farm and took was a various assortment of woe that up his home with his sister, Mrs. C. M. farmount. Mr. Harmount is the traveling representative of the Cook Furnwhich the healer's spirit control is known ace Company, of Chicago, and his house He does not resent the familiarity, but, is a pretty little structure at the edge on the contrary, is disposed to favor it. Upon one of his early public appear-ances the spirit was asked for his name, of Belvidere. One of Hammond's first patients was Mr. Simpson, who was sufforing from a malady that defied the "regulars." One diagnosed it as ap-"Gall me Chon. Beeple dinks more pendicitis, another regarded it as belonging to another class of complaints, This control, it might as well be said

MOTHER APPEARS AND INFLUENCES HIM TO MEND HIS WAYS-A TOUCH-ING NARRATIVE RELATED BY THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT.

Some unlooked-for and sad developments were had a few weeks ago in one of the close seances held in St. Louis Spiritualistic circles. One gentleman, well-known in business circles, and possessed of considerable means, had on a previous evening asked the guide if she could not bring his wife to talk with him. Other men had conversed with their spirit wives, and wives with their spirit husbands, through the same guide, and greatly to their satisfaction and comfort. This gentleman and his wife had, while she was on earth, been This gentleman and his very affectionate, and had lived a happy life, apparently without incident to in its smoothness, and it was not supposed that there would be any difficulty in bringing about a happy meeting. Expecting it fully, soveral friends were present. When the guide responded to the call, however, it was only to say that the wife would not come. Asked why, the guide for some time refused to give any explanation, but after a short absence returned and said that the gentleman had cast off their son and let him go to ruin, simply because he had offend-ed a few times when out with his young companions. When he again assumed the relations of a father to their son, looking after him and caring for him, she would return to him, but not before. The story brought out was a sad one, of a father's harsh pride. It brough out a skeleton in the gentleman's close of which his friends knew nothing. All they knew was that his son was not at home, and was said to be traveling abroad. In the privacy of the seance the gentleman admitted the truth of the

and yet a third had his own personal views. Meantime Mr. Simpson could not attend to business, and began to in-terest himself in questions concerning message that had been brought to him. He had idolized him, after the death of his wife, and had the highest hopes of the future. Young Mr. Hammond's aid was invoked, and after a "treatment" or his future. He had sent him away to two Mr. Simpson was on his feet again, school, giving him all the advantages and soon thereafter returned to his that money could buy. The reports rework. Then it was he invited Hamceived from him were encouraging, but mond to make the Simpson home his when he came home on his vacation his headouarters. father discovered that he had fallen

As has been said, the healer has attacked all kinds of troubles. One of his notable cases is that of Henry Shaw, of Rockford, who was a distorted sufferer from rheumatism of thirty years' dura-tion. He has cast aside his crutches and pervades Rockford without artificial aid. He chants the praises of Ham-mond and his familiar "John." Incidental to Mr. Shaw's release from the pangs of rheumatism was his disenchantment from the tobacco habit. This was as unexpected as it was agreeable to Shaw and his friends.

"There is one peculiarity about my gift of curing," said Hammond in dis-cussing the case of Shaw. "The power works first by causing the patient to abandon any improper habits, such as using tobacco or drinking. Then John begins to work on the disease."

Mr. Redfield, town collector for Belvidere, has been a cripple for years. His powers of locomotion have been improved largely under Hammond's ministrations. The infant child of Fred Wei-ner, of South Chicago, had difficulty in seeing. Its sight is said to have been restored: John Stevens, of Rockford. had power restored to a paralyzed arm, and Miss Bishop, of Sycamore, has recovered the use of her vocal organs. Two railroad men, who were graduated from a sanitarium where drunkards are cured, took on ills where they left their

of the city. He remembered that on that night the young man had come home after he had retired, and was not up when he left for his office, having complained of feeling ill. He charged him with the offense, and the son admitting it, he warned him that if it was repeated he would have nothing more o do with him. It was repeated and he was true to his word. Giving his son \$1,000, and fixing an account so he could . lraw \$40 a month for five years, he sent him away, telling him he wanted to see nothing more of him. The allowance was drawn for two years, but for almost three years now it had been untouched, though he allowed it to accumulate, subject to his son's order. During the two years he had heard of him several times but always leading a fast life. Twice he had received letters from him, begging for forgiveness, and promising to do better. He had not answered them, and now did not know whether he was living or dead. The guide was recalled, and requested

into ways of dissipation. He called him

to account, talked to him kindly, pic-tured his future and besought him to

give up such pleasures while yet it was

time. The young man promised that he would. A week later he heard of him in a disgraceful scene in a questionable part.

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IN REGIONS CELESTIAL.

A Week in the Spirit-World.

Lizzie Kelley Hartmann's Interesting Experience.

TOW IT FEELS TO DIE-WHY SICK ME-DIUMS SHOULD NOT BE PUT INTO HOSPITALS.

Having many friends among the read-BIS OF THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER who may wish to know what has become of hs and what we have to say, we offer the following, hoping that it may prove in-teresting and perhaps instructive.

We came to Brooklyn in March, 1895, after Mrs. Hartmann had risen from a six-weeks' sick bed in Lynn, Mass. We soon discovered, as had other mediums before us, that this is no place for mediums unless they come to fill engage ments.

By the middle of June she sank weak and discouraged, to lie in bed more than five months, this being her sixth serious

Illness in the last few years. A number of mediums and other kind friends devoted time and effort trying to restore her but without success. In Sep-tember friends sent a regular physician when it seemed already too late, then another physician was sent, who, after an examination, declined to take any responsibility because it would oblige him to write a death certificate.

Upon this came two gifted mediums, to save her life when already dying; one of them a well-known masseur of this city, both requesting their names withheld from print, their work being pure be-nevolence, as is the work of spirits when

they come to help mortals. They came, always both together, morning and evening, every day for about two months, having engaged Dr. J. G. Davis, of New York, to assist and to screen them from the vengeance of the law.

In their treatments they consulted the guidance of spirit physicians, and being astrologers, the stars, also-de-voting even more time on the case in their homes than in the presence of the patient, neglecting their other business for this one case, in their determination to conquer disease and weakness, and also the adverse psychological influence from mortals and spirits. They pre-pared magnetized food and medicine, and were obliged for a time to exclude sound, light and visitors from the room. The mortal body had become too weak to longer hold the spirit, which left the body, as in dying, and remained away over a week. What under ordi-pary circumstances would have been pary circumstances would have bit is but temporary was with such treatment but temporary was with such treatment but temporary - the body being held by spirits who could bear the pain, and overcome the weakness which she had become unable longer to endure. These took turns with each other, in place of her own spirit self, they and the healing medi-ums co-operating in restoring the body, which neither spirits nor mortals could have done alone: each being essential to

have done alone; each being essential to the other for success. We had had an instance of this co-operation already in Lynn, where the popular medium, T. R. Nichols, would place an empty chair between them. Both being mediums would see the spirits place a battery on the chair and apply it just as mortal physicians would do with a usual electric battery, this one, however, being an improved kind, invented by spirits. She felt its application as she would any other battery, and experienced the beneficial results which enabled her to rise from her sickness. During her long months of suffering there was a great deal of adverse criticism heaped upon us by professing but not real Spiritualists. In an address before the Advance Conference, the most liberal of Brooklyn's institutions, I was inspired to refer to it in the following

Some Spiritualists feel grieved that

manner:

contempt and ridicule. Mediumship and the conditions that go with it form but targets for the railing mockeries of medical professors. How then can they expect appropriate treatment at the hands of those who do not know how, and are willfully ignorant. Mrs. Hartmann, when weak, fre-quently falls into a cataleptic trance,

simulating death, and would be pro-nounced dead if I did not know what to When yet a ohild she was once laid pen in a hospital, as it surely would were she taken there, her body would go to the dead room and the dissecting

It is no argument to say that hospital physicians are honorable men. In the case of mind-reader Bishop, a room full of very honorable physicians dissected him alive while in such a trance; men too honorable to he punished for such a

The Brooklyn newspapers recently shocked us with the horrible story of a young woman, who, slightly ill, went to a hospital for treatment. When, after a few days her sisters called to see her they were informed that she had died. At first they were refused to see her body, but were finally shown the muti-lated pieces in the dissecting room. Her

half-crazed lover threatens prosecution, but for such crimes there is no law. By inquiry I learn of six prominent mediums who have been placed in your public institutions. Four of them died soon after the fatal doors closed upon them. None have returned alive. I regret there should exist occasion

for rehearsing a vital doctrine and fundamental fact of our philosophy to Spir-itualists themselves, in vindication of one's consistency. It is also to be deplored that self-

interest does not sufficiently appeal to the 30,000 to 60,000 Spiritualists of Brooklyn, whose united capital must reach an enormous figure, to provide some spiritualistic arrangement for the treatment of sick sensitives and mediums.

But if these reasons against placing mediums in public hospitals should seem frivolous or uncalled for, I shall close these remarks by reference to just one little argument: One's private right to one's private affairs.

The time of Mrs. Hartmann's return from the Spirit-world was appointed by spirits. For the occasion additional mediums were selected, who encircled her bed, holding hands while she came and related her strange experience. Her first exclamation was: "Oh! what beautiful music I hear!" Before re-

uniting with the mortal body, she had become unconscious, and upon awaken-ing heard spirit music which we did not hear. She related that when about to leave

the body, a group of familiar spirits stood about her whom she knew well, having often seen them—Dr. Samuel Thompson, a Greek girl, "Messenger Bird," Wanewaukee and other Indians, an Egyptian, a Hindoo, and others. The first sensation was one of lightness, as though the bed was rising and floating with her, and then as if she were floating away from the body, whose pain and weakness she then no longer

There were then two of her, duplicates one of the other-the heavy mortal body, and the light spirit, which was the self-conscious body. The spirit was as conscious of its own tangible physical existence as ever it was in the mortal life-the difference being one of conlitions but not of fact.

She continued: "I was placed in a sort of wicker vehicle and carried by Indiaus to a beautiful city. The houses were seemingly made of elegantly-en-graved glass, and surrounded by lovely flowers of delightful odors. I was given a cup of water, cool and refreshing. The wooden cup was made from the section of a small tree, the bark still around it."

were teaching their comrades.'

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backs. Their language being strange, I could not talk with them. Their temple

contained a great abundance of curiosi-

"I was then taken to a third city. The

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roof, which consisted of colored and gilded glass. It was a Spiritualist temple. An audience had just assembled. I was ushered to the rostrum by two men wearing long robes, with girdles around their waists. On the rostrum were four meu, who said they were glad to see me. One of them was James G.

Blaine, whom I had already met in earth-life. The rostrum was decorated with a United States flag, and also a silk red flag, emplematic of liborty and fraout to be buried, but a medium came just in time to save her. If this should hap-pen in a hospital, as it surely would were she taken there, her body would were she taken there, her body would about my waist.

"The music and singing was delightful. One of the singers, they said, was Jenny Lind. After the singing, Mr. Blaine arose and spoke a few words of welcome, introducing me to the people with the request to address them. After a little hesitation I complied, giving a solentific lecture of about forty-five min-

utes. My tongue moved smoothly, and my words made good sense without any effort on my part to speak, or even to think. Every word came to me as I

went along. "After the lecture my hand was con trolled to write messages for some of the people. There seems to be a Spiritpeople. There seems to be a Spirit-world still beyond, as distinct from them as they are from mortals.

"I wanted to remain where I was so happy, but was told that I must return and complete an important mission in earth-life "Next I found myself in the presence

of Paine, Jefferson, Lincoln, Garfield and Hayes. They were engaged in writing, and also in discussing American politics. Lincoln said the people could not be reasoned with, and would suffer yet terrible misfortunes before they

would come to their senses. Mrs. May-nard, standing by his side, suggested that the pen would do more than force in liberating the people. "Now I found myself in a large com-pany at a table laden with very ap-petizing food and drink. The dishes wore most obsumingly artistic A free

were most charmingly artistic. After eating, the dishes and all suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. I could not see how it was done. "Next I was amused at some very cu-

rious dwarfs, such cunning little things, who looked as serious and dignified as anybody. They lived in queer little houses and their language sounded very peculiar.

"Looking up, I saw strangely-dressed men go by, who wore robes and sandais. Their head-dress resembled bonnets.

They looked very funny. "Then I came upon a group of seven, one of them a poetess, almost radiant with brightness, who proved to be a sister of Mrs. N. "I also met Warren Chase, my mother,

my brother, who painted my picture, and while he was doing that an old gen-tleman came and took my photograph. Several times I saw Arthur Hodges; he had met his people, and also his lady-love, who had preceded him several He was happy and improving in health, and was under treatment by the famous Dr. Newton.

"All spirits are not at once relieved of their mortal ills, as are some, but re-quire attention and treatment to restore "I saw a spirit just from mortal life, sent over by a trolley-car accident. At-

tendants were caring for him. They told me that if mortals understood what they did, such unfortunates could be restored in the mortal body, instead of being sent to spirit-life." She told us much more, but this will

suffice for the present article. It must not be supposed, however, that because spirit-life is attractive, dcath becomes a matter of indifference. The fact that the mortal body is adapted to sustain and defend itself, should alone be a conclusive reason for remaining

where we are until we shall have out-It seems from this that spirits cut trees Nature imposes necessities, and there-and make utensils from the wood, and in fore duties, wherever we may be, and lived the conditions of mortal life. various ways adapt the material sub-stances of the Spirit-world to their use quirements of our existence in this life,

SERMON TO A MINISTER ato a system of breeding oriminals? What objection can you legitimately have against making every honorable endeavor to clear away the rubbish of

He Preaches a Sermon on past ages, and preparing for a better sys-Spiritualism

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thus: "And this belief soon numbered

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tem? Other nations living under a purely democratic form of government are prosperous and happy, with criminality reduced to a minimum. It is the same And Gets Some Plain Truths in old tactics - Christianity trying to block the way of science and progress, just as when Galillio was forced to retract the NARCHY -- FREELOVE -- CRIMINALS -statement that the earth was round, or

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be burned at the earth was round, or be burned at the stake. Doctor, the truth of the matter is, if I mistake not, that having no legitimate objection to urge against Spiritualism, you was impressed with the need of doing something to stop the disintegration of your dock and incoving that the tay Rev. E. M. Wood, D. D., is said by the Pittaburg Despatch to have preached on "The Right and Wrong of Spiritualism" at the North Avenue M.E. your flock, and knowing that the term anarchy was in the minds of many the equivalent of dynamite or dynamiter, Church last Sunday evening, February 9, from Matt. xvii;3, "And behold there appeared unto them Moses and Elias, and with that scarecrow you had hope of destroying the influence of Spiritualtalking with them." The good Doctor, with perhaps as little The good Doctor, with perhaps as little malice aforethought as any of his breth-ren who have gone gunning for Spirit-ualists, has shot so wide of the mark in several instances that I feel impelled to "check up" his rambling shots. His first stray missile glanced off on knowledge and drove the nall into faith, ism, against which you have stated no facts and made no logical argument, you therefore, in sheer desperation-not kno wing what other weapon to use, hoist the red flag and shout Anarchy!

I there is any one who does not know th at a democracy is better for the masses th an is a republic, I commend to them a little book entitled "Direct Legislation," by J. W. Sullivan.

thus: "And this belief soon numbered among its adherents some prominent men; among them Judge Edmunds and Senator Talmage, of New York." Spir-itualism, my dear Doctor, is not a belief, it is a science—a knowledge based upon incontrovertible facts. I repeat, it is knowledge with us; if it is not with you, investigate and prove it to yourself. The phenomena are all about you, and if you Permit me to quote once more from the Doctor's sermon, as follows: Indeed, beside this declaration it often seems to to be the tendency of Spiritualism to hold somewhat loosely the relations of husband and wife, parents and child, and drift naturally into free-loveism." Who would have thought the Rever-

phenomena are all about you, and if you do not know the truth it portrays it is end gentleman wonld criticise men and women for doing the Master's command: no fault of ours. We have brought it within your reach-take it or let it alone, but we warn you, that if you continue to misrepresent the teachings, either knowingly on ignorant of the facts in the case, we will continue to tell the tauth or to up to making on Sulait 'Love one another," "Love your enemies." The former, an imperative command, still implies "free love;" the latter, also imperative, implies that we must love everybody-which is an utter the truth as to your teachings on Spirit-ualism and Christianity as well. impossibility in this life. All love must be free, there can be no such thing as compulsory love or love that is not free. After intimating that the numerical strength of Spiritualism is "placed by some in the United States at 7,000,000 and from 15,000,000 to 30,000,000 in the Spiritualists know this to be true, and we believe Christians do also, no matter how much they pretend to the opposite world," and that "Robert Dale Owen, view

who was for 'a long time a disciple of Spiritualism, and a man of intelligence But, perhaps, the Doctor does not mean love. I have known men to use that word in place of licentiousness. If spiritualism, and a man of intelligence and culture, finally gave it as his opin-ion that those manifestations are elec-tric or magnetic, and not the result of spiritual influences at all." "But," says it is the latter term he means when he uses the word love, I wish to caution him to go a little slow, "there are breakers ahead." Look at the trail of debauchery that follows the Christian system. Go back and read again about he, "I am far from believing that all of those wonderful results can be so easily explained.", Here he affects to doubt one who spent many years in study and Solomon and his multitude of wives and investigation of our wonderful phenom-ena, and who, he claims, denied the spiritual hypothesis after all those years of research, and sealed his folly concubines, the escapade of Ruth; the concubine of Abraham; and this: "Kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. But all the women y saying the so-called spiritual phenomena "are electrical or magnetic and children that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for your-selves."--Num., xxxi: 17, 18. Read also, Hosea i: 2; jii: 1, 2, 3: "And the Doctor, if you know anything at all about the manifestations you speak about, you know-as does every one else, that whatever the force, back of Lord said unto Hosea, Go, take thee a wife of whoredoms, . . . Then said the Lord to me, Go yet, love a woman, be-loved of her friend, yet an adulteress. . . So I bought her," etc. Even Rahab, that force is an intelligence that guides and controls it; you know also that elec-tricity and magnetism are forces and not intelligence. In view of that fact, is the harlot, is reckoned among the justiit not a little absurd, to say the least, to fied, by James ii: 25. attribute to the scholarly Robert Dale

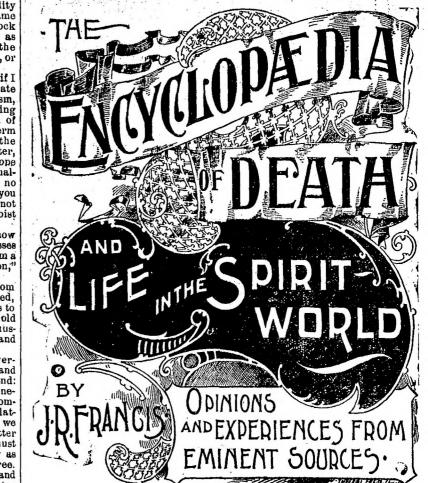
Passing by the great horde of licen-tious Christians of the past, and coming Owen such a nonsensical statement as down to our own times, I am personally His next break'is stated in the follow acquainted with Christian preachers who hold that fornication is no sin, and ing language: "A more serious objec tion is, that Spiritualism claims supremfor every Spiritualist eloping with acy over civil law and aims at its over another man's wife, we will show you ten preachers guilty of the offence. No, throw. The Spiritual Age, their lead-ing periodical, stild some time ago that it was their dosign to crush all existing forms of governifient, and build a theo-retic democracy, every man will then be his own master, and his natural de-Doctor, your charge of the teachings of Spiritualism tending 'toward lust is an unlucky shot; your gun shoots backward harder than it does forward.

But you "drove a dead center" when you said: "It does not recognize the idea of a personal devil." Christians Does the Doctor mean to intimate that Spiritualists are not law-abiding citi-zens, as a whole? Law-breakers are are the only people who have any use for his majesty-and they only as a criminals, and if that is what we are to scare-crow. Men of sense have long since seen that infer the Doctor's language implies, I wish to remind him that there is a

an all-wise God has no use for, and would not tolerate a being in the unistanding offer of \$10 a head for all the verse that is constantly thwarting his



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ignore their advice to place my wife in a charity hospital, as though that was necessary, and as though I was not aware of the existence of such institutions, and unable to advise myself. One of them sent me a scurrilous anonymous letter, ilgned 'A Thirty-Years Spiritualist,' ad-vising me to place my wife in Kings County Hospital. But as some have made the suggestion in a spirit of kind-hess, it will be but fair that I explain my position.

It is well known that even strong mefourths of earth's children die young, we would naturally expect to find about Riums are so sensitive that when standing on the platform they sometimes uffer the dying agony of some spirit three times as many children in the who waits to be recognized. How often we see medlums place their hands on their own bodies showing where they children. suffer the pains of some one in tho audience.

In private sittings mediums often take upon themselves physical and mental suffering, and even refuse to sit for some because of their distressing influence. Sometimesthey become very sick after a sitting. There are those who temporarily suffer nearly all the dis-cases they meet within others. That is why they are so good in diagnosing dis-ease. At times they even refuse to sit beside or remain in the same room with apparently but not really healthy persons, whose coming suffering is felt al-ready in advance by the medium before they feel it themselves. They some-times become invalids from their high sensitiveness and long exposure in the presence of discased persons.

I have seen a medium experience intense suffering upon entrance to a room where, long before, a man had com-mitted suicide. Yet others experienced nothing unusual in that room.

How much more will not a weak and discouraged medium suffer in a hospital, where hundreds have perished, and where she must occupy their cots, sick, groaning and dying mortals all about her. She breathes and smells, tastes, eats and drinks disease. She sees it and by suggestion suffers what she sees. Her very dreams become scenes of sufforing. And yet I am expected to place my wife in such a place, on penalty of forfeiting the good will of my neighbors. I am reminded that spirit bands ought to be strong enough to protect their mediums against the effects of such surroundings; but why thrust mediums into danger and twit the spirits to save them

Those mediums who boast of their own guides by way of disparaging other mediums, yet always insist on conditions for themselves! You will hear them apologize for poor results when the conditions are not right; or "they don't feel well," or there is "too much opposition in the room"--always something. If, then, their guides can do nothing under adverse conditions, why expect those of sick mediums to do the impossible? I am assured that she will have a pri-

rate rcom all to herself. How do you know: are you running these places yourself? Rooms in which many corpses have breathed their last and where dejected spirits are hovering around-do you think that a good place for a mealum?

One of your head physicians has the name of your nead physicians has the name of answering the pleadings of char-ity patients: "It's not what you want, but what you get, in this place." Would such a physician be likely to favor mefiums with superior attentions because

We came to a magnificent building, they are mediums? Medical colleges, provide no lectures Medical colleges, provide no lectures beautifully decorated, and dazzling with bor text-books on the treatment of sick elegance. From the inside the audi-mediums, who are referred to only with torium was seen to be lighted from the

and needs, as do mortals in the mortal the casier and more pleasing will be our sphere. "We then floated along and came to a task in the next.

flower garden, and to a large arch covered all over with growing flowers. In this garden were a bost of children. beautifully dressed. They had received no care nor culture in earth-life. Teach-

In conclusion, we take this opportunity ers were instructing them in reading to thank all the kind people who have and writing, and some other children befriended us in our time of trouble. JOACHIM F. HARTMANN. When we consider that about three-

Brooklyn, N. Y. SUMMER WOODS.

ples of praise, Far richer and brighter than human "Next we floated up a mountain to a

hands raise; queer structure, pyramid-shaped and thirty-five stories high." And the trees, with their boles and their limbs high in air, Probably such a one as is described Form the pillars and groinings and ar-

by travelers as the home of the Grand chitraves there. The rocks, oh, the rocks are the altars "It contains many curiosities, and unbought, Where tithes and sweet braziers of inthere live in it ancient astrologers who

had lived on carth nearly three thousand years ago. They are a dark race, beautiful, straight features, large, excense are brought, And a little way onward, amid the dark

shade, pressive eyes, and wavy silken hair Are wave and heave offerings by the down their backs. They spoke Egyp-tian, Arabian and Greek. One, with evergreeps made.

white hair and beard, related to me in The birds, oh, the birds in coppice and

English that they had lived to very adhodge Sing anthems and chorals-renewing vanced age as mortals, because of their careful habits. They kept their dead each pledge

twelve days before burial, to avoid pre-Of temperance, continence, conjugal mature interment: and then buried the love-

bodies upright, and their small goods While the bell-bird rings in a soft note with them, always on sunny days. They from above. had believed in the existence of the

The winds, oh, the winds stealing down Spirit-world, and venerated the Sun as from afar, the supremest power of which they knew From planet, and moon-world, and neb-

anything, the creator and preserver of life. They were peaceable and intelleculous star, Sing softly, sigh gently, like spirits of

tual-chiefly Mercury, Uranus, Jupiter and Neptune people. He promised to give me some valuable chemical inforthose Who in the sweet peace of the heavens repose.

"On the walls were queer writings and strange pictures; also writings on My soul, oh, my soul, kneel down in the calm

Of the summer-time's beauty and quiet stone, probably astrological characters "I was shown a book, such as they had and balm,

And throwing by creeds and all bigoted in olden times, made of birch bark, with strange characters in it. Their dishes lore.

Be glad we have lived and shall live evermore. M. I. CUMMINGS. and cooking utensils were of copper and brass, lined with something to keep the San Diego, Cal. food from touching the metal. "From there I was taken to another

place, where I saw tall, thin people, who were amusing themselves with gym-No man can ever be noble who thinks meanly and contemptuously of himself, and no man can ever be noble who "Thence I was carried to a magnifithinks first and only of himself .- Dol-

sea.-Colton.

A CARACTER AND A CARA

cent city, peopled chiefly with Hindoos and Arabians. Some were sun-worshiplinger. The direct relation of music is not to ers. I heard delightful music and sing-ing. Some of these people could at will ideas, but to emotions-in the works of its greatest masters, it is more marvelrise and float through the air, while ous. more mysterious than poetry .--- H.

others, probably unable to rise, would Giles. Opinions, like showers, are generated "I was next taken to a temple twenty in high places, but they invariably de-scend into lower ones, and ultimately stories high, in which lived people of medium complexion, with long, straight flow down to the people, as rain unto the hair over their shoulders and down their



stance smooth as crystal. As in the other cities, there was here plenty of charming music. Passing over a pave-ment, I noticed that it was made of a has without doubt treated and cured more cases the na willoup could treat and care invictable that any living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease which he mixture of gold and other substances. sends with a large boile of his absolute cure, free to any antiners who may send their P.O. and Expressed dress. We advise anyone wishing a curs to address. Fret. W. H. PEKKE; F. D., 4 Cedar SL, New York

criminals found in the ranks of Free-thinkers, including Infidels, Atheists and Spiritualists, if they (the preacher) will pay %I per head for all the criminals found in the ranks of Christian preachers Some spirits are very earnest in view in the source of the standard of the happy spheres in seven million Spiritualists, and as has enty thousand priests and preachers, the gentleman will be getting large

odds, 100 to 1 in numbers and 10 to 1 in

dollars. Dare they do it? But the Doctor knows as well, as we do that Spiritualists are law-abiding people-that whatever change in form of government they aim at, they will never attempt to obtain by over-riding civil laws but by replacing old vicious laws with new and more wholesome ones until we shall have reached the highest form of democracy, "where every man will he his own master," and not the slave of political wire-pullers, and a gang of gold-bond-gamblers with which the nation is overrun to-day-a crime at which the preachers wink while they draw fat salaries from this very class of individuals. The Doctor seems to be arguing or

attempting to argue from the standpoint of natural depravity, and that depravity being a natural tendency, man will never be anything but depraved. lf Spiritualists be lieved that doctrine they would never more work, and worry, and plan to attain to that higher form of democracy; but only Christians are depraved, Spiritualists hold to evolution. Sometime, in the days that are to come we expect mankind, to be developed beyond the Christian depravity when, "from him that hath not shall be taken that which he hath and be given to him that hath; and to him that hath, shall more be added." to a condition where the golden rule will obtain, when we will no longer need laws to restrain the freebooters and criminals of all sorts.

Doctor, why do you preach, "as ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them," if you cannot apply it to free men from the serfdom and bondage with which they are cursed today? Does that passage mean one thing for the slave and another for his master? Do you not know that the great mass of mankind are to-day suffering a worse serfdom than did ever the black slaves of the South's

The truth is, Doctor, you and the great horde of sky-pliots do not want reedom for the masses. Slavery suits you better. Why? Because slavery perpetuates ignorance; and upon the ignorance of the people-"the common herd"-depends the perpetuity of your office (otherwise the bread and butter of your class).

But what is your objection to a democracy? You show no reason-make no reason-make no argument against that form of government. Does not common sense teach you that a republic as this is, where a thieving lot of rascals have the nation by the throat, and compel its citizens, one and all, to pay tribute to Rothchilds is but a hot-house wherein to breed criminals? Do you not know that the percentage of criminality is largely on the increase? And yet in-stead of showing your people the truth of the situation on this line, you fool away valuable time trying to preach against Spiritualism—a thing you know

right where every other man's natural demands begin, is the immutable law of natural rights. What' reason' then for holding in reverence laws that perpetu | can put it ourselves.-George Eliot.

designs, else your God is not all-powerful. Every time you set up your devil you weaken your God. Take your choico between a puny God and his copartner the devil, or an cternal first cause that is eternally good and good only, and no devil to hinder him. I pre-fer the latter.

But I must bring this already too lengthy notice of your unjust criticism of Spiritualism to a close, with an extract from a secular paper

The other day a practical iron-mould-er, who had not tasted food for eighteen hours and was unable to find work, stopped at a house in Blairsville, Pa., and asked for something to eat, stating that he was willing to do any kind of work in return. The occupant of the house was a minister of the gospel which Jesus proached to the fishermon on the shores of Galilee. He was shown a union card, which it about the only evidence a workless workingman can give that he is not a professional tramp. The man of God told him to sit while he went for a person who would take care of him. The minister then, with a heart brimming with mercy and loving kindness, went to a neighboring tele phone and called the police. The starving and wretched workman, who has an immortal soul to save, was arrested, locked in a prison cell, without food or fire, and kept there until one of those awfully wicked people whose tendency is towards anarchy paid the \$1.75 de-inanded for his release. Then the preacher hied gleefully away to his study to write a sermon on the consola tions of religion to the poor and those in distress. Yours for truth,

GEO. HEFFNER.

SHE STOOD BY HER SON. CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

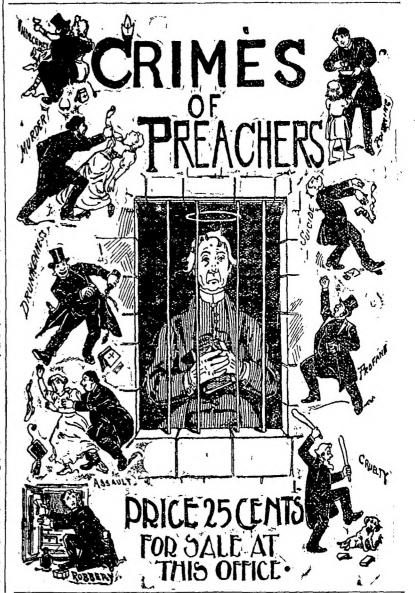
to ask the spirit wife if she could tell where their son was. The reply came that she could, but she thought the father should find that out for himself. On a second request, however, she said that the boy was in an Eastern city, employed as a clerk, and was doing well and making a reputation for himself. When he was thrown aside by his father he had gone from bad to worse, and, having his allowance, had made little effort to make a living for himself Finally, through spirit aid, his mother had been able to appear to him, and the influence she had thrown around him had saved him. He had mended his ways, had obtained a position and was now making his way in the world. At her direction he had left the allowance his father had made him untouched He knew he had done wrong, and was quite as much to blame for their separation as his father, and wanted to again appeal for forgiveness, but the spirit

mother would not allow him to do so. When he recognized his own harshness, she was willing to have a reconciliation, but not before. Had the father a little patience, she said, the son's youthful faults would have been overcome. The location of the son was so directly

fixed that the father had no difficulty in reaching him through an Eastern corre-spondent, to whom he telegraphed. An answer has been received and a reun-ion of the father, son and spirit mother is expected within a few days.

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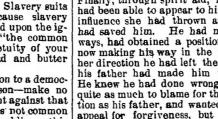
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ter. My cousins brought me secretly the departed sometimes meets us face to different condiments which I tasted and face and the problem of the doubting

her taste was in common with mine. ance, or of any of the thousand wonders form of a perfect syllogism

this field. I preached the doctrine of philosopher, from universal salvation for thirteen years. But, at that date, its vicariousness and its tenacity for personalities instead of has grasped it, but with heart-yearnings principle and spirituality, rendered it come they have looked into the dark too close a corporation for me, and hav- come, they have looked into the dark ing another profession ample for the and depended on these desires alone support of my family, in 1867 I relin- for doubtful satisfaction. The most quished my letter of fellowship. During quished my letter of holds with the strongest motive, and Spiritualism had undiscovered country," "the bourne taken the strongest hold. With the from which no traveler returns," and so thought began to take form. The first book of A. J. Davis, "Nature's Divine session of some of the world's brightest Revelations," and the series that followed, were devoured as a young robin takes food, without asking questious.

Books, journals, foremost of which R. Buchanan, private tests, home sepsychometrizing running back even beyond the carboniferous period. at home among the fossiliferous remains; traits of character of those at a distance and passed on, read from relics of the departed, all unknown to the normal condition of the medium.

TELEPATHY.

| was given of the harangue he gave the company around him, and then from a sitting position the corpse fell back dead. As in the case of the story of the mixed peas of Mr. Maxon in this county, published in the New York papers and copied by THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER recently (as sometimes will happen), it turned out to be a very clevnew beginner, or you have crly written flotion. But before the California story could be declared false it had embellished many a spir tual lec-

ture as a sure test of spirit return. MRS. CORA L. V. RICHMOND. About this time appeared upon the

rostrum Cora Hatch (now Mrs. Richmond), a girl of 16 who, by the power of her eloquence and keen logic while in trance, confounded the ablest lawyers and astonished the world. Here was an

Fifty-four years ago, in my pedagogue intelligence and a force beyond the came. If you wish to inform yourself of days, I experimented in mesmerism, at dream of mortals, that by advanced my uncle's house in Burlington, Vt. minds was seen to be one of the links My subject was a maiden lady of 30 that units the two worlds. As the diffacts referred to, you can attend 100 seances which will give you all you will ever need with honest mind and pure years. The facts brought out were won-herent phases of phonomena showing the spirit. As for me to make a pack-horse derful. They were new to the vicinity, powers of the soul while in the body and had I but had a view of the took prominence, I dismissed them as broader field revealed in the light of to-day, my experiments could have been proof of a future life, though I considof my guides and drag them to Water-town, N. Y., for the sole purpose of convincing you that I am a gentleman and a medium, for the sum mentioned is the carried with this instrumentality into all ered the laws, attributes and manifesta-the mysterious and useful departments tions of the soul as being of the same namost proposterous thought that could be presented by a reasoning mind. You of hypotism of modern discovery. As ture whatever the world it is in: and so it was, she was completely under the hy closer study it became demonstrated control of my will, and the effect of silent that souls freed from the body do return suggestion I have never seen so marked. and communicate and so far etherialize Without her normally knowing my or materialize as to be recognized by ture's laws so far as chemistry is concerned in the mineral, vegetable and thoughts my suggestion would fasten those who knew them, and that part of her to the floor, and when sewing would the subject lies entirely beyond the human kingdoms. Yours for justice, at a distance stop her needle so that she realm of any phase of subliminal con-could not move it. On the old system of sciousness. While the objective senses etc.' could not move it. On the old system of sciousness. While the objective senses Gall and Spurzheim I touched the dif- grow weak as the body weakens, the ferent phrenological organs after the subjective senses grow stronger, and the not read my offer, and my letter to him only referred him to the offer as not taken instructing hlm how to direct his node of Dr. Buchanan, and the lan-strongest even at the moment of dissolu-guage of each was acted out to the let- tion, and after the change, the soul of letter should he conclude to accept, and no other comment. Here is the sum of "From its spiteful tone and its false statements conjured up regarding my

and anxious ages of the past is solved I never thought of there being a way A future life becomes as much a settled in which she could be carried away in- corollary as any other logical and sciento the realm of independent clairvoy- tific fact, and is as easily put into the It may be now being revealed by this occult force. stated thus: Proposition 1st-Every fac-But little did I think that fifty-four ulty is functioned for use. Proposition years later there could be found in New 2d—Every faculty or function does not York State members of a whole medical find its use in this life; therefore—3d, fraternity who would sit with open- the conclusion-It must find its use in a mouthed incredulity while Professor life after death. This true mode of Cocke (though blind) delineated to them reasoning is admirably set forth in Y. by experience and experiment the ines- J. Hudson's second book. This syllogistimable value of hypnotism as a cura- tical axiom has always been true, but tive agent now being a professionally each proposition has been so veiled in and legally established fact through obscurity by the ignorance of man conthe old countries and the western por-cerning the psychic forces of nature, a tions of the United States. I kept al- Spirit-world, that he has failed to grasp ways in touch with the experimenters in the truth that most concerns him. No

PLATO TO EMERSON,

Boston. I have received many complimentary letters from those of like experiences with myself, and sickness is my excuse for not replying to them. Many heart-felt thanks! One enthusiast, however, seems to dissent and gives a summary learned of the clergy have done the same, and why? Because they have had reason why I get no response to my offer, thusly; "It is simply because no one wishes to sell you a set of brains which will be capable of comprehending the truth of materialization for the sum of far from a future world becoming axiomone hundred dollars." Strange that such a fountain of supply could not furnish me without cost! But he means thinkers.

They argued that our desire to live on EXTRAORDINARY MANIFESTATIONS. only comes from our natural instinct of A gentleman who runs a ranch on the were the truly scientific works of Dr. J. Sell-preservation. Let us analyze, the plains of Texas, which seems to take in ances, came to my aid. Specimens of world lie at the base of the brain, as ala whole town, stocked with blooded cat imentiveness, combativeness, destruc-tiveness, fear, the passion, or lower loves, etc. These all on the line from tle and sheep, and who claims he is rich and independent, would like the opportunity of giving us the desired test free. I have had two letters from him and bethe centre of the brain, point downward, unknown; and also of those who had outward and earth ward, and their comlieve him truthful, honest and sincere; his manifestations just what he claims mission is to fight the battles of this life for them. He, his wife and little the same as in the brute. But man's desires and longings reach higher than

daughter are all mediums. Their manthis. The yearning is not so much for the bare continuance of life as for the ifestations are without money and with-out price. All his business is done by A most remarkable specimen of telep- inceting of the loved ones whose pres-athy occurred in the privacy of my own ence and communion have really formed spirit guidance. His adviser material izes at noonday while on the range with his sheep. He can tell him by the color of his clothing. To him he owes his financial prosperity. The spirit often shakes and wakes him from sleep and tells him of trouble among his herd, and sends a man to the rescue, who always finds the information correct. This family materialize forms without going under control. The forms are as visible to those who are not mediums as to those who are. He says: "The forms seem to be not transparent as a shadow, but just like the appearance of some real body, dark, as you have seen in earth-life in the moonlight-but as fiesh and blood, it is nonsense to think of such a thing!" I hope this gentleman whose name I have not the authority to give, will write out his wonderful experience for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, which cannot but deeply interest the reader. Recently was a description in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of wonderful materializations in New York by one the spiritual plane of being that brings -. On the strength of it one of our company wrote him for a seance in Watertown. He was otherwise engaged. A few days after I received a letter from Robt. White, Jr., of Hacken-THE REASONS WHY THE \$100-OFFER sack, from which he permits me to ex-WAS MADE. tract the following for publication: "On one occasion he did not conduct his se-Three years ago a small coterie of us ance in a manner that savored of truth. My wife and I attended one of his se ances in Washington, D. C., and she be ing one of a committee to sew him, and at the close of the seance, on examinatiou, he had become unsewed and sewed again in an entirely different manner. My wife positively states this; and her word to me is all the testimony I want in the matter." Mr. White then goes on to explain the simple manner in which he thinks the whole thing was done. If this medium believes this crlticism to be unjust there is but one way by which he can vindicate himself and ever after be a leading light in the field: Lay this deception to the spirits the scientist, remains firm on they come? It seemed to us that there themselves, as a rare occurrence, and then come to Watertown, convince the most incredulous, take the \$100 reward and go on his mission of love to humanbody and the natural human body and

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notice.

fair. Why there should be touching this great question, danger-signals around this beautiful city of 22,000 in-Translated to Spinit Life, on the 23d of February, 1800, Mri Mirs M. Phelon, wife of W. P. Phelony M. D., in the 65th year of her age. Thus, after ten weeks habitants that the light cannot come in, of intense suffering in hody, from cancer of the stomach, has shother brave, active, able and intelligent leader gone down in the fight against the oppresson In addition to my published notice I sent private letters to four advertised of ignorant superstition. A Vermonter by high, she gloried in materializers, merely calling attention

to the offer. Only one of them replied. the mightlness of truth, and scorned all deception and makeshifts. She was and hore are some extracts from his letter; "I had not noticed any such offer "I had I should brought up in the orthodox faith; but, soon after coming to the West to reside, she came into the broader light of spirmade by you. Even if I had, I should have treated it as I do all such expresitual freedom, and for many years has been not only a pronounced Spiritualist but also a successful metaphysical healsions of printer's ink, unworthy of my You seem to think that I hav just started out into the field. From the er. She has saved many lives, and lightened many ills, but at the last, untone of your letter, evidently you are a not read much on the subject, either in papers der the law of completion, she was powor books, or you would have been familerless to hold herself in life. Nor did iar with me and my gifts which are known to the world for the past twentyshe desire it, but from the beginning of her last illness she desired freedom three years. Further, you would not have caused yourself to pen such an infrom the troublous swirl of the seen, seeking rather the rest of the unseen. She has ever been a mighty power in sult to me, for such I consider it; but the revival of the Ancient Hermetic coming from. a person whom I do not know and doubting that said person Brotherhood, as a supporter of her hus-band's work, who, left behind, is still to labor and wait, until he, too, shall be knows but little regarding the subject in question, I consider it from whence it called from the visible to the invisible. Her translation to the invisible will only add a greater impetus to the visible work, through the force that she carries with her, from knowledge and will, the result of the earth experience. Whoever goes down in the fierce battle for the truth, on this plane, cannot stop the moving columns. The long roll proclaims the advance. The bugle sounds the charge. The work is everything, personal conditions nothing. Close up the serviced columns and move re evidently tinctured with a stigmawhich you are thrusting out to the world, showing your ignorance of naforward! Mrs. Phelon's last words were: "I have tried to do the best I could." All who know her testify that this was true to the utmost limit. May the harmony and rest of the great angels be and abide with her now and for-All of the above, when he says he had

ever.

Passed to the higher life, from his home at Geneva, Mich., February 16, 1896, J. B. Allen, in his 66th year. Mr. Allen was born at Alexandria, N. J., in 1830. He came to Michigan in 1835 and settled in Dover, Lenawee County where he resided for twenty-nine years. attainments, I am moved to make you He acquired a common school education the following offer. If you will give me and taught school successfully for sevthree weeks notice of any seance for eral years. He was married to Lovernia materialization you intend to hold any-A. Salisbury in 1856, and removed to Missouri, where he remained until 1861, shall be a policeman-on hand to arrest the spirit and ascertain of what material vhen he returned to Michigan and settled at Geneva and resided there until it is composed. Yours for justice and truth." the close of his, earth-life, except a few years passed at Ann Arbor, Mich. His Since writing this I learn that this only child, a son, passed away at the age of 20 years, in 1879, after having graduman, who between my quotations boasts of giving the people the true light ated with honors from the State Univer-sity of Michigan. His aged mother, in her 92d year, and his wile, both survive from which he cannot swerve for the sum of \$100, is a base fraud and impostor. One of our coterie, a clergyman, him.

Mr. Allen was a stanch Republican in politics. He was generous, kind and conscientious in all his relations with his brother man; he possessed sterling virtues, and passed away as he had lived, in the full knowledge of Spiritualism. He was an earnest worker in the cause and did a great ideal to promote the philosophy, in cassisting largely to maintain the camping at Devil's Lake each year. He will be sadly missed by a large cincle of friends and neighbors.

neighbors. It for the services were conducted on February 19th, by the guides of Dr. H. C. Andrews, inspirational speaker, of Bridgeport, Mich., Many met in honor of the arisen one notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and the remains were placed, in the family lot at Doyer Center, DBaHit, ANDREWS.

 Inclemency of the weakfact, and the remains were placed, in the family lot at make the shore of the family lot at the shore of the shore of the cause. He was a strong believer in spirit return, and a supporter of the cause. He was an old soldler, and was liked by all who knew him.
 Passed to the higher life, at his home in Lansing, Mich., February 12, 1896, of paralysis, Henry E. Porter, aged 74 years. For many years he was a firm believer in Spiritualism, and nearly dever in Spiritualism, and nearly the were certainly telling the truth, and most of the experiences show that strices that time seemed to enjoy the home circle more than ever. Mr. Porter has been twice married; his former wife, Phebe, having passed on meetings free with the church notices of our Standard, the show having passed on meetings free with the church notices of our sendary the shore of the cause. He was an old sold for the state of the structure in Spiritual S former wife, Phebe, having passed on some eighteen years ago. A few hours before his transition he called his wife to his bedside, eaving: "I see Phebe," then expressed a desire to join the friends on the evergreen shore. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter, who miss the form in the home, but through the mediumship of the wife are able to commune with him at any time. The services were conducted at the house by Mrs. A. E. Sheets, of Grand Ledge, Mich., and at the grave by the I. O. of O. F., he having been a member of that order since the age of 21 years. C. H. PORTER.

miles in the country. On Monday morn-ing I arose feeling well, but by 10 o'clock my legs began to eshe, and a peculiar numbrises, accompanied with diziness. Since she has been with us she has given two lectures at Locknowt N Y came upon ine, and for a time I could not understand why I should have such feelings, but I went on the street with a determination to lose them, and while on the street alone I became conscious of a spirit presence, and was impressed that was of him I was engaged to speak at his funeral the following day. I asked if such was the case, and the peculiar sensation of pain and numbress left me. On Tuesday, when I met the **M**dow, I told of the circumstance, and she said it was all true, and was satisfied her huswas all true, and band had visited me. M. F. HAMMOND.

FROM SAN DIEGO, CAL.

Mrs. Bullene and Prof. Loveland -Moral Methods-Fairness of Local Press-Good Field for a Phenomenal Medium.

San Diego has three flourishing Spiritual societies-the First, the San Diego, and the Advance Guard. The two former keep open doors, same as the churches, carrying on the expenses by assessments, private subscriptions and the collections. If Spiritualists everywhere would follow this plan it would do much to remove the suspicion of outsiders that we are insincere.

Mrs. Emma J. Bullene is filling her econd month's engagement with the First Spiritual Society, and Prof. J. S. Loveland has just completed a six weeks' engagement with the Advance Guard. Brother Loveland lectured on Bible Spiritualism, in Boston and Cambridge, over forty years ago, and Mrs. Bullene was the first trance speaker to appear on the Spiritual rostrum. It is the opinion or those here who have heard all the leading speakers, that they have no superiors on the Spiritual rostrum to-day. The San Diego Daily Tribune, in speaking of Mrs. Bullene's lectures, has the following:

"Whether speaking on physiology, geology, astronomy, archæology, psychometry or general metaphysics, she shows a familiarity with her subject and its technical terms that would do credit to a professional lecturer upon any of the particular branches. In fact, she seems to hold the knowledge of the whole universe within her grasp. Beginning with the mineral kingdom (referring to her discourse on the Origin of the Human Spirit), she traced the evolution of man up to the very apex of creation, an epitome of all the forms of life beneath him."

A novel plan has been adopted here for the development of mediums. Circles are held in the families of members in various parts of the city, numbering from five to nine persons. These circles meet once a week, under uniform rules laid down by the band

Conn.; Worcester, Mass.; Providence, Since she has been with us she has given two lectures at Lockport, N.Y.; one at Aurora, N. Y., and two at North Collins, N. Y. Mrs. Jackson is an untiring worker, and will make engagements for weekday or evening work near by any place where she has engagements as mentioned above. Spiritualism has taken a good hold of the people of our Queen City of the Lakes, and the prospect is good

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family, of which I have ever heard or all that was the most important in our read; exact in every particular, though real life. It is a love that knows no we lay no claim to mediumship. The bounds, and in this world it finds no re-distance of the transfer was five hundred sponse. Phrenologically it is mapped miles. To raise the argument whether out on the upper arch of the cerebrum, the agency employed was an excarnate with its faculties and functions pointing I may some day publish the incident. In 'realm of spirituality, where use for my own house the table has been raised which they exist alone can be found. clear from the floor, and on it tune. The sentinels that guard this peaceful after tune has been drummed out in as battlefield of conquering love are spirit-perfect time as upon a drum, for twenty-indity, veneration, hope. The language five minutes, without cessation, and of these faculties is as unmistakable as when we had all become impatient and the fact that man knows he must die requested with all our will power that and that the response to his yearnings the programme be changed and we have can only come from the beyond. Hence some slate-writing, yet the drumming the soundness of the syllogism and the kept right on the same, and so loud positive knowledge that "we have a that it could be heard all over the house not made with hands," especially house. Names were rapped out of per-when the syllogism is coupled with the sons never known or heard of by any fact that is otherwise demonstrated that present. During all this simply the there is another life; and so at the age tips of fingers of the medium touched of 78, health impaired, looking out from the table.

During the former periods of investi- satisfaction to desire grander than from gation something always transpired all other phases of life, the sight is of a myetifying nature, and it was the clear, not a cloud intervenes and the fuwish of all thoughtful minds that the ture is brighter than the golden sunlight across the dark chasm could be light. more uniform and clear.

HYPNOTISM AND SUGGESTION. Meantime hypnotism, with its power of suggestion, either auto or otherwise: entered into the study of the manifesta-mind-reading, clairvoyance and kindred tions in deep earnestness. It is compsychic forces, were fast growing into prominence, and much of the phenom-ena which had so bewildered the mind make more. We have THE PROGRESScould by some one of these be explained IVE THINKER and Border Land, both and the Spirit-world relieved of the re- rich in deep thought; we seek the latest sponsibility of many contradictions. At publications that we think can profit best we had a mixture. Some investi- us; have the back and present reports of gators, especially of the London society, the London Psychic Society, in which vent so far as to declare that all the all the phenomena are verified by wit-kenomena can be explained by these inesses, and though we believe in spirit But the more, thorough, return, there being no end to progress, • encies. mong them F. W. H. Myer, secretary we call ourselves investigators. the society, have given up such an Believing in etherealizations and

the society, have given up such an Believing in etherealizations and explanation, and declare that spirit re-turn is proven. The president, Wm. wondered and asked with what body do Crookes. the same ground. There is a large class must be in the anatomy, density, flexiof real spiritual phenomena that no bility and temperature a marked differ-manifestation under the head of "duality | ence between an impromptu-formed of mind, subjective or subliminal" consciousness, can possibly explain away, each investigator ought to be able to de-But referring to some of those former oide at once which it was. communications, such as were weekly in your reports of such seances, some published in the Banner of Light, I had of them grand and wouderful, there had too much experience in hypnotism, seems to be a marked looseness on this with its silent suggestions, to place any point and reporters should be more defireliance on them. At the seances Gen. nite. Our little circle exposed a flesh Jackson did an immense amount of com-and blood spirit in the person of Etta municating, moving the hand of several Roberts, who came to our city on the hundred mediums to write at the same recommendation of a good psychic lecing. A good, honest old gentleman, again the next evening in the spiritual Gen. Baker, had a 15-year-old son whose temple. Her personations were wonder-control was always Jackson. I expressed ful and all done by herself and para-my doubt on the subject, but he was in-phernalia. I had witnessed two other corrigible. One day as he opened the seances that were frauds. Finally one stove to put in a stick of wood, Jackson after another of the best materializers ran the boy's

HEAD INTO THE STOVE. The father sudd -iy pulled him out, but though he lind a hot-headed boy, the father ever allo, found the ardor of his materializations; more especially with credulity somewhat cooled. Prof. Crookes' experiments before us

A SPIRIT RETURNS.

But we wished to investigate the phe-A story came in a monthly spiritual nomena of both materializations and A story came in a monthly spiritual nomena of both materializations and journal that one Fitch-I think that was the name-had died in Californis, and after the spirit had left the body it 28th of September last you published came back and took possession of its old our offer, that has never met with an habitation, and a graphic description affirmative response. We intended the land woman. Price 50c,

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MORE INVITATIONS. A Mr. Tatum in Santa Barbara, Cal., promised to come the 3,000 miles to convince us, if no one else accepted in two months. He is young, and I think is honest, and really thought at the time he could satify us. The time was up a month ago and I wrote him, but he has made no response. Mabel Aber, be-fore she was exposed, recommended in print as one of the best, and to us, in a private letter, as the very best, was written to while in New. York, but she "could not spare the time," but went into pitiful lamentations that "Spiritualrecommended through the press and by private correspondents, who had seen and knew them to be true went by the ists should be so imposed upon by frauds." Nellie Barnes is materializing in New York, recommended as the best; written to three weeks ago and no reply; and who will give us this light? DR. E. A. HOLBROOK.

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At Dellmills, January 28, Jessie, wife of Frank Wilson, aged 19 years. A little girl, a few days old, a loving husband and tender mother, are left to feel the shadow of grief left by the absence o one of the sweetest mothers the world has known. Mrs. Anna L. Robinson rowing ones at the figural, which was largely attended.

In Port Huron, Hebruary 13, suddenly, vithout warning, passed into the higher life, Capt. Cummings Geel, aged 50. The Captain was a man held in high esteem by the whole community, and his death was a great shock, the leaves a wife, two sons, three daughters and one sister. The funeral way very largely at-tended. Services were conducted by Mrs. Anna L. Robinson,

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Mr. Lawrence, Mix, an old but true Spiritualist, who recently moved with his wife to the home of their daughter, Mrs. Stratton Cross; in Talmage, Mich., from Warsaw, N. X., left his earthly home on Sunday motning, February 23 for his Spirit-home, aged 75 years. Mr Mix was a member of Co. D, 106 Reg. N. V. Vols., and while serving during the war of the Rebellion, he contracted the disease which finally ended in paralysis, and, for a long time before his final departure his soul was visiting his friends who had gone on before. He leaves, besides his loving wife, two daughters, who know that his departure

only makes their way more clear. I was asked to speak at the funeral of Mr. Mix by his nephew on Sunday morn ing after my lecture in Grand Rapids, but Mr. Mix's name was not mentioned. The funeral was to be held on the Tues day following, at 11 a. m., and they were to come for me with a carriage, nine

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answers all questions without any hesitation whatever. She has also made it a point to either give a lecture or an entertainment of some kind during the week, and sometimes two of them on weekday evenings. Very few speakers have had as many years and as much experience on the platform as Mrs. Jackson has, and very few are better. posted upon matters spiritual than she is. She will stay with us a good portion of the first week in March, for.

the purpose of aiding in an entertainment for the benefit of the First Spiritual Society, on Tuesday night. We part with Mrs. Jackson with

regret, for she has endeared herself to many of, our people, and we hope to have her with us again in the near future. She is engaged for Maple Dell (Ohio) camp for a portion of the season of '96, and at Cassadaga, N.Y. (Lily Dale), Onset Bay, Harwich, on Cape Cod; Fort Worth, Texas, and at other camps, for '96. From Buffalo she goes to Meriden, Conn.; Norwich,

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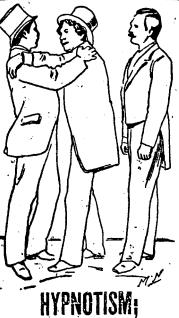
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ings. The unearthing of buried cities constitute but a small fragment of the work of to-day. Relics of saints burned to ashes, and those ashes scattered to the winds, are restored and exhibited by priests as the genuine bones of departed saints: the coat of our "dear Lord" was recently exhibited to devout inultitudes as one of his cast off garments, whilst his heart's blood, carefully bottled, the real elixir of life which flowed in his veins, is waiting exhibition, as is the milk from his mother's breast. A bone from the wrist of the good St. Anne, the grandmother of God, is on exhibition in a Canadian church. There are thousands of other sacred remains of the early ages of the church, each equally authentic, which are waiting a favorable opportunity to be brought forth and shown for generous consideration to the admiring credulous,

years ago an expedition was A few projected in Paris, to rake the bottom of the Red Sca, hoping to find traces of the hosts of Pharaoh who were drowned while pursuing the flecing Israelites. It was given out that one of the wheels of the king's chariot had actually washed In a century or two that wheel ashore. will be placed on exhibition, and sworn affidavits of those who found it will accompany the ancient wonder.

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New Testament into the Arabic lan-

my own church, and I have loved it

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book. I assure you that by the Koran

we can understand the Gospels better,

and without the Koran it is impossible

to understand them correctly. It is for

that I believe God has preserved the

Koran, and also preserved Islam, be-cause it has come to correct the doc-

trines and dogmas of the Christians.

There is no difference in the books

themselves-the Gospels and the Koran.

It is only in the understanding of the

NOW THE MOHAMMEDAN.

A letter from the pen of Mohammed

A. R. Webb, of the Moslem World, re-

ceived only a few days ago, recalled the

above words of the Archimandrite, so

we turned to them to see what the old-

est, the ablest, and the most distin-

guished Armeniau had said of the Mo-

hammedans and the Koran, on the eve

of their great revolt, before they were

influenced by the missionaries to throw

off the Turkish yoke, or had made any

attempt in that direction. Mr. Webb

people in their reading."

lows:

While the Parliament of Religions ment." was in session in Chicago, during the We are sure the readers of THE PROgreat exposition, in September, 1893, GRESSIVE THINKER will greatly enjoy Christophere Jibara, the "Archimand these statements-one from a prominent rite of the Apostolic and Patriarchal Christian clergyman, residing at Damas-Throne of the Orthodox Church in Syria cus, in daily contact with Mohammedand the Whole East," appeared before ans, who was so familiar with the Arathat body, with a special message lookbic, in which the genuine Koran aping towards the union of Christianity. peared, as to translate the New Testaand Mohammedism. He appeared in ment into that language: then alongside

his official robes, a loose black gown of his learned exposition, from which with flowing sleeves, and, says the Daily we have made but very brief extracts, Herald report, published on the ninth the views of a learned Mohammedan, page of its issue of September 26, 1893, who has made immense sacrifices to "he was a man of striking appearance." give the Western world a clear concep-His title in Syriac, translated into Engtion of the faith of Islam. lish, tells us he was abbot-general in the Armenian church, whose duty it is to

Why Not Be Honest? superintend all the convents of the Ar-It hardly seems fair, in the light of menian faith in the whole East. Anypresent knowledge, for the American thing coming from such high authority Board of Missions to say, as they did in ought to be welcomed by the whole their late annual report:

Christian world. He said, among a "It is estimated that 37,000,000 of the large number of other instructive population of Japan are still worshipers "I have been a servant of religion all

Japan is a Buddhist country, and its my life, and have come all the way from people are followers of the illustrious Damascus on my own account, and in my poverty, in the midst of apprehen-Gautama. They are no more idol-worshipers than are Catholics, who bow in sion of the enmity of ministers who may make me a target for their reproach." "In the name of God, the omnipres-ent," he went on to say, "I think and believe that when the Gospels and the adoration before the crucifix. Christians of all orthodox creeds worship their Jesus as a God. The followers of Buddha do not embrace Buddhism because its founder was a God, but because Koran, which are really one, are reconciled, and the two great peoples, the Christians and the Mohammedans are he was a teacher who taught the truth in regard to life, and how to attain Nirvana, otherwise eternal rest, and escape reconciled, the whole world will come into unity, and all differences in religthe transmigration of souls into lower forms of life until they are sufficiently ion will fade away. I hope these purified to dwell with God. great peoples, the greatest and strong-est, the brightest and richest among all

As knowledge is gained of what was known a few years ago as Pagan nations, the nations of the earth may unite in it is found the missionaries who de one faith, serving one God. ... I have been a Christian since my infancy, and scribed the Oriental religions to Westerners misrepresented are falsified in in the churches in my country I have been a preacher for thirty-eight years. almost every particular. have translated many theological

Allah, whom the Mohammedans worship; Brahm, the supreme God of the Brahmans, and Joss, of the Chinese, are no more idols than is the God of the guage. I have always been a student in Jews or the Christians. They are but other names for the same eternal, invisible and almighty God, as designated in tell you that the Koran is an inspired other languages. Why cannot Chris-tians recognize this fact? As long as the deceit is continued it will be suspected the fraud is kept alive for sinister motives.

Not His Best Hold.

The editor of a prominent medical journal credits to Solomon the expression, "When a man I put away childish things." This shows that our medical friends are not all well read in sacred lore. The passage will he found in I. Corinthians, xiii., 11, and nowhere else in the Bible. That fellow Paul. credited with this sage expression, was guilty of writing so many silly things about not allowing the women to teach, we greatly question whether he had put away childish things, provided his epistles were written after he reached maturity. Our brother of The Medical Brief writes interestingly and learnedly on all subjects pertaining to his profession, but his best hold is not in quoting the Bible.

A Worthy Attempt.

spent years among Mohammedans. He A Protestant paper at Moncton, N. B., saw the workings of the system, and in has undertaken an excellent task, which the confidence of friendship, with no we hope will be successful. The editor idea of its publication, he wrote as folsays

"We propose to destroy the market "One of the features of the Islamic sysfor mass, close up the confessional, and tem that appealed most strongly to me, rent out purgatory for bull-fights.' was the absence from it of a priesthood While engaged along these lines he and an ecclesiastical aristocracy. It

eaven's sunlight on the convents. Bnt we apprehend the twelve labors of Hercules were triffes compared with the task he has already assumed.

THAT POISONING CASE.

gressive Thinker.

lamentable episode in our ranks. These THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER was in- reports were not in any sense of the word augurated under peculiar circumstances sensational, but a simple statement of some six years ago. There was not at what the officers of the law were doing that eventful period a Spiritualist paper in endeavoring to ferret out those who published at one dollar per year. The poisoned Peter H. Nellis, and in connecattempt had previously been made by tion with which the names of Mrs. C. C. Dorus M. Fox to furnish a paper at that Stowell and her son Gardner received price, but it proved a most painful fail- prominent mention. ure. The publication of THE PROGRES-The legal proceedings were given, SIVE THINKER Was looked upon with and it is well that Spiritualists all over distrust, as likely to prove abortive, and the country should know what is going the old established papers, published at on in our ranks. They should know its a high price, regarded the innovation as exact status, and if prominent mediums a failure at the very commercement. are arrested, let the report accompany-The Religio-Philosophical Journal pre- ing their arrest and the legal proceed-

dicted an early demise of our efforts, and ings be given. Spiritualists are not as the first 6,000 subscribers were only babies, nor children, nor semi-idiots, for a period of sixteen weeks, we not that facts should be concealed from having at that time one hundred yearly them. They want the search-light subscribers, we are frank to say that we turned on everywhere. The dark-lanregarded the situation with no little tern process will not answer for Spiritfear ourself, that our efforts might not ualists now. be crowned with success. We were,

THE NELLIS POISONING CASE, however, agreeably disappointed. The

Those whose names have been contrial subscribers renewed with commendable promptness, and our list connected with the Nellis poisoning case tinued to grow with remarkable vigor. have our deepest, our most tender sym-

COME TO PURIFY, NOT OF TO DESTROY! PIRITUALISM WOE TO THOSE WHO DEFRAUD DEFILE OR MURDER IN NAME IMPERIAL ENG (.

As a consequence our unparalleled suc- | pathy. So has Hugh Moore and Mabel cess caused the deep and vile animosity Aber, who were exposed in the columns of the Better Way, published at Cincin- of Light of Truth; so has Dr. Staniey, nati, and that animosity became devil- who was assailed most bitterly in that ishly malignant, and every plan that an paper; and so have dozens of others artful cunning or ingenuity could de- whom that paper has wantonly and most vise was inaugurated to supersede THE bitterly attacked, in order to cover up PROGRESSIVE THINKER. Finding that its own shortcomings. They are entitled the list of the Botter Way subscribers to far more tender sympathy than Mrs. were dwindling away, a new tack was C. C. Stowell and her son Gardner for made. The stockholders of the paper, the opportunities of the former in life were informed that their stock was to advance have not been half as great:

worthless, and in order to prevent any their positions have not been half as should have included the letting in of claim on the paper by those whose prominent; bosides, they have never money had been basely squandered, a been arrested, and no evidence whatevnew company was organized and the pa- er against them placed on file in any per's name changed to Light of Truth. court. Under the circumstances the Then a plan was formed by those con- appeal for sympathy for Mrs. Stowell

almost every home in the land. The apolis, Minn., while he is a fit mouthwhole account - was strictly legitimate piece for vile attacks upon us, and a suitnews that every Spiritualist who is not able companion for the Cincinnati gang. a shrinking coward would like to be

familiar with, representing as it did a NOTE FROM A CRITICAL MIND. DEAR SIR:-I have just read the editorial in the Light of Truth, to which paper I have been a subscriber since its first issue as the Better Way. Believing that you are not entirely indifferent to the opinion of your patrons-rath-

> in that editorial concerning you were at all merited.

PERFORMED A DUTY.

TO THE EDITOR:-Astonishing as are he revelations of the Girard case in Pennsylvania, I think you have performed a duty in informing your readers of such a blight upon our cau

Madison, Wis. JOSEPH T. DODGE. The above is from a leading mind who does not believe that Spiritualists are such children or semi-idiots that what is going on the world should be carefully concealed from them. Mr. Dodge was a delegate to the last National Convention. Many others have written us, thanking us for giving a full account of the poisoning case, claiming that they are desirous of knowing all that is going

A Large Fund of Valuable Infor-

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER this week contains a very large fund of valuable information-an exceedingly rare intellectual feast. The first page is full to overflowing with grand spiritual truths - soul-elevating indeed! The great work the secular press is doing for Spiritualism cannot well be overestimated. Read carefully what Geo. H. Hepworth, editor of the New York Herald says of "Our Two Homes." "The Longing for Immortality," and "The Burdens We Bear." Each Sunday, one of his short sermons appears in the New York Herald, and is read by thousands, and which, in a measure, refines and spiritualizes them. Then comes a short sketch of Healer Hammond, detailing hls life and work, and showing that he is imbued with the true Christ spirit. "She Stood by Her Son," is an interesting sketch that appeared in the Globe-Democrat. Here are communications, full of the divine spirit, and which have been read by at least one million, doing a hundred times more good than they possibly could if

only published in all the Spiritualist papers on earth. The secular press to-day is reaching an immense constituency with truths germane to Spiritualism, and is doing a thousand times more good than all the Spiritualist papers combined. It is true that some of the secular papers are violently opposed to Spiritualism, but the great mass of

them are friendly to our cause. The Washington (D. C.) papers have made most excellent reports of the proceedings of the National Association. and the New York papers gave full reports of the late meeting held there, although they treated it in a somewhat flippant manner. On each page of this issue will be

found much food for reflection.

Declined the Invitation to Pray.

MASS CONVENTION

MARCE 7, 1896

Of Spiritualists in New York City,

Concert Hall, Madison Square Garden Feb. 26th and 27th,

MORNING SESSION-FEBRUARY 26. Although the clerk of the weather is evidently not a Spiritualist, still the fleecy flakes that came slowly down did not prevent a goodly number from as-sembling at the beautiful hall chosen for the optiontic

for the convention. A number of well-known Spiritualists from all parts of the East were present, and the interest seemed very great. The opening of the convention was at about eleven o'clock, when Mrs. Cora

L. V. Richmond, followed by the speakers of the session and other workers came on the platform,

The program was as nearly carried out as possible. out as possible. An opening hymn, "How cheering the Thought" was sung, with piano accompaniament.

Mrs. Richmond's guides gave an invocation replete with aspiration and in-spiration. Mrs. Richmond briefly referred to the reasons for calling the convention (which were afterward given at more length), and introduced Mrs. Mary A. Newton, who gave the address of welcome to New York, to the represen-tatives of the National Association and the Spiritualists present.

Mrs. Richmond announced John Eggleston, of New York, as reading secre-tary of the convention, who read regrets from many prominent people and liberal clergy that they could not be present, including Rev. Geo. H. Hepworth, Rev. Minot J. Savage, Rev. Heber Newton, Rev. Henry Frank, Hon. A. B. Rich-mond, Luther R. Marsh, Isabella Barber Horten, Dr. F. L. H. Willis and many

Mrs. Richmond then introduced Francis B. Woodbury, secretary of the N.S. A., who gave a brief address on the aims and work of the National Spiritualists' Association; also recent work in Washington (of which more will be said

luter in the convention.) Following Mr. Woodbury, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, of Troy, N. Y., was introduced to the audience. She made a fer-vent speech for Spiritualism, for freedom of conscience in religious worship, for all that the association is aiming to do, and has thus far accomplished. Her remarks were received with great applause and favor.

A brief address was made by John Eggleston, who narrated some of his experiences in his first knowledge of Spiritualism, and who interested the people deeply.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Invocation by Mrs. Richmond. Then Mr. Woodbury introduced Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, vice-president of the National Splritualists' Association, as the first speaker of the afternoon Mrs. Richmond's guides spoke on the progress of Spiritualism, on the import ance of the work, on the vast array of facts and wide range of philosophy that Spiritualism had brought to the world. Her address was replete with eloquence and logic (so every one said) and she sat

solo by Prof. Sweet, Mrs. Richmond introduced Oscar A. Edgerly, of Massachusetts, a comparatively new speaker to the old workers, but eloquent and forcible. He urged the necessity for freedom of thought, wide range of ideas, and spoke against bigotry of all kinds. His address was highly approciated.

The venerable John Hutchinson being present, Mrs. Richmond invited him to the platform and asked him to sing one

of his old-time songs. He sang, A dispatch dated Richmond, Va., Feb- of his old-time sweetness and power, and ruary 22, says that the Virginia law-makers were nonplussed by the Rev. C. angel name?" The afternoon concluded with tests from Mr. Frank, of Brooklyn, and a brief but eloquent address from Dr. E. A. Smith, of Vermont, Mr. Roscoe not having arrived.



this: All other translations current to

A Malignant Attack on The Pro-

fraternity. It lives in the present, not 31in the past. It has neither savior church, nor priesthood. Its esoteric corner-stone is a combination of perfect liberty, equality and fraternity, and its esoteric the higher psychical develop-

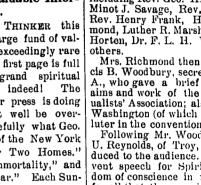
er. perhaps, would be pleased to know how they viewed the subject, allow me to state briefly, that I heartily concur with your action in the matter and

Holden, N. Y.

feel to thank you for giving us the news as you did, and I fail to see how remarks

on in our ranks, and that it is our duty to furnish it.

mation.



At 12:30 the convention adjourned to

meet at 2:30.

Convention met at 2:30, Francis B. Woodbury in the chair. After piano solo by Prof. Pfaff, a hymn was sung.

down amid the plaudits of the audience. Resuming the chair, after a cornet

dition of the Argonauts, under the command of Jason, to recover the golden ffeece. It will be no less than an attempt to recover the aprons which the Lord God made for Adam and Eve when our unfortunate lirst parents discovered they A scarch should be made were nakcd. for the club Cain used when he slew his brother Abel; also for the flaming sword placed by the Lord at the east of the Garden of Eden, which turned every way to guard the tree of life. And while in the vicinity it is hoped a search will be made for the pots of gold which were probably planted at the bases of the rainbow which God placed in the clouds as a token of his agreement with Noah that he would not drown the world again.

We were led into this train of reflections by reading the following news item, floating without credit through the public press:

'Among the contents of a library at Lyous was recently found a portion of the Pentateuch of one of the oldest manuscript Bibles in the world. 'For some time,' says the Petit Journal, 'it has been well known that the Bibliotheque de Lyon possessed an incomplete portion of this rare work, but the strange thing is that the manuscript found in the library of M. de Verna is the exact part necessary to complete this biblio-graphical treasure, with the exception one chapter from the book of

Judges. Don't be discouraged! That missing chapter will soon come to light, and the long-desired "oldest manuscript of the Pentateuch" will be complete and on exhibitiou. A great need produces these historical treasures just when they will do the most good. They always come from some old monastery, or some secret hiding-place in the keeping of the church, just where they were forged and hidden, to be discovered by innocent parties who are used as witnesses, as was the case with the gospels recently found at the Sinai Convent. The Lord anointed are adopts at bringing out these miraculous documents, for they have been engaged in the work a good while, and know just how it is done.

Worthy of Adoption.

Why is not that Oriental term. KARMA, signifying we reap what we sow-that each man's life is a product of his own past-au excellent one to adopt Into our own language? It is expressive of a grand truth, and in pleasant contrast with that foolish teaching of the church that our destiny, including rewards, punishments and happiness in a future life, are contingent on a full belief in an old-time myth.

Obeying Instructions.

An enthusiastic horticulturist, when he heard of the massacre of the English missionaries in China, wrote in his farm journal:

While we deplore bloodshed, it must be confessed that the English and American missionaries are a selfish lot, lacking in patriotism. They never have sent seed of the famous melons of Asia back to their own country.

Those missionaries were under instruction to "Take no thought for tomorrow."

deprecates church organization and ritnd usid nriests nd pres emphasizes the fraternal idea in its broadest conception. As a rule the only person connected with the mosque who receives any pay is the janitor, who does the cleaning and takes general care of the building. Sometimes the Muezzin. who makes the call to prayers, if he is a poor man, receives compensation, but it is in the nature of a present from his brethren rather than a salary. The lmam who leads the prayers is usually a business man or mechanic of education who would be ashamed to accept a compensation for his services. Of course, Islam, in common with all religions, has trayed somewhat from the straight line of its original purity, and in certain Turkish. Egyptian and Arabian cities the Imams are paid, but the notion of ecclesiastical aristocracy is kept down even then. There is no preaching, exhorting or singing in the mosques-

nothing that resembles in any way the services in a Christian church. There fore the pestiferous preacher and the evangelist are uuknown.

"All Moslems, from the Sultan of Turkey down to the humblest street coolie, stand upon a platform of perfec fraternal equality-not theoretically but practically. In my opinion the ceclesi-astical system of Christianity is its greatest curse, and hence, to me its absence from Islam is one of its most commendable and refreshing features. An Imam, Moulri or Mujtihid is not supposed to know any more about the doc-

trines and purposes of Islam than the humblest devoice. Hence the lmam, Moulri or Mujtihid is not enveloped by a veil of sanctity, which makes him a privileged character, and under cover of which be can lie, steal or commit any other crime. If he does not behave himself he is rebuked as any other brother would be, or some one else takes his place. He is not ordained and permitted to sponge his living from his fellows, nor is a trial necessary to oust him. "I don't believe there is an intelligent Spiritualist, Liberal or Agnostic in the

and who would not heartily endorse the Islamic system if he understood it; for it is free from everything he condemns in Christianity, and leaves him absolutely free to think and act as he pleases so ong as he does not offend his Moslem brothers by words and acts."

On an carlier occasion we had written Mohammed Webb that Prof. Johnson, probably one of the most learned scholars in Europe, so far as relates to Christian literature, positively denied that the Arabic Koran had one word to sav in regard to Jesus Christ; that every statement to the contrary appearing in Sale's and other translations was a misrepresentation. To this Mohammed Webb replied:

"Your learned friend in London is absolutely correct, and your quotations from him will be most fully endorsed by every intelligent, well-read Mohammedan in the world. Sale's Koran is simply an adaptation of the translations of faracci and others, who wrote at th dictation, or under the surveillance of

Roman Catholic Popes. Worse than

* [There seems to be great force in this expression, for we fail to find Rev. Jibara's address in the published volumes purporting to give the entire proceedings of that remarkable assemblage of the world's religionists.]

Proposed Legislation.

The Chairman of the Committee on Immigration has reported a bill in Congress excluding the immigration of ail persons to this country who are unable to read and write in any language. It is hopeful it will become a law. This exclusion of ignorance from the country is many times preferable to that of legdone with the Chinese. To this pro-posed law should be added one enfranchising intelligence, and disfranchising gnorance, then there will be an incentive to acquire knowledge, and demagogery will begin to decline.

Inroads on Christianity.

The French government has given a site for a Mohammedan Mosque in Paris, and the followers of the prophet throughout the world are expected to contribute of their wealth to aid in building this temple to Islamism. Additional to the mosque, a house will be built for students, and another for transient guests. It is said there are one hundred millions of Mussulmen subjects of France.

Novels Preferable to History.

Rev. Leighton Parks, of the Episcopal church, Boston, in a late address before the Y. M. C. Association, advised the reading of novels and good poetry in preference to history. It is probable the clever preacher and distinguished author has been studying history in a fruitless attempt to learn some important truth in regard to the past. When he read novels he knew it was fiction. When he read history, though it was posing as truthful, he found itin reality more imaginative than the wildest chimera of a diseased mind. Others have

made similar discoveries. No To-Morrow.

There is no to-morrow. What was supposed to be such yesterday proves on reaching it to be to-day. So it has always been; so it always will be. Like a phaniom, to-morrow flies away as it is approached.

A Matter of Course.

The Armenians and Turks lived in harmony, with no turbulence between them until provoked by Christian missionaries. Had English and American missionaries been excluded from the Sultan's dominions violence and bloodshed would not prevail there now. Whither the missionarles go, whether to

savage, barbarous, civilized or enlight ened nations, war, desolation and destruction follow as a matter of course. The speediest and most reliable remedy for all derangements of the throat

and lungs is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. This wonderful preparation checks coughing, induces refreshing sleep, and affords great relief, even in the advanced stages of consumption.

nected with the paper to crush out THE and her son Gardner must also apply to PROGRESSIVE THINKER by starting a all those whom that paper has exposed; large publishing house, hence worthless it should be extended to every unfortubonds-not worth the paper on which nate person or criminal in our land, and they were printed-were offered for yet at the same time JUSTICE should not sale, the intention being to raise \$25,000. be lost sight of under any circumstances; We regarded the scheme as most vil- it should only be tempered with mercy. lainous and exposed it, and the result A SAD, SAD PICTURE! was the whole enterprise was nipped in But Spiritualists, here is a sad, sad its incipiency, and not a dollar was

raised. heartrending that angels will weep Bear in mind, Spiritualists, that these when viewing it. Just stop and contembonds were issued just as the stock of plate the sorrowful spectacle. There the old Better Way had been proare always two sides to a scene of this nounced worthless-a piece of business kind There is the poor victim! Only a impudence that must have regarded all few weeks ago Peter H. Nollis was hale Spiritualists as semi-idiots, to suppose and hearty, the best natured man in that they would buy such worthless Girard, Pa. He was the very personifitrash. cation of good health, of honesty and in-

A CUNNING MALIGNANCY.

tegrity. But all at once this noble man From the start there has been a cuncommences to decline. His hands bening malignancy manifested by those gin to tremble; his feet to totter, his eyes connected with that paper to undermine THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. Circu-This once strong man, Peter H. Nellis. lars have been sent to our advertisers rebecomes a wreck near unto death! What peatedly from the office of that paper, a pitiable scene! Then it was that link claiming a circulation of 20,000 when it by link of suspicion was aroused, and had not on its entire list 5,000 subscribthe result was just what we published in ers. This was done to ruin our adver-THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, of Februtising patronage. It was malignancy, ary 15. pure and simple, with a groundwork of

business cunning, to give it gloss. , We

Don't let your sympathies go astray, exposed the method at the time, and the effort to swamp us proved a complete Spiritualists, but let them extend to that failure, and to day THE PROGRESSIVE poor man as well as those charged with THINKER has a larger circulation, prob- an attempt to poison him. Don't forget ably, than all the other Spiritualist pa- the victim in the appeal for symnathy made. Think of him gradually dying; pers combined. 10

HONORABLE COMPETITION.

We like honorable competition; we great, strong, good-natured Peter H. invite it: it is healthy; we never shrink Nellis, dying by inches! Just contemfrom it; but whon one person resorts to plate the pitiful scene-so sad in every unbusiness-like, disHonest methods in aspect in which you can view it. It is order to supersede another, then it is enough to make the angels weep to see our business to protest, and when Wil- some subtle influence on its mission of lard J. Hull, editor of the Light of death, gradually undermining a strong Truth, charges us with being malignant constitution, and preparing it for the in a leading editorial, making a base grave which tells no tales. Poor man! and uncalled for attack upon us, he only you are entitled to the deepest and broadest sympathy of every true and gives us an opportunity to illustrate the honest Spiritualist. position of himself and those co-operat-

We do not say that Mr. Nellis was ing with him, and to show that the mapoisoned; if innocent, those arrested will lignancy is wholly at that end of the be cleared; and even if guilty, the reline, and none whatever at this. Wilmarkable eloquence and skill of that lard J. Hull, on and off the rostrum, has great criminal lawyer, Hon. A. B. Richtaken every occasion to abuse this paper mond, may succeed in acquitting them. and its editor. He finds fault particularly because we published the proceed-

SOME PLAIN WORDS.

YOUR SYMPATHIES.

ings connected with the Peter H. Nellis And now a word as to Willard J. Hull, poisoning case at Girard, Pa. What He has pursued THE PROGRESSIVE we published were not articles evolved THINKER and its editor with the venom out of the brain of some vile reporter to of the cobra. On and off the rostrum

gain a little temporary notoriety for he has manifested his malignant spirit. himself and paper. They were state- As our readers well know, we have ments published in the great Cincinnati | treated him heretofore with silent condailes, the home of the Stowells; pub- tempt. He has played out as a speaker lished in the great dailies of Pitts- entirely-no Spiritualist society wanting burg, Philadelphia, Cleveland, etc., in him-and to add to his notoriety, he defact. what THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER | serted his most excellent wife and lovepublished had been previously read in |1y daughters. They are now in Minne- |

J. Oelschlager, an English Lutheran preacher. It is the custom of the clerk of the house of delegates to invite a minister to open the proceedings of the body with prayer each day during the week. Mr. Oelschlager was invited to serve the house as chaplain next week, and he

responded: "I do not believe in opening a promis cuous political body with prayer. The promiscuous character of the body makes

it an abuse of prayer, and the political character of the body makes it an unnatural union of church and State. I, as a Christian, can privately pray for the picture; a picture so very dismal and session, but the State which that body represents has nothing to do with prayer.

This is the first time that such a request was ever declined.

Mrs. Roberts' Report.

TO THE EDITOR:-I am glad to report that I have received, up to date, the following contributions, in answer to the call for aid, to carry on my suit against The Chicago Dispatch Company for civil libel:

Dr. R. Greer, Chicago, \$2; J. H. Sands, Jr., P. M., Whitewater Falls, Minn., \$1.05; Mr. Warner, Whitewater to grow dim, and his mind clouded. Falls, Minn., 81. Total, \$4.05. I have received many letters of en-

couragement and promises of aid. MRS. L. A. ROBERTS. 107 S. Leavitt St., Chicago, Ill.

To Go East.

TO THE EDITOR:-- I will close a year's engagement with the Spiritualist society at this place, April 1st, and will start east, where I will spend the summer at

the camps. Instead of taking long engagements, s has been my custom for several years, I have decided to make my trip east a think of the shattered nerves-this sort of missionary tour, spending from three days to two weeks in a place, and in order that I may reach many places and some where Spiritualistic meetings are somewhat of a rarity, I have decided to make the following liberal terms: I will go to any place in Minnesota, Iowa, llinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, or New York, which can be reached without too great expenditure for car-fare, if the Spiritualists of the place will furnish me with entertainainment while in their city, furnish hall and advertise the meetings and take a small admission at the door, which I

will accept for my services. To those who are not familiar with my work, I will now say that I am a trance and inspirational speaker, take subjects from the audience or those selected by the guides, as preferred, give poems from subjects presented by the audience, develop mediumship in others, teach hypnotism and illustrate its use in connection with Spiritualism and medium. ship. If any reference is required as to my position as a worker, I refer to the editors of the leading Spiritualist journals.

I believe I can make it both interesting and profitable to the people with whom I spend from three days to two weeks' time. As it will be necessary for me to arrange my trip in advance. I would be pleased to hear from those who wish to make arrangements with me, at once. Address, Aberdeen, S. D. W. H. BACH

EVENING SESSION.

The exericises of the evening were carried out almost to the letter of the printed sheet, the musical number being very fine. Miles M. Dawson read an able and thoughtful paper on "The New Psychic Science," in which he narrated some interesting personal experiences, and gave a good synopsis of the present status of psychic investigation. It was certainly a very acceptable paper, and was much appreciated by the audience. But by far the most taking address of

the evening was that of J. W. Fletcher, who is ever attractive and pleasing to his audiences.

Although somewhat lengthy, Mr. Fletcher did not tire his audience, but they were as anxious to have him continue as when he began.

Miss Maggie Gaule was then intro-duced by Mrs. Richmond, and gave some very interest and convincing tests in her own inimitable way.

Altogether the meetings were a grand success, the audiences doubling at each session. If the weather is favorable tomorrow there will be crowds. COR.

THE NEW PSYCHICAL SCIENCE. AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE THE CONVENTION OF SPIRITUALISTS AT NEW YORK CITY FEBRUARY 26, 1896.

BY MILES MENANDER DAWSON.

I hope you will believe me when I say that I feel not a little embarassed to stand forth among so many persons eminent in all fields of thought to speak as a representative of science. It almost seems to me as if I were presuming on your good nature to suppose that you who have studied these subjects deeply iong before it was given me to turn my attention to them would care about the unimportant views which have come to me as a result of my few investigations. But I trust that you will bear with me partly because the subject is so vast and so little explored that the wisest of un all is but a beginner, like Newton who once said that he felt as if he were a boy picking up shells on the shore of a vast ocean and, partly, because I am inspired with an earnest desire to spur others on to work in this almost untouched field.

The expression, "psychical science," sometimes has an unpleasant sound in the ears of Spiritualists who have found that the cowardly and hypocritical are wont to hide themselves behind that title and so to refuse to acknowledge the force of the evidence which is presented to them. On that account, perhaps, it is just as well to explain what I do not mean by psychical science before saying what I do mean and what in my judgment is properly meant. I do not mean, then, a stubborn disposition to refuse to adopt the only explanation that explains and to seek persistently after explanations which do not explain. 1 do not mean that frame of mind which refuses to adopt the hypothesis that is in harmony with the phenomena. I do not mean that peculiar form of intelligence, if indeed it is intelligence, which regards it a sign of weakness to consider that the evidence is strong that persons

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THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

PROF. ROENTGEN'S X RAY EXPLAINED

Many Abstruse and Interesting Problems Which the Scientific Men of the World Are Now Endeav-

oring to Explain.

Not since the announcement of the lit. With this arrangement you can discovery of the telephone has there turn on the electricity and see a conbeen such wide interest in a new ap- tinuous stream of queer-looking light plication of the theories of science as shoot across the vacuum.

in this matter of the Roentgen ray, | . You will notice that this light has a says the New York World. The day very strange appearance about the after Prof. Roentgen made the an- negative pole or cathode. These mysnouncement that he had found a terious variations from the normal means of photographing objects hid- have long been called the cathode den from the human eye or from any rays. They are to be seen about known camera by an intervening sub- every negative pole, whether in vacstance that was quite opaque, as, for uum or not.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

instance, wood or paper, the whole Now, the point of Dr. Roentgen's world was talking of it. And it was discovery was this: He discovered that not the world of science, but literally if you take your electrified vacuum the civilized world. For nowadays bulb and a photographic plate, propthere is no man or woman with any erly sensitized, and place between the pretense to intelligence whom the plate and bulb a human hand, you newspapers or popular scientific works will find upon the plate, after a few have not informed of the less complex minutes of exposure, not a picture or features of scientific progress. There a shadow of the hand, but a shadow were very few people who understood picture of the skeleton of the hand, what Prof. Roentgen meant by his X with no trace or only a slight trace of ray. But none failed to grasp the the flesh that should appear if a simfact that a means had been found by ilar exposure had been made in daywhich a photograph could be taken as light or in ordinary light. if a solid substance did not lie between That is to say, in some unknown the photographic plate and the object way, the rays of light about the negto be photographed. This sounds very ative pole in that vacuum have been

mysterious, but a little explanation so altered from the ordinary period or makes it quite clear. In the first place, it must be re- usually speak of light, that they will

membered that every body, however penetrate flesh, dodging between the solid it may appear, is really composed particles that compose flesh, as ordiof a number of small particles, each nary light dodges between the parquite distinct and not one touching ticles of glass. Just what change is any other. That is, there are spaces effected in light the scientists do not between the little particles composing know. any mass of matter. Now, we all see every day how a nail can be driven into wood or how a steel spike may be great classes-those who study abforced through an iron plate. This is stract science and seek new and abdone just as the hand is thrust into solutely untrodden paths in the realm water, that is, by making the nail or of the unknown that presents itself spike thrust aside the particles of the on every side for man to conquer; body to be penetrated. second, those who follow in the wake

These particles composing any cer- of these greatest men and profit by tain mass of matter are vibrating con- their splendid ventures by making the stantly. All the particles of any discoveries of new principles; and, especial kind of matter have the same third, those who follow the second period of vibration. That is, the par- class and turn their discoveries to ticles of glass vibrate so many times practical use. For instance, more a second, the particles of iron so than fifty years ago Faraday laid many times, and so on.

Now, along comes a ray of light. It down the broad principles of which this Roentgen discovery is only one strikes a strip of wood. The ray is very small result. Faraday's generalvibrating such and such a number of izations were carried forward by Maxtimes. The particles of wood have well and Hertz and Leonard, resulting another period of vibration. These in countless benefits to the human race two periods are so related each to the under further development by such other that the ray of light cannot pen- men as Bell and Edison. Roentgen etrate the wood. It is absorbed and has only developed the work of the disappears. But suppose that this developers of Faraday's theories a ray of light strikes a plate of glass. little further. And in his wake came There is such a relation between the such men as Edison and the surgeons periods of vibration of light and glass and professors of applied science. that the ray is able to pass through. The more perfect the glass is the more announcement of Roentgen and have transparent it is, which is to say, the gone to work to find out two things: more freely it permits the ray to first, what substances the X rays will shoot between its particles and escape penetrate, and under what conditions to the other side.

THE PRINCIPLE OF VIBRATIONS. This explanation is to show that practical advantage. They seize with he way to slide one thing, as light, almost equal eagerness upon every by Catholic influence, brought about

periments which promised most hopefully week before last have made no further advance. Still, such of the work as had disproved the wild and misleading promises of alleged scientists has much value, in that it has shown the ways that should be avoided in exploring the mysteries of the X

As to the possibilities and probabilities, no man can now outline them. All yarns about X rays killing bacteria and curing diseases may safely be discarded. The X ray experiments cause a great deal of ozone to be generated, and it was in all probability the effects of ozone that caused some men of narrow experience to be misled. But there seems to be no doubt that soon medical men will be able to look into even the most hidden parts of the human body as one looks out of a window into the sunlight. They will see heart and brain and lungs and digestive organs of their patient and unceasing labor, and will readily note the causes and seats of organic diseases. And the penetrating rays will detect flaws in jewels, in large ordnance, in armor plate, in the beams of iron buildings, and will thus prevent swindling and mistakes, and save millions of dollars annually to individuals and to governments.

No feature of this scientific announcement has been more interesting than the enormous popular interest in

it. The magazines, the weeklies, the news columns of the daily newspapers, are filled with discussions, experiments, explanations. The lecturerooms of professors of science are manner of vibration of light, as we filled to overflowing, not only with students but with plain people, who are usually, and, as this proves, incorrectly, supposed to stand still in matters scientific. The Roentgen ray has thrown floods of light into many hidden places. Upon the photographic plate of history it has thrown a picture of the passionate desire for Scientific men are divided into three

> classes in this splendid era of the end of the century.

> knowledge that fills the people of all





Which is Repudiated in Incisive Terms.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW GIVES THE LAW-RENCE UNIVERSITY A GOOD HIT BE-CAUSE IT REFUSED TO ALLOW COL. INGERSOLL TO SPEAK.

TO THE EDITOR :--- The writer presumes he is not the only one among all the freethinkers of these United States who views with regret the placing of a statue of Perc Marquette in Statuary Hall, at Washington, by the State of Wisconsin. As a non-God-in-the-Constitution American citizen, I deplore the innovation. Had

the figure been represented in ordinary They have seized eagerly upon the citizen's garb, instead of priestly robes and insignia of office, I would not so seriously protest; but to have to submit to such an innovation, should call forth the earnest protest and to what extent; and, second, how can these penetrations be turned to of every non-Catholic in the country. Political chicanery, dominated largely

NEW CHRISTIANITY.

It is Making An Impress Upon the World.

People have become so used nowadays to such a development of working Christianity, as Grace Chapel, which was consecrated last week, that they hardly appreciate its significance. But, in truth, Grace Chapel and the many other religious agencies now doing work on the same lines, represent a new interpretation of Christianity, which is shaping itself in the minds of modern Christians. Christianity to-day is learning to serve God by serving man. It may be said that it ought always to have done so; and certainly the Christianity of Christ did, as we know, lay the strongest possible emphasis on the sacred obigation of human brotherhood. But, as we also know, the vital meaning of that great teaching was often lost sight of by the church. Even to-day, when altruism has become an intellectual fashion, how many Christians there are to whom Christianlty means practically little more than an inward assurance of their personal salvation through the acceptance of certain dogmas. Then, too, there seems at the present time to be a recrudescence of the objective side of religion. It is the golden age of the church mil-

liner and furnisher, and many Christians seem to regard the fripperies of ritual display as the supreme end and aim of the church's mission on earth. There is a sort of materialized sainthood current in the churches to-day, coined out of the passions of youth and hardened by the tread of passing years. Worldliness, when it enters the church, loves to imitate the outward life of the faithful. It will sing of self-denial and even don its robes. But it is deaf to the cry of the weary and the heavy-laden. Such a conception of religious duty,

however, is becoming discredited. A more spiritual, a more hopeful, and, we may add, a more Christlike ideal of Christianity is taking the place of this poor imitation of it. "At such a time," said Bishop Potter, in his noble sermon at the consecration of Grace Chapel, "for the church of God to sit still and be content with theories of its duty outlawed by time, and long ago demonstrated to be grotesquely inadequate to the demands of a living situation, this is to deserve the scorn of men and the curse of God. Take my word for it; men and brethren, unless you and I, and all those who have any gift or stewardship of talents or means, of whatever sort, are willing to get up out of. our sloth and ease and selfish dilettanteism of service. and get down among the people who are battling amid their poverty and ignorance, then 'verily the church in its stately splendor,' its ipostolic orders, its venerable ritual, its decorous and dignified conventions, is revealed as simply a monstrous and insolent impertinence." By his position and

service no man is better entitled to speak for the new Christianity of service to humanity, which is really the old Christianity; and no one could better express its spirit than the bishop has done in these words. Great power and opportunity bring corresponding obligations and duties. A great church organization was not meant to be the end of Christ's teachings, but an agency, rather, for the uplifting of meu and women. This is the inspiring message of Christianity to the world to-day as it is interpreted by some of its wisest leaders, and under the inspiration of that message devoted men and women, in increasing numbers, are living the gospel of Christ among the humble and the poor. And in living it they preach it with an eloquence far greater than

MISTAKES OF SPIRITUALISTS.

How Some Lecturers and Writers Injure the Cause They Are Striving to Champion.

THE THEOSOPHICAL WHIRLPOOL --- AN OPINION ON ORDINATION --- HOW TO MAKE IT EFFECTIVE-THE WEEDING OUT OF FAKES.

'O, wad some power the giftie gie us to see ourselves as ithers see us The prophetic eye of the poet must

have foreseen the blunders of some of the pseudo-teachers of our grand harmonial philosophy when inspired to write the above thought-awakening couplet.

Some people take special delight in kicking the dead lion." My fatal mistake has been in kicking the live one, although done in a spirit of friendliness to warn him of the trap into which his zeal was leading him. The lion I am now after is the Spiritualist lecturer or writer who advertises to lecture upon a given subject, or who writes a book upon a certain subject. and then introduces subjects entirely foreign to the one under consideration-something that is likely to send a cold chill down the spinal column of the investigator and forever disgust him with the philosophy of Spiritualism, erroneously thinking he has heard or read the true philosophy.

To explain more definitely what is meant, it is only necessary to give one or two illustrations. Some of our oldest speakers advertise to lecture upon the origin of the human spirit, or kindred subjects. A large audience of investigators, many of whom never heard a Spiritualist lecture before in their lives, gather to hear it. The speaker devotes a large portion of the time to pre-natal influence, Luciferian doctrines and other delicate subjects, which, no matter how scientifically or artfully handled, cause many of the audience to get up and leave the hall in the midst of the discourse, and others who remain to remark: "If that is Spiritualism, I have heard enough."

I have just read a book on psychic philosophy, which starts out with over forty pages of such rubbish, excepting the first chapter. It is simply such information as nearly every one has heard in lectures "to men only," or "to ladies only," or perhaps they have read it in some of the numerous books on that particular subject. Following this are several interesting chapters on psychology and spiritual philosophy, but the average reader will tbrow the book down in disgust before the interesting part is reached.

If our writers must write and our speakers speak upon the sex question, let them announce their subjects and not try to force their views upon those who are diametrically opposed to such views, but who are seeking the fundamental principles of Spiritualism.

I regret to note the fact that many of our oldest teachers are being engulfed in the whirlpool of theosophical logmas regarding the sex question as well as many others. From orthodoxy (though from childhood rejecting its

ordination. I believe there should be State Examining Boards for applicants who wish to become Spiritual ministers, and that these boards should be supplied with a list of printed questions and answers, which the applicant should be able to answer, a standard per cent being fixed as the standard for appointment. In other words, the examination should be similar to the civil service examination as regards the system, and should be made once or twice a year at a central point

in each State. The applicants should pass a satisfactory examination in English grammar, and should be questioned as to the philosophy. This philosophy should agree with the principles or standard adopted by the annual convention of the National Spiritualists' Association.

Spirits can inspire the most ignorant, at times, to give deep scientific lectures, but they cannot control the medium's grammar, and nothing grates on the ear of an educated person like bad grammar. It counteracts the good effect of the lecture. ERNEST S. GREEN.

San Diego, Cal.

EDUCATION OF MEDIUMS.

Suggestive and Thoughtful Essay.

To THE EDITOR :- Noticing in the February 1st issue a short article by "A Progressive Thinker" on the "Education of Mediums," I want to say a few words in answer to the question, if mediums might not be controlled by advanced teachers in the mortal?" First, I want to say that the education which we derive from books is the least part of our education; for many men and women who have compassed all the productions of the ages, in school books, are still as undeveloped as children. Their memory has retained the ideas of authors, but their character, their spiritual un foldment is still dormant. Book education, when well under

stood and made conservative to the welfare and upbuilding of mankind, to that degree that our hearts are warmed towards humanity, our ideas of life broadened, and what we have learned verbally helps us up to higher planes of integrity and wisdom, has, indeed, served its purpose. But I believe a mere smattering of

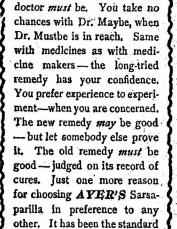
the languages, and a little dabbling in oratory, is unsatisfactory. But, to the real question of control. I want to say right here that I believe they are as much controlled by spirits in the mortal as by the immortal.

I know there are many who will not agree with me, but I think the only way to get one another's ideas, is to confer with each other-to reason together.

I believe we act and are being acted upon by spirits here in the flesh continually, and if we did not possess the power to do so here, we could not after the spirit leaves the body. All the forces which we shall possess in

the higher life we have to-day. The greater part of humanity yet

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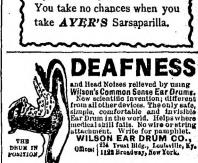
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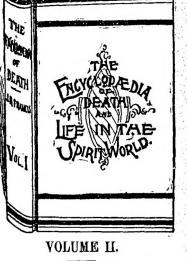
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through another thing, as wood, is to new announcement of the perfection get them so that the periods of vibra- or elucidation of what has previously tion of the two will bear a certain har- been a theory. But in this case the monious relation each to the other. discovery was practically an imme-In common language, if you can get diately useful thing. For any man a ray of light to vibrate so that it will can, with a moment's thought, call up perfectly dodge and sneak between a score of ways in which it would be the particles of wood, you can see beneficial to be able to make any sort through the wood just as you can see of a trustworthy photograph through through glass, whose particles are so an opaque substance. vibrating that light dodges between | The most obvious advantage is to

surgery. For if this cover of flesh them naturally. Now, let us see what a ray of light can be made so that it will be as if of

is. Scientists have analyzed it and glass, then bullets can be located, exhave found that it is composed of a act pictures of fractures can be made, line of particles or appearances that and all manner of foreign substances have all the effect of particles, and can be seen in the body as plainly as that in different parts of this line the if they were on the surface.

period of vibration is different. For You are no doubt bearing in mind instance, in the red part, which forms that thus far the pictures that appear the visible end at one extreme, the on the photographic plates exposed to vibration is at the rate of about 30,000 the X rays are not photographs, but to every forward movement of a skotographs, to use Mr. Max Ostertwenty-fifth of an inch. That is, be- berg's word. That is, they are shadow fore the red part of the pencil of light pictures. To explain by example: A can go forward the twenty-fifth part bullet is buried in a human leg beof an inch it has vibrated up and down tween the two bones. The leg is put 30,000 times. At the other visible between the vacuum bulb and the extreme of the pencil of light is the photographic plate. The electric curviolet ray. For every twenty-fifth of rent is turned on and the X rays adan inch of progress that the violet ray vance from the negative pole towards makes it vibrates 81,000 times. The the leg. They pass easily through the other colors are in between, shading flesh, and such of them as meet no each into the other and vibrating opposition pass on through, as if the more than the red and less than the flesh were glass, and advance to the violet, according to their distance sensitized plate, and are absorbed without making any impression upon from it.

Beyond the last visible red ray are it. But those X rays that, passing other rays, which can be detected by through the flesh, strike the boue or clremistry, although invisible to the bullet, do not pass on. They are abeye. And beyond the violet ray are sorbed by the bone and by the bullet. other rays which cannot be seen with Hence, in the sensitized plate you the eve. These infra-red rays vibrate find, after the exposure, two long, more and more slowly, and these shadows exactly the size of the two ultra-violet rays vibrate more and bones, and between them a small, more rapidly. Thus, you see, the round shadow exactly the size of the human eye is so constructed that it bullet. TO LOCATE BULLETS.

can only see light that vibrates more than 30,000 times to the twenty-fifth of an inch. or less than 81,000 times have been in the discovery of bullets, to the twenty-fifth of an inch. Be- needles and such substances in the tween these two the human eye sees. human body after physicians had Beyond, on either side, it cannot see. probed for them in vain. You can

WHAT THE X RAY IS. This brings us naturally to the X any further than this in the short time ray, or rays. What the scientists wish which has elapsed since Dr. Roentto know is, are these X rays modifica- gen's announcement. A great and tions of the known ray of light, or are toilsome work has to be done. All they a new kind of light produced by known substances must be put bethe combination of electricity and a tween the new rays and sensitized vacuum?

plates, and the results have to be Let us see how the X ray is pro- carefully studied. duced. First, you must have a trans- | The Sunday World, appreciating the parent bulb, from which the air has great values that must come from Dr. been completely drawn, so that its Roentgen's announcement, has had walls of glass inclose an absolute vac- scientists and photographers at work. num. On the one side the positive A great deal of labor has been done. pole of an induction coil enters this and some things that tend towards bulb. On the other side the negative new applications of the announcement pole, or cathode, as it is called, enters have been discovered. But the ex-

the choice of the noted Catholic missionary to represent Wisconsin.

While I would not say aught against the celebrated explorer, as a man, I do most earnestly object to the priest being placed among the distinguished American representatives, in statuary, at Washington. No doubt the Catholic Church was, covertly, behind the movement, and will be represented at

the unveiling by Cardinal Satolli. Archbishop Corrigan, and others of their church dignitaries-in priestly robes, no doubt. Thus is the Catholic Church in.

sidiously acquiring prestige that will, some day, cause the non-church citizen to regret his inactivity at a time when the progress of the serpent

might have been stayed. It is with a good deal of satisfaction that I read that Hon. Chauncey M. Depew declined an invitation to address the law-students of the State row interests of some sectarian branch University at Lawrence, Kansas, because the faculty had recently refused Col. Robert G. Ingersoll permission to speak before them. The rebuke was timely and most salutary-or ought to be-coming from the source it did. All honor to Chauncey M. Depew.

I must not stop without saying a good word for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. The February 22d number is full of good things-a veritable "feast of reason and flow of soul." I wish that 40,000 could be doubled this year, and it seems as though it ought to be, among the millions of Spiritualists in the United States.

Chicago, Ill. D. G. GABNSEY.

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that of the most accomplished pulpit orator. The above, from the New York Tribune, illustrates an important trend of thought among minds that are carnestly interested in the welfare of humanity, and not merely in the nar-

of the church. But, instead of its being a new Christianity, it should rather, perhaps, be termed a recurrence to somewhat of the spirit of the old or primitive Christianity of the earlier apostolic times.

Modern Christianity-the type that builds gaudy and gaudily furnished churches, where gaudy so-called Christians are ministered unto by talented and titled preachers of a gospel that pleases and does not disturb the greedy worshipers and devotees of Mammon-is far from the pattern of the earlier Christianity-the members of whose societies were a household with kindred interests, a brotherhood joined in love and faith, one in mind and heart and hope,

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the vernal heights I cast a lingering said utter ignoring-of the fact that the sex question and re-embodiment I physical is lain away. And if they and IL of the Encyclopædia. found to be the most unnatural and | can control or influence us from that | diabolical. I know I am stepping into | side, why can they not do so from a Spiritualistic hornet's nest, but be- | this? ing clad in the armor of stubborn | Many think our spirits will step difacts, I am prepared to defend my rect into paradise after leaving the position.

Another objection to our speakers is that they hold on to every point they make until it is worn threadwriters who, with the speed of the iron horse which sweeps through mountains, over valleys and plains, will bear us onward to new fields of exploration. Of course we have some such instructors, but they are rare. It is pleasing to note the change of sentiment within the past year regarding fraudulent mediums. A few years ago any Spiritualist paper that denounced these fakirs was boycotted, and individual Spiritualists were denounced as "fraud-hunters." But, thanks to the recent Lily Dale exposures, the fact has been brought out that Spiritualists have been imposed upon by an organized swarm of unprincipled villains-and now the or attracting to ourselves the thoughts paper that will knowingly endorse these rascals is denounced by the better class of Spiritualists. Now that and giving back to the world again? we have begun the task of weeding | There truly is more in this philosophy out the fakes, the outside world has ceased to ridicule us as being "the

most gullible class of people on earth." are beginning to think "there is something in it," and are beginning to in-vestigate. Time was when, if a medium could furnish one proof in each community of his or her psychic power, they could perpetrate all kinds of frands (which would quickly be detected by investigators), and local Spiritualists would still believe them angels. No matter if a medium has given proof of their genuineness or not, test conditions should always be demanded. Every day furnishes instances of trusted men and women in every walk of life falling from grace, and we cannot tell when a medium will yield to temptation. Paul said: "Prove all things and hold fast that which is good." In this he was right, if in nothing else. There is but one infallible test_for independent slatewriting, i. e., furnish your own slates and do not allow them to pass out of your possession or sight. I once received a long personal communication under these conditions; and have read of hundreds of others. I may explain later how it is possible to counterfeit

our bodies arc a burden and a real calamity to us; which is a wrong conbare. What we want are speakers and ception of our material element, for we should have the respect for this "mortal coil" that would prompt us to make it pure and clean-a fit dwelling-place for an aspiring spirit.

I believe the words we utter to-day, the thoughts sent out by us at this time, always existed, and were only waiting for the right time and suitable brain construction to make themselves known to the world.

"That thoughts are things," is today a scientific fact beyond all controversy; and with this truth before us, and as our brains are powerful magnets, and the law of attraction is a natural law, does it not stand to reason that we are continually calling | to the book. See full terms elsewhere. sent out by other minds, which are of

like character to our own, adding to than is dreamed of. When people give as much time and study to this simple yet divine truth as they do to tests, materializations or Ouija-boards-though we speak of them with kindness and respect, as is their due-they will find that life here

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The Spiritualistic Field-Its Workers, Doings, Etc.

Bear in mind, please, that we cannot ublish weekly reports of meetings. Whenever a change is made in speak-ers, or anything of special interest, send to be expressed in a dozen lines; but long reports will not be used. Meetings are of local interest only. We extend a syear and one-half ago. She com-ordial invitation to all speakers to send in their appointments to lecture, and for reasons best known to the spirit genoral movements, which will be realing at least 40,000. We go to press early Monday morning, and items must reacd date. There was a piano in the house us as early as Friday or Saturday in upon which no one was capable of playorder to have immediate insertion

A. E. Doane writes: "I will pen you to her one night-inspirational playing what I have seen recently, in regard to - and by degrees. step. by step, she is the outcome of the present conflict. In the daytime, with my eyes wide open, and perfectly conscious, I saw a wide expanse of water with a smooth surface: a boat with white sails seemed to be gliding over the surface of the water. Theu the water and boat disappeared, and a voice said: 'We have showed you a symbol of our invention, to be used in coming conflict. We have invented aliships, with stored batteries in them. We can anchor them over the battle field where we please, and throw encouragement on the right side, and terror on the wrong. Fear not, for the truth will triumph. At certain times our ships will be seen by mortal sight.' Then came a second vision under the same conscious conditions. I saw a banner, it seemed, to be white satin, with a blue border all around its edge and a golden dove in the center, with an olive branch in its beak. Under the dove in golden letters was the word Peace

T. D. Kayner writes from 624 Wabasha street, St. Paul, Minn.: "Mrs. Kayner and myself have been giving our entire time to the work here, and although the number of people reached has not been as great as we wished for, yet the tests given by the guides that are with us have been very positive and clear cut terse and to the point. We have an engagement at Stillwater, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, and there is good prospects of a week or so File State Spiritual Association, who has at Ellsworth, Wis. We would be glad to hear from other towns on our way home, as we think we are able to do' good work wherever we can get a hear- trial by the court. For what? For any ing,"

Theodore F. Price has engagements through New England as follows: Wor-Mass., March 1 and 8; Marlboro, number of sick people with no effect on Mass., March 15; Springfield, Mass., the diseases with which they were March 22 and 29; Brockton, Mass., April 5; Providence, R. I., April 12; New Bedford, Mass., April 19 and 26. The Onset Bay Camp Association have engaged Mr. Price for the 5th, 12th and 13th of August; he is at liberty for camp engagements for July and the latter part of August. He is at liberty during May: Societies desiring his services as loctures and test medium during May, and next fall and winter will adpersecutions have rendered it necessary Spiritualism. He was instrumental in that Mr. Price should again take the procuring our clergy rates upon the field, and he is now booking his time accordingly.

Prof. Lockwood paid, Chicago a flying visit last week, having just completed a successful engagement in Washington, D. C. He goes to Philadelphia for the month of March. He is open for en-gagements for the month of May, and the last two Sundays of August. His home address is 98 Ogden avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The President writes from Bradford, Me.: "On the 28th of January last we organized a society—The Bradiord Spir-send me THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER 'itualists' Literary Society, with upwards for one year from the receipt hereof, this

Seymour Van Bracklin, inspirational peaker and test medium, permanent ad-ress, P. O. Box 1907, New York City, will accept Sunday engagements from societies within one hundred and fifty miles of New York City.

Hatfield Pettibone is in St. Louis, Mo., and is located at 2333 Olive street, where he may be addressed.

One of the guides writes: "Please allow space in your paper for this item in regard to a medium by the name of Miss Myra Cross, Yorkville, Oneida county, N. Y., who is cousidered by her guides to be one of the finest mediums guides themselves, she was not allowed to progress any farther until a recent ing thoroughly. It came unexpectedly,

now capable of playing, talking and 'singing at the spirit's will. Although she is young, being only nineteen years of age, she is more advanced in mediunship than many men or women who have attained their middle ages. This is written at the dictation of one of the guides of her sister, who is a medium of a much smaller scale than she. We have been given assurance by her guides that within a period of six or eight months she will be able, undoubtedly, to materialize."

Charles Wesley Peters writes "The Psychic Phenomena Society of this city has taken steps to bring the phenoinena more prominently befores the public. The society has engaged Mrs. L. A. Roberts, the well-known materializing medium, to give a materializing scance at Washington Hall, 490 Washington boulevard, next Thursday evening, March 5th, Your humble servant has been engaged to deliver a lecture on that occasion on the phenomena. A small fee will be charged for admission

to lecture. The seance will be given free to all attending the lecture." Geo F. Perkins writes: "In reading

the many interesting notes of workers by the way in the 'General Survey' of your last issue, 1 was particularly inter-ested in one from Lincoln, Nebraska, which mentions the difficulties of Mr. P. 'run-a-muck' with the jealousies of the medical tyrrany, to the extent that he has been humiliated by an arrest and crime? No! For curing someone of the ills that had baffled the M. D's. I opine

that a man or woman who robbed which they were afflicted would never be interfered with, but it is the curing of the sick that has stirred the ire of the law-abiding (?) officials in Stromberg. I am personally acquainted with Mr. George and will testify that there is not a more worthy Spiritualist or law-abiding citizen of any State than he. I had, upon two occasions, as an engaged speaker for soci-eties of which he was secretary and president, in Dubuque, Iowa, to test the Spiritualism. He was instrumental in progressive people on earth." railroads on several occasions, and likewise many other speakers might testify of his worth when he was a ticket agent

at Dubuque. Money sent him upon this particular occusion which has ensnared Johnson, of Battie Creek, Micn., him into a financial outlay beyond his power to master, would be greatly appreciated by him and his noble, sucri-ficing wife. I trust we will all take note of this case.'

S. J. White, a prominent lawyer of the State of Washington, writes: "Enof fifty members. Our meetings have and one copy of the Encyclopædia of beau, two great mediums, two are and tests were fine, as they always been very interesting. I think that Death, and Life in the Spirit World. I then were think that beau are and gave general satisfaction with bear a great deal said about 'phenom-ena hunters,' of which I am one. There oughly established the claim that there think if she comes again- and we hope may be those whose minds can become convinced on very little evidence, and which no amount of self or other's critithe above subjects." cism can dislodge; but again there are those to whom the fact of a continuity of Mrs. S. M. Bumstead writes: "The life is so stupendous an assertion that a First Spiritual Union, of Chicago, during the months of January and February qualified skepticism is, I think, comhas been favored with a very fair audimendable. I do not mean that we should reject evidence, for intellectual honesty ence, and a very fine attendance of mediums, among whom were our genial Mrs. Cutter, Mr. S. Hunt with his musidemands absolute submission to it. but the evidence should be most searchingcal talent, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Kitson and ly scrutinized. One who draws a con-Mrs. M. Rynex. This last lady will be with the society the month of March. Last Sunday we had the talented Mrs. clusion without sufficient evidence to warrant it, or one who accepts the con-clusion and interpretation of another, not entitled to as much weight as one Dr. Gebauer, from Cincinnati." who has become convinced by meeting and overcoming the formidable objec-Geo. McConnell, of Philadelphia, Pa. writes expressing his great appreciation of the Encyclopædia of Death. tions to it. Investigation should not be discouraged by applying epithets to the investigator. But more of this here-The meetings Sunday afternoon and evening at North End Masonie Temple, 617 North Clark street, which were inaugurated by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Perkins, have proven a success, and the hearty approval of the movement was manifested in many ways by prominent Spiritualists attending the services. It was the unanimous sentiment of the audience that these workers were in the right place and on time. The services will be continued at 2:30 and 7:30 every on the road of investigation. They gave A. B. Allen writes: "Pueblo, Col., has their seances under absolute test condibeen favored by one of the best platform mediums on this side of the Mississippi, and his short stay among us has resulted were four trumpets used and at the same Sunday. They can be addressed for en gagement at 480 W. Madison street. Robert Vincent writes: "In this city of the Saints there was organized, on November 24, 1895, the First National time two independent voices were Progressive Spiritual Society at Utab, accurate time to the singing. A pecul with fourteep charter members, through the vim and perseverance of Mrs. Loe F. iar feature was that the guitar, judging by the sound, would float through the solid wall of the room and be heard play-ing on the outside. It is reported to Prior and her guides. It now numbers sixty members. We meet Sunday even-ings at Unity Hall, our audience num-bering about three hundred. We have have been seen and heard in , the chilly starlight, outside of the circle room. since Mrs. Prior left. Mrs. Ward, a local medium, has been giving her serv-ices free for the benefit of the society est and powerful and wonderful. We and helping to build it up ready for some of our traveling mediums. If any find it convenient to stop off here, they Dr. H. C. Andrews, who has been dowill find us willing to do all in our power to make their stay pleasant and ing good service in Michigan, has an engagement for three months in New Orleans, La.-March, April and May. profitable. Mediums coming or going to the coast, please drop a line to Rob-He will answer calls to lecture within a ert Vincent, president of society, 263 W. 3d street, Salt Lake City, and I will give them a general outline of what can be accomplished, as near as possible. Do day's ride of that city. He can be addressed at No. 422 Baronne street. M. F. Hammond will lecture at Battle

247 East Grave street, Grand Rapids, Mich., I am now ready to make engage-ments for any length of time, at very reasonable terms. I lecture and give tests from platform, taking my subjects either on spiritual or financial matters, from the audience. Any camp-meeting engagements will be considered. Please address me at 247 E. Grove St., Grand Rapids, Mich."

B. J. writes from Grand Rapids, Mich .: "Mr. M. F. Hammond spoke for the G. R. S. A. on the Sundays of the present month. At the close of his last lecture the following resolution was unanimously adopted: 'That we tender Mr. Hummond a vote of thanks for his earnest and instructive lectures, and that we give him our sincere wishes for success in his future work, hoping that we may have him again among, us at no distant day.' Mr. Hammond is a genial, pleasant gentleman. He is not an intellectual giant, nor king of the rostrum, but he is a fearless and lucid expounder of the great truths of Spiritualism, and we cheerfully recommend him to any society in need of a speaker. Mr. Hammond goes from here to Battle Creek, where he is well known, having served the society there two months last fall."

Wm. C. Buckingham writes: "Let me thank you for the great work you are engaged in; also the independent and fearless manner displayed in all your undertakings. In this fast age of inventions and scientific attainments, theology is like the Irishman's race-horse who was badly beaten-hut drove all before him! The clergy fail to impress an influence upon the minds of the thinking and independent ones commonly called 'infidels,' and are trying to make good the loss by an appeal to our legislators. The doctors are busily at work in forming 'medical trusts,' to protect (?) the innocent ones who ask for no protection, but are obliged to accept (at present) their stringent legislation. Church and

State and 'medical trusts' are becoming as one fraternity. The lawyers, at present, are quite respectable!" The Newburyport (Mass.) News says: "Dr. C. W. Hidden starts Tuesday for Florida to deliver a course of medical, scientific and liberal lectures, at Lake Helen and other points. While in Florida he will visit the noted orange centers. make a tour of the St. John's river by daylight and moonlight, and also go up the Dead river, the home of the alligator, gathering material for future lit-erary and lecture work. Homeward bound he will stop off in St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, arriving back in Newburyport the latter part of March or early April. Dr. Hidden goes south under the management of the Southern Cassadaga Association."

R. R. Bratton writes from Minneapo lis, Minn.: "Minneapolis Spiritualists are still weaving in the new truths, and worming out old theology, and it takes just such workers as Sister Lowell to do it. Her control is an ex-minister of the gospel. When it comes to Bible quotations she is second to none, in these parts at least. The people of all denom-inations go to hear her. We have many good lecturers and workers here -- Mrs. Lepper, Dr. and Mrs. Aspinwall, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pruden, of St. Paul, Rev. Mrs. Braun, Mrs. Baxter, and Mrs. Huth, a Swiss-German lady, who has redress him at No. 15 West Sixty-fifth street, New York City, or in accordance with above dates. The Philadelphia and know that he is a valuable man to H. L. C. writes from Marcellus, Mich. "Marcellus is still on deck, and the

cause of Spiritualism is still growing. On Sunday the 16th, we had meetings afternoon and evening, addressed by Dr. who spoke from subjects given by the audience, which he handled in a very satisfactory manner. Last Sunday Mr. W. H. Blair, of Chicago, spoke to a good audience from the subjects, 'How We are Saved Through Christ:' in the evening, on Spiritualism a Religion: the Bi-ble Its Foundation, and Science Its Creed.' They were most ably handled.

not expect too much from a new society.

We will do our best for good mediums of

Her own illness since has prolonged her

absence, but we are glad to learn of her improvement and that we may expect she will coon be with us again. Sister MaBee is an inspirational speaker of great force and power, proclaiming and defending the triphs of Spiritualism from a Bible standpoint. She has from the metuum and this use the bas from the rostrum and through the local press challenged anyone, regardless from whence they come, to disprove Spirit-ualism from the Bible. Yet, in this city of a dozen churches, none dare accept." G. P. writes: "Nervy interesting and well-attended meetings are being held regularly by the Propressive Spiritual. regularly by the Progressive Spiritual-ists of Elgin, III., Bt the parlors of Mrs. Kate Homans and Mrs. M. Congdon, every Wednesday and Sunday evening. Mrs. Congdon has developed remarkable mediumistic powers of the highest or-der, her diction is scholarly, her thought of the most profound depth, every lecture being eloquent and highly instructive. She also gives grand tests, prov ing that our loved ones return. Mrs. Congdon is a fine medium and noble woman, and has devoted her life to this noble cause. Any one desirous of having parlor lectures can address her at 160 Ann street, Elgin, Ill."

A correspondent from Lima. O., writes of Mr. J. Frank Baxter's continued success in that city. In view of the inter-est, it was desired of Mr. Baxter that he would remain for Sunday work just so long as he could possibly do so. He has succeeded in rearranging his eastern dates, so that until March 16 he will stay; but on that date he must go, and will depart for Boston, Mass., stopping en route for a few week evenings in Canton, O. He came for four Sundays; he will have remained nine. Mr. Baxter will be succeeded by other lecturers; arrangements for the same now completing, soon to be announced.

C. Bolton, of Sonora, Ill., writes of her experiences with fraudulent mediums till she was nearly ready to de-nonnce all as frauds; but has received conclusive proof of continued existence. Mrs. M. E. Brown writes: "The Golden Rule Church of Longbeach, Cal., elebrated its first anniversary January 5, 1896, and entered upon its second year, with a firmer foundation and promise of greater usefulness in the future than in the past. Although its mem-bers are few, they comprise some of the most earnest and progressive people in the community, and slowly but surely the church as a whole is making its influence felt in the struggle for freedom and liberality of thought. Its only creed is the golden rule, and it is gov-Its only erned by a constitution and by-laws. There are seven officers and two trustees, who constitute the executive, and it is supported by voluntary contributions

Hon. A. Gaston, president of the Cassadaga Camp, and Mr. and Mrs. Rouse, leading lights there, were in the city last week.

U. G. Figley, an excellent medium of Ney, Ohio, writes, Lhave read Brother Moses Hull's commendatory words on Brother Tuttle's apewers to questions, and wish that a book of them could be published. I have, read answers to questions in other of our papers and can fully endorse Brother Hulli, for Brother Tuttle's answers any not gusling with grandiloquent phrases and nice words, but are plain and full of common sensejust what is wanted in. The second vol-ume of 'The Encyclopic dia of Death' is grand and fully, as interesting and cuhope that enough integrets may be mani-fested in the light of recent scientific discoveries that Byother: Tutle can see his way to bring out a new edition of his Onigin and Antiquity of Physical Man.' The time is ripe for it." at

Mrs. A. H. G. writes from Caro, Mich: "Last fall we formed a spiritual society with twenty-five members and we think the interest is increasing. Some of our members are mediumistic, but not sufficiently developed for speak ers. Mrs. Anna L. Robinson was with Mr. Blair set forth a vivid picture of us February 17th and 18th. Her lec-

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who once lived in bodies now live without them and can communicate. I do not mean by psychical science, investi-gations which must be undertaken alone by those who are not convinced of the fact of continued existence and who. moreover, cannot be so convinced or will not. The psychical science which I shall speak of and which, alone, is psychical science, is not a thing which Spiritual-ists are disqualified from carrying forward. On the contrary, my own investigations have long since brought me to consider that there must be some kink about that man's intelligence who can investigate long without seeing clearly that the overwhelming preponderance of testimony establishes the conscious existence of the soul beyond the grave. I should distrust other conclusions reached by intelligences so obtuse or stubborn as not to perceive this.

Let me illustrate a moment: The only reasonably adequate explanation which have heard offered for tests such as are given by mediums everywhere, leav-ing out the explanation most natural, is that the mediums read the minds of the sitters. Now, to digress, we haven't a scintilla of evidence that anybody ever

read a mind in that fashion. We have some evidence that thought is sometimes transferred, the thinker being the acpassive; but reading, in which the reader is the active person, not merely dis-cerning thoughts which are at that time thought, but exploring dim memoriesanything like that we have no reason to deem possible. But, assuming that it would be possible, what then is to be thought of imparting information from deceased persons which was not in the ossession of the medium or sitter and which was afterwards verified? I will give you two instances-of that. Mrs. Dawson goes to a trance medium who did not know her or myself nor anything about us. She is alone with the medium who, as soon as he is entranced, begins to talk about Grandfather Dawson, Dr. D. and Frank D. Mrs. Dawson never knew Grandfather Dawson and never heard of any such persons as Dr. D. or Frank D. in her life; and she is accordingly disappointed. But she is told that they are connected with me and wished me to know that they are interested in me. This, being repeated to me, I in-form Mrs. Dawson that Frank D. was a daughter of Grandfather Dawson's last wife, and that she almost took the part of a mother for my father who was brought up by his grandfather; that her husband's name was Dr. D., and that the two, as well as Grandfather Dawson, might very well be interested in me. Now, from whose mind was this read. I should like to know? Another instance and I have done. In this case, Mrs. Dawson was herself the percipient clairaudiently, while in an experimental cir-cle. She heard a name which was not

known to any person in the room, in-cluding herself. Then a voice, which she recognized as that of her grandmother, who died when she was a child, explained in detail that a daughter of her uncle Audrew, who lived in Michigan-the poor girl, having lost her father while a babe in arms, never knew anything about her uncle Andrew nor that he ever lived in Michigan-had married a man with that name. On inquiry this was found to be the case.

I have given these instances, not because they are important or unusual, but merely because they illustrate what I have already said that a man must have a very peculiar and, in my judgment. unscientific thinking apparatus, who can fail to see that the spiritual hypothesis alone explains the phenomena. To be sure, the timorous and credulous, the dogmatic, the too easily convinced are also to be avoided. But not so much as you, might suppose, either. For the psychical science of which 1 wish to speak is not concerned with establishing the spiritual or any other hypothesis. It has not, as its goal, the mere solution of the causes of the phenomena. On the contrary, it is but the threshold of that science which should be the most valuable to mankind, of all the sciences--it

must be along that very line. We should be able to do that for psychical science which the microscope did for biology and the telescope for astronomy. But we must learn and test our methods until we can obtain scientific accuracy, and until it is demonstrated that, as William Kingdon Clifford has finely said, "a man without connord has indey said, "a man without coasing to be a man can verify it." What we must not do is to accept statements from the other world blindly as authority. When, for instauce, it is possible for two seers like Swedenborg and Mahomet to see the same things and thus for all men to

the same things, and thus for all men to follow them by complying with the necessary conditions, then we may verify and so accept their statements about the future life. But not before, and not be-cause they are in that life. We are at liberty to think that what they say is true, but we must not think it so hard as to make it firmer in our minds than is knowledge. Even the things we think we know should not be held dogmat-ically, and certainly the things which

we have merely been told must not be permitted to hlind our eyes to the truth when it presents itself, Let me illustrate for a moment what may be accomplished by due attention to psychical science. I can merely give a hint of the possibilities of the vast subject. Its extent may be to a degree comprehended when I remind you that, according to the only hypothesis which explains, we are souls, now and here. Prima facie, then, everything which is

possible for souls, should be possible for us. If this is not true, there is a reason why it is not true, and that reason is it-self well worth investigating. But it certainly is true in a large degree and we should proceed to develop for man's use here on earth not merely the means of communicating with departed spirits but also more perfect means of communicating with spirits which have not departed.

For instance, a very little experimentation with trance mediumship and hypnotism will show their analogies and will indicate that the proposition that the medium is a hypnotic subject under control by a discarnate intelligence is reasonable and tenable. Therefore, a study of each of these phases of psychic power may be made to shed a flood of light over the other. For Instance, I once sent Mrs. Dawson to a trance me-dlum with a number of sealed envelopes containing articles belonging to differ-ent persons. These envelopes were marked and instructious were given to hand them to the medium in order at definite intervals of time. Mrs. Dawson did not know to whom the articles be-longed. The persons were counselled to keep track of their movements at that time. The purpose of the experiment was to see if the medium could find these persons, describe them and where they were and what they were doing The experiment was entirely successful as to a majority of the persons. At an-other time, in Detroit, I had an oppor-tunity to try a somewhat similar experiment with a hypnotic subject. The hypnotizer, a lady, had never tried any but the ordinary psychical experiments but consented to give this a trial. The subject, after being entranced, was accord-ingly instructed how to reach a gentleman's office and was requested to describe the interior which he did almost without a mistake. The close similar-

ity of these experiments must be evient to you as must also be the value which this means of acquiring knowl-edge would be to mankind and especially to psychical scientists if it could be developed.

We are, then, only in the infancy of the science, if indeed we can properly be said to have made a beginning. And as an enthusiast for what may be accomplish by these means, I summon you who have obtained by personal investigation such familiarity with the ordinary phenomena of Spiritualism to now turn your attention from merely attesting the reality of the continuity of life and of spirit return-which will attest themselves without your further aid -- and ussist to develop what are the attributes of souls and how those attributes may be best brought to perfection. We have work to do in the next five decades, equally ardnous th of a differen

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The morning programme was carried out according to the printed slips. Mrs. Milton Rathbun made a most in

eresting and able address, followed by Mrs. Gridley and Mrs. Wallace, both noted and worthy workers. After these ladies had spoken Mr. Eggleston was called upon. He made a few very fine remarks, and after singing, the convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 the hall was full (or seemingly so), and the speakers were introduced amid great enthusiasm.

Mrs. Helen L. Palmer was the first speaker, and she made a very worthy speech, full of vigor, eloquence and orce

Mrs. Sopha, of Boston, was introduced and spoke for the lyceums and Sundayschools

Mr. Dawson read a long and, to many, interesting paper from T. Ernest Allen. Mrs. Richmond then introduced Mr. Woodbury again, who spoke in a very interesting manner of the attempted theocratic legislation, which many regard as imminent, and which, certainly, leserves serious thought. The last speaker of the afternoon was

Mrs. A. M. Glading, who spoke with great fervor and sympathy in reference to mediumship, and the workers generally. Many wanted a poem from Mrs. Richmond, but she said the best poem she could give them was to pronounce the benediction and let them clear the hall for the evening session.

EVENING SESSION.

House full, and the programme carried out.

Judge Dailey, the first regular speaker, of the evening, was not lookwith his professional duties. Still he was listened to with marked attention, and everyone was delighted with his

masterly address. He was followed by a musical number beautifully rendered, and by John Eggleston, with a fine address: "Why am I a Spiritualist?" Mr. Eggleston is a staunch Spiritualist, and known all over the country by newspaper men and printers.

The closing address of the convention, by Mrs. Richmond, was followed by an improvised poem, the subject suggested by members of the Press: "God and Cuba;" "The ray of the soul." Remarks followed by J. W. Fletcher, who kindly consented to close the meeting, and amid great congratulations on all sides the convention adjourned.

The feeling was there ought to be a series of similar conventions throughout the country to further interest and inform the people concerning the grandest truth in the history of the world COR.

A Veteran Passed On.

It is with deep regret that I am called upon to announce the passing ou of Col. T. D. Curtis, of Fond du Lac, Wis., on February 5th, aged 71 years. Paralysis was the cause of transition.

Col. Curtis was of New York origin and contemporaneous with and one of the group of pioneer dalry authorities of the same State, namely Arnold, Willard, Harris and Curtis. He made himself specially prominent as a writer ou cheese-making and occupied many prominent positions in the dairy and agricultural world with distinguished ability. He was a man of broad sympa-thies and philanthropic tendencies, devoting much thought to sociological problems in the interest of the masses. His tastes were scholarly. He was the author of "Hints on Dairying," "Resurgam," "The Nazareno," and other rhymes. Of social tendencies he made a host of warm friends who will mourn his loss. Col. Curtis was a staunch Spiritualist, having been a student of our philosophy for over thirty years. Milwaukee, Wis. C. F. RAY, D. D. S.



town as in any town of its size in the State. We have provided a small library fund, and hope to add to it from time to time. One of our members who has lived almost her whole life in the Spiritualistic faith contributed books to our library, thereby showing in our cause an interest that is very much apprecisted."

Mrs. B. A. B. writes from Payne, Ohio .: "'And Jesus went up into an high mountain, and there appeared unto him Moses and Elias;' but on February 24th, we assembled in our own room with Brother Finney, of Fort Wayne, Ind., as medium; and there held sweet communion with our departed friends, who talked to us through the trumpet, Mr. Finney, with his control, Johnnie Williams, brings an influence of peace and love to all with whom he meets. He has done a good work here, and the name as a wonderful and honest medi-um. We have stood alone in the truth, fighting for our rights as only a true soldier can, until Bro. Finney, through his wonderful gift, and Johnnie Will soldier can, until Bro. Finney, through his wonderful gift, and Johnnie Will-tams made glad many hearts, by having some spirit-friend return. That the proof work, and twe principles" good work, and true principles."

in great good. I refer to Bernard Hol-tuin, of San Jose, Cal. He held two tuin, of San Jose, Cal. He held two heard. The spirits sang through the public Sunday evening meetings in trumpets and foated a guitar, keeping Riverside hall to good-sized audiences, and the tests he gave were in every case recognized. He gives names, dates and circumstances in a rapid manner, and is, in fact, one of the most desirable mediums in the field."

L. C. Devine writes: Reading Mrs. Eya Cassell's paper on the 'Beast in Man,' and quite shocked at the retalia-tory spirit shown, and seeming lack of perception of the principle of justice in human relations, this came to me with L. C. Deville writes: "Reading Mrs. great and irresistible power concerning ie outrages of Southern white women by negro men: 'Retributive justice! working through the law of involution and evolution. The violence done the consciences of white men. when outraging negro women, acting upon the life principle evolved from the thought in the masculine semen, outworking upon the plane of manifestation through the progeny, has resulted, as all violations of law result, in reacting upon the in-strument of intellectual and physical prostitution.' I am still pondering upon this statement."

W. I. Barnett writes from Salt Lake ity, Utah: "Three months having City, passed since the organization of our somade-good progress in numbers, but towing to a lack of a good speaker, the desired result has not, been reached. We have had, however, an excellent est medium (Mrs. Ward) who has done bome very excellent work, and to her the society owe much. There is a grand opening here for a good and true worker and we hope that some good trance or inspirational lecturer will see the need we are in and come here and work with Whilst many frauds and mounte-tenks, posing as mediums, have come is way, yet we have created such an terest in the truths of Spiritualism that many are wanting to learn and see ore of it."

Creek, Mich., during March. He can be addressed for engagements at No. 118 Upton street.

standing, and expect credentials or let-ters of recommendation." Dr, J. C. Phillips writes of the cause at Glinton, Iowa: "I will write a word as to the present outlook in this city. As a natural law, through cause and ef-J. H. writes from Sterling, Kansas: "It is now only little more than a year since the first seeds of the truths of fect, the Spiritualists drifted apart and Spiritualism were planted in our midst. a new society is being (legally) formed under the most promising conditions, Mrs. Libble Harding, an old worker, Prior to that time modern Spiritualism was practically unknown among us. The possibility of communication with president Mrs. Ida Starr vice-president president, Mrs. Ida Starr vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Bogardus, treasurer, and Mrs. B. L. Eskelsen, secretary. The Ladies Aid Society, in connection with this new society is an efficient and thoroughly practical one. Holding a-masquerade ball last Tuesday evening, over forty dollars were taken in as a re-sult. The name of this organization is "The first Progressive Suritualist Sothose who have passed from earth-life was not accepted or believed, except by a very few; of the marvelous phenomena of materialization nothing was known, none having witnessed them until pre sented to us a year ago October last by Mrs. Elsie Reynolds, when they came like a clap of thunder from a clear sky. Interest in the cause has not in the least abated, and the number to whom "The First Progressive Spiritualist So-ciety, of Clinton, Iowa. B. L. Eskylsen, this new light has come is constantly in-creasing. July last the services of Rev. Mrs. L. A. MaBee were secured. Holdfine trance speaker is giving excellent satisfaction to the society for the pres-

Dr. W. O. Knowles writes: "Having built and moved into new quarters at til called away by the illness of her son. fice. Price \$1.00.

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have been others equally great. I feel like recommending Mr. Blair to all who would like to hear something good on A dispatch of February 28 to the daily

A dispatch of February 28 to the daily Chronicle says: "Over one thousand persons were in attendance at the opening session of the midwinter convention of the State Spiritual Association, in Jackson, Michigan, today. The princi-pal addresses were by E. W. Barber, of Jackson and L. V. Moulton of Grand Rapids. To-morrow addresses will be made by Allen F. Brown, of St. Paul, Minn., David P. Dewey, of Grand Blanc, Mich., Melvin A. Root, of Bay City, Nich., Marion, Carpenter, of Detroit, and R. Shepard Lillie, of Cincinnati."

Mrs. Partridge, psychometrist, has returned from Morrison, Ill., and is again ready to receive friends and calls for readings.

To the Spiritualists of Missouri:--It is the desire of the Progressive Spiritual-ist Association, of Missouri to obtain the name and address of every avowed Spiritualist in the State. Matters of importance are involved that are of interest to every genuine Spiritualist. Send with-out delay your own name and address; also those of other of your acquaintance also if convenient a brief account of the state of the cause in your locality. Ad-dress the secretary, Miss Ida Hendrick, No. 311 South Jefferson street, Spring-field, Mo. E. M. Hendrick, president.

A Debate Anticipated.

TO THE EDITOR :- The clergy of Canton, Ohio, whe have-been denouncing the "tricks of Spiritualist mediums, will now have an opportunity (February 16) of backing up their wild assertions with something more tangible than wind. A number of prominent Spiritualhad no professional medium to help us since Mrs. Prior left. Mrs. Ward, a able citizens, have challenged the the preachers to a public debate with "any gentleman whom they may select," on the following proposition: "Are the phenomena and philosophy of modern Spiritualism sustained by scripture, reason and history?"! These gentlemen "extend a polite and pressing invitation" to the orthodox clergy to say whether they will, accept or not? It is safe to presume that, after all their blo-viating they will be, as usual, "as dumb as oysters." I have tried for twenty-five years past to get linem into a debate here on the meritatof the question; but they don't seem to" be possessed of any "moral courage." I S II) C. H. MATHEWS.

New Philadelphia, Ohio.

"The Religion of the Future." By S. Weil. This is a work of far more than ordinary power and value, by a bold, untrammeled thinker. Spiritualists who love deep, clear thought, reverent for truth alone, will be pleased with it, and well repaid by its perusal. For sale at this office. Price, cloth, \$1.25; paper, 50 conte 50 cents.

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becomes convinced of the continuity of sort, as that which the grand pioneers of life. Consequently, even the oredulous may not prove poor experimenters.

wished to speak. The new science is not concerned principally with mere in-vestigation. Much less is it disposed to make fraud-hunting any part of its busi-ness. Only the false, the pseudo-scien-tist, has time to act as the detective and exposer of imposters. In my judgment the Spiritualists and their church should attend to that. The new science should be experimental, first and foremost. It should be the idea to build up, to construct, to elaborate, to extend, to correlate, to compare. We certainly ought by this time to be past the stage of merely thinking that there may be such things as psychical phenomena and of seeking with fear and trembling to make sure of the fact. It should now be our part to demonstrate the nature, powers, capabilities and possibilities of souls, both embodied and disembodied. And this we should do by experimentation. I am aware that there are those—and they are often men of superior mental gifts-who consider that we should go back to the old methods of introspection back to the old methods of introspection and self-repression, to the end that the higher spirits may pour into us this wisdom. And they may be right about it. All that I can say is that most of you, and certainly I, can never know that they are right. Such are the the osophists with their theories of initiation and adeptship, and such are many other mystery seekers. It is their idea that the humble, crawling course of modern science is too slow, too groveling to reach the goal. And they fur-thermore inculcate the idea that to intrust the command over nature, which a full knowledge of the powers of the soul implies, to everybody, without discrimination, would be to expose the world to grave danger at the hands of immoral men. To me, in person, they have in-dicated that hypnotism is such a power, and have pointed to the crime which might be committed through it. Friends, knowledge is never perilous; the perils which you seem to see have their antidotes. With a more perfect comprehen-sion of hypnotism will also inevitably come the knowledge how to resist it. The only safety of the world really lies in learning as much as possible about its uses and abuses as soon as possible, and then imparting it to as many as pos-sible. Science is democratic; science is for the masses. Science recognizes nothing as too sacred to be known about. Science has long demonstrated that ignorance is the fountain of all evil, and that knowledge only can free the world from evil. It may be that the higher spirits are communicating with us; but when they bring us communications which teach that knowledge is danger-ous, and so should be confined to a chosen few-and the fellows who say so are always the few-we have a right

and a reason to suspect that communication. Psychical science proposes that we shall learn all that we can about the oul by actual experiment; that we shall develop for ourselves its powers and capabilities. This does not mean that we should confine ourselves in these expiriments to the testimony of our five senses. If, in the course of experiment, we clearly establish other modes of acquiring cer-

Spiritualism have had in hand during the past fifty years. Our work should be to evolve from the experiments, That is the second thing of which I which me may be able to carry on, the real nature of spirit and to construct a science concerning it which shall turn the scoffs of disbelievers in spirit into regrets that they have so long lingered in self-imposed ignorance. Can you do it? Will you do it? We

have now swept out of the age, which included practically all past ages, when death was too terrible and too sacred a thing to be investigated closely or ex-perimented with. We have, I hope, passed the age in our own lives when we would run from ghosts instead of communicating with them. We have certainly passed the age when men in a frenzy of terror murdered whomsoever dared to permit the souls of the departed to manifest through his or her per sonality. It is to be hoped that the gods we believe in would not be guilty of saying, as did the god of Leviticus: "A man also, or a woman that hath a familiar spirit or that is a wizard shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them.' We have not proceeded very far, per-haps, yet; for we do still by our unfortunate commercialism compel our medi ums to put their gifts up at sale instead of enabling them to devote their talents to humanity. But, then, that unfortu-nate condition also applies to all other psychical talents, whether exercised in or out of the body. And, after all, con-tempt with a full stomach is more easily borne than fagots and a stake. But we must move forward, and still forward, yet forward.

To that end, it is well to have a church which for the first time teaches that spiritual gifts are neither divine nor demoniacal, that spiritual things are real and susceptible of investigation and demonstration; that they are, also, not too sacred for investigation and demonstration. This means that you are introducing a religion of knowledge in-stead of one of faith; a religion which welcomes the truth instead of one which must oppose the new truth which destroys its own foundations. Your presi-dent, Mrs. Richmond, in a recent discourse, defined religion to be the aspira tion after higher things. I think that you must know and see that the science which I have tried to speak of to you, is animated by that aspiration. Consequently, there can be no quarrel be-tween that science and such a religion. Instead, their paths must lie together, must be parallel. And the new science will, therefore, be carried forward, not by the trimmers and temporizers, but by the William Crookes, the Alfred Russell Wallaces, the Camille Flammarions, the Elliott Coues, the Joseph Rodes Buchanans, the Hudson Tuttles, the Giles B. Stebbins, the B.O. Flowers, the Minot J. Savages, the Judge Dailles and men of like sort, who will smile with a pitying smile at the pretenses of pseu-do-scientists who did not seek to do

more than disprove future existence and show up a few frauds.

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"A. R. M.," Waukegan: Q. Is it true that spirits cannot see physical matter, except through the eyes of a medium? A. A fundamental principle is that "Spirits hold the same relation to spiritual things that man holds to physical

nature. Hence the Spirit-world must be distinct to spirit-vision. Can spirits see things of this earth with their spirit eyes? When clairvoyants enter the profoundest state of trance, they have no diffculty in distinguishing objects, dis-tances, color, size, etc. They see with spirit vision, and the freed spirit ought to see as well as they, How? All objects are pervaded by a spirit-essence which is visible to their perception. So

alike is the appearance that clairvoyants and spirits also, at times, fail to distinguish between those in earth-life and those who have escaped. From the same passages in your Q,

writings I infer it is an advantage to die young. Is not earthly experience nec-essary?

There may be advantage in an A earth-life of three-score years and ten, and such fruition seems to be the purpose of nature; yet if it were ossen-tial it would be denied to none. If it has its advantages, it likewise has its disad-vantages, which overbalance.

The higher life has opportunities for growth and culture which are far superior to any earth can give, and why is it necessary for a departed one to return to the earthly school? There may be regrets, remorse, the stains of crimes, of duties neglected, which must be expiated in earth's atmosphere. Beyond these the lingering spirit can only suffer loss. The child having no such experiences can have no cause for regret. Hence, we should be content, whether the frosts of age come slowly in the fuliness of years, or the bud be taken in its opening hour; the infinite plan of progress is not defeated or impeded.

"Optimist:" Q. Should we ever have a titled aristocracy, as is hinted at, would they have coats of arms, and what would these be?

A. It should be made treason, for any citizen to propose such a measure, and punished as such. Yet there is a strong element-strong because of its wealth-favoring the granting of titles by the government. From a few wealthy men, we have hundreds and thousands of millionaires-an amount that fifty years ago would have been regarded as princely, would now be beggarly. "What can a man thought beggarly. "What can a man do supporting a family on \$4,000 a year?" Asks a New York editor. Sure enough! ask the day laborer in country or city! Four thousand dollars means four thousand days of hard labor!

Four thousand a year, when there are blocks on blocks of residences in New York where fifty or a hundred thousand are yearly required! These are the people who desire titles: they already have coats of arms!

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"Did this accumulation and waste of wealth bring culture and refinement, there would be some return. It brings, rather, shoddy manners and unbearable snobbishness. Ignorance and nude ness are never more conspicuous than when arrayed in sllk and jewels. The coarse voice of the donkey comes from beneath the sealskin sacque and India shawl. The culture of thought will be

avenged on these pretenders, who delude themselves that money will pur-chase evcrything, even intelligence. They may build milion dollar palaces, adorn the walls with rare paintings they do not understand, and books they cannot read; the first word they utter tells the story of their usurpation. To them life has no meaning but the acquisition and waste of wealth; no noble purpose or high ambition; dissipation, eating, drinking display their object. Even in the design of the coats of arms, they ape the effete aristocracy of Europe. coat of aims for an English Lord has a meaning, or once had. His ancestors went on a murderous raid or piratical expedition, and returning successful, were allowed a symbol, aping an Indian who ties a scalp-lock to his belt, or sticks an eagle-feather in his cap. Every coat of arms in Europe is the sign or a murderous act. For an American citizen whose father was a coal-heaver, a shoemaker, or a ditcher, who has spent half his life weighing soap and cod-fish; in a railroad office or bank, what shall he take ap propriately as a sign and symbol of his glorious past? Leopards and unicorns quartered with lions and eagles, with unicorns and flour-de-lis thrown in, are not the material for soap-boilers, porkpackers, brewers, and whisky-makers. Allow me to suggest, if such coats-ofarms are required, a bar of soap, a nice ham, a hog "couchant," a beer-keg, a dried codfish quartered with a box of herring, a railroad wreck, with "the people be damned" under it for a matto

sble to God than unreasoning obedience and eyeless faith, and to believe that God did an impossible act, is far better than to do a good one yourself." The most objectionable feature of the Sunday-school is the worthlessness of what its leaders put forward as of greatest value. To the practical mind the events narrated in the Bible are of no more consequence than the war of the Crow Indians before the coming of Columbus. To devote a Sunday to the conideration of how a rascally shepherd fleeced his father-in-law by scaring the cows into having spotted calves may be a lesson from the sacred book, but is not

taught that nothing can be more accept-

moral lesson. Who cares how Solomon's Temple was built, or how many wives he had, or of the wail of the prophets? Or the story of Adam and Eve, and the impossible Eden? They are of the past, and dead. A thousand new issues are before us, pulsating with vitality, and for our well-being absolutely demanding discussion.

G. A. W., Jamestown, N. Y.: Q. I have been sitting for independent slatewriting for about three months; sucecded in having rappings, and the pencil rattled as moved in the slates, but now this influence has suddenly ceased. What am I to do?

A. It is by no means unusual for the influence to be withdrawn for a time. Home mentions how his wonderful pow ers were at times suspended, and this is true of all mediums. Wait patiently for the return.

"Perplexed:" Q. After a great many interesting circles, at which highly sat-isfactory messages were received, we introduced a new member, whom we were desirous to convince. His mother purported to communicate with him, but could not give her name. The next circle we held, he was not present, and the spirit gave her name, carefully and slowly repeating it so as to be sure it was right. It proved entirely wrong. We are now at sea, distrusting all communications we receive.

A. Yes, and as long as this circle is in such attitude it will be in just the condition for the reception of comflicting and erroneous messages.

Almost every investigator has met with similar experiences, and there are several ways by which they may be explained. As yet, so little of the conditions by which certainty of control is known that we must proceed with great caution; we have only placed our feet on the threshold and have little knowledge to guide us. The reiteration of a message is no test of its truthfulness. We

learn that ideas are impressed more readily than dates and names, the latter being seemingly among the most difficult feats of sensitives.

As the medium writes and speaks a influenced by the controlling spirit, precisely in the same manner and by the same laws of magnetism, as though that spirit were clothed in flesh, it wil be seen that that influence is sustained by most subtile influence.

In the instance here introduced some other spirit than the one claimed must have written the message. The circle at once thought that the name was the one desired, and their influence was stronger than that of the spirit. Then it would be impossible to obtain a

correct message. If we had a delicate magnetic needle and desired to have it tell the truth, i. e., point to the North, we would remove all objects of iron that might attract it. and protect it from currents of air which may sway it. Far more delicate is the sensitive's condition, and the positiveness of those sitting near the medium often influences him more powerfully than it is possible for spirits to do. Such experience is sometimes required as a remedy for an all-accepting credulity, practically showing that spirits are not infallible, and ought.not to be taken as unquestioned guides.

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ODD FELLOWSHIP-WHAT IS IT? Is it good for a man to be an Odd Fellow? Is it good for the community where it exists? Is it good for the world? It is a religion of deeds not of fuith and words, but whether it is good for its possessor, for the community or world I will leave you to deterfor the mine when I have more fully described it. I have not the time nor the ability to describe all the beauties, goodness and benign influences of this great order, but having been assigned to make a few remarks, and as no good Odd Fellow over shirks a duty or evades a responsibility when assigned him by his lodge, I will do my best to entertain you for a

few moments, and instruct you in a few of the many good points of Odd Fellowship. There was a time when one solitary man is supposed to have occupied this great, big earth and to have occupied all of it. "And God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam," and, to make a long, doubtful story short and illustrate my

point, took woman out of man. In my early years, before I became an Odd Fellow, I very much doubted this story, but in more mature years, considering the great amount of good taken out of man and the small amount left in him, it seems to me strong presumptive evi-dence of the truth of the story, and it has occurred to me that the Great Architect of the universe must have had a much finer perception than ordinary mortals now have to have found good ness enough left in man to deem him worth preservation and propagation but from the fact that he was preserved gives us reason to look for and expect to find some little goodness in him yet. To find this, I may say, vital spark in man, and fan it into a living flame of friend-ship, love and truth, that shall warm heart to generous deeds and illumi-

of Odd Fellowship. If we lived in this world for self alone there would, perhaps, be no further use for this order, but it has been the province of some master minds to discover that we were given our reason to guide us along the path that leads to happi ress, and to avoid disaster, pain and dis tress, and the use of that reason has led to the further discovery that true happiness in this world, properly enjoyed will not lessen our chances for happiness in the next, and is to be found in ministering to the needs of others, by lifting them out of the slough of ignorance and distress, and helping them on to the higher planes of intelligence, happiness and prosperity, and this is another of the duties of Odd Fellowship. While Odd Fellowship offers the strongest possible inducement to every member to do right, and lays a kind, restraining hand upon him when he is about to do wrong; offers every encour-agement to bring out all the nobler qualities of which we are possessed, and reminds us that the surer and quicker way to happiness is the right way, and the only way in which it will proteot its members, it is not a reformatory institution for the benefit of those past hope in every other direction, nor a house of refuge for the protection of those who would seek its shelter to avoid tho just punishment of outraged society and

quired to subscribe to no impossible ar-

and the man which hesitates, to investi-gate for fear he may find some truth not in scoord with his preconceived opin-ions, doubts his 'theories and stands be-tween himself and the light of intelli-gence and casts a sliadow that beelouds his own mind; takes a step backward and makes himself further from the imand pushes himself further from the immaculate image of the Creator, in which we were all supposed to be formed. Every generous deed touches a respon-sive chord in the heart of the recipient

that will vibrate with love till it becomes a pleasure to him to respond to the importunate, though," perhaps, silent ap-peal of some one less fortunate than himself. Thus, when the ball is once set in motion it is bound to roll on until it touches the home of the most lowly and distressed and makes its inmates bi ighter, hetter and happier, unless switched off by some one, more hog than human, who, though wearing the form divine, is most supremely selfish. To put this ball in motion and see that it does not get switched off, or, if switched off, to see

that another one is promptly started in motion is another of the offices of Odd Fellowship. Odd Fellowship enjoins us to do what we believe our satured mother, if per-mitted to come from the land of souls

and forbids our doing what we honestly believe she would disapprove. With these few pointers to set you to thinking in the right direction there can be no loubt that every person capable of thinking an independent thought will arrive at the conclusion that Odd Fellowship is a beneficent institution, and unless you believe in the religion of total depravity for all mankind that you may profit by the ignorance of your fellowman, you certainly must agree when say I believe Odd. Fellowship to be a great, noble and grand institution, one that helps its possessor to be a better man, helps to raise the moral tone of the community to a much higher plane and helps to make the world better, at no sacrifice of anything good to the one be-coming an Odd Fellow.

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be eliminated before the highest type of human culture can be attained. To effect this result, the social body must be

organized under a system of industrial quired to subscribe to no impossible ar-ticles of faith. A religion founded on justice, in a human brotherhood, taking

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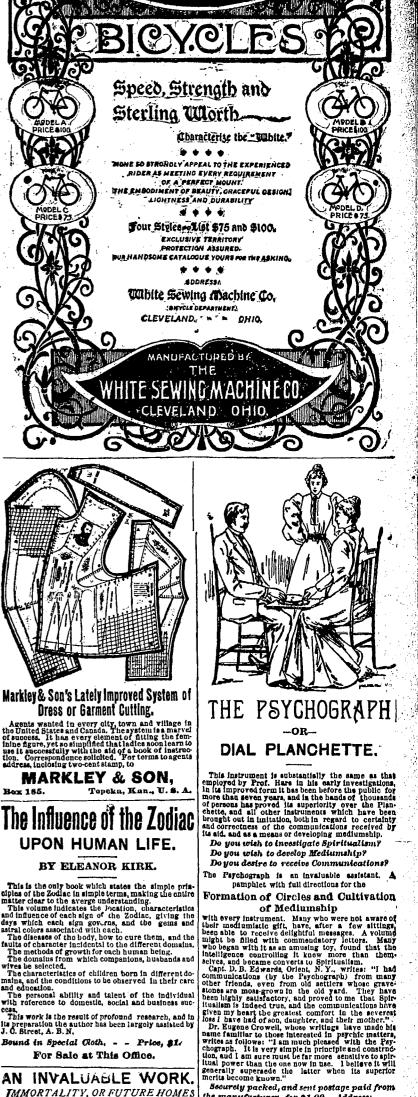
They all were living at home, and small: They hadn't a want that I did not know,

And I always answered each little call. They sometimes halloed to hear the

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offended law.

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and stand by our side, would approve,

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Spiritualism is the antidote for bil-ious Christianity.
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rogation point and not a full stop, as the materialist maintains. 3. "Spiritualism is the sunshine of expression between the two worlds." 4. Spirituality is a necessary condi-

tion for the promulgation of happiness. 5. Genius is often buried in the graveyard of superstition.

6. Charity is an iridescent raindrop punctuated by the governing power of spiritual unfoldment.

7. In presenting yourself before an audience of your spirit friends, be sure to hang the latch-string of your spirituality on the outside. 8. "Happy is the man who, knowing

that he cannot escape from himself, shapes a self from which he would not escape if he could."

When spirituality is nursed by the mother of harmony, the corner-stone of justice will be laid in God's reservation of love.

10. The highest inspiration can only be obtained by preparing the drawing-room of your soul for the reception of

your guests. 11. To live as an unselfish entity is to be a student in the hall of divinity. 12. Woman is the mother of modern Spiritualism; she accordingly guards the door and holds the key which unlocks its choicest records.

13. When morality becomes thoroughly amalgamated with humanity, errors in the laws of health will no longer exist.

14. Humanity is the father of disease

and spirituality is the eradicator.
15. Faith without facts is fiction.
16. Minds asphyxiated with superstition never attain their mental growth. Spiritualism is a celestial invention, and woman is the patentee. You cannot rob her of her rights in the matter, as the "Divinity" recognizes her claim for all time. She gave the world the child that is now being rocked in the cradle of the church. It is resting quietly, only occasionally does it cry out, and then the bottle of superstition is ynt in its mouth and it sleeps on. The baby in its trance condition grows stronger, and the mother (church) gradually weakens. Time will soon consume the contents of the nursing bottle, and when the last drop is devoured you will see a greater spiritual improvement, as the panoramic scenes pass and are viewed through the telescope of reason; liberty, charity and justice will be the trinity; the home of one will be the abode of all. ROBERT WHITE, JR.

The injuries we do and those we suffer are seldom weighed in the same balance.

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justice, tempered with mercy, prompted in the wide field of productive labor by common sense, to be practiced in and the equitable distribution of labor's products among the producers thereof. Anarchism Dr. Babbitt relegates to a everyday life in our dealings with man kind. It is a religion that teaches its prosperous member to take his less forunate brother by the hand and help him into the path of prosperity, whisper words of consolation into his ear, and help him to become a better citlzen and a better man. It is not a religion of beyond all other systems." Condensed within this pamphlet is faith mixed with doubt, nor of supremacy of one man over another. Its weakest member may hold and express opinlates to the most vital questions that enions diametrically opposed to the opinions held by its most powerful magnates without fear of rebuke or punishment, gage the minds of earnest friends of humanity to-day the world over. This pamphlet will be sent to any adand its brightest lights offer no inducement to pursuade anyone to accept anything as truth, not supported by reason IVE THINKER for only 15 cents. and common sense. It teaches that the same immutable law governs the high and the low, the rich and the poor, and "Astounding Revelations, or Research in Ancient and Bible History." By L.

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We didn't know but you'd gone away!" makes people fraternal and peaceable Well, yes "I ought to have frowned?" -maybe-

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to see. Than a doting mother who loved them 50l

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let me scel Nice oyster patties, for style, you

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sauce. A big iced cake for a sweet reserve To carry home; some grapes, from floss Of snowy cotton, in choice conserve;

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Given ou holidays long since fied; Each one mutely its love-tale tells, Some of the living and some of the

Ab! who can tell what hopes and fears dead, When dinner is over they try new

songs-Hunt through the parlor for some-

thing new; For paintings, photographs; all belongs To each, for home-love is ever true.

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Kissing their mother the last of all. watch them go with a soft, sweet sigh. Thinking of years when they were amall.

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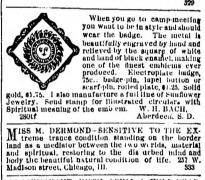
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These people, so peculiarly organthe city. ized, infilled before and after birth with the blighting dogmas of creedal beliefs, are purblind to everything else, and cannot for one moment extend their thoughts sufficiently far to enter into a rational comprehension of the law of causation, or to intuitively understand that all is mind or spiritthat all parts of the universal whole are interblended and interdependent, and that the complete destruction of a single atom would destroy the equilibrium of the whole and produce complete chaos.

The astronomical and geologic lore of those ancient writers, that "the heavens will be rolled together as a pen, has collected funds enough, with scroll, and the earth melted with ferwent heat," has held the millions in- cietics here, to pay expenses thus far. doctrinated with this ignorant belief in the bondage of fear, and rendered ceipt account, in which is recorded them fit subjects to be led about "by every wind of doctrine." The lightning's flash and the roll of the thunder, the shock of the earthquake, the lighting up of the aurora borealis, have caused them to tremble lest they should be struck dead through the "wrath of the Almighty God" by the thunderbolt, or has caused them to. their cases. quake with fear that the end of the world was at hand and they must be called to judgment.

But reason is beginning to dominate unreasoning faith and fear, and we see in the near future the end of the world, in this: The certainty that there is to be an end to war, because, forsooth, the terrible enginery of deathdealing inventions will be so destructive that none can survive the collision; an end of rapacity and fraud, because the oppressed millions will rise up en masse and hurl their oppressors to merited oblivion, and the spoils of their greed be distributed to those in need of assistance; an end of want, for all will share with each other the munificence of nature's bounties, which all in common will help to produce; an end of bigotry and superstitious ignorance, because the light of Spiritualism will dispel tioned on our second page.

on the subject of capital punishment, heard, Mr. Price was unable to appear and he handled the subject in a scion account of sickness, and the hearentific manner, to the delight of a ing was postponed until some future large audience. Then we had tentime. Thus, through force of circumminute speeches on the same subject, stances over which the committee has by Mr. Gleason, Mr. Thomas, Mr. no control, things, as is usual with Marshall, Mrs. Musk, Mrs. Prior and legal affairs, are making haste slowly. Mrs. Kates, followed with tests by However, all who are interested may Mrs. Prior and Mrs. Kates. After rest assured that everything is being more singing by the audience, and the done that can be done by the combenediction by Mrs. Kates, the meetmittee and counsel in the interests of ing adjourned. justice for the mediums. It is in or-Mr. and Mrs. Kates hold their der here to state that the mediums meetings in this same hall every Sunwho are being defended through the day evening, with lectures and tests. efforts of the committee are reliable On Sunday evening, February 16th, mediums (not fakes or fortune-tellers) at Douglass Hall, corner Eighteenth belonging to the various societies of

and Champa streets, the Psychic Research Society assembled-Mrs. Loe The Defense Committee is made up F. Prior, pastor, and R. Ward, presof delegates from each society in the ident. After singing by the audience, city, and from the committee have followed with a beautiful invocation been appointed, as sub-committees. a by Mrs. Prior, she read a poem by Law and Finance Committee. Thus Lizzie Doten, after which we had a it will be seen that we are organized vocal solo by R. Ward, entitled "Only on a business basis, and we can assure Thin Veil Between Us." Then we all who are interested that the affairs had the lecture by Mrs. Prior. Her of the defense are conducted in a subject was the "Sunken Road," business manner. Every one who dowhich was new and very interesting nates funds for the defense receives a to the large audience. After the lecreceipt for the amount from the chairture we had another vocal solo by man of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Mrs. Douglass, entitled, "When the M. E. Cadwallader, who, through her Flowing Tide Comes," which received well-directed efforts with voice and a hearty encore. Then Mrs. Prior gave tests for half an hour, which what has been collected from the sowere all recognized. Then we had a piano solo by Miss Michaels, followed The chairman keeps a duplicate rewith the benediction by Mrs. Prior. This society was organized for the the sum each one donates, and the attainment and diffusion of knowledge funds collected are from time to time of the higher life, and has been turned over to the treasurer, Mr. Moragreeably blest by the spirituallyrill, who pays the bills by the direcilluminated ministrations and lectures tion of the committee. Of course it of Mrs. Loe F. Prior. The audiences will be readily understoood that it is which gather every Sunday evening at a very difficult matter to push forward Douglass Hall have been large and the trial of the rest of the mediums deeply interested. Mrs. Prior's lecuntil the Court is ready to take up tures are of an intensely interesting character, logical, breathing a fullness of spiritual illumination, holding all

The trial of Mrs. Bunz and Mrs. Faust was set for January 30th, and hearers in rapt attention. Her seerwe hoped that some headway would ship after each lecture, as expressed be made, but after remaining in court in clairvoyant readings, carries connearly all day, we were notified that viction to many delighted recipients, their cases would not be reached. and causing them to say there must be they were dismissed subject to call. something in it. Her genial presence Notwithstanding these untoward and earnest readings grace the social circumstances, the committee and counsel stand firm, and intend to see meetings at her parlors, 1444 Glenarm street, every Tuesday evening. this contest through on the basis of Other meetings are being held here right and justice to the persecuted with success, and the car of progress mediums. is rolling onward. ROBERT WARD.

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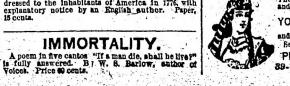
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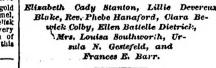
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