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him," exclaimed this astute platform ex-pounder of Spiritualistic wisdom. Let us see. Let us see. Josephus was born in the year 37 and THE PAGIFIG GOAST. was a contemporary of the apostles. monies) and clairvoyance all affirm the Listen: existence of the once Judean Jesus, the "Now, there was about this time," now living Christ-our elder brother in

says Josephus, "a wise man, if it be law ful to call him a man. * * * He drew over to him many of the Jews and also STOC TREATMENT NO. 8; OR THE SHOE AND many of the Gentiles. This man was the No sect nor class of people are such bitter, viperous enemies (there are a Christ. "But this is an interpolation," says

ome one. True, this has been affirmed and de- lude) of Spiritualism and healing medisome one.

nied. The consensus of learned men, however, beginning with Ernest Renan, say that the menuser is a second But let this passage pass-and let us their ignorance of Spiritualism is scarce-

see! In Josephus' Antiquities, book 20, chapter 9, section 1, is found this state-erotism is deplorable. Their self-asserment: the following challenge: "In behalf of the Spiritualists and

tive swagger is pitiably amusing; and the following challenge: "In behalf of the Spiritualists and "Ananus assembled the Jewish Sanhe-Freethinkers of this city, I make this drim and brought before it James, the ties and science is only excelled by their declaration and challenge: "Christianity is a delusion, and some with some others, whom he delivered "Scientist" doctor has been for several "Christianity is a delusion, and some with some others, which he derivered months hurling thundering thoughts at preachers are liars, frauds, knaves and over to be stoned as infractors of the months hurling thundering thoughts at infractors of the swoman in the suburbs of San Diego law." The genuineness of this passage has

ignoramuses; and I will give to any law." preacher in this country or Europe \$500 that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will be a meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -backgroup which has just that will be a meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -that meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -that meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -that meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -that meet me and demonstrate that never been disputed to my knowledge -that meet me and that by! The neighbors are laughing! The The 'Talmud, commenced before Jesus' truth is—all that is good and true and time, continued during his and the Apos-practical in this Christian Science or

Mental Science business was stolen, tolic period, and after, has the most perbegged or borrowed outright from some of the branches of the tree of life-Spirfect and direct references to Jesus and his Never have I resided in a State where marvels, When in Jerusalem a number

STOCKING STENCH CURE.

Never have I resided in a State where marvels. When in Jerusalem a number of the branches of the tree of life—Spir-so many editors were Spiritualists or of years ago, the reputed most learned liberalists, and not afraid to manifest Rabbi in the world read to me several of their liberalism upon all proper occa- the historical references in the Talmud sions. I had the pleasure of forming the by the hour, concerning Jesus' radical-gequaintance of the Hon. M. Dague isms, fanaticisms and magical wonders, many years ago in Iowa. He was a learned by him in Egypt. Parting with State Senator. He is now editor and this Rabbi-a German by birth—he said proprietor of the Santa Paula Chronicle. he had 'never known a Kabbi of repute, Recently a preacher vigrously attacked or an intelligent for a point of the cure in words. and Healy's Recently a preacher vigorously attacked or an intelligent israelite, to deny the we give the cure in words, and Healy's Spiritualism, when this gentleman was existence of the Jesus's the Christians' own words:

Spiritual sm, when this gentleman was present. Mceting a friend on Monday, he said: "Well, Mr. Dague, how do you feel after hearing the Spiritualists so if each at night?" Mr. Dague, hebrew, I. M. Wise; Cincinnat, Ohio raked down last night?" Mr. Dague, hebrew, I. M. Wise; Cincinnat, Ohio raked very hard, for we are a consistent iletter and answer were published in the ing of the Unitarian Church, but that we have good and sufficient reasons for so have good and sufficient reasons for so that, and said if he had to give up the Bi-the would have to give up the Bi-the would have to give up the Bi-the Wittier and Spiritus of the Jesus of Veter, Faul ble. Victor Hugo believed in the possi-believing. Join Wesley believed in the possi-learned Rabbis, with the Talmud before bility of spirit return, and so did Long-thelw and Dickens, and Emerson, and Jesus of Nezareth. Spiritus of the unitarian church at the possi-believing. Join Wesley believed in the possi-believing. Join Wesley believed in the possi-learned Rabbis, with the Talmud before bility of spirit return, and so did Long-thelw and Dickens, and Emerson, and Jesus of Nezareth. Spiritus of the remains, and Lincoln and interpolations are taken from Josephus, Spiritus of the spirit return, and so did Long-thelw and Dickens, and Lincoln and interpolations are taken from Josephus, Spiritus of the spirit return, and so did Long-thelw and Dickens, and Lincoln and interpolations are taken from Josephus, Spiritus of the spirit return, and od Ben Wade, and there still remains, John the Baptist and Spiritus of the spirit return, and so did Long-thelw and Dickens, and Lincoln and interpolations are taken from Josephus, Spiritus of Ben Wade, and there still remains, John the Baptist and Spiritus of Ben Wade, and there still remains, John the Baptist and Spiritus of the spirit return, and so did Long-the spiritus and bake, and there still remains, John the Baptist and Spiritus of the spiritus and there still remains, John the Baptist and Spiritus of the spirit Greeley, and old Ben Wade, and there still remains John the Baptist and matter (and correct divers other abnor-

"Under no consideration should mucous be drawn to the nose or mouth for the purpose of ejectment. These abnormal secretions must be forced down the channel of purification by continually swallowing the saliva."

This discovery-this positive cure for consumptives, and kindred chronic diseases, may be summed up thus: Upon retiring rub your chest with your moist, day-worn stockings; inhale, smell, snuff up the perspiratory odor of your old shoes, and swallow your hawking, filthy entists, and Christian Metaphysicians. They stab at every opportunity. And catarrhal mucus-dead, poisonous albu-

As I am a man of positive convictions and inclined as a physician to use em-phatic language, I abstain from all comments upon this Christian Metaphysician nastiness-and pass this war-club over into the hands of our healing me-diums and psychic magnetizers who of-ten, as did Jesus and the apostles, "make the lame to walk and the blind to see."

RUSKIN ON LYING. Truth, integrity and moral honesty lie at the very foundation of society. False-heod and hypocrisy are the first-born twin-sins of devils. Down with the oily-tongued hypocrite that peddles slanders, miles in your face and harpoons you in the back. Ruskin, writing of these tattlers and liars, says:

"The essence of lying is in deception, not in words; a lie may be told by si-lence, by equivocation, by the accent of a syllable, by a glance of the eye attach-ing a meanling meanling to a contain ing a peculiar meaning to a sentence; and all these kinds of lies are worse and baser by many degrees than a lie plain-ly worded."

SLANDERERS.

Spot them! spot them! They are from beneath and demon-inspired. Babbling is the work of the busybody-slandering is the nefarious work of the slanderer. Speaking of that noble Englishman, Ruskin, reminds me that some twenty years ago a prominent English Spiritual st visited America, visited the Spiritualist camp-meetings, and many private and public seances.

Returning to Eugland, and while making a report of our great country-which upon the whole pleased him-a report of Spiritualist societies, and of the progress of Spiritualism-he said, among other things! "Taking the testi-mony of Spiritualist speakers and Spiritualist mediums about each other, they are a hard lot as hard lot!" The great and the good never slander, nor repeat the slanders of others. They esteem themselves too highly. They have too

much honor. The poet pronounced the slanderer the "foulest whelp of hell." Insinuation is the dirtiest and most dangerous sort of slander. "Better to murder outright then to elevelor "gradid Grather Course than to slander," said Goethe. Gossip-ing slanderers uniformly have skeletons To Gontinue Only During the Month of April. of some sort in their own closets. Those that do most of this business are, with-

SPIRITS AND MEDIUMS. How Many Spiritualists Allow Themselves to Be Fooled.

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One Woman Tells Some Instructive Experience.

"The way of the transgressor is truly hard," and "a pitcher carried too often to the well will finally get broken," has proven true by that impostor, Mrs. M. J. Roberts. I wondered if Brother A. J. Buck, of St. Louis, whose endorse-ment caused me to be duped by her and her accomplices, a year ago, is now satsfied as to the genuineness of her ma-

terialization. I was called a fool, and told to go back to my orthodox belief, as I wasn't spiritually ripened, or ready for the phenom-ena of Spiritualism-all because I gave the truth of her manifestations to him

while in our city. Through no effort of any of our circle was the expose brought about, but through the carelessness of her helper, who, in throwing back the portieres, let fall from its concealment the whole spirit garb.

Imagine a circle of faithful, gullible individuals, called Spiritualists, paying one dollar per head to be duped! Don't you think a few of us ought to be sent to some asylum, or to be eaten by some cannibals, so as to make room for a people that have common sense? I feel we need a few more Mrs. Walters to rid us of these impostors: and we, as Spiritual-

ists, owe her a vote of thanks. When Mrs. Dr. M. J. Roberts and Mrs. A. McHenry visited our city they would not consent to test conditions at he request of the president of the spiritual association, Mrs. Roberts proclaimng that she was known all over this nd as a genuine medium, and her work proved its genuineness, and to demand test conditions was the highest insult to her ladyship. They were here a week when they called on me, told of their cold reception by those who had sent for them, and I, supposing that a woman of her appearance and age would not stoop to so low a crime, consented to give them two weeks of my time to seeing that circles of our first people would be formed. They were highly gratified at my interest in them, and assured me

a reward in the sweet bye-and-bye. Well, the circle was formed, and com posed of some of our best citizens and Spiritualists, and great was our expectations, as we had all read a lengthy ar-ticle by Mr. A. J. Buck, in your paper

the week previous. We had spirits, all sizes. The room was filled with the odor of incense pecul iar to the spirits of Mrs. M. J. Roberts. The music-box pealed forth in squeaky tones, "Auld Lang Syne," and "March-ing Through Georgia," while we sang "Nearer My God to Thee." [am sure

BFIRITUALISM IN CALIFORNIA-UNITA- that God is omnipresent, the many eyes tures in Greensburg, Ind., made this RIANS-CHINAMEN-GOODNESS IN THE denote that he is omniscient, and sees challenge in his circulars: PENITENTIARY-DID JESUS EXIST-"But the shapes of them-the images and all mediums are liars, frauds, knaves are norrid-looking." "That is a matter of taste," he replied. "They are old—antique. Some of them in form date back to Confucius' time. Neither our forms nor com religion to the so-called spiritual phenomena to the so-called spir THE SHOE CURE-LIARS AND SLANare horrid-looking."

DERERS-DEATH.

PEN-FLASHES FROM

the boy that should be sent to a reform changeable as yours. And then, your school, put on a spare diet, and have his crosses. your altare your public and demonstrate that the first and the passage pace. school, put on a spare diet, and have his crosses, your altars, your pulpits, and In response to the challenge, Dr. C. C. back placarded with "I am the murderer your angels with long, uncombed hair of innocent birds."

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Not only is Southern California the land of the lime and the lemon, the or-be tolerant. Chinese never seek to make converts." of the mocking-bird, prince of Ameri-can songsters: There is one upon the top of my house this morning singing you not strive to make believers?" merrily. The mocking bird never crosses ["All religions are the same at the root. the line of forty degrees north latitude. I have listened to the nightingale on the continent, and to the lark in England; by such names as Great Spirit, Joss, but I've never heard bird-music so rich Brahma, Theos, Dien, Gott or God." and varied as that of the mockingbirds. It is a beautiful bird, smaller than a tribes, to worship that mysterious over bluejay, sleuder, fragile, and whose shadowing presence and power! But weight will scarcely bend the slenderest when artists begin to paint this being, twig; but out of these birds' tiny throats and preachers begin to preach about there leap rapturous medleys of flute-Him-then the troubles and the perse-notes, pure and liquid as crystal spring cutions begin. Priesthoods are on the waters, which can be heard full half a decline. mile away. These birds are now mating

and nesting; and their songs are en-trancing love lyrics. They sing nine months of the year. In these latter February days pear-trees, are coming into bloom, and the mockingbirds are reveling in their blossoms, swinging on their highest boughs and blowing their tremulous, fairy-like flutes during the day and half of the time during these calm moonlight nights. This bird has a tender, dropping song in nesting-time that few hear. Theodore Roosevelt thus described it: "I was immensely struck with the music. Perhaps it might have been a narrow feeling of patriotism which influenced me; but certainly it seemed to me far finer than the song of any nightingale that I had ever heard, and I have listened to them often in northern Italy."

in our gardens and in our orange groves, they saw that the light of liberty had verdure-clad the year around.

SPIRITUALISM IN SAN DIEGO:

Not a city of 20,000 in the Union can claim as many Spiritualists as San Dic-We have three thoroughly organized societies, and they all hold meet-ings each Sunday. Prof. Loveland has just closed a course of sound philosophical lectures and returned to his home in Summerland. Mrs. Emma J. Bullene It is natural for all nations, races, CALIFORNIA JOURNALISM AND SPIRIT-INSPIRED SOULS.

Inspiration is universal. It overweeps epochs of all past history-and all the great statesmen, heroes, poets, orators, whose living, burning words have streamed forth in golden lines, were inspired. Such was Louis Kossuth. Many of us remember him when in this country. Some of us heard him. When he was speaking in Fancuil Hall, Boston, his organs of speech for the moment seemed paralyzed. The reporters said the orator stopped and explained the cause of his emotion thus: "I passed last night in a sleepless

dream. The shades of the martyrs of my countrymen passed before my eyes, and once more I heard the millions of my native land shouting for liberty. "In vision I saw the fallen defend-

ers of Hungarian freedom rise in While these birds sing beautifully in their dusty tombs and inquire for the their cages, they sing infinitely sweeter fate of their mortal brothers: and when

> not yet dawned upon their father-land, each took in his long fingers a sprig of myrtle, and retired again to await the morning's dawn, when a nation's harp should be taken from the willows, and the crushed people of Central Europe reach the promised land of liberty, shouting: "The truth, it hath triumphed, the people are free."

COODNESS IN PENITENTIARIES. is now speaking on her third month to A prisoner in "Sing Sing Prison," the First Spiritualist Society, and giving New York, once sat in his cell on a sum-

declaration and challenge:

"Christianity is a delusion, and some

UALISM.

nally from the Eastern States, do not hesitate to pronounce her the ablest lady seated himself speaker upon the Spiritualist platform. is greatly pleased with her ministrations.

SOLON LAUER, UNITARIAN.

Among the good happenings that count in favor of liberalism in this city is the settlement of Solon Lauer as pas tor of the Unitarian church. He is the author of "Life and Light from Above," one of the richest, meatiest and most spiritual volumes that I've read in years. He has a fine physique, a commanding appearance-is an attractive sneaker and a thorough reformer, daring to say just what he thinks ought to be said. He takes no texts from the Bible so called: but reads from the Vedas of India, from Confucius, from Emerson, and from the writings of to-day's inspired souls. He lectures week-day evenings upon psy-chological subjects-telepathy, psychic research, apparitions, and the dwellers in the invisible worlds. He admits the truth of all the demonstrated facts of Spiritualism, and is necessarily calling crowded houses. The people have heard enough about Moses and the brazen serpent: enough about the "blood of the Lord Jesus." They want to hear about the living Christ-the present proofs of immortality, and the social doings and duties of the hour. The dogma of Bell is a back number. The devil is doomed, and science has its foot on the heel o superstition. Preachers have lost their wer to frighten, and theological Zion is languishing.

OUR CHINAMEN,

call it. Prompted in part by curiosity, years, and he been saved from prison I have frequently visited these unique life. houses where Joss is worshiped, both in | We remember of once seeing a man-

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China and upon the Pacific Coast. a "state's prison-bird," as some would Their painted gods and images made of call him - that the Rev. J. H. Harter paper, differently shaped, are to me ex-ceedingly ugly. Some have an eye in the top of the head. Some have several under the encouraging voice of Rev. eves and a dozen hands. Occasionally 'Harter, to be a very excellent man, and you may see one with two heads and sev- to this day is highly esteemed as a citi. a word or sentence in the contemporary | eral arms. These images are usually zen and an artist. How the world needs | literature of his time concerning him called idols. These Chinamen have true reformers! Men should be taken for their priests, and at given times these what in their soul's depths they arepriests and the people stand before these not for what they were, or seem to be. images and pray together. They seem Forget the past, bury the ills of yesterthoroughly in earnest.

noroughly in earnest. During a recent excursion to Southern to day, and the divine within them that California there came a noted Chinese promises infinitely more to-morrow, priest. Ascertaining his stopping-place Mrs. Bremer sweetly wrote: "There is much goodness in the in the city I interviewed him. He spoke

English quite well. He was on a kind world, though at a superficial glance one of a tour of inspection among the Chi- is disposed to doubt it. What is bad is nese. He thinks Americans are given noised abroad, is echoed back from side to racial and religious persecution, es- to side, and newspapers and social cirpecially the Christian portion of oun cles find much to say about it; while population. As we were standing by the what is good goes at best, like sunshine, where are the "schools of the proph- for a New York platform talker and a show, or slipper, over his postrils and Joss-house 1 remarked: Joss-house 1 remarked: quietly through the world."

"I see you worship a good many EYE FOR EYE-TOOTH FOR TOOTH. gods?

'No," he answered promptly, "these how to meet the bigot and the theologi--idols, as you term them-are not godsobjects of our worship. We worship one cal clown. The unspiritual Elder Covert, quite a student. cojects of our worship, we worship one calciown. The dispiritual there cover, quite a statistic for the index in the dispiritual there cover, quite a statistic for the index index in the dispiritual there cover, quite a statistic for the index in

mer's day, musing upon the past. often packed. Her lectures are exceed; stray sunbeam came dancing into his ingly interesting and educational. cheerless abode. Lingering smilingly Some of our oldest Spiritualists, origit for a few moments, kissing the lips a for a few moments, kissing the lips a mother had pressed, it departed. He and wept till tears re Everybody, except a few phenomena- the cold gray walls of his iron cell these beautiful lines:

> "The last golden beam of the sunlight has fled,

It kissed my pale cheek in my dark, lonely cell, And I thought of my mother who sleeps

(For a convict can weep o'er the bright fathers and mothers, and other loved icism to overthrow it. Rabbi Eliezer

scenes of youth,) And the loss of the loved ones of earlier visiting us when in trouble or temptation-prevents them from comforting us,

ycars Was told in the still dying whispers of impressing us for good, and influencing collcagues and successors never contra-

us to avoid sin, resist temptation, and to truth. "I thought of the hours when my heart

was as pure As the teardrops that fell on the

stones of my floor, And the bride of my youth, whose love

none was truer.

And her grief-and her death-oh! what could be more?

I thought of all these, as the last golden beam

Left my cell and the world on its mis-

sion forever, And 1 tried to believe it was a horrible existence. DID THE JESUS OF THE NEW TESTAdream

From which I'd awake-but ah! never no, never!"

Tell me not of total depravity. It is an insult to the love and wisdom of the Spiritualists; and yet Brother Wilson, Infinite Father. This prisoner may

of New York, writes me thus: have been innocent or guilty. He was "DR. PEEBLES-My Dear Sir: You do tempti not know me, but I know you through Now Every morning in the week except certainly God's offspring-our brother-Sunday, a young Chinaman brings his once a mother's cherub child, and with wagon of vegetables to my door. I find such an organization for an apprecia-him pleasant, honest and very obliging. tion of the beautiful, mingled with ten-York upon this subject: Jesus, and His ; The Chinese have a Joss-house in our der sensibilities, the finger of kindness city—a "heathen Church," as Christians might have touched his heart in early

> it. You gave some of the proofs that ! seems unsettled, for only a few weeks 'there was not a shred of proof that Jesus Christ ever lived, there not being hymn to Christ as God. and his apostles.'

"Now, what am I to think? Is there'

few Sundays. That tiny Rochester-

MENT EXIST?

No, I do not know, Brother Wilson,

It is sometimes puzzling to know just son, who, by the way, is a man of the trance utterances of a whiskey-be-now to meet the bigot and the theologi- wealth, dealing in coal and oil, and yet fuddled medium that Johathan Roberts

TWENTY THOUSAND COPIES OF A FOUR-HUNDRED-PACE BOOK TO BE CIVEN AWAY! SEE CONDITIONS ANNOUNCED ON FOURTH PAGE.

AN UNPARALLELED OFFER.

fused to fall, then arose and wrote upon Beecher, and Bishops Haven and Simp-James, the brother of Jesus, hence the mal, chemical complications). An im the cold gray walls of his iron cell these son, and Harriet Beecher Stowe, and existence of Jesus is undoubtedly there. portant product of this demonstration is taken up by the vital organs as the true Queen Victoria, and thousands of other The same is the case with the Telmud. sensible men and women with clear There remain the statements of Rabbi life-salt. Occurring self-consciously heads and loving hearts. Occurring there is no

"It has always seemed to us that it is who were contemporary with the apos-not quite fair or impartial treatment for tles; especially the latter, whose inti-our Heavenly Father to allow Satan and mate connection with the Apostle James tenary chain, than this life-salt. more potential force, individualized to

"'Ye are the salt of the earth,' was a And brother and sisters, and home large, and to have power to 'possess' and also, that Jesus brought the science ind influence poor, ignorant mortals, of necromancy with him from Egypt. fell on my couch and I wept bitter and drag them down to perdition, while, No Jew ever did invalidate this testi-tears his myriads of wicked spirits to 'run at is specially noticed in the Talmud;

"Repeat with the other shoe. ones in heaven, and prevents them from made that statement concerning Jesus "It is essential to continue this prac-

in a certain controversy about the Sabtice every night. "The marked cures from inhaling the bath laws. Rabbi Ellezer ben Hyrcan's vapors noticed in a shoe just taken off dicted the often reported statement that come from the corrective influences Jesus brought necromancy from Egypt; from the vapors alone. These are of

come up higher." Jesus brought necromancy from Egypt; f The points were well made and logic-ally pressed. It is cheering to Spirit-have been doubted by the men of the hence his personal existence could never the life-essence, etc.

"In persons with consumptive tendenualists to see the great change in the Talhud, as said, up to a contemporary cies the life-essences spoken of go from to ue of the press within a few years. of the Apostle James, the very genera-Many of our Sunday dailles in the cities tion of Jesus." * * So writes Rabbi These must be studio ally conserved and the waste arrested in the manner

have columns and pages even in defense Wise. of the present ministry of spirits, every Acco Accordingly, we have Josephus, Rabbi laid down in this paper. It is not only Tarphon, Rabbi ben Eliezer-all con-difficult, but next to impossible, to inhale rapping vibration has become a mighty temporaries of Jesus, speaking of Jesus, while in the presence of another perpower, destroying Hell and the Devil, of John the Baptist, James the Apostle, son."

and demonstrating a future progressive and others. And yet in the face of Yes-yes! It would be decidedly awkthese direct and positive testimonies of ward for an invalid lady in company to some of Jesus' contemporaries, this New Jerk off ber shoes, poke her nose into it York platform expounder of Spiritual- and snuff into the head and lungs this MENT EXIST? Surely I had supposed this question settled—solidly settled in the affirma-tive, to the satisfaction of all scholarly the Apostles' time concerning them." Snirthualists: and yet Brother Wilson. The principle temperature of Jesus and Snirthualists: and yet Brother Wilson. The stiple temperature of the lecture of the seture o

The pitiable ignorance of this lecturer shoe curesystem, says:

"The care of the feet with the an merits nothing but scorn; pity and concients was a holy office, and the shoe, in-

Now that my pen is well'in, let us look deed, a pledge for a man's honor and your lectures and writings. Nearly for more testimonies: Tacitus, born in life. Jesus gained power from washing twenty years ago I heard you in New the year 56, says:

"The author of that sect (Christians) But the Nazarene washed their feet, Relation to Spiritualism.' After you was Christ, who in the reign of Tiberi-to wash away that very dirt, debris, was through, Prof. Buchanan, Mr. Kid-us, was punished with death as a crim-filth and aural stench that these doctors your lecture, but Mrs. Spence criticised (Tacitus, Annals, book 15, chapter 44.)

it. You gave some of the proofs that ! Pliny the Younger, bour in the year shoe and stocking cure would not have Jesus lived in Galilee; but the question 62, in his celebrated lefter to the Em- worked anyhow in Jesus' time, for they shoe-and-stocking cure would not have peror Trajan, says that Jesus was wor- wore no shoes in that period: only sanago one of our speakers declared that shiped by his followers as God. "They dais with no upper coverings save a

sing among themselves, alternately, a band around the great toe. Consider this medical cure, appearing a word or sentence in the contemporary i Suetonis born in the year 72, refers in the Christian Metaphysician, for a literature of his time concerning him, to Christ when he says that Claudius moment longer.

The perspiration, the vapory moisture Cæsar expelled the "Jews from Rome because they raised continued tumults that settles in the shoe is constituted of any contemporary proof? Very respect at the instigation of Christ." (In Claudio, dead excretory matter; of the chlorides, fully yours. G. S. WILSON." chapter 25.)

hapter 25.) During the wranglings and fiery dis-and other waste and worn-out impurities but I have a vivid recollection of that cussions between Jews and Christians, of the body, constituting that stinking lecture and the criticisms and comments between Pagans and Christians, includ- odor known as "toe-jam" putriditythat followed by Henry Kiddle, Prof. ing Celsus and Julian, through the first, and this consumptives are advised to Buchanan, Dr. Tanner (the forty days' second and third centuries and through inhale as "a positive cure!" faster) and Mrs. Amanda Spence. all the centuries up to the seventeenth Listen still further to these occult

It only need be said, they were sharp, or eighteenth, not a person that I am Christian Scientist Metaphysicians: pointed and spicy. Purposely, I omit aware of, professing any literary re-this New York speaker's name. Educa- search, denied the existence of the Jetionally he is no honor to Spiritualism. Eus of the New Testament. It remained at first, let him place the opening of the

low. An excessive accumulation of But to the questions of Brother Wil- which discovery was based mostly upon of mucous may be prevented by continually creating saliva to carry it down." Dilating upon "spitting," these Chris-

himself, in a letter to me (after their tian Metaphysician writers continued

out exception, prostitutes, paramours or prowling libertines. To conceal their our God could be found in Georgiaown vile vices and cover their own don't you think so?-e en though it be skinless skeletons, they trot about hunting for scabs in other people's comfortable closets. They delight in dirt. They feast upon social filth. They bed in compost. They are the buzzards of the town-the carrion-carriers of the city--the ill-odored scavengers of the ages. Decent people seek the goodseek for flowers and find them everywhere.

When a semi-royal newscarrier hinted the scandal of John Brown and the Queen to Gladstone in his library, the grand man simply exclaimed: "It's a mistake, it is false--certainly false," and turning around to his library com-menced reading. There was a silence in that study-room--a silence that was painful to the dog-the miserable dog that had brought the bone. Could Gladstone have possibly given this scavenger intruder a more cutting, withering rebuke?

PASSING. PASSING OVER.

A shadow passed over me like a cloud when reading recently in THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER of the transition of Mrs. T. W. Bovee, so long known as L. Pet Anderson, the excellent medium. Fully thirty years had I known her: and none knew her but to love her for her womanly qualities. Besides being a superior sensitive, she was a most lovely character. Often had she been a guest st my home in the years agone. Never have I seen a purer nature, a sweeter disposition. When her body would be in pain her face would often be wreathed in smiles; and from her lips there were ever dropping pearls and precious

gems. "Every sentence, oh! how tender:

Every line was full of love. She is not dead! Death is but the shadowy side of life, and must precede the higher birth, just as the bud must precede the flower. Death is the crystal is life's flower-enclrcled doorway. It is the gate that leads up into the garden of the gods.

"It is the grand triumphal arch Through which the good to glory march."

J. M. PEEBLES, M. D. San Diego, Cal.

By taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing over he is superior.—Bacon. If a proud man makes me keep my dis-

tance, the comfort is that he keeps his at the same time.-Swift. He that resolves upon any great and

good end has by that very resolution scaled the chief barrier to it.-Tryon Edwards.

never-sleeping eye, which reads the heart, and registers our thoughts-Ba-

His eyes have all the seeming of a demon that is dreaming.-Poe. Who makes quick use of the moment

They that marry ancient people mereexpectation to bury them, hang v in

Those that are good manners at the court are as ridiculous in the country, as the behavior of the country is most mockable at the court.-Shakspeare.

a piece of cheese-cloth that raiseth me to the level of common sense; so it took this seauce to satisfy us that we were sold again, for there it lay in full view. Mrs. McHenry seized the robe, and rushed into the other room. Mrs. Roberts soon followed, much exhausted, after this physical as well as mental strain. We retired in disgust, and I assured them I would see them in the morning. I found them then ready to take their departure, the seance-room yet filled with the odor of incense, and Mrs. Roberts looking as though she wished I had

come an hour later. I demanded an explanation, also the money to be refunded. She hesitated, said they needed the money to get out of town, but would give us another seance. 1 began to look about for a mirror, to see whether I really looked so green. However, I gave her to understand that we knew when we had enough, and did not care for two rag-seances in succession. I made her the proposition that if she would open her trunk, and the paraphernalia which she wore last night were not in it. or near the bottom of it. the money would be hers; if the contrarv. she was to suffer the consequences of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Well, it is needless to say the money was forthcoming, and when 1 said L would see that a report was given as to her deception, in spiritual papers, she answered: "You needn't waste any time, as they are friends of mine."

Now, Brother Francis, from your lengthy account of her exposure, I wonder if her opinion of your friendship hasn't changed somewhat? In neither of the papers was my article noticed, she having written the Light of Truth that we gave her no conditions. Heavens! what more could we have done? Sat in stream that connects the two worlds. It a hot, closed room in September, singing the best we knew how fo hours, talked to the spirits, stood with patience the squeaky music-box, then sat like mummies, looking at the cheese, cloth on the floor when we could have seized it, and paid one dollar apiece be-side. Now didn't we fill the part of the average Spiritualist; if not, what more must we do next time? Guess Mrs. Walters might instruct us. Don't you think MRS. M. J. KRATZ.

Evansville, Ind.

"One soweth and another reapeth" is a verity that applies to evil as well as good.-George Ellot.

The game of life looks cheerful when one carries in one's heart the unalienable treasure.-Coleridge.

Different minds incline to different objects; one pursues the vast alone, the onderful, the wild; another sighs for harmony and grace, and gentlest beauty.-Akenside.

You will find poetry nowhere unless you bring some with you.-Joubert.

The pleasure for which we dare not thank God cannot be innocent .- Anon. Evil is wrought by want of thought as well as by want of heart.-Hood.

Those edges soonest turn that are most keen; a sober moderation stands sure, no violent extremes endure.----Aleyn,

is a genius of prudence.-Lavater,

themselves in hope that one will come and cut the halter.—Fuller.

We can not too often think there is a

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

EXTRAORDINARY. MATERIALIZATIONS.

Experiences.

TO THE EDITOR -- Allow me to add

by O. L. Concannon. The first of these was at 484 Lafayette

account of some of the events that traus-

It was my good fortune to be present

on that eventful evening and to be one

amoug others who were invited to come

to the cabinet when desired by those en-

deavoring to manifest their presence in

The cabinet used by Mr. Concannon

ery at right angles with the walls there-

by enclosing a space about four feet

That being ready, it was furnished with a chair in which Mr. C. was seated

clad in a black coat and vest with trous-

ers to match; a collar or dickey that

served as an excuse for a shirt was all

there was about his person that would

The lapels of his coat were then firmly

sowed together, the sleeves at the wrists

sewed to his trousers above the knees,

while the skirt on both sides was sewed

Lastly his bare feet were placed in a pan containing flour, and at the same

time rice was put in his hands which he

was expected to retain until after the

Under these conditions human forms,

varying in size and general appearance, from small children to persons full six

feet in height, many of them clad in

flowing robes of spotless white would

Often two, and sometimes three, were

Forms also appeared clad in male at-

Mrs. Concannon, who was conducting

the seance, also acted as messenger be

tween spirits in the cabinet and their

friends in the audience. Her practiced

ear seemed to catch the words when

At length she informed me that I was

wanted and immediately led me to the

cabinet, where a voice apparently on

the inside of the curtain, close to my ear,

I responded by saying, "Glad to meet you," when the voice of Bessie, the me-dium's control was heard to say, "There

Presently the curtains parted, when

standing before me was a human form corresponding in size and general ap-pearance to that of my wife, who, rais-

ing her arms placed her hands upon my

head, then brought them together at the back manifesting a warmth of affect

tion that was so true to life that her

I said to her: "Is Edith with you?"

She answered, "yes," and immediate-y disappeared behind the curtain.

Edith was the name of our first-born

Being left alone, my first teought was

Mrs. Concannon had scarcely finished

"wait a moment," when the curtain

again parted, revealing my wife and

Edith standing before me with their faces illumined by a golden-hued light

in which every feature even to the shad-

ing of the hair and color of the eyes

Our interview closed with an exchange

of kisses with first one and then the

could not have been made plainer.

to resume my scat, when a voice in the cabinet was heard to say: "They are

going to try and come together."

who passed to the next life in 1846 at

resence was to me beyond the shadow

to the lower rounds of the chair.

quare in a corner of the room.

pired on that occasion.

that way.

pass for white.

seance was over.

emerge from that cabinet.

seen at the same moment.

tire of dark material.

often faintly spoken.

said: "Owassoo." -

of a doubt.

is some one with him."

the age of eleven years.

Jeffrey Simmons Qives His A Ranchman's Peculiar Experience.

Spirits Hide His Coveted Tobacco

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TO THE EDITOR:--I notice in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, of March 7th, a communication from Dr. E. A. Holbrook, and his \$100-offer again. I will say that I am the ranchman referred to. avenue, in the parlors of Mr. George Wincs, who kindly favored the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER with an have had several letters in exchange from the gentleman, and think I under stand him fully; and my opinion is not of the worst kind. Yet, I do think from his experience and opportunities he should have been fully convinced by this time. At the same time he, living in the State of New York, accessible to the so-called best mediums in the land. 1 must say, it looks a little strange that no one accepts his generous offer.

I find from experience that converts to is made by hanging two pieces of drap-Spiritualism are more lasting if made at home circles than those made through professional mediums.

I am glad that my convictions are so true of spirit return that if even all the mediums on earth should prove false, it would not shake my faith in my dear spirit-friends. I consider that I am among the blessed, as I admit the article in Dr. Holbrook's letter, under the heading of "Extraordinary Manifestato be true. tions,

Will Dr. Holbrook please explain by what force, if not by spirit power, the following manifestation took place;

Being an excessive tobacco user, and not in very good health, one of my spirit guides undertook to break me from e habit. About the first of this month 1 bought two pounds of plug tobacco-6-inch plugs-and after my arrival at howe I put it in its usual place, and, to my disappointment after, soon the two pounds of tobacco were missing. My wife and two little girls have

looked the house over, but cannot find it, so I am only plagued by one of my guides, who comes regularly twice a day and puts a small piece of tobacco on the mantelpiece, and in this way I am al-lowanced. The pieces were, at first, the rize of a silver quarter, and now they are the size of a nickel-quite a come down from one-half a plug a day. The pieces have ragged edges, as if broken by hand, but 1 cannot say in answer to Dr. Holbrook's question whether they are hands of real flesh and blood, as last night was the first time I saw him in the act of bringing it. I was, at the time, in bed, and he only materialized in a spirit light-and no sooner-did we see him than he was gone, or rather the light disappeared.

I had been sliting up with my sick baby, as I was fearful something was go-ing wrong with my child; after asking what was wanted, he responded to his name and said he came to bring me some tobacco. It being utter darkness, struck a light and found a nice little chew on my pillow. Now, Dr. Holbrook, could it be possi

ble that our supposed dear friends are a myth, and I am supplied by hypnotism; or that we are deluded, and it is the work of the Devil? If it be the latter. I nm willing to take up my pack and follow him, as he brings nothing but good to my home

Yes, Dr. Holbrook, I am a ranchman the border of West Texas, seventyfive miles from a railroad, where electrical appliances for fake business is out of the question; besides, I am no Edison and would not know how to apply them. banker is Chas. Schreiver, Kerr ville, Texas; also T. C. Frost, San Antonio. Texas. I refer you to my friend. W. Newman, editor of the Dawning

Light, San Antonio. If I had the spare time I would write my experience for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, but just now I have my lambing season, and on the 1st of April I beof kisses with first one and then the gin shearing. In May I will be in Chi-cago with mutton. Hope to get my spirit father's picture while there. I will add, on another occasion, my brother and his family attended a scance at my

FRIENDLY SUGGESTIONS Anent the One-Hundred-Dollar

Offer to Mediums,

TO THE EDITOR;-In your issue of March 7th I see that Dr. Holbrook still holds out an opportunity to any good me-dium for materializations to make a

my testimony to that of others in favor of the materializations or form manifeshundred dollars, provided that they could satisfy the Doctor as to the anattations that have been witnessed at a series of seances held at different places omy, density, flexibility and temperain this city during the last two months

an aged resident of Boydtown, a small village three milles east of Shamokin, has returned from Stetsonville, Wis, and tells a remarkable story of how he ture of the impromptu-formed body. From the Doctor's present standpoint it must seem very strange that, amongst so many good, reliable mediums all over the country, some one could not be induced to try, at least, to comply with the conditions of his generous offer, and if they could succeed in satisfying him secure the hundred dollars. But a very little calm second thought ought to convince the good brother of some very good reasons why his liberal and no doubt well-meant offer has not been ac-

cepted. In the first place, there is some difference between a seance and a circus-as there is between a medium and an acrobat. When the Doctor pays his money to a circus manager, he has a perfect right to complain if the performance falls short of a reasonable expectation, for each performer is supposed to be able to do so much, and to do it when-

ever called upon-barring accidents. Not so with a medium. The true, honest medium when in a trance condition has no more control over the results of any one seance than the Doctor has over the quantity or quality of his dreams. Of course he is well aware of that, although he seems to have, for the mo-ment, left it out of his calculations.

Another item the Doctor and his friends that composed the small coterie must have overlooked, and that is, that there are certain well-known and estab lished conditious to be furnished at this end of the line, in order to produce the best results in any phase of manifestations. One of the conditions is a quiet, passive, harmonious, altruistic spirit on the part of the investigators-not a

spirit of silly credulity that sees "a camel in every cloud," on the one hand, nor that spirit that will not be convinced unless everything tallies with one's preconceived notions and cast-iron rules. No one doubts the sincerity of the

Doctor's motives, yet I question the wisdom of the means he employed in his search for light. From the whole tenor of the Doctor's article, it is very evident that however much he believes in the other phases of spirit communion with us earth-bound mortals, he has no faith in materializations, as he cites several fraudulent seances, but not one that has

proved to be honest and genuine. In that he has been very unfortunate. and that being so, as a natural result there exists in his mind (consciously or unconsciously) a subtile element of latent op-

position that would in itself form a no nconsiderable barrier that would have to be overcome ere the very first step toward the solution of the problem could beentered upon. Then, again, the amount and kind of

evidence that would convince a Prof. Robert Hare, Hon. Robert Dale Owen, or a Sir William Crookes might not be deemed at all sufficient to satisfy either Dr. Holbrook or all of his coterie of friends-and yet all be "honorable men." identity. 91 108 Then, again, there seems oftentimes to attach to every phase of life some

hidden, unknown, unthought-of element that can make the "best laid schemes of mice or men gang aft aglee."

If the good Doctor will pardon us for presuming to suggest what appears to us as a course to pursue that would be more likely to accomplish his most laudable effort at getting one more proof of that fast narrowing stream that divides us from our loved ones on the other side: Let lrim withdraw his offer; find out and get in communication with a good, rellable medium, or one that has proved so far to be so; offer them the hospitality of

his no doubt pleasant home, or some home amongst his friends, if they prove to be honest, truthful and refined. Give

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BIBLE AND CONSTITUTION.

and one of his long-lost sisters were re-The Woman's Educational Union, pro-posing to petition the local board of edunited through the medium of his pray He claims that he was born in Iowa cation for the compulsory reading of Bible-lessons in the public schools, has sixty-five years ago, where he lived, to-gether with his parents, a sister and two brothers until he arrived at the age framed an extraordinary memorial. It avers, for instance, that the fundamental law of Illinois requires in the public of seven, when both of his parents died schools instructions in "that religion, suddenly, leaving the four small chil morality and knowledge which is necessary to good government and the happi-Neighbors provided for the little one ness of mankind:" that the laws of Illiuntil permanent homes could be found nois specify the Bible as a book containfor them, but within a year of their be ing the primary elements of that religreavement they were scattered far apart, and soon lost all trace of each ion and morality, and insist that as the Bible is recognized as sacred by the laws of the United States and other enother. Mr. Stillwagner says that his adopted parents drifted eastward, and lightened nations, the greatest improve just as he arrived at the age of manhood ment that can be introduced into the he located at Boydtown, where he has nublic schools is the reading of selec-. He made frequent attempts to find some trace of his brothers and sister as ions from the Bible

It does not seem that these ladies have looked into the constitution of Illinois at the years passed by, and it was not until all. The only provision in that instrulast fall that he met with any success in ment concerning public education is in article 8, which occupies, with all its this direction. Then, while walking across the mountain from Boydtown to notations, merely a printed page. The requirement of the constitution is Shamokin, he was seized with an over-whelming desire to find hislong-lost relthat the general assembly shall provide atives, and kneeling on the fallen aua thorough and efficient system of free tumn leaves earnestly prayed God to di-rect his steps toward his brothers and schools, whereby all children of the State may receive a good common school sister, and allow them to be reunited education. This section of the constibefore being called to their eternal tution has been defined by the supreme home. The desire to find his loved ones court as mandatory and as likewise lim-iting the powers of the legislature as to became the sole object of Stillwagner's remaining days, and about three weeks the character of education to be affordafter his prayer in the forest he dreamed ed. It must be a common school educathat he was at Stetsonville. Wis., where tion, he found his sister, from whom he had

There is further provision that neither heard no tidings for more than half a century. He distinctly saw the interior of her home and had her features and the general assembly nor any political subdivision of the State shall make any appropriation or pay from any fund the external surroundings of her home indelibly stamped upon his brain. whatever anything in aid of any church or sectarian purpose or to help support or sustain any school, academy, semina-The name of his sister, the most important clew, had not been revealed to him in his midnight vision, but he comry, college, university or other literary or scientific institution controlled by municated with the postmaster of the any church or sectarian denomination little Wisconsin village, describing the house and inmates he had seen, and whatever, nor shall any grant or donation of land, money or other personal closed by asking whether such a habitaproperty ever be made by the State or tion and family really existed there. Several weeks passed before he reany public corporation of the State to any church or for any secturian purpose. It has been held under this section ceived a reply, but the anxiously-looked-

that directors may permit the use of school-houses for religious meetings, but there is nowhere found in the con stitution nor in the enactments of Illi nois any such requirements as the peti tioning ladies represent to the board of education.

nouncing that the woman he dreamed of was none other, than his missing sister, The Bible is recognized throughout all civilization as a great book. It is held by almost all Christian denominations who is now surrounded by a happy fam-ily. Mr. Stillwagner adds that since his return East ha visited Philadelphia, where he found acquaintances of the family that had adopted his sister now residing in Wisconsin, who vertified her story, and completely established her identity. as the inspired word of God. But the State is entirely nonsectarlan. It has provided in its fundamental law against ectarianism in any form, and while there are thousands of taxpayers who reject the divine inspiration of the Bible or at least of the New Testament, or do not think it wise that the book should be used to convey religious instruction to their children, it is unwise to reintroduce it. A generation has grown up Interesting Ttems of What Is Doin the public schools and has not heard the perfunctory reading from the Bible, which was formerly the practice. It is not found that they are the worse for TO THE EDITOR:-Our little hamlet. the omission.

If parents desire that, coupled with though still buried in snow, is wide awake to the fact that anniversary ecular education, there shall be sectaseason is near at hand. As this occasion rian education such parents ought to ar has, for the past two years, been under range for tuition of their children at dethe management of our local society of

nominational schools. The above appeared as an editorial in the N. S. A., organized two years ago, it was supposed that its members would the Chicago Chronicle of recent date, act in the matter again this spring; but | and bears the ring of the true metal of the society has apparently "given up the a liberty-loving patriot. There is no them to feel that so long as they remain ghost," as nothing has been heard from doubt but the same zeal shown by these ladies for the work prompted by their

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place, when we were having a dark sc-By request we turned down the unce. light, and in a few moments my brother's Bible, 6 by 8 inches in size and weighing about one and one-half pounds, was brought from his home and lald on the table in my house. Respectfully,

JOS. A. HARRIS.

Letter from Dr. J. C. Phillips.

TO THE EDITOR:-The grand PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER. No. 331, came duly to hand yesterday morning, and the first article that greeted my eyes was that of Bro. Perkins' on the imprisonment of Dr. P. S. George in Ncbruska. I am personally acquainted with Bro. George and estimable wife and lovely children. and know them to be worthy people, and they should be sustained in this trying will not soon forget the powerful grip he hour, both psychically and financially; gave, when they realized that his hand and, by the way, Bro. Francis, I would was not only strong and firm, but its and, by the way, Bro. Francis, I would like to inquire what the National Asso- size was in proportion with his body. ciation of Spiritualists is doing in this

of Nebraska for said Association. Let ing small and flexible. us see if they do what they claimed they Several seances were given at the resus see if they do what they claimed they would to protect persecuted mediums. But the most important question is— What can and shall we do to have those unjust laws expunged from the statutes of the several States?

Of course they were gotten up by the M. D's, ostensibly in the interests of the dear people, but really to fill the purses of those same Medicos. Let us demand that all practitioners be held for malpractice, and that is all the medical law any State needs.

In the meantime, friends, send your mites to assist our dear friend, Dr. P. S.

George, and his family. Clinton, Iowa. DR. J. C. PHILLIPS.

Spirit Force Not in It.

We possess dormant faculties that may time ago Prof. C— visited our town in the capacity of a mind-reader. His tests consisted in blindfolding himself and taking someone by the hand and going to any part of the town and getting the thing thought of. One might take a knife and go out at night in the dark and stick it in various places; on his re-turn Prof. C— would take the party by the hand and, with blinds on, rush out and stick the knife at the places where it had been stuck before.

Another feat: In his absence we formed a tableau. He came in with blinds on and took the hand of one of the party who had witnessed the tableau, and reformed the same. He did many other similar feats, which at that time were to me very wonderful.

Did Prof. C- hypnotize himself, or was it spirit guidance? He did neither. Hypnotism is unnecessary in such feats, and spirits had no more to do with it than they had in instructing Adam on the latest Parisian style of tying Mrs. Eves a pron-strings. I speak from per sonal knowledge, for I can now perform the same feats as skillfully as did Prof. C----, and have taught many of my friends to do the same. Everyone possesses this dormant faculty, which is nothing else than muscle-reading, and it is easily learned by patient effort. C. P. BENSON.

No rock so hard but that a little wave may beat admission in a thousand years. | nity and the regard of heaven on all his -Tennyson.

certain features in each seance possess something like a sameness which may be owing to the part taken by some of the medium's familiars on each occasion. For instance, a tall, graceful figure known as queen of the cabinet, is first to appear and extend a welcome greeting | it possible to produce the phenomena. the audience. She also gives the exhibition of lacemaking toward the close of the seance.

Another striking figure that stops out from the cabinet is that of a large man in Oriental costume, having dark com-plexion and hair, of which only a portion could be seen below his turban.

He had a strong voice, and his good nature showed itself in the hearty manner in which he greeted those who approached him as he grasped one after another in a friendly hand-shake. Some Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Concannon weighs one hundred and fifteen pounds, cousequently below I learn that Dr. George is State Agent the average size of men, his hands be

> idence of Mrs. Robinson, on Monroe street, corner of Nostrand avenue, at which the audiences were largely composed of intimate friends selected with the view of generating harmony, with very gratifying results.

JEFFREY SIMMONS. 118 Quincy street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ONE BY ONE.

One by one our friends they leave us; Even in life they drift away: And these partings sorely grieve us, For, perhaps, they are for aye.

One by one we all are losing Links from out this broken chain; But we cannot do the choosing Of the ones who leave this plain. One by one these links are broken. Tho' in friendship they were cast; But loving words may yet be spoken, And, my friend, we'll meet at last! One by one are fond hopes blighted. And we lose all joy in life: But in heaven we'll be united When we leave this weary strife. One by one will dear friends greet us When this earthly life is o'er; Yes, with joy they'll come to meet us

When we reach that shining shore. One by one we all are going

Where together we may roam: For our barque the breeze is blowing And 'twill softly waft us home. ANON.

Money and time are the heaviest bur dens of life, and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use .-Johnson.

The passions, like heavy bodies down steep hills, once in motion, move them selves, and know no ground but the botom.-Fuller.

Resolution is omnipotent -John Foster.

Sarcasm poisons reproof Wiggles worth.

Man hath his daily work of body or mind appointed, which declares his digways.-Milton. A DOTAL NO. T

friendship so long as they remain on the Alpine heights of true manhood or womanhood. Give them an opportunity in your own parlors, under the most strict test conditions, leaving the results to the as yet poorly understood law that makes Let everything be conducted in that deeply reverential spirit that the solemnity of the occasion should suggest.

and although it might not be satisfactory the first time, yet, just so sure as the sun will rise to-morrow morning, so sure will their efforts be richly, and abundantly crowned with the knowledge that once possessed, the wealth of the world without that knowledge would be poverty indeed. D. C. MCDOUGALL.



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bell. When fortune means to men most good she looks upon them with a threatening eye .- Shakespeare.



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for letter gave the history of the woman

occupying the home he described and convinced Stillwagner that it really was

So confident, was he on this point that he left for Wisconsin, and upon his re-turn East he started his friends by an-

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his sister.

A spicy little paper, called the "Crlt-que," was quite freely circulated here ique,' in December, which contained some pungent statements concerning peculiar transactions of the National organization, and seemed to act as an "eveopener" to many of our rational-minded, logical citizens. This may account in a great measure for the late quietus seeming to rest upon our local N.S. A. Be that as it may, our citizens, having grown tired of longer waiting, and feeling that the many inquiries lately re-ceived relative to the anniversary here should be creditably met, have decided to take community action and celebrate as we have never done before-believing as we do, from the present outlook, that

we are approaching the dawn of a new uprising to a higher intellectual and spiritual growth and development than ever before reached: even as the fabled Phoenix of the Orient came from the

ashes of wornout conditions. Our anniversary will be held on the 31st inst., when it is expected that Mrs. R. S. Lillie, and Mrs. Clara Watson, of Jamestown, will be with us for addresses. A fine quartette club from Fredonia will make glad the hearts of all who revel in song; while the "fantastic toes" of our young people are already pirouetting in lively anticipation of the rare treat in store for them "till the wee, sma' hours," by the advent of an orchestra of six instruments-two violins, viol, cornet, clarinet and plano-under the leadcrship of O. H. Maxham, of Jamestown, N. Y.

The hop will be preceded by a 90-minutes' miscellaneous programme of shad-ow pantomimes, a short drama, recitations, etc., interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. There will also be a morning conference. Although public mention of our meeting was made but a few days agof we have heard from sev-eral parties in adjoining towns expressing a lively interest in the work, and the intention is to visit Lily Dale on that oc-

casion. The many friends of Mrs.-Lillie, who lately came from Cincinnati, and is the present guestor Mrs. O. Cook, of James-town, will be griad to learn that she is rapidly convalescing, and has written that she will be with us for an address on the above date! The C. L. F. A.Btrustees will hold a

meeting the ensuing week-the first one held since last_September-for the purpose of a general digest of matters relative to the coming camp season.

Editors of city papers are making in-terested inquiries as to the date and probable outcome of this board-meeting, and are already prophesying a higher spiritual status for the Cassadaga of the A RESIDENT. near future.

The honest heart that's free frae a' intended fraud or guile, however fortune kick the ba' has aye some cause to smile.

-Burns. There is always and everywhere some restraint upon a great man. He is guarded with crowds and shackled with formalities .-- Cowley.

Among the pitfalls in our way, the best of us walk blindly; so, man, be wary, watch and pray, and judge your brother kindly.—Alice Cary.

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respective pastors, applied towards the true and unbiased reformation of the world might do great good; but without studying the aspect from the standpoint of universal justice, they seek to force their Bible-lessons upon the unwilling, unbelieving, thinking, unprejudiced masses of humanity, forgetful of those other days of religious persecutions. when their own Protestant forefathers seceded from the mother church and were cramped into the "squeeze-box" of her iron-bound creed, or beheaded into "purgatory" unpardoned, or subjected to most horrible lifelong torture. These martyrs, though but one short step in advance of the old dogmas, died for freedom.

But why present these historical facts to those who ought already to know them as the A B C's of religious fanaticism and resultant versecution?

Simply because they believe in the divine inspiration of the Bible they seek compulsory reading of its contents by those who do not believe in such divine inspiration nor care anything about its contents being forced upon their children. No, good dames, if you have children who are religiously inclined, they may have all manner of sacrilegious en vironments thrust around them, and be true to their religious inclinations and home teachings; but it surely must be well-known to all that the strongest efforts to cramp the minds of constitutional unbelievers, the questioners, the natural philosophers, in their own family, into the narrow creeds of two thousand years ago, or even the modern creeds of to-day, but helps to make infi-

dels of them. Let not the justice manifest by the liberty-loving old pioneers who framed the Constitution of the State of Illinois ever be tarnished with one-idea amendments, and even our statute-books should be swept of all class-legislation, and made non-receptive to such in fu ture ages.

Christians, the real hide-bound old radicals of orthodoxy, to see all their long-petted and caressed "articles of faith" melting away before the electric torch and searchlight of modern science and Spiritualism. No wonder these ladies seek every avenue for gaining vantage-ground in the battle for their loved cause, now so near its eternal farewell its last adieu. But justice forbid the the stain of sectarianism upon our constitutions, both State and National!

W. Patterson, a retired Iowa merchant, shot and killed his wife and then took his own life, at his home here, last midnight. A letter, signed by the parents and addressed to the children, said that husband and wife had premeditated sulcide for some time and resolved to die

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MEANS OF PROGRESS. vironment has not yet come, and so the mightier new developments and improvements on the old await. When these are accomplished, the trumpet of change "First the Natural, and Then will sound, and it will be the harbinger

the Spiritual."

The Law of Material, Social and Sniritual Evolution.

ORDER AND PURPOSE IN NATURE-FAC-TORS OF PROGRESS-MOTIVES OF AD-VANCEMENT.

Order is nature's first law, and did it not work to a purpose, nature animate and inanimate must end in chaos and would have so ended long ago. Hence we have no reason to find fault with nature nor any of the means by which it works out its purposes. If evolution is true and no profound scholor now doubts its demonstration, to say that things in the past have not been right to their conditions is to impeach the wisdom of the purposing mind and to say that the conditions were wrong is to assume that our wisdom could have bettered them. The extent of man's freedom lies in

the ability to choose between different motives presented, and though he make a mistake in the choice, to still continue to choose until he chooses the right. The past is not a factor in our progress, only as it teaches us to prevent the mis-takes to which we are liable in the fu-But the Divine Sovereignty ture. bounds all. Not realizing this fact, prog ress would seem to have been retarded by the mistaken fault-finding of man-kind over the follies and evils of the dead past, instead of receiving things as they are, and building upon what they deem better foundations. It is like a fly, lighting on and freezing to the dome of St. Peter's, arguing from the mishap that the whole architecture is a failure

There may be some who are so constituted that they must find fault with the past, and so we must call this a part of the evolution, and when they turn their faces forward and onward and strive by their own higher education to elevate themselves and those around them up to a higher level, this also is a part of evolution and seems to be the only perma-nent ground of progress. It is sure ground, because, as the race advances, man, always acting from the strongest motive, the highest and best motive among a set of outgrown conditions, must govern and it cannot be otherwise. The aw of order, then, all the while prevails, however nature is complicated and dif-ferentiated by the different conditions, surroundings and environments of the embryo, the germ, the growth and the fruitage.

Atoms do not remain single-they exist in pairs as positives and negatives, called molecules; while each molecule has an attractive side that draws to it its affinity, forming new compounds. So around a common center molecules attract molecules and thus all natural material forms, animate and inanimate, are built up, and in and beneath all is in degree the immanent designing wisdom.

Crude materiality, which the ancient writer calls the natural, is first in the evolutionary development. This is demonstrated by the fossil remains of plant and animal life. So for proof we point to chapter and verse of nature's unerring volume.

The "natural" refers to the outward man and his relations to the outward world; the "spiritual" refers to the inner man and his relations to the spiritual world. In all the affairs of life it is essential that the outward should first be made safe. The dwelling-place, the outward clothing and all outward comforts and means for the protection of health, and through proper develop-ment the eradication of hereditary impediment, to the end of a perfect organism-all come through evolution in the order named, to prepare the way for something nobler and higher.

The first concern of the low-down cavedwellor was the arrangement of his habitation for comfort. His wants were few, but such was his nature that the gratification of these enlarged his desires for

CONVINCING PROOF.

of a millennium. But how is it now? The hope of

worldly gain, and this alone, caused the first step of the savage to be taken to-wards civilization. It has awakened genius in the minds of the few and stimulated to invention by which the hidden forces of nature have been harnessed to the car of progress to lighten human toil and bring to man, in the ultimate the highest comforts of this life and make earth a fit dwelling-place for a progressive race. But all this is to be done on a large and mighty scale, which we are barely laying the founda-

tions. To accomplish these mighty developments must require immense capital; and nothing but material wealth com bined, accumulated through this motive of gain, can possibly do it. From this one source has come the accumulated wealth. It is still the motive to action and must be until conditions shall change the motive. Had the motive at the commencement of this accumulation been any other, such as philanthrophy and benevolence, looking after the unfortunate, the spendthrift and the profligate; had the scale of wages been made higher, to foster greater indulgence; had the ruling motive been to give away and distribute means accumulated, the money would have been scattered, and of these immense manufactories, telegraphs, railroads, quick navigation, etc., on the present colossal scale, to cheapen products and lighten toil, we should have never heard; for with the past undevelopment of the masses, profi-gacy and high living and sensuality would have scattered the world's mate-

rial means. Through much tribulation economy is learned. We may find fault with these wealth-accumulators and grieve over the sufferings of the poor; it speaks well for our human nature, and is the precursor of a gradual growth towards higher conditions. Our indignities and our sympathies are a part of us, and act an ortant part in the grand evolution. But to say that these evils of which we complain are wrong to the conditions, and that the conditions are wrong, is to assume that the world is not built on the right plan and every. Several years of correspondence with thing should have been made perfect at

But here we are, face to face with evolution, commencing with the lowest forms and motives of living beings, with the rising steps of eternity over which to travel. As well criticise the cavedwellers because they did not come up to our ideals and adopt our methods, though their day was long before these methods were discovered.

Wealth has accumulated on a large scale for a higher advance of the race, that coming generations may enjoy what they, what we have not. Who shall they, what we have not. Who shall complain? It is the law in all ordinary affairs, and in the world's progress There are some exceptions of extreme parsimony and heartlessness, as we might expect; but the fair and honest accumulators, who keep the wheels of industry in motion, are true philanthropists and benefactors of mankind. Such is the plan of progress. The world must wait for the accumulated blessings, as each cruder age of the past has waited for the age succeeding. Only the greater blessings are nearer at hand For material advancement in a mate rial age motives must be outward and The lower motive will conmaterial. tinue until something higher and better shall change it. The long-continued motive of war between the two English-

speaking nations has, by a discovery of mutual interests and brotherhood, been suddenly changed for one of peace, soon to become the ruling motive of all nations. Every new discovery in science brings us deeper into the occult realm-nearer the spirit or soul-world from which all force, all intelligence proceeds, and the

A Half Hour with the Spirits.

Scances with P. L. O. A. Keeler.

As a general thing, personal experi-ences are not particularly interesting to those who are searching the papers for something to enlighten the understanding on the subject of Spiritualism, but having recently had an experience with Pierre L. O. A. Keeler, in connection with independent slate-writing, which is of inestimable value to me, I desire to lace it before the readers of your widely circulated paper.not as an advertisement for Mr. Keeler (he needs no tribute from

my pen), but this communication will answer the question that has been put to me scores of times since I came to Boston, by letter and otherwise: "What do you know personally of Mr. Keeler's mediumship as an independent slatewriter?" I have always been willing to take the

consensus of the multitude who have seen and tested Mr. Keeler for themselves, but nothing can make so much of an impression, or touch us so tenderly, no matter how convincing the manifes tation may be, as when something comes directly to ourselves.

There may be nothing in the commun-ications that I design to incorporate into this article that may seem of special interest to the reader, but I am anxious to give the facts in connection with the sitting I had with Mr. Keeler at the time the messages were obtained. I am interested on behalf of those who are disheartened and losing faith in Spiritualism, in consequence of recent exposures among those who have proven themselves unworthy the name of Spiritvalist.

I made two calls on Mr. Keeler. Knowing he always requested parties sitting with him to write the names of departed friends on separate slips of paper, I prepared mine before I left my room. I placed them closely folded on the table in a way that, had the medium been so disposed, he could not possibly have read the writing. After sitting a few moments, the medium took a pencil several years of correspondence with

this dear arisen sister, she never signed her name in any other way in her let-ters to me. As soon as he had written the name he said to me: "Did you write THE DAWNING ERA. to this party?" I answered in the affirmative; Mrs. Blodgett was not only a dear friend of mine, but had been the most successful medium I had ever met in voicing the messages of my spirit friends, and I was firm in the belief that she would communicate with me on that occasion if possible.

Immediately on receiving the name of Mrs. Blodgett, Mr. Keeler asked me to wrap my handkerchiel around two slates; he simply tied the knot, as I could not well do it with gloves on. I held the slates while he tied the handkerchief; in a second of time the writing commenced: the medium held two cor ners of the slates lightly, I held the others. On opening the slates the following was written:

"Dear Mattie:-Your father, Henry E. Browne, is here, but unable to write at this time. Come another day; we will try to give you all you desire." The signature, "O. B.," was faintly written, but legible. I would say I did not write my father's full name; I wrote H. E. Browne. Of course I was disappointed, but the little message contained much for me. Mrs. Blodgett had given me scores of messages in slate-writing from the dear one she named in the mes sage. She knew my father's full name and I knew Mr. Keeler had no knowl edge of the loved ones who went to spir it-life years since. Supposing he had

known them all, and everything connected with them, that would have made no difference-he did not execute the foregleams of the morning of the spirit ual day, seen by the few in advance, are the sitting) are to me evidences of the soon to break in upon the long night of genuineness of mediumship, for if Mr.

My father's message reads:

seems to identify the spirit; if there were nothing more to Here is the message: "Dear Mattie:-To think after all the

little experiences which made us dear to each other, that I had to go. One would had no doubt blit that you would have gone first, and otten had I thought of the peace and reward awaiting you in the realm of spirit, ittle knowing I would first wear the crown of spirit-life.

Dear Mattie Hull, if I can aid you in any way, command me. I beg of you to tell any of my dear ones, left behind, to re-ceive my love as a clystallization of or-ganized life. With loving memories, "OLLIE A. BLODGETT."

The other messages were of a somewhat personal nature, and I will not include them in this. If this communication falls under the

eyes of one who is doubting the continu-ity of life, I desire that he study the matter candidly in his mind as to the manner in which these messages were given, and endeavor to form, if possible, any other hypothesis than I claim for them.

It will not do to say it is mind-reading, for I did not know on which papers the names represented in the messages were written. In fact, two names were overlooked in my pocket-book when I put the names on the table and one of the names appeared on the slate. Names were given in writing that I did not write and yet they were all names of persons in whom Mr. Hull and I have an interest.

In closing, I have only this to say: In we have received one fact absolutely proving spirit communion, and we never get another, the philosophy is established. One fact never antagonizes an other fact; if we think we have a fact to-day that contradicts the one we re ceived yesterday, giving us beyond the possibility of a doubt the knowledge of spirit return, then there must be something wrong somewhere; probably we lack the wisdom in the interpretation and classification of facts.

Dear reader, if you never get another test or message from your friends in spirit-life, if every person whom you visit, through whom you wish to get such blessings, proves an impostor, all this does not obliterate the experience received under more favorable conditions; if but for once you have seen, heard and feit the invisible, then the fact of spirit return is established, and Spiritualism is true.

MATTIE E. HULL.

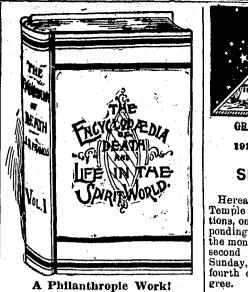
"Can Spiritualism Spiritual-

Ethical Religion and Psychic at Saratoga and Onset Bay. Rev. Moses Hull and Mrs. Hattie C.

ize?"

TO THE EDITOR:-SThe two spiritual societies here which still hold Sunday meetings at their respective halls are prospering on their fibes of sectarian-ism, and with the talent of Prof. Love-land, Rev. Mr. Taylor, Bro. Mills and myself, the spiritual Waters are stirred, and a moral and intellectual growth is manifest, and from some the soul cry goes up for higher and loftier attainments in the divine art of ethical knowl-edge and a more fraternal brotherhood. There is a growing conviction in the minds of some more, apiritual-minded people that unity of feeling can alone exalt and feed the spiritual faculties, while the spirit of partisanship and bitterness retards the mental faculties and necessarily cripples and dwarfs the higher nature. This higher conception of Spiritualism which the new thought is ushering in will dissipate the narrow prejudices of personal rights and wrongs, and selfishness will fly to the dark regions where bats and owls only congre gate.

The question that Elizabeth Stuart Phelps published to the world in the Inter Ocean and other dailies some time The friends listened while she paid a ago - "Can Spiritualism spiritualize" is himself-filling dozens of slates as he a significant one and brings us to the does some days, how was it that he moral responsibility we owe to a cause that is awaiting an interest in the minds of the most advanced thinkers and sci entists, and is already being accepted by the intellectual Christian clergyman. The soul-stirring cry of the thinker to day is how to rear a better standard of right and justice for the world, and how humanity may be fed and clothed and preserve the rights of citizenship. The desire for spiritual knowledge becomes a passion with high-born natures, and the outlook for a religion based on ethical principles, born in the needs of human wants and governed by natural law, now enters largely into the requirements of this new school of non-sectarianism. and must yet triumph over the old traditional beliefs and dogmas of the past On opening the slates I found a mes-sage from my father, written in his pe-The wonderful progress of the race during the present century, due largely culiar style: his signature was a perfect to the spiritual impulsion of psychic energy and man's conception to reason from cause to effect, has opened new vistas of thought far-reaching and allembracing beyond the old-time limitations of cold, dogmatic assertions. The conflict so deeply stirring the religious world is the result of psychic factsfacts which appeal directly to man's conscious existence here and hereafterand can no longer be dismissed with wholesale denunciations and sneers. That these facts are entering into the "My Dear Daughter:-Well, if I could new theology of the Christianity of today and sweeping back the old beliefs, replacing the new in the place of the old, can no longer be ignored by those have known during my mortal days all I know now, I might have very easily resigned myself to the fate which nature has condemned us all to-the change who have risen to the heights of this glorious dawn of God's new era. It is not so much a question of the truth of Spiritualism, to-day, as whether Spiritualists will spiritualize the truths entrusted to their care, or whether they will not be absorbed in the advancing tide of eccle siastical conservatism known as Unita



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Previous to his departure from Spring field he built and gave the use of Liberty Hall to the Spirltualists: but, owing to the financial panic of 1873, he having large real estate interests at the time, its use for meetings was abandoned for a time. He was one of the principal organizers of the New England Spiritualists' Camp-meeting Association which holds its meetings at Lake Pleas Association. ant, and did much in building up that place. His declining years were spent

Mason, of Boston, officiated at his funeral, Wednesday, March 18, and the following day the remains were deposited in the receiving tomb of Oak Grove

Cemetery, Springfield, Mass. A singular circumstance in relation to Harvey Lyman's death was that thirty years ago he bought a chair, saying at the time: "I shall die in that chair;" and he did.

The above slight tribute to his worth and worthiness is from his nephew. Springfield, Mass. M. W. LYMAN.

Passed to Spirit-life, at Buffalo, N. Y., Taught in "Three Sevens," a hook of 271 pages. It is really a very interesting and suggestive work. Price \$1.25. For sule at this office. March 18, 1896, Evaline H. Davis, daughter of the late Horace Wilcox, aged 35 years.

Mrs. Davis came of a family of Spiritualists of many years standing. She leaves a husband and three little daughters, the youngest five days old. The remains were cremated and the dust returned to mother earth. Her request was that there should be no mourning. Lovely flowers covered her in profusion. The services were held at the crematory, our good sister, Mrs. A. M. Glad-

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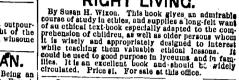
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A few hundred years have brought and material; the soul and not the body the contrast. The palace of the king of will be seen as the real man. four hundred years ago would hardly Then a clear sight into the world of dwelling of the mechanic of to-day. Four hundred years ago the softest bed and other leading scientists; and why of the nobleman was a pallet of straw. It say it cannot be? is the law that the outward should first Already we photograph the interior be made sccure. The exterior of the of things, and the riches of earth—her house is first completed, then come the metals and mines--will soon be laid open pointments to please the finer sensibili-through her mountains, not by visible ies bordering on the spiritual. This wire but by the invisible mathematical order cannot be reversed without jar- vibrations of the mighty force of the ring the whole structure and marring universe, and soon by the same force be-the beauties within. This is equally low the disturbing currents man shall true of this body of flesh-the temple we speak to man through the distant and

Natural law made it impossible to develop the spiritual man first. He could not be entrusted to so precarious a keeping. The spiritual could not at first. and cannot now, except with the comparatively few who have arrived at the spiritual, be presented as a motive to cultivate and perfect the material.

An ancient, in the soul-presence of the All-pervading, declared: "The earth is full of thy riches." These riches are in sheir order all adapted to the wants of nan as in his progress from savage life he comes to need them to still farther meliorate his condition: these riches are not in vain, and they all will be applied, and here we arrive at an important point: Only through the hope of maerial gain could these riches be brought out and utilized for man's advancement. This may be considered as treading on dangerous ground, where tender feet have trod, and, sore and bleeding, are yet treading. But the statement is only

above the savage. From this motive the

the material, with its weeping and ing, its doubts and its longings. Knowledge is to take the place of

failed to do so on that particular occafaith. Human destiny will be so clear sion? before the vision of all men that the re-I made another appointment, and it is sult of every act done in this world will the results of that sitting that I desire be seen in its effects upon the future life to write. I was in Mr. Keeler's room in accord with its nature-elevating and less than forty minutes and obtained four slates full, two of the slates containadvancing the soul, or depressing and retarding its progress-and then maning several messages. Mr. Keeler did not manipulate the slates at all. The kind can find no other motive to action but to do good to fellow-man. Then the papers containing the names were unvast industries of the world will not der my hand a portion of the time on cease for want of a motive. The great the table, and from first to last near the enterprises will continue, for in mutual

edge of the table on the side where I was and eternal interests all will be one; and in the highest good of all will be found sitting. He gave me the initials of several parties whose names I had written, the highest good of each. The interi-ors of men's minds, as are recently of and he requested that I put the papers their bodies, will be laid open to the containing such names under the handkerchief: as ouickly as this was done the writing commenced.

When not a thought is so concealed But every feature shows it; And good when evil is revealed Stands ready to oppose it.

fac-simile of his writing, and under it Then mankind will have good was the characteristic line he nearly always put under his autograph. thoughts, for their "secrets will be re-On the other slate was a message from vealed from the house-tops." We are approaching nearer the psychic world, and a flood of light from the spirit-shore my mother (the whole name was written), and after returning to my room, Mr. Hull and myself compared the auto humanity, more penetrating than the graph of my mother with one we have n an album, and the writing is so much mysterious X rays shining in darkness, alike, that one would naturally conclude and in the dissolving views of the gross one person wrote them both.

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called death. I have found that no one has anything to fear in their approach to this 'after' life. I have learned We have telephoned most effectually that men make creeds and creeds do not make men. I am in a peaceful abode, but a natural one. I know of the vexations and trials to which life is subject in its primary sphere. Life here goes on in agreeable activity, which alone can make life worth the living. Devoted father,

rocky strata unseen. Already mind speaks to mind from the objective, subjective and excarnate realms of The following is my mother's mesbeing and for the era when by the light of sage: truth the veil between these realms shal "With all the deep and tender inter-"be rent in twain," the world is waiting. est, dear, I felt in you during your early days, do I come now to you. The mortal Who, then, shall say of the vision of the

modern seer, "It is impossible?" bugbear, death, snatched me out from When the material has done its the mortal and from those who love me. mighty work of physical development, While it deprived those who had needed and the spiritual shall have been inaume of my material presence, it did not gurated, then the motives of men will be put me out of existence, or actually sep-arate us. I praise God from whom all changed: then the truly golden age will "First the natural, and have come. blessings flow, that you have been en-

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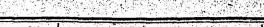
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rection. Senator Vest said: The President of the United States lately, on a missionary occasion -- [laughter]-spoke of the West as a land of immorality and crime. He stood with the ghastly light of the hell-holes of the rumsellers of New York biazing upon him and cantingly said home missions must be used to civilize and Christianize the men who have left their homes in the civilized East and gone out among the mountains and valleys of that

wild and wooley West. [Laughter.] Our President stood with Dr. Talmage on one side and Rev. Sheldon Jackson on the other, and gave a new version of the blessed old missionary hymn which we have heard so often in our childhood:

From Montana's sinful mountains, From Utah's wicked plains, They call us to deliver

Our land from error's chains. Mr. President, it is a slauder upon the men who, with rifle in one hand and an ax in the other, have gone out and

Ingersoll's Talk to Militants. "The following letter was received from Colonel R. G. Ingersoll relative to his coming address at the Chicago Mili-

tant Church: "'NEW YORK, March 14, 1896.-Rev. John Rusk-My Dear Friend: Of course will speak at the place you desire. regret that the temperance women felt called upon to take the stand they did. "'I want you to know that I would not for anything place you in an embarass-ing position, and I will, if you wish, decline to speak, and nothing shall ever be said.

"'I regret that I cannot accept the invitation to be a guest of the club. I am only in Chicago a few hours, and will leave Monday night. Accept, however, my sincere thanks for the invitation. "'Now, my dear friend, be sure and de rething the will chicago be sure and

do nothing that will give you trouble. If I speak I must give my honest thought, but this will be done with per fect kindness.

"'I have no objection to you asking an admission fee. That is for you to decide, but I want nothing for myself.

"'Date April 12; time, morning or af-ternoon, but not in the evening. Yours R. G. INGERSOLL.' "Dr. Rusk said he thought it best to

have the service free, but that the boxes would probably be sold to the highest bidders to cover any expense that may arise. 'I was offered \$100 by a and has been sold for 50 cents. friend of the church for a box this after-

noon,' said Dr. Rusk, 'but our services are free, so I think we will stick to that. I am surprised at the liberal view my old church friends take of the whole matter. It only shows that the world is moving rapidly and deeds count as creeds in this age of enlightenment."-

Chronicle. No event in the history of Chicago, for a long time, has done so much for lib eralsthought as has the controversy growing out of the hostility of the W. C. T. U. to Colonel Ingersoll. The most spacious public hall in the city should be secured for him; but no structure can hold the crowds which will desire admission.

"I am surprised at the liberal view my old church friends take of the whole matter," says Dr. Rusk, and he will be the more surprised to see how popular is the movement he has inaugurated. If he can hold his head he'll "be a bigger man than old Grant," so far as concerns can each have a copy of the book. the religious world.

Information Wanted.

A lady patron who was reared in the

"fear and admonition of the Lord" has been reading the Scriptures, and, like an ungodly heretle has been thinking as she read. Now she wants to know who was the first butcher? Unwisely she

read Genesis 3:21: "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skius and clothed them."

To that date there was no Cain and no Abel, nor is there any intimation that his natural food, and a large majority of there was another person on earth to en- the ruce subsist wholly on a vegetable gage in the butchering business but diet, grow in manly virtues and desire Adam and Eve. They were bad, very no other food. Talmage is reported as bad, for they had entailed a curse on saying:

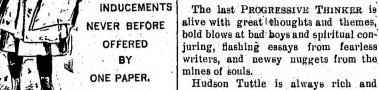
the earth, and on each of its inhabitants to the latest period of time, by eating of mortal the fruit of the tree of knowledge. It had been designed in the counsels of be Catholizs, without knowledge, but soup. Beefsteak was made to eat." Adam and Eve were not butchers.

That is the gourmand's position; but Those skins are first found in the possession of "the Lord God." The legal presumption, in the absence of direct

"Every moving thing that liveth shall proof, is that the Lord God was the be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." butcher. But that inquiring woman is too much for us. She wants to know in

Here Talmage, with his Christian and addition: "What animals were slaughtered to furnish these hides?" There is no intimation in the divine record. Very possibly it was the "missing link"





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It is well enough to stop and think occasionally, even if such thinking does not lead to practical results. Go to the great slaughter-houses, and

the charmed circle where their unscru-pulous conduct so cruelly mocks the most sacred sentiments and affections of see the wreck of lives by human hands! the human heart. Nevertheless, good mediums may sup-plement the genuine with spurious man-Is it possible Nature in her munificence contemplated such scenes of blood by the hand of man? The lion and the tiger, ifestations, and the worst fakes may like all beasts of prey, have claws and have some phases of genuine mediumteeth to tear and devour: but man is ship, and it is difficult, if not impossible, destitute of these. Fruits and nuts seem

"Some people go so far that they believe dogs and cats and oxen have imsouls, and, therefore, ought never to be killed. I am no vegetarian and cannot swallow all that bosh that a heaven that the race should grow up to man ought to live on wind pudding and

from whence did it come? Turn to Gen. ix: 3, where God is represented to have said to man:

Jewish imitators, derive their authority for all the scenes of blood which desolate this fair earth. The Bible is their

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fined and sent to prison by the "meek

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superstition, should cause every Chris-

tian to hide the blushes of shame and

renounce the church and the religion

that instigates such infamous proceed-

"Aaron and the Magic Serpents,"

FRAUDS.

But in defense of mediumship, and as a

protection to mediums, and the cause

they serve, frauds, when clearly demon-

SHOULD BE EXPOSED,

and the unfortunate victims of perverted

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Methods of Fakirs and Impostors Exposed-Materialization, Slatewriting and Trumpet Speaking, with Their Counterfeits.

Tricks of the Davenports, Charles Slade and Kate Fox Combinations, Etc.

BY ERNEST S. CREEN,

ings. "Curious Birth-Marks," espe-cially the "Alphabetical Eye," make a A careful investigation has convinced us that not only are nearly all chapter of wonders equal to a whole Bible, yet all as natural as the growth of a peach or pond-lily. dissensions in the ranks of Spiritualism due, directly or indirectly, to the There are texts for a thousand serwork of counterfeits and impostors, mons in that one article, far more interesting and instructive than "Jonah and but, putting themselves to the front, the Whale," "Samson and the Foxes," by their startling methods of adver-"Phatising, they stand as an almost imrach and the Frogs," and Adam shirking the responsibility of his disobedience on passable wall between true mediums and the investigator.

Realizing that Spiritualism can never

That there should be deceivers among advance in a marked degree until these us is natural. It would be a miracle if impostors (many of whom are medithere were none among fifteen million ums and' on some occasions produce people. Mediums are human and subthe phenomena they more often imiject to temptation, and if they are not always proof against the psychology of tate) are unanimously recognized and inheritance, and the suggestions of enexposed by Spiritualists, we deem it vironment, it should not justify a wholeour duty to explain how certain phesale'slaughter, nor weaken our confidence nomena are counterfeited, for the benin the divine goodness of human nature, or in the scientific evidence of spirit reefit of those who do not already know. turn, which has shaken the throne of

MATERIALIZATION:

Negations to its center, and demonstrat-ed the continuity of life to millions. While we have before us numerous

records of genuine materializationsrecords where spirits have come out in full gaslight and dematerialized while their friends were clasping their hands, and others which preclude all possibility of deception-yet we have more instances where the counterfeit could

should be firmly, but kindly, ruled out of have been employed. In fact, we regret to say that we have seen materializing seances reported in some of the Spiritualist papers that had every ap- of the committee chosen by the aupearance of deception, although they dience is requested to examine the

may have been genuine. Here are some of the counterfeits:

1st. A collection of silhouette cardto discriminate in moral and immoral combinations. It becomes the duty, board figures are obtained, one side being ebon black and the other cov- hand-claps the faces of the nearest then, in the interest of truth and selfered with luminous paint, which is protection, to demand such conditions, for phenomenal exhibits, as will elimi-nate every apparent possibility of decepkept from fading by a thin white coat of varnish. The most commonly used, tions" take place. tion on the part of the medium. This however, is a simple mask and robe, demand is quite as much to the advanboth prepared in the same manner. tage of genuine mediums as to the inves-Of course this requires a darkened Let us have no compromise with room. The figures are then suspended fraud, no random accusations against by means of black cords and arranged mediums, no spasmodie censure for appearances, until facts are ascertained which leave no room for a reasonable dience. They are sometimes turned doubt; no apologies for the weak assumptions which insist on leaving unguarded plain opportunities for tricks: to conjuring to reinstate and exonerate fakes whose lying deceptions have been a quick movement they seem to apdemonstrated, and even confessed; no pear or disappear like a flash of pow-

loose play upon words to holster up the enemy of truth, and put mediumship on a level with cheap jugglery, and thus der. 2d. The mask with robe attached, making a double running noose twice which we have mentioned, gives the around his wrist. This he can slip spirits on the ceiling is as follows: discredit all mediumship and disgrace It is time Spiritualists think, reason, may be laid, face down, upon the knot may be concealed, because it is room is lighted a written answer to a

audience.

the mortal.

IN THE REALM OF MAGIC own slates, screw them together, and keep them in your possession. Answers to questions in a sealed envelope between slates, under these conditions, have been given, one such case occurring only a few weeks ago in the Spiritual Temple of Boston, Pierre L. O. A. Keeler being the medium. Edward K. Earle, and, I am informed, Fred Evans also, submit to this test. TRUMPET SPEAKING.

We also have bona fide records of spirit voices proceeding from trumpets | flight the bull's-eye lantern is turned under strict test conditions. But this | upon him, but the person holding the phase of manifestation also has its | lantern, pretending that the focus is counterfeits.

the person, a perforated cork with a the medium quickly substitutes the coil of rubber hose attached, at the lay figure. The ends of these cords other end of which is a mouthpiece, are furnished with hooks, which are While arranging the circle the medium | fastened onto the shoulders of the lay inserts the cork end of the hose in the | figure, and the exhibitor, by means of small end of the horn, placing the a pulley, hauls the figure upward, the mouthpiece in his or her mouth, and then returns to the circle and talks or | to just make the figure of the dummy sings through the trumpet at will, though several yards distant, being careful, of course, to remove the cork and conceal the hose before turning on the light.

MORE ANCIENT TRICKS. As there are still such outfits traveling around the country as "Dr. Charles Slade and Kate Fox," and "Dr. Henri Beauseant and Kate Fox," with assorted aliases, advertising themselves as "leading lights of Spiritualism," it is evident that the general public is not yet familiar with the tricks of the noted Davenport Brothers, whom these outfits imitate with slight variations.

Here is a formula that will give a clue to all such impostors:

ROPE-TYING.

The medium(?) appears with a coil of rope in his hand about twelve yards long. The light is turned off, and in a few seconds, when it is again turned on, he is seen securely fastened in his chair, his hands tied, and the rope made fast between the wrists. One

rope and seal the ends of the knot. The light is again extinguished and a tambourine is heard bounding about

Had the committee examined very minutely the rope and the method of tying, they would have discovered that it had previously been cut in halves, and then knotted with a fast with the black side toward the au- knot in the middle. This knot is con- command the glass is made level, and, slowly around so as to show only a himself, by holding it in his hand. streak of light, which gradually as- The rope, then, looks like one consumes a form. By turning them with tinuous whole. When the light is ends of the rope beneath him on the arrested and the music ceases.

chair and deftly binds himself by

to perform a beautiful curve. His face is sufficiently masked as to make the features indistinguishable, but, at the same time, to make the semi-hypnotized of the audience fully assured that it is his face. The lantern is made to follow him, and for a moment the face is lost in darkness. When the light is turned on the medium is seen with his toes just touching the platform, and his form descending to its ordinary upright position. Here is the explanation: First, there is ready to hand a lay figure gotten up to resemble the medium. Hanging from the top of the stage are two cords, concealed from the audience. When the medium prepares for his not altogether right, turns it away to The "medium" has, concealed about arrange it. While this is being done

light being kept at such a distance as visible, but totally unrecognizable. During one of the intervals of the lantern's wanderings the dummy is removed and the medium is seen descending by merely raising himself on his toes and lowering himself, and when the full light is upon him sinking on his knees.

Notwithstanding these exposures by Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke, who went about England and other countries some twenty years ago abusing Spiritualists, levitation and many of the things of which they showed the counterfeit, remain facts with honest mediums under certain conditions. We have numerous authentic records where mediums have been entranced in a circle in the bright light and floated through the air near the ceiling. So have we authentic records wherein all the physical manifesta-

tions herein mentioned have occurred under strict test conditions, the medium being held hand, foot and mouth while they took place, by a competent committee.

SPIRITUAL MUSIC-BOX.

Another trick performed by Maskelyne and Cooke is known as the spiritual music-box. An oblong piece of glass is suspended by means of the room. A hand-a very material four cords hanging from the ceiling, and upon this glass is placed a musicpersons, hats are knocked off, bells box. At the word of command it rung, and various other "manifesta- plays or ceases as desired by the audience. The trick is simple. In the box there is placed a balance-lever, which, when the glass is slightly tilted, arrests the fly-fan and thus prevents the machinery from moving. When the performer gives the word of cealed by the medium before he binds the fly-fan being released, the machinery moves and a tune is played. When commanded to stop, the cord on either side is slightly pulled, the again extinguished he places the two balance-lever drops, the fly-fan is

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WRITING ON THE CEILING.

The writing done by (material) most varied and startling results. It and thus free his hand at will. The The medium is bound, and when the

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and indistinct. He is then seen sud-

denly to arise, and in the ærial flight

FLYING FRAGMENTS. Methods of Fakirs and Impostors Exposed.

NEIDIRGO REMENDER NINK DE

blazed the pathway of civilization in those Western wilds.

I am'a Western man; I went to Missouri when it was fronticr, in sight of the Indian and buffalo. I have lived with those people nearly fifty years, and I say to our President now that if he will interrupt hunting ducks in North Caroli-na and silver Democrats in Kentucky long enough to come out West, we will show him a God-fearing, self-respecting, law-abiding people; we will show him churches in which is real and unaffected piety. Our church spires may not reach so near to heaven as those of the East. and our church organs may not have the mellifluous tones of those in the East, but our people are worthy of the respect of any administration.

Just Frightful.

Rev. Dr. Rusk, of the Church Militant, has dared to speak pleasantly and no doubt truthfully of the Mormons. A preacher in a Christian pulpit, guilty of such a marked departure from the methods of his craft, must needs be a heretic. He had the audacity to say of that people:

"Theirs is the only religion which compels every man to own his own home. Their religion teaches that no man has a right to own one more acre of land than he can use a great lesson of unselfishness. They found a desert and made it a paradise. . . . The Mormons are not allowed to fence in a prairie, nor are they rewarded for keeping land idle by having taxes reduced. It is a part of their religion to make the waste places blossom, and turn idle lands over to the industrious to improve, but not one acre more. Their religion places a premium on industry and thrift. Fully 98 per cent. of the Mormons own their own homes, and the lands on which they stand. . . I have visited the Mor-mons and found them most delightful and companionable, all of them industrious, aud many highly cultivated,"

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Such fruthful utterances, favorable to persecuted people, were probably never heard in a Christian pulpit before. No wonder such a man wanted "our Bob" to tell what the church can do to advance the interests of humanity. The Colonel could well reply: "Tell the truth about your opponents;" but it seems Rev. Rusk is doing that already. We honor his noble independence, but the consequences to himself will be sim-ply frightful. He will be branded a eretic, and be lied about as other honest men have been; but the Inquisition is temporarily suppressed, so it is not probable he will be burned at the stake.

A Legitimate Inquiry.

When the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives were hearing arguments on the 11th of March for and against the God-in-the-Constitution, some irreverent cuss, who had not the fear of the clergy upon him, inquired: "If the Devil should make a constitution for hell, and should put God in that constitution, would that act make hell any hetter?" so conspicuous a place as it did a few

That seems a legitimate inquiry which only a Talmage has sufficient knowledge to answer.

which Darwin was unable to find that connects us with the monkey. Maybe some priest has full information regarding the whole counsel of God, and can give light on the subject. We pray him not to make an attempt unless in possession of absolute proof; for our patron will lose all respect for the inspired word if it shall appear at that early date the Creator was killing an animal superior to the talking donkey that Ba-

At Their Old Tricks.

laam rode.

and so it was with every truly refined The popularity of the People's Church, mind. at Kalamazoo, Mich., which Col. Ingersoll said he would not hesitate to join under certain conditions, lias induced Rev. C. M. Keene, of the Church of

Christ, of that city, to assail it in a most shameful manner. In a letter to the Christian Standard he says: "The membership of the People's Church is decreasing, and is made up of drunkards, blasphemers and atheists who do not believe in God or hell."

Mrs. Lucinda H. Stone, a member of the Liberal Church, replies:

"The membership has increased so rapidly it is a question if a mistake has not been made in building the edifice so small. One may believe in a future life or not. or may believe in a hell or not, but the People's Church membership ioin brotherly and sisterly hands as doers of works of righteousuess. The bond of union pledges members to help establish righteousness and love in the world. Is this an invitation to blasnhemers and drunkards? The very oundatiou of the church is temperance. The donation of \$20,000 from Mr. Hubbard was the savings from abstaining from drink and tobacco. There is not a more temperate congregation in the city. It is largely made up of working people and their families." who deal in the mystic forces of nature.

It is noteworthy that priestly tactics seem to require that every movement to improve humanity lying outside of orthodoxy must of necessity be assailed by bigots, and that "drunkards, blasphemers and atheists," are catch-words which are used on all occasions to frighten fools.

Sunday in the British Parliament. A late vote in the British Parliament renders it possible to open all the State museums and picture galleries of the realm on Sunday. The Sabbatarians are almost frightened out of their wits. And

the preachers! Who will listen patiently to their original sin, total depravity, conditional atonement, and hell-fire the ories, when the British Museum and the National Galleries of Art are thrown wide open to all who may choose to enter? Let us not censure the craft too severely. It is a struggle with them for brend and butter. Hell gone, and their capital in trade wasted, possibly other fields of employment will be found for the next generation in which fear of the devil, or devilish fear, will not occupy

years ago. Poverty is the test of civility and the touchstone of friendship.-Hazlitt.

charter; and the slaughter of countless millions of lives goes on from day to day, unnumhered diseases following in their train, which owe their origin and sever ity to a disregard of animal life.

The old maxim: "He who drinks the broth is as bad as the thief," applies to all of us. We inherit the horrible custom of flesh-eating from our savage ancestors. Christian priests, guided by artificial appetites, can stand in their pulpits, and say "beefsteaks were made but the sons of the Orient, visitto eat. ing the stock-yards of Chicago during the World's Fair, were not only shocked but sickened by the ruthless disregard of life they saw at the slaughter-hous

Correctly Expressed.

"It was the first of a serles of revival meetings by this famous evangelist, (Mrs. Maggie Van Cott), and her magnetism brought a rich harvest of converts," says the Chronicle, telling of a revival meeting now pending at the Ada Street Methodist Church, in this city. It is true, it is the magnetism, the

hypnotic power of the evangelist, that infuses and pours into the susceptible that unscen-to the ancients the unknown-force denominated the Holy

Ghost. When the identity of that por-tion of the orthodox Godhead-that invisible influence represented in the second chapter of the Acts, which settled on the followers of Jesus on the day of Pentecost, when a rushing wind filled all the house, and seemed like cloven tongues of fire, filling all with the Holy Ghost, and three thousand souls were added to the church in a single dayshall be fully recognized as that to us still mystic agent, hypnotism, then we shall cease to hear: "I know Christianity is a reality, for I have felt it in my soul?" and then the revivalist will take his place along side of the other fakirs

Obeying Instructions. The arrest of Herbert C. Buck, presi-

dent of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, at Fort Wayne, Ind., by the police, on the 19th ult., while tapping a till at the Lehman Book Store, betokens that an eye may be directed to the high officials in that organization, as to all others who are so very zealous in warning sinners to re-

pentance. The telegram says: "Only last night Buck was an enthusiastic speaker at the church prayermeeting, and it is supposed was deliberately planning the burglary while his Christian associates were offering prayer. . . He was an exemplary Chris-tian and took an active part in church socials and charity work. Poor follow! This till-tapper was only providing for himself "the mammon of

unrightousness, that when he fails he shall be received into everlasting habitations," as the Master commended. Belvidere Seminary.

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evidence on which we rely to scientific floor. Upon slowly raising the face never touched or disturbed. When question asked is found on the ceil-

I can say, with Brother Matthews, that I think I know I have witnessed floor, which, as it is lifted up, grad-genuine materializations; and I believe ually assumes the form of a face; good deal that I do not know; but the then slowly the entire form seems to unscrupulous frauds that have been per-petrated in seances renders materializaarise out of the floor. Again, by ion as usually manifested comparatively useless as evidence to which we can point with confidence, and invite skepics to test them. LYMAN C. HOWE.

A Hopeful Sign.

Say advices from Cuba: "There are no priests in the camps of the insurgents." This statement was true of our own war of the revolution. It was true in the revolution in France. A tyrannical government is a tool of the priest, and he is faithful to his own. As in everything else they have Bible support: 'The powers that be are ordained of God. Whoseever, therefore, resisteth the ordinance of God . . shall re-ceive to themselves damnation." Romans 13:1, 2. According to church chronology this was written during the bloody reign of Nero, and it teaches to the fullest extent submission to oppression. But so soon as the revolution is successful then the priest to the front, with "See how we apples swim."

The Forty-Eighth Anniversary. The Forty-eighth Anniversary-a glorious day!-was duly celebrated among Spiritualists generally. Reports of the same should be sent to this office promptly, in order to insure publication.

A Veteran Passed On.

Joseph Beals, of Greenfield, Mass., passed to the higher life March 27th. He was prominent'as a Spiritualist, and was one of the grandest and best men we ever met. ¹He was closely identified with the Lake^B Pleasant camp-meeting.

Saved by Prayer.

An astrologer predicted the death of Queen Victoria if, December last. As the event did not materialize he now tells the world the course of Fate was changed by prayer. Prayer has won-derous powers, if charlatans can be believed.

When the blood is kept pure, and the

system thoroughly invigorated by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, sudden changes of temperature and extremes of heat and cold, so characteristic of certain climates, are rarely attended with injurious results, Take it now.

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certainty; and then we may consistently of the mask the appearance is that the room is again dankened it is a ing. The reader will already have of a phosphorescent light upon the very easy matter to perform any of guessed that this is performed by floor, which, as it is lifted up, grad- the usual manifestations.

THE ACCORDEON TEST. Another trick is the accordeon test. chalk or pencil.

The instrument is fast bound by manipulating the cords these figures tapes and the tapes sealed at every may be made to move to and fro. key, to prevent its being played in the A waving motion may also be imordinary way. This trick is accomparted, and by twisting the robes parts of the form will appear to dematerial-plished by securing a small tube, placing it in the valve-hole of the ize, the black side being turned to the ployed to wear masks and wigs, and purpose as the bellows would if it 3d. Confederates are sometimes em-

were free. to have their own faces painted with MISCELLANEOUS MANIFESTATIONS, phosphorus as well as their clothing. In order to touch distant persons or Trap-doors are made for these to enter make such instruments as guitars and the cabinet from other apartments. tambourines play at different parts of They are called "Egyptian Spirits." the room, the medium has to conceal The most successful of these imabout him, or have hidden in some postors are really clairvoyant, and see recess in table or chair, a telescopic the spirits which they counterfeit as rod. To the end of this he fixes the nearly as their paraphernalia will admit, and in this it is possible that they tambourine or guitar, on the surface of which has been placed some phosare aided by undeveloped spirits who were engaged in the same manner in phorus, and by waving the stick he makes it appear as if persons were floating over the heads of the audience. The invisible hand is formed We also have numerous records of by a glove being fastened to the end genuine independent slate-writing, and of the tube. The glove is inflated by

At the end of this telescope tube

the writer has himself received messages blowing through the tube, and when upon closed slates, which he had preslapped on the cheek of a person it viously thoroughly washed, without has all the sensation of a cold hand allowing them to pass from his hands, the medium simply touching the edge made visible by covering the glove of the slate with his fingers, while the with phosphorus. tiny piece of pencil between the slates MUSIC IN THE AIR.

could be distinctly heard writing with great rapidity and as though with a heavy hand, giving three loud, sharp may also be fixed a reed trumpet, and raps between them when the work was by blowing through the tube various

INDEPENDENT SLATE-WRITING.

done. This was all done in broad sounds can be evolved, and when the daylight; besides the message thus re- instrument is worked about in differceived contained information that ent directions, a large but discordant could only have come from the person band of spiritual(?) musicians are heard-at least that is what the imin spirit who signed the message, which was in his peculiar hand-postor would have his audience believe.

Yet there are several counterfeits To play the guitar, while floating in of this phase. One method is to write the air, would seem a more difficult the message with a chemical that does problem. But not so. In the guitar not appear until the slate has been is a music-box, with a small piece of moistened and dried. Another is ac- writing-paper so placed as to touch complished by means of a mirror after the steel or vibrating tongues of the the sitter has examined the slate. The box, thus closely imitating the pewriting is done on the under slate, culiar twang of the guitar. LEVITATION.

When the medium has been exa third slate is used to slip between posed in some of his tricks, as a last the two examined, and again a hard resort, he announces his intention to rubber surface, resembling a slate, float over the heads of the audience. covers the true surface, whereon the Having called up the spirit from the "message" has been previously writ- "vasty deep" (no Spiritualist ever magazine, The Ladies' World, nine ten. This is slipped out through the uses that expression, the room is months for 30 cents, and give free to ev-ery subscriber a mammoth collection of the purpose. There are so many tricks darkened and a bull's-eye lantern is ten. This is slipped out through the uses that expression, which is the inchoice flower seeds, including many nor-elties and tried favorites. It is a won-

means of the telescopic tube, at the end of which is placed a piece of

READING IN THE DARK.

Another "crucial" test which these mediums offer is known as the invisible writing. One of the company is asked to write a sentence, or a number of figures, on a piece of paper. accordeon and breathing and blowing This paper is carefully folded and the alternately; which answers the same lights arc extinguished. When they are again lighted the medium declares that the spirits have told him the contents of the paper, and proceeds to read the sentences or tell the figures. Again, the medium asks a gentleman to put the hands of a watch to any hour he chooses, and, when again the lights are lowered, he calls out the hour and minute. To accomplish this the medium has in his pocket a small phial, from which a blue flame is emitted, and by this light he reads the sentences or figures, or sees the time. He replaces the articles, and can, of course, readily tell what he has read or scen.

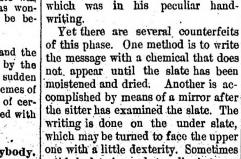
BOGUS CLAIRVOYANCE.

There is also a system of pretended clairvoyance which is too well known to require more than a passing notice here. The medium is blindfolded and striking the face. The hand may be a confederate passes through an au. dience, asking questions as to the kind of jewelry, clothing, etc., worn by certain persons, or articles in their possession. The secret lies in the manner of asking the question. By a little study and practice any article commonly found in a gentleman's pocket or a lady's costume can be minutely described. One illustration of the method will give the key to the whole system:

> What color is this? Black. What is the color? Blue. Tell me the color? Green. Has it a color? White. Any color? Orange, yellow. Name the color? Brown. Please name the color? Red.

ELECTRIC TRICKS. The counterfeit spirit raps, the magic bell, magic drum, light and heavy chest, are all accomplished by the electro-magnetic battery, which may be carried in the pocket, silk or cotton-covered wire, button and all complete, but space will not permit an explanation of this apparatus and its effects here.

HERRMANN, THE PRESTIDIGITATOR Suffice it to say that all, or nearly all, the tricks of Herrmann, the prestidigitator, are as simple and easy of



SPIRITUALISM.

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Viewing the Mysteries Beyond.

'Tis all and every particle of life that blazes through the human mind. and makes us creatures capable of mingling with the infinite.

We cannot find a babe so young who does not fondly trust in hopes, and gladly cling to the mother dear, because it feels within its infant breast that there it will find rest through all its childish days.

An infant that clings to its loving mother, and watches for the signal of her eye to fill it with a hallowed hope, is likened much to weary man who plods the ways of earth and keeps his eyes forever fixed upon an image in the skies, that he' may see the many signs and signals there of when and how to act.

SPIRITUALISM & NATURAL FACT. If Spiritualism is anything, it is a fact-a natural fact-from which the disbelief of man cannot detract. Spiritualism embraces the world, and is as broad as nature's self. No man can truly say what nature is-none can truly give the ever-varying forms and changes of Spiritualism. It is a fact in nature, the same as is the presumptuous man who would define it: and one can readily see from this that his would be a definition of that which it is impossible for man to know-as man-from the fact that to know it he must be fully cognizant of all the changes and mutations of life, as well as possess a competent knowledge of all the different changes of form or substances which rule the orb or orbsof which we have no actual knowledge, and from our very natures can never possess knowledge beyond the limit of human comprehension with which. only, we have been endowed.

Spiritualism, if existent, predominates the life of each and every man and woman that treads this earth. All. this it does, and more-it goes beyond the utmost reach of strongest human eve. and there it dwells within its Make truth their standard ever, home the same as we upon this globe. It hath no bounds, and knows but She weaves most beauteous fabrics. one extreme-action. It never has been, it never can be, idle.

BREADTH OF SPIRITUALISM. The greatest mind that man was ever blessed with is all too poor to comprehend a thousandth part of nature's vast aerial flights. The only way to understand-or, rather, think we understand-the rudiments of Spiritualism is to consult our own being in the light of all the changing shades of daily life. We then shall see that everything possessed of life but lives and grows, expanding with the breeze that blows from every corner of the globe. 'Tis but a study of the living on this globe that gives the rudiments of after-life within the realms beyond our mortal gaze.

THE MYSTERIOUS BEYOND. We have spoken of the infant who doth

cling to mother dear; We have alowly laid the pavement with cement of daily life, Il we now have reached th

assumes a calm, untroubled look, and henceforth roams all space at ease. Between these two extremes are many millions who possess, in varying abundance, joys and griefs combined.

SPIRIT LIFE IS REAL. That spirit-life is real, and that

they oft return to carth, none should doubt. You may not always know just when they come, yet they do call and visit many mortals here. The spirit ways are not precisely as are man's, else they would meet with grand and rare receptions when they call upon us mortals here,

Spirits dwell in harmony

'Mid the heavens o'er your heads, And quite oft they glide down earth-

With the hope of doing good. Do not place across their pathway

which might obstruct their That

flight, For they do not come to harm you; They but come to give you light.

Spirit truth must, of necessity, be the highest, grandest truth of which a mind, spiritual or mortal, cau conceive. It is the truth of truths, and yet it begs, yea, it implores, that

mortal mind will give it hearing. Is it not strange that men should mostly fling aside the brightest truth of all, and grasp, in its stead, the misty, faulty sayings of those who cannot know a single fact beyond the reach of human vision oft distorted? Why cling to that which may be false. when truth, eternal in its flight, so oft lays her precepts in your hand, and bids you give to men the grandest light that ever blazed in any land?

The grandest flame that ever burned within the mind of man Was one whose fire came from above, And made of man a God.

The grandest thought that ever beamed From man's most marvelous mind, Was one of cheerful and life-giving truth.

Accept the truth whene'er you hear

uttered, For never yet has falsehood reigned Where truth did shed her lustre. Truth has lain dormant many times,

But only for a purpose, And when the time was ripe and good

She claimed her just accounting, Truth crushed to earth, so it is said, Will surely rise again.

And in her rise perhaps may maim Vile faisehood's tarnished cloak. Let all who seek a montal growth For here, within her magic loom, Then let her soar-forever give he

room-And she will prove to those who disbelieve the most

That error soou must crumble to decay. FRANK T. DEMPSEY.

WHERE IS THY GOD?

[Luke x., 21.]

I met one day a shaven priest, "Where is thy God?" I asked. Why should he wish man's faith While he himself is masked? Where is thy God, thou reverend man? Ye tell us of his worth. Ye preach of his eternal plan To us who be of earth." The aged priest looked toward the skv.

And said with solemn air: "Beyond the reach of mortal eye, Our God he dwelleth there. Beyond our sight in realms unknown Our great Jehovah hides, A sacred veil about him thrown

'Tis there our God abides." I met a gray and bearded sage,

A master deep in lore.

PRAYER. As Viewed from the Standpoint of Dr. Daily.

HE CONSIDERS INVOCATIONS TO GOD AND SPIBITS AS A WASTE OF VAL-

UABLE TIME. It is very little use to discuss matters of philosophy with persons who have their minds made up to believe and practice what they have received through tradition or superstition. When a person prays in public, no matter if he or she calls the act a petition or invocation, there is the style and eclat of the church and the pagan temple. When the presence of the spirit friend is invoked by a ceremonious display of verbiage, there is a principle stated, in effect, by the act. That principle is this: That a spirit may be coaxed and wooed to come and make one in the company

by the use of fine sentences and rounded periods. We observe a certain lack of consistency in mediums who discourse publicly and also preside at seances. In the one case they offer prayer; in the other they simply wait. In the former they seem to mimic the ancient pagans and the modern Christians, whilst in the latter they conform to the law of natural association. The question that arises when prayer is offered on a public occasion is, What effect does the prayer or invocation have on the audience? That effect, if any at all, is either primary, secondary, or both. If primary alone, there is no kind of influence exerted on the spirit intelligences whatever, If secondary only, there is an establishment of a truth ir the admission that those of the Spiritworld are not willing to meet us half way and communicate their thoughts and emotions to us as our dear ones in the mortal form would do.

It is but rational to suppose that when we meet to wait for the visitants from the unseen realms that they know of the fact by the law of mind transference. It is also necessary to understand that whilst we may be wasting our time beseeching them to come and make one, or many, in our midst, that they are already present and anxiously waiting for us to prepare ourselves to receive them. The fallacy of our importuning

them to come is at once apparent; also the puerility of asking them to do certain things for us when they are only waiting for an opportunity to

do us all the good they can. To listen to a Spiritualist lecturer offer prayer, always reminds us of a heathen incantation or a conjurer's cabalistic utterances. Certain heathen worshipers burn incense to attract their deities, and hope thereby to gain their favor and have their assistance in healing diseases and averting other calamities. There is as much reason in this as in reeling off a string of prose or verse, be it high-sounding or otherwise.

Did we know how to place ourselves in a state of receptivity, it does not appear at all reasonable that the denizens of the immortal spheres should have to be humored and petted to get them to love us and try to bless us.

excarnate may not be able to see the incarnate until the latter is psychologized.

We are instructed to state as a pre mise that spirits have no physical sight nor hearing, any more than have the physical eyes the spiritual sight. The writer has carried on a conversation with a spirit where there was not a word uttered audibly, and yet the words and sight were perfect. It was simply a case of ten rapport, and the spirit could not shave seen another person, perhaps, if he had been stand-

ing there by the side of the one before mentioned, because there was no communication established between them. There are, then, three principles operating in the mortal side of life to bring about a union of the two worlds. These are: First, music; second, study; third, sitting in groups. It does not appear that prayer facilitates growth and progress in this direction, because it requires a degree of positiveness to perform this, which many consider a

duty. Christ, the supposed founder of the Christian system, was opposed to public prayers. In Matthew, the sixth chapter, he tells the disciples to forbear from praying in the synagogues or on the streets, to be seen of men. But he exhorts them to go into a secret place and there wait for the spirit to "see" them, that he may reward them openly. The Chinaman beats his tom-tom and imagines that the exercise draws his Joss' good will. to him. The ghost-dancer lacerates himself with sharp instruments and beats the air and gyrates until he is exhausted. He even attaches to his breast, by means of a savage gash in the muscle of the chest, a cow's head, and then bounds upwards and falls, until the skin and muscle tear out, or the spiritually mad sayage falls faint to the ground. I have witnessed the same phenomena among both blacks

and whites, only differing in degrees of extravagance. I have seen women shout till they would fall lifeless, or seemingly so, to the floor, while some stentorian-voiced marshal of the religious field was crying out to the "Almighty" to come and walk in the midst of the throng.

When one professes to have advanced thoughts, and essays to teach the same to people of intelligence, and then stands up and rolls up the eyes as if in a holy dream, it is fairly nauseating, especially when preceding the lecture that is to convey facts and truths with which to supplant error and superstition in There is not a bit more intelligence in offering invocations to the so-called dead than there is in doing the same kind of ceremony land when we desires the company of our earthly friends.⁹⁰ The usage of public demonstrations in the way of petitions originated in the ignorance of the far past. The relations of the living to the so-called dead," and to the unseen beings denominated gods and angels.

were not understood, and copying from the customs of the people, brought about by the requirements of kings, they were wont to pay the defference to the heavenly superiors they had become habituated to offer to their kings and other so-called nobles. It is as silly and as inexcusable in Spiritualists to ape the forms and tyles of orthodoxy as it is lamentable American lapsing into the habit of cowering before that detestable thing called royalty. The curse of religious cannibalism will not have been done determine whether the musical chords. with until mediums are better taught, work a change in the spirit band or in: so that they will not fall into calling themselves revorend, and making long prayers. Reforms on the other. side are not facilitated by lugging into our Spiritualistic exercises the paraphernalia of the Spanish and Roman inquisitions. The spirit of progress on the mortal plane is shorn of its strength by entanglements with hald-headed and craven Churchianity. SAMUEL JOSEPH DALLY, M. D. GOD. DEDICATED TO SPIRIT THEODORE PARKER. "I walk with bare, hushed feet the

and pitiable to witness the educated

IMPORTANT **OUESTION.**

What Shall We Do with Frauds and Fakirs?

SOME PLAIN STATEMENTS BY A PROM-INENT WORKER, AND ONE WHO STANDS HIGH IN THE ESTIMATION OF SPIRITUALISTS.

For some time the papers have been devoting considerable space to the question, "What shall we do with the frauds and fakirs in our ranks?" I have been waiting to hear a reply from some of our mediums, but as they do not seem to take the matter in hand. I wish to say something from the standpoint of a public worker.

While mediums are responsible for their own fraud and fakirism, there is a great deal of responsibility resting upon the so-called Spiritualists. Ask any medium who has been engaged in the public work for any length of time, and they will tell you-almost without exception-that they prefer the honest skeptic to the "old Spiritualist." Why? Because the Spiritworld has given them nearly every-

thing it is possible to give, and they are still asking for more. They are veritable Oliver Twists. It is this continual demand for the most astonishing phenomena that has given rise to the fakirism which has disgraced us in the past few years.

While in attendance at camps, I have heard many statements of this nature: "Don't go to such a medium. I went there last night and there were twenty of us in attendance and we only got eight materializations." Yet, on this occasion, a member of the circle was taken into the cabinet, and the fact of materialization was as clearly demonstrated as was possible. At the same time the individual was advised to attend another circle where no tests of any kind were given, but where materializations took place by wholesale.

The same rule holds good in other classes of manifestations. People are not satisfied to receive those manifestations which can be given, but are continually reaching out after the impossible. These impossibilities are more frequently given by the impostor than by those who possess mediumistic power. Yet the individual who gives them is followed by the masses. and those who possess true mediumship and are giving all that is possible in a genuine way, are cast aside and allowed to live on starvation diet, while the impostor, as long as it lasts, lives on the "milk and honey" of the

Realizing this, as many do, is it strange that even some of those who possess true mediumistic powers some. times resort to the use of legerdemain and other artificial aids to their powers, in order to satisfy the people? I do not think it is. One of our leading mediums made this statement to me: "The people demand more than it is in the power of mediums to give. I give all I can and use all I can get hold of. I would starve to death under the present demand for wonders if I did not do so."

Now, is it not strange that -people will do so? You say it is not true?

Much as the people denounce anything that savors of paternalism, that must be adopted to a certain degree if we ever wish to stand in the ranks of honor in the world.

I would be in favor of a National Board of Examination. Let mediums who wish to do public work present themselves before that board and demonstrate to them their ability, under all favorable circumstances, to do what they profess to be able to do. Then, if said individual is guilty of a breach of decorum or fraudulent work, let a trial be had, and if the charges are sustained, withdraw fellowship from them. The church would never have been the power it is had it gone on the hit-and-miss plan now in vogue among the Spiritualists. Then let the Spiritualists co-operate with the me diums; ask things that are reasonable, and you can soon purge your ranks of fraud by making it unprofitable for the fraudulent operator. As it stands now, let a person denounce a fraud

and he is the injured person. This is true, even if the fraud is caught redhanded. Let us join together. Honest me-

diums will help you, and we will soon take a higher position and purge our ranks of impostors.

W. H. BAOH, Aberdeen, S. D.

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ments and Genuflections,

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since entering the hospital, and I con-

tinued to do so then, with renewed

bed was illuminated by a light brighter

since. There seemed to be the rush-

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Which conceals all spirit life. We will now attempt a reading of the

with the hope of adding something

worthy To the song already sung.

Man stands prepared, from earthly toil and contact, to grasp the thoughts and view the scenes that lie beyond the highway of his earthly life. He now is sure, beyond the faintest doubt, that he can see an object laid. before his eyes, and hear a mighty voice if it but thunders in his ears.

Prepared, he journeys on to view the future life, and pierces the screen beyond the which proud spirits dwell in joy; alas! some dwell in mental grief. He daily raps upon the barriers of life, and there requests an interchange of thought concerning Spirit-land. He is advanced so he doth truly know that all the scenes which lie beyond his gaze can only be described to him by one who deigns to whisper in his car and tell the mysteries of that fair and changing home. He reaches out for light which comes but from above; and every slight exertion on his part but adds more sparkling lustre to the beauteous scenes that pass before his eyes, while mental sparks fly from those lustrous scenes and plant themselves within his mortal mind.

Ue thus may live, and, living, gather light and truth, so he is only fit to tell those on the earth now living the grand and never-dying truths which he has been so blessed in learning. 'Tis true that light may come to him who knows not what illumination means, and he may plod right on, the same as though he never had been blessed at all. And then, again, a light may come that seems just as a flickering candle, whose blaze now almost ends in death, and then, recovering, throws forth a gleam which sheds the purest rays of light into the darkest corners of a dismal room. Some have grasped these lights just at the proper time, and through their lives they sailed a smooth and placid ocean that stretched before the gaze then given them, but seemed, to all men else, but one tempestuous, billowed, madly-roaring sea. Their minds were cleared beyond the possibility of doubt and all they did to reach the pinnacle of spirit fame was just to grasp that which was freely

offered them. The various ways of spirit-life can never be described. One roams in peace; another is filled with fear, and all the joys that peace doth give but make it more severe; while few plod ers who will send us a new three-months'

Who poured o'er wisdom's musty page And sought truth's hidden store. I said to him: "Tell me, I pray, If, where thy thought hath trod, Hath it discovered on its way The footprints of a.God?"

The sage looked up with dumb surprise, Bewildered seemed he then; He searched the carth, explored the skies. With more than mortal ken.

And yet he said with measured speech, "I know not if he be, He dwells beyond the widest reach Of man's philosophy.'

With mind perplexed, and soul oppressod.

I met a prattling child, Whose life scemed most divinely blessed As she looked up and smiled. "Tell me, toou fair, sweet bube," I cried, "With soul so free from art, Where doth the mighty God abide?" She answered, "In my heart."

Amazed at such an answer then,

I journeyed on my way; I'd learned what hidden seemed from men

From infant lips that day. For truly in the heart that's pure God's loving spirit dwells, And truth which age could not secure A prattling infant tells. WILSON HUNT STITES.

SPIRIT VOICES.

Through the twilight comes a whisper, And to me it seems to say: 'We are waiting for you, sister,

In the land of endless day.' feel the clasp of a vanished hand, And my brother's loving voice says: "Grieve not for friends departed, But rather with them rejoice."

Across the gloom and the silence Of bygone years that have fled, see the faces around me Of those whom the world calls dead And I hear their voices whisper From the far-off spirit shore: Think not of us as perished; We're not lost-but gone before." And I see again that dear old home Where we were so happy and gay, With never a thought of to-morrow, But only the bright to-day. And familiar faces come again, And voices low and clear; And I know that I am not alone, For my spirit friends are here. Bradford, Me. MRS. S. PRESCOTT.

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We are instructed by the spirit in fluences that music facilitates communication between the two worlds, the mortal and the immortal. It would be necessary, in order to be wholly intelligent in the matter, to the minds of the company for whom the invocation is offered. It is more than likely that our spirit presences do not hear our voices at all. They would not be happy could they hear the coarse notes we utter. If they sensed the crude vibrations of material sound that seem soft to our ears they would not enjoy peace in their homes on the other side.

All that is called worship in the ecclesiastical institutions has been handed down from the heathen worshipers of the past. Their prayers are but modifications of the orisons of the Greeks or some other caterers to unknown gods. The Greeks had from 30,000 to 60,000 gods; the Spiritualists have as many, or more. If they prav to them with the view to placating them, or to have them do some thing for the waiters, it is exactly the same old heathen song and orthodox whine we have been hearing since we first went to the backwoods Sundayschool in old Kentucky.

The orthodox have the advantage of the Greeks and the Spiritualists, because the former only have one, or, perhaps, three Gods, and therefore can find him easier, because he is supposed to be on his throne all the time and always listening to hear the cries of the saints. The Spiritualist's gods of the saints. The Spiritualist's gods are scattered around, and therefore Bidding the world stand still and gaze are not so reliable, and have to be cried to louder and longer. If a spirit comes into the aura of an individual in the carnate form he is said to be en rapport with the inis said to be en rapport with the in-dividual. It is an evidence that a person is advancing, spiritually, if he The hand that strikes the shackles off is able to sense that presence. There

is such a thing as an unconscious development. The Spirit-world is, so to speak,

bearing down on the mortal world, like the vapor cloud, to moisten the soil of the vapor cloud, to moisten the soil of With purpose firm and true, it so that it may spring forth in its Full manifested everywhere, beauty of growth. When a spirit who desires to communicate with a man. woman or child in this sphere can approach near enough to impress that one so as to produce personal abnega. tion, or the trance state, in some of its forms, the person is brought under the influence or teaching of that spiritual operator. It is admitted that the person entranced might have been. more or less, brought into susceptibility to the spirit control by the

ground Ye tread with boldness shod, dare not fix with mete and bound The love and power of God." -Whittier.

I only see there dwells within The smallest atom known, Within the beams of radiant light From yonder day-orb thrown. Within the tiniest flower that blooms As in the star of night, Within the tinkling, tiny rill Or ocean's restless might. Within the trembling airs of eve, The tempest's wildest roar, The faintest tints of morning light, The high moon's strongest power. Within the feeble infant's wail, At some vast, outworked plan. Within the cry of orphan's woe, Or grand philanthophy That reaches far and wide to bless Undone humanity.

From slaves and sets them free. Aye, within all the universe. Unseeable and still.

A changeless, perfect Will, But templed, Man, in you. This is the God I love to own; And by His power divine

Infinity is mine. I stand within the circling light Of cosmos, grandly free,

Elgin, Ill. M. A. CONGDON.

Baldness is often preceded or accompanied by grayness of the hair. To pre-vent both baldness and grayness, use

It is only necessary for a person to follow any kind of phenomenal mediumship to have it demonstrated to him at once.

A lady, a private medium, who never took a cent of money for her. work, told me she had to give it up for the reason that the people demanded that which she could not give. She gave them all she could get from the Spirit-world, and then they hung on, saying: "Now, can't you get something else for me? I know my mother is here; can't you give me a word from her?' and so on, until she declined to sit for them.

It seems to me that the remedy for fakirism lies right in the hands of the Spiritualists. Take a reasonable view of things. Instead of being simply phenomenonists, be a trifle philosophical, and use it in dealing with Spiritualism. Do not demand impossibilities. If you go to a materializing seance, it is not necessary to have anywhere from 100 to 200 forms materialize to demonstrate to the people that it is a fact. In fact, most people, who will leave their phenomenal ideas long enough to think, will be quite firmly convinced that such manifestations require something more than casual observation to substantiate:

A slate-writer is obliged to give messages written in gold and silver, paintings, and materialize flowers. to satisfy the sitter. One scratch or name, under fraud-proof conditions, is preferable.

I have known of old Spiritualists going to a test medium with two sheets of foolscap paper written full of questions. If those questions were not answered the medium's character was vilified afterwards. I have known of well-to-do people, calling themselves Spiritualists, going to a medium to get "half a sitting" at half price. But let some sleight-of-hand show, under the guise of Spiritualism, come to the opera-house and give a show and these individuals are there in force.

There is but one class of people who are responsible for the fraud in Spiritualism. That class is the Spiritualists. No one else. There is always someone to supply any demand, no matter what it is. As long as impossibilities are demanded, just so long will that demand be supplied, and when the people see the suicidal policy they will change their ways and we will see an end of this cry of fraud.

Much as it is descried, Spiritualists

Omniscient, omnipresent dwells

The "I Am" power that works for aye,

I know no mete or tethering-bound--

My span the unmeasured reach of God. My home Eternity.

THE PROCRESSIVE THINKER.

------GENERAL SURVEY ********************* 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 us a brief item, please. A great deal can be expressed in a dozen lines; but long reports will not be used. Meetings are of local interest only. We extend a cordial invitation to all speakers to send in their appointments to locture, and general movements, which will be realined by at least 40,000. We go to press early Monday morning, and items must reach us as early as Friday or Saturday in order to have immediate insertion

Dr. Dean Clarko writes: "I did not accompany Dr. Schlessinger to Puget Sound as announced in a former issue. Some of his principles and mine do not harmonize. He was born a Jew. He-reditary tendencies are hard to over-Let us be charitable, but above -all let us be just. He is an excellent test medium, and does much good. I intend to start East soon, and solicit lecture engagements at once between here and Chicago. Would like to hear from friends in Salt Lake City, Denver, To-peka and all along the Union Pacific railroad. Am open to camp-meeting en-gagements for the Summer. My inspirational powers are better than ever. Terms to suit localities and times. Ad-dress at once to Wm. Tell House, First and Market streets, Portland, Ore

Geo. Holmes of Grand Rapids, Mich. having been elected secretary of the Spiritual Association in this city, all letlers pertaining to the society should be addressed to him.

Societies wishing the services of A. E. Tisdale for the camp-season of 1890, and also lecture season of 1896-97 may address hlm at 547 Bank street, New London Conn.

The well-known lecturer, Geo. W. Kates, and the accomplished psychic, Mrs. Zaida Brown Kates, will present the higher aspects of Spiritualism in its religious, scientific and philosophic bearings. Associated with them will be the accomplished and inspirational musicians, Professor Joseph Singer and Wal fried Singer, performers on the harp, violin and mandolin. This combination will soon appear in public. Prof. Singer and his son Walfried are well and favor ably known in Chicago.

Mrs. L. E. Drake writes from Watseka, Ill.: "The Spiritual Research Socicty has been greatly benefited by the lectures and work of Mr. G. H. Brooks, of Wheaton, Ill. During the past three weeks so much so that we hope to make areturn engagement with him in the We observed Sunday. near future. March 22d, as the forty-eighth anniversary day of modern Spiritualism, and had full houses at both lectures. Mr. Brooks is quite a revivalist, having increased our society by the addition of eleven new mcmbers, and there are others who have expressed their intention of uniting with us soon."

H. Putner, of Washington, D. C., writes concerning obsession: "The only remedy is, less imagination and more will power."

Alpha writes from Oxford, O.: "Words cannot express the joy and lightness of heart that came to me through the knowledge of the truth concerning spirit communion. Whereas before hope seemed dead and life a burden, now hope revives and the future seems no longer dark. Through the instrumentality of Frank T. Ripiey, whose lectures and tests are so instructive and wonderful, was I led to the light. This is my tribute to a noble and tireless worker in the cause of Spiritualism."

It seems almost strange that, after all the warnings given against traveling Kayner a lady of pleasing personality,

wide field of thought in many minds, for fine tests. She may go to Europe and sent cheering rays of hope to so many that seemed to be in hopeless de-spair. It has set the chord of sympathy and expects to visit the camp-meetinge on her way."

cles and get splendid tests."

led each and every question.

community requiring his services."

literary musical entertainment and tes

timonial benefit tendered to the honored

co-worker and medium's friend, G. L. S

Mich.:

ery,

vibrating and bade the saddened ones look up and be of good cheer. From Maine to California, from the North to the South I have received letters, and they are still coming, and I want to to the society. thank you for all, that you have helped to cheer and enlighten by being the in-strument through which my message in Greek, and several in French and German. Dr. H. V. Sweringen will de-liver an anniversary address, followed reached so many sorrowing hearts."

Lyman C. Howe has been lecturing at Pittsburg, Pa. He has officiated lately by tests by Mr. Sprague. at three funerals-one at McKeesport the deceased being Hiram Sword, aged 14; and two at Fairhaven, four miles I went to a circle conducted by Mrs from Pittsburg, both in the family of Archibald Kennedy. Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson is meeting

with a very cordial reception in the March 31st she is to speak at East. Ayres' Spiritual Temple. She has also Apr. 1 at Worcester, Mass. Her en-gagament at Norwich, Ct., was very suc-cessful.

Will C. Hodge, inspirational speaker, will respond to calls for funerals, Sunday or week-evening meetings, within a reasonable distance from Mllwaukee, where he is now located until the opening of Clinton Camp. Address him at 710 Prairie street.

Prof. P. O. Hudson, the balladist, composer and violinist, can be engaged to sing for societies within a radius of fifty miles from Bay City, Mich., for funerals and meetings of all kinds. Write for terms as above.

Mrs. Georgina McIntyre, the accom plished Delsarte and elocutionary teacher of the School of Development, 1891 Washington boulovard, has sent us a very attractive programme of her truly artistic monthly elocutionary and musical recital, given by her pupils, on Monday evening, March 30, at Rebman's Hall, 2074 W. Lake street, near 41st street. An admission fee of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children will be charged. An enjoyable time for all is assured and our spiritual friends will be unusually interested in "Vertusia's Astral Flight," which will be rendered by Mrs. Georgina McIntyre, it being her

own composition. M. S. writes from Detroit, Mich. 'Does it not seem a grand and wonderful privilege for those who every recurring Sunday listen to a noble and masterdefinite time. ly address from the Spirit-world in an-swer to any subject, however varied, handed up from an audience. The members of the Philosophical Society of De-troit, who meet at Hanna and Noyes Hall, 8 Witherell street, are fully con-

scious of this while listening to their lecturer and medium, Mrs. Nellie S. Baade. Her lecture of March 22 on the questions received "in regard to the power of the mind over the body, if Jenifer, the worthy president of the I. S. S. A., and the P. H. S. A., (under the pirits over felt disease, and what the future life of animals would be, was, indeed, an excellent address. I have ob served a number of people who entered the dear little hali seemingly out of curiosity, and, after hearing the lecture and tests, return, with few exceptions on each following Sunday, until, like the writer, it is safe to say, they look eagerly forward from one Sunday to the next to come, knowing they are sure to hear some grand, new truth, or receive some little seed of hope to brighten the coming days. The music is always of the best, and Mrs. Bande's tests at the close of the services are remarkable. It is seldom that loved relatives or friends are not recognized, sometimes with tears from hearts who still mourn. Her ly for seats and push it along. messages from those in the other world are like dew on the flowers to bereaved

ones, who so long for one glimpse of the dear departed." Mrs. Mariam Hughes writes: "Spirit-ualists of River Falls, Wis., have been greatly refreshed by the presence among them of Mrs. T. D. Kayner, of Chicago. She gave lectures here on the evenings of March 18 and 19, at the home of Mrs. L. C. Wright, whose doors were thrown wide open to the public. We find Mrs. the spiritual philosophy evoke the praise and favorable comment of the many tricksters posing as Spiritual mediums, and advertising in flaming handbills to give wonderful spiritual demonstrations desire to hear again, and learn more. large audiences who have the pleasure of listening to her. After the very successful season of a year and a half of the She left our little city with a unanimous request for a speedy return, which we hope to see granted at the close of her engagement at Minneapolis. Believing there are to be good results in agitation we are pleased to see the honest investigator and curiosity seeker in controversy over truths given in lecture or test by this earnest worker."

A LONG^T BATTLE. D. L. Carpenter, of Ft. Wayne, Ind, writes approvingly of the good work go-ing on there Mr. Sprague's lectures Liberalism Against Orthodox How Long Are the Spiritual

Theology in Washare well attended and most excellent. Mrs. Hibbits, of Muncie, gave a benefit ington. She is a splendid medi um. One gentleman received a message TO THE EDITOR:-We have had a long

battle in Washington against Sunday laws, which have been presented to Con-gress by National Reformers, Brother Crafts and his friends, and endorsed by Bishop Keane, of Columbia University. Our genial co-laborer, Dr. Croffut, has W. B. Wade, of Portland, Oregon writes: "One year ago I was a skeptic in Seattle, Wash., and through curiosity nicknamed them "the celestial lobby," and has arranged the enclosed bill that Zwemer, a reliable test medium. She gave me a test that brought me to investhey may have a chance to oppose one tigating. She told me of my dear de that many people in this city endorse. One of this kind a few years ago parted mother, how she passed away, and she also gave me a message from my called forth three thousand petitioners, departed sister. A short time ago I met who placed themselves on record as deher in this city. She is doing some good siring such a bill passed. The bill by Dr. Croffut has caused a sensation in work here among skeptics and Spiritual-ists. I am now fully convinced of spirit both the Orthodox and Catholic circles, and is as follows: "A bill to regulate labor and business return. She has two daughters, about

U and 12 years old, that are mediums. At times they are controlled in the ciron Sunday in the District of Columbia. "Be it resolved, &c., That the heads

E. C. G. writes from Nessen City, Mich.: "Dr. W. O. Knowles, of Grand of government departments or bureaus, the courts of justice, and the board of trustees of common schools in Washing-Rapids, Mich., has been with us. An ton, shall not, except as herein after appreciative audience, although not nu-merically strong, was present through provided, require subordinate officers or employes to perform work on or during his course of three lectures. The Doc tor is a medium of marked ability, thor-Sunday; provided, however, that nothoughly conversant with any subject per-taining to that grand, true and beautiful ing herein contained shall apply to the Executive Department, the Capitol, the philosophy, Spiritualism. Even scotters gave excellent attention to the eloquent Navy Yard, the Weather Bureau, the Metropolitan Police, or the employes about the courts, the police stations, the and masterly manner in which he handjail or the District buildings. Not a

"2. That it shall not be lawful for any harsh or discordant note was indulged person to keep open on Sunday any place of business for the transaction of in from the platform, nor a murmur of disapprobation from the audience. His private readings were most successful, and nothing but praise is meted out by business in which money is received, except restaurants, apothecaries, physi-cians, bakers, undertakers, venders of those who participated. Dr. Knowle has our feeling of gratitude for minismilk, venders of Ice, venders of fruit or other perishable merchandise, venders of soda water, ice cream or refreshtering to our wants, and we look forward at no distant date to succeed that meeting with one so able and earnest in the ments other than intoxicants, publishers good work. We bespeak for him that courtesy extended by our people to any and venders of newspapers, telegraph and telephone operators, street car, railroad, steamboat, herdic and omnibus companies, hotels and boarding-house F. Cordon White, having completed

keepers, and salaried preachers, jani-tors, livery-stable keepers, and other his engagement at St. Louis, Mo., goes to Indianapolis, Ind. His address there persons whose business contributes to is at 38 W. St. Clair street. He will rethe comfort or instruction of the public. turn to Chicago September 1, for an inand is not of such a nature as to disturb public assemblies, or the peace or good Carrie Fuller Weatherford will leeorder of the community, "3 That public assemblies of any kind ture and give tests in Omaha, Neb., for

April. She can be engaged for weekheld on Sunday shall be conducted in a night services. Address general deliv quiet and orderly manner, so, as not to inerfere with the peace and comfort of G. G. W. Van Horn writes: "A grand

residents in their neighborhood. 4. That no church bells shall be rung before 8 o'clock a. m., or after 7 o'clock p. m., and no bell shall be rung more than two minutes at a time or oftener than every half hour... "5. That the Congressional Library,

auspices of the People's Helping Hand Congress) will be held at Bricklayers' National Museum, Smithsonian Institu-Hall, 93 S. Peoria street, Thursday evening, April 9th, 1896, at 8 p. m. A tion, Monument, and; Capitol shall be kept open on Sundaya, from 9 o'clock in first-class programme of professional, musical and literary talent who are wellthe forenoon to 4 p'clock in the afternoon, for the accommodation of the known, have kindly volunteered on this

public. "6. That the penalty for the willful memorial occasion. A grand bali and violation of any of the provisions of this social will take place at the conclusion of the entertainment, led by A. F. Jen act shall be a fine 'not exceeding twenty nings'. Columbia Orchestra. Tickets of dollars (\$20), or imprisonment not exadmission, 25 cts. For sale at all the ceeding ten days, at the discretion of the public halls in the city, where spiritual-istic meetings are held. Tickets to ball court; but it shall be a sufficient defense to a prosecution for labor on Sunday that and social, gents 25 cents; ladies free. the defendant usually keeps another day of the week as a day of rest. "7. That all acts and parts of acts in-See programme. The whole affair will be interesting and amusing. Come ear-

consistent with this act are, hereby repealed."

G. W. Eichelberger writes: "The ealed." h. s. The W. C. T. U., National Reformers, First Spiritualist Society of the South and Catholic bishops have been pushing Side, now located at the new Masonic Sunday law in Congress up to date, using Jesuitical methods. We trust this bill Temple, 3120 Forest avenue, have secured the services of Mrs. Emma Nickwill bring them out of ambush, that we erson Warne as their speaker for the months of April and May. Mrs. Warne may meet in public debate those who deliberately confess that they want the is justly regarded as one of the best church to dictate legislation, and legis-lators enact such dictation into law inspirational speakers on the spirstual rostrum to-day. Forcible, logical, with forthwith. rare gift of delivery, her lectures upon

The time has come when all liberty loving citizens must say to all priests, Catholic and Protestant: "We do not desire to meddle with you or your religion A STIRRING LETTER.

ists Going to Stand Such Nonsense?

This is becoming monotonous. News comes from the spiritualistic press that done any work to speak of while in Flor-another worker has been feeling the ida, as my health was not good when I power of the law which declare that not matter how capable, you must not heal the sick unless sanctioned by the socalled regular doctors, - who generally manage to secure the passage of a bi which makes it a crime for a magnetic healer to practice, and cure his fellow-

man of disease, It appears as if the Spiritualists were the appears in the Spirituality were untrue to their convictions, and unwor-thy of the light they have received, or they would rise in their might, and like William Lloyd Garrison, declare that they had something to say and must be heard. The arrest of Dr. P. S. George is the latest attack upon Spiritualists and as secretary of the Nebraska State Association, and State agent for the N. S. A., he is entitled to the immediate attention of the Spiritualists.

Of course as long as the law exists upon the statute books under which we feel he has been unjustly imprisoned, there is no chance for the permanent settlement of his case, or similar cases; but while every effort ought to be made to secure an amendment to that law, as soon as possible, what is to become, in the meantime of the family of Dr. George, whose support has been taken awav'

Shall we visit him in prison and tell him that we are sorry for him, but can do nothing, or shall we, like true workers in the field of progression, do our part to financially aid him?

How much longer shall the Spiritualists be content to sit idly by and discuss the tariff, the money question, the silver bill or the possibilities of the candidates for the next presidential election, when human hearts are aching, when human hearts are breaking because of the in-justice of the existing laws which mar the statute books of the various States? Where are the influential and wealthy

Spiritualists in this crisis? How can they be content to give of their money towards the support of the churches, as so many of them do, and shut their eyes to the fact that every day mediums are being persecuted in one form or the other

The decision in the Pond will case in Hartford, Conn., ought to be an object lesson to all Spiritualists. That twelve men should have the right to break a man's will which was drawn so carefully as Mr. Pond's was, showing the extreme care he had taken to provide for ail who were entitled to his bounty, and at the same time leave a monument to his love for his country, by donating a park to his fellow citizens, this is relegating a power to a few, which not only places a fearful responsibility upon them but is a flagrant injustice to the man whose voice is stilled in death. It would be a good thing for every one who purposed making a will to have his sanity tested, especially if he was a Spiritualist. Mr. Pond was a Spirltualist and as such

was held up to ridicule. Let all Spiritualists rally round their mediums. Lot all these unjust laws be repealed or amended, but in the meantime remember that a husband and father is separated from his family, is incarcerated in the prison cell in Ne-braska because he dared heal the sick, without the consent of the regulars, and do what you can to help them in this hour of trial. Always for the defense of medium-

ship. Yours truly, M. E. CADWALLADER.

LAKE HELEN, FLORIDA.

It Was a Great Success.

Now that the camp-meeting at Lake Helen (or, as it should be called, Colby Lake) is a thing of the past, it is well of a mass of facts bearing directly on the past is the should be called to be a mass of facts bearing directly on the past is a should be the should be a mass of facts bearing directly on the past is a should be a

three very successful seances, which will, in the near future, bring good fruit, as many people were set to thinking and asking about our beautiful philosophy. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Concannon, Dr Hidden and myself reached Tampa, Friday afternoon, and were entertained by Mr. Parcell, in behalf of the spiritual society here. We have not had much opportunity to see the friends here yet, so cannot speak of them. I have not

left New York, but it has much improved under the balmy air of this sunny land. With best wishes for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. C. H. FIGUERS, M. D.

SPOT HIM, SPIRITUALISTS! His Name is Dr. (?) Walker, of

Stromburg, Nebraska.

TO THE EDITOR:-In a private letter from P. S. George, who is now confined in the Polk County Jail, Nebraska, for healing the sick, Mr. George states he was "loeked up in a cell where no fire had been for several months, consequently a severe cold was the result, and complete prostration for seven days." Isn't that pretty nearly a case for damages?" Strikes me it is. He further states; "I had a call from

one Dr. Walker, of Stromburg, dry be fore yesterday-the one who filed the original complaint against me. He came to me while lying on my sick bed. unable to sit up, and threatened me with another arrest if I ever went back to Stromburg again to see any patients. hen he advised me to quit healing the sick and give up Spiritualism. I in-formed him that not while I continued

to breathe, or while the blood coursed brough my veins, would I cease to work in this cause." "He is a Catholic." How are we to arouse ourselves from this stapor that has befogged our brains to the extent that we cannot see a hole

n a wall? This instance is indicative of what would immediately follow the "God in

the Constitution" act. It is easy enough to see that the gigantic "triangle" of tyranny, viz - Churchianity, medical yranny and legal tyranny, rules the enire governmental system at the expense

of justice. The church side rings when hit; the vibrations are caught up and augmented

by the medical side, which conducts them, with increased velocity and power. to the lawyer's office, which in turn must vibrate under the connecting principle that binds them all together. Soon another statue will be placed in the Capitol at Washington. He must be a Catholic physician. Then it must follow that the lawyer, a Catholic states man (?), must join his colleagues, and the future generations must cross themselves and dip the finger in dirty "holy water" and devoutly cross themselves before they enter the Nation's Capitol to kneel to the head "father" of our country.

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Spheres,

care of us, in our laziness, and wake up and do something? It strikes me very forcibly that we had better let the "ina-

its out

religion. Keep aloof from the lawyer who favors sectarianism. They each and all will follow the example of the 'devil-fish," and swallow or crush you. G. F. P.

EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS.

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TO THE EDITOR:-Evidently Dr. P. S.

cure. For instance, several of his pa-

tients, whom I well know (notedly the

Thomas family), of the pretty little town of Stromsburg, Neb., declare that he

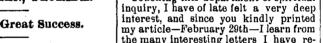
had done nothing more. If, therefore, we are positive that Dr.

George's imprisonment was for the mar-

velous saving of life, let the unlicensed

DR. R. GREER.

Obsession Again. Touching this department of spiritual



How does the prospective picture look to you? Hadn't we better cease thinking that the "spirit-world"

hatmas," the "mystics," and the "Ori-entais," perform their mystical feats, rrespective of our practical, sweet now and now. Spot all doctors who are under the influence of Catholicism or any political

-at so much a head-Spiritualists will still allow themselves to be "taken in and done for" by such swindling impostors. One of the latest occurrences of this swindling sort is reported from Roseburg, Oregon, where the "Henrie Beauseant," "Kate Fox" combination recently demonstrated their swindling propensities by giving a fake spiritual show. The whole performance consisted of a lew tiresome, weak tricks of jugglery, and at the end the disgusted audience retired-the echo coming from all around: "I wish I had my money back." Verily, "What fools these mor-tals be!" is all the comfort we can give to the duped.

Members are wanted to join free circle for the development of mediumship by vital magnetism, to be held Monday venings at 8 o'clock sharp, at Mrs. M Gregory's, 587 N. Clark street. Those preferred who are earnest and will come regularly and punctually.

Ben W. Barney is lecturing and giv ing tests at San Diego, Cal.

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J. C. F. Grumbine occupied the rostrum of the St. Paul (Minnesota) Spir-Alliance the last three Sunitual days of March. The audiences were uniformly large and appreciative. Mr. Grumbine writes: "Walter Howell is giving perfect satisfaction and will remain in St. Paul and minister to the Alliance during the months of April and May. Societies near St. Paul will do well to engage Mr. Howell for weekevenings. His address is 219 Bates av-enue, St. Paul. Minn. He is an eloquent inspirational speaker, fearless, true, ev olutionary and brilliant. He makes friends for the cause and is a splendid organizer." Mr. Grumbine will be in St. Louis, Mo., in April and will answer calls to lecture week-nights while there. He will also, for the first time, give his teachings on "clairvoyance." In May he goes to Milwaukee and will accept few engagements from societies near this city. He lectured at Ashland, Wis., the evenings of March 24, 25, 26. Mr. Grumbine says: "We hear good reports of the work of Mr. Hodge, and while the society has had much to contend with this winter, it is again on its feet and means to triumph over all obstacles. We return there in June. THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER is very popular here."

M. W. Lyman writes from Springfield. Mass.: "Theodore F. Price, of Philadelphia, lectured and gave tests to large audiences here March 22. He is an elo quent and entertaining speaker, very progressive and liberal, and his tests are as good as the best. At the close of the lectures there were many requests for private sittings. Dr. Price will occupy our platform again March 29. Societies will do well to engage him; every moment of his time should be taken up. The anniversary will be appropriately celebrated here. Mrs. Valmer, of Port-land, Me., and Mrs. May S. Pepper, have been engaged. The annual meet-ing of the First Spiritualist Society takes place March 24th."

A. A. Cate, of Haverhill, Mass., writes: "I had no idea of the extensive circulation of your most excellent paper until since answering the brother's letter in response to my communicationto many, many anxious hearts have written me; so many sitting in the

W. A. Rozelle writes from Cleveland Ohio: "Our meetings are doing well. Brother Kenyon is still with us. Cleveand's Maggie Gaule-Mrs. Nellie Mosier -is giving tests at the close of the lectures. She never fails to bring a full house, and all are recognized."

May L. Goodrich and Master Sammie Goodrich, platform test mediums, late of Portland, Me., have located in Chicago, at 1514 Wabash avenue, where they can be addressed for engagements.

J. M. Hodson thinks Dr. Holbrook's offer of \$100 for materializations should be accepted at once, and the matter conclusively settled. A great many others are of the same opinion, and won der that none of the many materializing mediums accept his offer and proceed to demonstrate the fact of that phase of phenomena.

Clara Marsh writes from Rochester, Mich.: "My parlor lecture of Sunday, March 15, was well attended and considerable interest manifested. The subject discussed by my guides was: 'The Mission of Flowers,' with a chart illus-'To beautify the earth and fill tration. it with fragrance: to teach mankind to cultivate a love for the beautiful; to disclose to the inner life the love of the Father who fashioned the flowers for the comfort and enjoyment of all his children, is the mission of all the fioral kingdom.' Said the guide: 'Cultivate in the garden of your souls the lovely flowers of kindness, charity and forgive ness, so that you may help to brighten some life, even as the flowers brighten up mother earth. All may not be shin ing lights, but each and every one may find some little corner in which to work and bless mankind. If your work is like unto that of the modest violet then do it bravely, and shed the frag-rance of your gifts on all you can reach, and so do your part in uplifting human itv.'

C. G. Brown writes from Santa Ana Cal.: "While our cause seems as if in a languishing condition, yet a develop-ment like the cloud not bigger than a man's hand is seen, which is stirring up some of the so-called liberal element of the church, and which causes some to question the necessity of a Spiritualistic organization, as 'we have the place in ours for you.' Spiritualists don't all see it in this light, hence they seek another fold, under their own vine and fig-tree. Through the earnest workers among us Mrs. E. L. Barnett, of Los Angeles Cal., the psychometric and test medium, and her husband, a composer of music and daughter Zoe, 13 years of age and beautiful singer, with Mr. B., making music under inspiration that will charm and delight an audience. Under Mrs. B.'s instrumentality were started Sunday alternoon meetings, to read and speak upon spiritual subjects. Circles are held and a few developing mediums are the result. Mrs. Barnett, yesterday, March 15, met a large gathering of friends, not all Spiritualists, and gave satisfactory tests, the oldest Spiritualists the cheering words. It has opened a declaring they had not seen her equal strength.-Anon.

grand presentation of the phonomena, through the medial gifts of Mrs. Ada Foye, we are now to be treated to the beautiful philosophy, with its inspiring thought, instructive lessons, and higher knowledge of the life immortal. Large and appreciative audiences will greet her during her engagement."

Bishop A. Beals will speak for the First Spiritual Society at Portland, Ore., two months, commencing the last Sunday in April and closing the third Sun-day in June-the 21st. He is engaged in Summerland, Cal., for both societies until the last Sunday in April. He will be pleased to hear from societies in the vicinity of Potrland, Ore., during his engagement there for week-night meetings on liberal terms.

Mrs. S. E. Bromwell is stopping temporarily at Danville, Ill., where she will utilize her mediumspip in convincing

skeptics. Geo. H. Brooks has lately closed a successful engagement at Watseka, Ill. During the month of April he goes to Ludington. Mich. Will respond to lecture in the vicinity, or attend funerals. Dr. T. Wilkins writes, promising more next week: "The Anniversary services at the Schiller theater, under the management of The First Spiritualist Church and Sunday-school, was a grand success in every way, even to the full-ness of that spacious building. The subject for Mrs. Richmond's Easter address

next Sunday will be-"Life, Death and the Resurrection, from a spiritual standpoint." Dr. C. W. Hidden, is in the South creating a sensation with his hypnotic powers. The Evening News, of Tampa, Fla., gives him some flattering notices. The Dr. says: "I shall remain in Tampa until Morning next, when I start for De Leon Springs, to remain until Wednes-day. The next stop will be at St. Augustine, where I spend three days; thence on to Jacksonville, where I am to stay ten days. After my Jacksonville engagement, I go to Savannah, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Springfield, Boston, and to my home in Newburyport, Mass., arriv ing there on or about May 1st. I shall remain in Newburyport until the third week in July, when I am under contract to make a tour of four of the large camp meetings in New England, viz: Onset, Niantic, Lake Pleasant and Queen City Park. I am receiving letters offering appointments from all over the South. but by reason of previous engagements cannot

change the route already out lined. I hope, however to return south again next winter, and if I do, you may rest assured that I shall spend a longer period in Tampa that I am able to do on my present trip." Right Living." By Susan H. Wixon

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s long your owa business. but we insist that hereafter you must not meddle in any way whatsoever with the affairs of State."

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The Cause in Waukesha. This "Saratoga of the West," situated

twenty miles from Milwaukee, contains but few Spiritualists, although there is quite a large element of agnostics and ree-thinkers.

The Universalists have lately estab-ished a series of meetings at the G. A. R. hali, with good results, meeting every other Sunday. A few, however, be-lieving the time ripe for something in the way of the spiritual philosophy, it was decided to try and find if there was

sufficient interest among the people to turn out and listen to what might be said.

The result was beyond our utmost expectations, having at the first meeting an audience of more than sixty, and on the second Sunday this was increased to more than one hundred. It has never been my fortune to speak to a more intelligent and interested audience than on these two occasions.

Our parlor meeting was held at the home of Mrs. M. E. Billings, and a more hungry people for the facts and philosophy of Spiritualism would be hard to find

The old church dogmas no longer satisfy the minds and hearts of the masses, and they will not longer rest without knowledge. Dr. T. Babcock, a superior magnetic

healer, resides here, as does Mrs. Fox,

one of our best mediums. These, with the Gault family, Mr. Curtiss, the efficient chairman, Uncle John Wagner, who is nearly eighty years of age and an eld-time Spiritualist, with one or two others' whose names I cannot now recall, "constitute the num-

per of out-and-out Spiritualists. Our young friend, Cliarlie Root, who totally blind, added much to the is totally leasure and harmony of the meetings

by his superior piano piaying. He is also clairvoyant and clairaudi-ent, as is his mother, and in the musical field he bids fair to become noted.

It was the general, opinion that these meetings should be continued and ar-rangements will be made for further ef-

owing to my duries as secretary of the Mississippi Valley, Association, I am obliged to make Milwaukee my headquarters until the opening of our annual camp-meeting, but will respond to calls for Sundays or week-evenings within on most liberal terms. WILL C. HODGE. reasonable distance of Milwaukee, and

"Mahomet, His Birth, Character and Doctrin." By Edward Gibbons. This is No. 6 of the Library of Liberal Classics. It is conceded to be historically correct, and so exact and perfect in every detail as to be practically beyond the reach of adverse criticism. Price, 25 cents. For sale at this office.

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that something should be given of the nali-developed work done there, both by mediums as of the body to those in active life here, which, if arranged and printed in syswell as others. On February 9 the opentematic form, would surprise even those ing address was given by that widelyknown and universally-beloved spirit, who assume to be teachers of spiritual

philosophy. For all the trials and sorrows of life Senaca, who controlled his instrument. -Geo. Colby, in his usually earnest manner, there being present many who, like some others, came to laugh but rethere are sweet compensations, which awaken courage and hope and guide us mained to pray. The feeling manifested from the first day increased in earnestto a higher plane of thought and action. In the letters referred to. I have found such salutary information and kind enness until the close, there being many thinking men and women present, couragement-founded on the actual exfron perience of the writers-resting on a time to time, who were zealous in their search for truth, and while the better natural law of spirit unfoldment-that I educated class were attracted. there almost feel compensated for a year of in-

describable suffering. It is high time that the facts about obwas much interest evinced by the natives, who will ever bear a closer acsession were made known and impressed quaintance, as they are, in the main, honest and industrious people, notwith-standing so much has been written and upon the minds of men and women everywhere-in private and public life. The welfare of society demands it, char-

said to the contrary. Carrie Twing was at her best while at Lake Colby, and by her plain and practi-cal way of presenting the truths and beauties of Spiritualism won all who listened to her. Dr. Hidden also gave covered between which were listened to ty and benevolence demand it. an enlightened system of jurisprudence requires it. Every year, every month we are sending half-developed spirits into the eternal world, who cling to earthly life and habits, ignorant of the way of several lectures, which were listened to with much interest. His practical exhitruth and a higher life. Do we realize the extent of their influence in the dark bition of his power as a hypnotist was ways of crime and vice? Does anyone much appreciated by his large audience. He also gave some wonderful examples of his power as a healer. suppose that gentlemen criminals-if that expression is allowable-will leave Mrs. Edella D. Concannon, who, altheir favorite haunts and their compan-

ions in gilded vice as soon as they step though far from well, Sunday after Sunout of the physical frame? If anyone does so believe he has something imday held the audience spellbound with ner descriptions of spirits.

Mr. O. L. Concannon, the widelyknown materializing medium, held a number of seances, and at the close of each the universal feeling was that it was good to be there. Mrs. Kate Stiles, of Boston, was also

ciety, in education and in legislation, in courts and among jurors. Burr Oak, Mich. CHAS. BETTS. present and did some excellent work, ooth as a speaker and as a test medium. Mrs. J. De Bartholomew, trumpet me-dium, late of Cincinnati, was present and gave universal satisfaction in her sit-

tings. The meeting closed Sunday, March 15, to the regret of all present, as a good work was being done and all were loth to leave. But the hour for parting came and amid kisses and warm handclasps we bade adieu to many friends, with the hope of meeting them again next year. The hotel was run by Mr. C. H. Gregory, in a fairly good manner. There are many cottages under contract which will be finished for the season of 1897. Mr. O. L. Concannon built the first this season; Dr. Brigham; of Boston, the second; Mrs. Carrie Pratt, of Boston, being third: Mrs. Hale, of Boston. Mr. J. D. Palmer has the foundation of his cottage

spirit-healer take from this an objectlesson, and not publicly profess his power for the cure of disease, but rather for the prevention of disease, but rather for the prevention of disease, preserva-tion of heath, prolongation of life, and increase of vitality. There is no law against all this, and if not, then let the of Jacksonville, Fla., and many others, including myself, will build neat cottages. Some of them will be large enough good Dr. George return to his field of labor, and bid defiance to the minions of for furnished rooms, which will be let at a cheap rate.

the law there to interfere with him, for This camp has come to stay, and while he has nothing to fear. In the meantime, let all good Spirit-Chicago was hardly represented here it will be well for some of the friends in ualists contribute to the support of his that city to remember when they come South next winter that they will find family while he remains in prison. friends and a warm welcome at Lake Colby, near Lake Helen.

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R. A. M., Gold Hill, Oregon: Q. The Romau Catholic church says that it has had popes as a visible head ever since the death of St. Peter. Who was the next pope after him, and ou what day, month and year did he succeed to the papal throne? What are the reliable proofs?

A. The rise of the power and influence of the pope has been of historic growth through many ages, and was not a sudden acquisition. The claims of the church that the office descended from Peter has not a single evidence, that will bear criticism, to support it.

Peter made no claim to superiority over the other disciples, and conferred no power on any of his followers. The name. Peter, signifies rock, and the text in the Bible referring to him as the ecck on which the church was founded, was an afterthought suggested by his name to some plotting priest and interpolated into the text. Paul would have been much more worthy, for he was the greatest of the apostles, but his name was not suggestive. It was centuries after Peter's death that the bishops made the claim that they derived authority from him. "Papas," or "father," was indiscrim-

inately applied to holy men and bishops, and gave rise to the designation "pope. The bishops of Rome always were/con-sidered superior to the provincials, re-flecting the greatness of the city, but not until Siricius (384 A. D.) became bishop was the title of pope assumed, and it was ever after retained. Not until the beginning of the seventh century did the Catholic Church become a com pact and solidified body-not-until Gregory VII. (1073 A. D.) was it taken as an official title.

There is no mention in the New Testa. ment that Peter ever visited Rome, or that he was a bishop of that city, or a bishop at all. There is every reason that he was not, for the idea of church, or bishop, as later understood, had not entered the hearts of the apostles.

When Constantinople became the Queen of the East, and rivaled the declining glories of Rome, her bishop became powerful in the same ratio, and to sustain their waning fortunes, the bish-ops, or "papas," of Rome, put forth the tremendous claim that they held the spiritual government of the world by divine right. The rivalry and intrigues of the Eastern and Western churches was one of the most potent causes of the decay and final ruin of the empire. The Bishop of Constantinople became the the Greck Church, and the Pope of Bishop of Rome the Pope of the Catho-

lics. The list of popes should begin with the seventh century, for not until then had the papal office been sufficiently consolidated to make its incumbent a pope in the meaning the term now is used; but the six centuries after Peter have been filled with a list of names, which at least for the first century are so doubtful that the highest Catholic authorities are conflicting.

Some say that Peter ordained Linus. others Clement, and others Cletus. Tertullion says Clement followed Peter, and Ireneus and Jerome say Linus. According to Herzod, the successive popes Clement were St. Petcr, Linus, Cletus, Evaristus, etc., the last being near the close of the first century. There is not a vestige of evidence that this succession is genuine. There is every reason to suppose that it was manufactured by the priesthood to support their arrogant claims.

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that it is not Christian, and in no sense a science, and "Metaphysics" in not being metaphysics. A perfect knowledge of the laws of health would prevent disease, and give a happy old age, but no knowledge could prevent the coming of old age, and the casting aside of the out worn physical body. Such a result is not desirable—in fact, is most undesira-The physical body having per formed its task-the evolution of the spirit-is thrown aside as an impediment to that spirit's farther advancement in a new and higher sphere of being.

C. B., Burr Oak, Mich.: Q. I have been a Spiritualist and a sensitive to the

presence of spirits for forty years. My intercourse with the invisibles has always been of a pure and elevating character, until about a year ago, when a low spirit took possession of the surroundings and no effort of mine can reform him, or induce him to leave. His influence is most disagreeable, and he enjoys keeping me from sleeping nights. Is there any remedy in such a case?

A. The great number of questions which come, almost identical with this. shows that there is need of a more per fect understanding of mediumshin. causes which allow lower intelligences to dominate are variable, and in each case difficult to analyze. The broad principles are thus enunciated in "Psychic Science": "The position which such mediums at

last attain is one of greatest danger. They have lost self-control, the power of will, and are as magnetic needles trembling to every influence, good or bad. If a spirit can entrance them and make them utter its thoughts, it can compel them to act as it desires. They may be carefully attended and guarded by good intelligences, and their friends may sur-rond them, but the time will come when the guard will be broken and the lower influences gain sway. The stronger magnetic power of some mortal may lead wide astray and leave the medium a despised victim of the most degrading pas-

"There are two methods of its (mediumship) cultivation: The first is what may be called the negative or passive, which the medium is led to merge his identity in that of the controlling in telligences, and become a mere puppet to do their bidding. Astonishing results are often produced by this method, but the medium vields his individuality and becomes the sport of unknown and irresponsible influences. The passive condition, which allows pure spiritual being to come en rapport with such, opens wide the portals for the approach of the

low and depraved, and what is of more vital consequence, to mortals of every grade. "Mediumship should be an exalted state of concentration, and hence medi-ums have great need of self-control and

The mistaken ideas of the self-reliance. character and requirements of mediumship have borne bitter fruits, and it is to be hoped that their correct understanding will not only clear away the accumulated rubbish, but bear the cause to higher grounds."

This culture of sensitiveness requires two directly antagonistic states or conditions; a negative receptivity for the acquisition of inspiration, and a positive self-assertion for its assimilation. It is failure in this last which allows irresponsible influences to come in, and the weakened will is unable to discard them. To strengthen the will, that it may be master, is the best method. The control of a strong magnetist, whereby the spirit control is overcome, is another.

Mourner, San Francisco: Q. Do de-parted spirits care about the disposition of their physical bodies? that is, if death occurs in a distant land, do they wish it

taken to their native place? A. As a rule the exceeding change in surroundings at death eclipses all thoughts and wishes in connection with the earthly body. Yet there are exceptions, and lingering delicacy of feeling It is regarded usually as a cast-off gar-ment, and no longer a part of self. Our feelings toward the deserted shrine is the result of ages of tradition, and because we can only perceive with our the ruin lef In the days of the Pharaohs the belief in the final return of the spirit to the greatest care. The Greeks considered it the height of implety to leave their lead on the field of battle unburied, for then the spirits wandered on the banks of the nether world until the burial. The Judgment Day, transferred from Egyptian to Christian theology, with the idea of physical resurrection, has preserved this superstitious regard. If the dead are to arise at the sound of the trump of doom, it will be pleasant for families and friends to stand grouped together, and it would indeed be lonesome to awake out of the grave among howling savagos. But Spiritualists accept none of these my life, but I have always lived in dis-simulation and affirmed a lie for truth to that death is the final separation of the spirit from the body. That body goes back to the elements from which it came. Its particles enter again into the cycle of organic life: to the spirit it is no more than an outgrown garment. Friends may treasure it as the only tan-gible and visible object between them and the silence which gathers over the tomb, and love finds relief in this last blinding homage, yot the freed spirit redoes the shell of the chrysalis from which it has escaped. The physical body is being constantly renewed; and the especial form from which it departs is no more its personality than the many others it has discarded atom by atom. Our affections are gratified by bringing the remains of our beloved home, even if only a few crumbling bones re-Why should we, when those demain. parted ones care nothing for the dissolv-ing house of clay? I write this with a heart full of sympathy for those whose dear ones rest in foreign soil, or lie on the floor of the deep, deep sea; and I write for their consolation. One comfort is bestowed-they who die and are buried far from home never seem dead to us. Not until we see the wasted form, and with reverent care consign it to the tomb, do we realize the event; or we may, after distant journeying, stand by the neglected mound, thrown by strange hands over the beloved form. and through our tears become conscious

SPIRITUALISM.

A Conditional Call to Denounce All Mediums, Etc.

It May Be Averted if the Spirits and the N. S. A. Come to Time.

TO THE EDITOR :- As one of your correspondents has ignorantly or intentionally misrepresented my work and mo-

tives (see THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of October 19, 1895) I claim the right to defend my motives and conduct. In childhood I had a distinct call to preach righteousness; in youth, to preach natural law and progression; in mature life to preach Spiritualism and expose free-love Spiritism; in old age, to preach Christianity according to Christ (Matt., vii: 12), and expose lying spirits. In response to these calls I have spoken, as the spirit moved, about 2,000 times, and sent out, free, about 400,000 printed pages, doing immense

good, purifying your ranks. In 1848 I heard of spirits communicating, and hoped it was true, but my mother insisted no good spirits came back. In trying to get communications to convince her and my only sister, I failed to get tests of Identity from any

good spirit. As science has gradually destroyed all my hopes of a future life not based on spirit manifestations. I am extremely anxious to get tests from good spirits, and have the National Spiritualists' Association disfellowship frauds and freelovers, so I can join it, and have a glorious jubilee in 1897.

The N. S. A., progressive the kers and inspirational speakers justly de-nounce fortune-telling, charm-selling, fraud-practising materializing mediums, but neither deny the positive assertions of free-lovers that no Spiritualist believes in civil or Christian marriage, nor disfellowships leading Spiritists who take other men's wives as affinities until tired of them, then desert the poor Marys for fresher ones, on the plea of "disaffection." This is why virtuous people, moving in good society, are ashamed to associate with you or openly

investigate spirit manifestations and clean, high-toned papers refuse to advertise your mediums and seances, as low, immoral, immodest things. When your National convention, in the '60s, refused to disfellowship frauds and free-lovers, it only took about 60,000

circulars to expose and kill it, and put an intolerable stigma on Spiritualism, which only disfellowshiping frauds and

free-lovers can free you from. The prospect of a long fight with dis-orderly free-love Spiritism calls for great economy, so I shall print no more circulars, as the postage is the same on a single circular as it is on one pound of quarterly tracts. But I shall publish no tracts until the close of your next Na-tional Convention; then, if I get no test from good spirits, and the N.S. A. refuse to disfellowship frauds and freelovers, I can, by hard work and rigid, pinching economy, with the aid of your enemies, send out millions of tracts denouncing ALL Spiritists and mediums as dupes, frauds, rakes, libertines, hags and harlots; dealing with imagination, "diakka," and low, tricky, lying, seduc-ing spirits and devils. Tracts written,

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render war impossible, arrest the progress of disease, annihilate poverty and reduce the hours of labor. By means of mechanisms which have hitherto eluded the grasp of the discoverer, men in the near future may get along without coal thus saving the expense of mining, and even electricity itself may become a back number. There is, in the first place, the vast

problem of utilizing the force and power of the sea. The waves that break upon our Atlantic seaboard exert in a single day a greater force than all the steam engines of the United States combined. Ocean's mighty power, which tosses the largest steamship as a toy, upbuilds vast territories of sand only to destroy them again, and thunders on a lee shore with all the violence of the heaven's artillery, is a pitiable spectacle of wasted energy The mighty strength of Niagara is hardly as great as that of the waves on a hundred miles of seashore.

POSSIBILITIES FOR ELECTRICITY.

and having no idea of a remedy; in Electricity, which is now about to disfact, I did not think that there was tribute Niagara's power in the form of heat, light and force over a territory of any remedy. I thought that all I hundreds of square miles, makes it pos-sible to transport the force of the waves could do was to "grin and endure" it. So great was my suffering that more to almost any inland city. With a mathan once I meditated suicide, thinkchine which would extract this now wasted energy from the sea New York ing that by that means I might rid City might be heated and lighted, and myself of the dreaded influence. They all its lines of transportation run; the clung to me with all the tenacity of a trolley lines all over the State could dispense with their useless power-houses and the myriad wheels in the mills and factories of Albany, Rochester and Buf-falo could be turned by this unseen giant. The problem involved is merely these forces, and at the same time I a mechanical onet You must find a ma chine which will give and fall with the got hold of some literature on the tide, and which will be so strong as to subject, and they all said that "like withstand the greatest force of the inattracts like," and that I must purify coming breakersia The swells of ocean myself; but this did not satisfy me, which now roll in upon a thousand miles of shore must be stopped and made to for I knew that this sort of an exgive up their forbor The machine which planation was not applicable to my will extract this torce from the waves must meet them and take it up by preventing them throm wasting their strength in simple breakers. A great saw that I had to hunt some other wheel, properly supported and balanced, it would seem, could be turned by these waves, and each revolution might represolution of the matter, and I believe

sent thousands of tons of energy. A somewhat similar problem is how to utilize the mighty force of the tides. that when one is rendered sensitive to spirit iufluence hc, so to speak, opens which come and go daily with resistless flow. Look in the water at high tide, the door and gives them free access to enter, and woe be to the unfortuand its mere weight in a large inclosure represents thousands of horse-power nate who opens the door and leaves it which could be utilized as the water is unguarded, for there are ever in the released. This force has been used in are complied with. We wish him all many seaboard countries in a crude and triffing manner, but upon a large and comprehensive scale the experiment has never been tried.



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character of the witnesses; what that is, of the most trusted, may be learned by a glance at history. Eusebius, Bishop of body, and the resurrection of the latter, Cæserea, a friend of Constantine the made it imperative to preserve it with Great, and one of the most celebrated authorities in church history, confesses (Eccl. His., viii, 21) that he was not scrupulous about recording the whole truth about the Christians.

Mosheim, one of the most-trusted church historians, says (Vol. I, 198):

"It was held as a maxim that it was not only lawful but praiseworthy to decoive and even use the expedient of a lie in order to advance the cause of truth and plety.

The apostolic father Hermes, a fellow laborer with St. Paul, confesses the failing of the early Christians, and says: "O. Lord, I never spake a true word in

my life, but I have always lived in disali meu, and no man contradicted me, but all gave credit to my words." He was well supported by the great

apostle, who says: "Being crafty I canght you with guile." "For if the truth of God had more abounded, through my lie unto his glory, why yet. am I also adjudged a sinner?" If Paul held such loose doctrines and

could boast of his deceit and lying for the promotion of his cause, what are we to expect of the rank and file of those early Christians, ignorant beyond any conception we can form, and besotted with superstition?

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it will not be long till he will have the sweetest of rest and sleep. I, too, have had the experience of seeming desertion by friends and relatives on the other side, and those who would naturally be attracted to me. It

seems that I fight the battle alone. If what I have said shall be of any service to the brother, or any one similarly afflicted, I shall be glad to know

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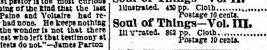
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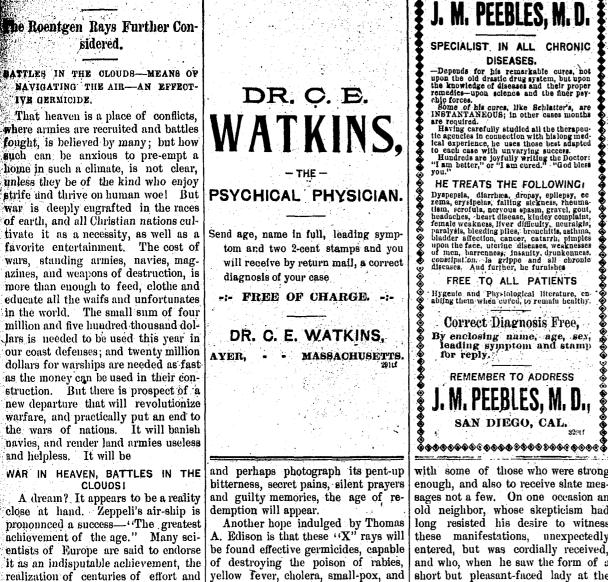
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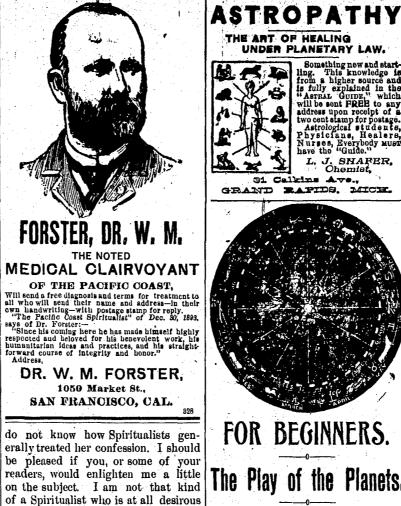
and who, when he saw the form of a opening of the curtains, sprang up in ence, no doubt, of Jesuitical spirits. great excitement, exclaiming, "My | She afterward deeply regretted her od, that is my mother!"-at which the spirit seemed to be greatly overcome, and partly faded from view; ever may have been the character of but urged to reappear, she soon returned, and so great was the surprise theless true that modern Spiritualism says: "Leading scientists here predict of ease," "X" rays, and magic mirrors and delight of the hitherto unbeliev- dates its origin to them at Hydesville, ing son, that he could hardly be in-

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crisis in the development of genius angel-world not only, but also to suming about ten minutes' time, re- that have taken place during previous and new and wonderful discoveries, those who have, in the relation of sulting in complete relief and entire attacks. So complete is the The whirl of excitement and experi- their own blessed experiences, so often cheered my heart when I have felt or shadowgraphy-discovered by Prof. | that hungry longing which only those Roentgen, has already brought out | can know who realize the inestimable

petual day on the midnight path of the lone pedestrian, and pictures the continent, courtships and marslates were handed out it was found in order not to afford any clue to the that the answers were in many in- identity of the patient, showed a LYMAN C. HOWE.

plain sight of all present, and con- | events, though she can recall things

This was as convincing as if it had

As was customary, some of the sitters had, before placing the slates in the cabinet, written questions on them | ical Society, a distinguished suburban

could see to do in the intense dark- as "dual existence," or "double conness of the cabinet, while the answers sciousness." were satisfying in the extreme-clearcut and to the point; names being | which was diagnosed to be meningitis,

One gentleman who was present, | ing from which she appeared in an and was suffering great pain, was entirely different character. In her

called to take a seat near the curtain normal condition she could read and opening, at which a tall form was write and speak fluently and with combeckoning to him, who proved to be a parative correctness. In the altered physician, and proceeded to give the mental condition following the attack sick man a vigorous treatment, in she loses all memory of ordinary

mentation in the new photographyseveral others in phases as remarkable as the first. Edison is busy experireceived. menting, and the possibility of taking a picture by telephone is now under consideration. But Dr. Simon, of New York, outwizards the Wizard, if the account in to-day's Post-Dispatch is reliable. According to this report Dr. Simon has, by a method all his own. and distinct from the Roentgen cathode "X" rays, taken a photograph of his own brain! And still further, has so applied his method as to see his own brain illuminated by his process, not yet explained, and reflected upon a bright mirror. Next comes Prof. Thompson, of No. 5 Beekman street, New York, with a still more startling announcement. He claims to be able to photograph a throbbing heart-throbs and all; to take the inside of a watch without opening the case, not as a set of motionless wheels, as by the Roentgen system, but the coveted.

whole machinery in motion. Mr. Thompson makes the astounding statement that his experiments have resulted in the observation of the works of a watch concealed within its case while in motion, and also that the operation of the interior organs of an animal or of a human being can, through the use of his instrument, be clearly observed; that food taken into the system of the human being can be seen during every stage of its journey from the throat to the stomach, and the movement of the blood-corpuscles and expansions and contractions of the heart as clearly as if the organs could be taken, living and healthy, from the body and laid before the eve. This reads like a fairy tale-a le-

gend of the mediaval times. But it report of real facts in actual demonstration. It seems to be approaching the climax which I forecasted in a former article, that these mystic rays are so subtile and various that it may yet develop that they will penetrate flesh, bones, brains and all material things within.

Excarnate human beings have been photographed by means of mediumship; and now, if this wonderful discovery should ultimate in taking a picture of the spirit in the body, the two-world processes would be on quite familiar terms. When war is banthe brain-motions and thought-pulses | than once verified. within; see the heart and its motions.

worth of every faithful assurance of immortality. Such assurance I there The first week of my stay we had no seances, as Mr. Riley was absent, but with the most unbounded hospitality I was entertained by his estimable wife, whose sacrifices for the cause of truth can never be overthe cabinet.

estimated, and the many startling facts related to me of the patience and persistence of their efforts in the earlier experiences and demonstrations which came to them, have served as much as anything I have ever known to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that those we have mourned as dead are ever ready to make their presence and power known to us whenever we make the needed conditions. To be where the angels "were wont to meet," and witness for myself their "coming and going," was a privilege I had long

The return of Mr. Riley was greeted for "dates," but too numerous for all to be gratified. Those who were privileged to come were richly paid. Early in the evening, and before the materializing seance, a dark circle was held, about ten in number, seated around a table on which lay a guitar. The instant the lights were extinguished the guitar was caught up with a loud twang, and floating over our heads near the ceiling, poured out enchanting strains, while every one was consciously affected by the harmonious influences, as unseen hands were caressingly placed upon our heads, face and shoulders, and every token that love could bestow assured

us of the presence of our spirit comes with the air of sincerity, as the friends, while raps were heard, and beautiful lights were seen; even the "thin veil between us" seemed for the time removed, as later, when the materializing seance began, about twenty forms came out of the cabinet, one after another, being recognized by eight years ago, if my memory serves their friends, as the room was so light and photograph the living spirit one could almost see to read, and that one of the Fox Sisters had made every feature and detail of dress could public confession that Spiritualism

be plainly scrutinized. I was made personally happy to recognize my brother, who had passed to Spirit-life twenty years ago; also an | produced wholly by herself and sisters old friend and pioneer of Spiritualism, for the purpose of deceiving. If this who had been on "the other side" two years, and who had often assured me me that Spiritualists of the present ished from the earth, and men are he would improve every opportunity day are in mighty poor business in able to see the inner workings of each | to remind his friends that he still other's functional life, and observe lived, which assurance he has more

absence of all pain.

out of the cabinet by a spirit, who name, or to identify herself or her placed it in the hands of one of the parents. By patient training in the sitters, by whom it was soon laid on a abnormal condition she has been entable near by, when immediately abled to give things their names, another and taller form scrode rapidly | though she still preserves a baby out of the aperture, and, though the fashion of pronouncing. box weighed more than eighteen

On another evening, while several the room, we could hear the voice of selves so as to be recognized by their calm and confident, and I then learned that to most of those who try to materialize, their first attempt is hindered by the fear that perhaps they may not be able to throw off the form | quite recent occurrence; in fact, she they thus assume, and scarcely daring is living mentally in July, 1895.

to venture, so does it seem to them manifest their presence.

a visit to this delightful spot, where ness and fraud is out of the question. I am myself a born skeptic, but I

confess I had no use for skepticism J. D. SANFORD. return.

Saginaw, Mich.

THE FOX SISTERS. TO THE EDITOR :--- I see in THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER that the Spiritualists are to celebrate the forty-eighth anniversary of modern Spiritualism in Chicago next Sunday. Some six or me right, the secular press published was a humbug, and that the "Rochester knockings" were not the work of disembodied spirits, but were was a genuine confession, it seems to celebrating an event that has been declared a fraud by one of the principal

actors. I did not take any Spiritual We were permitted to shake hands papers at that time, and consequently book.

tion of memory that at first she was A large music-box was then brought | unable to remember even her own

She sometimes remains in the abpounds, instantly lifted it with a normal condition for days together, slight touch, as though it had been a and the change to her real self takes featherweight, bearing it quickly into | place suddenly, without exciting surprise or dismay, and she forthwith re-

sumes possession of her memory for forms appeared, and walked out into events of her ordinary life, to the exclusion of those which have transpired Mr. Riley's control, gently reassuring | during the abnormal state. During those who were trying to clothe them- the last month or so she appears to have entered on a new phase, for, friends, bidding them watch the after a mental blank of a fortnight's others, and not get excited, but to be duration, she awakened completely oblivious of all that had happened since June, 1895, and she alludes to events that took place just anterior to that date as though they were of

These cases, though rare, are, of like the change called death; so little do we know of the effort they make to manifest their presence by a large number of letters asking do we know of the effort they make to and they have been carefully studied, especially in France, where women

It would take too much space to appear more prone to neurotic manspeak of all the wonderful things ifestations. The hypothesis that finds there witnessed, but I cannot forbear most favor is that the two halves of scarcely paralleled in all the world's to add, that if anyone wants a living the brain do not work in unison in records of inhuman atrocities. It is for to add, that if anyone wants a living the brain do not work in unison; in feast, and a perfect assurance of the other words, that there has been some reality of a life beyond, let him enjoy | interference with the connections which, in the ordinary normal being, everything bears the seal of genuine- make of a wonderfully composite organ like the brain one organic whole. Sometimes one part of the brain, and sometimes the other, takes possession there. Long may Mr. Riley be spared of the field of psychical activity, and, to give these blessed proofs of spirit- as each part works to the exclusion of

the other, we get the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde transformations.

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