# THE GREAT MOHAMMED.

# This Remarkable Personage Viewed as a Medium not enriched thee? Wherefore oppress not the orphan, neither repulse the beggar, but declare the goodness of God."

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I had in my mind a series of lectures

on the founders of the great religions, in which it was intended to show that these great leaders were simply instru-ments of a mighty intelligence which planned and executed its purposes through them. They are all men taken from the ordinary walks of life, and used because sensitive to the waves of inspi-

MOHAMMED HISTORIC.

Of these I select Mohammed as the first, because he belongs to an age of more accurate observation, and is least enveloped in the deceptive clouds of

He is, of all religious leaders, distinctively nistoric; which can he said of none other. Jesus Christ has no historic being outside the New Testament. There is not an authentic sentence, or even word, in the histories of his age concerning him. His birth, brief life and death are enveloped in myths borrowed from old religions, until his existence, even, becomes questionable. Not so the great prophet of the Moslems.

#### CHURCH HISTORY.

The history of Christ begins with that of the churches, and in the fifth century it had to record the rivalry of the bish-ops of Rome, Constantinople and Alexandria, with treason, torturing, poisoning and civil wars. The councils by which they sought to establish the authenticsacred writings and incomprehensible dogmas were packed assem blies presided over by chicanery and

Legions of monks clamored for their before he was converted by the prophet, mystic doctrines, and their ignorant his child beat the dust from his beard as votaries were ever ripe for resort to he placed her in the grave, shed the only carnal weapons in defense of the wildest tears ever wrung from his flerce heart. fantasies of their leaders.

The Christian world had become di-

vided on the nature of God, one side claiming that he was a trinity, the other that he was one. The former retaining the sympathy of ancient Paganism, triumphed, and the Unitarians found no mercy at their hands, and were driven

-gave them shelter. Centuries before, churches had been established there, and Paul visited it. The Histroians established monasteries, and the desert was the refuge of those who sought to

purity their lives by solitude. RELICION OF THE BEDOUINS. sionary hordes, true to his ancient faith. The desert was broad enough for all.

and the solitary hermit, or the monastery brotherhood; the swart, unwashed, ecstatic, visionary, were to the Bedouin, objects of superstitious awe. He gave them the valley or the rocky cavern, while he swept overthe plain a wanderer, restless as the sands beneath his; amels' feet. From the desert of Syria, a desert

of sand extends to the Indian Ocean. occupied by a scant population of Bedouins, fierce, implacable, and intensely superstitious. They have a religion of their own, never amended or reformed; the original faith of the childhood of the race.

They worshiped the sun, moon and stars. In them they saw the manifestatery. The Nestorians were Unitarians he sat alone with Cadijah, he saw the tion of intelligence, and in their regular expelled from the Roman empire by the angel of the voice enter, and was startled sent the heavenly orbs. They were forms of idolatry.

themselves altar-fires burning forever. Here Mohammedanism coalesced with menclature of the desert.

#### RELIEF FROM THE INFINITE.

The mind seeks relief from the infi-nlte in the finite. The intangible delties whose watch-fires gleamed in the terested themselves in the people were assigned a holy place: a temple wherein their images were preserved. The principle which represented the awful mysteries of creation, was a black stone, said to be a meteor which fell from It was an emblem of the mothunder the Arabic name of Al, or Alitta, the queen of heaven, from whose prolific nature all things received birth. It was a remnant of the old phallic worship of Astarte, and as the cross typifles the masculine, and the dome the feminine. Christianity adopted the former and this earlier faith adopted the swelling dome, contracted to a crescent.

The black stone was placed in the

The black stone was placed in the Caaba, or house God. surrounded by three hundred images of men, eagles, three hundred im days of the year, as the year was then divided, the most conspicuous being a statue of Hebal, of red agate, holding In his hand the arrows, symbolic of di-vinution. It was located in the holy city of Mecca, which was midway becity of Mecca, which was midway becity of Mecca, which was midway becircumstances, and the camel-driver tender sympathy a wife can only give.
tween Yerman and Egypt. There in
and wandering merchant could now deShe was the first to say "I believe," and
remote times, the sacred well Zemzem vote himself to the solution of the grand, the voice knowing of the shadow of the was discovered, which, however much religious problems which had worked was drawn from it, always remained like ferment in his mind. He devoted the anguish of his proud heart, rebell-higher congress ruling the destiny of his sins are forgiven."

This encouraged, at the destiny thrust races, history reveals its influence on Thus encouraged, at the congress ruling the destiny of his sins are forgiven." ish waters were sweet as nectar and far out on the desert, especially to the upon him, spoke through him this subtheir abundance awoke his superstition. grotto in Mount Hera, a few miles from lime passage:

No apostrophe was sufficiently inteuse Mecca. It was a lonely spot. Black "By the brightness of the moon that at all, -only the lower stratum. It is No apostrophe was sufficiently intense to express the gratitude of the Arab rocks, torn and rent in awful desolation, for the gift of its precious nectar. The extended on every side, and no sound of which descends, thy God has not for- ington, and equally in the assaiga which city grew around it, in a valley two bird or insect broke the solitude.

out it was the half-way house, where the caravans from the east met those clustering around these, from the west. However exasperated There his soul awoke to the roving class might be, or hot the around him. The stars, shining from war they waged, this valley was sacred the vaulted depths of the sky, the awground, and no hand might molest those ful silence, magnetized his spirit into immensely wealthy from this trade, and shrine.

#### THE TRUCE OF GOD.

Four months in the year all the tribes seven times around, kissed the black stone, and drank of the waters of Zemzem, after which games, like the Olym-pic, of Greece, were celebrated. The poem which gained the prize, beautifully illuminated, was hung up before the door of the Caaba, orations were delivithe clouds which obstruct the spirit,

There was no national government Sheiks ruled over the clans, or families which were independent could make

peace or war, and such regulations as they pleased. Human sacrifice was resorted to, and infanticide was common. Omar, the zealous apostle of Islam, when he remembered how in the days of darkness,

### MOHAMMED.

Such was the Arab, at the advent of Mohammed; such the unpromising soil in which the seeds of one of the most wonderful reforms the world has ever Arabia - a wild, unconquered country overturning their belief, transmitted through unknown centuries, and furnishing them a better. He has been represented as an impostor, a lunatic. a visionary, and epileptic. If so, it were

well the world had more such lunatics. labrication of the Christian writers, who gray hairs. lid not hesitate to exaggerate or invent The Arab remained amidst these mis- if they thereby promoted their cause. The Koran is considered by the ionary hordes, true to his ancient faith. No man in Arabia could trace his line- learned Moslems as being perfect in its

hood he manifested intense eagerness to tions are induced.

understand religious questions, which Mohammed did not understand his at twelve was fully gratified. He actions condition. He doubted the voice

motions care for the welfare of man. merciless persecutions of the dominant by the apparition. The clear sky of the plains, their wan-The clear sky of the plains, their wan-dering life which ever kept the beau-ties of the heavens before them, the guidance of the stars on their nocturnal guidance of the stars on their nocturnal contributed to this supersti-prophet became instilled with a belief The clear sky of the plains, their wan-dering life which ever kept the beau-themselves in the possession of the faith

The Arab gave them names, and as- Christianity. Unitarianism in this spirit would not." tronomy is enriched by the poetic no- more congenial atmosphere grew so rankly that it overshadowed its perse-

Mohammed profited by the lessons he eagerly icarned, as is s' own by the the-ology he taught; and his successors cul-cealed. The camel-driver could not ology he taught; and his successors cul-tivated the Aristotlean philosophy. and lar-away heavens were at too great a while Europe remained in stagnation of distance, and the gods who directly inthe ancient world.

He continued in the caravan trade of Syria, conducting the business of a wealthy widow, Cadijah by name, with such skill and integrity, and charming her taste by his exceptional beauty and heaven. It was an emblem of the moth-er goldess, as the omphalus of white mated through a slave that his suit marble represented the same at Delphi, would be acceptable, and although twice his age, they were married, and until her death, twenty-four years thereafter, he remained true to her trust.

When at the height of his power, years after he had laid her in the tomb, Ayerha, one of the most beautiful women in Arabia, said to him: not old? Did not God give you in me a better wife in her place?"

despised me. She relieved me when I

was poor and persecuted by the world. THE BEGINNING OF PROPHECY. His marriage had placed him in easy his faithful wife cheered him with the

[This lecture has been repeated many times and portions of it published, and is here reported in its perfect form.]

There he sat in the shadow of the night, or walked with restless footsteps soil is rock, the pastures remote, the hills covered with dwarf acacia, vegether dogmas taught by the Christian tation refusing to grow on the thin and World; the unity, the three-in-one God, burning soil. Few places offer less in-ducements for the foundation of a city, death of the son; the virgin mother and the countless less important doctrines

There his soul awoke to the grandeur who sought its protection. It became harmony with nature and inspired him immensely wealthy from this trade, and with the one cardinal idea which clearly from the swarms of pilgrims seeking the shone through the tangled maze of hu man contention, the oneness of God.

#### WAS HE AN IMPOSTOR. By Christian writers it is said that

respected the truce of God, and journeyed to the holy shrine. When they tation set aside in all impartial minds came to the sacred valley, they put on by the history of this great reformer. their palmer weeds, and proceeded to The arguments to vindicate the character the house of God, which they walked ter of Christ are equally applicable to Mohammed, and if success be a guaran tee, the latter must, at least, be acknowledged as an equal, as one-fourth of the human race now bows at the shrine of

ered, songs were sung, and there was and brought it into unison with the de feasting, and then the tribes departed to parted. Fasting and various drugs their stations in the desert. Fasting and various drugs to induce the impressible state, wherein the mind becomes receptive of the thoughts of spirit—intelligences. But communications by such artificial means are unreliable, unless received by a refined organization prepared for their reception and expression.

#### MODE OF LIFE.

Fasting and contemplation produced in Mohammed a highly susceptible state of mind, for which he was prepared by his organization and training. He became clairvoyant and clairaudlent. Like Socrates, he heard a voice and saw shadowy forms. His trance was preceded by depression of spirits. His face became clouded, his extremities cold, and he shook like one with the seen, were sown. He was born A. D. ague. The veins of his face became 565, and to him was assigned the apparamently impossible took of fair and the apparament in the seen of mercy at their hands, and were driven by remorseless persecution to remote tently impossible task of fixing the attention of this wild and restless people, lands, and often he would fall overturning their belief, transmitted to the ground like one intoxicated. Then, as though in torture he uttered

the messages which were written down by his friends, and afterwards collected in the Koran. He speaks of three chan ters during the delivery of which his The story of his ignoble birth was a sufferings were so intense they gave him

#### THE TRANCE.

age to nobler ancestry. His descent from diction, and the crowning excellence of Ishmael may be compared to that of the Arabic tongue. That such a book Christ from David, both being alike could be the utterances of an epileptic, mythical: but it is certain that he or of the victim of hallucination, is be sprang from the Korcish and family of yond credence. They who have investi-Hasham, the hereditary guardians of gated the subject will readily under-the Caaba, or the sacred tribe. the Caaba, or the sacred tribe.

His family was characterized by devothe prophet are those invariably accomtion to God. One of his immediate ancestors he saved from famile by his generously, and another by his valor from the armies of Africa. In his earliest boy-

companied a caravan westward to Boz- which spoke to his soul, and thought at rah, a town south of Damaseus, and was times he was a victim of a delusion. then entertained at a Nestorian monas- He would test the voice, and once when

'Dost thou see aught?" asked she. Then she raised her veil and said: "Dost thou see it now?"

HE COULD NOT BE SILENT.

His friends were greatly alarmed, some declaring him insane, while other said he was possessed by evil genii. rest in the midst of great and crying abuses after his mind had become illuminated. Others had dimly seen the wrong, but were silenced by the breath of popular disfavor. He not only saw the wrong, he pledged his life for its de-The patriarchs of old whispered in his ear, and his tongue would

not remain silent. Popular favor, banishment, torture, death itself were nothing to him. To retain that truth made life more unendurable than the flaming fagot. Supported by invisible powers, as their apostle he became superior to all oppos-ing forces. He was filled with the magnitude of his mission and declared himself the messenger of Gcd, and denounced the idols of the Caaba, infanticide and evils great and small.

As is their custom, the crowd divided. and asked him to degrade himself to a power by the test of miracles. poets composed comic ballads, and when he began to preach the people sang them; the women scoffed and the children threw stones. In this dark hour valley through which he wandered, and the anguish of his proud heart, rebell-

there is life beyond the grave, and it rial, thus saving France from monarchy. will be better for thee than the present life, and thy Lord will give thee a rich and did He not care for thee? Did He not find thee a wanderer in error, and hath He not guided thee to truth? Did He not find thee needy and hath He not enriched thee? Wherefore oppress

Every Arab belonged to some especial family or clan, either by birth or adoption. This was necessary for protection. The patriarch at the head of each family was responsible for the actions of all the statement of the second o its members, and was bound by the most sacred and inviolable ties to protect them. Mohammed belonged to the family of Abu Talib, and although they did not accept his mission, they were bound to protect him.

#### HIS ENEMIES WOULD BUY HIS BLOOD.

He incensed the rabble by crying against their sins, "calling the living fools, and the dead denizens of hell" and they went to Abu Talib and offered the price of blood that they might kill the would-be prophet. Talib unflinchingly refused, but he gently hinted to Moham-med that if he indulged in such language he might withdraw his protection. Then the prophet who had been maintained in that lofty region of ecstacy where the world swims in unsubstantial shadows below, declared his

purpose. Yield? Never! Though the sun came down on his right hand and the moon on his left, would he swerve a hair's breadth from the work assigned him, Wealth and superstition united in the clamor against him.

Mecca, situated in the deserts, was of itself destitute of resources. The old idolatry brough poligrims in a constant stream to the sacred Caaba, and four months in a year the wandering tribes gathered there. This made its citizens opulent. If the initial prophet brought this old religion linto disrepute, where would they gain allivelihood? Why should they destroy belief which gave them wealth, eace and the luxuries of the Orient? It was madness to listen to deput a story of the idea when the near denunciations of the idols when the worshipers of these iddle brought all their

#### THE PATRIARCHS WOULD BUY HIM OFF

The patriarous thought they would bribe him to silence. They went to him and said: "What is it you want, Mohammed? Do you wish for riches? We will make you mich? Do you wish for honor? We will make you ruler of the city." All they asked was that he leave off the little matter of preaching. Mohammed replied by a quotation from the Koran: "Oh, prophet, fear God, and obey not the unbelievers and hypo-

in modern terms, a boycott, lasted three years, causing great suffering in the clan. Yet the influence of e prophet increased, and each clan promised to punish its own members for adhesion to him, and a terrible persecution reigned. When the four months' truce of God came, Mohammed had op-portunity to preach to the whole nation, and he industriously improved it.

#### THE FAMILY FEAST.

In the fourth year of his mission, having converted ten respectable citizens of Mecca, he resolved to boldly announce his prophetic mission. He invited his lan to a feast and addressed them:

"Kinsmen, I offer you, and I alone can offer you, the treasures of this world and the world to come. God has commanded me to call you to his service. Who among you will support my burden? Who among you will be my companion and vizier?"
A unile of scorn went round the festive

board, and there was silence. Then Ali, youth of fourteen, cried: 'Oh, prophet, I am the man! I will

Events proved that Mohammed made no vain boast, and Ali, in after years when Islam fought for and almost gained the supremacy of the world, gained the title of the Lion of God.

Mohammed had gained a few devoted disciples, but the hoary structure of idolatry had not been shaken. Yet he did not falter, nor suppress the voice he "Glad tidings to thee, O Mohammed," did not falter, nor suppress the voice he exclaimed she, "it is an angel, for he respects my unveiled face—an evil felt assured was divine. A great trial felt assured was divine. A great trial felt assured was divine. A great trial felt assured was divine. hs a second voice, passed to the land of shadows; and while oppressed with this great grief, Talib, his protector, also

#### HIS DEATH RESOLVED.

He was no longer safe, and his preser vation, constantly surrounded by ene-mies exasperated by his stinging, sacriegious words, is a remarkable illustration of the power of tustom, the unwrit ten law of the community.

It was determined that each tribe should sheath a sword in his body that

the guilt might be common, and thus the vengeance of the family avoided. An angel came to the prophet and revealed the danger, and with Abubeker he fled to the cave of Thor, a league from the city. His enember came in their search o the mouth of the cave, but as a spider had spun its web over the entrance and a pigeon had built her nest by its side, hey were convinced that it was deserted and withdrew. "We are only two," despondingly said

Abubeker. "There is a third," replied Moham "There le athird-it is God himmed.

elf."
An historian has said a thrust of a An historian has said a thrust of a lance at that time might have changed the destiny of the world. It might, but it was not made. Destiny is not thus diverted. They who are chosen to lead never meet the lances of chance. They possess charmed lives, and the dagger to his followers, "is the key to heaven and this codon of blood ends in the of the assassin, the shock of armies, the

Call this power providence or the every page, or its absence in those barrises, and by the darkness of the night seen in the protection shielding Wash-

### THE HEGIRA.

The people of Medina had conquere a tribe of Jews, who were constantly prophesying of the coming of a Messiah who would deliver them from bondage. It was their time-old story, in Egypt, in Babylon, in Jerusalem, a moan for a redeemer never to come. But their expectations had great influence on their conquerors. The Arab stood in dread of the fearful, magical book of the Jews, and believed it opened the future to their gaze. Hence when they heard the wonderful stories of Mohammed, they thought he must be the Messiah they resolved to outwit the Jews and make him their own. They sent a delegation to invite him. At the hour of midnight, in a dark ravine near Mecca. a solemn conference was held with Mohammed and his kinsmen, and the delegates promised to receive him as a brother, and obey him as a leader, and defend him to the last extremity. Joining his new friends, he lost protection of his family, and his enemies pursued him to the gates of Medina.

#### WHAT WERE HIS TEACHINGS?

Thus far Mohammed taught love for man and loyalty to God, and what has been called his intense egotism was only an appreciation of his mission. He despised carnal weapons, and teaching humility and charity he hurled withering invectives against his op-posers. His virtue was above reproach. He never frequented the wine-shops or looked on the amusements of the vulgar.

He was fond of children, visited the sick, was gentle, humble and kind. He always waited on himself, mended his own garments, milked his own goats, and never struck anybody in his life. When asked to give a curse he said: "I have not been sent to curse, but to be a mercy to mankind."

Once when unkind to a beggar, a verse of the Koran reproached him. "Use no violence in religion." He disdained the life of a hermit, yet imitated the sim-plicity of that life. He never tasted wine, and his hunger was appeased with a scanty allowance of barley bread, with milk and honey on rare occasions. His ordinary diet was dates and water.

It must be admitted that the character of Mohammed underwent a great change after the hegira. The persecuted reformer, begging a hearing for the inspirations given him in the solitude of the cave and desert, was recovered with the cave and desert, ceived with open arms by the people of Medina. His scattered disciples gathered under his standard, and he hecame a chieftain able to enforce his doctrines. Yet he maintained an austere simplicity. When he preached he leaned against a palm tree, not indulging himself in the luxury of a chair or pulpit.

The embassador from Mecca was as-Failing in this, they entered into a covenant neither to buy nor sell, eat nor drink with the house of Talib. This was like excommunication by the pope, or, in modern terms, a boycott, which hammed among his companions."

#### THE VOICE CHANGES. To the devotees his word was infalli-

ble law, and they saw glory only under his banner. The world cast its shadow over the crystal revelations of the early day. The voice lost its certainty with the passing of the conditions on which its certainty depended. It had revealed moral truths and maxims for the conduct of life. Its purity of diction has been the wonder of posterity, and when compared with the surrounding darkness, proves its supernal origin. It is not the voice of an insane or deceiving camel-driver, but of wisdom, that has for thirteen centuries furnished the bread of spiritual life to hundreds of millions, and is now accepted as the ultimate source of truth by a greater number than accept Christianity.

The prophet, at the head of an army, did not await the prompting voice—only by glimpses could the light pierce the clouds which began to envelop his spiritual nature. The sensitive, the prophet, became lost in the statesman and general. The voice comes from another source, and utters manifestos and legal regulations in a stilted, inflated style, in startling contrast with its early purity. He was not a hypocrite. He was consistent throughout his entire life; more so, perhaps, than any other

The character of apostle and general are the antipodes of each other. One in-

augurates a reform, the other executes, and usually ages intervene between the two. Christ taught, Constantine enforced. Mohammed combined characters. He lived two lives: that of the apostle before the hegira, when he laid the foundations of his religion, and after the hegira, that of the statesman and general who enforced his doctrines. Experience had taught him the impracticability of overthrowing the old idolatry by persuasion, and as force was now placed in his hands, he saw a wise dispensation of providence and command to use it. He conscientiously believed in his revelations, and believing, every means of spreading its light was lawful He had preached and persuaded many weary years the idolators of the Caaba and failed, and now God had given him power to overthrow idolatry and for its revolting rites substitute the true faith. Yet his career, terrible as it has been drawn by the hand of religious hate, is not comparable with the bloody record of the Hebrews. He always gave the option of friendship or battle.

If his enemies accepted the faith of Islam, they became his brethren, with and a tribute acknowledging dependence usually guaranteed his unbelieving sub-

and hell: a drop of blood shed in the fatalities of nature, are guarded against cause of God, a night spent in arms, is until their work is done. ing and prayer; whose falls in battle

Thus encouraged, and assured by the stern doctrine of fate, constantly rethrew themselves into the face of death with unshrinking fury. If destined to which descends, thy God has not forington, and equally in the assaiga which
saken thee, Mohammed. For know that thrust out the like of the Prince Impe-

### the appointed time. Their belief made

#### CONQUEST OF MECCA.

The prophet, receiving the divine command that the hour had come, led nis army to the conquest of Mecca, which by diplomacy he gained without shedding the blood of a single citizen. The idols of the Caaba were destroyed, except the black-stone, the temple purified and a perpetual law enacted against any unbeliever setting foot on

the sacred ground of the city. With equal success he met and overcame the attacks of the combined pagan tribes, but with severe conflict. To their embassador, who said: "Grant us, O, Prophet of God, a truce of three years," he replied, "Not a month, nor an hour."

"Excuse us, at least, from the obligations of prayer," pleaded the messenger. "Without prayer, religion is of no avail," was the brief answer. The cry of the army was an echo of Abdalla's at the battle of Mutas: "Ad-

vance with confidence; either victory or paradise is ours." Mohammed in the pulpit described in glowing colors the glory of those who died in defense of the faith, but in private the tenderness of his heart was shown by his answer when surprised, weeping over his fallen commander: 'What do I see?" asked an astonished

#### votary. "You see a friend who is deploring the loss of his most faithful friend."

HIS RELIGION. The morality of the Koran and the reigion founded thereon may not be perfect, but it was as perfect as the race and time of Mohammed would allow. It was the highest and best for his people, as he was the blossom of its prophetic spirit. Numerous prophets came after him, but weak as the firefly's light to that of the sun, compared with him. He had no master, no council, no support but the Voice which inspired him.

#### HIS LAST PILGRIMAGE.

Until 63 years of age he was equal to the demands of his great mission. His health began to decline, and at the end of four years, conscious that his days were numbered, he made his last pil-grimage to Mecca, which was replete with mournful interest. He set out from Medina with 140,000 dervishes, with camels garlanded with flowers and decked with flying streamers. When he approached the Holy City, the scene of his early domestic peace and where he first heard the Voice which had exalted him to the supremacy, he uttered a solemn prayer:
. "Here am 1 in thy service, O, God!

Thou hast no companion! To thee alone belongeth worship. Thine alone is the kingdom. There is none to share it

with thee. After offering with his own hands the camel of sacrifice, he ascended the pulpit of the Caaba and reiterated: O, my hearers, I am only a man like

yourselves, of what dost thou stand in awe? I am no king; I am nothing but the son of an Arab woman, who ate flesh dried in the sun."

On his return to Medina he gave his

farewell to his people. "Everything happens according to the will of God," he said, "and hath its appointed time, which can neither be hastened nor avoided. I return to him who sent me, and my last command to you is that ye love, honor and uphold each other; that we exhort each other to faith and constancy in belief, and to the performance of pious deeds. My life has been for your good and so will

#### HIS DEATH.

His calm contemplation of the approach of death proves of itself the hon-esty of belief and noble faith of the Great Prophet.

"If there be anyone whom I have unjustly scourged, I submit my own back to the lash of retaliation. Have I aspersed the reputation of a Moslem? Let him proclaim my fault in the face of the congregation. Has anyone been despoiled of his goods? The little I have hall compensate the principal and interest of the debt."

A voice called, "I am entitled to three rams of silver."

He thanked his creditor for accusing him in this world rather than in the next. He enfranchised his slaves, gave orders for his funeral, and moderated the grief of his friends, on whom he bestowed the benediction of peace. the last he maintained the dignity of an apostle and a serene faith. As he grew weaker, he gazed at the heavens and said in broken accents: "O, God-forgive my sins-be it so-I come.

His zealous followers would not believe the evidence of their senses: "How can he be dead-our witness, our intercessor.' Abubeker calmly said to the distract-

d people:
"Is it Mohammed, or the God of Mohammed, you worship? The God of Mohammed liveth forever, but the apostle was a mortal like ourselves, and according to his own predictions has experienced the common fate of mortal-

The humble tomb of the prophet is at Medina, and millions of pilgrims visit it as a shrine of equal holiness with the

Thus departed this wonderful spirit. Nay, not departed! His intangible presence has guided the destiny of four hundred millions of people, and the words of wisdom spoken by the Voice has been their bread of spiritual life. The great world-force he was the exponent of is still active; still extending tself along its borders, conquering new dominions—in Africa, in the northern steppes of Asia, in the islands of the sea

'Allah il Allah; there is but one God and Mohammed is the Prophet of God. A victory is twice itself when the

strive to prevent them; but whenever

and the savage peoples, as they cast away their fetishes and idols, cry aloud,

chiever brings home full numbers .-Shakspeare. Call him wise whose actions, words and steps are all a clear because to a clear why.—Lavater.

Foresee misfortunes, that thou mayest

# GIVES HIS OPINION.

Which He Has a Perfect Right to Do,

#### That Only Etherealizations Are Possible.

TO THE EDITOR:-Some very large projectiles of war having displayed their reliability and effectiveness in penetrating the armor-plate of materialization, I deem it not out of place to take one more additional shot, and if I burn a little powder of common-sense and the missile strikes the mass of corruption, I hope the penetrability will be the means of dislodging some more of the stones that have built a wall around the sanity of a great many Spiritualists. It is beyond a doubt that more money is spent, and wasted to witness this fraud than it takes to support all the Spiritual societies we have. This so-called phenomenon is the cudgel that is making our knowledge of spiritual communion encounter so many protests from people who wish to enter our ranks, but refrain from taking the step when so much exposition is made of this supposed phase

of mediumship.

There is only one condition necessary which the medium demands, and then you can see your dead brother or sisteror your mother-in law in their graveclothes. If you have a dollar you simply give it to the "go between," and the condition is complete.

I am going to make a sweeping asser-tion, and I do not care who it may disturb; it is this: There is not one medium who practices in this line that does not have paraphernalia or a confederate, and some have both. You will often read where the medium was thoroughly searched and dressed in a suit of black, and then comes the press account of the occurrence, and the document has the signatures of influential names. In their hurry to search the medium, they did not remember to search themselves; if they had done so, they would have discovered that some one had a second-hand clothing store concealed. The desire to make money is so great that this class of people never leave a stone unturned to gain their point, and darkness

assists very materially in the scheme.

Spiritualists, if you wish to see greater strides in the march of "our child," do called materialization, but let its footwear be made common sense!

The more rapidly we go to work to clear the rubbish and accept ethereali-

zation as a fact (and that phase cannot be produced nightly by the same medium) the sooner you will see fruitful esults. It has got to come, and the purification will make our belief so much rincution will make our belief so much more heavenly. I have been a student in psychic science for twenty years, and it has made my life much happier and better. My aim is to purify all paths that lead to spirituality, and I cannot walk uninterruptedly in that road until I do my part to cut down the weeds of fraud that are growing luxuriantly in these material realms. In my rambles, if I have found many errors on the golden tablet, "Truth," I have always tried to be charitable, but I have always made known my grievances, forcibly if necessary. I have such an aversion to rascality that, where I find the seeds sown, I try to produce an unfertile con-dition and nip the germ in its embryonic state. I have been uniting all my efforts to free Spiritualism from this

monument of imposition, and I think it behooves all Spiritualists to do their best and aid in the work. The author who wrote "The Vampires. of Onset" knew his business, and the scenes at Onset one summer ago are. forerunners of what has got to come, and the sooner more disinfecting fluid is. turned on the disease the sooner the recuperation of honest ideas will supplant those destroyed. Now if this argument. is more thoroughly discussed the finer sensibilities will be aroused and the Spir-

itualists who have allowed themselves.

to be hypnotized will have the spell sub-

#### ject to annihilation. ROBT. WHITE, JR. IN MEMORIAM.

[Lines written for the Lincoln Anniersary, held in Hiawatha Hall, Boston, February 9, 1896.1 Oh, thou ascended martyr-saint! we've-

gathered here to-day Our tribute to thy life of love and honesty to pay; For fiendish malice never found a dwell-

ing-place in thee,
Who threw o'er friend and foe alike
the cloak of charity. Oh! there are names to us so dear, em-

balmed in verse and story, But Lincoln's name shines grandly out, with a distinctive glory,
And all who love sweet freedom's name.

and prize emancipation Must also love the man who framed the wondrous proclamation Which gave the oppressed and lonely slave the boon of liberty,
And made the vaulted heavens ring

with anthems of the free! And ever down from age to age his influence descending, Will lighten up a weary world with

love's own mystic blending. The assassin's bullet could not kall the spirit free, immortal-But sent it winging on its way, beyond

death's gloomy portal! And so we have our Lincoln still-the. veil is thin between Us and the one who mingles not in any

earthly scene,
Yet who in spirit hovers near; and now
I hear him say,
"My blessing dwell with those who've met to celebrate this day; With love and charity I come, greater than when on earth, For so-called death is but, to me, a new

and higher birth:
And freedom in its highest sense is to the spirit given, To love and work for all the world, and this will make our heaven!" MRS. A. E. SHERMAN.

The useful and the beautiful are never separated .- Periander.

Progress, the Universal Law of Nature: Thought, the Solvent of Her Problems.

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# THE GREAT MOHAMMED.

### This Remarkable Personage Viewed as a Medium

### BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

times and portions of it published, and is here reported in its perfect form.]

I had in my mind a series of lectures on the founders of the great religions, in which it was intended to show that these great leaders were simply instruments of a mighty intelligence which planned and executed its purposes through them. They are all men taken from the ordinary walks of life, and used because sensitive to the waves of inspi-

#### MOHAMMED HISTORIC.

Of these I select Mohammed as the first, because he belongs to an age of shrine. more accurate observation, and is least enveloped in the deceptive clouds of

He is, of all religious leaders, distinct-ively historic; which can be said of none Jesus Christ has no historic being outside the New Testament. There is not an authentic sentence, or even word, in the histories of his age concerning him. His birth, brief life and death are enveloped in myths borrowed from old religions, until his existence, even, becomes questionable. Not so the great prophet of the Moslems.

#### CHURCH HISTORY.

ops of Rome, Constantinople and Alexanthey sought to establish the authentic- they pleased. ity of the sacred writings and incompre-

Legions of monks clamored for their mystic doctrines, and their ignorant votaries were ever ripe for resort to carnal weapons in defense of the wildest tears ever wrung from his flerce heart. fantasies of their leaders.

The Christian world had become divided on the nature of God, one side claiming that he was a trinity, the other that he was one. The former retaining

Arabia-a wild, unconquered country -gave them shelter. Centuries before, churches had been established there, and Paul visited it. The Histrolans established monasteries, and the desert was the refuge of those who sought to purity their lives by solitude.

RELIGION OF THE BEDOUINS.

The desert was broad enough for all, and the solitary hermit, or the monascamels' feet.
From the descrit of Syria, a descrit

of sand extends to the Indian Ocean. occupied by a scant population of Bedouins, flerce, implacable, and intensely superstitious. They have a religion of the original faith of the childhood of They worshiped the sun, moon and

stars. In them they saw the manifestamotions care for the welfare of man. merciless persecutions of the dominant The clear sky of the plains, their wan. Trinitarian Christians. They prided dering life which ever kept the beau-ties of the heavens before them, the guidance of the stars on their uocturnal marches, contributed to this supersti-tion. No idols were required to represent the heavenly orbs. They were themselves altar-fires burning forever. The Arab gave them names, and astronomy is enriched by the poetic nomenclature of the desert. RELIEF FROM THE INFINITE.

### The mind seeks relief from the infi-

lar-away heavens were at too great a assigned a holy place: a temple wherewere preserved. The principle which represented the awful mysteries of creation, was a black stone, said to be a meteor which fell from heaven. It was an emblem of the mothunder the Arabic name of Al, or Alitta, the queen of heaven, from whose pronature all things received birth It was a remnant of the old phallic worship of Astarte, and as the cross typifies the masculine, and the dome the feminine, Christianity adopted the former and this earlier faith adopted the swelling dome, contracted to a crescent.

The black stone was placed in the Caaba, or house God: surrounded by three hundred images of men, eagles, lions and antelopes representing the days of the year, as the year was then divided, the most conspicuous being a statue of Hebal, of red agate, holding in his hand the arrows, symbolic of divination. It was located in the holy was discovered, which, however much

THE TRUCE OF GOD.

Four months in the year all the tribes zem, after which games, like the Olymplc, of Greece, were celebrated. The
poem which gained the prize, beautifully illuminated, was hung up before the
door of the Caaba, orations were delivthe clouds which obstruct the spirit,

hensible dogmas were packed asseminfanticide was common. Omar, the blies presided over by chicanery and zealous apostle of Islam, when he remembered how in the days of darkness before he was converted by the prophet, his child beat the dust from his beard as he placed her in the grave, shed the only

Such was the Arab, at the advent of Mohammed; such the unpromising soil overturning their belief, transmitted to the ground like one intoxicated. through unknown centuries, and furnishing them a better. He has been represented as an impostor, a lunatic, a visionary, and epileptic. If so, it were well the world had more such lunatics.

fabrication of the Christian writers, who gray hairs, did not hesitate to exaggerate or invent The Arab remained amidst these mis- if they thereby promoted their cause. The Koran is considered by the sionary hordes, true to his ancient faith. No man in Arabia could trace his line- learned Moslems as being perfect in its

armies of Africa. In his earliest boy the vital forces so disturbed that contorhood he manifested intense eagerness to
tions are induced.

Mohammed did not understand his
understand religious questions, which their own, never amended or reformed; at twelve was fully gratified. He ac-own condition. He doubted the voice tion of intelligence, and in their regular expeiled from the Roman empire by the angel of the voice enter, and was startled themselves in the possession of the faith and the purity of their Aristotlean philosophy. Then the mind of the young prophet became instilled with a belie in the unity of God, and hatied for all |

Mohammed profited by the lessons he eagerly learned, as is s' own by the thenite in the finite. The intangible delology he taught; and his successors culties whose watch-fires gleamed in the tivated the Aristotlean philosophy. and while Europe remained in stagnation of

Syria, conducting the business of a wealthy widow, Cadijah by name, with such skill and integrity, and charming her taste by his exceptional beauty and er goddess, as the omphalus of white mated through a slave that his suit marble represented the same at Delphi, inated through a slave that his suit would be acceptable, and aithough twice his age, they were married, and until her death, twenty-four years thereafter, he remained true to her trust,

When at the height of his power years after he had laid her in the Ayerha, one of the most beautiful wonot old? Did not God give you in me a better wife in her place? Mohammed in a passionate burst of gratitude, exclaimed:

"No, by Allah! There never can be a better. She believed in me when men despised me. She relieved me when I was poor and persecuted by the world.' THE BEGINNING OF PROPHECY.

His marriage had placed him in easy circumstances, and the camel-driver city of Mecca, which was midway be circumstances, and the camel-driver tender sympathy a wife can only give tween Yerman and Egypt. There in and wandering merchant could now de- She was the first to say "I believe," and remote times, the sacred well Zemzem vote himself to the solution of the grand religious problems which had worked valley through which he wandered, and was drawn from it, always remained like ferment in his mind. He devoted full. To the famished traveler its brack- day and night to meditation, wandering ish waters were sweet as nectar and far out on the desert, especially to the their abundance awoke his superstition. grotto in Mount Hera, a few miles from No apostrophe was sufficiently intense Mecca. It was a lonely spot. Black to express the gratitude of the Arab rocks, torn and rent in awful desolation, for the gift of its precious nectar. The extended on every side, and no sound of city grew around it, in a valley two bird or insect broke the solitude.

[This lecture has been repeated many | miles in length and one in breadth at | There he sat in the shadow of the the foot of three barren mountains. The night, or walked with restless footsteps soil is rock, the pastures remote, the hills covered with dwarf acacia, vegetation refusing to grow on the thin and burning soil. Few places offer less inthe scheme of salvation through the ducements for the foundation of a city, death of the son; the virgin mother and but it was the half-way house, where the countless less important doctrines the caravans from the east met those clustering around these.

from the west. However exasperated There his soul awoke to the grandeur the roving clans might be, or hot the around him. The stars, shining from war they waged, this valley was sacred the vaulted depths of the sky, the awground, and no hand might molest those ful silence. magnetized his spirit into who sought its protection. It became harmony with nature and inspired him immensely wealthy from this trade, and with the one cardinal idea which clearly from the swarms of pilgrims seeking the shone through the tangled maze of hu man contention, the oneness of God. WAS HE AN IMPOSTOR.

By Christian writers it is said that respected the truce of God, and jour-neyed to the holy shrine. When they tation set aside in all impartial minds came to the sacred valley, they put on by the history of this great reformer, their palmer weeds, and proceeded to The arguments to vindicate the characthe house of God, which they walked ter of Christ are equally applicable to seven times around, kissed the black Mohammed, and if success be a guaranstone, and drank of the waters of Zem- tee, the latter must, at least, be acknowl-

ered, songs were sung, and there was and brought it into unison with the de The history of Christ begins with that feasting, and then the tribes departed to parted. Fasting and various drugs of the churches, and in the fifth century their stations in the desert. It had to record the rivalry of the bish-There was no national government, to induce the impressible state, wherein Sheiks ruled over the clans, or families the mind becomes receptive of the dria, with treason, torturing, poisoning which were independent could make thoughts of spirit—intelligences. But and civil wars. The councils by which peace or war, and such regulations as peace or war, and such regulations as communications by such artificial means are unreliable, unless received by a re-Human sacrifice was resorted to, and fined organization prepared for their re

#### MODE OF LIFE,

Fasting and contemplation produced in Mohammed a highly susceptible state of mind, for which he was prepared by his organization and training. He became clairvoyant and clairaudient. Like Socrates, he heard a voice and saw shadowy forms. His trance was preceded by depression of spirits. His in which the seeds of one of the most face became clouded, his extremities that he was one. The former retaining the seens of one of the most world has ever cold, and he shook like one with the umphed, and the Unitarians found no mercy at their hands, and were driven by remorseless persecution to remote lands.

Then, as though in torture he uttered the messages which were written down by his friends, and afterwards collected in the Koran. He speaks of three chapters during the delivery of which his The story of his ignoble birth was a sufferings were so intense they gave him

### THE TRANCE.

The Koran is considered by the age to nobler ancestry. His descent from 'diction, and the crowning excellence of Ishmael may be compared to that of the Arabic tongue. That such a book tery brotherhood; the swart, unwashed, Christ from David, both being alike could be the utterances of an epileptic ecstatic, visionary, were to the Bedouin, mythical: but it is certain that he or of the victim of hallucination, is be ecstatic, visionary, were to the Bedouin, objects of superstitious awe. He gave sprang from the Korcish and family of them the valley or the rocky cavern, while he swept overthe plain; a wan-the Caaba, or the sacred tribe.

His family was characterized by devoderer, restless as the sands beneath his derer, restless as the sands beneath his derer. tors he saved from famine by his gener-the brain, which becomes congested osity, and another by his valor from the while the extremities become cold and

companied a caravan westward to Boz- which spoke to his soul, and thought at rah, a town south of Damascus, and was times he was a victim of a delusion then entertained at a Nestorian monas- He would test the voice, and once when tery. The Nestorians were Unitarians he sat alone with Cadijah, he saw the by the apparition.

"Dost thou see aught?" asked she. "I do." he replied. Then she raised her veil and said: "Dost thou see it now?"
"I do not."

"Glad tidings to thee, O Mohammed. forms of idolatry.

Here Mohammedanism coalesced with
Christianity. Unitarianism in this
more congenial atmosphere grew so

HE COULD NOT BE SILENT.

His friends were greatly alarmed, some declaring him insane, while others said he was possessed by evil genii. Truth has this quality, it cannot be con-The camel-driver could not rest in the midst of great and crying abuses after his mind had become ildistance, and the gods who directly inthought they alone carried the light of luminated. Others had dimly seen the He continued in the caravan trade of wrong, but were silenced by the breath of popular disfavor. He not only saw

> pered in his ear, and his tongue would not remain silent. Popular favor, banishment, torture. death itself were nothing to him. To retain that truth made life more unendurable than the flaming fagot. Supported by invisible powers, as their apostle he became superior to all oppos-ing forces. He was filled with the magnitude of his mission and declared himself the messenger of Gcd, and denounced the idols of the Caaba, infanti-

> the wrong, he pledged his life for its de-struction. The patriarchs of old whis-

struction.

As is their custom. the crowd divided, and asked him to degrade himself to a simple wonder-worker, and show his power by the test of miracles, poets composed comic ballads, and when them; the women scoffed and the children threw stones. In this dark hour his faithful wife cheered him with the the voice knowing of the shadow of the the anguish of his proud heart, rebellious against the strange destiny thrust upon him, spoke through him this sub-

cide and evils great and small.

lime passage:
"By the brightness of the moon that

there is life beyond the grave, and it rial, thus saving France from monarchy. will be better for thee than the present life, and thy Lord will give thee a rich reward. Did He not find thee an orphan and did He not care for thee? Did He hath He not guided thee to truth? Did He not find thee needy, and hath He not enriched thee? Wherefore oppress not the orphan, neither repulse the beggar, but declare the goodness of God." Every Arab belonged to some especial family or clan, either by birth or adoption. This was necessary for protection. The patriarch at the head of each family was responsible for the actions of all its members, and was bound by the most sacred and inviolable ties to protect Mohammed belonged to the family of Abu Talib, and although they did not accept his mission, they were bound to protect him.

HIS ENEMIES WOULD BUY HIS BLOOD. He incensed the rabble by crying against their sins, "calling the living fools, and the dead denizens of hell" and they went to Abu Talib and offered the price of blood that they might kill the would-be prophet. Talib unflinchingly

refused, but he gently hinted to Moham med that if he indulged in such language he might withdraw his protec-tion. Then the prophet who had been maintained in that lofty region of ecstacy where the world swims in unsub stantial shadows below, declared his Yield? Never! Though the sun came

down on his right hand and the moon on his left, would he swerve a hair's breadth from the work assigned him. Wealth and superstition united in the clamor

stream to the sacred Caaba, and four months in a year the wandering tribes gathered there. This made its citizens Once when unkind to the control of the con opulent. If the income prophet brought this old religion (into disrepute, where would they gain alivelihood? should they destroy belief which gave them wealth, ence and the luxuries of the Orient? It was unadness to listen to denunciations of the idols when the worshipers of these idels brought all their

THE PATRIARCHS WOULD BUY HIM OFF The patriarchi thought they would bribe him to silence. They went to him and said: "What is it you want, Mo-hammed? Do you wish for riches? We will make you nich?" Do you wish for

honor? We will make you ruler of the city," All they asked was that he leave off the little matter of preaching. Mohammed replied by a quotation from the Koran: "Oh, prophet, fear God, and obey not the unbelievers and hypo-

Failing in this, they entered into a covenant neither to buy nor sell, eat nor drink with the house of Talib. This was like excommentation by the cone, or Casar's of Rome, but never did I belke excommunication by the pope. in modern terms, a boycott, which lasted three years, causing great suffer-ing in the clan. Yet the influence of the prophet increased, and each clan promised to punish its own members for tion reigned. When the four months' truce of God came, Mohammed had opportunity to preach to the whole nation, and he industriously improved it.

### THE FAMILY FEAST.

In the fourth year of his mission, having converted ten respectable citizens of Mecca, he resolved to boldly announce his prophetic mission. He invited his clan to a feast and addressed them:

"Kinsmen, I offer you, and I alone can offer you, the treasures of this world and the world to come. God has commanded me to call you to his service. Who among you will support my burden? Who among you will be my companion and vizier?"
A smile of scorn went round the festive

board, and there was silence. Then Ali a youth of fourteen, cried: 'Oh, prophet, I am the man! I will be thy vizier!"

Events proved that Mohammed made no vain boast, and Ali, in after years when Islam fought for and almost gained the supremacy of the world, gained the

Mohammed had gained a few devoted disciples, but the hoary structure of idolatry had not been shaken. Yet he did not falter, nor suppress the voice he felt assured was divine. A great trial fell to his lot. Cadijah, who had been as a second voice, passed to the land of shadows; and while oppressed with this great grief, Talib, his protector, also

#### HIS DEATH RESOLVED. He was no longer safe, and his preser-

vation, constantly surrounded by ene-mies exasperated by his stinging, sacrilegious words, is a remarkable illustra tion of the power of custom, the unwritten law of the community.

It was determined that each tribe

should sheath a sworld in his body that

the guilt might be common, and thus the vengeance of the family avoided. An angel came to the prophet and revealed the danger, and with Abubeker he fled to the cave of Thou. League from the city. His enemies came in their search to the mouth of the cave, but as a spider had spun its web over the entrance and a pigeon had built, her nest by its side, they were convinced that it was de

serted and withdraw.
"We are only two," despondingly said Abubeker.
"There is a third," replied Mohammed. "There is a third," replied Mohammed. "There is a third—it is God him-

elf."
An historian has said a thrust of a lance at that time might have changed the destiny of the world. It might, but it was not made. Destiny is not thus diverted. They who are chosen to lead never meet the lances of chance. They possess charmed lives, and the dagger f the assassin, the shock of armies, the fatalities of nature, are guarded against until their work is done.

Call this power providence or the higher congress ruling the destiny of races, history reveals its influence every page, or its absence in those barren periods where mankind touched, at all, only the lower stratum. It is rises, and by the darkness of the night seen in the protection shielding Washwhich descends, thy God has not for-ington, and equally in the assaiga which saken thee, Mohammed. For know that thrust out the life of the Prince Impe-

### THE HECIRA.

a tribe of Jews, who were constantly prophesying of the coming of a Messiah who would deliver them from bondage. It was their time-old story, in Egypt, in Babylon, in Jerusalem, a moan for deemer never to come. But their expectations had great influence on their conquerors. The Arab stood in dread of the fearful, magical book of the Jews, and believed it opened the future to their gaze. Hence when they heard the wonderful stories of Mohammed, they thought he must be the Messiah; they resolved to outwit the Jews and make him their own. They sent a delegation to invite him. At the hour of midnight, in a dark ravine near Mecca, a solemn conference was held with Mohammed and his kinsmen, and the delegates promised to receive him as a brother, and obey him as a leader, and defend him to the last extremity. Joining his new friends, he lost protection of his family, and his enemies pursued him to the gates of Medina.

#### WHAT WERE HIS TEACHINGS 2

Thus far Mohammed taught love for man and loyalty to God, and what has been called his intense egotism was only an appreciation of his mission.

He despised carnal weapons, and teaching humility and charity he hurled withering invectives against his opposers. His virtue was above reproach He never frequented the wine-shops of looked on the amusements of the vulgar. He was fond of children, visited the sick, was gentle, humble and kind. He itself destitute of resources. The old idolatry brought pligrims in a constant stream to the same of Chaba and Chaba and constant stream to the same of Chaba and constant stream to the same of Chaba and Chaba and constant stream to the same of Chaba and Ch

violence in religion." He disdained the life of a hermit, yet imitated the sim-plicity of that life. He never tasted

cuted reformer, begging a hearing for the inspirations given him in the soli-tude of the cave and desert, was received with open arms by the people of Moding. His scattered disciples gathered under his standard, and he became a chieftain able to enforce his doctrines. Yet he maintained an austere simplicity. When he preached he leaned against a palm tree, not indulging himself in the luxury of a chair or pulpit.

tonished by the respect and reverence hold a king among his subjects like Mohammed among his companions."

#### THE VOICE CHANGES.

over the crystal revelations of the early

augurates a reform, the other executes, and usually ages intervene between the two. Christ taught, Constantine enforced. Mohammed combined both characters. He lived two lives: that of the apostle before the hegira, when he laid the foundations of his religion, and after the hegira, that of the statesman and general who enforced his doctrines. Experience had taught him the impracticability of overthrowing the old idola try by persuasion, and as force was now placed in his hands, he saw a wise dispensation of providence and command to use it. He conscientiously believed in his revelations, and believing, every means of spreading its light was lawful He had preached and persuaded many weary years the idolators of the Caaba and failed, and now God had given him power to overthrow idolatry and for its revolting rites substitute the true faith. Yet his career, terrible as it has been not comparable with the bloody record of the Hebrews. He always gave the option of friendship or battle.

If his enemies accepted the faith of

Islam, they became his brethren, with all the rites of the primitive disciples and a tribute acknowledging dependence usually guaranteed his unbelieving sub-

and achieved fifty enterprises of war, and thus prepared his army for the con quest of Arabia. "The sword," said he, to his followers, "is the key to heaven and hell; a drop of blood shed in the cause of God, a night spent in arms, is of more avail than two months of fast ing and prayer; whose falls in battle

with unshrinking fury. If destined to strive to prevent them; but whenever them, and if not, they could not escape nimity.—Zoroaster.

The people of Medina had conquered

Once when unkind to a beggar, a verse of the Koran reproached him. "Use no

wine, and his hunger was appeased with a scanty allowance of barley bread, with milk and honey on rare occasions. His ordinary diet was dates and water. It must be admitted that the character of Mohammed underwent a great change after the hegira. The perse-

The embassador from Mecca was as-

### To the devotees his word was infalli-

ble law, and they saw glory only under his banner. The world cast its shadow day. The voice lost its certainty with the passing of the conditions on which its certainty depended. It had revealed moral truths and maxims for the conduct of life. Its purity of diction has been the wonder of posterity, and when compared with the surrounding dark ness, proves its supernal origin. It is not the voice of an insane or deceiving camel-driver, but of wisdom, that has for thirteen centuries furnished the bread of spiritual life to hundreds of millions, and is now accepted as the ultimate source of truth by a greater number than accept Christianity.

The prophet, at the head of an army,

did not await the prompting voiceonly by glimpses could the light pierce the clouds which began to envelop his spiritual nature. The sensitive, the prophet, became lost in the statesman and general. The voice comes from another source, and utters manifestos and legal regulations in a stilted, inflated style, in startling contrast with its early purity. He was not a hypocrite. He was consistent throughout his entire life; more so, perhaps, than any other example afforded by history. The character of apostle and general are the antipodes of each other. One in-

jects religious toleration.
In ten years he fought nine battles

nis sins are forgiven." Thus encouraged, and assured by the

tern doctrine of fate, constantly neated in the Koran, the zealous hosts threw themselves into the face of death

### the appointed time. Their belief made

CONQUEST OF MECCA. The prophet, receiving the divine command that the hour had come, led his army to the conquest of Mecca, which by diplomacy he gained without shedding the blood of a single citizen. The idols of the Caaba were destroyed, except the black-stone, the temple purified, and a perpetual law enacted against any unbeliever setting foot on

With equal success he met and over-came the attacks of the combined pagan tribes, but with severe conflict their embassador, who said: "Grant us, O, Prophet of God, a truce of three years," he replied, "Not a month, nor an hour."

"Excuse us, at least, from the obligations of prayer," pleaded the messenger.
"Without prayer, religion is of no

avail," was the brief answer. The cry of the army was an echo of Abdalla's at the battle of Mutas: vance with confidence; either victory or

paradise is ours." Mohammed in the pulpit described in glowing colors the glory of those who died in defense of the faith, but in private the tenderness of his heart was shown by his answer when surprised, weeping over his fallen commander:
"What do I see?" asked an astonished

"You see a friend who is deploring the loss of his most faithful friend."

### The morality of the Koran and the re-

ligion founded thereon may not be perect, but it was as perfect as the race and time of Mohammed would allow. It was the highest and best for his people, as he was the blossom of its prophetic spirit. Numerous prophets came after him, but weak as the firefly's light to that of the sun, compared with him. He had no master, no council, no support but the Voice which inspired him. HIS LAST PILCRIMAGE,

Until 63 years of age he was equal to the demands of his great mission. His health began to decline, and at the end of four years, conscious that his days were numbered, he made his last pilgrimage to Mecca, which was replete with mournful interest. He set out from Medina with 140,000 dervishes, with camels garlanded with flowers and decked with flying streamers. When he approached the Holy City, the scene of his early domestic peace and where he first heard the Voice which had exalted him to the supremacy, he uttered a solemn prayer:

"Here am I in thy service, O, God! Thou hast no companion! To thee alone belongeth worship. Thine alone is the kingdom. There is none to share it

with thee. After offering with his own hands the camel of sacrifice, he ascended the pulpit of the Casba and reiterated:

On his return to Medina he gave his "Everything happens according to the will of God," he said, "and hath its appointed time, which can neither be hastened nor avoided. I return to bim who sent me, and my last command to you is that ye love, honor and uphold each other; that ye exhort each other to faith and constancy in belief, and to the performance of pious deeds. My life has been for your good and so will

#### be my death.' HIS DEATH.

His calm contemplation of the approach of death proves of itself the honesty of belief and noble faith of the Great Prophet.

"If there be anyone whom I have un-

justly scourged, I submit my own back to the lash of retaliation. Have I aspersed the reputation of a Moslem? Let im proclaim my fault in the face of the congregation. Has anyone been despoiled of his goods? The little I have shall compensate the principal and interest of the debt."

A voice called, "I am entitled to three drams of silver." He thanked his creditor for accusing

him in this world rather than in the next. He entranchised his slaves, gave orders for his funeral, and moderated the grief of his friends, on whom he bestowed the benediction of peace. To the last he maintained the dignity of an apostle and a serene faith. As he grew weaker, he gazed at the heavens and said in broken accents: "O, C give my sins—be it so—I come." His zealous followers would not be-

lieve the evidence of their senses: "How can he be dead-our witness our intercessor. Abubeker calmly said to the distract

ed people:
"Is it Mohammed, or the God of Mohammed, you worship? The God of Mohammed liveth forever, but the apostle was a mortal like ourselves, and ac cording to his own predictions has ex

perienced the common fate of mortal

The humble tomb of the prophet is a Medina, and millions of pilgrims visit it as a shrine of equal holiness with the Thus departed this wonderful spirit

Nay, not departed! His intangible presence has guided the destiny of four hundred millions of people, and the words of wisdom spoken by the Voice has been their bread of spiritual life. The great world-force he was the ex ponent of is still active; still extending itself along its borders, conquering new dominions—in Africa, in the northern

steppes of Asia, in the islands of the sea and the savage peoples, as they cast away their fetishes and idols, cry aloud, Allah il Allah; there is but one God and Mohammed is the Prophet of God. A victory is twice itself when the

achiever brings home full numbers. Shakspeare. Call him wise whose actions, words and steps are all a clear because to a

clear why.-Lavater. Foresee misfortunes, that thou mavest

# GIVES HIS OPINION.

Which He Has a Perfect Right to Do,

#### That Only Etherealizations Are Possible.

TO THE EDITOR:—Some very large projectiles of war having displayed their reliability and effectiveness in penetrating the armor-plate of materialization, I deem it not out of place to take one more additional shot, and if I burn a little powder of common-sense and the missile strikes the mass of corruption, I hope the penetrability will be the means of dislodging some more of the stones that have built a wall around. the sanity of a great many Spiritualists. It is beyond a doubt that more money is spent and wasted to witness this fraud than it takes to support all the Spiritual societies we have. This so-called phe-nomenon is the cudgel that is making our knowledge of spiritual communion encounter so many protests from people who wish to enter our ranks, but refrain from taking the step when so much exposition is made of this supposed phase

of mediumship.

There is only one condition necessary which the medium demands, and then you can see your dead brother or sister or your mother-in law in their graveclothes. If you have a dollar you simply give it to the "go between," and the condition is complete.

I am going to make a sweeping asser-tion, and I do not care who it may disturb; it is this: There is not one medium who practices in this line that does not have paraphernalia or a confederate, and some have both. You will often read where the medium was thoroughly searched and dressed in a suit of black. and then comes the press account of the occurrence, and the document has the signatures of influential names. In their hurry to search the medium, they did not remember to search themselves; If they had done so, they would have discovered that some one had a secondhand clothing store concealed. The desire to make money is so great that this class of people never leave a stone unturned to gain their point, and darkness

assists very materially in the scheme. Spiritualists, if you wish to see greater strides in the march of "our child," do not wrap its feet in the shoes of so called materialization, but let its foots

wear be made common sense! The more rapidly we go to work to clear the rubbish and accept ethercall zation as a fact (and that phase cannot be produced nightly by the same medium) the sooner you will see fruitful results. It has got to come, and the purification will make our belief so much more heavenly. I have been a student "O, my hearers, I am only a man like it has made my life much happier and awe? I am no king: I am nothing but the son of an Arab woman, who ate flesh dried in the son " I do my part to cut down the weeds of fraud that are growing luxuriantly in these material realms. In my rambles, if I have found many errors on the golden tablet, "Truth," I have always tried to be charitable but I have always

made known my grievances, forcibly it necessary. I have such an aversion to rascality that, where I find the seeds sown. I try to produce an unfertile condition and nip the germ in its embryonic state. I have been uniting all my efforts to free Spiritualism from this monument of imposition, and I think it behooves all Spiritualists to do their best and aid in the work.

The author who wrote "The Vampires of Onset" knew his business, and the

scenes at Onset one summer ago are forerunners of what has got to come, and the sooner more disinfecting fluid is turned on the disease the sooner the recuperation of honest ideas will supplant those destroyed. Now if this argument is more thoroughly discussed the finer sensibilities will be aroused and the Spiritualists who have allowed themselves to be hypnomics. ject to annihilation.

ROBT. WHITE, JR. to be hypnotized will have the spell sub-

### IN MEMORIAM.

[Lines written for the Lincoln Anniversary, held in Hiawatha Hall, Boston, Oh, thou ascended martyr-saint! we've gathered here to-day
Our tribute to thy life of love and hon-

esty to pay; For fiendish malice never found a dwelling-place in thee, Who threw o'er friend and foe alike the cloak of charity. Oh! there are names to us so dear, em-

balmed in verse and story, But Lincoln's name shines grandly out, with a distinctive glory, And all who love sweet freedom's name

and prize emancipation

Must also love the man who framed the wondrous proclamation
Which gave the oppressed and lonely slave the boon of liberty.

And made the vaulted heavens ring

with anthems of the free! And ever down from age to age his influence descending, Will lighten up a weary world with love's own mystic blending.

The assassin's bullet could not kill the

spirit free, immortal-But sent it winging on its way, beyond death's gloomy portal!

And so we have our Lincoln still—the veil is thin between Us and the one who mingles not in any

earthly scene, Yet who in spirit hovers near; and now I hear him say,
"My blessing dwell with those who ve met to celebrate this day; With love and charity I come, greater

than when on earth, For so-called death is but, to me, a new 'and higher birth: And freedom in its highest sense is tothe spirit given, To love and work for all the world, and

this will make our heaven!"

MRS. A. E. SHERMAN. The useful and the beautiful are never

separated.—Periander.

### THE WOMAN'S ERA.

THREE NOTABLE WOMEN-HEROIC WOMEN-WHERE WOMEN MAY VOTE.

truly interesting women.

s compared with man, woman has a ture, to again put on the attributes of propose.

youth. The woman who has thus become young again is

"AUNT" MARY CRABTREE

who resides on Troublesome Creek, in Knott County, Kentucky, and who will be 91 years old the 15th day of next "Aunt" Mary is now in possession of all her faculties, has cut a new set of teeth, and can read without es. The most remarkable fact of all, however, is that her hair, which was snowy white, began to turn dark again some nineteen months ago, and now is of a dark, glossy brown, just the color it was when she was a girl of 18. We have written to "Aunt" Mary for

additional particulars and will give her

reply to the readers of this paper.
That interesting woman correspondent, Carolyn Halsted, gives the following account of the second of our notable trio of women,

MRS. ELIZA H. ALEXANDER.

a pioneer philanthropist among pioneers in the far West, who took upon herself the building of a hospital, which she accomplished with vim and promptness.

not been constructed, stone upon stone, in that space of time. The project orig-In that space of time. The project originated in the fertile brain of a woman. Mrs. Eliza H. Alexander, and she it was who, almost in the twinkling of an eye, had obtained a suitable building, made it ready for its purpose, secured a lady to act as nurse and a doctor to prescribe for the three patients found waiting to become the institution's first in-

It all came about in this wise. Mrs. Alexander went to visit her son in Sedro, Skagit Valley, Washington State. Sedro is one of those marvels of western civilization—at first a lumber-mill and postoffice, reached by the river alone, and in a year's time a prosperous town with half a dozen lines of cars leading to it, shops, hotels and macadamized roads. Mrs. Alexander reached it in its earliest stage, and being a woman of broad sym-pathles and keen intelligence, her heart and brain were appealed to by the and to act accordingly. "Be ye wise as complex conditions that met her at every turn. Especially was she touched by the sufferings of the ploneer people in their extremity.
One Sunday morning she read in the

little paper of the place of a woman who lay dying and leaving behind her a lit-tle baby eight days old. On inquiry she learned that it was a case of death simnothing was yet provided for sick folks ture you ought, by this time, to have made yourself so necessary to his existence that he will miss you sadly when absent, and will begin to realize that it

After service this Sunday Mrs. Alexander, who had been all the morning thinking over the poor, dying woman's case, spoke to a few ladies present and asked them to join with her in providing help for the case in hand and for future emorgencies. On the spot they formed the St. Elizabeth's guild, whose object the st. E would be to start a hospital and nursery and whatever other charities might be-

come necessary from time to time. At once Mrs. Alexander called upon the gentlemen of the land company and succeeded in securing from them the use eighteenth chapter of Proverbs, and the of rooms in a vacant building. Bright and early on Tuesday morning she managed to get a big lumber wagon and you, he will doubtless follow the exhorstarted it on a foraging mission. She stopped at every habitation along her with you and the Lord. route, and before she had made the circuit of the camp she had stored in her wagon, as donations from the Sedro inhabitants, everything in the way of it is indeed your leap year privilege. shape for patients.

be put in charge of the hospital and its card him, for either he is not worthy of patients. A refined woman was discov- you or you are not "en rapport" with ered whose husband had been unfortunate and who was left with three children on her hands. She was installed as matron and her little ones became the embryo hospital "a heaven on earth."

Elizabeth Hospital at Sedro a short question leoms large on the horizon, time since: to-day it is a flourishing institution, and all due to the efforts of one ing woman's rights. Moreover, the fact energetic and great-hearted woman, Mrs. Eliza H. Alexander, one of whose tenets is to take hold and do with a will the thing that lies nearest at hand. Mrs. Alexander is herself as interest

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means, education and refinement. is so versatile in her tastes and charac- quency." teristics that she turns from art to music, from music to invention, from invention to social and literary prominence with equal facility. She is a talented artist and her paintings are accorded the merit of being placed on exhibition. She has patented a host of household conveniences and is now at work on a comfortable bicycle seat. She is an accomplished musician, is a philanthopist of wide scope and is just perfecting a new cottage at Beaver Tail, on Connaninew cottage at Deaver I an, on contain a cut I sland, to be a Mecca for art students. She has designed it entirely dents. She has designed it entirely herself, and it is a novel and unique herself, and it is a novel and unique also be denied the privileges of common also be denied to the privilege and a driveway. structure, with studios and a driveway that runs entirely through the center of

She has a rare collection of curios from foreign lands, alabaster, ivory, heroic defense of Zeitoun last year. The rugs, cabinets and Indian enamels. with copper, old silver and sandal wood pieces extreme beauty and value. And with it all she is a most womanly woman, the embodiment of simplicity and true sin-

### MRS. JAMES GILMOUR.

of No. 235 Macon street, Brooklyn, N. Y. unique production. It seems that the Zeitoun is a story of greater here answer to the question outlined above, which ended with the glad cry of salva and the answer of Mrs. Gilmour was adjudged the prize. Her answer is as fol-

How far may a woman go to encourage a man to propose?

Just as far as these lines state; by one ing in of detail to make it stir any blood a man to propose?

who really knows.

E desire to introduce to the lived, says of a good woman:-"Her readers of THE PROGRESSIVE price is far above rubies." Certainly, THINKER a trio of notable and from his extraordinary and extensive experience with the sex, I should con-The first of these goes to show that sider him competent to pass judgment.

Secompared with man, woman has a We will presume that you are a "good,

physical being that is the superior of womanly" woman, such as he describes, that of man in rejuvenating power, and that you are desirous of approachthat it is possible to not only "not grow ing a man on the subject of matrimony; old but," like the face of springtime na- that you are anxious to induce him to First-Select the man on whom you

intend to bestow the privilege of your attention, note his behavior and general conduct, and then, if you deem him worth the winning, hold fast to him. We are strictly enjoined to "Hold fast to that which is good."

Second-In your after companionship with him bear in mind the fact that you are a woman of great price, "far above rnbies," and you will never compromise yourself by any indecorousness of speech

Seek his society in such a manner that he is not cognizant of being sought after; be bright and cheerful in his presence, sympathize with him in his troubles stimulate him to best efforts in his business affairs, cheer him when he is despondent and encourage him to confide

Dress becomingly for him, but never gaudily. When he is absent from you write him a few interesting, chatty letters, wherein, if you are an adept in the art, you can weave a few insinuating expressions, which may work wonders "The pen is mightier than the sword."

on the following Wednesday the idea of the conversation, you will have the more chance to study his chemical and not been constructed, stone was an accomplished fact, though it had "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." I guarantee that you will get in your thirds in the sweet by and by.

I should scarcely advise your treating him to specimens of your cookery. His mother might excel in the culinary art. Moreover, it was an uncooked apple with which Mother Eve beguiled Adam. Of the righteousness of that transaction I shall say nothing; of the success every-thing, in that she moulded Adam to her Time enough to "feed the brute"

when you have to do so; then feed him to your heart's content, and feed him well. If you are making any progress with him accord him trifling familiarities, which may be increased in proportion to his affability and his interest in you. Your womanly intuition should, by this

her not you have found favor in his sight serpents, but harmless as doves. Should there spring up between you a mutual regard, treat him to some of ho had nothing and no one to turn to those dainty feminine touches which are indescribable, not because they are

womanly or wrong, but because their language is mute and sacred to the two persons most concerned. Do not always agree with him; it is sometimes wiser to agree to disagree.

Though all progresses well, draw the line at promisquous osculation. Never permit him to kiss you; that is the priv ilege of the engaged. But, since the Apostle says: "Greet ye one another with an holy kiss," you might vouchsafe

t do not permit it. Tell him "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Finally, you might inform him that you can put him in the way of finding a "good thing," and refer him to the

Should your innate modesty rebel

furnishing needed to put her hospital in If you are the dear, womanly, nestling creature you ought to be, he must have The next step was to find someone to proposed long ago. If he has not, dis-

him.

In that case try again. BECKY SHARP.
The above letter won the prize over nursery's first inmates. The first panearly four thousand letters received in tient put in an appearance at once, one answer to the question "How far may a Cameron, already delirious woman go to encourage a man to prowith typhoid pneumonia, alone and help-less in the lumber camp. He was cared this question "is always of vital interest and soon recovered, declaring the to many women—and to many men. It is always of profound interest to most Such was the inception of the St. thoughtful persons. But just now the made prominent by the clamors concernthat this is leap year, and that by ancient custom the privilege of wooing is accorded to woman in leap year, gives a peculiar timeliness to current discusssion, while zest is added by the calening a woman as can be met with. She dar's decree that there shall be no other is a Southerner by birth, a lady of cap year until 1904, a variation from She the ordinary of only centenarian fre-

HEROIC WOMEN OF ZEITOUN.

We hear it often said that women should not vote because our army and navy is composed of men only. It would be just as valid an objection to woman suffrage were it claimed that they did not run saloons, chew tobacco and keep gambling hells, and therefore should not vote. What connection can there be, pray, between soldiering and voting? Because bank presidents, railroad mag-nates, stock jobbers, mortgage sharks citizenship? Certainly not—they wear pants-and could fight if they so desired. Women can also fight, and did London correspondent of the Boston Transcript writes that it is a genuine satisfaction and pleasure to be able to record the fact that during the siege of Zeitoun fully 6,000 Turks were killed, while only about 150 Armenians lost their lives. It is a pity—a loss, indeed, to history and to literature—that there was in the beleagured city no competent has, under the name of "Becky Sharp," was in the beleagured city no competent written "How a Woman May Woo," in pen to depict the extraordinary events which she cleverly states how far a wo-man may go to encourage a man to pro-of Lucknow is still vivid in the world's pose marriage. Mrs. Gilmour did not memory. We are accustomed to believe write for fame but for fortune, although that the days have passed when such she has acquired a little of both by her horrors can be repeated. The siege of New York Herald offered a prize of \$100 greater self-sacrifice, greater suffering to the woman writing the best letter in than that of those terrible days

tion, "The Campbells are coming!"
The story, thus far, is meagerly told. The facts are fragmentary, but enough bare been accumulated from reliable sources to make the outline of the story who really knows.

Solomon, the wisest man that ever rant. Let me sketch that outline in

simplest, plainest techion, and you shall judge if there are any more thrilling

The people of Zeitoun took up arma because they learned that a large body of Turkish troops was marching upon the city. Rumor had it, and it was a wall to the country of the city. well-founded rumor, that a massacre had been ordered. Hundreds, then thousands of refugees began pouring into the city from the surrounding country. Zeitoun is situated on a plateau

pon a mountain side. A cliff towers up 2,500 feet above one side of the city; a sheor precipice of 250 feet is the opposite boundary. A fort on the hill be-yond the precipicé commands the town and is always garrisoned. There is only one approach to Zeitoun, and that the citizens fortified and manned. first problem was to capture the fort which was impregnable against assault. They succeeded in making the water supply useless, by pouring in kerosene and other pollution. Three days later, when the garrison was exhausted by thirst, they attacked the fortress, and after fifty-six hours' fighting, they captured it, together with rifles and about

10,000 cartridges. There still remained in the town the Turkish Governor, with a staff of about sixty-five guards. While the men of Zeitoun were fortifying the road leading to the town and besieging the fort opposite, the governor's guards undertook to

set fire to the city.

The women of Zeitoun were equal to this new emergency.

They armed themselves with axes,

attacked the guards before they could accomplish their purpose—overpowered them, and made them prisoners. By this time the Turkish army had arrived outside the defenses of the city. They numbered, when the siege was fully established, 70,000 men, half of

them regular troops and the rest Bashi Bazouks. The Armenians mustered 60,-000 men, reckoning every one above 13 years of age as a "fighting man."

A few days after the siege began a great battle was fought. Every man of the Armenians was engaged, and there was no one to guard the prisoners, who had been quartered in the governor's es-

tablishment. Seeing their opportunity, the pris-oners broke out and were again about to fire the town when the women of Zeitoun arose once more.

This time they stopped at nothing. They slew every one of the two hundred and fifty men who had been captured at the fort and threw their bodies over the cliff.

After the siege had continued some time, and when thousands were dying

from hunger and sickness, the Armen ians endeavored to negotiate terms with the besiegers. The reply was: "Surrender at once and we will spare two in every ten. Wait one day and we will have the life of every man, woman

and child." and child."
So the weary siege went on. Once the Turks bombarded the city. Out of 3,000 shells thrown, fully 1,200 fell without exploding, into the mud walls and roofs of the houses.

The women gathered up the unex-ploded shells, fearlessly opened them, and emptied out the powder and shot, of which the defenders were in great need. "The shelling of the town is a great blessing to us," they said. Various desperate resorts were adopt-

ed by the Armenians for the discomfiture of the besiegers. A score of them, disguised as Turkish soldiers, got into the Turkish camp one evening and sud-denly began firing all about them. The Turks thought a mutiny was taking place. They began firing at each other. There was a panic and many were killed. One foggy morning early in the siege, the Armenians collected a great herd of mountain goats and drove them toward the Turkish camp. These goats march in almost perfect ranks; they are black with white faces. Just outside the Turkish lines a few Armenians behind the goats began firing. The Turks thought an army was upon them; they abandoned everything and fied. The Armenians despoiled their camp before

the Turks rallied and came back. The Turks themselves admit that they lost 6,000 killed during the siege. The Armenian loss by Turkish bullets was only about 150, but disease and hunger were terribly fatal. Of 12,000 refugees who came to Zeltoun at the beginning of the siege, 4.000 perished before the armistice was proclaimed. Hundrods of children died of smallpox, and although there was food enough for the city to have held out some time longer, yet, owing to faults of distribution, the deaths by starvation were many.

READ AND TAKE COURAGE Alice Stone Blackwell says that "sixty years ago women could not vote any where. In 1845 Kentucky gave school suffrage to widows; in 1861 Kansas gave it to all women. In 1869 England gave municipal suffrage to single women and widows, and Wyoming gave full suffrage to all women. Michigan and Minnesota granted women school suffrage in 1875, Colorado in 1876, New Hampshire and Oregon in 1878, Massachusetts in 1879, and New York and Vermont in 1880. In 1881 municipal suffrage was granted to the single women and widows of Scotland. Nebraska gave school suffrage in 1883 and Wisconsin in 1885. In 1886 municipal suffrage was extended to single women and widows in New Brunswick and Ontario, and school suffrage in Washington to all women. In 1887 municipal suffrage was extended to all woin Kansas, and school suffrage in North and South Dakota, Montana, Arizona and New Jersey. In 1891 school suffrage was granted in Illinois. In 1892 municipal suffrage was extended to single women and widows in the Province of Ouebec. In 1893 school suffrage was granted in Connecticut and full suffrage in Colorado and New Zealand. In 1894 school suffrage was granted in Ohio, a limited municipal suffrage in Iowa, and parish and district suffrage in England to women, both married and single. In 1895 full suffrage was granted to the women of South Australia, and in 1896 full suffrage has been granted to the women of Utah." Ethel Maude Colson has given us a

couple of appropriate verses entitled THE COURAGE OF TRY IT AGAIN. There are three kinds of courage in

this world of ours, Which help to make projects go through; There's the courage that comes, like the blooming of flowers, When our life, like the springtime, is

There's the courage which comes at

emergency's call, To the weakest, most timid, of men, And then there's the kind that is noblest The courage of "Try it again."

To patiently labor, the end not in sight, When failure seems drearily nigh, To cheerfully plod through the darkness

and night, And conquer our task though we die; To carry a smile when the outlook is And the path leads through swamp-

land and fen,
Ah! this is the courage which makes a bright mark—. The courage of "Try it again."

The women of America will not forget the words of Thomas Palne: "The harder the fight the more glorious the victory." Well did Prof. Huxley say: "Women will find their place."
WILLIS F. WHITEHEAD.

Synopsis of Two Lectures by Mrs. Emma F. Jay Bullene.

The Promised Coming of the Messiah-Prophecy, Revelation, and the End of the World.

On Sunday, March 22, Mrs. Bullene delivered, under control of her guides, two of the ablest lectures that ever been the lot of mortals to hear. In the limited space which I am allowed, I can but touch upon one in a dozen of the strong arguments given in these addresses to the First Spiritual Society in this city, each one of which, if stenographically reported in all their eloquence and well-rounded sentences. would make a full page or more of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

The topic for the morning lecture was "The Promised Coming of the Messiah." The speaker said the purpose of studying this question was one of deep import, and that the great secrets of the past as well as the mysteries of the future could not be fathomed unless they could be evolved by analogy with the records of the past. "The word Messigh embodies a thought—a principle too deep and grand for human expression. Christ was not a myth, but a grand spiritual teacher, though His apostles were ephemeral and all of them deserted him at the last moment. The burden of his teachings were the father-hood of God and the brotherhood of

man. "The theological dogma that Jesus was one with God was the reverse of His teachings. He never once claimed to be the divine son of God. His power was spiritual. When he told the woman at the well all that she had ever done, though a stranger to her, he simply manifested the spiritual power of clair vovance. 'I am the resurrection and the life, simply referred to that spirit-

ual power within him.
"Every individual is divine as Jesus was divine, and have the power within them, which will inevitably manifest itself-when, depends upon their devotion to truth. The power of clairvoyance belongs to every child of earth.

"The display of imagery was the lan-guage of the Orient at the time the Scriptures were written.
"The promised coming of the Messiah means a universal re-embodiment of the Christ principle. It is coming to

all as individuals, and none can escape it: The veil will be rent asunder from top to bottom and let in the sunlight of truth and spiritual power. Denominational lines will fade away and disappear.
"Would that the children of earth

could see the expressions of devoted Christians when they, enter in through the cypress-shaded portals of the change called death, when they find no divine Christ, no God, no Devil, and no seething hell for their enemies.

"The Messlah is at hand now. The theological chains of bigotry that bound you are already byoken, and, like Paul and Silva you have been fixed."

and Silas, you have become free."

A literary gentleman, and reform po-litical speaker present, who has heretofore ridiculed the idea of spirits control-ling mediums to speak, declared that "no mortal could have delivered that speech. It is beyond human possibllity.

In the evening Mrs. Bullene spoke on PROPHECY, REVELATION, AND THE END OF THE WORLD.

In opening the evening discourse the speaker said that the authority which theology had attached to the Bible was ephemeral and movable, that its true teachings were symbolical, and that, when weighed in the balance of reason, there were found to be many errors in its prophecies. Continuing, the speaker asked:

gated to a few individuals by the Infinite ruler of the universe, as theology teaches? We emphatically deny This power of prophecy is your birthright, just as much as it was Daniel's or any others of the ancient prophets. These prophets of old were illuminated with a power they did not understand.

"The conditions depend only upon a large unfoldment of the psychic powers, when the sensitive becomes surrounded by currents which, when properly understood, lead to certain inevitable conclusions. "The priesthood were given to this

study, as were the adepts of the Orient, that they might gather these prophetic forces about them for obvious purposes. "By adding a Thus saith the Lord," it carried with the command a dread that caused their sayings to become oracles to the people, though their prophecies were no more reliable than those of the mediums of to-day. The greatest stumbling-block in the way of spiritual development were these teachings of the priesthood that made you believe that you were poor, helpless beings and

that it was a sin for you to think or act for yourself.
"Every investigator of Spiritualism knows that many mediums of the present time give prophecies as remarkable as any recorded in the past. All mediums prophesy with more or less accuracy, according to their development. The poet has said that 'distance lends enchantment to the view, and never was a nobler truth uttered. It is the distance that casts the divine halo about these ancient seers and their prophecies.

and you will find thousands like them "In these forty-eight years just closing self-knowledge. Not only is this knowledge felt in the rapks of Spiritualism, but the influx of its leavening influence has reached the chirches and all branches of society. It has compelled them to recognize the divine truth that as they have sown is the mortal, so shall they reap in the immortal spheres.

"The whole book of Revelations may be reviewed by evolution. The great

dragon represents dogmatic theology and the tendency to it. The beasts and animals, and man in his different transformations, represents the various forms of life out of which he was evolved, and shows that man shall come out of his present conditions. It shows that he must overcome these beasts, to reach this high state of spiritual unfold-ment. The two-edged sword represents They that use the sword shall perish by the sword, represents the law of justice, equity and truth. I would have you all read the book and in the light of hints thrown out to-night, you will be able to interpret it for your-selves. You will find therein positive proof that it was not given by Christ,

# FITS CURED (From U. S. Journal of Medicine.) Prof. W. H. Peeke, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has tilting the doubt treated and Cured more cases than

has without doubt treated and cured more causether Any living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease which he sends with a large bottle of his shoolute cure, free to any uniferer who may send their P.O. and Expressed circus. We advise anyone wishing a cure to sed ac-lete. W. H. PEEKE, F. D., 4 Octar St., New York.

as many of the churches claim, for when John of Patmos would have fallen down to worship the angel who gave him the revelations, the angel said: 'See thou do it not, for I am of thy fellow-servants,

the prophets.' "How many times has the date been fixed by Miller and others for the end of the world? and how many are the poor fanatics who have become wrecks by disposing of all their earthly effects to prepare for the event? Think of the mental anguish of these poor, misguided wretches who have been waiting all these years for the planet to be rolled together as a scroll and consumed by

"Now there is a spiritual and symbelic truth about this ending of the world.- When the human race has reached its final acme; when we shall have fathomed the mysteries of the supernal spheres; when we have fathomed the mysteries of Deity; when death becomes transition, in a universal sense, and nature's laws are so thoroughly understood and obeyed that we shall have heaven on earth, then will the ages and oveles have finished their course, will no longer produce life, and must inevitably pass back into universal cosmos.

"This we know to be a fact by the tes-

timony of aerolitic stones. "Prof. Wm. Denton, the great psychometrist and geologist, in his investigations read one of these stones and secretly took it to more than thirty sensitives, who gave corroborative testimony through it concerning a planet that had once been inhabited like our own, but had since been broken up and returned to the realms of universal matter." San Diego, Cal. ERNEST S. GREEN.

THE ANGEL OF DEATH.

O Angel of Death! in your garments white, And your gleams and glimmers of misty

Standing so pure and fair beside The dust, whose soul went out with the tide. Cannot the sounds of human woe,

That greet your path where'er you go, Your fatal wand in abeyance hold, E'er the soul has vanished and its casket is cold? Cannot a mother's anguished cry When your breath, so cold, her child is

"O angel, I pray you! take instead Some weary and sinning soul," she said, And leave to me this fatherless one, Whose day on earth has just begun; Whose tender feet have yet to climb The steep and rugged path of Time." Would it not be better to hasten on, And leave to this mother her little one, Whose innocent love has filled her cup

Surely this life so young and fair Has much to do e'er it enters there Where no mother's hand can shield or caress

With joy, and peace, and contentment

The one that on earth she loves the best.

And this old man that stands over here-Could you not let him have another year To spend with friends, and children and Before he departs for spirit-life?

If he has one year, he says he is sure The thoughts of death he can then endure And leave in content this earthly sphere,

Where live the ones he loves so dear. The Angel turned, and then he said: 'As I stand in silence beside the dead, And with clearer eyes the future scan,

I see all things concealed from man. I see this mother in future years, Know the lesson of sorrow and tears That nature's laws to her conveyed By the cross of death in her pathway laid.

And she knows that the child she mourned on earth Was entirely prepared for spirit birth, Else it would not have passed to another

If its life had not been perfected here. BFor this brief earth-life is all it will

To complete the experience that nature Should come to this soul in just this

By the forces sublime of creation's day. So if I should take the soul defiled In place of the pure and innocent child, The mother, the child and the sinner,

Would be imperfect their whole lives through. And could I add another year To the old man's time allotted here, He would still have something on earth

And instead of one year would ask for two. For man is loth to leave earth's shore, And rebels at nature more and more As he feels the sands of life run low,

And realizes he has got to go. So in nature no mistake you see, But perfect work and harmony, With laws unchanging and sublime, Controlling life throughout all time. And by unseen forces that never rest

Is the hand of affliction on mankind pressed, In the manner, and time, and degree and place, That brings the most good to the human

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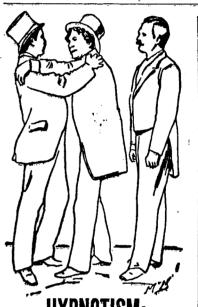
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### Its Relation to Modern Science.

TO MAKE EVERY MAN A CENIUS BY DEVELOP-INQ THE BRAIN-MARVELOUS DISCOVER-IES BY VARIOUS SCIENTISTS.

possibilities of brain development and | ive talent in that particular line. declares that the human brain may be developed to any degree. He says that the average intelligent person makes possible powers of his brain.

This is, of course, very interesting to know. But what is much more interesting and vastly more important is the which a man is deficient, and by numbered the control of the control of the control of the characteristics of the control of the characteristics of a person, and by his first method proceeds to build the entire brain evenly. He then takes the particular line in which a man is deficient, and by number of the characteristics. positive assertion of Professor Gates berless repetitions of certain sensations, that he can take a child aud get most of makes the cells thus formed increase so the other 98 per cent. of possible brain development by carefully training him. tendencies are eradicated and the new

method of training.

a considerable number of individual whose cells are so large that they are faculties. Certain functions or faculties more prominent than the evil ones are in certain portions of the head. which were eradicated. Professor Gates takes these, one at a Professor Gates, in making these two time, and does not attempt a general important experiments, will take some

University, to establish at the Gates' tuition. capital a college for the study of the mind. What he proposes to do is something which, while entirely new to sciphia and New York.

tory of Professor Gates is the only sci-

art in this country—in fact, in all the yet dreamed, and that the generations world—and he is the first to apply to the yet to come, whose brains will be trained brain a systematic course of development of the proposition ment which will end in a revolution of genius-that talent and wonderful in the phosphates and the carbonates of the present methods of education. For some time past he has been working at his experiments on animals and people, of monkey and man, he found that there

pared to work such a transformation in such a change that it will expand beyond all belief, and that he will train in its halls the human mind to such an extent that it will become something far beyond what is known at present. He intends, also, to take criminals, and, by changing their brains, to make of them good and moral citizens.

and make of it a genius in any vocation, or that he can from a criminal secure a son, and by a systematic course of training, socure a development of their The redder the blood the healthier is which the material world affords. This blood indicates disease or weakness. involves a long training, where the pa- The more numerous are the red particles tient must regulate his diet, have regulate his diet, have regulate his diet, have regulate redder is the blood.

Dr. Thoma, an eminer breath, and every emotion of his soul.

His studies in psychology have shown ute cells, and that in a brain there are located, in different parts, the senses duce sensation, which makes a chemical rate of improvement. change, and this increases the size

person wishes to become a painter or called. If the red particles become too an electrician or an athlete they take up numerous the administration of iron a new branch, which is composed of may be suspended. things tending only to this one ccience.

The relative proportions of red to They are obliged to acquire through all white particles in the blood of a patient their senses all knowledge that they can also proclaim to the experienced physi-secure of the particular art, and thus cian certain special diseases. With Dr. they become saturated with it. But Thoma's instrument a correct diagnosis most important of all is the fact that, was recently made in a Buffalo hospital of the faculties of the brain, the cells internal tumor, when no exterior eviwhich receive the exercise are greatly enlarged, and their structure is replaced with such matter as relates only to the desired art. The sum of human knowledge on the science is engrafted into this new set of cells, it is classified, and the patient which is to the patient which is the patient which is to the patien

HE following articles from the sec- | brain can be made into a genius in mu-HE following articles from the secular press give something of an idea of what is going on in science, in painting, in art, in science, in electricity in invention, and, in fact, in all branches of human knowledge. Professor Gates has demonstrated this by gation is everywhere manifest. Every person of an inventive turn of mind is trying to invent something to art, and also made in its contraction. mind is trying to invent something to art, and also made in it a series of inunearth or unravel a deep mystery or ventions which will create a complete hring to light something heretofore sup-revolution in the industrial world as to

posed to be unfathomable secrets of the manufacture of textiles. By his human existence. The X ray has been training, which requires many months, the cause of the greatest activity in science that has been known for many brain to its fullest development, using years—since the first discovery of the not only mental means, but mechanical power of electricity in draft and light-ing possibilities; but this having come ished, Professor Gates holds that the through the human brain. Professor man will be a genius; that is, that his Elmer Gates, of the State University of Pennsylvania, has been delving into the capable of deepest thought and invent-

He also holds a criminal can be so trained and the brain so developed that the number of corpuscles in a given its entice structure will be changedthe average intelligent person makes its entice structure will be changed— quantity of blood can be accurately and that a new mind can be formed within easily computed. The apparatus is easily the head, and a new character be the THE HUMAN BRAIN DEVELOPMENT IS result. By an elaborate series of experiments, he finds out the characteristics

A man with highly developed brains, structure has those of good only. As like Edison, for instance, we call a gen-ius; Now Professor Gates declares that brain, his course is not to make a series he can produce better brains than Edi-of simply good acts, but his method ac-son's—that he can in other words, make tually replaces the evil which has an actgeniuses out of children who follow his ual existence in the mind with a brain method of training.

The brain is known to be made up of successive moral recollections, and

development of all the faculties of the of the depraved children from the ./imbrain at once.

Professor Gates has recently left Philtreatment of the brain of the child reinal classes of the capital, and by his adelphia, to establish in Washington a place within the skull an entirely new college for the study of brain culture. fabric—not a mind simply held back Whatever he finally succeeds in accom- from its internal evil tendencies, but a plishing, his theories are at least inter- mind which is fully developed, and whose esting, and certainly the positive asser- brain structure is composed only of good tions of a scientist of his standing are and right. This experiment will be worth attention. What bids fair to be one of the most the summer, and probably for years, at wonderful experiments ever performed the University at Chevy Chase. The in psychology will be carried on shortly study of the brain will be the object of by Professor Gates, of Washington, who the thirty-two scientists from Boston, has recently gone there from Philadel- New York and Philadelphia, who will phia, where he was connected with the form a summer class under Professor

After these men, who are among the most learned gentlemen in the country, entists, has been fully demonstrated al- all over the land schools whose aim will ready by him in his work in Philadel- be the furtherment of this new system hia and New York.
Professor Gates' new university is to ing children in huge classes will be rise this summer around his home at abandoned, and in its place will be sub-Chevy Chase, a new and beautiful sub-stituted the Gates course of taking the Washington. Here will be estab- individual and developing each cell of lished the many lecture and experiment the brain-a brain at present almost unhalls, but at present the private labora- touched. The schools will also apply to the eradication of crime and training of entific room which has been built. This the mental faculties of the criminal is a long outhouse, fitted up with every classes, and Professor Gates holds that convenience for study, and in the long it is simply a matter of time before imhall are different rooms, each devoted to a particular branch of psychology.

Professor Gates is the pioneer of mind will see developments of which we never

and he is now ready to prove to the was far more difference between man world the truth of the new and strange and man than between man and the theories which he is advancing.

Was far more difference between man and the monkey. He has by a familiar experimonkey. He has by a familiar experitheories which he is advancing.

The Professor has made the statement on dogs also brought them to such ment that at his university he is pro- a high pitch of intelligence that it was simply wonderful to see the vast numthe human brain that it will undergo ber of cells their dead brains possessed in excess of the ordinary animals.

#### READING HUMAN BLOOD.

Here is a machine that counts the corpuscles in the human blood, and tells the physician what ails his patient, nanging their brains, to make of them bold and moral citizens.

That he can take an ordinary child they are very much in need of:

The blood that circulates through our system and is pumped from the heart is respectable person, he has demon-made up of red and white particles, strated. His method is to take a per-The red corpuscles are life-giving and The red corpuscles are life-giving and

uses through the numerous channels its owner, while pale pink or "thin"

Dr. Thoma, an eminent German scienamined, and his respiration, his sensitist, has now invented a machine to being—must be tested, even down to his count the corpuscles in the blood, and being—must be tested, even down to his it has been found to work successfully in several hospitals in this city. Allowing a hundred as the standard machine is simple, yet it is so fine and of the brain, the average brain is only delicate that it differentiates and counts developed, as Professor Gates says, two small particles that are invisible to the

two-hundredths of the mind which they the operations of this little instrument might possess, and the most of the reas-oning faculty is dormant, while a vast ber of red corpuscles in the blood of a number of capacities are not even known. healthy person is over five million in Gates holds that the world has never one cubic millimeter, while the white been understood; that no one has ex- corpuscles are present to the number plored the brain, and that it has been of five to eight thousand. These are suffered to lie undeveloped since creathe normal conditions of the blood of a

human being.
With this standard to work upon, the him that the mind is composed of min-operator with the new instrument invented by Dr. Thoma is enabled to at once recognize an unhealthy condition and sensations and faculties which go of the blood, as the instrument acculto make up a human mind. These cells rately counts the particles. Moreover, are capable of being enlarged by a relit may be applied to the same patient petition of their functions, and if we day by day, so as to watch the operation wish to enlarge a cell we have to repro- of various medicines and measure the

A very rapid increase in the number and number of the cells and enlarges of red corpuscles in the blood may be the brain structure. The course of training, having develtient by the administration of iron. This nned the common faculties of the mind, is shown instantly by the haemocytomenow turns to some special vocation: if a ter, as Dr. Thoma's little machine is

The relative proportions of red to innumerable repetitions of exercise in the case of a woman suffering from

If one wishes, they have only to put thomselves into training, and their The lobe of the ear is first the surface.

The lobe of the ear is first cleansed | who tell them. There is the story of the | above offer through the month of May. | Brother Richards.—EDITOR.

When the blood again begins to flow the point of a glass tube is placed at the wound and the operator sucks into the tube as much blood as is required for the experiment. This blood is then di-luted with acetic acid, which separates the red from the white particles.

A Des Moines, Ia., dispatch, dated the 21st ult., gives the following wonderful results of Y ray experiments by an lowa These, forming two distinct liquids, are then placed in separate glass tubes. A minute drop of the white mixture is then placed on a piece of ground glass. Upon this is superimposed a thin glass slide, fitted for the microscope. This glass slide is marked in accordance with the plan designed by Dr. Thoma.

It is divided into a circle, which is

crossed and recrossed by a number of minute lines. There is one of these slides for the red corpuscles, and one for the white, as the two differ in size. In covery, puts a different light on the mat-ter. It is found that Johnson is a grad-uate of Columbia College, New York, each the lines on the glass are separated by exactly the diameter of these corpus-

The diameter of a white corpuscle is 1-2500 part of an inch, the red corpuscle being even smaller. The glass slide is marked into 256 squares, and each of these is divided into sixteen smaller squares, each of which is again subdi-

The operator having placed this slide under a powerful microscope, proceeds to count the number of corpuscles in sixteen of the squares. From this he reaches an average of the number in each, and this is multiplied by the whole number of squares marked on the In this way it has been proved that

among the most delicate used in surgery.
This is the first successful attempt to

determine with mathematical certainty the relative healthfulness of human blood. The same principle may be applied to the blood of animals, but a new set of marked glasses would first have to be made, as the corpuscles in such blood differ in size from those in the blood of human beings.

HOW NOT TO GROW OLD.

Most people dread to grow old, and as necessity is the mother of all inventions, the English people have been putting in some of their leisure moments in trying to infuse the bloom of youth into old age, and rob the grave of its victory and death of its sting.

Here is the latest discovery in that di-English medical experts have dis

covered a preventive for old age, Dr. E. C. Register and Dr. J. C. Montgom-ery, of London, prepared a scientific treatise, in which they speak of the discovery with enthusiasm. They propose to adjourn the ravages of age by treating the arteries. The keynote of their system is that "a man is only as old as his arteries." The principal form of degeneration in the human frame is known as atheroma, and this discovery aims at removing this cause. Atheroma consists, principally, in blocking up the blood vessels with calcareous matter and this hinders nutrition. In other words, man commences in the gelatinous state and ends in the calcareous. The endeavor is simply to put off the danger of this latter condition.

Joseph Medill, the editor of the Chi-

cago Tribune, has recently been making | conditions, which was done, and we were a series of experiments to ascertain the possibilities of the new treatment. He decided that one of the principal causes of atheroma came from drinking ordi-nary water. Since water is the great five forms materialized that night, and solvent, it gathers in passing through different soils, various salts. If taken into the system in large quantities it is were recognized, and then demateriallikely to leave deposits in the arteries.

Many of the commonest foods are also stood by the cabinet. bearers of this calcareous matter. The cereals contain it in considerable quantity, and the flesh of unimals, especially that of the older animals, is rich in it. mend Mr. Joseph King to anybody wish-ln short, the more nitrogenous matter ing to visit with their spirit friends, as there is in the food we digest, the more an honest medium.

The secret of youth depends, so these scientists declare, on proper diet. There are, besides, certain ways of treating these arteries directly, which will keep them in their original or gelatinous condition. It is claimed that a proper attention to these tendencies will keep a man young for an indefinite number of

These enthusiasts go so far as to cal- I wish each hungering soul before culate just how much a man is likely to shorten his life. They contend that a lack of a sufficient amount of regular exTo reach his highest development. ercise tends directly to bring on the "disease" commonly known as old age. All forms of dissipation also tend to lesser one's chances of continual youth, since they tend to block up the bloodvessels and thus to hinder nutrition. The friends of the new elixir argue that the great age to which many a man mentioned in the Bible attained was due to the unconscious obedience to the rules governing the arteries.

CURIOUS FREAK OF LIGHTNING.

Here is something we leave to be explained by the X-ray scientists. Somehing wonderful, not invented by manthat of lightning photographing a land-scape upon the interior of the skins of a flock of six sheep killed by its terrible shock:

From the village of Coombe Bay, which lies about four miles from Bath, comes a story of a curious freak of lightning. Near the village there is, or was when the incident occurred, a large wood composed of oak and nut trees. the center of the wood there was a small pasture, quite hemmed in by the surrounding grove. Here six sheep were kept by their owner. The flock being small, the pasture only fifty yards in extent, contained herbage sufficient for

One day, while the sheep were in the field, a severe thunderstorm came on, and one flash of lightning killed simultaneously every sheep in the pasture. It is to be presumed they were mourned by their owner, but, no doubt, considering that they might be of some profit to him, although dead, he sold their bodies to a butcher in the neighboring village business of skinning the lightning-struck animals. To the astonishment of the butcher and his assistant, on the interior of each sheepskin they found printed an elaborate and faithful picture of the landscape surrounding the sheep

pasture. These natural pictures were in no re spect suggestive of the impressionist daubs, but the trees, the fences, the rocks, the bushes, were all as precisely represented as if photographed upon the kin of the animal. Every detail exactly drawn. The sheep had been killed while huddled together in a corner, and the landscape in each case was the same, the picture being of that part of the surrounding scenery which lay in the path of the lightning-flash which killed the frightened animals.

Stories of lightning prints are old, some of them curious, and many, no doubt, have an element of truth in them.

with other and a small incision made. The first few drops of blood are permitted to escape and the wound is then cleansed.

Italian lady who, while sitting in the window of ner villa at Lugano, received a severe shock from a stroke of lightning, and, "although she recovered"

FRAUDULENT MEDIUMS. ning, and, "although she recovered completely, the impression of a flower, which must have been in the path of the lightning-flash, which reached her, was printed indelibly on her body."

GOLD AT A SHILLING A POUND.

When it was announced a few days

the matter as a joke. Investigation by

a correspondent at Fairfield, who has in

duced Mr. Johnson to talk about his dis-

well provided for financially and pos

sessing a complete chemical and physical

laboratory at his country home. He

simply claims that an ordinary base

on the comparative transparency of sev-

Mr. Johnson called these "Y" rays.

he can decompose a pound in three hours at an expense of 131 cents per

hour. This means at a cost of about 50

cents to produce about \$153 worth of

Joseph King's Seances.

a materializing medium, of Pipestone, Mich., has been with us four days and

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Joseph King,

Jas. R. Lowther. J. C. Kinne.

GEO. N. BALDWIN.

ELMER DENIES.

THE SOCIALIST.

I love my neighbor, and grieve to find

I wish that every girl and boy Were born in honor, brought forth with

My fellow simple, halt or blind.

Swung opportunity's open door.

I wish each man were the master of

Some glorious woman would yield he

I wish each father might view with

Respected, dignified, worthy, sage. I wish that each, with his fate content, To his long home in his full time went.

MILES MENANDER DAWSON.

Don't Delay.

We want to reach a class of new read-

Himself, but servant to all in love.

To pay according to his desert.

charms.

I wish to every true man's arms

pride His perfect progeny by his side.

l wish for each a serene old age,

For these desires I am said to be

An enemy of society.

The explanations no other than—

Society is the foe of man.

Leonidas, Mich.

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farmer:

What Shall Be Done with Them?

I notice in the last issue of your paper, under the head "Important Questions, an article from the pen of W. H. Bach, of Aberdeen, S. D., giving his views as to the cause of fakirs and fraudulent mediums, and suggesting a remedy, etc. While Brother Bach's views of having ago that George Lawrence Johnson, a farmer living near Fairfield, had discova National Board of Examination may ered a process allied to the X rays, and which he termed "Y" rays, by means of which a base metal could be transmuted be a good one as a remedy, I cannot agree with him as to the cause of fraud ulent mediums.

into gold at small cost, people treated I do not believe, as he says, that Spiritualists are alone responsible for the frauds and fakirs that we hear so much about of late. I consider the charge a base slander on the Spiritualists of this country, to say they are alone responsible for these mountebanks that are traveling over the country, robbing the loving, and personating, and pretending to communicate with so-called dead, under the name of mediums.

Is not this language of Brother Bach pretty strong and sweeping in its char-acter? and is it not an insult to the Spirmetal, which has been considered a chemical element, is a compound of which gold is the principal part.

After the publication of Professor Roentgen's discoveries, Johnson became itualists of this country? Does it not savor of an apology for these frauds and fakirs that are swarming all around us like adevouring army of grasshoppers, infesting our ranks, and blighting the interested, and, in company with Mr. Minear, duplicated some of the easier experiments. After securing several pictures they concluded to experiment glorious cause of Spiritualism? It appears that way to me, and I think there are tens of thousands of Spiritualists that will agree with me in this view. I, for one, do enter my solemn protest eral metals to the X rays. By accident a block of one of the most common metals was placed in the box in a certain and denial of such charge.

I have been a Spiritualist and an hon relation to the anode pole of the Crookes

After two hours Mr. Johnson observed est investigator for about thirty years, that this metal was undergoing a and during that time have visited many change. The surface nearest the tube mediums in various parts of the country, change. The surface nearest the tube and my observations and experience is was covered to a depth of one-fourth of that in no case did the people demand anything unreasonable in the way of manifestations. The question with them an inch with a white powder. Beneath this powder the metal presented uneven surfaces of yellowish color. More metal was procured and a like result followed. was not a demand for something better, The change must have resulted from its but, was that which they received genproximity to the anode pole of the uine spirit manifestations, or was it Crookes tube. Rays of great chemical power must have been thrown off, and a fraud? They were satisfied with what they received if they knew it was genuine; in fact, no demand was made as to Mr. Johnson then sent a block of the what they ought to have, or for somemetal, after it had undergone change, to a friend at Columbia College, John C. thing better. It is true that some times we have been disappointed in not get-Hotchkiss, asking him to determine its ting communications from our spirit nature. A reply has been received in friends at our circles and our sittings which preliminary results were given. The yellow metal, Mr. Hotchkiss says, "is probably gold." The base metal with mediums but that cannot in any sense he called a demand on the mediums for something better or unreasonused is a secret. According to Mr. Johnson, it is 68.92 per cent. gold, and

able.

If Spiritualists are responsible in any sense for fraud mediums, it is because of their credulity and gullibility, and not in this demand for the impossible; but even in such cases I do not believe they should be held responsible for the frauds in our ranks. Spiritualists, especially the older ones.

gold. Steps have been taken to patent the process in this country and abroad. DR. T. WILKINS. know that spirits can do many wonderful things in various phases of manifestations, and knowing that, they are very apt to accept everything done as genuine without a question. Fraud medi-ums know this, and they take advantage gave us four seances, and we are very much pleased with them. The third of it and many times impose on these unsuspecting Spiritualists. night he was here he proposed to the These fraud mediums never consen company to give them a test seance, which he did, to our entire satisfaction.

to be put under strict test conditions. It breaks the conditions they say.

They always arrange their circles in

There was a committee chosen from the circle to put the medium under test such a way that they will not to be detected, by sitting the old dyed-in-the-wool Spiritualist closest to them, knowing very much pleased with what we got. We all think and believe that Mr. King they are not watching for tricks and is perfectly honest, as he proved it to us fraudulent manifestations. The medium will say that conditions would not be good if others were to occupy their places who are a little skeptical, and would watch the corners, so to speak. I have no use for frauds of any kind

in this world, and especially so when it ized in full view of the friends that At the close of the seance, we found and our dear friends who have passed Mr. King just as the committee had from our mortal vision. placed him; and we can honestly recom-

There are no words too severe to con-demn, nor punishment to inflict, in my judgment upon those who would not only rob one of his money, but deceive by pretending to call back from the Spirit-world our dear friends, on whose cold graves we have shed so many bitter tears. There ought to be some way to weed

out this class of shylocks from our ranks, and there certainly is. Then there is another difficulty in the way, and it is this, and I consider it one of the principal reasons we have so many frauds. As soon as a fraud is exposed a great cry will go up by certain Spirit-ualists and mediums that we should be very careful. Take the Lily Dale expose, of last summer, for instance. No sooner had the management of that camp laid their plans to entrap the frauds and expose them than several who claimed to be good Spiritualists and mediums rushed to the defense of these frauds, and some of them even went so far as to accuse the management of being in collusion with the frauds and they succeeded in making many good Spiritualists believe it was true without giving the matter a serious thought ust think for a moment how unreason able to believe that a management of a camp like the Lily Dale, the Mecca of Spiritualism in America, would become particeps criminis—partner in crime— and collude with a set of frauds and fakirs to bring discredit upon the cause of Spiritualism? Of course the thing is too absurd and ridiculous to be believed for a moment, and to a thinking mind. Still I have heard quite a number of Spiritualists take that view of the matter. Now it might be said that in this sense Spiritualists are somewhat to blame for frands. They give aid, com-fort and support in that way, which enables them to still continue in this nefa-

rious business. We believe it is the duty of all Spiritualists to set their seal of condemnation against fraud mediums, and when one has been exposed, not to support or countenance him in anyway. If Spiritualists would do that, it would not be long until they would all be weeded out of their ranks. While I do not believe as Brother

Bach does as to the cause of frauds, I do believe there is a remedy to get rid of them, in the way I have suggested. Some of the frauds that were exposed at Lily Dale last summer are again on road, traveling over the country holding seances, and are supported by good Spiritualists. This is all wrong, and as long as it is done we will have fraudulent mediums. We have the remedy and let us apply it.
Eudora, Kan. O. G. RICHARDS. Eudora, Kan.

REMARKS. Our good Brother Richards is wrong

in his estimate of Mr. Bach's views. Mr ers, and in order to do so we are willing Bach does not convey the idea that all Spiritualists are to blame. Spiritualists to make a great sacrifice. For 25 cents we will send them THE PROGRESSIVE can be to blame for certain conditions THINKER for three months and the En- of affairs, without embracing them as a cyclopædia of Death, and Life in the body. Thus Spiritualists were to blame Spirit-World, in paper cover, a book for harboring and encouraging that vilcontaining four hundred pages, printed lain Clifton in this city, who made \$2,000 in fine style. This offer holds good only here without giving a single genuine during the month of April. That statement would Any one of our present subscrib- not, of course, embrace all the Spiritual ers, who will send us a new three lists of this city. The careful reader months' subscriber with his own sub- will see the point. Mr. Bach is one of scription (extending it not less than six the brightest speakers and mediums in months), can each have a copy of the the field, and an honor to our cause, and is highly esteemed by all who know him. We knew Clifton to be a fraud, In consequence of the great interest of Spiritualists and thinkers gener- and yet, at one time had we so stated But some of their marvels are certainly ally in spreading the truth in regard to due to the vivid imaginations of those death, we have concluded to extend the Spiritualists—not all the Spiritualists.

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The Religion of Hate. A revival meeting has been in progress for several weeks at Baraboo, Wis., under the auspices of the Baptists. Some of the opposing Christian sects were annoyed at the methods of the revivalists, so a few nights ago, while souls were being reborn for the kingdom, a crowd gathered outside the church, and engaged in a general tumult. During the uproar a skunk was thrown through a window into the church among the worshipers, by the shameful and angry Christian mob. The next night the rioters were reinforced. Having no polecat they substituted rotten eggs, which were hurled through doors and windows, while "hang them" became the refrain of the belligerents. Revolvers were fired, adding to the din, while pandemonium seemed the victorthe revivalists having escaped from a back window, and gained refuge from

violence in a neighboring house.

Here are proofs that this is a Christian nation, of which the clergy are ever boasting. THE PROGRESSIVE TRINKER is of the opinion that a religion which expresses itself in riots and disorder was born of a savage ancestry, and is the legitimate survival of the barbaric ages and the Inquisition.

#### After Dr. Rusk.

The sleuth-hounds of the Chicago Presbytery have already started on the trail of Rev. Dr. Rusk. Indeed, probably fearful of losing scent, the very next day after Col. Ingersoll gave his address to the admiring multitudes who filled the great Columbia Theater to its extreme capacity, a committee was appointed to investigate the subject. The mover of the committee said: "I believe Brother Rush will retire from the church without further trouble."

This seems to indicate that Doctor Rusk may voluntarily leave the Presby-tery. Will not the degree of Doctor of Heresy—which will in substance be voluntarily granted to the reprobate who prayed for the Colonel, add additional fustre to his name? D. D. and D. H. will be a new and valuable combination of titles. At the present rapid increase of persons honored with the new ecclesiastical degree is probable they will in time outnumber the D. D's, or even Benton's D. D. D's.

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"According to the Buddhist form of religion, a man lives twelve times on earth, his soul returning, after each demise, to some animal, beginning with one of the lower varieties, like a reptile, a crocodile, or a wolf, and then each time he dies afterward returning to some animal of a higher type. In this way there is a general progression of the soul until it reaches the animal representing the highest type of all, which is the white elephant."-News

This was the hell which the Buddha taught his followers to escape by attaining Nirvana, a state of quiet, holy, eternal rest. This he could do by becoming free from desire for material or immaterial existence, discarding pride, self-righteousness and ignorance. The holier-than-thou class would have to make the entire circuit, while the truly good, content with his mortal state, and zealously laboring to elevate humanity, making it wiser, nobler and better would escape this entire round of transmigration, and reach his rest with the close of his earth-life. How much did Catholicism improve on this teaching when it invented its sulphurous hell and purgatorial fires, the former of which Protestants copied, to their lasting disgrace?

#### Ohio Enacts a Good Law.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 15.-Under a law enacted by the Legislature, all private and public hospitals. houses of de tention, reformatory homes, convents, etc., will be inspected every six month by county commissioners.'

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#### Ready for Glory.

H. H. Holmes, the assassin, confess edly guilty of twenty-seven cold-blooded murders, who is awaiting execution in the Philadelphia prison on the 7th of May, was baptized and received into full fellowship in the Catholic Church. on the lith uit. Holmes claims to have been a member of the Congregational Church since childhood.

Now a full fledgling In holy church, all his sins forgiven, he only awaits his

transit to glory. He will have a gorgeous time looking over the battlements of heaven upon his more than a score of victims, and in losting over their sufferings, whilst on his peaceful brow rests the diadem pur-hased by a savior's blood. Such teaching makes the ordinary sinner weary.

#### Hope Revived. Then Blasted.

That passage in Mark 16:16, credited o Jesus: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned," has been used for centuries by the clergy as a scarecrow to frighten the timid it to the church. Belief in the redeeming power of Jesus was everything, good deeds were nothing in its absence. To those poor souls with full faith in the Bible, who have been all their lives in bondage because of this text, it ought to be a happy relief to know that the late revisers of the inspired word, in the margin of their rendering, commencing at the 9th verse of the last chapter of Mark, say: "The two oldest Greek manuscripts and some other authorities, omit from verse 9 to the end. Some other authorities have a different ending to the Gospel." Dr. Adam Clarke, in his Commentaries, makes the same statement, and quotes the other passage ending the book.

From these facts it would seem later transcribers of the holy book, finding the incentives to rush into the church were not sufficiently pronounced, this was added to make the thing sure.

The same idea, however, as the interpolated feature is conveyed in John 3:15: Whosoever believeth in him [Jesus] shall not perish, but have eternal life.' In the 18th verse, same chapter, "He that believeth on him is not condemned." The Greek word rendered "damned" in the quotation from Marh is here rendered "condemned," and in the revised translation it is "judged." If it means damned in the former place it means damned in each of the other places. The revisers do not call in question the genuineness of these latter passages, so it seems damnation is the doom after ail for not believing, and this regardless of character. But hope revives again when it is remembered that John's Gospel was the last written, its genuineness has been violently assailed by learned churchmen, and the probabilities are it was written to cure omis sions in the older Gospels which priests deemed important to their craft.

An honest man's belief is contingent on the evidence which appeals to his judgment. If, unfortunately the conformation of his brain is such that he cannot believe in the absence of proof. there is no good reason why he should not be damned. Though education and diligent research shall convince him that Jesus is a myth, salvation is still contingent on his belief, and his education is the cause of his ruin.

#### Another Fallen Brother.

It is said that the appearance of one robin is not assurance that spring has of greater genius for a man to construct know that warm weather is not very distant. When great sectarian leaders in rapid succession vacate their pulpits. else teach a broader faith, we expect others will follow in the same direction. The last few months have witnessed a larger number of conversions to liberal thought from the orthodox clergy than during any other corresponding period in history.

For seventeen years Rev. H. P. Collin has filled the pulpit of the First Presby-terian Church at Coldwater, Mich. He is represented as a learned scholar, a profound thinker, and a great educator. At last advices he was on trial before his Presbytery for teaching doctrines incompatible with his church creed. We are advised that Rev. Collin's entire congregation will follow their preacher, and form an independent church in ease of his expulsion or withdrawal from the Presbytery.

Only one method remains to save the | tion. It is only a question of a very few old faith, an inheritance from paganism, and that is to discontinue the liberal education of their ministry. Scholars, thinkers and educators are not content to wallow in the ruts of the bygone ages.

#### Its Root in Monkery.

"Several public school teachers in Calhoun County, Mich., have been asked by the board of examiners either to stop dancing and card-playing or resign their places."—News Item.

Basing their opinion on the disgraceful action of the good David, who was not even "clothed about with chastity," as was Godiva, but with shouting, the bray of trumpets, and in the presence of his maiden menials, "leaped and danced before the Lord," who, the record shows, was a caged idol, they have formed a false estimate of this wholesome, pleasant and harmless pastime. It was the monks of the long-ago, as ig norant as they were vile, who gave the cue to modern Christian thought, in opposition to a custom alike common to all forms of healthful, organized life.

#### Pity, Then Embrace.

A year ago the preachers were denouncing the bicycle for women. It was simply "shameful to see them kicking up their heels in the street." Now invitations are publicly sent out inviting the riders of these lately interdicted vehicles to attend ohurch, promising to furnish secure places, without expense, for these "wheels of Satan." The ladies are told they will be welcomed to such churches in their riding costumes. Solomon is credited with writing that "There is no new thing under the sun," but bicyclists in church, and Ingersoll in the pulpit, must be classed as innova-

#### A Time to Weep.

"During the most peaceful years," says a news item, "the world has 3,700, 000 soldiers. The pay, equipments, food and clothing of these men cost nearly \$2,500,000 a day."

These soldiers are in the service of Christian governments. Near one thousand millions of dollars, according to this statement, are annually expended for the support of these Christian soldiers. Their duty is to war against other Christian governments, else in defense of their own against Christian enemies! Great God, let us weep!

### . Condolence.

Readers of political papers from this forth until after the next presidential election, have our profound sympathy. Sufferers are invited to subscribe for and read THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, and forget their misery while reveling in a real enjoyment.

#### Temporarily Absent.

The editor, who has been absent for a few days, will return home the last of this week, and will then respond to the inquiries of numerous correspondents.

#### A Christian Evolutionist.

The scientists have felt confident that churchmen would be compelled to reconstruct their ideas regarding a miraculous creation, and adopt the evolutionary theory, else align themselves with the flat-earth simpletons of the Rev. Jasper school: but it was not expected any one of them would be so bold as to claim that "Evolution is as old as philosophical thought," as does Rev. John A. Zahm, Ph. D., a professor in the distinguished Catholic University of Notre Dame, Indiana, occupying the chair of physics, and, of course, teaching the natural sciences.

Dr. Zahm has published several works during the last few years, which are said to abound with liberal thought. The last of these, "Evolution and Dogmas." must be regarded as a very advanced work, when its authorship is considered. It appears that the Doctor has been sont by his congregation, to which he ministers, to Rome to advise with his superior at the papal court. The general understanding was that he had been invited there for the purpose of censure, but this he disclaims.

A Chicago Chronicle reporter lately interviewed Dr. Zahm, making a lengthy and very interesting chapter, from which it gives us pleasure to make several extracts, for while we insist on holding the priesthood up to censure when meriting it, it gives delight to note any evidences of progress on their part. Omitting the opening paragraphs, we quote:

"Three years ago, when I made my first lectures on 'Science and Faith' at the Catholic summer school, I was pounced upon in much the same manner and prophecies of all things dire were uttered by many oritics. I have never been 'disciplined,' as they put it, and it is not likely that I shall be. The trouble is that we have a great many pious persons in America who are more orthodox than Leo XIII. and the holy office."

"My views may not be looked upon with favor by all in Rome. I do not exneet so much, and I really do not care for the approval of everyone. But I know that every eminent man of science throughout Europe is in perfect sympathe International Catholic Scientific Congress are adherents of the theory as I hold it, and I venture to say that the twentieth century will not be old before nine out of every ten thinkers and students will be evolutionists, as opposed to believers in a special creation."

"Evolution, to my mind, gives us a far nobler idea of God than does the theory of special creation, because it exhibits the Deity operating through natural causes - making things make themselves. To use an old illustration, it is an evidence of mechanical genius for a man to make a watch, but it would be evidence its\_own accord. Now, that's precisely what God does, from the evolutionist's view or point. He creates, to speak of the material universe, matter and gives it power to evolve itself into the million forms which we behold in the animate and inanimate worlds.

"Evolution is not the product of the research and speculation of the nineteenth century. It is as old as philosophic thought. Darwinism is not, as so many imagine, evolution, but is simply an attempt to explain how evolution acts-one of many theories to indicate the factors and processes of evolution. These we may accept or reject without in the least impairing the general theory of evolution. About the truth of Darwinism, Lamarckism and many other similar theories, there are still grave doubts in the minds of men of science but there are few, if any, of these scholars and students who are not now willing to accept the general theory of evolulutioniet of some sort or other, and when the theory of special creation will have as few followers as has now the Ptoie-

maic theory of geocentricism. been criticised for holding views which are hostile to religion. But the old views can no longer be held. They were good enough to explain dur-ing the middle ages questions which are still in controversy and which are not 'of faith.' but the researches of modern science have made a thousand discoveries in biology, paleontology and archæ-ology, which throw new light on these questions and suggest solutions which never could have occurred to medieval scientists.

"It is amusing to study the different points of view taken by my censors. In America they unite in denouncing me as liberal and a radical, and vet I read a ortnight ago in one of the most prominent Catholic reviews of Europe that I am entirely too conservative, almost an In Catholic France and Italy, which are supposed to be very conserva tive, my books have been translated and have attained a sale as great as the Eng-lish editions, and although my latest 'Evolution and Dogma,' has been out only a few weeks. I have had many etters asking for pormission to put it nto French, German and Italian. of them comes from a well-known literary man of Malta.

"The bishops and book censors of Europe, who are regarded as ultra-con-servative, have never hesitated to approve of my former works, and I have no doubt that 'Evolution and Dogma vill receive their imprimatur, although it has been such a rock of scandal to my American critics.

"How is my work looked upon by my superior general? Well, I have never discussed the question with him, and I do not know his views on evolution. But I do know that he is a cultured, broadminded man, who is willing that every-one should be free to elect his own point of view. He knows me well enough to cel assured that I will write nothing that will be temerarious [rash], much less scandalous or heretical. He seems to have implicit confidence in me in these matters, and, perhaps, the best evidence of it is his calling me to Rome as his assistant and representative at the Vatican. The procurator general is the official representative of the congregation, and all business with the holy see is transacted through him. How long shall I stay? I do not know. \* \* My Bible, Science and Faith,' and 'Evolu tion and Dogma,' will not, I am sure, bring me censure or reprimend from the wise old man of the Vatican.

"I shall be sorry to leave America, for I am American in heart and soul, and I shall be glad when it is permitted me to return to my native country and my col-lege home, old Notre Dame."

#### Not to Be Trusted.

"Every game will be square" is the assuring but somewhat astonishing announcement in the advertisement of a church fair in a Maine town.-News

Every gambling establishment the world over gives the same conflding assurance, but the sensible man knows that none of them can be trusted.

# FRANCE AND HER NEW JOAN OF ARG.

AS VIEWED BY CEN. W. H. PARSONS.



VOLUME ONE OF THE ENCYCLOPÆDIA OF DEATH, AND LIFE IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

We wish to reach 20,000 new readers. In order to do it we must make a great financial sacrifice. We will send out The Encyclopædia of Death, and Life in the Spirit-World, in paper cover, as a gift to all new subscribers for three months. It contains 400 closely-printed pages, and has been sold for 50 cents.

Send 25 cents to this office and you will get this book and THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER for three months. If possible, get your friends to unite with you. Advertise this offer, Spiritualists, among your friends. It will only continue during the month of April.

We wish to do a philanthropic work. Many thousand copies of The Encyclopædia of Death have been sold, and the great mass of Spiritualists have been loud in its praise. The good it has done in modifying the views of people in regard to the change called death has been great. Send. in your orders at once. When you receive the book, and have carefully read it, you can not fail to rejoice. You would not take \$2 for it if you could not get another copy.

Any one of our present subscribers who will send us a new three months' subscriber with his own subscription (extending in not less than six months), can each have a copy of the book.

In consequence of the great inter est of Spiritualists and thinkers generally in spreading the truth in regard to death, we have concluded to extend the above offer through the month of May

#### BIBLE QUOTATIONS IMPROPER

A Kansan Fined for Sending Two Verses to a Minister by Mail.

J. B. Wise, of Clay Center, has been found guilty by a jury of the federal court of sending improper matter through the mail and fined \$50. He addressed a postal-card to the Rev. H. B. Vennum, of Industry, Clay County, upon which he had written two Biblical quotations. Vennum filed a complaint with the United States district attorney, who instituted a case against Wise. The case was submitted to the jury on an agreed statement of facts. Wise will agreed statement of facts. Wise will appeal. He is backed by the National Freethought Association, which has employed a New York lawyer to manage

his case in the higher courts.

Wise is an intelligent man about 40 years old. He said that he got into a religious argument with Vennum and to prove that parts of the Bible were improper he sent him the quotations on the postal-card. He says that he expected to get arrested when he sent the postal-card.-Kansas City Star.

This affair is of interest to Liberals and church people alike. The case has been dragging in the courts several years. It is understood that the church did all it could to stop the trial and have a nolle pros entered; but Mr. Wise insisted on a trial, and is now carrying it to a higher court, wishing to get the same decision there. The decision as it stands virtually declares that the said passages of "Holy Writ" are indecent and it is not lawful to transmit them through the mails. Here is a pointer for Anthony Comstock.

#### Dr. Holbrook's \$100.

To THE EDITOR: -Dr. Holbrook's one hundred dollar offer to materializing mediums makes me think of an orthodox minister of Buffalo, who has a stand ing offer to any slate-writing medium, as follows, "I have a pair of common school slates, thoroughly screwed to-gether, at my house, and if any slatewriting medium can produce any writ-ing on them there, I will believe that such a thing can be possible." I have told him several times that no medium would be foolish enough to spend his time at his house to satisfy him about

the matter of slate-writing.

Now, Dr. Holbrook's offer is about of the same piece that our preacher Buck's is. Why doesn't Dr. Holbrook take up the offer of your former corresponder Mr. Burke, who will undertake to get a good materializing medium for the sum of \$1,000? I know the medium that Mr. Burke would bring, and I also know that if Dr. Holbrook puts up the \$1,000 he will lose it surely. J. W. DENNIS. will lose it surely. J. W. DENN 120 Normal Ave., Buffale, N. Y.

#### Haunted House in Oklahoma.

There is, just now, much excitement over the alleged haunting of a house in Guthrie, Ok., in which Ella Myers, the unfortunate girl from Pueblo, Col., was found dead recently. The inmates have all moved out because of fear and neighbors say that the girl's spirit appears every night, and can be seen wandering about the house, mouning and crying for help. Friday night six men watched to solve the mystery, but when the apparition appeared they were too frightened to act. Last night over a score of men and several policemen remained in the house, and when the strange thing made a rush for it, but could appeared, secure nothing, though every one saw a woman in white with blood-red hands moving about, and distinctly heard the moans. There are rumors that the girl was not dead when found, but was buried alive, and her brother arrived from Colorado and will Pave the body exhumed and an examination made.

Those who never retract their opinions love themselves more than they love truth.—Joubert.

A poet must needs be before his own age to be even with posterity.—Lowell. The coward reckons himself cautious; the miser thinks himself frugal. -Hume The act of worship is among all cretion indigenous and peculiar to man .-Melville.

Liberality does not consist so much in iving a great deal as in giving seasonably.-La Mierre.

I have somewhere seen it observed that we should make the same use of a book that the bee does of a flower; she steals sweets from it, but does not injure

ENCLOSE you three cablegrams; King, she at once singled him out one from London, of April 4th, from among the courtiers by whom he and two from Paris, April 6th and was surrounded, although an attempt 7th; the former the regular weekly re- was made to baffle her on this point, port to the New York Sun, and the two by the King's assumption of a plain latter to the Journal, that latest one- dress, totally destitute of all marks of cent marvel in journalistic enterprise ornament that could discover his rank in the American metropolis. All three to her. Repeating to him what she letters narrate the advent in France had already told the Governor of her of another possible Jeanne D'Arc. province, she assured him that she This modern Sibyl, whose forecast of would compel the English to raise the the result of impending momentous siege of Orleans, and would safely events, both in Europe and America, conduct him to Rheims, that, like his

and the crushing defeat of Spain by about the genuineness of her mission, the Republic "beyond the sea"-and and very pertinently demanded some this while 1 the honest and sincere unequivocal and convincing proof of girl" (as Zola, the preacher of realism, her supernal inspiration; upon which styles her) is in a state of profound all the attendants except the King's trance, with all the evidences of a re- confidential friends being withdrawn, incarnated, exalted intelligence, whom she told him a secret, which, from its she persists in calling the Archangel very nature, he had every reason to Gabriel, as her prototype of Orleans, believe that by natural means no one St. Catherine. of 1430, called her control the Arch- in the world could know; and she at angel Michael, the tutelar spirit war- the same time described and demanded rior, for the deliverance, through her to be armed with a certain sword, mediumship, of the French from a which was deposited in the Church of three-hundred-year subjection of a St. Catherine at Fierbois, and though large part of her territory to English it was certain she never could have arms, cannot but arrest the interest seen it, she described its various of those students of the occult fa- marks with great exactness. Though miliar with the phenomena of spirit greatly staggered, the King was even entrancement, and especially chal- yet unconvinced; and a conclave of lenges the attention of the open ad- doctors and theologians was assembled herents of Modern Spiritualism in the to inquire into and report upon Joan's The "Maid of Breton," from whence terrogated by the Parliament, then she came with her family to Paris, sitting at Poictiers, and here, upon like Joan the "Maid of Orleans," and the report of the first conclave, it was the "Maid of Loudres," all three pure again decided that her mission was and exalted mediums-under the con- genuine, and that heaven had miractrol of elevated and advanced intel- ulously inspired a maiden champion."

ligences—is a simple peasant girl; We shall not follow this historic and, like her predecessors, has not narrative from English sources further only seen visions and heard voices, for want of space and fear of probecause clalryoyant, like Stephen lixity, but will conclude with the rewhen stoned to death, and clairaudient markable fulfillment of Joan's predic- her martyrdom the crime of the death like Socrates (says his biographer, tions. Zenophon) from his childhood, but, In her humble occupation she had

her divine gift of prophecy.

memberment of France. It is one of the most remarkable her graceful and fearless equitation, illustrations of the fallibility of human which seemed so marvelous, excited judgment, and especially ecclesiastical the enthusiasm of the 10,000 men, pretensions to that virtue, that the under the leadership of St. Severe, priesthood, with the Bishop of Beau- who now had orders to consider himvois at its head, only one of them, the self second in command to Joan of Cardinal of Winchester, being an Arc, she marched to succor the be-Englishman, to whom the captive leaguered city of Orleans. maiden was delivered for trial by the | She compelled the English forces,

United States.

bishop of the diocese, as stated in the heart. London letter enclosed.

that we are tempted here and now, at Europe. the risk of trespassing on your val- We believe that without the heaventury, and especially at this day.

the siege of Orleans, then (1430) in- bellion. vested by the Duke of Bedford, the emi, near Vancelours. Her life and America. manners were · blameless; and accuseccentricity of manner or conduct.

sanguine and untutored maid, ab-them with tears of joy. sorbed with a passionate desire to aid She had discharged her mission, her distressed and almost fugitive but, unfortunately, yielding to imporshe was audibly called upon by an in- was accidentally captured. visible power to exert herself on his decrees.

her with attendants and sent her to image it bore." Chinon, where Charles and his scanty The spot in Rouen which was the court resided,

Now, follow the evidences of her taking off," and from whence she wonderful mediumistic powers as a ascended in the midst of the funeral Sibyl. An English historian, Samuel pyre kindled by political and ecole-Maunder, says:

and especially the prediction of the ancestors, he might be crowned there. dismemberment of her native land, "The King expressed some doubts alleged mission. She was closely in-

like Schlatter, our own "John from learned to manage a horse with ease; out the wilderness," refuses merce- and, mounted on a war steed, armed nary compensation for the exercise of cap-a-pic, and bearing aloft a consecrated banner, on which was embroid-"The Maid of Orleans" proclaimed ered a representation of the Supreme the deliverance, as the Maid of Bre- Being, with a globe representing the ton announces prophetically the dis- earth in his hand-her youth, her animated countenance, and, above all,

infamous Duke of Bedford, on the under the bold and heretofore inpetition of the University of Paris, vincible Duke of Bedford, to raise the A. D. 1431—charged with impiety, siege; and step by step they were sorcery and magic, condemned and finally expelled from France. This delivered her over to the flames, in was the inauguration of the deliverthe market-place of Rouen, for the sole ance of France from the English, crime that she loved her country and A. D. 1437; although their last stronghold, Calais, that key of That same priesthood, in 1895, has France, of which England was so now canonized Joan of Arc in the chary and proud, was not wrested French history, all orders of the this misfortune, was often heard to church throng to hear the prescience say, in the agonies of her grief, that of the gifted Maid of Breton, until after her death the word "Calais" repressed and forbidden by the arch- would be found engraven on her

Of all human instruments for this It is so common for the superficial redemption of the soil of France from and prejudiced or ignorant to assume a hereditary foe, she is more inthat Jeanne D'Arc was self-deluded, debted to the simple warrior medium. or that a superstitious court and age Joan of Arc, than even to Napoleon utilized her pretensions to a divine the First, whose final fall at Watercommission to deliver France, and loo was followed by the occupation of made profitable use of her delusions Paris, 1815, by the allied armies of

uable space, to cite a few of the his- inspired "Maid of Orleans," who gave toric evidences of her clairaudient the first successful impulse to the expsychometric and clairvoyant powers, pulsion of the English armies, which as now understood and recognized by had held sway for three hundred years modern psychic students, and well- over Northern France, the France of known (not believed, merely) by Mod- 1776 might not have had existence, ern Spiritualists familiar with similar and could not have sent forty warphenomena now on every hand ships and 7,000 French troops, under throughout the last half of this cen- Lafayette, to crown the Continental army under Washington with victory at Yorktown, which closed what, Joan of Arc, who, at the head of without this succor, would have been the French army, successfully raised an unsuccessful and disastrous re-

"The Maid of Orleans," the humble most distinguished of England's mil- medium of the fifteenth century, itary chiefs in that age of knighthood should be the patron saint of France, and chivalry, was a maid servant of a and hold high estate in the heart and country inn at the village of Domer- future temples to Spiritualism in

The hostility of the contemporary tomed to tasks and to ride her mas- English commanders to Joan ascribed ter's horses to their watering-place, the marvelous successes of the French which usually fell to the share of men, arms less to mortal skill and prowess she became active and hardy, and her than to the hellish acts of the Maid of simple living was unmarked by any Orleans. In Rheims, in fulfillment of her prophecy, Charles was crowned, The fate of Orleans, then besieged, and the late obscure menial of the involved the fate of Southern France, village inn waved over his head the as all of the northern portion, in-consecrated banner before which his cluding Parls, was in the hands of the foes had fled so often, and while the conquering English. At that hour glad multitude shouted in triumph, of peril, when every heart in France she to whom so much of this trumph throbbed with apprehension, this was owing fell at his feet and bathed

sovereign, King Charles, claimed that tunity, remained with the army and

When, at her trial by her captors, behalf, and presented herself to the asked why she put her trust in a Governor of Vancouleurs, and be- standard consecrated by magical insought him to listen to the voice of cantations, and why she carried it at heaven, and to aid her in fulfilling its the coronation of Charles, she replied that "she trusted not in the standard, He, after some hesitancy, furnished but in the Supreme Being whose

scene of the "deep damnation of her

now as then, when churc's and state were as one with dominant powerthat spot should be as consecrated, to patriots and Spiritualists, as the dungeon cell of Tasso, incarcerated by the Duke of Ferrera for the temerity of his love for the Duke's beautiful sister. is to "all the world who loves a lover."

Of this spot, consecrated by the sighs and tears of human love to the object of its idolatry, the appreciative Byron, on visiting the dungeon wrote:

"Misfortune has greater attraction for posterity than contemporaries, Ferrera is much decayed and depopulated. The cell in which Tasso the poet was confined attracts more fixed attention than the monument and residence of Ariosto."

In the "Lament of Tasso," the great English bard breathes a sentiment as applicable to the now forgotten and cruel Duke of Bedford as to the Duke of Ferrera. Loading the Maid of Orleans with chains, Bedford had by his court consigned Joan to a perpetual dungeon, and finally the devouring flame; as the Duke of Ferrera had his victim, the now immortal Tasso, to his cell in the hospital of

The most pathetic lament in the English tongue, rising to the height of Hebraic sublimity in prophecy, is "Tasso's Lament," descriptive of the future of the city, of the Dukedom of Ferrera and his solitary cell.

Thou, Ferrera, when thy towers and battlements, and scenes of ban. quet, dance and revel are forgot, This, this, my dungeon, shall be a consecrated spot."

The most consecrated spot in France is Rouen. Who remembers her execrated persecutors? Who forgets Joan of Arc? He was a grand Englishman, the editor of the London Telegraph and author of "If Christ Should Come to Chicago," who declared that the British nation should send her royal family and Parliament in procession to Rouen, to make atonement and expiate on the spot of of the medium of France, Jeanne D'Arc, the Maid of Orleans.

Of her fate, another historian, and an Englishman (Maunder), says: "This was the brutal injustice upon s woman, whom the nobler delusions of Greece and Rome would have deified and worshiped."

W. H. PARSONS. Washington, D. C.

### A HOME MISSION.

Its Methods and Its Good Results.

Clara Marsh Gives Her Experience.

To THE EDITOR: On my own responsibility I commenced to hold my parlor meetings, hoping to create an interest in our beautiful philosophy. I give a lecture, and at its close spirit descriptions, which are generally recognized, though I make no claim Calender of Saints, and taught by her from her grasp until A. D. 1557, in to be a test medium. I think much proven pretensions to genuine me- the reign of Mary; who, cold and un- good could be done through just such diumship in the brightest annal of patriotic as was her heart, touched by meetings as I am holding, in any community where there are only a few of our people. At first I had only twelve present, but now I have forty and over. This is a great orthodox town, and the church people are very bitter against any thought that savors of liberal teachings, and the editor of our village paper has already shown his animosity by refusing to publish a notice of my next meetings. But my lectures will go on just the same, even if a few ignorant minds seek to overthrow them. This spirit of unkindness manifested towards those who are seeking to bring greater spiritual truth to the people, shows plainly the greater need of teaching the higher lessons of justice, kindness and love, and urging mankind to purify his spirit from these elements, that tend to make him selfish and unlovely in the sight of the angel world, as a per-

> My lecture of March 29th was well attended, my audience increasing in numbers, to the extent I can scarcely find room for them. After some short but appropriate remarks concerning the anniversary of Spiritualism, my guides spoke on the subject of "The Cradle and Coffin," showing the necessity of the mortal birth, in order that man may gain a needed experience in those lessons of life that add to his spiritual growth, and fit him to assimilate with those finer and more exalted conditions of the heavenly spheres, claiming man had a past as well as a future immortality, and claiming a portion of the infinite intelligence as his own; that the change called death was but a birth into another sphere of existence, and as natural and as important as the physical birth, in the evolution of man from a lower to a higher grade of ex-CLARA MARSH.

Rochester, Mich.

secutor of truth.

#### Pointed.

"Keep the head cool, the feet dry, the bowels open, and a fig for the doctors," sententiously wrote a distinguished physician of a former generation. Col. Ingersoll took for his text, in his great sermon before the Church Militant, on the 12th ult., "There is no darkness but ignorance," repeating it at the close with the addition of "There is no light but intelligence." The learned Abernathy hardly equaled "Our Bob" in epigrammatic lucidness.

As it is a well-established fact that catarrh is a blood-disease, medical men are quite generally prescribing Ayer's Sarsaparilla for this most loathsome and dangerous complaint. Where this siastic bigotry—that would again ig- treatment is perseveringly followed, a "When Joan was introduced to the nite the fagot had it the same sway thorough cure is invariably the result

## DISGOVERIES OF SCIENCE.

### Many Interesting Items Concisely Expressed.

BY CARL SEXTUS.

ERCURY, the nearest planet to of black and white upon the illum-|Sunflower State-a title more than the sun, exhibits certain mi- inated objects. irregularities have been sought.

THE SUN'S ELECTRIC POWER. suggested the possible existence of a green instead of blue light. ring of little bodies revolving around the sun between Mercury and Venus. More recently Monsieur Wellman, in electrical repulsion from the sun may not be the cause of Mercury's irregu-

In support of this idea the fact is recalled that evidence of the sun's exercise of a repellant force, probably electrical, is furnished by the phenomena of comets' tails.

During the autumn of this year s monument is to be unveiled at Osteel, in East Friesland, in memory of the and Johann Fabricius. The site chosen is the place in the cemetery where the grave of the elder Fabricius was dis-Fabricius, who was the parish clergy- these. man of Osteel, was murdered, in 1617, by a turf-digger named Frerik Hojer, whom he had somewhat imprudently denounced from the pulpit for steal- the small opening, and one can obing geese. Hojer angrily struck the serve tiny particles of dust dancing in pastor with his spade.

POWER OF THE SUN'S HEAT. If the sun's heat that falls upon a these motes of dust. square yard of ground could be all position of 1878 a solar engine produced power enough to run a printing phere luminous. press. Ericsson invented a solar engine that might have a practical value in the Sahara, where a large proportion of the solar energy that strikes the outer part of the atmosphere penetrates to the bottom of the aerial sea. power to be obtained by utilizing the

Unfortunately there have been no

thousandth part of a second. Recent atures prevailing in the sun.

WHY THE SKY IS BLUE.

we would lack light on Mother Earth, the blue color of the sunbeams. and the heavens would be inky black. Within the Antarctic Circle, the nearer one gets to the pole the lighter in color becomes the birds and animals. It is almost impossible to discover the magnificent white petrel against the snows, or the white seal when it stretches itself on the ice.

EFFECT OF COLD.

Intense cold, as is well known, burns—if we may use the term—like the and thoughtful women prefer pink; heat. If a drop of air at a tempera- women who regard themselves as be which has just been marked with a ture of 180 degrees below zero were ing unfortunate prefer pearl gray; memorial tablet, is the villa upon placed upon the hand, it would have lilac is the shade particularly affected which Dr. Franklin erected his first the same effect as would the same by "over-ripe beauties;" wherefore, lightning conductor. The Record quantity of molten steel or lead. the great author held, lilac hats are building stands, however, upon the Every one who has the care of horses mostly worn by mothers on their very spot where Benjamin Franklin ought to know the pain inflicted by daughters' marriage-day, and by first flew his famous electrical kite. placing a frosted bit in a horse's women more than forty years old, In a recent number of "Cassier's Magmouth. It burns like hot iron.

ABOUT COLORS.

not nearly so visible at a distance as the scale. one of white. A red globe a foot in diameter can be perceived clearly only worms that have no eyes are bediameter can be perceived clearly only blue globe a little further.

pure red, green and blue shutters, taken from the earth and placed in one of the little columns of the "Gen-Herr Vogel observed that when the light, a worm will always exhibit tleman's Magazine" (for October 19, light was rigorously excluded all sense uneasiness and make an effort to con- 1752), and has at its end only the of color of objects disappeared from ceal itself. the perception of the observers, who could distinguish nothing but shades

nute irregularities in its mo- It was further noted that a scale of upon Governor Motley's farm contion, which led the great astronomer, colors illuminated by red light showed structed his sunflower clock, Choos-Leverrier, to believe that there was the red pigments as white or gray, ing an enormous sunflower, he atan undiscovered planet nearer the sun which abruptly changed into yellow tached to its drooping head a tiny than Mercury, to whose attraction the not red-upon adding blue light cornstalk not more than ten feet long. peculiar motion of the latter was due. Hence a color appeared which was not About the plant he drew a circle and Later astronomers have been unable contained in either of the sources of divided it into twenty-four parts, each to find Leverrier's supposed planet, illumination. Red and yellow patches of which was subdivided for minutes and other explanations of Mercury's appeared to be of the same color, so and seconds, that they could hardly be distinguished Not long ago Professor Newcomb at once appeared upon the addition of

The kind of sensation experienced also depends very much upon the intensity of the illumination, as is easily France, has raised the question whether seen in and about the region of the spectrum, near the G line of Fraunhofer. This region appears violet when be read off upon the dial. of low luminosity; blue when it is stronger; and may even appear of a bluish white with strong sunlight. So that the often-made assertion that with normal eyes a definite colorsensation corresponds with a definite wave-length is not tenable,

Herr Vogel arrives at the conclusion that our judgment of the color of a discoverers of the sun's spots, David pigment is guided by our perception of the absence of certain constituents. Thus, a red tint is only recognized as such when light of other colors is used covered about nine years ago. David and we perceive its inability to reflect

Suppose a room absolutely dark, save a hole through one of the shutters. A ray of light will dart through that bright beam of light. As a matter of fact it is not "the light" we see, but simply a reflection caused by

As it is with this shaft of light in saved and utilized in steam engines, the darkened room, so it is on a large the power generated, according to Pro-scale throughout the air. The many fessor Langley, would be as much as millions of particles of dust catch the a full horse-power. At the Paris Ex- light, reflecting it back and forth from only recently been partially lifted out one to another, so making the atmos. of the class "mysterious." There are

It is for this reason that, were it not for dust at night, when there is day. Everything would appear dif-

We hear a great deal of the vast ferent. Where the light touched, the of the mass, and also why a sword eyes would be dazzled by the bril-Falls of Niagara, but the sun power liancy. The mellow softness of the the edge becomes sharper. wasted on the District of Columbia, shadows would become an intense says the Professor, is a hundred times black and the outline of objects harsh and angular.

The sunlight, which has been anthoroughly practical inventions to alyzed by means of the spectroscope, harness the sun's wasted energy. The consists of all the colors of the raiuday will come, doubtless, when it will bow, their total forming the white although in every case the halves of be utilized. In that day the deserts, light. This white light, going through with their dry atmosphere, will be- a crystal prism, is broken up into its down 800 feet from the top of the come the centers of large industries, seven components, the so-called fun. Forth bridge on the rocks below, bent and will to a certain extent be redamental colors. Those seven distinct claimed.

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Colors of light are the result of the possible for the capture as satellites some of the capture as satellites as the capture as the cap The intensity of the sun's heat and different lengths of ether waves, blue the amount of energy dispersed leading the list as one of the shortest, through the universe in his rays are yellow being one of the longest waves. Strength of wrought iron was practically constant while at 30 degrees enough heat comes to the earth from up highest in the atmosphere, reflect tically constant, while at 30 degrees the sun to bring 37,000,000,000 tons only the blue light, imparting that the strength was slightly increased; of water to the boiling point. And tint to the heavens above. In mining but until Professor Dewar's recent rethe sun gives out heat enough to sup- districts, and those where factory enply 2,000,000,000 of such worlds as gines abound, where the air is full of ceived that when immersed in liquid ours. The coal beds of Pennsylvania large particles of coal and other dust, air at a temperature of 320 degrees, will suffice for this country's use for even on the otherwise clear day, the the strength of iron wire would be centuries, yet if the whole coal stock sun will have a reddish tint. The raised from thirty-four tons to sixtyof the State were consumed in one cause of it is that the particles of dust two tons per square inch. The chempuff, the heat generated would not be are too large and too low in the atmos- ical constituents of iron and steel do equal to the sun's product in the one- phere to reflect the blue light, only the not change, but the molecular arrangered being reflected. For this reason ment and intercrystalline cohesion experiments show that it is difficult to the sky in the country will be blue, must change, and it is to mechanical conceive what the properties of matter while above a large city on the same investigation and laboratory work would be at extremely low tempera- day the heavens may present a graytures. It is even more difficult to ish or whitish color, on account of the that we must look for an elucidation conceive what they are at the temper- dust atoms being rather large, and, therefore, not reflecting the blue light.

The reason that in southern parts The majority of persons do not of the globe, and near the equator, the of a "human time-keeper"—a most know that the sky is blue on account sky is very blue, lies in the fact that remarkable case, and nothing like it of the thousands and thousands of the air is much drier, and the dust recorded. A negro man, aged fiftymillions of atoms of dust floating in molecules, not being enlarged by six, had in boyhood been struck on the atmosphere. Were it not for dust moisture, are thus enabled to reflect the head by a pick, resulting in a de-

CURIOUS SPECULATIONS.

Balzac's curious speculations suggest the extent to which color influences our human life. He had noticed that a woman who had a taste for orange or green gowns was quarrelsome; one who wore a yellow or black apparel, without apparent cause, was not to be trusted; preference for white showed a coquette spirit; genwhen they go visiting.

A white object of any size may be the principles of color, as already laid was a square affair, not the coffinseen in sunlight at a distance of down, namely, that red and yellow shaped kite shown in the story-books. 17,250 times its diameter; that is to excite; green, tempered by blue, is To the upright stick of the cross say, if it is a white ball a foot in bilious; orange is fiery; gray is cold Franklin attached his pointed rod—s diameter it can be perceived at a disand melancholy; lilac is a light shade sharp wire about a foot long. With tance of 17,250 feet. A red object is of purple, the most retiring color of this he faced what most of the world

at a distance of 8,000 feet, and a ence of light from some other sense nearly killed. And yet the modest than that of light. Light is always scientist's own narrative of his daring In using oil lamps provided with dangerous to an earthworm, and when as well as brilliant exploit barely fills initials "B. F."

> SUNFLOWER CLOCK. Kansas has often boar called the

ever appropriate since the foreman

And now, as the faithful plant from from one another; but the difference dawn till dusk eyes its flerce lord, the cornstalk pointer moves about the dial, indicating the time. The sunflower clock can also be used as a stop-watch to time races, by holding over it a big umbrella, which checks the revolution upon the instant, when the time to a fraction of a second may

FREAK OF NATURE.

People on Holston Mountain, in Carter county, are agitated over a freak of nature. Recently Bill Chance, an eccentric character, committed suicide by hanging himself from the limb of a large, green oak tree. The tree died immediately and presents the appearance of having been dead for years. All the shrubbery and vegetation for several feet around the tree is dead, and the blight, like the fears of the people, is spreading.

This the monk, Roger Bacon, knew in the thirteenth century. The same hand of Christ which healed the sick caused the fig-tree to wither, quite contrary to the further words of Paracelsus: "There is no difference between sanctum and magnum, other than that the one is through God, the other through nature.'

CLEARING UP MYSTERIES.

The effects of hardening, tempering and annealing, familiar to the world for several thousand years, is stated by Sir Benjamin Baker to have many other "mysteries" of an analogous kind waiting to be cleared up. We should like to know, for example, no moon, the sun would appear as an what is going on, month after month, immense glowing ball. The moon and in a hardened steel armor-piercing stars would be visible throughout the projectile which frequently leads finally to a violent disruptive explosion loses its temper by lapse of time, while

Why, again, should the tough and flawless bar-iron suspension links, which have carried the Hammersmith bridge successfully for over sixty years, snap in two by the dozen during simple transport to Edinburgh, the broken links, on being thrown for forty years past, from Fairbairn's experiments, that at temperatures of searches they could never have conrather than to practical engineering

of the process. A HUMAN TIME-KEEPER.

The Lancet-Clinic reports the case pressed and adherent cicatrix. When asked the time-night or day-he would place his finger on this snot and answer, always giving the correct time, or within a few minutes of it. The writer, Dr. Culberson, of Zanesville, Ohio, tries to explain it by "unconscious cerebration." No such thing; he has wheels in there.

FRANKLIN'S EXPERIMENT.

Benjamin Franklin's old-time French Embassy, the villa at Passy, azine" the interesting details of this These theories are founded upon experiment were described. The kite then believed to be the avenging blow

> POLAR ORIGIN OF MAN. Believes in the Laplace theory of

are of the opinion that the original stock of the human race first came into existence at the poles of the earth, and gradually moved out forming their ideas to the belief that existence as soon as a portion of the of less than 25 per cent. globe had cooled sufficiently to admit of their living upon it.

un in the polar regions.

If it is really true that the poles were the first habitable spots on the earth's surface, and that they were rendered so by the globe first cooling at the spots least affected by sunshine, it must be true, also, that the polar regions are gradually eneroaching upon the temperate and torrid zones. Who knows but that the centuries yet to come will find the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico with icebergs and keep the Nile and the Amazon frozen solidly throughout the year?

A KNOTTY PROBLEM.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Schaefer, is having some little trouble in arranging the law regarding the compulsory study of physiology in Lancaster county. A certain religious sect there is objecting to the study of it, inasmuch as it claims that the teachings of physiology are contradictory to those of the Bible. The same people object to the study of geography, holding that the sun must move, inasmuch as Joshua commanded it to stand still, while geography teaches that the earth rotates and revolves. Dr. Schaefer is grappling with the problem now, and is trying to induce the pupils to return to school.

The explanation of Lord Kelvin's estimate that the "set-back" of the earth in its daily rotation around its axis amounts to twenty-two seconds per century, is reported to be that such retardation is bwing to the friction caused by the tides, the latter acting as a brake, and such action is calculated, according to the same authority, to be equal in weight to some 400,000 tons applied on the equator.

Other causes, he says, have to be taken into account, as, for example, the increase in the size of the earth. due to the falling on it of meteoric dust, which, if deposited at the rate of one foot in 4,000 years, would produce the retardation by itself, Further, such a phenomenon as the annual growth and melting of snow and ice at the poles, by abstracting water from the other parts of the ocean, introduces irregularities into the problem, the abstraction accelerating the earth's motion, and the melting, by restoring the water, retarding it.

SATELLITES AND AEROLITES. The opinion is attributed to some astronomers that it is possible for the roving meteoric bodies known to be so numerous in space, instead of bringing them to the surface as aerolites. and that, as these bodies are too small to be seen—a mass of 100 tons being invisible at 800 or 1,000 miles when brightly lighted—the earth may be attended by hundreds of invisible

Sir John Herschel is cited as even of the opinion that they may be large enough to be visible for brief intervals when beyond the earth's shadow, and Sir John Lubbock has actually sunplied formula for calculating the distance from observations of this kind. M. Petit, also director of the observatory at Toulouse, is quoted as having been led by observation and calculation to conclude that the earth is attended by at least one meteoric stone of considerable size—one about twenty-six times nearer than the moon-its orbit being 5,000 miles from the earth's surface, the tiny moon revolving around the earth in three hours and twenty minutes.

EARTH'S MACNETISM AND SPEED,

The earth's magnetism, although practically useless as a great power for driving mills, has one of its uses in operating a mariner's compass. which, next to Columbus, was the means of discovering America. This illustrates that although several of the natural forces are of little service for driving machinery, yet in other ways they may become of utmost importance.

Everybody knows that the earth makes one complete revolution on its axis once in each twenty-four hours. But few, however, have any idea of the high rate of speed at which such an immense ball must turn in order to accomplish the feat of making one revolution in a day and a night. A graphic idea of the terrific pace which the old earth keeps up year after year may be had by comparing its speed to that of a cannon ball fired from a modern high-pressure gun. -

The highest velocity ever attained by such a missile has been estimated at 1,626 feet per second, which is equal to a mile in three and two-tenths seconds. The earth, in making one complete revolution in the short space of twenty-four hours, must turn with a velocity almost exactly equal to that of the cannon ball. In short, its rate of speed at the equator is exactly 1.507 feet per second. This is equal seconds, seventeen miles a minute.

was of iron; instead of a gem, a lodestone was placed in it, symbolical of temperature as to melt its substance. newer.

the origin of the sun and the planets (the magnetic power of female at-

Nikola Tesla, whose discovery, three years ago, of the 'rotating magnetic fluid" has almost revolutionized modtoward the equator. All believers in ern electrical methods, believes that it to place 100,000 horse-power on a fire, and that the human race came into York or Chicago with a loss in energy An inventor proposes to utilize the

The portion most likely to cool first igators of the approach of danger. was the poles, and the evidence de- He has constructed a compass which upon which is founded the idea of the not be affected by the magnetic force in the warm countries. polar origin of the human family. On on board the ship, but will be keenly the above theory is explained the sensitive to minute symptoms from mysterious finding of the remains of any other magnetic influence exerted be found in medical works. Sailors tropical birds, beasts and plants far at a distance from the vessel up to possibly two miles. This compass. when affected by the magnetism, oscillates about an eighth of an inch, so the inventor asserts. When it is so affected, the metal connections on nized as a curious malady many years the rim of the dial-plate will close a ago, and by one, who evidently wrote circuit, causing bells to ring in the after careful consideration, was atengine-room as well as the pilot-house tributed directly to lunar influence. on the bridge.

A WONDERFUL LIGHT.

In the lamphouse of the Government lighthouse station at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, is housed the most wonderful light in the world. The light itself stands fifteen feet high, the face of its bull's-eye is nine feet across, and its lenses are as much as four inches thick. It is capable of flashing a ray of light-equivalent to the on the deck, becomes afflicted with power of 250,000,000 candles, and the distance from which it can be seen on clear nights is practically limited only by the curvature of the earth. The lash will have the intensity and blinding glare of a stroke of lightning.

That part of the light which revolves weighs fifteen tons, and so exquisite is the mechanism by which it s moved that the pressure of fingers will turn it. A child could control powerful than is generally known. the machinery, and the motive power which propels it is a single bit of clockwork incased in a box two feet

The light consists of two concave discs about eight and a half feet in diameter. These discs are placed back-to-back about a foot apart, and and said: in position look like tremendous double-convex magnifying lenses, so two single pieces, and had to be built up in segments, and the whole strung together on a great iron skeleton. And this, in point of fact, is precisely the case.

Back-to-back, the lenses inclose a these huge magnifying prisms its tric lamp, power is intensified more than 35,000

It is altogether beyond the human imagination to grasp the possible effect illuminating power of this new lighthouse wonder. At the present time the finest oil lamp which ingenuity has been able to devise may be seen

may be seen at a point 120 miles

"LEAST SQUARE" SOLUTIONS. Probably in none of the sciences, applied or pure, is a knowledge of chinery the gas produces the most higher mathematics so essential as in superb light at little expense. If astronomy. Certainly none involves calcic carbide was not known to be an so much mathematical labor. The electric product, its fearful action and method of the least squares is one in odor would lead one to doubt its almost constant use by those engaged | earthly origin; but it was discovered in astronomical calculation, and the by accident, and is made as follows: amount of labor often entailed by this process is enough to make the head of an ordinary citizen swim even to think of. One of the most extensive 'least square' solutions ever made has recently been published by Pro- tric generator, and another similar fessor Schur, of Goettingen.

The heliometric triangulations of the stars in the cluster Praesepe (the crushed lime and carbon. Beehive) gave rise to a series of seventy-four normal equations, involving seventy-four unknown quantities. The solution of this set of quantities strange, mysterious substance, which was effected by Professor Schur in ten | apparently stores up energy of most weeks, by means of the usual Gaus- enormous proportions in the smallest sian method of elimination. Professor possible space, giving to the world a Schur comes to the conclusion that no new power and illuminant that vastly other method of elimination, such as | exceeds anything that chemistry has the method by successive approxima- heretofore produced. tions, is to be compared to the Gaussian method, even though it might seem to promise a saving of labor in advance. Professor Schur mentions as the longest least square solution he has been able to find in astronomical literature a geodetic adjustment made equations with eighty-six unknowns was successfully solved by the famous computer, Dase, in three months.

THE MOON'S FORM.

You were doubtless taught that the moon is globular-shaped; or, in other words, that its form is similar to that of the earth. According to the teachings of advanced modern astronomy this is all a mistake. It is believed nowadays that the moon is a perfect ellipse, its figure being nearly exactly one-third longer than it is broad. This elliptical theory of our satellite's shape is founded on the well-known fact that a certain side (end, rather) of the moon is always presented to our view. This is caused by the moon revolving once on her axis in exactly the same period of time that she revolves around the earth. Her elongated shape was probably caused by the attraction of the earth when both planets were young and soft.

Professor Asaph Hall, the astron omer, believes the craters of the moon were formed by the collision of the moon with a swarm of moonlets that once surrounded it. Thus he holds to a mile every three and six-tenths that the Mare Imbrium was created by the impact of a huge moonlet, In Pliny's time the betrothal ring ninety miles in diameter, which, in

MOON-BLINDNESS. Some notable cases of so-called

moon-blink, or moon-blindness, were reported a few days ago, the victims being sailors on board the ship El Capitan, which had just returned to the nebular hypothesis are fast con- is easily possible at the present time New York after a long cruise in Chinese and Japanese waters. These men, this earth was once a redhot ball of line at Niagara and deliver it to New we are told, were in the habit of lying on the deck at night, with their faces turned upward, and as a result were stricken with temporary blindness. During the daytime they could see compass of a ship to warn the navwell enough, but at night they could see nothing. This singular affliction duced from this speculation is that is regulated by a chemical which will beset them as long as they remained

As to the cause or the exact nature of this disease, no explanation is to themselves believe that it is caused directly by the moon, and many who have looked into the subject of lunar influence agree with them. One thing is certain, moon-blindness was recog-Martin, in his "History of the British Colonies," a book published many years ago, says:

"I have seen in Africa newlylittered young perish in a few hours at the mother's side, if exposed to the rays of the full moon; fish become rapidly putrid, and meat, if left exposed, incurable or unpreservable by salt; the mariner, heedlessly sleeping myctologia, or night-blindness; at times the face is hideously swollen if exposed during sleep to the moon's rays; the maniac's paroxysms are renewed with fearful vigor at the full and change, and the cold, damp chill of the ague supervenes on the ascendency of this apparently mild yet powerful luminary. Let her influence over the earth be studied; it is more

WARNING TO THE MOON.

It was a little girl in a smaller town who watched the putting in of electric lights with much interest. They had been completed for about a week when she looked out of the window and saw the moon. She leaned out on the sill "Now, Mr. Moon, you may go back

into heaven and tell Jesus that we large that they could not be cast in don't need you any more. We've got electric lights now.'

From calcie carbide—an electrical product recently discovered-a wonderfully brilliant illuminant, called acetyline or calcic-carbide gas, can be hollow interior, into which is thrust a manufactured, which is said to be powerful electric light. This light of | vastly superior to the gas in common itself is about 7,000 candle power. use, and produces a light quite equal When its light is projected through to that of the best incandescent elec-

When this remarkable substance, called calcic carbide, which looks a good deal like common coal, but smells like nothing else upon the face of the of 250,000,000 candles, which is the earth, is placed in water a very strange and as yet unexplained chemical action instantly takes place.

Decomposition of the calcic carbide at once results, lime separates from on a clear night some thirty-five or the substance, the water becomes forty miles at sea. The new light heated and has the appearance of

Lime and coal in quantities not divulged, and crushed and mixed together, and placed upon a large carbon plate, which plate is connected with one pole of a very powerful elecplate connected with the other pole of the generator is placed upon the

In a few minutes the lime and coal, under the action of the electric current, begins to change into this

GAS FROM SAWDUST.

The town of Deseronto, in Canada, where there are several large lumber mills. is partially lighted by gas made from sawdust. The sawdust is charged in retorts which are heated by a wood fire, the gas from the retorts passing by Baeyer, in which a set of normal into a series of coils and thence into the purifiers, which are similar to those used for coal gas.

Lime is the principal purifying agent employed. When it passes out of the retorts the gas possesses an odor much less disagreeable than that of ordinary lighting gas, and resembles somewhat that of the smoke from a fire of green wood or leaves. The works in use are small, turning out daily 540 cubic meters of gas, for the production of which about two tons of sawdust are required.

A man and boy furnish all the labor needed at the works. The gas in an ordinary burner gives an illumination of about eighteen candlepower. The best quality comes from resinous woods. A quantity of 100 kilogrammes of sawdust leaves a residue of twenty kilogrammes of charcoal.

An interesting experiment is now in progress in South Kensington Museum. It relates to showing pictures under artificial light without changing the color. Captain Abney has so arranged it that the most important ac-

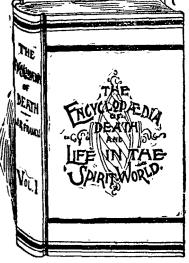
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Improper and deficient care of the scalp will cause grayness of the hair and baldness. Escape both by the use of striking, was raised to such a high baldness. Escape note of the use of that reliable specific, Hall's Hair Re-

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rilla: The best - and the rest. The trouble is they look alike. And when the rest dress like the best who's to tell them apart? Well, "the tree is known by its fruit," That's an old test and a safe one. And the taller the tree the deeper the root, That's another test. What's the root, - the record of these sarsaparillas? The one with the deepest root is Ayer's. The one with the richest fruit: that, too, is Ayer's. Ayer's Sarsaparilla has a record of half a century of cures; a record of many medals and awards - culminating in the medal of the Chicago World's Fair, which, admitting Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best - shut its doors against the rest. That was greater honor than the medal, to be the only Sarsaparilla admitted as an exhibit at the World's Fair. If you want to get the best sarsaparilla of your druggist, here's an infallible rule: Ask for the best and you'll get Ayer's. Ask for Ayer's and you'll get the best.





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F. E. Schaar, secretary, sends a report of the anniversary exercises of the First Spiritual Society of Scattle, Wash. A large number of Spiritualists were present from suburban towns, and cooperated in making the event a great success. Fully six hundred were present in the evening.

H. Richardson, of Fond du Lac. Wis.. writes that a materializing medium is wanted there, one that will give seances in his homo, under test conditions. The medium will be well treated, and nothing unreasonable asked. He also requests some vegetarian friends to recommend some dishes made of vegeta-

Mrs. T. G. Fox writes: "Heaven be praised that theological tenets, cramping both soul and mind, are to stand subject to spiritual analysis and revision. The power of the priesthood is

Mrs. Mary Getcholl writes: "I subscribed in January for THE PROGRES-SIVE THINKER, and received with it The Encyclopædia of Death, etc. Words fail to express my appreciation of both paper and book. I think few people have such a horror of death as I did before I had auddress through before I had evidence through my own organism of a continuation of this life in another sphere, in happiness if

F. J. Underwood, president, writes that the Hovey Society of Spiritualists of Springfield, Mo., is in a flourishing condition. The anniversary was observed in a befitting manner. The society has taken steps to establish a spiritual library. The hall is offered free to all good speakers and mediums.

G. W. Kates and wife, as lecturers and mediums, assisted by Joseph and Walfried Singer, as musicians, would like to arrange engagements with societies East and South next fall and winter. They will be able to give interesting meetings, and will greatly help local societies employing them. Their terms are liberal. Address G. W. Kates, 2259 Stout street, Denver, Colo.

Jennie Hagan-Jackson writes from Haverhill, Mass.: "My time is not engaged for July 5 and 26. I shall come West the first of June, and I have the dates of June 7 and 21 open. If anyone desires to engage in Michigan or Indiana, I can come from Grand Rapids on those dates. I have the month of October open, if desired in any western city. Am having fine success in the East. At Worcester the 5th and 12th of April; 19th, Haverhill, Mass.; 26th, Providence, R. I.: May 2 and 3, Hartford, Ct.; State Convention: 10th and 17th, at Stafford, Ct.; 24th, Worcester, Mass.; 31st, Haverhill, then for the West

Dr. Immanuel Pfeiffer, of Boston, Mass., writes that he may be found at the Masonic Temple, hall 512, this city, and that he will give daily lectures on health laws, and heal the poor sick free by the power of magnetism. He is recommended by the editor of the Daily Patriot, of Jackson, Mich.

T. M. Rooney, of Argentine, Kan., recently went to hear a Baptist minister deliver a sermon on "The Resurrection of the Body." He advocated the resur-rection of the physical body, and assured his audience that, no matter whether the particles were in old ocean's bed, or scattered to the winds after cremation, they would surely collect together and form again the body to receive the immortal soul, at the final judgment. Of course he advocated it ecause he thought the Bible taught it: and of course the only reason he could give was that it was a mystery which God would unravel and arrange. We opine that "God" would have a tough peutic) college till 1897. job on his hands, were he to undertake to "unravel" all the absurd and unreasonable doctrines of orthodoxy.

Rev. S. W. Edmunds writes that the New Orleans Association of Spiritualists of the Society of Spiritual Unity of Cincelebrated the Forty-eighth Anniversa- cinnati, for the purpose of disseminatry of Modern Spiritualism in their new hall, 321 Camp street, with appropriate and interesting exercises. The late day at which Brother Edmunds report is received, we regret to say, precludes its publication in full.

Mrs. Alberta Howard, of Dubuque, Ia. 'This, the Key City of the Mississippi Valley, has become noted for its son was taken sick, away from home. rapid advancement in Spiritualistic thought. Its growth is marvelous, and all fair-minded people are being cou-vinced that its truths are plain to be un-The son, however, died on Sunday at 4 derstood: and under the leadership of that noted test and materializing medi- her son's death, Mrs. Nicholson dreamed um. Mr. Jennie Darrell, of Texas, who is now holding meetings and seances, is proving to all the truth of an immortal a box and carried it to the back door, life beyond. Her meetings are being attended by the best citizens of the city and the tests given are very satisfac-

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Dr. H. C. Andrews writes: "On March 24th Prof. S. W. Edmunds made application to the board of directors of the New Orleans Society of Spiritualists for ordination, and, by a unanimous vote of the members of said society was declared elected to receive a letter of fellowship. The ordination service, which was very Impressive, was performed by the president, Geo. P. Benson, M. D., on Sunday evening, March 29th, at the close of our lecture. Bro. Edmunds replied, upon invitation, in his usual forcible style of delivery, by a few well-chosen words. closing with a poetic improvisation, un-der the inspiration of Lord Byron. On lectures with clairvoyant descriptions April 5th he received his final charge and messages from spirits. Address d the letter of fellowship was placed him as above, at 627 Cornell street. in his hands, in the presence of many of our best people of the Crescent City.'

E. A. Record writes from Buckfield. Me.; "We live in a town where there here last Sunday morning and evening are no spiritual meetings or circles. I at the Universalist Church. He is one do not go to the orthodox meetings, for I want spiritual food, that which true speaker. He may be sure of a warm Spiritualism teaches, for it robs death welcome when he returns in the fall." of its sting and the grave of its victory; it brings to the mourner that comfort promised to those that mourn."

J. M. Button writes from Hollister, Cala: J'A few persons in this place have banded themselves together under the name of The People's Spiritual Pro For president we have Mrs. Rebecca matters, having only the dry husks of not lacking in spirit."

C. E. Dent requests parties desiring information about Vickshurg Campineeting, Mich., to address their incutries to Miss Jeannette Frasier, as the is manager, and thus save delay. She has planned for a good meeting in August.

Spiritualists, their mediums and healers, in their legal rights as citizens of this republic. There will be a chapter in stituted for regular, ordained ministers, also a bureau of information for speakers and test mediums, where societies

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"Occasional" writes from Stockton, Cal.: "Dr. M. Muchlenbruch, the noted test medium, and James R. Little, the inspirational and psychometrist opened a spiritual meeting here, in Jory's Hall, which was packed. The Doctor's tests were most convincing in character. Mrs. Muchlenbruch is a beautiful singer and she rendered a fine solo. An inspirational lecture, ending with a poem, and a number of convincing psychometric readings by J. R. Little, ended the programme, which was highly enjoyed by all. These mediums are open for engagements anywhere, in their phases of inspirational lecturing, tests, clairaudience, clairvoyance, psychometric readings and development of mediumistic powers. Dr. Muehlenbruch's address is Box 368, San Diego, Cal; J. R. Little's address is 1050 Franklin street, Oakland, Cal."

Paulina street, Chicago.

ings have increased from six to thirty-

, Dr. A. W. S. Rothermel writes from

Deadwood, S. D.: "I am out among the

mountains of this State, under contract,

ocating ore-bodies for Eastern capital-

ists, and my success is beyond a ques-

tion most remarkable. I expect to re-

turn to Milwaukee next week for a short

time, and will resume my labors in the

spiritual field for a time only. My ad-

the First Spiritualist Society of the South Side, new Masonic Hall, 3120 For-

GRESSIVE THINKER, 40 Loomis street.

J. H. Shimmons, of Lawrence, Kansas,

writes that the Spiritualists of that city

filled. Mr. Connett gave very fine ad-

mains in that city. Mrs. Mary Powell,

a trumpet medium, gave a successful

seance to a private party of orthodox

people, including their preacher. These

mediums are open for engagements in

the neighboring towns or camp-meet-

Mrs. J. H. R. Matteson writes from

Buffalo, N. Y.: "During the present month (April) Oscar A. Edgerly is the

speaker and test medium occupying the

rostrum of the Spiritual Temple, at the

meetings held under the auspices of the First Spiritualist Society of this city.

That the work of Mr. Edgerly's guides

is appreciated by our people is amply manifest by the fact that this is his

fourth engagement of a month with our

ciate at the temple during May; we are looking forward with pleasure to her

spoke for the First Spiritual Society

waukee, Wis., about May 1st,

licits engagements anywhere in the West, and will accept calls at the camp-

meetings, where he is especially useful.

His address is, care Prof. A. Clarke, surgeon Soldier's Home, Milwaukee,

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Perkins the

speakers and test mediums who are

holding meetings at 617 N. Clark street,

Chicago, have removed their private

address to 514 Wells street, near Schil-

ler street, on the North Side, where

they will receive callers daily for pri-

vate consultation. Circles Mondays and

Fridays, 8 p. m., and Wednesdays, at 3

The First Spiritual Society of the

South Side, Chicago, have secured the services of Dr. J. M. Temple, of San

Francisco, Cal., the noted platform test

medium. Commencing Sunday after-

April and May, each Sunday afternoon and evening. Those who wish to see the spiritual phenomena presented in its truest and best form and get the ab-

solute proof of spirit return, should go

and hear Dr. Temple, for he is justly re-

upon the spiritual rostrum to-day.

burg, Pa., states:

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garded as one of the best test mediums

The People's Register, of Chambers-purg, Pa., states: "A singular occur-

rence is reported from Martinsburg, W.

Va., and youched for by the best people

of the town. Just twenty months ago

Miss Maud Howard died, and among the

floral offerings was a wreath. Immedi-

ately after the funeral the wreath was

hung on a corner of a picture-frame in

the young lady's room and the flowers

soon withered and dried up. Three months ago the members of the house-

hold were surprised at seeing nine beau-

tiful white flowers in bloom on the

wreath and nine buds. Hundreds of

people have visited the house to see the

wreath but none of them ever saw a

flower of this earth like those in bloom,

and members of the family say there were no flowers of this kind on the

wreath when it was received twenty

months ago. No one can solve the mys

The Oregon Blade, of Baker City, Ore., says: "Dr. L. Schlessinger, of

San Francisco, one of the most success-

ful test mediums in the United States,

has now been in the city almost one

week, and has demonstrated immortality

invincible proof of the presence of their spirit-friends that they can no longer

doubt. The K. of P. Hall was crowded

every instance that they were abso-

lutely correct. Many hearts were made

happy by the knowledge that their

cate with their friends that remained

Cassie McFarlin is located at MadIson,

Wis., where she is healing and teaching

Spiritualism; will also form classes in

psychic science and healing. She still

gives lectures Sunday evenings, to the First Society of Spiritualists, of Milwau-

here in their mortal forms."

noon, April 24, and continuing through

Mrs. Ida P. Whitlock will offi-

dresses, morning and evening.

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society.

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p. m.

ress is Milwaukee, Wis."

"Cor." writes from Providence, R. I. "On Sunday, April 12, Mr. Wm. Hale, of Boston, Mass., occupied the platform for the People's Progressive Society of Spiritualists, and delivered a very able discourse on 'The Transmission of Thought,' which was very attentively listened to. Mr. Hale read a very fine poem entitled 'What Is Spiritualism?' and rendered two fine solos. Before closing his services Mr. Hale gave some very fine tests which were recognized and pronounced correct. The child vocalist, Miss Ollie Hunter sang two solos which were appreciated by all. Apri 5th, Mr. and Mrs. C. M Cooley, of Prov-April idence, R. I., occupied the platform for the same society, Mrs. Cooley singing two solos, and giving an Easter address. Mr. Cooley presided over the meeting in the absence of our president, and also gave some very interesting remarks. Mr. F. H. Roscoe, the celebrated clairvoyant, of this city, has been carrying on these meetings in B. T. Hall, with very little assistance for the past nine-

E. Raphael has moved from Washington Boulevard to 610 West Madison street, where she gives readings daily from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

teen months. He has done a great deal

for the cause.'

est avenue. He has a few dates for Camp-meetings. Address at Erie, Pa., for May, and for June, care of THE PRO-G. H. Brooks will return to his home in Wheaton, Ill., on Monday, April 28., from Ludington, Mich., where he has been speaking for the Spiritual society. Will attend funerals, and respond to week night meetings, or Sunday's lecturning. Address him at Whenton, Ill. held anniversary exercises with the hall Societies in Iowa, Northern Missouri, Western Wisconsin and Illinois,

can obtain the services of Carrie Fuller Weatherford, trance lecturer and test medium for June or September. are reasonable. Will respond to calls for week night lectures, and for funerals from localities near Omaha. dress 209 S. 26th street, Omaha, Neb. O. L. Concannon writes: "Mrs. E. P.

Concannon is now in St. Mark's Hospital, New York City, undergoing a surgi-cal operation, and cannot fill any of her engagements." E. W. Sprague, speaker and platform

test medium, is serving the Religio-Philosophical Society of Lima, Ohio, for the month of April. He goes to Pennville, Ind., for May, and has the month of June still open for engagement. His camp-meeting engagements are as follows: Paw Paw, Mich., July 5th to 12th, inclusive: Chesterfield, Ind., July 16 to 26; Vicksburg, Mich., August 15, 16 and 18. He would like engagements for camp work for time not already taken, and also to serve societies for the season of 1896-97. Address, for May, Pennville, Ind., care of R. W. Bowman home address, Newland and Forest avenues, Jamestown, N. Y.

Will C. Hodge can be engaged for the Sundays of May and June, or for weekevening lectures at any place within one hundred miles of Milwaukee, Wis. Will attend funerals. Address him at 710 Prairie street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Dr. Theodore F. Price has open time eal Apollo were he real. The hall havon on "The Resurrection
He advocated the resurphysical body, and asphysical body, and aslarge audiences in the New England cities, and his lectures are referred to as interesting, able and instructive, and his tests as convincing and remarkable, and his work is highly appreciated."

> Dr. Jos. Rodes Buchanan writes from San Jose, Cal.: "I am entirely engrossed in the history of the first two centuries of the church, and cannot give any attention to establishing a revolutionary medical (more properly thera-peutic) college till 1897. We have had a pleasant visit from Clegg Wright, who has a high order of inspiration.

Secretary of State Taylor, of Ohio, has issued articles of incorporation ing the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism as taught in the Bible. The incorpyrators are John W. Bright. M. D., Charles W. Brown, Henry Thorn, Mrs. A. C. Eiche, Mrs. K. G. Kech, and Caroline Richter. F. Nicholson, of Warsaw, N. Y., writes

of a dream of his wife. Their youngest Mr. N. went to him, took charge of him, and he appeared to be rapidly recover o'clock. Sunday night, not knowing of that somebody with a horse and wagon drove up to the front door and took out opened it and shoveled out a heap of dirt. Then she dreamed that she went into the house and found there four lady friends. The coffin with the son was put into a box and packed with sawdust. so it would not jostle. The undertaker drove up to the front door, took out the bex and carried it to the back door, opened it and shoveled out the sawdust in a heap. After she had seen the body, Mrs. N. went into the house, and there sat the four ladies, just as she had

dreamed. Chester Martin, of Ottawa, Ill., writes that there are a few Spiritualists in Ottawa, but no society. He would like to engage a good lecturer, one who can interest an audience with the good and

Mrs. Walter Bennett writes from Sag inaw, E. S., Mich.: "Allen Franklin Brown, of St. Paul, Minn., lectured of the grandest speakers of the day, and want no more husks to feed upon, but ranks among the first as an inspirational

last Sunday evening by listeners to the numerous tests given. The recipients Mrs. Nettie Von Bergen writes: "It gives us pleasure to announce to your readers that there has been organized a society known and incorporated by the name of 'The Sunlight Center Band.' The object of this society or band shall be to conduct religious and other meetgressive Society, with the object to ings, to foster Spiritualist societies for learn more of the truths of Spiritualism. the dissemination of the philosophy and teachings of Spiritualism; to own and Johnson, a medium of no small merit. hold property for religious and educa-This place is far behind in religious tional purposes; to endow and foster schools, colleges, libraries and other edorthodoxy—as commonly accepted—and continual institutions, hospitals and Romanism to subsist upon. This is a homes for aged and indigent mediums good field for missionary work. Finan- and Spiritualists; to exercise charity to cially our little band is poor, but we are the poor and needy; to raise funds for kee. Her address, 312 North Caswell missionary purposes, and for defense of street, Madison, Wis.

This Season. may engage such talent as they may require. This Sunlight Center Band was incorporated March 23, 1896, with the following names as officers: Mrs. Mary Sunday, Aug. 3—10:30 a. m., opening address by Hon. O. P. Kellogg, of Ohio; 2 p. m., lecture by Julia M. Walton, of Williamston, Mich. C. Lyman, president; Mrs. Emma J. Hanson, first vice-president; Mrs. Mary C. Rynex, second vice-president; Mrs.

Williamston, Mich.
Tuesday, Aug., 4—10:30 a. m., general organization of camp work; 2 p. m., lecture by Julia M., Walton.
Wednesday, Aug. 5—10:30 a. m., reading circle; 2 p. m., lecture by E. Payne Hopkins, of Owosso, Mich.
Thursday, Aug. 6—Indian Day—10:30

Bertha Hansenclever, 3d vice-president; Mrs. Bertha Hansenclever, 3d vice-president; Mrs. Nettie Von Bergen, recording secretary; Mrs. Susan M. Bumstead, treasurer; Mrs. Sylvina Cutter, financial secretary; Mrs. Alice Lindsy, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jennie Ehrhardt, trustee. All communications may m., conference; 2 p. m., lecture by O. be addressed to headquarters, 111 S. P. Kellogg. Paulina street, Chicago.

Thos. E. Addy and Mrs. Addy have been doing missionary work for the good of the cause at Streator, Ill. The mestings have irreduced for the cause at Streator, Ill. The mestings have irreduced for the cause at Streator, Ill. The mestings have irreduced for the cause at Streator, Ill. The mestings have irreduced for the cause at Streator, Ill. The mestings have irreduced for the cause at Streator, Ill. The mestings have a supplied for the cause of the cause been doing missionary work for the good of the cause at Streator, Ill. The mest-

rion Carpenter, of Detroit, Mich.: 2 p. m. two at a sitting, and still growing. The friends there gave Mr. Addy an excel-"The New Woman," by Anna L. Robin friends there gave Mr. Addy an excellent endorsement as an honest test medium, clairvoyant and clairaudient. Bunday, Aug. 9—10:30 a.m., lecture by Marian Carpenter; 2 p.m., lecture

Under very strict test conditions, they testify that they received wonderful by Anna L. Robinson. Monday, Aug. 10-2 p. m., parliamen manifestations - slatewriting, trumpet tary congress.
Tuesday, Aug. 11—10:30 a. m., confer speaking, bell-ringing, hands materialence; 2 p. m., lecture by Anna L. Rob-

The Church of Fraternal Endeavor, inson. Mrs. M. A. Jeffery, pastor, holds regular services at Sigler's Hall, 528 Sixty-Wednesday, Aug. 12-Children's Day -10:30 a. m., exercises by the children; 2 p. m., lecture by Anna L. Robinson, third street, Sunday, 3 and 8 p. m. The Thursday, Aug. 13-Mediums' Daypastor answers all questions asked by 10:30 a. m., conference; 2 p. m., lecture the congregation "that are not of a personal nature, following with messages" from your spirit-friends. by Anna L. Robinson.
Friday, Aug. 14—10:30 a. m., lyceum:
2 p. m., lecture by Rev. James De Buchananne, M. D., Ph. D., of Kansas

City. Saturday, Aug. 15—Pioneers' Day-10:30 a.m., remarks by pioneers; 2 p. m. lecture by Dr. James De Buchananne. Sunday, Aug. 16-10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m., lectures by Dr. James De Buchan-

Monday, Aug. 17-2 p. m., parliamentary congress. Frank T. Ripley, speaker and test medium, goes to Erie, Pa., for May, and for June he goes to Chicago, Ills., for Tuesday, Aug. 18—10:30 a. m., reading circle; 2 p. m., lecture by Dr. James De

Wednesday, Aug. 19, 10:30 a. m., me diums' meeting; 2 p. m., lecture by Dr. James De Buchananne.
Thursday, Aug. 20—Soldier's Day—

10:30 a. m. conference; 2 p. m., lecture by O. P. Kellogg.
Friday, Aug. 21—State Association—
10:30, lyceum; 2 p. m. lecture by A. E.

L. Lull, inspirational, speaker still re-Sunday, Aug. 23-10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m., lectures by Hon. L. V. Moulton. Monday, Aug. 24-2 p. m, Parliamentary Congress.

Tuesday, Aug. 25-10:30 a. m., conference: 2 p. m., lecture. Wednesday, Aug. 26—Memorial Day-10:30 a. m., reading circle; 2 p. m., lecture by A. E. Sheets. Thursday, Aug. 27-10:30 a. m.. con-

ference; 2 p. m. lecture by Moses Hull, of Chicago. Garage Friday, Aug., 28-10:30 a. m., lyceum; 2 p. m., lecture by Moses Hull. Saturday, Aug. 29—10:30 a. m., Asso-

ciation meeting, election of trustees; 2 p. m., lecture by Moses Hull.

Sunday, Aug, 307-10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m., lecture by Moses Hull. Acting Manager.

#### Pleasant Birthday Surprise.

Ernest S. Green writes from San Diego, Cal.: "President Barrett is here and TO THE EDITOR:—One of the most Sunday morning and evening, and at the lyceum in the afternoon. He speaks brilliant receptions ever given to our beloved pastor, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, for the society again to-night. His equal in depth of research in religtook place on Tuesday, April 21, the occasion being the celebration of her ious history would be difficult, if not imbirthday. For several weeks past myspossible to find. During the hour of his discourse his eyes are like the rapid terious whispers have been going on, a sure sign in our church that something flashes of chain lightning; his logic like out of the common is on the tapis; secret the fabled thunderbolts of Jove, and little billet-doux, marked confidential, were carefully circulated among the his eloquence would silence the mythipeople, by which means the arrangesurprise to the recipient. expecting to visit his brother in Mil-

Orphcus Hall was prettily decorated with gold, white and blue. The ladies had been invited to provide baskets of choice dainties, and to furnish pretty decorations, and nobly they responded to the call. The provisions were of the choicest, and unlimited in quantity, yield up its choicest provisions. The result was a spread rarely seen at even choice banquets.

It only needs such an excuse as a birthday affords to rouse our people to the highest pitch of enthusiasm for our peerless speaker, and when the suggestion was made that each one should bring at least one rose for Ouina's cance, the idea was eagerly caught up, and they brought not only one, but dozens, so that during the half nour devoted to the reception of guests, she was surrounded by a wealth of roses but rarely seen. These were utilized to decorate the already beautiful tables, making a brilliant as well as a sumptuous display. It is needless to say she was at her best. These outward expressions of love and devotion always touch her keenly, and it is at such times that we forget the wonderful instrument, and see only the loving friend endeared to us all by a thousand loving memo-

During the reception she was assisted by Mrs. Dr. Bushnell and Mrs. Dr. De Wolf. This over, the supper began and oh, how quickly these good things disappeared, that is, as many of them as 175 people could dispose of. When all were satisfied, the mental feast followed. Dr. DeWolf, president of church, as oastmaster, proposed: "Our Religion;" which was ably and elegantly responded to by Mrs. L. C. Gieselman; "Our Church," by our old friend Dr. Bushnell; 'Our Band of Harmony," by your humole servant; "Our Sunday School," by Mrs. Ashton; "Our Friends in the Churches," by Mr. E. A. Rice; "Our Pastor," by Dr. J. E. DeWolf; during which, in a very witty, neat speech he presented, as a birthday gift, a beautiful

chiffonier, made of Hungarian Ash.

The speech of the evening was, of course, by the guides, in response to the toast: "The Angels of the Church," Ouina giving a birthday poem.

#### Take Action at Once.

The sale of The Encyclopædia of to scores of people by giving them such Death, and Life in the Spirit-World has reached high up into the thousands. We are now sending it out free to new trial subscribers. Send to this office 25 cents, and you will get THE PROGRESSof the tests acknowledged in each and IVE THINKER three months, and also the book above-mentioned in paper cover When you have once read it, you would not part with it for ten times the cost to loved ones had only gone forward to you. We want to reach 20,000 new readanother plane of existence; that they still lived, and were able to communiers, hence make this offer, which will continue during April only.

Any one of our present subscribers who will send us a new three-months' subscriber with his own subscription (extending it not less than six months) can each have a copy of the book.

- In consequence of the great inter death, we have concluded to extend the above offer through the month of May. 25 cents. For sale at this office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To Presiding Officers and Speakers.

By order of the State Spiritualist Association of Illinois, we, a committee apointed, respectfully request you to read and make favorable action upon the following circular, at your services: To the Spiritualists of Chicago and surrounding country:
The State Spiritualist Association, by

this method, does hereby call the attention of all interested in the cause of Spiritualism and the principles of organization in particular to the fact that there is necesity of a revival of interest in our cause, not only from the standpoint of local organization for our personal enjoyment, but for legal protection as a body. Therefore, as a means of creating new interest and attracting the attention of all who sympathize with our cause to the matter of organization, it is deemed proper and fitting that a pub-lic meeting be called May 6th, 1896, at Bricklayers' Hall.

Speakers who are competent will properly present the claims of the organization before the audience.

The names of said speakers and fur-

ther details will be given in a forthcoming circular to be distributed at the public meetings the following Sunday Committee, G. L. S. JENIFER, D. G. HILL, G. F. PERKINS.

#### SUMMERLAND NOTES.

#### As Seen and Heard by a Poet.

My engagement with the Portland, Oregon, society, as has been announced in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKEY, has been postponed until the third Sunday in May, to continue until the first Sun

day in July.

The celebration of the Forty-eighth Anniversary of Spiritualism was observed here by both the societies, and was made an occasion of much interest, and largely attended by all classes of people here, and from the surrounding country. Prof. Loveland, of this place, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Mass.; Mr. Mills, of Washington, and myself were the speakers—your correspondent speak

ing for both societies.

The Children's Lyceum of one of the societies conducted by Mrs. Allen, wife of Henry Allen, the well-known phenomenal medium, assisted by the both successions. 10:30, lyceum; 2 p. m. recent of Sheets, of Grand Ledge.

Disturday, Aug. 22—National Assocation Day—10:30 a. m., reading circle; 2 p. m., lecture by Hon. L. V. Moulton, p. m., lecture by Rapids.

of Grand Rapids. ing mind. The wealth and profusion of the flowers and artistic decoration of the halls and platforms were the wonder and delight of this opulent land of sunshine and gave to the occasion an Oriental splendor stimulating in each one's heart a more reverent love of the beautiful

as expressed in nature.
Miss Lydia Allen, of this place, a young and beautiful inspirational speaker, has just returned to her parents' home, from an extended lecturing tour, and was accorded a warm reception by her numerous friends and the society, at one of the halls last Sunday evening, and she delivered a very interesting address from a subject given her by one of the audience. She possesses marked mediumistic powers and psychic gifts which will, with proper care, place her in the front ranks among the speakers of the near future.

C. Fannie Allen, of Boston, Mass., the well-knowu psychic and inspirational speaker, is here under an engagement of one month, speaking for one of the societies, and if her first Sunday's effort and large audience are any criterion, she certainly has taken our Summor landers by storm, and by her inimitable manner, poetic eloquence, logic and reason, completely won their hearts and carried them above the shadows of petty differences and personal conceits into the broad fields of principles fertile ments were so quietly carried on that and rich with the coming prophecy of a when, on Tuesday night, they reached religion of doeds instead of creeds. religion of doeds instead of creeds. annia is always interesting and instructive, racy, original, and sound as a speaker; but it is doubtful if she ever excelled her effort of last Sunday.

Nature is prodigal of her gifts here and now, after the annual rains, when the earth is clothed with a carpet of liv ing green, with the wealth of bloom o every hue and shade, with roses interm whilst every china closet was ready to inable in form and variety hanging in garlands from bush and tree, porch and doorway, there seems to be a close anal ogy between man and nature on parallel lines, where the soul in mau meets the

soul in nature and are one. Sensitives who come here from the East feel this uplifting and stimulating effect, and sense a nearness of God's universal life pulsing in the Universe more positive and distinct than anywhere else. The soil, the climate, the wonderful productiveness of fruit and flowers its continuous sunshine and exhilarating air, are to body and mind a continual feast, both exalting and soul-satisfying.
BISHOP A. BEALS.

#### Mrs. Ada Foye in California

The cause of Spiritualism is progressing in our city rapidly. We have had in the last year good mediums, who presented the philosophy and phenomena, and our hall has been filled with intelligent audiences.

At the present time Mrs. Ada Foye is occupying the rostrum. The Chicago society loaned her to us for a time, but like some people who borrow books and forget to return them, we may be just as forgetful. Do not blame us, brothers and sisters—we know a good thing when we see it, and hope to keep her a long time. Her lectures are clear and to the point. On one occasion a man who came to jeer and laugh, recognized the name of a spirit. Mrs. Fove asked him to raise his hand and see if they would write the first name. He did so, and she spelled out the name. His hand dropped at his side, and he said: "That settles it."

The material is here to build up a large society. There are four separate meetings in the city; if they would unite, one grand, strong society could be built up. We have the climate and hundred thousand inhabitants; now we have the medium, and the spirits are willing—who shall say nay?

MRS. A. D. WIGGIN. Los Angeles, Cal.

#### Musicale.

A grand musicale, both vocal and in strumental, will be given Saturday evening, May 2, at Orpheus Hall, seventh floor Schiller Theater Building, by Madame Bourgeois and pupils, Admis-

The Sunlight Center Band will give a nusical and literary entertainment, assisted by Mrs. Georgiana McIntyre, followed by an informal hop, at Custer Hall, 85 S. Sangamon street, Thursday, April 30, at 8 p. m. Admission 25 cents.

"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 est of Spiritualists and thinkers generally in spreading the truth in regard to every detail as to be practically beyond the reach of adverse criticism. Price,

Passed to Spirit-Life.

Passed to Spirit-life, at Leadville, Col., Mrs. Andrew McBride, March 12,

The young soul of Percival Edgar Ruffle, at the age of 4 years and 28 days, passed to the Spirit-world April 14, 1896, at 2:25 p.m., at the home of his parents, William Fitch and Alice Emma Ruffle, 1453 Springfield avenue, Chicago. On the second day thereafter religious servducted by Rev. M. Summers, pastor of the Spiritualistic Church of the Students of Nature, and attended by a large num-har of sympathizing friends. We all know that this sad bereavement to the parents will be of comparatively short duration, for before many years there will be a family reunion, never again subject to interruption by the power of death or the conditions of matter.

Upon the 11th of April, as the sun was bidding the day good-night, the spirit of our brother and friend, Alfred Searles, quietly passed from its clay ten-ement into that brighter condition of life in the Spirit-world. Prepared as he was to meet the change, death was to him only the opening of the beautiful gates that let his spirit free to enjoy privileges that only spirits can.

He was a veteran Spiritualist, having embraced the philosophy years ago. Truth had freed him from the cares of worldly affairs, and he patiently awaited the change, knowing that all would be well with his soul.

He was in his 75th year, and leaves a wife and daughter, who both find com fort and consolation in the glorious truth that does not leave them in despair at the tomb of a loved one.

The writer delivered the address, and the Rev. Mr. Ferguson made a prayer, and in the presence of loved ones gone before, we laid the body of our friend in the bosom of Mother Earth, while the spirit sought its own attraction in the home of the soul. MRS. IRA PERRIN. Elmira, N. Y.

Alonzo W. Miller passed to the higher ife, at his home in Paw Paw, Mich. Monday, April 20, 1896, aged 81 He was a kind and loving husband and father, and will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

The funeral services were held at his late residence, April 22d, conducted by myself. The services were well received. read a poem entitled "Beyond," Ella Wheeler, and a short address, at the house, using the funeral services in the "Lycoum Guide" at the grave. Mr. Miller has long been a Spiritualist, and his family are consoled by its philosophy.

President of the Paw Paw Valley Spiritual Association.

From his home in Gaylord, Otsego Co., Mich., Mr. Jacob Van Buren, aged 79 years; he was born in Oswego Co., N. Y. April 6, 1817, and passed to Spirit-life, of paralysis, April 6, 1896. He was a thorough Spiritualist, and did all he could for the cause; was a reader of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, and the last work he read on Spiritualism was "The Enoyclopædia of Death.' He will be missed by his family and large circle of friends and neighbors, to whom he imparted many sterling truths of death and the after-life. MRS. A. L. BERRY.

#### AN EXCELLENT BOOK.

The Philosophy of Spirit and the Spirit-World."

#### BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

GENERAL REVIEW BY MOSES HULL. "The Philosophy of Spirit and the Spirit-World," by Hudson Tuttle, author of "Arcana of Nature," "Origin and Antiquity of Man," "Life in Two Spheres," "Secrets of The Convent of the Sacred Heart," "Career of the Christ-Idea," "Career of the Religious Idea," "Arcana of Spiritualism," "Heresy," etc. Published in England, by A. Copley, Canning Town, London, Eng.; United States, by Hudson Tuttle, Berlin Heights, Ohio: Australia, by W. H.

Terry, Meibourne, 1896.
This is Hudson Tuttle's latest, and surely one of his best works. It deserves more than a cursory reading; it deserves the place of a kind of text-book of Spiritualism. After the introductory chapter, there are eighteen chapters devoted to evidences of man's immortality, drawn from history; evidences drawn from the nations and peoples of former times; evidences derived from Modern Spiritualism; the objects of Modern Spiritualism: the consideration of spiritual phenomena, and their distinction from such as are not spiritual, but dependent on similar laws. He discusses space ether; the philosophy of the imponderable agents, and their relation to spirit; the imponderable agents as manifested in living beings. talks of spiritual elements: he next takes up animal magnetism and its philosophy, law and its application to Spiritualism. The philosophy of change and death are so presented as to rob death of that dread with which people

have ever regarded it. The origin of spirit, its faculties and power, are scientifically considered. He presents "A Clairvoyant's View of the Spirit Sphere" in such an attractive manner that I doubt whether any one can read it without longing to be there. His chapter on "The Philosophy of the Spirit-World" makes the Spirit-world seem the most natural world in the universe. A chapter on "Spirit-Life." showing the condition of the misers, and other sinners, as well as the conditions of those who labor to make the world better, very properly ends the book.

In the historical parts of this book he gives references from the sacred books of the Hindoos, the Hebrews, the Aztecs: he quotes from the Persians and the Chaldeans; from the Roman Sibyls and Oracles of Delphi; from ancient sages, philosophers and poets. In fact, he shows the universality of Spiritualism, and proves that it was based on the universality of recognized phenomena

When Mr. Tuttle comes to a consideration of modern manifestations, he refers to the moving of chairs, tables and other ponderable oblects, and, in fact, to all the various phases of the spiritual phenomena. He thoroughly sifts the various objections which urged against them, and the numerous hypotheses of explanation which have en offered. Weighed in the balances of Mr. Tuttle's logic they are all found wanting.

In the chapter on the "Objects of Modern Spiritualism," he shows how one phase of thought succeeded another un-til the world had grown ripe for Spiritualism, and Spiritualism could no longer be deferred; the advancement of science and the giving way of authoritative rev-elations before it naturally prepared the

world for its reception. Had I time and space nothing would please me more than to give a resume of the whole book: but under the circumstances all I can do is to advise the reader of this notice to send a dollar to Hudson Tuttle, and obtain and read the book. It has over two hundred pages

and is cheap enough at a dollar. Moses Hull. RIGHT LIVING.

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#### Hudson Tuttle. Address him at Berlin Heights, Ohio.

"Faith," Spokane, Wash.: Q. Since I have become a medium my control objects to my reading anything, saying that it will harm me, for what is desirable for me to know they will teach me:

Should I obey them? A. Many mediums become infatuated with the notion that as the spirits are their teachers they are started on the royal road to knowledge, and boast of their ignorance of books and the teachings of mortals.

Freedom from the prejudice created by current ideas may be beneficial, but to believe that culture is not valuable is a mistake, and attended by pernicious consequences. It is by no means a modern idea, but is common to all religious systems in a modified form. The devotee trusts in God and discards the vain wisdom of the world. It appeared in the Reformation, which owed its origin to the increase of intelligence, in a fanatical crusade against learning. The

sent the pupils home, for they said there was no need of learning, as the spirit of God would inspire the true believer. This fanaticism was more injurious to the cause of Luther than the hatred of e Pope, and brought it to the brink of | teries.

teachers in the schools of Wittenberg

It was soon learned that the spirit of God left everyone to acquire knowledge for himself, just as it is now being learned that the spirits do not intend putting mankind in leading-strings. The inspired "exhorter" moved his hearers with his magnetic power, but his vapory ranting gave no instruction. They who he accumulated stores of knowledge of past ages, expecting to have their minds filled with thought as a vessel is through a funnel, will reap bitter disappointment. Truths found in books, or taught by men, are just as valuable as if spoken by the lips of an archangel. The more cultured the medium, the better is his mind prepared to receive and transmit impressions.

Let not learning be discarded, price-less as impressibility may be. The two should walk hand in hand, mutually as-of Prof. Roentgen—photographing sisting each other.

of Prof. Roentgen - photographing through one inch of solid aluminum Those who possess impressibility are pardonable for their egotism, for it cannot be too highly valued. At the same time, when they boast of not reading anything, not even the spiritual journals, they do themselves a great themselves, should demand a light sufficient to make all objects discernible.

wrong.
We have heard spirltual lecturers say with unction, that their "spirit-guides" a sublimated form. would not allow them to read, and they tain rays has been long known. Prof. Crookes, in his discovery of the vacuum spoke just as it was given them, without thought or reflection. Such speaking may be all well, but it would be better had they read and reflected, and taught to be something more than a mere instrument under control.

The teacher plodding through the A. B, C's, prepares the way for the college. The eagle can learn a lesson from the stood on the very threshold, and yet burrowing worm. The spirit teacher comes not to supersede but to supple-

ment earthly wisdon. C. W., South Pass, Wyo.: Q. What

is the spirit? A. It may be possible under the most favorable conditions, but sitting for that purpose will end in disappointment. To sit for a determined phase of A. Man is composed of a physical body, and a spiritual body. Death is the severance of these. The spiritual body is formed of matter attenuated until it is best to call it substance, in distinction. This spiritual form carries the mind with it. This is fully set forth in the book, "Philosophy of Spirit."

C. F. C., Dowagiac, Mich.: Q. (1) If there are 500,000,000 tons of coal, more or less, consumed every year, with the enormous quantity of wood and water reduced to ashes and gas, with large quantities of iron, etc., reduced to rust, what replaces the weight, to preserve the equilibrium of the globe?

(2) Would a psychometrist be reliable to consult on any important matter, who could not tell where a friend was bur-

(3) If a signature was sent to a medium, with the request to state if there was anything peculiar about it, could he distinguish the difference between red ink and the red blood of the writer? If he could not, would he be reliable to consult in other matters? A. (1) Whether a stone moves, a wave

leaps, or a tornado sweeps, the balance of the earth on its center of revolution is disturbed, and that shifts constantly, so that it is always at the common center. The earth is not rigid, but in its rotation is like a liquid, and is drawn into the constantly preserved spheroid of rotation. Any change in the balance of the globe, slowly made, as in the excavation of coal or iron, is impercepticorrected.

Were a mountain to be instantly transferred from one side of the earth to the other, the disturbance would be scarcely perceptible, and the center of motion would quickly become adjusted.

(2) The capabilities of a psychome-

might have occurred from any other trist are limited, and failure in one direction ought not to be counted against success in another. A psychometrist, or a spirit communicating, might fail in what seemed to be vital points of knowl-edge, and yet be truthful.

A medium whose attention was (3) A medium whose attention was called thus directly to the signature, would not be reliable if he did not note the difference. Of course, if his attention was not called, he might be drifted into other channels of thought and take no notice of it.

W. A. Jones: (1) Does the ether of planetary or stellar vibration, and their relations one to another, affect individual or natural destiny and character?

Is it not a fact that the close and vital relation of matter and spirit existed under more favorable conditions of the past, and at that time the origin of species had its greatest boom? (3) Is it not a mistake to claim that

the natural earth is the first spirit sphere, or confinement of undeveloped

and earthbound spirits?

A. (1) The light, heat, and magnetic influence of the sun is such that living influence of the sun is such that living not in the light? beings could not exist without it. The moon, planets and stare unquestionably have influence in lessened atio of their remotenesa. If, however, this correspondent means that they have influence which determines destiny and by which the character may be accurately prophesied by astrological calculations, that matter remains truly questionable.

(2) On the contrary, the conditions under which living beings exist at present are the most favorable since life be-

gan on this globe.
(3) The earth is the first sphere of spiritual existence, its existence in the physical body; it is not the first sphere of the spirit after it has become freed from that body. A multitude of such spiritual beings, however, linger around the scenes which still hold them by an attraction they cannot overcome.

AN EXCELLENT TEST.

Which Was Fully Verified in a One correspondent thinks that Remarkable Manner.

queer fossil of a remote age: In the far West, there is a paper published advo-cating the Bible idea of a square, flat

the Bible evidence is so strong that

something need be said, the more that astronomers are doubting the theories

of the world being round.

A. We have read with interest the copy of "The Square World," accompa-

nying this letter. It shows how hard

error dies, and how wonderfully reac-

tionary is the human mind. It is never

the educated and cultured who return

to the old, but the ignorant; those with

a smattering of knowledge, perhaps, which perverts rather than guides.

It would seem incredible that at the

present day anyone could publish a pa-

per advocating such utter nonsense, and

find support, as this journal evidently

does by the numerous approving letters it publishes. It not only claims the

carth to be square, but that the sun is

only thirty miles through and 3,000 miles distant, and that there is no such

principle as gravitation. All this the

It is a serious discussion, but behind

it all is an advertising scheme, for no

There is not an astronomer who

doubts the present interpretation of astronomy. The form, position, size and motions of the sun and planets are de-

termined by mathematics and as clearly

and conclusively as that 2 and 2 make 4. What the Bible may say, pro or con.

is not of the least consideration. Its

cosmogony is a childish fancy of ignorance. If God made the world, he, of

course, would know whether it was

round or square, and it is fortunate that

a telescope is more truth inspired than any book, and that the human mind in

mathematics has the means of solving

and demonstrating the planetary mys-

A. M. B., Ohio: Q. I first attended spiritual seances in Iowa, 1855; great

physical power shown—large table sus-

pended in air with twelve men on it, in

full light-also questions answered by

knowledge that in Nature anything but

a material substance can throw other

material substances into motion." Are

is no such thing as perfect transparency

or perfect opacity; the purest glass and

crystal quench some rays; the most

opaque metal permits some rays to pass through it." Did not these

(1) There is no reason, and investi-

Spiritual beings have substance

gators, in justice to the medium and

in distinction from matter, of which it is

(3) The transparency of matter to cer

tubes by which the experiments of Prof.

Roentgen were made possible, did not

grasp the wonderful developments for which he prepared the way. The path

of discovery is indeed strange, for with

the illuminated tube in his hand he

John Johnson, N. Y.: Q. Is it possi-

ble that a typewriter can be operated by

manifestation almost always surely deleats its object; for the probabilities are

that some other phase is more easily de-

veloped, and the strong desire for some

R. P. A., represents that for twenty years his family had been holding regu-

lar circles, always in peace and har

mony, and with great profit and interest. Last year a brother-in-law moved near

belief, but soon became controlled by a

strong Calvinist spirit, wrote automati

had recently died, was in hell with the Devil and his angels because she did not

belong to the right church. This so af-

fected the medium that he became in

sane, or obsessed, and he madly at-

tempted to kill all who came near him

At length they were forced to place him in an asylum. R. P. A. asks: "What

A. This is a sad case of mingled ob-

session and insanity. The new views of Spiritualism and the old, cruel faith of

Calvinism were at war. Is it not aston-

ishing that all who believe in such dog-

philosophy of Spiritualism, and had his educational beliefs overcome, this would

not have happened.

If it was only obsession, a strong hypnotist might gain control and hold it

against all others, but I infer that there

equally exciting cause, and an hereditary tendency. For these considerations it is best to leave him at the asylum for

a time. In the course of from three to

six months he will improve and the new

surroundings are such that the obsess ing influence will not be able to hold him. The exciting causes being re-

David Cross, Walkerville: Q. I am deeply interested in the answers to

questions, and wish information on this: Do spirits prepare a battery several

hours before the medium and circle ar

rive? If so, where do they get their strength? In explanation;

I attended a circle one evening; the

medium sat in a cabinet; we turned the

lights very low. A voice came from the

cabinet saying that they could not walk out because the cabinet had been moved from one side of the room to the other

and destroyed the battery, and asked us

to put out the light. This we did, and several materialized forms, no two at

a battery to walk out in the dark and not in the light?

nonsense, to give it the mildest name, and is as senseless as the hocus-pocus of

the sleight-of-hand performer, the only

object of which is to give an excuse and

The moving of the cabinet could not

vitiate any spiritual condition, but it

There is one safeguard, and that is light-light sufficient to make all ob-

jects plainly visible. The senses are un

reliable in darkness, yet I would not be

understood as implying that all mani-festations in darkness are deceptions,

for the genuine may occur in the dark as well as in the light; but in the dark

scance the known honesty and integrity of the medium and the internal evi-

dence of the manifestations is all there

might materially effect the transforma-tion acts of the "medium."

distract attention.

A. This talk of "batteries" is sheer

is a strong mental derangement, which

Had he begun by the study of the

mas are not insane?

and joined. He was of orthodox

were revealed by an accident.

spirit power independently?

(3) Prof. Tyndall said, in 1871, "There

spirits "material substances?"

Why may not that be done in full

Prof. Tyndall said: "We have no

raps, often in broad day:

light now as well?

man of common sense would write him-

editor proves by the Bible!

self down such a fool.

TO THE EDITOR:-Will you please allow me through your valuable paper, to make a statement. I read so many good things in it, experiences given by honest people, all of which go to prove that our dear ones who have gone before us are still with us, and are even still more interested in our welfare than we are in theirs or our own. I am satisfied there s nothing we do that fully pays them for the interest they take in us. I. too. have something interesting, and will

tell it as briefly as possible.

I am a Bohemian, and married a Bonemian girl in 1884. passed to the higher life and brighter world. My wife's parents moved from Bohemia about forty-five years ago. My wife's mother then left a younger ister in Europe. She had a brother living here in Iowa. About a year after they came here her brother got sick and passed on to the higher life.

About that time, or during his last ickness, a letter was received by them from their young sister in Europe, but during the excitement and grief they laid the letter aside and forgot it, and consequently it was not opened and read. My wife's aunt (the widow) being unable to read or write, it was not until about two years after the letter had been reeivedithat it was read.

The young sister not receiving any reply, and being ready to start to Amerca, came and landed in one of the Eastern States. Upon the letter being found, two years after its receipt, it wa opened and read, and it was then that they discovered why the letters did not reach, or were answered. The widowed aunt and my wife's mother's husband commenced their correspondence, but no trace of the young eister or family could be found, and all tracing or hunting for each other proved fruitless. For forty-five years they each thought the other was dead, and many times mourned the loss of each other.

About two years ago, while circles were being held at our home, and we were having such good results, and messages coming so correctly from our dear spirit relatives and friends, through table-tipping, my mother-in-law, then living with us, inquired of her nusband's spirit if he knew whether her sister was still in earth-life, or in the Spirit-world. He assured us she was living and well, and he knew where she was. He was certain of it: but we could

not get the name of the place or town-which will be easily understood by the readers. When we asked if she was in America, he would say yes; and if asked if she lived in Bohemia, the answer would be yes. These things were confusing, and seemed misleading to us, but he was so certain she was in the Eastern States, that she was here in America, and being well, and in earthlife, we at once began to investigate and hunt.

It never occurred to us that there might be a town or a village by the name of Bohemia in America, or America in Bohemia, but at any rate ceeded and located her in a small village on Long Island, N. Y., by the name of Bohemia. We at once set up a correspondenco. spondenco. The grandmothers ex-changed photographs and otherwise convinced each other that they were the parties claimed. years passed before its possibilities

So my mother-in-law, my wife and ou eight-year-old daughter went to Long Island, N. Y., last July, and made the yonng sister and family a visit.

Thus the girls parted while yet children, and met again when grandmothers. The above can be verified by many. V. DRAHOS.

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ONE OF HIS SUPPRESSED POEMS. To gull the mob, and keep them under, other which is unattainable is in the The ancients told their tales of wonder; way of the use of the attainable.

A pious fraud, a holy blunder;

A rainbow sign,
An earthquake, or a blast o' thunder,
Were held divine.

By those who've faith to swallow doses A wonderous story nothing loses; The dextrous feats ascribed to Moses Are proofs as plain O' sleight o' hand as Harman Bogue's

Legerdemain. cally and began preaching. This spirit claimed that the medium's sister, who Beware the stories o' tradition Lest sense give way to superstition: The royal magic—competition— O, sacred fountain! Which can a midge, by faith's volition,

Swell to a mountain. A God o' mercy, just and good, Held ferth as in an angry mood; Drooning the world a' in a flood To punish Hymon, And turning water into blood

Just like a demon. He murdered thousands in a trice; Made Egypt swarm with frogs and 'ce; Had he sent sheep and cows and .ce, His hungry horde Might ilka ane have got a slice
And praised their "Lord."

Wi' hecus pocus, rod in hand-Like Mother Goose's magic wand They could the elements command, As legends run;

Divide the sea and burn the land, Or stop the sun. Their prodigies bombast surpasses; Like dykes the ocean stood in masses:

They had flying prophets, speaking 8,5665-Besides a saute wife,

amorous ghaists o'ercame the lasses Who lived that life. Their Sampson's strength lay in his hair. Their holy waters sterling were, Shower of fire came through the air-

Like brimstone danders-Saints live in fire, by virtue rare, Like salamanders. The apostle Paul, by fancy's whim, Soared up to heaven as in a dream,

And Satan brought him back 'twould seem-So says himsel'— But how could Nick to heaven climb When chained in hell? This damned old wily serpent-Nick-

Was promised long a mighty kick-He turned the chase, and played the trick Wi' God's first born; He got him scourged, nailed to a stick And crooned wi's thorn.

First search thee through the wondrous

piece,
'Tls fill wi' blunders such as these, That reverend priests their flock may fleece Wi' weakly conscience;

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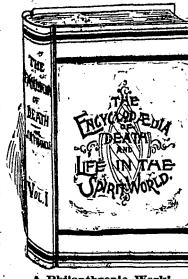
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culties of this "sweet" undertaking, to quote a favorite adjective from Henry, the player, but the speech of Dr. Hirsch recently, multiplies them tenfold and effectually squelches the whole business. Dr. Hirsch was one of the people who were invited to serve upon the committee to prepare the new Bible reader, but he refused the invitation. Moreover, he took occasion in his speech before the Beefsteak club to lambaste the apostles of sweetness and light, whom he termed meddlesome women. They were, he said, not the friends of holy writ, as they supposed, From the standpoint of the believer in were the differences of the warring sects, which could not be harmonized. "There would be a perpetual struggle between Catholic and Protestant interpretation, and either might be at variance with the home teaching." Last, but not least, the atheist or the agnostic has a right to object that his children should not be taught a religion that he

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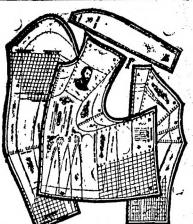
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It was first demonstrated in our own country that a zone of silence exists around fog signals, within which the sound of the horn cannot be heard. is cumulative, and at length the air From the lightship between the limits flowing in the inner tube is cooled to of one and three-quarters to one and the point of liquefaction, after which one-half miles, the sound could scarcely be heard on board a vessel steaming toward the ship; but within the mile-and-a-half limit the sound became all at once so loud that it seemed near at hand. At half a mile distance it again disappeared entirely, and was heard once more at a quarter of a mile, then increasing in volume up to the lightship.

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During the week past the liberal people of Pittsburg and Allegheny have been enjoying an intellectual feast in listening to the gifted founder of the Psychics' Oriental Protective Order of Research, Mrs. May E. Stevenson, late of Stockholm, Sweden, now of Cincinnati, O.

On Wednesday, the 8th, Mrs. Stevenson spoke on "Mediumship," from the Allegheny Society's platform, to a good-sized audience of appreciative listeners, whom she held spellbound for nearly two hours. On Friday night she spoke in the large parlors of street, on the subject of "Planetary Influence."

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Society, No. 6 Sixth street. During the month of March Lyman C. Howe entertained and instructed the thinkers of Pittsburg from the Sixth street rostrum. Even an intimation of the grand work of that noble worker is beyond the power of my feeble pen. Suffice it to say, we hope it will not be long until we shall have the privilege of listening again to his

words of eloquence and logic. For April, Mr. Grimshaw occupies the rostrum, and his discourses are

always instructive. At the First Church, Allegheny, Mrs. Abby Burnham, of Boston, is speaker and medium for the month. and is doing good work.

One thing we are pleased to note in this locality, namely: The local papers. that in other days showed nothing but malice toward Spiritualism, and shamelessly slandered and misrepresented mediums and Spiritualists, occasionally in these days give fair reports of proceedings of societies and the work of mediums. And for this change we are in no small measure indebted to the noble work of THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER. Long may that glorious paper live to enlighten, educate and emancipate downtrodden humanity, and free mankind from the slavery of creeds, dogmas and superstitious fears of Gods and Devils. GEORGE HEFFNER.

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I wish to give an account of a seance I attended last spring. Having heard of Mrs. Aspinwall through friends, I arranged by letter for seats for three—one for a friend, the other two for my husband and self. We went from Stewens Point, Wis., to Minneapolis, arriving the day of the seance. No one there had ever seen manity, the investigation of the va- or heard of mes sa far as I knew, at that time.

The seance opened. It was but a few minutes until forms came out of the cabinet, crossing the room, talking with friends and making themselves known in every instance. They were "Psychometry," on Wednesday night, all sizes, large and small, some tall

"Spirit and Its One lady came into the room and called the name of a gentleman who sat at my right. He went to her. They stood and talked for perhaps ten minutes, then she turned, went to the cabinet and disappeared. The gentleman said he was a stranger, had just come up from Chicago that forenoon, having been told that if he would come to Mrs. Aspinwall's seance his cents a package, 4 packages \$1. having been told that if he would wife would materialize; and he added: "That was my wife."

Again, two little boys came, first one, then the other, then both together. The father also said he had been told that if he came friends would fetch the little boys; and he said: "They are my boys." When they went away, one dematerialized out in the room, the other just outside the curtain.

In all there must have been thirty forms, but the one that was soulsatisfying to me was my father. He pased out of the body when I was eleven years old, having been killed by the cars. He was so badly bruised his face was bandaged and he was buried with the bandage on. When he appeared the bandage was there, be seen through what looked like a piece of muslin and felt like the rest of the body that was exposed.

I broke every condition, and he went back and came out four times in all. I put my hands on his face, over and over again; my arm around his neck, and he held me closely in his arms for some minutes, telling me of the old home and mother. No one knew of the bandage on his face, not even my husband, until then. I had

Last summer tat: the Northwestern Camp, I attended a seance at Dr. Rothermel's, where I received many good tests, one being a spirit who told me he was one of my guides, saying: "Look closely, you will see me again." The next week the same spirit form, face and clothing, identicaly, came to me at Mrs. Aspinwall's. There is muck more I would like to add, but I fear I have been too

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