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the sweeps, and who died a number of years ago, and who, they say, performs his early morning duties of washing up

a few hours before daybreak each day. This ghostly individual is the unseen

terror of all the negro laborers who clean up around the Capitol, and they will not work without plenty of light on

It would give a timid person the fright

of his life to walk across statuary hall at midnight and in the dark. In no place

in the vast building are the echoes so

strange or so ghostly. There are a num-ber of what are called echo stones, by

stepping on which and speaking one is astouned to hear his voice coming up apparently beneath his feet. It is a

trick the guides have of startling their

customers by stepping behind some pil-lar and, just at the moment when the un-

wary tourist stands on a certain stone,

giving voice to a harsh and sepulchral

whisper that will reverberate in ghostly

But the crypt is the place most sug-gestive of the powers of darkness. Its influence is such upon dervous tempera-

ments that it would be a serious matter

with many to venture to spend the night

there alone. The story is told, as an in-

stance, that once a newly-married Con-

gressman's wife made, during her first

visit to Washington, a trip through the

crypt with a number of friends. She

became separated from her friends in

the gloom and lost her way. When the party missed her a search was made and

the given up upon the general belief

that the young woman must have wan-dered out and gone home before them.

Next morning the party searched again,

and finally the Congressman's bride was found in a most secluded and dark cor-

ridor, insensible. They never learned what she experienced, because she was a raving maniac. She afterward re-

covered, but she was never asked to tell

the story of that fateful night in the crypt. No ray of natural light, no fresh air, has ever entered into this crypt. It

was once suggested as the place for the last tomb of the father of his country, but the idea was given up as ridiculous,

WHO THE MAHATMAS ARE.

ish Theosophist, lectured before the H.

portant office at the coming theosoph

Ernest T. Hargrove, the noted Eng-

accent close in his ear.

the subject.

THE SEGULAR PRESS.

### INTERESTING ITEMS OF A PHENOMENAL NATURE' CATHERED FROM VARIOUS PAPERS.

HE following items from the secu-ular press are only a small portion of the cullings-a mere "drop in the bucket"--of the recorded phe-nomena directly in line with our grand spiritual philosophy: KEEP SPOOKS IN THEIR FAMILIES.

An ancient Roman Catholic family in Yorkshire, by the name of Middleton, is supposed to be apprised of the death of any of its members by the appartiton of a Benedictine nun; and Sir Walter Scott in his "Peveril of the Peak" tells how a certain spirit is commonly be-lleved to attend on the Stauley family, warning them, by uttering a loud on the day of his decease on the links of St. Andrew's at golf. Suddenly he stopped in the middle of the game, saying: 'I can play no longer; there is the Bodsen Glas. I have seen it for the third time; something fearful is going to befall me.'. He died that night as he was handing a candlestick to a lady who was retiring to her room."

#### SCOTTISH FAMILY CHOSTS.

by Gartin Bodacher, and Tulloch Gorms, home he told his wife of the spectral re-by May Moulach, or the girl with the contre. The popular belief was that hairy left hand. The synod gave frequent orders that inquiry should be made into the truth of this apparition, and one or two declared that they had seen one that answered the description. Lochburg was commonly reported, before the death of any of his race, to gallop along the seabeach announcing the death by dismal lamentations, and the banshee of Loch Nigdal used to be described the death token of Vingoes. chains of fire were formerly seen ascend-The appearance of a white-breasted bird was thought to be a warning of death to a family named Oxenham in Devonshire.

KEEP SPOOKS IN THEIR FAMILIES. The belief in death omens peculiar to certain families outside of Ireland has long been a fruitful source of supersti-tion, and has been embodied in many a strange legendary romance. Such fam-ily forewarnings of death are of a most waried description. Joliffe, as well as the deaths of the son and heir of the eighth earl and of his daughter, Lady Frances Shirley, were each preceded by the ominous birth of the fatal-hued calf. This tradition has been made the subject of a romantic story entitled "Chartley; or, The Fa-talist." Joliffe, as well as the deaths of the son immemorial been supposed to indicate talist.' She is regarded as the ancestress of the

HAIR-RAISING TRADITIONS race, shows herself always in snow-Walsingham in his "Ypodigma Newwhite garments, carries a bunch of keys at her side, and sometimes rocks and

strael" informs us how, on January 1, 1399, just before the war broke out bewatches over the children at night tween the houses of York and Lancaster, when their nurses sleep. The earliest instance of this annarthe River Ouse suddenly stood still at a place called Harewood, about five miles ition was in the sixteenth century, and from Bedford, so that below this place is famous under the name of "Bertha of warning them, by uttering a loud shriek, of some approaching calamity, and especially weeping and bemoaning herself before the death of any person of distinction belonging to the family, In his "Waverly," too, he alludes to the Bodach Glas, or dark gray man. Mr. Henderson says: "Its appearance fore-told death in the clan of \_\_\_\_\_, and I have been informed on the most-credible tes-timony of its appearance in our own day. been informed on the most-credible tes-timony of its appearance in our own day. The earl of E., a nobleman alike beloved and respected in Scotland, was playing on the day of his decease on the links of "An Irish Water Flend," said to be per-fectly well authenticated, is related in Burke's "Anecdotes of the Aristocracy." The hero of the tale was Rev. James Crawford, rector of the parish of Kil-linc, County Leitrim. In the autumn of Cardan and Henningius Grosius relate

Cardan and Henningius Grosius relate 1777 Mr. Crawford had occasion to cross the estuary called the Rosses, on the families of Italy, the following being coast of Donegal, and on apillion behind him sat his sister-in-law, Miss Hannah Will a sister data and Henningius Grossus related families of Italy, the following being recorded by the latter authority:

According to Pennant, most of the Wilson. They had advanced some disportant families in Venice, had a child, great families of Scotland had their tance, until the water reached the sad- the heir of the family, very ill. At great families of Scotland had their death omens. Thus It is reported that the family of Grant Rothiemurcus had the "Bodach au Dun," or the Ghost of the Hill; and the Kincardines, the "Lham-dearg," or the Specter of the Bloody Hand, of whom Sir Walter Scott had given this account from Macfarlane's "manuscripts: "There is much: talk of a spirit called 'Ly-erg,' who frequents the Glenmore. He appears with a red hand, in the habit of a soldier, and challenges men to fight with him. As lately as the after another, who immediately died therefrom."

herefrom." The family of Gurlinberg was haunted waited for no further parley, but re-turned as fast as he could. On reaching SCIENCE OF HYPNOTISM. Dr. E.W. Scripture of the Yale psychological laboratory, who for the last two years has been investigating various whenever any luckless person was forehypnotic phenomena has established certain well-defined farm upon which a science of hypnotism can be erected. doomed to be drowned in that estuary the fatal event was foreshown to the doomed person by some such apparition as Crawford had seen. Despite this Dr. Scripture has just given full details of the discovery, which he announced some time ago, of a method of measur-An ancestor of the family of McLean of monitory warning Mr. Crawford again attempted to cross the ford of the He has found a way ing hallucinations. Rosses upon September 27, 1777, and was to measure. in specific candle-power, a drowned in the attempt. suggestive effect of light, to produce THE WHITE LADY OF AVE . EL. hallucinations of tones that are equal in the banshee of Loch Nigdal used to be arrayed in a silk dress of a greenish this kind in Britain is the White Lady energy can be measured, and to cause a hue. The evil genius of the Byrons ap-Scott. In the highlands it was long a feet to see a spot where there is none. peared in the guise of a black friar, and common belief that many of the ohiefs In fact, hypnotism is shown to be a won-bed some kind of a spirit to watch over derful "force" which is just emerging tune to the member of the family the fortunes of their house. Popular from the cloud of charlatanism which to whom it apperead, and Mr. Hunt has tradition had many well-known legends has obscured it for ages, and which about white ladies, who generally dwell must now be classed among legitimate It seems that above the deep caverns in in forts and mountains as enchanted and scientific phenomena. One of the a certain part of the Byrons' estate maidens waiting for deliverance. They typical experiments tried by Dr. Scriprises a cairn. On this, it is as erted, delight to appear in warm sunshine to ture, in conjunction with Dr. C. E. Sea chains of fire were formerly seen ascend-ing and descending, which were fre-quently accompanied by loud and fright-ing themselves, drying wheat or spin-ful noises. But it is affirmed that these warnings have not been heard since the last male of the family came to a violent end. Whenever two owls are seen green shoes, and a bunch of keys at end. Whenever it is a seen of the their side. All these and many other poor shepherds or herd-boys. They are shore, was on the sense of hearing. perched on the family mansion of the their side. All these and many other and that then a very faint click would family of Arundel of Wardour, it is said traits that appear in individual legends be produced in the room. The tone at that one of its members will shortly die. may be traced back to the goddess of first would be too faint to be heard, but German mythology who influences birth gradually would grow louder. Just as and death, and presides over the order-jeoon as he heard the tone he was to ng of the household. An interesting instance of a death- alone, and the experimenter went to the ing of the household. warning among uncultured tribes is apparatus in another room, where he told on the authority of J. J. Atkinson, could manipulate the telegraph kay, the late of the Noumea, New Caledonia, tone instrument and the recording apwhich is curious, because it offers paratus. He first made the sounder in among the kanakas an example of a the other room click, and then he slowbelief current in Breton folklore. Mr. ly increased the intensity of the tone Atkinson relates how one day a Kan- till the person just heard it. A record this case, the omen takes the form of a ska of his acquaintance paid him a of the intensity of the tone was then sturgeon, which is seen forcing itself up, visit and seemed loath to go away. made. This was repeated ten times, the River Trent, on whose bank the After some hesitation he explained that After that no tone whatever was needed. he was about to die and would never see It was sufficient to make the sounder his English friend again, as his fate was sealed. He had lately met in the woods ond or two, declare that he heard the one whom he took for the Kanaka girl of tone just as before. This could be rehis heart, but he became aware too late peated as often as desired. The tone in that she was no mortal woman, but a such cases was a pure hallucination, wood-spirit in the guise of his beloved. produced by suggestions from the first f one of its branches. Burke, in his As he said, so it happened, for the un-ten experiments. In a similar manner Anecdotes of the Aristocracy," says lucky man giortly alterward died. hallocinations of smell, of taste, of hat opposite the dining-room at Gordon "This is the groundwork," adds the touch and of heat were produced, and narrator, "of the Breton ballad of 'La it was even found possible to make a perthe history of which is somewhat singu-sieur Nann.' who died after his intrigue, son actually see an object that did not lar. Duke Alexander, when four years with the foreign spectre." A version of exist. Strange to say, also, although the ballad is printed by De la Ville- all the people experimented upon were with earth; the tub floated about in a marque. Barzaz-Breiz and variants ex-marshy piece of land, till the shrub, ex-ist in Swedish, French and even in a low-rious hallucinatory symptoms of insanland Scotch version, sung by children in ity could be produced on a small scale a kind of dancing game. Another story quoted by the same by appropriate suggestions. Almost as curious is the fact that they were not author tells how, in 1860, a Maneroo black fellow died in the service of a Mr. hypnotized in any way whatever. Scripture regards as a most potent fac-tor in the application of his results the "The day before he died; having been ill some time, he said that in fact that they open out a fruitful field of tunes and his own. If an accident hap the night his father, his father's friend investigation into mind disease. The and a female spirit had come to him greatest public interest lies in the proof and said that he would die next day and that these phenomena are not really abgreatest public interest lies in the proof that they would wait for him." Mr. Du normal, but are going on around us all It is related, too, how in the park of Ve adde that though previously, the the time. We ourselves are influenced Chartley, near Lichfield, has long been Christian belief had been explained to continually by suggestion without know-preserved the breed of the indigenous this man, it had entirely failed, and that ing it. Owing to suggestion, much of Staffordshire cow of sand-white color, he had gone back to the belief of his what is not it to the suggestion. he had gone back to the belief of his what we see is not true; much of what childhood. "But cases of this kind, it we think is false. Although over 2,000 would appear," concludes Mr. Dyer in books are known to have been written his "Ghost World," "are not uncommon on this subject, it is being placed on a among rude races of comparative folkscientific basis for the first time. The influence of certain "healers" now can lore. be easily accounted for, and one of the FESTIVE TEUTONIC COBLINS. In Germany soveral princes have their first physicians in this country holds the warnings of death. In some instances it opinion that the medical treatment of

IDA NELSON SEES A VISION. The hamlet of Pleasant Valley, Adams county, Ind., is in a state of religious exsitement over an incident that occurred during revival services. at the Friends' church last week, one of the members, during a period of unusual fervor, going

into a trance and having a remarkable experience. Miss Ida Nelson, 18 years of age, is a modest and retiring young lady of the village and is known among the mem-bers of the church as an exceptionally devout but rather retiring Christian.

One day during the services she en-tered the church and took her accustomed seat near the altar. During the progress of the meeting Miss Nelson was seen to slide forward in her pew and her head fall back, unconscious. She was taken home, and remained in this condition three hours, when consciousness returned, and with it the power of speech and motion. To those around her she told substantially the following story: As the lost consciousness of things

around her she seemed to be enveloped in a peculiar vapor, which resembled a fleecy cloud, and a voice spoke to her, saying that the efforts of the -church should first be directed to saving the sinners in the church; that-the tabernacle of the Lord should be purified, the ungodly in the church brought to an acknowledgment of their sins, and when this was done the prayers of the church would avail against the devil, and not till then. She asked for direction, and was told to seek out the sinners in the church and point out to them the evil of their ways. When she asked how she should know the sinners in the church the voice replied: "By their acts." The next day Miss Nelson appeared at the church and related her experience

and made fervent appeals to those in the church to examine themselves and see if they were not standing in the way of

sinners outside of the church. Miss Nelson is deeply impressed by her vision and firmly believes that she heard a voice from the other world call-ing her to the discharge of a Christian duty.

#### MAPPED OUT IN A DREAM.

From the early days of his work on the diamond fields of Kimberley, Cecil. Rhodes cherished the (then it seemed) Utopian dream of winning the north and the whole backbone of Africs for England. He saw from the first that two instruments were needed to realize his dream—political power and financial power. After many years of ceaseless labor, with the great and steadily kept before his future-seeing eyes, he ob-tained the instruments, and with them gained an improbable and astonishing success. He made an' immense fortune

himself, and gained the confidence and honorable

worshipers. The book was in Italian, hands. I never cross the street unless and was published anonymously. The first part of the book is devoted to a description of the manner in which the Prince of Evil may be summoned by those who desire to have communica-

tion with him. Complete rules are given, and with them the assurance that those who follow them could not fail of success. When the devil appeared he would present a contract to his would-be devotee and would agree to serve him in every way in return for his soul, which must be given in payment at the end of twenty years. The manual also gives many prayers to the devil. One of them is as follows:

"O, great Lucifer, I command you to come to me in accordance with your agreement, without loud noise or vile smell; that you hear my wishes and that you may grant them." The book then provides that if the

devil does not appear the devotee shall

say: "O, great Lucifer, I have called upon "O, great Lucifer, I have called upon you and you have not answered. If you do not come now, by the power of this compact, I shall give you no rest, wherever you may be, until you answer me."

Some of the prayers are of a more humble character; but not many of them, for the black book distinctly provides that the devil must be subservient to those who have sold their souls to him. Rules are also given for the protection of the life of the Devil's servant, and hieroglyphics shown by the coroner are said to have been tattooed upon the body of the dead man. By the use of them it was imagined his life was secure from death by steel, poison or bul-lets, and this, as Count Alberto, the Italian vice-consul at New York, and Dr. Spagnolo belleve, explains the un-usual form of his death. Their infer-ence is that, believing he could not be killed by ordinary means, his terrified compatriots enticed him to the woods, struck him on the head and then sunk him in the water of the pond.

### NIGHT IS DAY TO HER.

The case of Tillie Hardy, a 9-year-old girl, living with her father at No. 289 Central avenue, Brooklyn, has been brought to the attention of a number of prominent medical men, and the doctors are at work trying to solve the problem, the solution of which, they say, will be of great value to science. Although it is known that the child is suffering from hemeralopia, or day-blindness, there are many other things connected, with the case which are interesting the doctors. Little Tillie's head is covered with sil-very white hair. The eyes are of changeable colors. She has the figure, though not the stature, of a grown wo man, and her mental powers are remark With never a day's schooling she ble. can read and write, and is a bright ac-countant and ready calculator.

Among the neighbors little Tillie Hardy is known as an albino. But a physician who examined the girl said

echoing: It is one of the stories that some one takes me by the hand, and I every night there is a sound in the portico of the Senate wing as of some one never go away from my own door for scrubbing the marble floor, and the noise of water being thrown down on it fear of being run over." The history of the case is reserved for the guidance of medical men, but the is plainly audible. Capitol officials tell of an aged negro who used to be one of

child was born shortly after the mother had undergone a fright. WHAT THE DOCTORS SAY. One of the doctors, when spoken to

about the case, said:

"It would be useless to venture an opinion at this time, but when a test has been made of the girl's eyes. I am sat-isfied that the result will be highly interesting to men in general, and to eye specialists in particular. In the first place the fact that she is known to be suffering from day-blindness is in itself interesting, for there are very few cases of this kind that have been thoroughly investigated. Hemeralopia, which is the medical term for day-blindness, is often incorrectly termed nyctalopia. Sometimes it is a symptom of diseases of the retina and of the optic nerves. In some cases it is found in certain congenital faults of the eye. Among nocturnal animals, such as owls and bats, it is the normal condition. That it seems to be the normal condition in this case makes it of unusual interest to science.

"So," continued the doctor, "we know that the clearest sight is very restricted, but in the case of this girl in darkness the clearest sight is that which covers the large field, the vision being sharper over this area than it is in ordinary individuals. But there are half a dozen important points to be considered in this case, points which will prove of great value, when fully explained, to the medical world, and points which cannot be discussed at present."

### CHOSTS AT THE CAPITOL.

Do you believe in ghosts? Do you wish to collect a rich and rare stock af fleshcreeping spock stories? If so, hie your-self to that great white building on the hill known as the Capitol, give one of the blue-coated guides an extra tip and he will take you through the mazes of that wounderful building and regale you with enough dark tales to last you a lifetime. Or, if they do not satisfy you, pick acquaintance with one of the seedy, hungry-looking individuals you will find at the foot of the grand staircase, who, ten to one, is a professional guide also, and ask him to point out to you all the haunted houses in the city and tell you

their weird histories. And either of these gentlemen will tell you what they believe to be the plain, unvarnished truth. The Capitol police have strange things to tell about the uncanny doings in the vaulted corridors after nightfall. The

P. B. Theosophical Society, No. 142 West 125th street, on "What Is a Ma-hatma?" last hight. Mr. Hargrove is a person likely to be in the eyes of the public a great deal henceforth, as he will probably be elected to some im<sup>2</sup> ghosts they tell about are not simple, everyday visitors from the land of the unseen, but the shades of distinguished The majestic spiritual ego of John Quincy Adams, once President of the United States: of Vice-President Henry

ical convention. "You are all familiar with the word "mahatma," he said, "and if you read the newspapers you will get a good idea of what a mahatma is not. This, however, is no fault of the reporters, as the subject is enveloped in so much confusion. "To understand what a mahatma is, the theosophical belief in reincarnation has to be kept in view. Man lives on earth, not once, but many times. who through the ages have lived lives of purity, of unselfishness and ceaseless toil for the elevation of their fellowmen, have reached a point where they are gods incarnate. Such are mahatmas. But they are men. and they are not supernatural. There is no such thing. "There are mahatmas in all countries There are adepts in both Europe and America."

#### THE WRAITH OF CLIETON HALL.

Equally strange is the omen with which the old baronet's family of Clifton of Clifton hall, Nottinghamshire. is forewarned when death is about to visit one of its members. It seems that, in this case, the omen takes the form of a mansion of the Clifton family is situ-

With this curious tradition may be compared one connected with the Edgewell Oak, which is commonly reported to indicate the coming death of an in-mate of the Castle Dalhousie, by the fall of one of its branches. Burke, in his that opposite the dining-room at Gordon castle is a large and massive willow tree, lar. Duke Alexander, when four years of age, planted this willow in a tub filled marshy piece of land, till the shrub, expanding, burst it's cerements and struck root in the earth below. Here it grew and prospered till it attained a goodly The duke regarded the tree with a sort of fatherly and even superstitions regard, half believing that there was Du Ve. some mysterious affinity between its forpened to the one by storm or lightning, some misfortune was not long in befalling the other.

In the battle of Burton bridge a black calf was born, and the year of the downfall of the house of Ferrers, happening about the same time, gave rise to the tradition that the birth of the parti-colored calf from the wild herd in Chartley

park is a sure omen of death within the same, year to a member of the family. "by a noticeable coincidence."

ort of t of the South African capitalists. He gradually conciliated and won the butch, and became the darling of the Afrikander bund.

He succeeded; too, in, the improbable realization of his early dream, and saved to England the immense hinterland up to Lake Tanganyika. One of these two instruments, and that the most difficult to obtain and the most valuable - his nfluence over the Dutch of South Africa--hohas lost through the blunder of his lieutenant; the other he retains, and with it what is far more important-his own singular combination of business ability, tenacity of purpose, foresight and clear-eyed and saga-cious judgment on the real nature of the problems and the difficulties with which he has to deal. He has made history in South Africa for some years past, and he is likely, so far as the chartered dominions are concerned, to continue to make if; nor is it at all improbable that he may one day make it on a

larger scale elsewhere. The great problem of our time in im-perial politics is how to keep our colones, how to bind them with ties of selfinterest, as well as sentiment, to the mother-country, and there is probably no one who better understands this problem in all its aspects than the tatesman whose success in South Africa has been hitherto so remarkable. but whose great qualities have long marked him out to serve his country or a wider stage.

These, however, are matters of opinion, and the future alone can prove the accuracy or error of such a forecast. One thing is certain-England already owes Rhodes an immense debt, of gratitude for the best part of South Africa. | sained for our race entirely by his far-sighted dreams of expansion, and the extraordinary ability with which he has prought them out of the realm of the imagination into the realm of the actual. The possessions of Rhodesia and the regions north of the Zambesi are an accomplished fact, and it is the work of Rhodes. As the greatness of this rec-ord is realized, the more nearly will England's estimate of a remarkable Englishman approximate itself to his deserts.

#### SOLD HIS SOUL TO THE DEVIL.

Another and a decidedly uncanny chapter in the Quaranta mystery in Providence, R. I.; was developed when the coroner filed his report upon the death of the Italian. Quaranta was a laborer who resided in the Charles street colony. He disappeared last August and his body was afterward hound in a pond. A long section of heavy pipe had been attached to his body, and his skull had been fractured by a blow from a club.

According to the general belief, Giovanni Quaranta was a man of mystery. All his neighbors believed that he had sold his sonly to the Devil, and that His Satanic. Majesty waited upon his beck and call, They said he had a strong influence over them, and could make them do anything he desired. Dr. Spagnolo told the coroner that the trange influence was merely hypnotic, but he could not account for the people's belief in his diabolic possession.

This was explained in the investiga-tion, however, when a black book, found in the man's trunk, was discovered to be

she was not of that class of individuals. The albino has eyes with iris deficient in the black, or blue, or hazel pigment. But in this girl's case the iris does not lack color. The albino is also said to lack the strength of other persons. Tillie Hardy is remarkably strong. albinos are deficient not only in physical development, but in mental capacity. But Tilly Hardy is better developed and possesses a stronger mind than 99 per cent of the children of her age. The only reason that could possibly be given for classing her with the albinos is that her hair is white, and that her eyes are better suited to darkness than to daylight. Linnæus called the albinos nocturnal men. Little Tillie Hardy might be called a nocturnal woman. The parents of the child were strong

and robust. Her mother died in Augus last. Before her death Mrs. Hardy brought the girl to this city, and she was taken to a clinic, where her case was partly considered. But the mother inerfered and took the child away before the doctors had concluded their investigations. The result was that the peculiarities of her eyesight were never thoroughly tested or understood. Some of the doctors who, with the father's permission, intend to give the case a full investigation, believe that it may be possible for the girl to see better and clearer than the majority of human beings.

#### READING IN THE DARK.

A Sun reporter saw her at her home in Brooklyn at night. She took a child's story book and tried to read it with the aid of the shaded rays of light from a brightly burning gas jet. "I know it's a book," she said, "but I

can't see it. I can tell it's a book by .eeling it."

The light was turned low, so that the room was in darkness.

"Now," she said, opening the book, "I can read it easily." Then she proceeded to read.

A newspaper was handed to her and she read from it, although no other per-son in the room could see the print, Her father and her aunt, who were present, then requested the newspaper man to turn the gas on full and hold objects up so that the girl's sight might be tested in a light. A metal badge was he d three feet away, but the girl declared she could not see it. Lowering the light so that the room was in partia larkness, the piece of metal was again

held up. "That's a watch," said the girl,

The light was turned still lower and ooking at the metal badge again, the girl exclaimed:

"Why, no, it's a piece of th." The light was turned still lower, and she said: "I see a pin attached to the back of it."

ee the piece of metal, but the girl delared that she could see it plainly, and the even read the inscription on it. "The sunlight hurts my eyes awfully."

he said, "and when I go out in the daytime 1 have to hold my hand over my eves.

"Can you see anything in daylight?"

she was asked. "If I cover up my eyes with my hands," she said, "I can see a man or woman passing, but I can't tell just what it is. I can only see the form of the per-son-just a dark object, and to see that other, and a step in the rotunda will the manual of a society of devil- much I have to shield my eyes with my come back from all sides with startling these years.

Wilson, a Massachusetts statesman, and of Gen. John A. Logan, famous in field and forum, are said to haunt by night the echoing halls where legislators tread by day.

When the redoubtable Andrew Jackson was inaugurated, March 4, 1829, Adams retired for a short while to private life. It was not until February 21, 1848, that he died. He was at that time a Representative, and his passing away was tragic. During a session of the House he suddenly slipped from his seat to the floor. Apoplexy, the doctors said. He was borne to a room near by, where not many hours later he died, with but a few murmured words.

It was not long after the unhappy event that there was whispering among the officials who took care of the Capi tol building after dark that some one like unto the dead Adams was seen nightly to pass out of the Speaker's room, in which the ex-President had died, into the House chamber, which is now statuary hall, and wander about among the seats. It would pause beside the chair occupied by Adams, then gradually fade away into nothingness. A f. ter the seats were removed and statues placed in the hall the change apparently disconcerted the distinguished ghost, for, according to the best authorities. those who claimed to have seen the

whole proceeding, the shade of the statesman wandered around and around the chamber, and finally passed out without apparently having found his former place of daily occupation. But later, a small bronze tablet was inserted in the floor, through the good offices of somebody who felt sorry for the ghost, upon the spot where John Quincy Adam's chair used to stand, and then it is said the ghost walked as before, with every evidence of being again at peace. This particular shade was seen on February 21 last, and is not expected again until that date.

What purported to be the ghost of the Vice-President is said to move and have its othereal being in the Vice-President's room, the marble room, where the Senators receive their callers, and in the corridors thereabouts. It was in the first-named apartment that Mr. Wilson was also suddenly visited by the angel of death, November 10, 1875, who remained with him till Nov. 22, when he died, after three severe shocks of

apoplexy. The apparition supposed to represent this poor man is occasionally declared to manifest itself suddenly, as if evoluted out of the thin air. and as quickly vanish upon the approach of a mortal

The spirit of Black Jack Logan is said to make its appearance at exactly twen ty minutes after 12'o'clock midnight, The general was at one time chairman of the committee on military affairs, and out of this committee room he emerges, None of the others in the room could taking care to close the door after him, ea the piece of metal, but the girl de-and glides swiftly down the corridor, to disappear. without trace or sound. This is perhaps the most substantial of all the Capitol ghosts, for there are numbers of persons ready to attest hav-ing witnessed his mysterious passage

through the gloomy hall. But it does not take the actual appear ance of these shades to make the Capitol a place of grewsomeness and awe at night. In the stillness that pervades, a

A man with a gray beard then got up, "Can you give one verse in the Bible," "that warrants your believing 10 said. in reincarnation?"

"The Bible has a number of verifications," answered the speaker, "but the best place to look is in the works of the Gnostics, the great philosophers of the early Christian era. Their writings are full of references to it."

### SPIRITS VISIT NEIL PUNCHES.

Neil Punches, a wealthy Elkhart county, Ind., farmer, not long since be-came the victim of a strange ballucination. Punches says that every night as soon as he retires a spirit comes to his bedroom and arouses him, although he frequently locks the door to keep the spirit out. When he locks the door the spirit, he says, begins to play a tune on the panels, and he is at last forced to arise and let him in. Then they go to the dining-room table and hold a con-versation. Punches says the spirit has revealed to him the hiding-place of gold in his orchard, and has commanded him to dig for it. He declares that the spirit has the form of a man and that for two years it has been making visits to his home. Friends of Punches who have passed by his house say that he has taken out at least forty loads of dirt in his search for the hidden treasure. He is about 60 years of age.

It is esteemed a great privilege to be given the first page of THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER through which to present to the world the foegoing items from our voluminous collection. To find a record of something new and phenomenal. scientific and mystifying is not now so rare as in the past, in the col-umns of the secular press, and we gen-erously "give that we have received." DR. T. WILKINS.

#### Has Fasted Eighty-Four Days.

Mrs. Henry Ingram, of Battle Creek. Mich., is still fasting. It is now eighty four days since she has taken a morse of food of any kind, and now she does not want or appear to need anything to eat. Her health remains about the same. The strange condition of Mrs. Ingram, and the account of the case published in the newspapers, will be the means of bringing together soon two brothers who did not know whether the other was dead or alive. Mrs. Ingram's husband. Henry.Ingram, had a brother, George Ingram, who left Lyons, N. Y., in 1859, going west. Henry removed to Battle Creek a year later. George lo cated in Detroit, and the two brothere have known nothing of each other all

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#### UNION AND DISUNION. of life; then by decay and decomposition ecome extinet.

**Repulsion of Matter.** 

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And the Spiritual Significance Thereof,

We find that everything is formed by the union and disunion of something, which, I think, is caused by attraction or repulsion of some kind. The Godworshipers claim it is their God that does it all. The faithists believe it is their All Present-their Jehovah-their Dreator, or, rather, former Organizer foetus. and Causer of all things as they are-the soul and cause of all action in all matter.

These are all beyond our comprehenthe air did not exist, when, set in mo-their existence, except by imagination and faith. So it is with attraction and or that the eye does not see, because we repulsion. But we think we have got one notch farther from the unknowable, and one nearer the understandable; we can comprehend the effect of the attrac-tion and repulsion in matter, but the comprehend; we only know of them by others we cannot.

We believe there cannot be an action without cause, yet we cannot always scern the cause, but that is no reason that there is no cause, or that we have a right to imagine one and call it a truth. In my observations. I do not intend to introduce anything but known facts, and comparative reasoning from facts, so that all may know that know the facts – and all should know them before they decide on anything. We find that chlorine and sodium,

when united, form salt; also that hydrochimeras." gen, oxygen and carbon, when united in the right amounts of each, make sugar, vinegar, alcohol, gamboge and many other things; but none are made with out a union or disunion and change. So with every individual thing that exists, the largest from the smallest atom to world, and each has its peculiar proper-ties, such as its parts did not have. Salt has its preserving properties, sugar its sweet, vinegar its sour, alcohol its stim-ulant, gamboge its medical or polson properties, and their parts had none of

The perfect flower has stamens and nistils, and the anthers on the top of the tame usand the stigma on top of the pisil, both open at the same time and from the anther exudes the pollen, and the stigma contains a moist, sticky sub-stance and when the pollen comes in con-tact with it the pollen bursts, and a very fine powder is thrown out, which being held by moisture, is carried down through the style to the germ, and with its contents and forms the first union or compounds of a number of changes, unions, compounds and additions, until it is matured and thrown out of its pod a perfect seed. This is called growth. It has started by the union of wo or more parts of matter, and by continual acting and changing it has become what it is.

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avarice, love of money, desire of praise, the mind will be of that. If among the

Every new compound has new proper tics, and always the property of aftrac-tion or repulsion, or both; but they may ambitious, revengeful and selfish, it will be like them. If with the luxurious, not be like those of the previous compound for they may attract such matter as the other repelled, or they may repel what the other attracted; and this change and the forming of new compounds, continues through all growth and decay until the final dissolution of that body-and the growth of that body depends entirely upon the amount of matter and on the kind of matter in its environments that will make up its growth, and the ability of the compounds to attract such matter, and when it is no longer able to attract matter that will make growth, it will attract such as will cause decay; and so on un-til final dissolution and end individually. We find the same general action in the animal and the human existence.

In the human, like all others, there are two or more parts of matter united by attraction or affinity into one compound, with properties that attract othing another compound, and so on until or sensual organism, and by union of the porfect foctus is formed and the matter in the sensual a compound was child is grown and born. At what time formed that produced mind, must we or in what change or compound the not conclude that the mind that is made property of life first exists we cannot up of fine matter, and by its power to But comparing it with the growth attract fine matter make a growth and of the body, and its growth after birth live, and that it will form a germ there and final decay with the body, we con-clude it commenced very fine in some old mind will become defunct and destage of the foetus and grew up in the numerous changes until at the birth of up entirely of the matter of the sphere, the child we find it what it is. To show it will finally decay like others that have that life is a property, we see that the heart of the turtle continues to beat after it has been taken out some time, and the turtle consumed by heat; the reason is, the heart has not changed out of that | or mind which after a time will separate compound that has the properties of life. We see frequently the property of life mind, if it is made up wholly of the mat in one compound and not in the next. ter it originated in, will hover around that class until, like them, it sinks into When the child is born into existence it appears to be physically perfect, though some of its parts appear to need practice to be used. The heart beats, the lungs breathe, the secretions and oblivion. But if it is made of the fine matter of the next sphere, it will attract matter from it and grow to maturity, excretions act; but the senses are dorand so on until it arrives at the Budd mant, or if they act, we have no way of knowing the fact. We. after a time, hists' Nirvana, or the final end of all minds. To attempt to guess how long this would be is the height of folly We discover a new organization. 'or if formed before, it is just coming into acmight guess a hundred years or we may tion slowly, and by it the action of the senses are known. This is the brain, say a hundred millions, and one guess is as likely to be right as the other. and the many little fibers running from it to nearly every, part of the physical system called nerves. There are other the same causes produce everything that is-attraction, union, composition, collections of nerves that are supposed change, repulsion, decomposition and to control the regular action of the sysdecay. tem-such as breathing, heart-beating, and new compound; new compounds produce new attractions infinitely. and many others: but the brain has the ontical nerve that connects with the retina of the eye, the auditory nerve that goes to the ear, and a special nerve to each of the five senses, that conduct the Rev. Edwin S. Wallace, United States action of these senses the brain. It Consul at Jerusalem, writes about some has a set of nerves running to many of the peculiar people who gravitate to parts, called motor nerves-these are supposed to cause action. The five senses are supposed to act by a set of Jerusalem. First are those who believe in the immediate coming of the Mesnerves peculiarly their own. siah. "I want to be there," said a good There are many nerve combinations, but this one that has the brain for its old lady, "and be the first to offer him a cup of tea." The arrival of pretended center does not act with the others, exmessiahs is continuous. Then there are cept by sympathy. In this combination of nerves or nerve-center that we call the the "Overcomers," who make no prose lytes, but wait, overcoming the weak brain there are many properties visible ness of the flesh. Next are the various -memory, reason, understanding, conindividuals who believe themselves sideration, conclusion, and very many sent to build the new Jerusalem. The others like the mind, so many that it is get discouraged at the Lord's delay and not to be wondered at that so many depart, but others follow in their train. think the mind and this organ are one; but I think I will be able to show they Fine feelings, without vigor or reason, are two different organizations. are in the situation of the "extreme The first, or physical organism, apfeather of a peacock's tail-dragging in pears to be perfect in the child when the mud.-Foster. first born; it grows by its action on its Had I a dozen sons, each in my love surroundings and comes to maturity. The nervous organism shows no action for a long time after the physical, then very little, increasing slowly, showing it was growing from the action and speare change of the physical, and had its ori-gin in the physical. The physical goes Most frequently we make confidants from vanity, a love of talking, a wish to win the confidence of others, and to on to maturity, and soon it goes through a change that shows decay, and contin make an exchange of secrets .- Rous ning in that downward course it finally seau. makes the change that forms the com CONSUMPTION pound that has not the properties of life then begins the change of decomposition. The nervous organism appears to grow for a time after the physical has come to maturity, but after a time it be-gins to wane-the memory fails, the ers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use sight grows dim, the hearing is dull, thousands of hopeless cases have be the action is slower, the feeling is less manently cured. I shall be glad to send acute, and all directly belonging to this two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. T.A. Slocum, M.C., 183 Pearl St., New York. the physical they unite in the change whose compound has not the properties

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The Law of Attraction and The Law of Matter power than ever before; and still grow-

ing in calculation; reason, comparison, judgment, decision and the like; thus they manage to do more and better work than before. "The growing and increas-ing ability shows that these properties are not of an organism that is waningthey must be of one that is still growing; which shows there has a new/organism grown up from the nervous, as the nervous did from the physical, and as the

straws will mark good indications. Indeed, it has only been within the Some claim that this organism does not exist, because the demonstrator of anatomy cannot find it with his scalpel and tweezers. They might as well say cannot tell how it sees. There is no intelligent person at the present day that Hull and J. Frank Baxter, a does not know that there are many the consequence of their action. This is the case with mind, yet we know it exists, for reason, judgment, caution, cal-culation and decision are growing bet-

ter, showing that the organism of which they are the properties is increasing in ability, that it is increasing in power is shown by the greater action as it gets older. It is said that Vanderoilt did the greatest business act of his life when he made his will: that the greatest fact Laplace ever uttered was his last words: "Men follow nothing but The Bible says that David, in his last

days, made Solomon promise he would take vengcance on some of his enemies -showing his mind did not go down with his body. And we frequently get best advice, greatest wisdom, the soundest reasoning, from the oldest sage just before death. Also, we often find the most active and strongest mind in a weak and frail body, and in the strong and healthy body the weakest mindshowing they do not always agree, but are separate organisms. All these things show that mind has grown up out of the nervous organism, and is the greatest at the time the other become lefunct; and as the other existed some the evidences of their appreciation and

time after maturity, before decease, will not the mind, like the others, exist for a time also? I think it is so apparent from comparison we need not hesitate to bility of the growth and progress of Spiritualism. Through her instrumen-Until now we have dealt only in facts which I think any observing person can see, and can be proved, but of the

"The germs of Truth unfold and reach future of the mind we must use compar-Toward free expression as their goal; We see that all organizations begin,

Rich with the fragrance of the soul. Then give them place and let them ter they draw from what surrounds grow them; and the mind is no exception to For, wheresoe'er that seed shall fall, the rule. Now, if the mind is grown up from the coarse matter that produces

Much good for some, some good for all." C. W. TAYLOR, Sec.

Chesterfield Camp Notes.

ustful druukard, and those that indulge in all manner of vice, such will be the tion of Spiritualists are not idle, but on mind; and as this class of mind draws support through the other organisms, and they are dead and have no attracnual camp July 16th. tion for any matter fine enough for them to use, their minds must decay, decompose and become extinct. like the other organisms, for the want of such matter

as they can attract and use. But there is another class of minds that grow up among the good and noble, free from all vicious acts, always doing right and seeking to benefit others, just and unselfish-as these minds grow up among these they are of fine matter and will attract other fine matter and make growth, and not go into decay, but by change from compounds that have the properties of life. And as the first parts season.

Able lecturers and reliable mediums matter in the physical united and formed a germ that grew up the nervous needs of niritua our visitors expected to be more numerous than ceived are any criterion. A grand union basket picnic was held on the grounds last Sunday by the lyce ums from Muncie, Anderson, Alexan dria and other surrounding towns. The exercises were all given by the children and outsiders who were present ex composed, and if the new mind is made pressed surprise at the talent and progressive spirit displayed by Spiritualists in their lyceum work. A splendid time gone before it. was had by r all. But if it is made up of the fine matter The official programmes of the Chesof the next sphere, it will grow up and mature, and from it will grow up anothterfield Camp-meeting will be ready for distribution in a short time. F. J. MACOMBER, Sec'y. and live on, while the old one goes into decay and decomposition; and this new

DR. E. B. SOUTHWICK.

Peculiar People.

TO THE EDITOR-Please inform your read-

DR. ADAH SHEEHAN Lectures Before the Lima Religio-Philosophical Society and

Arouses Much Interest,

The movement of Spiritualism in lima, Ohio, is by no means uncertain. Although the outward manifestations of the work may not be so very ostentations, yet the undercurrent has a trend that is but little short of the sublimeif there is sublimity in silent progression. It is the undercurrent we would be mindful of, for, with it in a good staphysical did from the first combination ble condition, we know that substanof matter, which was the germ of the tial progress is certain, and that the

nast year that the manifestation of spiritual development in this region has assumed any marked degree. Beginning with the earliest history of the city, we find 'it has always been well infested with Spiritualists. But not until the coming of those peerless workers, Moses few months ago, did the Spiritualists awaken to the fact that, "it is more blessed to give than receive," and since that time there has been a vigorous effort made to spread the light into all

parts of the city. With the close of J. Frank Baxter's series of remarkable lectures on Sun-day, March 15th, came a feeling of much consternation as to whom the society could and should secure for the remaining Sundays of the month. E. W. Sprague had been secured as lecturer for the month of April; and it was the desire of the society to allow no break in the successful campaign that had

been going on since its organization. In looking over the Spiritualistic rostrum the committee's eyes rested upon that indefatigable worker, Dr. Adah Sheehan. Application was made, and it so happened we found it possible to engage her for the two intervening Sundays Dr. Sheehan came with her wealth of magnetism, power of logic and the flow of eloquence, and with these natural rifts moved the society and the commun-

ity up the scale of Spiritualism several degrees. At the conclusion of her fourth lecture Dr. Sheehan was accosted by a large number of our most stable citizens, including Protestants, Catholics and materialists, and many were

My yearning soul refused heaven's pure esteem. and perfect joy, While memories sad its chastest pleas With such clear-cut workers as Dr. Sheehan upon the Spiritual platform, there need be no fear as , to the proba-'Love finds no answering echo in a

tality it may be truly said, Now come the gruff response with grow To blossom out in flowers of speech,

"Avaunt! or, shouldst thou linger, Mar thy fair plumage with its blasting Visit on thee the blighting torments

The simplest truths must ever show

The officers of the Indiana Associa-

the contrary, are actively engaged in getting ready for the coming sixth ancamp-meeting, which convenes Improvements are being made. The dining hall has been newly plastered and leased to a capable cater

er. New cottages are in the course of rection Work is soon to be commenced on a deep well which will tap a subterranean stream of medicinal water which exists in this vicinity, and which, it is hoped, will prove an inexhaustible supply of The pathless nature's own beverage. Arrangements are being made for reduced railroad rates all over the State. Cottages are in brisk demand and those having tents would do well to bring them here this

of matter united and formed a germ Nor think with fickle fortune thus I've that grew up a physical body, and as will be present in number to supply the. last season if the letters of inquiry re-

HELL VANQUISHED BY MATERN-Vies with the lightning in its hurried AL LOVE. flight. "Hell's center shook." Its tott'ring tow-7.0 ers fell

Time was when mear hell's frowning In heaped ruin beneath the growing spell On weary wing a sad maternal soul,-Of mercy's bright'ning light shed by

Her pinions, gemmed with heaven's re-fulgent dew, Had steered night's nether void to ' the angel band: Hell's adamant such flood could not withstand.

whose threat ning battlements barred further flight. And at the cumprous gates her feet Askance the mother soul the pageant viewed; She felt beneath her feet hell's thresh-

Alight. =-Her care: how entrance gain to Plutos' realm of sinf', f. How to love's mission its grim warder old quake; Her yearning gaze, with love's bright dews subdued,

Saw each embattled tower its trust forsake. Soon from amidst hell's murky atmos-

Arrived within the portals' gloomy phere A loved form appeared; pleased, it drew

In accents blended with love's glowing near; 'Tis her soul's treasure! soon in a moth-She cried: "Grim warder! open wide er's fond embrace

hell's gate To one dead to all joy, all fond desire, To bask in heaven's bright celestial The lost hath found at last a restingplace.

Heaven's holy light around the twain smile, Or, in sweet hymning seek time to benow shone: Each soul was bathed in the celestial

guile, While 'midst hell's fires by heaven's ray. 'A mother's love for all thy sins atone.' Th' archangels sang (and chased love's Eternal tortures claim my child from

tears away), "No more the bounds of hades shall devoice discordant, venomed by fell hate, In answer to her summons thus re-Celestial visitants guiding sweet Mer-

cy's car; Maternal love hath from hell's dreaded plied: 'Fly hence, bright messenger, back to warder wrenched The keys; for aye the fires of torment

heaven's gate, From whence thou art; here may'st thou not abide. quenched. "No more the sighs from hell's deep-bot-These gates may not unbur to such as

tomed places, Nor groans wrung from its victims Go learn thy neck to heaven's yoke to bow; This realm of death stern fate hath thee tortured souls. Shall rise to heaven. God's love for aye

erases The mythic blot, and o'er the abyss

rolls Sweet Mercy's sllvery cloud, lit by Yet. Warder!" she in pleading ac-Truth's ray, To guide earth's straying wandere: on "Refuse not entrance to a mother's

the way, Through error's windings, to clear men-

tal day." H. DERSH, Medium,

JUST CONCLUSIONS. To dare the black abyss, nights' bound-

And hither has her restless wing de-They Should Accept Dr. Hol-

brook's Liberal Offer.

In these few words to Vindex, I wish to correct some apparent errors he has inferred from my article of a few weeks

since. I am classed as a dissatisfied investigator. He is decidedly wrong. I have been one of the most blessed; I have re-ceived abundantly, much more than my desorts; much more than many who are far more worthy than I. After beginning investigations, we formed a family circle. After about six months' regular sitting my wife developed into trance

mediumship and could discern spirits. We have visited all the noted materi-alizing mediums in New York City-Of night's black realm. And thus de prived of heaven's bright hope Thee doom eternal with chaos to cope. some who have been years in the busi-

ness and have large circles of deluded friends and confederates to sound their The mother's heart abashed not at hell's threat; But more refulgent still the lovelight shines. A courage new within her soul was praises and marvelous powers, for a con-sideration. One of these celebrated mediums was selected and sent to Paris as the best representative of this phase, by the Spiritualistic society of New York. It is public property how she was exposed by our friends across the water, and is now doing business at the Which has found voice as round her 'Think not with threatening voice, or

old stand. To thwart a soul bereft, who dared After visiting a seance, we sit at home on our regular night and my wife's con-trol tells us how material our spirit friends were at the last seance. He says pathless depths which > hell from grace divide. he never saw any materialization and does not know if it is possible.

I never anticipate at a circle. Every 'My wing spanned not the black, unseance must stand alone. I am always bottomed void, ... An outcast from heaven's bliss thro' harmonious and simply await develop

Brother Vindex's remarks about the almighty dollar are simply uncalled for; it is not parted with reluctantly; it is being swindled so barefacedly that galls.

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IN MEMORIAM.

(Written on the transition of one of our bright spirits to immortal life.) In the cold, gray dawn of the Lenten morn

Lay the fair young lord, to th 1 manor born-Tender and strong, with his young old

soul. Theoso, the knight of the broken bowl Oh, full heart, stilled in the morning-

tide! These are the changes of men, and The current was deep and the river wide

And the anchor, true steel, had a nar row play; ' And the voice that hushed at the break Attraction produces change

of day, Weary of battling the powers of night, In the groove of the world of right of

might. Ah, if barks are barred with their pre-

cious store-Baffied from right, and a destined

shore-Hush thee, nor chide thou the wind-beat craft When its wheels are still to the restive

draft. Theoso! God gives, and he calls back his

own, Ere the hour seems to wane, for the seed has been sown, And we know not the work that was

kneaded in pain-And ere the sheaf falls it is garnered again.

And thou! ah, 'tis o'er-and the tremon of death

But lifteth thy soul to far heights in a breath-And for us there is left but the touch of

a hand 'Erst pulsing responsive, life's magical

wand! alike, I had rather have eleven die And the calm, placid brow that is borne nobly for their country, than one volup from our sight Is as silent and cold as the mid-watch of tuously surfeit out of action.-Shak

night. It is well, for, outlasting the tomb and

the tear, We hold mem'ry anchored, a page written clear.

And on its white margin, 'neath lines whose firm stroke

The trace of a clean, true, endeavor be toke:

As we bend to the rod-for his ways are

the best, Let us whisper the heart's tender voicing: "God rest."

ELLA GIBSON MAGOON.

The perfection of conversation is not to play a regular sonata, but, like the acolian harp, to await the inspiration of the passing breeze.-Burke.

throne above. come to find a loved one, a dear child, Who earth's ill fortunes to your shores beguiled:

Without hope's glimmer from the

come with him eternal in your realm to dwell. As heaven without him were to me but

hell.

Yet ask i not betrayal of the trust Which heaven's Lord hath given to

thy care, Whose laws immutable, severely just, Blend yet his mercy without sore im-

'Tis by this saving mercy God hath shown

To me (who might have dwelt in heaven his own)

That love's maternal sacrifice be not denied

Your hated realm, the embrace of my child."

Now from the huge portcullis, dark and dread,

With horrid din, fierce threat'ning accents dire; Midst quakings of hell's adamantine

And swift devouring flame of livid

fire, Hell's dreadful ultimatum now is heard.

The mother's soul, in love's strong armon

girt, Shrinks not from meroy's mission;

knows not despair's sway; Heaven's hope illumes her heart with bright'ning ray.

Hell's wrath assuaged; its direful threat-

'ning's stilled, Her pleadings, soft entreaties, 'gain are heard:

If heaven's decree immutably hath willed

A mother's sacred arms shall never Her offspring midst your dread infer

nal fire; Yet 'tis not willed that midst the dark.

empire Of night; its cheefless; black, unfath-

omed, horrid vold, Love's labor must for aye be unemployed.

"Oh, list, then, to the pleadings of a soul Who seeks not to transgress immutive law. 3:70

But seeks God's boundless mercy to extol, in in His high decrees obeys with reverent

awe, q if Amidst the void where chaos reigns su-

preme, <sup>X1</sup> Where night holds i heaven's rule in Sad esteem; in 3 m

There let my yearning arms my suffering own embrace. And from the memory's dream the past

erase.

'There! midst th' immensity of boundless space, Far from hell's realm of pain, or

heaven's joy, Lost in elernal night, I'd seek to trace

A haven of peace: would there love's art employ."

pleadings end; dark, dreadful si-

lence reigned, Till from night's gulf-in cadence sweet and faint, Angelic symphonies come floating to

her soul, And from the black abyss the shadows

roll.

All on a sudden, through the void profound A phalanx of archangels she descried. Retiring chaos with tumultuous sound

The highway robber is the more honorable of the two; he takes chances of be-ing worsted, but the fake medium will

not take any chances. Test conditions will not injure the medium, if genuine: her spirit friends will not manifest if they forsee any danger. I would not visit a seance if I did not expect to find ladies and gentlemen. - World: Being a description of Localities, Employ-ments, Surroundings, and Conditions in the Spheres. By members of the Spirit Band of Miss M. T. Sheiha-mer, medium of the Banner of Light Public Free Cir-cie. Cloth \$1.00. Fostage 30 tenis. For sale at this office. Dr. Holbrook's offer should be accept ed, if materialization can be proven; it

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until July 1st.



N Sunday, June 21st, 1896, the She was born in Cuba, Alleghany mentioned, we now have the pleasure of Northwestern Spiritualist Camp county, N. Y. Her father, David W. presenting to the readers of THE PRO-Meeting Association commence Scott, was independent in his religious GRESSIVE THINKER Rev. E. Andrus their sixth annual camp meeting. views, and at the present day would ritus, of Boston, Mass. Mr. Titus was crowned are located at Twin City probably be known as a freethinker.

ars. Other children playing in the garunder such guidance, it is no wonder den noticed that Cora Scott was asleep, but still her hand was writing upon the slate. They went into the house and told her mother that. Cora was in the see the inconsistency and probable fal-

arbor writing in her sleep. sity of many of the tenets of so-called The mother thinking it mere play said orthodox Christianity, and he gradually nothing about it, but when the slate was and almost imperceptibly drifted topresented covered with writing, which wards agnosticism, and at last thor-began, "My Dear Sister," and was signed oughly distrusted the infallibility of the with the name of a deceased sister of the so-called scriptures or Word of God. mother, whom Cora had never seen, the Spiritualism came into his own family tice of which will be given through the indiner, whom Cora had never seen, the inspiritualism came into his own family columns of both the Spiritualist and second mother became frightened, put the slate is the through the mediumship of user papers. The management take way and said nothing to Cora of what a well-loved daughter, and while know- the columns of THE PRO- time on the spirit forces through her indicate of Dr. H. B. and, through the provident of the life and work of as a child before the public. She ad camp-meeting, Mass., in 1892, and was some of the prominent mediums and dressed immense audiences, yisited all invited to visit him at his place, which the large cities of the country; lawyers, he accepted. Many mediums were upscientists, editors, judges and divines on the grounds, and he at once com visited her and listened to the words of menced the investigation of Spiritual

spiritual inspiration which fell from her ism. The first name presented to our read-ers will be that of Prof. H. D. Barrett, of Washington, D. C., President of the National Spiritualists' Association, whose builliant attainments and many to one and a half hours in their delivery. National Spiritualists' Association, whose brilliant attainments and great executive ability have caused him to be elected President of the Association for three successive years. Educated for the eministry, be such found that this Scott asked him if he would give the breadth to prove to me the absolute child a subject for the afternoon lecture, truth of Spiritualism. The result was the old orthodox ideas, and in When the alternoon came the hall was the public avowal of my honest convicreaching out for something more con-genial, he found that the knowledge soon as the choir had finished the hymn, ism, and since that hour, the 7th of

iorce and delivery has power to carry girl of fourteen, but it was handled in a to say, were the happiest three weeks of man in the prime of life, and all who has been to see the bappiest three weeks of his life.

ject himself. He came upon the platform He will be with us from the opening and with tears in his eyes said: "I am a college educated man, and have been all my long life an investigator of scientific subjects, and associated with scien-tific men, but I sat here this afternoon dumb before this young girl." This was a remarkable tribute to her mediumship by one of the most profound

cientists of the day. ... It is unnecessary to say more of this remarkable medium. We can only congratulate the people of the Northwest that they will have an opportunity to hear her from July 1st to 15th inclusive. She has many friends here and we have no doubt this year will add thousands more to them.



Spiritualism whenever she has been called to address the people. She will be with us during the camp, and will be given an opportunity to address the people, who, I am sure, will be pleased to hear from her and her guides. ALLEN FRANKLIN BROWN.

The secretary of our society, Allen Franklin Brown, who is well and favor-ably known both here and throughout the country, where he has been engaged as an inspirational speaker of ability, psychometrist readen and platform test medium, also has a date upon our pro-gramme, and we know the friends will not only be surprised, but pleased at the rapid strides which he has made in his development development.

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PHENOMENAL MEDIUMS. It is now with pleasure that we pre-

THINKER the names of the phenomenal mediums who have promised to be with as during the camping season.

While all phases of spirit phenomena are convincing to the public who investigate with honest motives, perhaps that of materialization is the most convincing, when persons can meet face to face those whom they call dead, and through their looks and mentality can give positive proof of their identity. Honest investigators must admit that

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#### MRS. S. F. DE WOLF.

can take the slate containing the mes sages home with them as a memento of their experience with the medium sent to the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER the names of the phenomenal tained. We shall have with us for that phase of medlumship, Mrs. S. F. De-Wolf, of Chicago, Ill., who is known to be thoroughly honest in her work and who numbers her friends by the thou-sand in the Northwest. We present a picture of the lady. All who look upon it will see honesty written in the face.

MRS. ISA WILSON-KAYNER.

We also have for that phase of medi-

umship, Mrs. Isa Wilson-Kayner, whose picture we present to the readers of

tify their friends, while others do not; but we are satisfied as to his genuine-ness and honesty. He will be with us during the camp. Also the following physical mediums, who each have varied and convincing phases: Benjamin F. Foster, C. H. Figures, H. P. Roberts, W. A. Shelden, A. Wheeler, Dr. Weaver and Prof. White. All of them have positively promised to be with us, bacidor access the provided by the second besides a great many of our local medi

ums from both cities. All desiring programmes please notify the secretary or president, S. N. ASPINWALL, President. 2433 Fifth Ave., So., Minneapolis.

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professed to take spirit photographs

who desired us to interview him. He

called the gentleman, who went with

me, and, after an introduction to Mr. Foster, inspected his camera and mate

rials, and then said: "I would like to take your holder from your camera [which was a double one] and have it

#### A Brilliant Reception, and Other News.

«The Harmonial Spiritualist Associa tion of Los Angeles, Cal., gave a brill-iant reception to H. D. Barrett, President of the National Spiritualists' Assodent of the National Spiritualities Asso-ciation, at the parlors of Mrs. Nettie Howell, 4154 South Spring street, Mon-day evening, 4th inst. The throng of guests that crowded the

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, many of whom will recognize her at once. She is a daughter of E. V. Wilson, who was pretty rooms from early until late in the evening, more than testified to the many one of the most positive platform test mediums this country has produced. friends of the president of the N. S. A. Mrs. Kayner has followed closely in the footsteps of her father. Her first phase A tribute to Mr. Barrett, Mrs. Longley and to Mrs. Ada Foye, a proof of the of public mediumship was speaking in unknown tongues, followed by playing music under inspiration. She traveled warm feeling that exists between the friends and workers of our society, was shown by the manner their chairs were for a time with her father; she after-ward developed the phase of handling fire without harm to herself, and is decorated with such beautiful flowers. Mr. Barrett responded in sincere and feeling terms to the kindness and thoughtfulness of our people. Mrs. M. T. Longley also responded and gave us some of her grand and happy thoughts. Mrs. Ada Foye, in her genial and pleas-ing way, any of the us of emisited metters known throughout the country as the wonderful fire-test medium. Her phase of independent slate-writing is a new ing way, spoke to us of spiritual matters and unity of action.

development, one which has come to her in the last year. The guides have pro-gressed very fast in that line of work and they are able to give manifestations of that kind in public as well as private. The rooms were charmingly dec orated with a variety of flowers, inter-mingled with vines and smilax. Sweet She also gives public platform tests in which she is very successful, and is translating ancient writing given through the hands of other mediums. She will be with us during the entire peas were festooned over doorways and caught up here and there with clusters of the same flowers. The tempting vi-

ands were presided over by Mrs. White, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Galbraith and the Misses Lillie B. Miller and Gus-We have received letters from Mr. A. sie Ralford. Wheeler, who writes that he will be

The evening entertainment consisted of a musicale, and those participating in the programme were Mrs. Emma Sherwood, the noted contralto; Albert Rosenthal, Prof. Barnett and daughter little Zoe (who sings by inspiration); J. Frank Ballard, and Arthur Cohnreich.

une office, and asked the editor if THE LYCEUM GUIDE. there was anyone connected with the paper who understood photography. He said there was, and I then asked him if he would allow him to accompany me; that there was a gentleman here who For the Home, the Lyceum

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in the city." Mr. Foster said: "Do so." We took it down to Prof. Beals' gal-lery; had him put in two plates and mark them so that he would know that they were the same plates when re-turned; took them back, and each of us had a picture taken on those plates. The gentleman put the holder into the camera himself, tying it up so that it could not be handled. Mr. Foster never touched the plates or had them in his possession after the exposures were of which is made on the down to Prof. Beals and had him develop them for us, and each of us had a distinct recognized face upon the plate with our own. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hach, then resi-dents of this city, had the same experi-ence under conditions more strict, if Many receive positive proof and iden-tify their friends, while others do not; but we are satisfied as to his genuine-ness and honesty. He will be with us during the ocease. A low the solution of the cost is the satisfied as to his genuine-time the order the solution of the solut COLLECTION OF MUSIC AND

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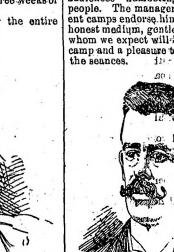
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The next star upon our programme is Mrs. Julia Steelman-Mitchell, of Kenmcky, who is one of our most earnest as well as successful workers in the vineyard of Spiritualism. Born near Cassadaga, N. Y., she emigrated with her parents to Wisconsin, where she passed the early days of her life. Her father. Wm. H. Stewart, was an excellent Biblical scholar and was a good debater on religious subjects. Her mother, Eliza Smith Stewart: is a lady of great spiritual attainments. is a pioneer Spiritualist and as a speaker has done much for the cause of temperance and woman suffrage. Mrs. Mitchell, as a child, was deli-

cate and very sensitive, but fearless as to danger. Turning in retrospection the leaves of her life-book, Mrs. Mitchell traces from page to page the evi-dence that spirit guides were fitting her

viz.: a message-bearer from spirit-life to mortals. She developed her mediumship in a

quiet way, the spirit of prophecy being especially good. After the death of hor husband in 1890, finding her children public speaker and test medium. Her progress was rapid, her first engagement was at Toledo, Ohio, where she met with decided success, attracting the largest audiences in the history of the society.

As a speaker Mrs. Mitchell is magnetic, original and constructive, and ranks with the best speakers in the liberal and spiritual cause in this country. Her phases of mediumship cover the full range of clairvoyance, clairaudience and trance, gives messages from sealed letters or photographs before the public, gives poetical improvisations and has become -known as one of our best public platform test mediums.

The Northwestern Camp Association has engaged Mrs. Mitchell from June of liberal and epiged by the leading societies of liberal and epiritualistic thought 21st to July 4th, inclusive.

We are satisfied that she will make a name and friends among the Northwest ern people, who will always be glad to second this year) at the Ayer's Spiritual ern people, who will always be glad to welcome her in their midst.



MRS. CORA L. V. RICHMOND.

The next speaker engaged for our samp is the world-renowned Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond. There is no speaker or medium before the public to-day who has the extended reputation in both the old and new world as the lady menlioned above. Commencing her work in the spiritual cause when but a child of 11 years of age, she has continued in hat work until the present time, giving light; knowledge and truth to thousands nd thousands of her fellow-beings.

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LYMAN C. HOWE.

hear just enough of her to desire her presence with us again at some future The next in order following Mrs. Richmond is that veteran worker and convenient time. profound philosopher, Lyman C. Howe, PROMINENT DIVINES TO APPEAR. of Fredonia, N. Y.

for the position she now aspires to fill, Mr. Howe is contemporaneous inte-We also take pleasure in presenting the names of three of the most prominwork of Spiritualism as a spirit medium

ent liberal divines in our city, who have when it cost something to espouse an each promised to give a lecture to the association from our platform some time unpopular cause. The masses of the association from our platform some time people at that time, or at the time of his during the camp, the time to be deterhusband in 1890, finding her children commencement in the work of Spirit-and herself dependent upon her exer-tions, she resolved to fit herself for a wwiene to revolutionize the world of or We refer to the Rev. Marion D. Shutwomen to revolutionize the world of orter, the beloved pastor of the Church thodoxy, and its readers and speakers of the Redeemer, whose public utter-were often treated with great disrespect ances and profound thought have filled were often treated with great disrespect and contumely as all leaders in advanced to its utmost capacity their large and thought have been heretofore, and were elegant church. His series of lectures this winter and spring upon creation, many times in danger of their lives. The world grows and human thought evolution and kindred subjects have advances, and most of the leading minds of the world are to-day either placed him in the front ranks of the divines of liberal thought.

gagement.

Spiritualists or materialists. The subject of our sketch is a gentle-The Rev. H. M. Simmons, a beloved The subject of our sketch is a gentle-man of fine address and profound phil-this city, has also consented to give us a osophical mind, and is used by the spirit lecture some time during the camp season. He is known to be in hearty forces in a way which cannot help but convince his heavers that a loce outside sympathy with advanced thought, and of himself is addressing them. He is on both secular and spiritual topics under complete unconscious trance when commands the attention of the best used by the spirit forces, and is sought thought and mind in the country. Those who have heard him will be glad and instructed by his utterances. He is the throughout the country. He is at presfriend of the masses of the people, and his sermons and lectures give food for thought and tend to elevate and advance Temple, of Boston, Mass., a temple cost-ing \$250,000, and where it is considered all those coming under his administra tion. The Rev. W. C. Gibbons, pastor of the Church of Christ, or Christian Science,

an honor by any speaker to be engaged. He will be with the Northwestern camp the last two weeks in July, and has also promised us one of his lecture we are satisfied that all who hear him from his standpoint of Spiritual unfoldand his guides will never afterward miss an opportunity when it is possible tractive speaker, pleasing and agree-able in his address, and his line of for them to be present.



REV. E. ANDRUS TITUS. With the prominent workers already CHARLES E. WINANS.

We are glad to be able to inform the The well-known medium, Charles E. Winans, who is well and favorably friends and visitors of the Northwestern camp, that Mrs. Leo F. Prior, one of the known throughout the Northwest, will earnest workers in the case of Spiritualalso be with us during the camp. ism, a trance speaker and platform test medium of well-known ability and highly phase is full-form materialization. which e presents to the public under strictly endorsed by Prof. H. D. Barrett, presitest conditions. He has been in the work for many years, has visited this city and vicinity, and numbers many, dent of the National Spiritualist Association, has notified us that she will many friends. and makes many converts spend a few days at our camp the last to the cause which he has espoused. week in June, as she is on her way from Denver to New York City to fill an en-

Thousands will testify that they have met, talked with and embraced those We are glad to welcome her and who once lived upon this mortal plane, and are now by the world called dead, know that the friends will not only be pleased and gratified, but will see and and we know that those visiting his seances will be satisfied with the genuineness of his mediumship. He has also gangaged one of the largest cottages upon e grounds for the season and writes us that he will positively be here and assist in making the Northwestern Campmeeting a successful one this year.



MRS. BESSIE ASPINWALL.

It is hardly necessary, in presenting the name of Mrs: Beesie Aspinwall, to make any extended remarks in regard to her or her mediumship, having been before the public as a materializing medium for the last soventeen years, ten of which have been spent in Minneapolis. During that time over twenty-five thousand people have ivisited her seances. Her friends are many, and she says: "Let my manifestations speak for them-selves." She will be present during the ment. He is a very magnetic and at-She will be present during the entire camp, and being one of the offi-cers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, will assist thought harmonizes very closely with that presented by the spiritual speakers. We are satisfied that all who hear him in every way to further the interests of the Northwestern Camp-Meeting Association. i. . . . . o . . . in will be pleased not only with him, but with the spiritual thought emanating from him. His belief that all is spirit

We have received sletters from two other materializing mediums, who have signified their desire to be with us, but positive arrangements have not yet been consumanted.

Independent slate-writing is thought We know that his address will be listened to with profound interest and that by some to be the most convincing phase of mediumship, and it certainly is a phase which is most satisfactory and pleasing to those who obtain independmany will seek to know more of him. He numbers his friends by the thousands. Due notice will be given of the ent spirit messages from their loved time when he is to address us.

MRS. CLARA A. STEWART.

and that matter is simply the servant of

spirit is accepted by many in our ranks.

We also take pleasure in Introducing Mrs. Clara A. Stewart, of Stevens Point, Wls., who was born and raised a Catholic, but the spirit-power made itself manifest through her organism and forced her into the work of enlightening the people as to the truth of immortal-She has been speaking to the ity. neonle in her own home and city, and

Mitchell, who has had wonderful success in that line of work, her tests being clear-cut, positive and almost universally recognized.

A. WHEELER.

with us during our camp and that his

phase of mediumship is varied. Inde-

pendent slate-writing, independent-

trumpet-speaking, independent voices, the materialization of hands, faces, flowers, etc. We shall be very glad to welcome him to our camp. He has en-gaged a cottage and promises to be with

PLATFORM TEST MEDIUMS,

present the names of Julia Steelman

camp.

His

Mrs. Edella D. Concannon, the wife of O. L. Concannon, the materializing medium, has also a name for that phase of mediumship of which any medium should be proud. She has been the chief plat-form test medium of the Lake Helen, Florida, camp-ineeting during the last winter. She has been ill since her re-turn from Florida, having passed through a serious operation in St. Mary's Hospital, New York, but her husband writes meshe has been through it safely and will be out again in about two weeks. We hope nothing will occur to prevent her being with us.,

Mrs. Isa Wilson-Kayner, also a public platform test medium, will take part with us in that line of work this season. She is very successful, giving names and dates of events, changes in your life-line almost without a mistake. Mrs. Hatfield Pettibone, a successful

platform test medium of ability, always accompanies her husband, Hatfield Pettibong, to assist him in his work, and public demonstrations that the give spirit lives, and those visiting our camp will have an opportunity to see and

F. Foster, the phenomena medium, is also a public speaker and platform test medium, and we are satisfied will make

mentioned as platform test mediums, the management have thought it best to have a variety of that phase of mediumship, instead of simply one, as has been done heretofore, feeling that they will be able to reach a greater number of persons who are desirous of getting messages from their spirit-friends, than they would through a single individual as it is impossible for one medium to come in contact and harmonize with the different forces or friends surrounding

each individual.

ones who have gone before, when they are able to return and give those mesers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, as people in her own home and city, and its truth and genuineness, and it gives inspect him and his methods. has made many converts to the cause of them something tangible because they I visited the Minneapolis Daily Trib-

Murphey, Miss Murphey, Mr. and Mrs. Dau, Miss Dau, Wm. Browning, Mrs. Browning, Prof. D. Allen, Dr. S. A. Willcox, V. H. C. Sandy, F. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Humphrey, Miss Humphrey, M. L. Patrick, W. Wiggin, Dr. Bucher Miss Knight, Mr. and Mrs.

Dr. Bucher, Miss Knight, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Galbraith, Mrs. Sanford Johnson (a noted independent slate writer), Mrs. Ada Foye, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Longley, desdames Wright, Candlish, Long, Rose, Buchanan; A. C. Long, Fred Christopher Barns, Robert S. Ewing, Prof. H. A. Streight (spirit artist), H M. Young, Mrs. H. Perry, Mrs. J. B. Dolhamers, Dr. Carpenter (president

First Spiritual Society), E. G. Bickens, Chas. W. Cawley, Foster Pierce, Mrs. Ella White, Bertha Curry, J. N. Martin, Mr. Solomon, W. H. Hill and wife, Dr. Elizabeth Palmor, Mrs. E. H. Cobbs, Prof. Longley. The evening was a de-lightful one, and the hour late when the

guests took their departure and the good night said. It is seldom we have the pleasure of

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#### An Expurgated Edition.

It appears the Christian sisters who want the Bible read in the schools have prepared an expurgated edition, wherein much objectional inspired matter is dropped out of the holy record. Wonder if they omitted an account of the drink-offering of "the fourth part of a hin," mentioned in Numbers, xxviii., 7, which was to be made day by day to the Lord? The command is unconditional: "The fourth part of a hin of strong wine" was to be poured unto the Lord for a drink-offering. A hin was a Hebrew measure of six quarts. Onefourth of this, three pints, was to be given the Lord each evening. With this fact in mind we turn to Jeremiah, xiii., 13, 14, and read:

"Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness; and I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the Lord: I will pot pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

If a man should make such awful threats, knowing he was drinking three pints of strong wine daily, a zealous effort would be made to induce him to sign a temperance pledge. The preach-ers will tell us this wine-bibbling and these terrible threats of producing drunkenness have a spiritual significance: but all these passages which represent God as a brutal character were reflections of the vileness of the writers, and it is simply shameful to impose them on the world as the "Word of God." Though emasculated in the interest of a higher civilization, what remains will be inferior to modern thought.

# Not a Barber.

A barber is defined as "one who cuts

To the Front Again. AN ABUSED TERM. The God-in-the-Constitution party are still active. Though often defeated, they bound up in a new form. 'Now it is proposed to do in detail what they failed to accomplish in mass. A religious crank by the name of Willis, from Florida, has introduced a joint resolution in Congress, setting forth that as the The Demoralizing Éffects of Reproposed amendment to put God, Jesus Christ and the Bible into the Constitution is objectionable to Unitarians, Jews and Theists, therefore he proposes to substitute "Trusting in Almighty God" in the preamble where it was proposed

to insert the trinity. Jesus Christ and

the Bible are to be assigned back seats until the principal character is en-Fellows of the Willis caliber put "In of man. God We Trust" on our national coin. It never added a farthing to its intrinsic value, increased its debt-paying qualities, strengthened a love of God, or ministered in any manner to the happiness

tion, to strengthen the arm of the priesthood at the expense of liberty. Co early as 1789, the presbytery, convened at Newburyport, Mass., addressed letter to President Washington, setting forth that-

"We should not have been alone in rejoicing to have seen some explicit acknowledgment of the Only True God and Jesus Christ, whom he hath sent.inserted somewhere in the Magna Charta of our Country." Washington replied; December 5, '79,

saying: "The path of true plety is so plain as to require little political direction. To this consideration we ought to ascribe the absence of any regulation respecting religion from the Magna Charta of our country,"

But from that day to the present these marplots have been "bobbing up serenely," ever trying to get their man-God recognized as the supreme power in the State, to the end that they or his intermediates may occupy a controlling influence in legislation.

### A Marvel of Cheapness.

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### What Did He Mean?

Prescott, America's ablest and most voluminous historian, whose grand mission was to write facts, made this observation in one of his great works:

Conversion," in Its Popular Religious Sense, Is Perversion.

vival or "Distracted" Meetings Presented.

(From a discourse at Salem, Oregon, by S. C. Adams.) Through an increasing and clearer knowledge of the relations of cause and

effect, the time will certainly come when every "revivalist" will be re-garded as a libeler of God and an enemy To the unbiased psychologist, every popular "conversion" is known to be a perversion of the Creator's handiwork, and a wicked distortion of man's divine human nature. It is as unnatural and far more injurious than the cramping

of the people. It was a device, like and distortion of the young Chinese this proposed addition to the Constitu-Indian's head. The religious belief which causes either and all of these acts does not change their unnatural and

barbarous character in the least. If the vegetable and animal products of this earth were the designed results of intelligence and wisdom, then all things are good and right, and fully meet al

expectations and possibilities of the their intendment. It is a well-known fact that every necessary faculty of their ultimate development and perfection of being was contained in their embryonic germs. Those innate faculties might be fed and developed to their highest possibilities of perfection; or they might be dwarfed or grossly per-verted, but no new faculty could ever be added. But beginning in the primal

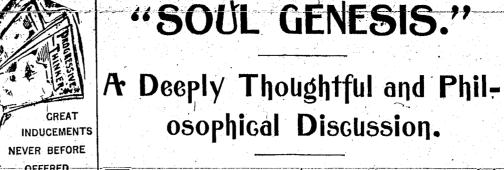
germ, which is the natural and invariable order, the only method for its ultimate and intended perfection is to grow. And in order to its natural and healthy growth, the most adaptable and natural food is indespensably necessary. Un-natural food and intoxicating stimulants,

either to the mental, moral or physical natures of the child, are obviously injurious, and can only result in a perversion of Nature's highest purposes and best results. Such food will doubtless "conversion" of Nature's purcause a poses and of the organism, but it is more

properly a wicked perversion, whose only tendency is towards its mental, moral or physical degeneration. In struction in every practical principle of life, and the paramount importance of a knowledge of all that is good and right, s both natural and highly profitable; but the unnatural orgasm or delirium caused by the fevered and intoxicating

process of the revivalist and "convert r," are as perverting and injutious as the delirious frenzy caused by the immoderate use of ardent spirits. The intoxicating and demoralizing effects of the "revival meeting" and of saloon" are almost identical, as they both dethrone reason and are equally pernicious to the young and immature The results of both, when protracted, are but different stages along the road of insanity, and often end in the madhouse. No one can be "converted" at a "distracted meeting" until reason is first dethroned. Thousands of helpless victims have testified to this fact. and with very many the nervous orgasm produced is ignorantly supposed to be from super-natural influences. Every intelligent person must admit that the physical or-ganism of the well-formed child is a complete and perfect type in miniature of its future manhood, and that no con-version or distortion of its body is at all necessary for its ultimate perfection.

Then why, in the name of reason, is not this equally true of its mental, moral and spiritual natures? If natural and adaptable food and rational cultivation are the only requirements for the plant, the tree, and the physical organism, in order to their highest state of excel-lence and perfection, why is the heath-enish principle of foot and head conver-



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as to determine the real meaning of the

The revisers (not translators) of the

"authorized version" have very improp-

erly given us the ambiguous and theo-logical word "convert" or "converted"

in several places, instead of "turn;" and

which is very far from conveying the same idea. In proof of this fact 1 will only give the comments of Dr. Albert

Barnes, the noted Presbyterian exposi-tor, in his "Notes," upon the words "be converted," as found in Acts iii:19. He

says: "This expression conveys an idea not at all to be found in the original. Be

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exposition of the origin of soul, or It is a maxim derived from scien-spirit, and of matter-I say scientific, tific observation that no stream rises for such it appears to'me to be, and it higher than its fountain; but if this is so cogently presented that I am be true, and if matter is the only spiritual death. matter and its sealmost persuaded to become, not a entity and had existed with all of its

Christian, but a convert to the doc possibilities from eternity, there could elementary state. But we know from tor's theory; and, indeed, I fear I be no such thing as evolution, since We wish to reach 20,000 new readers. should be quite convinced could I eternity would have been sufficient at ualism, as well as from facts of phys-In order to do it we must make a great perceive that the solution of the prob- any point in time to have exhausted iology and psychology, that the true financial sacrifice. We will send out The lem of the origin of spirit and matter the resources of matter and brought it Encyclopædia of Death, and Life in the was one which belongs to science to a state of absolute perfection in yond the reach of the destroying Spirit-World. in paper cover, as a gift to all new subscribers for three months. alone. form.

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and thus does it become possible for loud in its praise. The good it has done Before entering into a further disthe higher type to become evolved. in modifying the views of people in re-What is the trend or tendency of gard to the change called death has cussion of the subject at issue, readnature as a whole-or so far as we ers will pardon me if I diverge to been great. Send in your orders at assure the doctor that personally I can observe it? Matter as a primal once. When you receive the book, and have inherited no "Godistic, super- substance rising and sinking alternhave carefully read it, you can not fail natural, and therefore superstitious ately from one form to another, but it to rejoice. You would not take \$2 for is by a process of disintegration and view of cosmogony." My good pa-Any one of our present subscribrents were both of that liberal perintegration. The principle of life suasion known as Hicksite Friends, or manifesting itself in the varied forms ers who will send us a new three months' Quakers, and almost coincident with of organic expression is the vehicle subscriber with his own subscription (extending in not less than six months), the birth of Modern Spiritualism they by which matter is rescued from the eternally dead calm of inertia. became aware of its momentous truths, In consequence of the great inter Dr. Hudson reasons in this wise: and that knowledge and philosophy est of Spiritualists and thinkers gener-"Irritability and sensibility, being the

has been my feste Berg from ally in spreading the truth in regard to vouth up. death, we have concluded to extend the above offer through the month of May.

It does not seem to me that the properties of matter, and typify mind doctor's illustration of the "house" and soul. Hence we ask which has and its "tenant" is a good one for his priority in time, matter or its propside of the question. He likens mat- erties of soul-predicates? Clearly it ter to the house, and spirit to the ten- is matter. Matter is the house; spirit ant, and holds that "matter precedes is the tenant. One is the dwelling. spirit;" but the point of the com- the other the dweller. Therefore, inparison seems to me to be lost when asmuch as matter is endowed with the we ask: Who built the house? Was preperties of heat, irritability and senit the tenant himself or was it some sibility - psychic forerunners - ingreat monopolizing landlord-like, for somuch does matter come to possess example, a universal principle of in- or evolve spirit; and not for spirit to telligence, unorganized yet potent, and possess or evolve matter. Can you being that by which all things are that avoid this conclusion, Mr. Griffen?" PETITIO PRINCIPII. are?

Most certainly I can avoid that con-Yet this is not strictly to the point of the doctor's argument, and I duly clusion, and do so in all fairness. apologize for the diverting allusion. The whole paragraph is simply an exand proceed to the more serious task ample, in my view, of the petitio of endeavoring to find the weak spots, principli-begging the question, assuming that which is to be proved. if any there be, in his reasoning. First, it is assumed that irritability

#### SPIRIT AND MATTER.

to some influence, they were now resist-ing, \* \* \* To be converted cannot ing, \* \* \* To be converted cannot be the duty of anyone, while to turn to Let me declare in the outset, once and sensibility, properties of matter. and for all, that, though not a scient- are predicates of soul, the predicate Now, as oredited to Jesus, he said: "I ist, I utterly rebel, and think I ever of soul being the thing to be proved. came not to call righteous men, but sin-ners" (to turn). It is the obvious duty shall, against the dictum that "spirit If anything is proved by the fact that is naught but matter refined and sublimated." How does science know in a state of sensibility, it is that it has some to possess a function not evil-doer, to tarn from evil-doing and do right. And upon no class did Jesus enmatter, rather than matter is spirit? purely mechanical. It has "acquired" force this duty, as he did upon those who

mental process, it is in itself the same. The advent and development of consciousness, although progressively converting reflex action into instinctive, and instinctive into rational, does this exclusively in the sphere of subjectivity; the nervous processes engaged are throughout the same in kind, and differ only in the relative degrees of their complexity."

In conclusion it seems to me that if Dr. Hudson's theory of the priority of matter and the sequence of spirit is correct, spirit would be subject to the same laws and tendency as is matter, that is, to the law and tendency of progression and counterbalancing retrogression, and that at the physical death of man he would meet his quence both lapsing to the original the evidences of phenomenal Spiritpersonality of the individual lies bechemistry of physical processes, and hence we say that this personality in its essential nature is different from thought upon the mind of the evolu- and more permanent than the organic forms of matter, though it can be no more enduring than elementary matter

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LOUISA M. ALCOTT'S CAREER.

#### Taught That "The Love of Goodness Was the Love of God."

In a number of letters written at ong and short intervals from 1872 to 1886. by Louisa M. Alcott, to five little girls in Allegheny county, Pa., the author of "Little Women" discloses her nature, and the missives are given to the public in the April Ladies' Home Journal. In one of the tenderest of these letters, invoked by the sad information of the death of one of the sisters, Miss Alcott wrote her sorrowing correspondent: predicates of psychic, are the acquired

"I will tell you my experience, and as it has stood the test of youth and age, health and sickness, joy and sorrow, poverty and wealth, I feel that it is genuine, and seem to get more light, warmth and help as I go ou learning more of it year by year. My parents never bound us to any church, but taught us that the love of good ness was the love of God, the cheerful doing of duty made life happy, and that the love of one's neighbor in its widest sense was the best help for one's self. Their lives showed us how lovely this simple faith was, how much honor, gratitude and affection it brought them, and what a sweet memory they left behind, for, though father still lives, his life is over, as far as thought or usefulness are possible. Theodore Parker and Ralph Waldo Emerson did much to help me to see that one can shape life best by trying to build up a strong and noble character, through good books, wise people's society, an interest in all the reforms that help the world, and a cheerful acceptance of whatever is inevitable; seeing a beautiful compensation in what often seems a great sacrifice, sorrow or loss, and believing something from a source not itself, or always that a wise, loving and just Father cares for us, sees our weakness, and is near to help us if we call. Have you read Emerson? He is called a Pantheist or believer in nature instead of God. He was truly Christian, and saw God in nature, finding strength and comfort in the same sweet influences of the great Mother as well as the Father of all. I, too, believe this, and when tired, sad or liking, and one in and through which tempted, find my best comfort in the he can express more fully his Godlike woods, the sky, the healing solitude that lets my poor, weary soul find the rest, the fresh hope, or the patience The radical error, in my estimation, which only God can give us. People of the ordinary evolutionist is that he used to tell me that when sorrow came conceives evolution to imply merely a should find my faith faulty because development or progressive change of it had no name: but they were wrong, matter per se, whereas the matter or for when the heavy loss of my dear, gifted sister found me too feeble to do anything but suffer passively, I still had the sustaining sense of a love that never failed, even when I could not see why this lovely life should end when it was happiest. As a poor, proud, struggling girl, I held to the belief that if I deserved success it would surely come, so long as my ambition was not for selfish ends, but for my dear family, and it did come. far more fully than I ever hoped or dreamed, though youth, health and many hopes went to earn it. Now, when I might enjoy rest, pleasure and travel, I am still tied by new duties to my baby, and give up my dreams, sure that something better will be given, me in time. Freedom was always my longing, but I have never had it, so I am still trying to feel that this is the discipline I need, and when I am ready the liberty will

# THE PROOF BOOM THINKER.

hair and shaves the beard." The good prophet Isaiah, 7:20, after telling his readers that the Lord shall bring upon the people "days that are to come, "that the Lord shall hiss for the fly that is in Egypt, and for the bee in Assyria,' then goes on to say:

"In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired;" he is to cut the hair of "the head, and the hair of the feet, and shall also consume the

We bow in profound adoration before that eternal principle, by whatever name it may be known, which calls worlds into being and wheels planets and suns in majestic grandeur around each other, and the whole, doubtless, around some mighty central orb. so distant as to escape the attention of our largest telescopes: but we cannot wor-ship a barber God, who hires razors to shave heads and feet, and consumes heards. Were not this statement in the "Word of God" we should doubt its correctness. Is a God who engages in such menial employment in our national Constitution? The God we worship is not a barber, nor the son of a barber.

#### Women in Germany.

"German women have sent a petition to parliament protesting against some clauses in the new civil code. According to this code, a married woman. for instance, has, if no special contract has been made, no right to dispose of her own fortune without the permission of her husband. Moreover, the latter is solely entitled to administer and to have the usufruct of her money, even of that which she earns. Every financial which she earns. Every financial transaction entered upon by a woman without the knowledge and consent of her husband can be canceled. Except in a few cases, women are unable to act as guardians. They are also excluded from family councils, and so on."

What is now true in Christian Germany, in regard to the disabilities of woman, was true of all Christian nations down to the period of the American revolution. Thomas Paine, in a lengthy article in the Pennsylvania Magazine, of which he was the editor, 1775, set the ball in motion in regard to woman's rights. It is hoped it will roll on until the fair sex has every liberty, the law has awarded her brothers. On the slavery question, as in opposition to the use of intoxicants, the so-called infidels took the lead. So, too, they have championed the rights of woman. "Lament, ye priests; howl, ye ministers of the altar," these are startling facts.

#### Sensational Preaching.

The Boston Globe says two sermons were lately preached on Sunday in New York, one of which was entitled "To Heaven on a Bicycle;" the other in a Presbyterian church wherein cheap ice was referred to as "In the summertime s chunk of heaven on the brink of hell." Anything to gain a hearing is the motio these sensationalists.

I will not be as those who spend the day in complaining of the headache, and the night in drinking the wine that gives the headache.-Goethe.

"Strange, that in every country the most fiendish passions of the human heart have been those kindled in the name of religion!" Col. Ingersoll only entered into great

er detail when he inquired:

"Why should we think the brave thinkers, the investigators, the honest men, must have left the crumbling shore of time in dread and fear, while the instigators of the massacre of St. Bartholomew; the inventors and users of thumb screws, of iron boots and racks: the burners and tearers of human flesh; the stealers, the whippers, and the enslavers of ment the buyers and beaters of maidens, mothers and babes; the founders of the Inquisition; the makers of chains; the builders of dungeons; the calumniators of the living; the slanderers of the dead; and even the murderers of Jesus Christ, all of whom died in the odor of sanctity, with white, forgiven hands folded upon the breasts of peace; while the destroyers of prejudice, the apostles of humanity, the soldiers of liberty, the breakers of fetters, the creators of light, died surrounded by the fierce fiends of God?

### Priestly Rule.

A news dispatch from Quebec tells how the priesthood control elections in the Dominion of Canada. They are anxious to secure the passage of their remedial bill, compelling Manitoba to divide the school funds with the parochial schools, so the bishops in session in the archbishop's palace sent out a command directing how the faithful shall vote in their coming election. This order was to be read in all the churches on the following Sunday. It is said the instructions to so act came from Rome. . God in the American Constitution means similar priestly dictation in all the affairs of government. "The Lord called unto Moses out of the mountain

\* \* \* ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests."—Ex., xix., 3, 6. That is, they shall be ruled by priests. This is substantially true at this time in all Catholic countries, and this is what the church party intend to accomplish everywhere.

#### Queries

Is it advisable for professional teachers in church pulpits, who occupy advanced positions as reformers, to become informers and prosecutors of the vices common to our great cities? Do they not become smirched and lose their high standing by such action; and greatly impair their field of usefulness? May not the unpleasant work be done by those less prominently before the publio with greater advantage to the cause sought to be advanced? All good perons gladly welcome worthy efforts to suppress demoralization; but cannot the preacher better inculcate good habits by precept and example than by a resort to law which always has a sting, fre-quently barbed, and very liable to wound the prosecutor as the prosecuted?

The use of time is fateChapman.
Suspicion shall be all stuck full of
yes.—Shakspeare.
Death and life are in the power of the
ongueBible.
A thought often makes us hotter than
fireLongiellow.

sion encouraged or even tolerated by civilized and enlightened people? For to the rational and philosophic mind the

unnatural methods of foot and head perversion by cramps, and of brain perversion by intoxicants, are not dissimilar to the perversion of the mental and nervous system in "conversion" by the overpowering influences of the hypnotic revivalist.

The weifare of society would equally justify invoking the power of statute law to suppress the evil influences of the one as the other. But while they may be tolerated and regulated, the principles of human liberty do not per-mit of their suppression by law, as the only remedy is through education and a higher enlightenment, although it cannot be denied that in either case the moral irresponsibility of the victim is obvious and lamentable. For it is well known that by all the subtle influences of the expert enchanter and hypnotist the judgment is dethroned and the emotion-

al and nervous system of the simple and unwary are excited into an orgasm of or i frenzy, until the fevered delirium is ist. hailed as conclusive evidence of "sound conversion." Lamentably, it is an unnatural and orthodox "conversion," but it is far more properly ex-pressed as a "perversion" of the divine handiwork of its Creator. By my own sad experience in childhood, and the

bitter recollection of many thoughtful men, I can bear testimony to its pernicious effects. As you value the future welfare and happiness of your innocent and unsuspecting children, do not allow them to "be converted." That it is an unnatural distortion of our divine and compassionate human nature, is evi-denced by the blasphemous statements of Jonathan Edwards and other insane revivalists: "that no one is fully and soundly converted until he is willing to be damned for the glory of God," and "can even glorify God while their loved ones of earth were suffering in the flames and torments of hell!" A man who had cut his wife's throat with a butcher's knife and had been "converted" while in prison awaiting his execution, expressed his sad regrets that his poor wife could not enter heaven with him, s she had been cut off in her sins and without the opportunity of con-

version which he had enjoyed! If such an effect of "conversion" is not conclusive evidence of insanity-the loss of reason and of natural affection-or of monumental lying, then there is no virtue in reason, goodness or justice. I now assert, without fear of successful contradiction by any intelligent biblical student, that the scriptures contain no warrant or justification for the hypnotic and unnatural results of the mesmeric revivalist called "conversion." It would make no difference in its false and per nicious philosophy if there was, as it is a well-known fact that the Bible contains a record of many immoral and vicious principles and practices. As no

unconverted" or same man will insist that the retaliatory command, of Moses of an "eye for an eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot" (Ex. xxi:24), nor the murder of the priests of a different church, as recorded in II. Kings x, are "infallible rules for our faith and practice," I need only say that in searching the, scriptures for precepts and precedents we should discriminate between what is good and what is bad, and what is false and what is true. Besides this, every intelligent others will go to the wall.

were trusting in "church righteous" ness," or that of the scribes and pharisees, which he so bitterly denounced. From that same righteousness Peter exhorted them to "change your thoughts and turn." It consisted largely in "go-ing to church," in "observing Sabbath."

'making long prayers, to be heard of men," and in "compassing sea land and to make proselytes." As such righteousness contains no moral principle cannot form a manly and Christ-like character, its only tendency is to selfrighteousness, hypocrisy, bigotry, in-tolerance, cant and moral and manly degeneration. All of these debasing characteristics are seldom manifested in any one unfortunate victim of the revivalist, though some of them are obviously dis-coverable to every rational observer.

The absolute necessity of supplying cour children with such natural and your children with such natural and adaptable food for body, mind and soul, as will secure their most natural growth and development, cannot be too strong ly insisted upon. As you value their future manliness and nobility of charac ter, do not allow them to be converted or perverted by the distracted revival-Exercise the same reason and com mon sense in feeding and developing the physical, intellectual and moral faculties of your children as you would in feeding and cultivating your domestic animals and your choicest plants. Trust in the truthful statement, "of such is the kingdom of heaven," and do not allow the divinity of their human natures to be perverted by the unnatural and demoral izing superstitions of "orthodoxy," instruct it in the divine principles of righteousness. This is simply a right viseness, or "a wisdom in all that is right." Teach it that the only pure and right." true "religion" is the principle of right eousness, and the principle of regime indelibly implanted, within the heart-and that all else is spurious and per-nicious. Take it, to a saloon for its bread and water of life as soon as you would take it to a "revival meeting" to "be converted." For the disturbance and demoralization in the former case is scarcely equaled by the unnatural

effects of a hypnotic conversion. God knew enough and was good enough to create your child exactly right and just as he wanted it when it was born, which the teaching of the distracted revivalist and of orthodoxy is blasphemous and false. As you love it, therefore, feed it and nourish it with natural and wholesome food, but take it to a Chinaman for the perversion of its feet as soon as you would take it to the insane influences of a revivalist or of orthodox religion for the perversion of its divine human nature by the delirium

of hypnotic "conversion."

#### Proposed Burial Trust.

The undertakers of New York are organizing to advance rates for burials, They say there are 1.400 undertakers in the city, and only an average of 850 deaths a week, so to pay expenses the prices must be advanced. They never stopped to consider that the cost of fu-nerals is already so great that a man, unless he is very wealthy, cannot afford to die. If there are too many undertakers to make the business profitable, there is one way out of the difficulty, and that, to reduce the number. If the prices are advanced, a few persons will reduce the already exorbitant rates and monopolize the business, while the

The assumption implies that science has reached the ultima thule, and that it has been given, or become "enthe riddle of the universe is solved! dowed with" a supra-material quality But science does not so teach. As to which it did not possess in its original state. Hence spirit is beginning to matter itself, it but claims, inferentially, not demonstrably, that it is manifest; the tenant has commenced atomic; while there is as yet no such to build his house, and as he wears teaching or claim that I know of with out the old houses he builds new ones, throwing away the old rubbish as he respect to spirit. If spirit is naught but matter, it is a misnomer to call it goes on in his building, until at last he constructs a tenement to his spirit.

Dr. Hudson meets' the old stumbling-block over which so many materialists stumble. He says: "Not to powers. be matter is to be void and nothing, a nonentity. A nonentity cannot be defined. Spirit is definable into a comprehensive personality."

ELEMENTS AND CONDITIONS.

I have before this many times asked, substance which composes the higher and I now repeat: Is space matter, or organic forms is the same in essence, is it nothing? Is time matter, or is it though the form he more complex in nothing? Is the principle of motion function and structure, as is the matmatter, or is it nothing? Are the ter composing the lower or less deprinciples of mathematics matter, or veloped organism, the real advance are they nothing? Must all laws and being an advance of the spiritual, or principles upon and by which the subjective, individuality, or entity, whole universe of mind and matter is which manifests itself in the material functionally operative be looked upon world through physical embodiment. as matter, or are they nothing? None As Dr. Maudsley has said (Body of these are matter, nor are they and Mind, page 224): "Elementary nothing. What better general term, matter passes upward into chemical then, can we employ to explain the and organic compounds, and then moving principle of even the material downward from organic to chemical, universe than spirit, the life-giving and from chemical compounds to its principle, the potentiality back of and elementary condition."

A RADÍCAL ERROR.

THE SUBJECTIVE PRINCIPLE.

within all forms of the visible world? If Dr. Maudsley is right, Dr. Hud-In order to explain the material son's reference to the two kinds of universe as we behold it, we must lime loses its force as an argument to posit the existence of two elements establish the progressive development and at least of two conditions; first as of matter itself; but in any event we an element of being, the possibility or must insist that the true principle of principle by which substance and its evolution is morphologic, and not eleforms may exist; second, substance, mentary, so far as matter or subor the thing to be affected; and, as stance is concerned.

conditions, space and time. To lose all these distinctive manifestations of being in one definition is to confuse to the cell of protoplasmic matter, truth, Mrs. Ella M. Dole. For several rather than to elucidate the problems quoting Luys and giving illustrations of cellular combinations, and then

INDIVIDUALITY.

But we come to personified spirit stands "face to face with the dawn of dium. Her prophetic sight is most re-when we come to the individuality of a personal individuality." I am cerman. Dr. Hudson calls spirit "a com-prehensive personality," by which he, been no simple beginnings in the or-trace the life-lines of her sitters into the of course, does not mean an omni-present personal deity, although his have been no higher or more complex real meaning is not clear to me. Is forms of organic life; but as to both with her by letter. this comprehensive personality sub- the simple and the complex, I have to limated matter, "only this and noth- observe that what precedes the or-

ing more," or is it an entity per se? ganic structure, and upon which it is Farther along the doctor says "spirit, based, in my view, is the subjective like life, is a sequence, a product" possibility, or principle, around which of matter, evolved from or "built up" and in obedience to which the objecwith matter. There is, to him, no tive, or tangible element, or substance, causal principle, no "primordial spirit forms itself. Prof. George J. Ro moving upon the waters of the deep;" manes, in his work on Animal Intelbut just simply a tiny cell of matter, ligence (Introduction, page 12), resoul-stuff, star-dust, Bathybius, a marks as follows: "Whether or not a speck of what is it, all by itself or in neural process is accompanied by a ests than their tastes,-Rochefoucauld

#### Mrs. Ella M. Dole.

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We are glad to welcome back to the The doctor traces the origin of life years circumstances have been such, with her that she has not exercised her flatters himself with the idea that he mediumship for the benefit of the pubfuture, as well as the past. She is now located at 1680 North Clark street. You can make an engagement for a sitting

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Nothing precludes sympathy so much as a perfect indifference to it.-Hazlitt. Men more easily renounce their inter-

# PSYGHIG SGIENGE. Thoughts and Facts Relating Thereto.

HAVE just been reading that val-ligan, died August 1, 1891, in the uable little volume by our es- morning, and the news did not reach teemed brother, Hudson Tuttle, my mother by earthly means till that "Studies in the Outlying Fields of afternoon, that he was sick. In the Psychic Science," and the chapters on morning of that day, however, about The Sensitive State. and Sensitiveness 9 o'clock, my two younger sisters and Proved by Psychometry, recall to two neighbor girls were in the yard, mind that what is popularly called and in the sunlight saw a dark cloud "my double" has been seen quite a or patch upon the ground, which rose number of times and heard, when I and expanded till it took the shape of was sometimes miles away, and knew a man dressed in black, then it disnothing whatever of the occurrence. appeared. Not long after, my young-

The first time, about fifteen years est brother, who was plowing in a field ago, I was seen on my way home from below the house, chanced to look up a neighbor's, when I was three miles from his work and saw a man coming distant. Three years ago my mother- toward him, and the thought flashed in-law, Mrs. E. Ryder, who is a fine through his mind, "That is Uncle medium, saw me distinctly, one after- Sam," and he continued looking at noon, coming down the road with my him a few moments, when his attendinner-pail in hand (I am a school- tion was drawn to his team, and on teacher), and instead of entering the looking again the man was gone. Sevhouse-yard I climbed over the fence eral hours afterward, another sister into a field and went in another direc- came home with a telegram from her tion. Coming downstairs, she looked aunt, addressed to my mother, dated all about the house and premises, but the day before, and reading: "If you of course failed to see me, for I was wish to see your brother alive, come three miles away and did not reach at once." Next morning my mother home for several hours afterward. started, and on reaching her brother's Furthermore, I never had occasion to found that he had died on the morning pass through that field with my din- the apparitions were seen. ner-pail at any time.

Another time, the family was eating supper, they heard me step on the who is clairaudient, on coming downporch, enter the house by a side door stairs in the morning, said: "I heard and pass into the sitting-room, which a voice last night that said, 'My name I often did before going into the is Davis. I lived at Fort Wayne. I dining-room. They waited some min- was drowned in Devil's Lake yesterutes for me to appear, and as I did day.'" Later in the day Mr. Russell, not, some member of the family looked the creamery man, called and said: a slam, and something, he could not for me-and did not see me, for I was then on my way home, and reached there a few minutes afterward, entering the house that time by the diningroom door, and not by the other door. I have been seen other times, but independent intelligences to control the correct incidents I cannot now recall. This "double" business, however. is nothing new to me, for long years before I became a Spiritualist I was seen several times so, and my the man? Was it because of a current mother was several times seen by her of thought from spirit intelligences was a child, and .also a man who was fox-hunting, when he was six miles Ryder's sensitiveness sufficiently acute distant; and my father saw a man in his house-yard two weeks before he ever saw or became acquainted with the man. My mother-in-law saw her eldest son's double one morning when he was over a mile distant at work.

PROPHETIC DREAMS.

The chapter on Dreams recalls to me that I have had many dreams that miles distant and crossing down across have been prophetic, some occurring several years before becoming real- whirled high in air. Once it shone on several years before becoming real-ized, and repeating themselves at in-tervals. With me, dreaming of high water, if clear, is a good omen; if dirty or roily water, a bad omen. Orossing bridges or drifts successfully in dreams are tokens of success of meatower matter is in hand; while

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orthodox teachings.

would be "redeemed."

outdoors after sundown after that experience. OUT ON A LARK.

Once my mother's father was coming home from a neighbor's, when he was met by a man who told him to follow him, and led him over the country nearly all night; finally, near morning, he got tired and said he would go no further; whereupon the man left him, and after going a short distance rose in the air and gradually disappeared from sight. At one point, in the course of the night, my grandfather

was requested to follow the phantom over a drift in the river, and was told to "Come on, you have only one more to cross." This was prophetic, for in a few weeks his boat went over a milldam and he was drowned. At the old Cameron farm they stopped in the barnyard, where the double of Mrs. Cameron was milking a cow, and told him many things, which he said he dared not repeat. It is supposed that if he had followed his ghostly guide it would have led him to the graveyard where he was afterward buried. If this was not an inhabitant of another world out on a lark, then what was it?

One of my father's old neighbors, Robert Kibble, who went to the war and died there, had a ghostly visitant who came to him in daylight and talked to him, and made himself otherwise very much at home, and was seen by others as well as Mr. Kibble.

THE DOOR OPENED. My father's father, the only grand. father I ever knew; told me that when

he was a boy he slept with another brother in a building used for storing flax, adjoining the dwelling, and one night he awoke and found the door open. He shut it and wrapped the latchstring around a peg on the doorpost. As soon as he was safely in bed the door flew open again. Again he shut it, and again it opened with "I saw a man drowned in Devil's Lake see what, came in and walked over the yesterday. His name was Davis, and floor all night; its feet scratched on he lived at Fort Wayne." Now, how the floor as though they had nails like under the sun could these two state- a dog. Another time he went out one ments be so correct if there were no night and saw this building apparently wrapped in flames; but next morning thoughts and feelings sufficient to im- nothing was seen to be the matter part information? And how and why with it.

could and did the spirit of Davis come One week before my grandmother to Mr. Ryder when he never knew the died, and the night before she took sick, my grandfather said after they had retired, what seemed to be like a mother-in-law; she herself saw my flowing from the atmosphere of Devil's heavy stone appeared to crash through oldest sister's double when the latter Lake down across the country to Fort the roof and down on the floor at the foot of their bed and rocked back Wayne, and happened to find Mr. and forth. Both took it for a sign to receive the import of the flow of that one was to be taken, and such it was, for in a few hours over a week

#### my grandmother passed away. QUEER NOISES.

I remember that about eleven years ago, while I was yet at home, lights were seen flitting about the country, generally starting from a point four my father's farm. I saw this several times; it looked like a large lantern times compelled to visit graveyards, will, but from the divine will; and so merciful to you. Your ever affection becomes virtually God's word to man, ate mother, especially a particular grave on a hillside, and talk to the earth-bound in what he says and does, and should spirits who inhighted them. This be recognized as such because of the surpassed in the history of crime, for particular graveyard is pleasantly lo- | truth he utters. cated, with flowers, grass, evergreens, and flags on several soldiers' graves,

and there are a number of vaults conditions are here, through the sevabove and below the ground. I have eral great movements of spiritual talked to these earth-bound spirits of thought, labor reforms, social reforms the spiritual resurrection, and have and peace agitation, to reconstruct been compelled at! times to go down society, spiritualize it, and ultimately into the very graves to take views of bring harmony out of comparative the loathsome contents for the ben- chaos. But in all other great spiritefit of; and for illustration to, the ual movements there was one special spirits who are vainly waiting for the central figure, who gave force and resurrection day, that they might character to them, and whose name claim their bodies and go to meet has come down to us as the exemplar Jesus in the clouds, and with him and leader of each special system, again live upon a new earth that is to whether it be Buddha, Moses, Concome. This is the result of cast-iron | fucius, Zoroaster or Jesus.

The world was too large and races These experiences were extremely too different for one standard-bearer unpleasant to me, yet must have been or one religion to do it all, and so for some special purpose; I know not there were many.

why I was delegated to undergo such But truth is many-sided and must awful trials, at the recollection of be viewed from all standpoints to

which my soul turns sick with horror ultimately reach the whole or ultimate and disgust. The last time I clairtruth, therefore a new shepherd to voyantly in the astral form visited a lead mankind out from the wilderness graveyard, I distinctly remember of skepticism and doubt into truth speaking to a company of white-robed pure and simple seems natural in children who had died before being God's wisdom-a universal Christ of all truth that shall picture the balconfirmed into the Roman Catholic anced, harmonious man, the man of Church. My work with them was to unburden their minds of the fallacy of love, wisdom and truth.

W. J. CUSHING. staying where they were bound to Brooklyn, N. Y. childish creeds and fables, and to bid them go away when so inclined, and visit beyond the graveyard, and they MOTHERS, LOOK OUT! CREATURES OF THOUGHT.

Since having these experiences, I Or You May Make Thieves of have read the book called "Dreams of Your Children. the Dead," which to a remarkable de-

gree corroborates my graveyard experiences. But I wish to point out A CASE WHICH ILLUSTRATES THE WON-DERFUL POTENCY OF PRENATAL INthe important differences between my FLUENCES. interpretation and that of the author

The criminal career of an old man thought to be dying in Sing Sing of the astral body; that is, the last Prison is of great scientific interest. Of the Encyclopædia of Death, thoughts of the dying brain take shape His counsel, John F. O'Brien, is of and are held to the vicinity of the the opinion that through the phetomb until the dead brain moulders nomena he will obtain a pardon from Gov. Morton. The application was is neatly and substantially bound in cloth, and printed in the best style of the experiences emphatically contradict mailed to the chief State executor printers art. It is furnished on the this morning. James Logue is the same terms that the first volume was. prisoner's 'name, and he has been When remitting a year's subscription styled "the prince of crooks," prinfor THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER Vol. II. will be sent you for 50 cents. That is, by remitting \$1.50 you will get 1 HE PROGRESSIVE THINKER for one year and Vol. II. of the Encyclopædia. By cipally because of his rare audacity. He has served over half of his life bebrain take shape, which I do truly be- hind prison bars. While the counsel was considering the best means of apremitting \$2 you will get THE PROGRES SIVE THINKER one year and Volumes I. plying for a pardon, a document, supand II. of the Encyclopædia. posed to have been written by his client's mother before her death, some eighteen months ago, was presented Vol. I. or Vol. II. that you want. to him. The bearer was a woman,

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The document is a remarkable piece year's subscription, and at prices stated of evidence, giving rise to a grave not look for the fulfillment of such a above. popular scientific question. Through prophecy, though coming from a recit Mr. O'Brien hopes to establish a ognized source, and for the same reason that liberals do not-because they reasonable doubt as to whether Logue has ever been mentally responsible for. have left the church and its doctrines

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the departed. Jt. j U. G. FIGLEY. A PERSONAL SECOND COMING This Writer Has boubts Regard-

Thirty-nine years ago, when my parents began housekeeping, they occupied an old log house near his father's, and sundry queer noises were Although such "advanced teachers heard about the place. My mother as Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond and thought nothing of them, attributing W. J. Colville have prophesied the them to common causes, such as cats. advent of another messianic teacher. yet the large mass of Spiritualists do

she backed all the way downstairs.

"SUCH A PRETTY HOUSE."

of that book. He says these spirits inhabiting graveyards are the shells thoughts of the dying brain take shape into dust; then it disappears. My own this, as far as the astral shell is concerned. I do not dispute that the last thoughts of the dying brain take shape, any more than I should dis-

pute that the thoughts of the living lieve, viz.: That mankind is surrounded by a world of shapes that are the creatures of his thoughts, and which are often, taken for spirits of

trouble in crossing, or inability to do time the light passed over the fields; so, portends trouble in such matters. my father told my oldest brother to

Last fall, a few weeks before my little daughter, one year old, was stricken with typhoid fever, from which no one but myself thought she would recover, I saw her distinctly sitting in her little rocker, plump and healthy; and when she was convalescing I saw her walking alone, which she did not do for six months afterward.

During my wife's sickness with typhoid fever at the same e, I once saw her, when her life was despaired of, sitting in an arm-chair by the stove, and she has fully recovered. meant: now I do.

PROPHETIC IMPRESSIONS.

I will relate a few actual occurrences which come in. line with those related in Brother Tuttle's chapter on Intimations of an Intelligent Force: horse at full speed. Now, what kind Three or four years ago, my mother- of a force caused such queer manin-law, who prophesies in a perfectly ifestations? This same uncle was in normal state, and is called a "fortunenormal state, and is cannot a fortune the battle of Shinon, of Friesburg teller" by the uninitiated, told my father that within eighteen months the following incidents would occur-the following incidents would occur-bis feet while running out of the be kicked on the head by a white or was it? gray horse, perhaps fatally. He said: 'You are wrong-must be a mule.'

"No, it is a horse."

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river, and wait for the light to cross there. He had scarcely spoken the words when the light disappeared and showed up at the lick, like a flash of lightning in quickness of time. Next morning he went over the ground traversed by the light, and not a track was seen, clearly showing that an in-

thought-ether?

FLITTING LIGHTS.

visible intelligent force was carrying that light.

"MY NAME IS DAVIS."

Some years ago my/father-in-law,

PUSHED HIM DOWN.

go down to the "lick" (an old stopping-

place for deer), on the bank of the

About thirty-five years ago one of four years old, and he says the boy These two cases, however, were real my father's brothers occupied a log has come to him and talked to him visions, not dreams. This spring I house almost in line with the track of several times since. Just before he have been suffering considerably from the light just spoken of, and one night died he raised himself on the bed and an aggravating kidney trouble, and he heard something climb up the side said: "This is such a pretty house. some of the symptoms are precisely of the house that clattered as if it Me see so many people. I want to go what I have dreamed at least half a wore hoofs; on reaching the roof it over there," (pointing across the dozen times, dating back three years. ran around like a cat, then suddenly room). Who can say with certainty Then I did not know what the dreams it was on the floor over the bed, and that he did not see with a spiritual appeared to have a heavier weight: eye, and behold the wonders of the then it again passed to the roof. world that is filled with the music of

sprang onto a rail fence near the invisible singers and the patter of house, that shook and rattled under ghostly feet? . the weight, then to the ground, and TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP.

My father says that when he was a young man, he often came home from dances and other places of amusement closely followed by an invisible guide. He would climb fences in the moonlight, and a moment after something else would follow; the noise and the following incidents would occur-all of which did occur: First, he would be seriously injured by falling out of a wagon; she could see him to push him down whenever he stood the push him down whenever he stood him in a circle. Sometimes he saw a the push him down whenever he stood him in a circle. Sometimes he saw a the push him down whenever he stood him in a circle. Sometimes he saw a the push him down whenever he stood him in a circle. Sometimes he saw a the push him down whenever he stood him in a circle. Sometimes he saw a the push circle push the push circle push him down whenever he stood him in a circle push the push circle push the push circle push him down whenever he stood him in a circle push the push circle push the push circle push him down whenever he stood him in a circle push the push circle pu by the second with his coat over the push him down whenever he stort him in a circle. Sometimes he saw a large black shadow following. He has followed it, kicked at it, cursed home to die a natural death years it, but it availed nothing. He has followed it, kicked at it, cursed it, but it availed nothing. He has followed it, but it availed nothing. He has followed it, but it availed nothing. He has followed it, but it availed nothing. afterward? Or what kind of a force gone hunting when the dogs would go a few rods, whine and return to him

and lie down and refuse to budge, ANNOYED THE YOUNC FOLKS ..

The Cameron farm, lying north of while tramp, tramp, tramp, went the About a year afterward, a grandson my father's, was the seat of a large invisible guard, around and about him. One of my brothers was out was at a neighbor's and was kicked in array of ghostly talent in the years the face by a gray horse and was se-agone. The young people who used hunting, not many years ago, and had verely injured. Third, someone near to "keep company" would be annoyed this same experience. This someto him would be very dangerously ill- while sitting by the fireplace, by an thing that followed seemed to always and she described the room. This was invisible guest who walked in at the ward off danger, and was, I suppose, my eldest sister, and occurred as de- front door and in between them and a guardian angel in every sense of the scribed. Fourth, someone, a young the fire, then upstairs, and threw down word.

man, would be killed by machinery on invisible hickory nuts or walnuts all WEIRD CLAIRVOYANT EXPERIENCES. or near his farm-not a relative. A around them, and after walking In my own family, my father's, and young man was killed in a sawmill by around on an invisible floor (for the father-in-law's, we have had spiritual being caught in the belting, and was real floor had been taken up), came experiences of almost every descripliterally threshed almost to pieces, on downstairs and went out, banging the | tion, some of which would undoubtedly land adjoining his property. Here are door after he, she, or it, whatever it be hooted at as phantasies of an overfour prophecies actually fulfilled in was. Once my father's cousin, Robert | worked imagination; nevertheless. we the time specified by a medium, who Armstrong, ran down the hill during are satisfied with the manifestations merely gave the impressions that were the course of an evening party, and made familiar to our senses. I will thrown upon her brain. Scoffers will hearing someone coming, stood still close this somewhat rambling article please answer the question, Where to see who it was. Imagine his horror with an account of several remarkable when a man with a hairy coat on, and clairvoyaft experiences which I do From?"

My mother's brother, who resided no head, walked up against him! It not care to have again, about fifty miles from here, in Mich- was months before he would venture In the year 1892, I was several

behind for the actual knowledge to be to fall off and rocked back and forth found in material and spiritual facts. on the floor, jarring the house. My In the Christian Church as a whole, father would go upstairs and talk of and especially in that branch termed the cats rolling the chunks off, and Second Adventists, we see them anxpretended to replace them; I say preiously looking for the return of that tended, for one day, when he was not Messiah upon whom was centered the at home, the chunks rolled off the strongest evidence of more than hubarrels with resounding clatter, and man power, the return of the so-called my mother ran all the way upstairs dead, and the focalizing of the higher

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ing It.

against the barrels before she stopped or divine attributes of character as to notice that the chunks were not off the ideal to which humanity might the barrels. She was so scared that grow. The Swedenborgian, or New Church, holds that the spiritual or heavenly sense of the scriptures was My oldest brother had a little boy virtually the "second coming," though

pass away when between three and they make no claim of the instrument for that coming, and the spiritual thought given through him, as a Christ or Messiah. Upon the very night that the first raps were heard at Hydesville the Millerites were ready for the end of the world (literally) and the coming of the Lord, and though they seemingly were at fault, yet in the main they were right-for-Spiritualism's dawn marked the "consummation of the age" (new version), and in that movement. "Nazareth' though the world at large judges it to

be, they will ultimately find the teacher, under direct heavenly inspiration, whose coming they and others seek; and instead of the end of he agreed with me. It is this: all things material and, spiritual, the reconstruction of the same.

"A Christ-medium-a master-medium-is one who is not simply under control while speaking upon the platform, but who at all times, in action and word, is thoroughly and comhis own shoulders d': of

Through this special experience put there. He was at that time drinking upon him from a boy until the present so hard, that every night almost he time, he has becomed wise enough to would go to bed drunk, and the next know the extremes of good and evil, morning he could not remember and this, with the illumination of his whether or not he had any money mind through the spiritual senses un- when he came home. But he had a folded, prepares him to be an ex- hot temper, and I was always afraid pression for the highest wisdom from when I would be picking his pockets on high, which can flow through him he would wake and find me doing it. uncolored by the ideas or prejudices Thus I went through all the brain of a positive, unattuned mind.

himself, but may express a positive come. Shortly after that you were character if necessary. He is not born, and I firmly believe you came tuitive or spiritual impartation.

office; termed in the olden times a ant, it will be some comfort to know Christ, should not speak from his own | these circumstances. May God be | person can easily apply it at home,

his misdeeds. He has Mrs. Sullivan to testify as to its authorship and how it came into her hands. The paper, which is in the form of a letter, and addressed to "My dear son," certainly affords new opportunity for discussion on the responsibility of criminals. Here is the letter, which was probably written some years ago:

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"I once consulted Detective Desnond, of this city (meaning St. Louis), about your case. He could not comprehend how the son of honest parents could develop into such a criminal, but when I disclosed to him my theory

"Just before you were born your father was drinking much more than was good for him, and would spend all his wages in drink if he had an opportunity. I found it very hard to get any money from him for our bread and meat. At last it got so that the pletely subject to hand moved by only way I could get his money was another and higher will with which by waiting until he was asleep at his will has become "as one" through night, and then picking his pockets. the discipline and development of Many and many a night I have got up long-suffering, solittede, meditation, when he was asleep in the bed by my humiliation, and the thearing of the side, tip-toed over to where his clothes sins of (common to) the world upon lay, and like a thief go through his pockets and take what money I found

sensations of 'a daring burglar, even Such a one is not a positive man of such as I am informed you have be-

earned in book knowledge through into the world a thief, owing to that the mortal mind, but taught from crime-like, though necessary, practice speakers upon our rostrums in the ad- of mine. I feel that you should know vance cause, from life, and from in- this; that your mother suffered all along during your wicked .career, and

Thus you see that a man, to fill this | that if you ever feel sad and repent-

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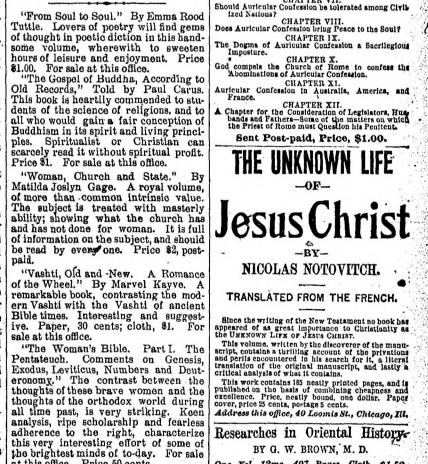
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Friends of John A. Johnston, of St. Louis, Mo., met at his residence, on his 46th birthday, May 9th, and surprised him with a handsome silver ice-pitcher and a bouquet of exquisite roses and pinks. The presentation was made by Mr. Rumsey in well-chosen remarks, responded to in a happy manner by the band of Mr. Johnston; after which a trümpet circle was held and some grand tests were given.

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C. J. Barnes, trumpet medium, writes: "I am ready to start East. Would like ments for

diumship of a young boy, who has had seances for doctors, lawyers, professors, and, in fact, all classes of people, and convinced them of spirit return. It would seem that they should be able to judge of the genuineness of what they

> Bishop A. Beals started from Sum-merland, Cal., on May 7, for Portland, Ore., where he is to remain for a time. Dr. Dean Clark is stopping at various places on the Northern Pacific R. R., doing missionary work. Wherever he goes he awakens great interest by his stirring eloquence and forcible presentation of the facts and phi-losophy he so thoroughly under-stands. At Ellensburg and North Takima, Wash., he created great interest, and his lectures won marked approbation from the most cultured and influential citizens. At last accounts he was in Spokane, Wash., and was expecting soon to reach Minneapolis.

J. W. Magoon, M. D., writes: "We are now in Milwaukee, en route to the Northwest, and will be engaged here for some weeks yet. Several flourishing meetings are held in this staunch old city of the yellow walls and honest German faces and hospitable hand-shakes. We have found many pleasant friends among the home-workers in this city, zealous for the cause and eager for progression. Should this letter meet the eye of any of our Spiritualist friends in Sheboygan, Oshkosh, or other Wisconsin towns north or west of here, would be pleased to correspond, relative to lecturing, seance-work, etc., in their town. One of Milwaukee's genial spir-its in the cause, Dr. Mehrton, holds successful Sunday evening meetings at cor-ner of Third and Reservoir streets, and is an indefatigable worker in our ranks.

W. P. Clifford writes: "Now that have got a little start in the way of getting subscribers, I shall continue and try and raise at least ten subscribers and as many more as I can. In these hard times and tribulations that tries men's souls, it certainly behooves every true Spiritualist, and all those interested in the uplifting of humanity, and all who are free from the selfish goals of this planet, or who have the uplifting of their fellow-men at heart, to make an effort, at least. to secure subscriptions for that class of literature that elevates mankind and brings joy and happiness, not only here upon earth, but in the spiritand of Mr. Johnston; after which a rumpet circle was held and some grand ests were given. Wm. T. Bradford writes of the great Win T. Bradford writes of the great reward accordingly."

E. W. F. Sprague writes: "I have just finished reading "Philosophy of Spirit," by Hudson Tuttle. I think it is medium, is now located at No. 37 Thirty-third street, top flat, where she will be a most excellent book, and one that all may read with profit. Like his other-writings, it is philosophic and scientific, dium and prophetess, has removed to and bears the imprint of true inspira. 716 W. Madison street, corner of Honore tion throughout. Such teachings need to be placed in every home. May its author live many years on this plane to do the work of the Spirit-world,"

John C. Wray writes from Butte, Mont.: "I am forty-five years old, and Mont.: up to the past week have never had the slightest faith in Spiritualism nor mediums of any kind. 1 was, however, pre-vailed upon last Friday afternoon by a friend to visit Prof. Snowden, who is for the present at 321 West Galena street. The room was perfectly lighted by the sunshine. and to my utter astonishment received a direct communication from my wife, who died eleven years ago. In that communication she advised me concerning affairs unknown to any living person, told me the exact hour, date and place of our marriage, and gave her name as 'Issy,' which is what I always called her, being short for Isabella. I

have also heard of several other remarkable tests given by Snowden." Etta S. Eamons, of Concordia, Kan., and Mrs. Hammond, test medium, of Topeka, Kan., are reported by Brother Luther as doing some excellent work at Green, Kan. He writes: ."Mrs. Hammond's tests consisted of seeing, describ-

for us to recommend her, so we will only say we are glad she is with us. The society would like to hear from any mediums traveling this, way who have the cause of Spiritualism at heart predominating over the money question. The society is just starting upon its second year of existence, and we have had, and still have, many opposing forces to overcome. Our whole desire is to get as much of the truth to as many as possible, and in consequence are not making any charge at the door, or for mem-bership dues. We are paying a large hall rent, considering our income, which consists of Sunday evening contribu-tions, which are not overwhelmingly large, and the proceeds from one social a month. So if we secure mediums they must necessarily be such who are situated and willing to make a little sacrifice upon the money question. All such may write to F. E. Shaar, 2017 Western

avenue, stating terms, phase, etc." The Spiritualists of San Francisco will hold a convention on May 24, 25 and 20, on which occasion Harrison D. Bar-rett, of Washington, D. C., President of the National Spiritualist Association of America. will take a leading part. Arrangements for the convention are practically completed. The convention promises to be the most important event in the history of Pacific Coast Spiritualism. There are to be three sessions Sun-day, May 24, in Golden Gate Hall, and sessions in Metropolitan Temple on the sessions in Metroportan rempts on any Monday and 'Iuesday following. Mon-day evening a grand phenomenal demon-stration will be held in the temple. John Slater, of Brooklyn, and Mrs. Whitney, of San Francisco, test mediums, and Fred Evans and Mrs. Francis, of San

Francisco, slate writers, will appear among, other mediums and lights of their cult in the demonstrations. The Sunday's session will be confined to services, as business matters are to be conidered only at the week-day sessions. It may be that as a result of this convention the Spiritualists will build a church or hall in San Francisco. The Progressive Spiritualist Society of San Francisco has property valued at \$50,-000, bequeathed by Mrs. Eurice Sleeper for the object of establishing a meetingplace and supporting the society. This money, with more to be collected, may be soon used in building a headquarters. There are seven incorporated Spiritual-

ist societies in San Francisco. A. D. Clark writes: "Memorial services for the late Lauretta M. Hendee, an

old time Spiritualist and healer, who passed over at Cook County Hospital, April 14th, 1896, were held at National Hall, under the direction of Father Wil liams, on Sunday evening, May 10. Mrs. DeWolf eloquently and effectively portrayed the consolation afforded by the basic facts of Modern Spiritualism, in assuring us of a continued individual existence beyond the transition called death, and the necessity of preparing therefor, by living in accordance with the highest inspiration presented to us. Mr. Harry Dalton spoke carnestly and appropriately. Mr. Riley paid an affec-tiouate tribute to the memory of the arisen one. Mrs. Jaquet and Dr. W. T. Parker spoke briefly and pointedly. At the request of many friends Father Williams will resume his Wednesday

night meetings at National Hall, No. 681 W. Lake street. All are cordially in-vited. There will be good speakers and mediums in attendance. P. O. Hudson, Michigan's favorite singer and musician, has published a piece of music entitled, "The Bible that

My Father Read Is Good Enough for Me." It will **inte**rest Spiritualists at their meetings in the future:

Mrs. Mary Jacobs, from Minneapolis, Minn., is now located in this city at 63 Elizabeth street. She is a trance, test and business medium.

Mrs. Buss, an excellent medium of Goshen, Ind., is visiting Mrs. M. A. Jeffery, 540 W. 63d street. Goshen was

Mrs. Jeffery's home years ago. Church of Fraternal Endeavor, Sigler's Hall, 528 W. 63d street, over post-office. Services Sunday, 8 p. m. Rev. Mrs. M. A. Jeffery, pastor; residence,

ganized for the purpose of developins the local mediums who will in time ren-der service to the cause, either in their own localities or to the public at large. she is so well known it is unnecessary Thus it seems possible to create and maintain an interest in even the most remote portions of the general field, and establish measures of practical coopera-tion throughout every State. If these State Associations become properly re-lated to the National Spiritualists' Association, as they should be, Spiritualism will be able to hold its position as an organic fact and factor in the great drama of human events. With these purposes in view I would solicit immediate correspondence with all Spiritualists and liboralists within this State and elsewhere who would cooperate with me in the furtherance of said purposes, and adopt such measures of cooperative action as turn to Philadelphia next November; will enable us to present the claims of Spiritualism logically and acceptably to the people everywhere. Address me at No. 233 Commercial street, Springfield, We will enable us to present the claims of trust, did some good in the City of Brotherly Love, and I shall be happy to Mo."

IVE THINKER.

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crow too loud or too soon. Things have

unexpectedly shaped so that I am to re-

A subscriber writes: "Gospel Temple at National Hall, 681 West Lake street, if progressing, every Monday and Frilay evening under the management of Revs. E. and H. Raphael, and now we are making arrangements for a large outing party for the Sunday-school chil-dren, to take place sometime in July. All children are welcome.

Alberta Howard writes from Dubuque, tiful spring has already turned into a foretaste of dogdays, if not something lowa: "Being one of many that feels anxious to see the grand work of Spirit-ualism advanced in this stirring city of more torrid. The summer hegira from Boston has already hegun. Why, bless Dubuque, it is only just that those to whom credit is due be mentioned for their long and continued service in layyou, Mr. Editor, even the trees on Bos ton Common, the biggest place of its size on earth, and the coolest place in ing the foundation of this great cause that is spreading and the good that is Boston, are leaving. The bicycle craze has become epidemlodging in the hearts of so many that ic here. All the men, women and chilwant the truth. The city has many grand and noble workers that have given dren are on wheels or have wheels in their heads. I think I am the only pertheir time and means. The ladies of Liberal Spiritualist Society have held a son who has escaped; and a fair diagno-sis of my case. I fear would lead to the fair, just closed, which was a success; conclusion that I had been slightly afthe proceeds to go towards fitting up rooms for the society meetings. Mrs. F. M. Cox., Mrs. L. Spiese, and many others hard and faithful workers assistflicted with the same malady. I was not to blame for catching it. It occurred to me in this wise: It is the old, ed in making the fair profitable. The society will miss that lovely inspirational speaker, Mrs Steel, who left here for Milwaukee. The Frogressive Spiritualist Society has a great leader in Dr. O. G. W. Adams, a noted "philanthropist" and superintendent of the Sundaythe "sharer of her joys and sorrows" must get a wheel or he will fail to keep school, the attendance being two hundred little children.

Prof. Lockwood is home for a few days from his eastern engagements. He goes to Watseka, Ill., to give three lectures, commencing May 30th. In June he goes to Buffalo, N. Y. His camp engagements are as follows: At Onset, July 9 to 18; Lake Pleasant, from July 19 to 24; Chesterfield, Ind., August 1 to 10, and at Cassadaga, August 11 to 19. He has two Sundays remaining in August open for engagements. In the presence of the analysis and demonstra-tion of nature's grand principles, and their application to the philosophy of soon learn that we haven't got such wives as our fathers had. near to me that it came near being the death of me. My "bike" and I got Spiritualism, as presented by Prof. Lockwood, materialism and ecclesiasticaught in a jam, in the crowded street, clism are dumb, and superstition in all of its phases, gives place to the light af-forded by scientific iverification. The time is at hand when thinkers will deand I had to hastily desert it in order to save my head. I think more of my head mand thinkable data to account for the phenomenon of life and its progressions. Prof. Lockwood (has had phenomenal success in his Eastern engagements, his lectures attracting the attention of minds eminent in-seience. His permanent address is 98 Ogden avenue.

Mrs. Sarah E. Bromwell writes: "I escapes" in the future. have returned from Springfield, having a pleasant tour visiting friends, and en-joying all points of interest at the capi-tal; visited the tomb of our martyred President. I also saw the flag that was carried by Captain Moore's regiment, with others of note. I was especially deal; when one gets started on the downward road there is no knowing to what interested, as Captain Moore is known depths he will go, and there is always as one of my guides. Last, but not least, I was delegated by the Sunlight Center danger. It is so easy in this life to get started down little declivities, and, Band to make application to the Secre tary of State for a charter, which will be granted next week.

W. H. Bach will be at Findlay, Ohio,

WHEEL IN HIS HEAD. who can get away from the city, so far as I can learn, intend to go to some of the numerous camps. From memory I can now count up nine camps which are to be held in New England; and still It Turns Around Vigorously, there are more in incubation. I wonder if the camp-meeting business is not just a little overdone. AND PRODUCES SCINIVILLATIONS OF Three more Sundays here, then I will VARIOUS KINDS, WHICH WILL INTER

be on the wing, with very little rest day EST THE READERS OF THE PROCRESSor night until October. June 7 to 15 am to be in Somerville, Conn. Then go to Lima, O., for June 21 and July 5 I got back from Philadelphia safe and to Bluffton, Ind., for June 27 and 28; to the Derry, Kan., camp for July 11 to 21; sound. The medium arresters either did not regard me as a medium, or then to Grand Ledge, Mich: then to On-set, Mass.; next to Brady Lake, O.; then thought I was not of enough importance to engage their attention. It is just possible that it is not wise for me to to Mantua, O.; then to Haslett Park, Mich.; then to Etna, Me.; then to Ashand Unionville, Mo. October I will spend in Allegheny City, Pa.; Novem-ber in Philadelphia, December in Watertown, N. Y. Then back to New England, and so on to the camp season of '97.

greet the friends there again in the au-Before closing, Mr. Editor, let me ask you to hold your ear close down to my pen, while I tell you that I have two more books on the brain, one large one The latter part of April was very hot in Pennsylvania, more so, it was said, than has been known since a record was and one small one, and there is no for me until I write them off. W kept. In many things Boston is a fast rest city compared with the "Quaker City,' but in point of climate this year, Phila When they are where they can get hold of the brains of the public and make them sufdelphia began its heated term at least fer, I can have a short rest. This is my two weeks ahead. Just now, however, Boston is on the home stretch, and beaukind of vicarious atonement. MOSES HULL. Boston, Mass.

CINCINNATI NOTES.

Good Words from an Author,

TO THE EDITOR :- The cause of Spir itualism, under the teachings and in-structions of Miss St. Omer, is in a fair way of becoming one of the permanent institutions of this city. This lady institutions of this city, stands at the head of her profession as a speaker and a psychometrical reader, and is making hosts of friends wherever she goes. The angels make a good use of her time on the earth, for she has a limited stay, with us. As the old story. "The "woman thou gavest to be with me, beguiled me." . The fact physical continues to weaken, the spirit strengthens, and her readings are simply is, no "feller" can watch his wife unless he can know something near where she is, and when a woman gets on wheels marvelous. Miss St. Omer is one of "the salt of the earth." Her heart beats in unison

with the poor and afflicted. She not only gives freely of her inspired thrughts, but her purse-strings are often loosened, as many poor and unforup with the procession in which his wife moves. Well, that is the whole tunate ones will testify.

story. Under those circumstances, "ne-cessity was laid upon me," "the woman gave the fruit to me, and I did eat." I One by one the old speakers and mediums are passing away, and no one am following Mattie up the most 'of my thinks of doing them honor until after spare time. I warn the world that women are not they have departed this life. Let us speak kindly of all those that are strivwhat they used to be when my good mother was a woman. She was content ing to do their duty for poor humanity who know so little about the beautiful to use a spinning-wheel; but try to fit teachings of our new religion. Let us one of our mothers' wheels to your, wife

or mine, Brother Francis, and we will all, old and young, unite in the cause of truth, and work together in harmony and give to the world the best we have in this most holy cause, the truth of To be real honest, the craze came so which has been handed down to us from

the heavenly kingdom. When Modern Spiritualism becomes better known, a flood of light will sweep over the earth such as has never been

known before. than I do of my wheel; I escaped, but Let us organize under the banner of my "bike" did not. It had to go to the hospital to be doctored; it came out as truth. and flood the world with spiritual iterature, such as will free the minds good as new. It is wiser now than it of the Christians from the shackles of was; it now keeps out of crowded streets. Mrs. Partington, the dear old old theology, and give them a better religion, such as Jesus taught, which is soul, warned Ike that there was "great the same as that the angels are striving danger of his getting killed in some of his narrow escapes." I shall profit by so hard to instruct us in at the present the old lady's wisdom and avoid "narrow

time. If all the speakers and mediums would devote their whole time to the Before leaving this subject, permit me before my pen in solemn warning to persons riding untrained "bikes," to keep out of danger when going down hill. The most of us go down hill a good cause of our beautiful philosophy as Miss St. Omer does, the angels would bestow upon them gifts of the higher order. "These signs shall follow them that believe." WM. CLEVELAND.

> Mr. and Mrs. Kayner at Minneapolis, Minn.

TO THE EDITOR:-Mrs. Isa Wilson-

such cases, the further one goes the faster he goes, until too late, he finds where he is at. That was my case. I am again occupying the Miss Alpha E. Tinklepaugh, at the home of Mr. Archibald Tullock, 2643

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Kayner united in marriage last Sunday, the 10th inst., Mr. William Snyder and

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ances. Would stop at Dayton, Springdress me at 178 South Noble street, Anderson, Ind."

Wm. J. Masters writes: "A most enjoyable test seance was given by Dr. Willis Edwards at his residence, 162 Dearborn avenue, Wednesday evening, May 13, to a large and appreciative audience. The programme was excellent. The doctor was assisted by the following talent; Mr. Lon Howard, the inspirational planist. He delighted those present with selections from Liszt and Mozart. Dr. Edwards gave many fine tests. He sketched spirit pictures of friends, which were fully appreciated. He concluded his part of the entertainment by giving independent slate-writing under est conditions, in the Hght. Mr. Harry Miller, the remarkable soprano, ren dered selections during the evening. Rev. Geo. V. Cordingley gave poetical improvisations from subjects taken from the audience, closing with tests given with the clearness for which he is noted. At the close of the public exercises a select number of invited guests were entertained by the doctor and his wife to a most delicate and appetizing luncheon. Edwards' private secretary, Mr Kelley, has a pleasant word of welcome for all, making them feel at home. These musicales and seances are given by the doctor, assisted by other talent, every Wednesday evening at his residence. The public are cordially invited.

Mrs. N. Howell writes from Los Angeles, Cali .: "We were made extremely happy on Sunday morning, May 3d, by the coming of H. D. Barrett, president of the National Spiritualists' Association, to our city. He dropped in on us like a sunbeam. In the morning he gave us an insight into the workings of the assoclation, and was followed by W. J. Col-ville in a brief address. In the afternoon he gave us a lecture on 'Evolution. and was followed by Mrs. Ada Foye with some of her grand tests, and also by a song, 'The World is Moving On,' rensong, dered most pleasingly by Mrs. Sherwood. The audience was a large and interested one, and the hearty applause given Bro Barrett must have been an assurance to him that he was more than welcome In the evening he spoke at the Truth Seekers and also at the First Spiritual Society; in both places he was greeted by large audiences. At the First So-ciety, W. J. Colville is the speaker, and he generously gave way to Bro. Barrett. le was tendered a rousing reception at Irs. Howell's parlors, made pleasanter by the fact that the three societies were well represented."

J. S. writes from Greenwood, Wis. "Mrs. M. K. Barton, a medium from Minneauolis, Minn., came here over a year ago to give some lectures and tests, "the most striking of which was one she gave to a widow, who formerly lived here and was back on a visit. After Mrs. Barton's lecture she told the lady her past and future, and up to the pres ent time all she told her has come true Amongst other striking things she told was her marriage to a man she had never seen at that time, describing the man; also the death of her son, before a certain time, all of which has come

trug."-C. does not coincide with the view that the materializations are all fraudulent. He writes: "Had I time and pace I could tell of wonderful things Georgia Cooley, of Portland, Ore., for that I have witnessed through the me- the period of her stay in this city. As

ing and conversing with spirits, giving names in full, dates, ages, etc., to the entire satisfaction of those present. Mrs. Eamons, lectures were grand."

C. F. Sherman gives an accoust of how certain "revivalists" conducted themselves at Palmyra, Wis. They act the same the world over. They exhibit neither reason nor common-sense in their efforts to make converts. If one happens to die in a family, that occurrence is made a lever to produce converts, and monstrous lies are told to bring about the result desired.

R. L. Taylor writes from Michigan: "Having commenced reading THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER. I cannot, for a moment, think of being without it. It fur-nishes mental food for which I have long been hungering. I was born and brought up to my twenty-fourth year under the teachings and discipline of the Presbyterian faith-school of Jonathan Edwards, and what a grand, glori-ous sense I now feel of liberty and freedom from the dark, cruel, chilling dogmas of that old priest-accursed theology. I greatly enjoy the sharp rapler thrusts of Eva A. Cassell, and the grand, noble uttorances of Richmond, Moulton and a score of others."

Mrs. M. Summers has discontinued her meetings for the summer months. They have been very successful.

A grand Indian council and spiritual basket picnic will be given by Rev. Geo. V. Cordingley, pastor of the Pro-gressive Spiritual Church, Saturday, May 23, 1896. To the general public, societies, speakers, mediums, and offi-cers of same: You are all cordially invited to be present and take part in the exercises of the day. The Indian coun-cil at 11 a. m. Address and tests by different mediums at 2 p.m. A grand camp-fire, with address of welcome by the Indian chief Red Jacket, at 8 p.m., assisted by the Indian controls of other mediums. Take Madison street cable going west, transfer to the electric go-ing to the river Desplaines, get off on the east side of the river at the picnic grounds. Positively no intoxicating drinks allowed. Ice cream and other refreshments for sale on the grounds.

Marguerite St. Omer is ready to answer calls as an inspirational lecturer psychometrist and test medium for June; also for camp engagements and season of '96 and '97. Address 738 Richmond street, Cincinnati, O.

C. H. H., secretary, writes from Port Huron, Mich.: "In accordance with the unanimous expression of the Port Huron Society of Spiritualists, Mrs. Anna L. Robinson has again accepted the terms offered to her to lecture for them another year. Other societies will

please take notice that hereby all her Sundays from September to June, 1897, are thus engaged. We fully appreciate that we are very fortunate in being able to retain the services of one of the most popular lecturers in the field, and are anticipating a prosperous year for our cause, not only on the rostrum, but also in the children's progressive lyceum. We also have in Mr. Renwick (a member of our society) a fine medium for materializations, and are thus prepared to demonstrate to all investigators the truth of Spiritualism."

F. E. Schaar writes from Seattle, Wash .: "The First Spiritual Society has secured the services of the well known lecturer and test medium, Mrs. the period of her stay in this city. As at least a developing circle might be or-

546 W. 63d street. Meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at pastor's residence. Mrs.

Wilson N. Abbott, teacher of voice, 7436 Eggleston avenue, will furnish mu sic and singing at the sarvices. Wm. Hessman, president, and Wm. F. Schumacher, secretary, write: "The

Spiritualistic Church of the Students of Nature, meeting at Munson's Hall, 1052 Milwaukee avenue, now adjourns until autumn. Less than two years ago this was only a neuclus of a society, meeting in an inconvenient hall of limited dimen

sions, Mrs. M. Summers was elected pastor, and she devoted her energies to its interests, working shoulder to shoulder with the few faithful members against nearly all sorts of obstacles, es pecially detraction, until the society be

came a strong and respectable church with no debts on hand and nearly one hundred dollars in the treasury. Meetings were held every Sunday evening during this period, and circles and so cials every week. Credit for the success of this organization is mainly due to our beloved pastor, who we hope will return to us next fall for another year, after a summer's rest and recuperation

Thanks are also due to several mediums and lecturers from other localities who have greatly assisted with their talent The Wednesday evening circles will be continued regularly during the summer Thus it seems that in this locality Spiritualism has come to stay, and this re ligious organization, in many respects, is like the Church of the Soul, and our favorite pastor sustains the same permanent relation to it that the celebrated Mrs. Richmond does to that society. A number of the susceptible students have been developed into good mediums. The gifts of healing, etc., have also been brought out, the weak in the faith have been made strong, and many doubters settled in the great truth of spirit com-

munion." Phebe Willet Dean quotes, in opposition to the teachings of some writers con corning evil spirits and their ability to return and control mortals, from a work on mental diseases, written by Andrew Jackson Davis in 1871, wherein he says "Believe me, the police and philan-thropic arrangements for the prevention of crime and for the care and curing of the great army of criminals and unfor tunates constantly marching from earth are infinitely more perfect and effective in the Summerland than is even yet foreshadowed in best terrestrial institu tions." This, she declares, is good sense from good authority and helps to make the Spiritual philosophy still more beautiful, instead of rendering it hateful and

obnoxious. Rev. M. Theresa Allen writes from Springfield, Mo.: "As general organizer for Missouri and Kansas, I have visited uite a number of the smaller towns in hese two States, lecturing and giving tests wherever the friends of our made ready for me. I have had excellent audiences and the best of attention given to the claims of Spiritualism-its semination of the truths of Spiritualism my purpose is to form societies, wherver it is feasible to do so, and bring them into organic relations with their

of the State Association (a local society) | sang and gave tests.

during the rest of May, where he can be addressed for engagements. Mrs. G. Partridge's address is 3140

Rhodes avenue, instead of 3142, as announced last week. Take Cottage Grove car south to 31st; Rhodes avenue, is one block west.

Mrs. Lora Holton can be addressed at 3815 Michigan avenue, Chicago, for engagements at the camps, as music di-rector and teacher of Delsarte physical culture, and voice culture.

Rev. S. W. Edmunds will answer calls to lecture, to societies and camp-meet ings during summer, autumn and winter. Address him at 2433 Freret street New Orleans, La.

Dr. T. Wilkins again announces himself in readiness to give magnetic treat-ments. His old patients, so many of whom he cured, will no doubt be pleased with this information. His helpers on the other side are equally anxious to resume. Leave orders or address 3140 Rhodes avenue, or at THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER office, where he can be seen during the week-days.

#### Connecticut Association.

The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association held its Tenth Annual Convention at Hartford, Saturday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m. Business meeting at Unity church; reports of officers; reports of ocieties. Election of officers resulted in the choice of O. E. Bingham, of Cheshire, president; Mrs. A. E. Pierce, Hartford, vice-president; Mrs. J. E. B. Dillon, Hartford, secretary and treas urer. Reports of committee of solicitors for funds showed that Mrs. Nora Dowd had collected the largest amount, over \$45.

Auditors elected were Mrs. A. E. Pierce and Dumont Kingsley, of Hartford.

ford. Committee for mission work, Mrs. J. A. Chapman, 61 Norwich; Mrs. H. W. Hale, Meridan; and Mrs. Dillon. Delegates to the INstional Convention Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Storrs, Hartford. Committee on resolutions, Geo. W. Burnham, Willimantic; Mrs. J A. Chap man, Mrs. J. D. Storrs. In the alternoon JAFrank Baxter, o

Chelsea, Mass., lectured, sang and gave tests. Mr. A. J. Maxham! the sweet singer

of Washington, enlivened all of the meetings by his beautiful melodies. 7:30 p. m.—Song by Mr. Baxter; in-rocation by Mrs.<sup>11</sup>Holcomb, of Springfield, Mass; lecture by Mrs. Jennie Ha gan Jackson, of Gradd Rapids, Mich. and improvised poems by the same. Before the lecture she gave greetings which she brought from the Massachusetts State convention at Salem, from May S. Pepper and F. B. Woodbury, secretary of the National Association. At the close of the lecture and poems J. D. Stiles gave 121 tests, nearly every

one of which was recognized. Sunday, 10:30 a. m.-Conference Th Odd Fellows Hall; report of committee on resolutions, which were freely dis phenomena, philosophy, science and re- cussed; report of committee on mission ligion. In addition to the general dis- work.

2 p. m.-Mr. Baxter sang "Only a Thin Veil Between Us," one of C.P.Longley's songs; Mrs. Jackson improvised poems and a lecture on various subjects prerespective State Association, by means sented by the audience. J. D. Stiles of sub-charters. Where there is not a gave very rapidly 177 tests. sufficient number to form a local branch 7:30 p. m.-J. Frank Baxter lectured, M. W. LYMAN.

Berkeley Hall. My audiences, though not so large as they were in March, are quite as enthusiastic as ever. The neated term and the wheel business are to blame for the ensmallment of our congregations. Misery loves company. The same causes have emptied, or near ly emptied, all the churches. Even among those who believe they must go to church or to hell, many have delib erately chosen the latter, and are tak-ing their chances to out-ride his Satanic Majesty on their wheels. One minister thinks the trial a dangerous experiment and has announced that "Boston is go-ing to hell on wheels." Another minister has recognized the fact that unless the wheel is converted and used to wheel sinners to church, the churches will run empty, heaven will be depopulated, and all over its walls will be placarded, "Rooms to Let!" This clergyman urges his church to

fix a place for bicycles and appoint a new church officer, whose duty it will be to sheck and care for all the wheels that come in, and they must admit ladies and gentlemen in their bicycle costumes. As soon as I read that I went and got the most religious-looking cos-tume I could find. Last Sunday the church tried it (the minister's experiment, not mine) on a small scale, and thirty-five religious bicycles went to church. The minister, after praising them for wheeling themselves to church, and telling them that there was no more sin in riding on Sunday, providing they rode in the right direction, than there was in walking, went out, even before he had disrobed himself, to see his that she hears the language in English cyclers mount and start home.

The fact is, there is a general stam-pede away from the churches just now. The Globe of last Monday morning said that there were only fifteen people in one of the largest churches in the city.

The churches must keep a little nearer up to the times, or they will be deserted for other and more entertaining club-houses. Four Congregational churches are now holding business meetings with the idea of uniting and forming one large church. All on account of a lack of funds and hearers to sustain the four. Thus comes the evidence from every source that "The Old Ship of Zion" is floundering among the breakers. The quarterly convention of the State

one of the people of that country for a time to come and attach themselves to Association of Spiritualists met in the city of Salem on the 30th ult. Spiritalists assembled from all .parts of the State; that with the crowds that came from Salem and adjoining towns' filled the hall to its utmost capacity. People. stood up in the halls and the ante-rooms all the afternoon and evening. Boston turned out the largest crowd that it ever sent to a Spiritualist convention anywhere. There were so many speakers and me-

diums present that I will not' mention any of them by name. I know I could not think of half of them, and I fear those not mentioned would think I had purposely slighted them. The speeches were, for the most part

from the French. With numerous il-lustrations. These lighter works of the brilliant Frenchman, and invincible en-emy of the Catholic Church, are worthy good and right to the point. All seemed bent on setting out anew and united to make the world understand what Spirof wide reading. Wit, philosophy and romance are combined, with the skill of a master mind. Price \$1.50. For sale itualism is. There were so many speakers present that not more than half at this office. of them had a chance to be heard. The talk is, I believe, that the next quartererly convention will be held in Spring-By Ignatius Donnelly Sums up all information relative to the lost continent field

The hot weather has set most of the Spiritualists hereabouts to anticipating the annual camp-meeting outing. All | It is intenselv interesting. Price \$2.

Colfax avenue, this city. The young people were married at the home of the bride's -sister, in the presence of rela-tives and friends, and all things moved This work is one that every one should read. It beams throughout with rare gens of thought, prac-tical as well as profound. There is sunshine and beauty in overy sentence uttered. The work is dedi-cated to the author's favorito sister, Sarah French. Farr. now passed to Spirit-life. Hudson Tuttle, of Berlin Heights, Ohio, gives an interesting sketch of the author's life. along quietly and in order. The cere-mony was followed by a wedding supper which was very nicely laid, and was

heartily enjoyed by all present. Since I last wrote you we have stepped Dedication.

out of the hall at 101 Washington av-Sketch of the Life of A. B. French. enue. So., and taken the K. of P. hall, William Denton, in the Masonic Temple, one of the finest Legends of the Buddha halls in the city, and one which all the Mohammed, or the Faith and Wars of prominent speakers of our philosophy have taken when passing through this Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon section of the Northwest. We are now Conflicts of Life. located in one of the finest parts of the The Power and Permanency of Ideas. city, and hope to reach some of the best people of Minneapolis, who are becom-The Unknown. Probability of a Future Life. ing a little interested in the question of proof of immortality. The tests by the Anniversary Address. teachers last Sunday evening were all pronounced correct, and some of them marked.

glish. They appear to bear upon the question of labor sometime in the Ro

man period. It seems that if there is

any of these characters that the teach

ers cannot readily master, that they get

seem to be able to help the mediums

times are trying to give some instruc

tion and history from the country and

times in which they existed in morta

Since spring has come there has been

a great transformation here, and I must

say that Minneapolis in summer is in-

"Voltaire's Romances," translated

"Atlantis: The Antediluvian World

deed a beautiful city. T. D. KAYNER.

form.

The Egotism of Our Age. What Is Truth? Decoration Address. There are many people here who knew E. V. Wilson well in the days that PRICE, \$1.00, POSTPAID. have gone, and every few days some **VOLNEY'S RUINS** person drops in for a moment, saving that they wish to meet and get ac-quainted with his daughter. One of he phases that is developing very strongly with her at the present time THE LAW OF NATURE. is the translation of various kinds of character writing through different me ... TO WHICH IS ADDED ...

diums, some of it being very ancient. Volney's Answer to Dr. Priestly, a Biographical Notice It first came from a line or two being by Count Daru, and the Zodiacal Signs and written upon the slate, and then rea Constellations by the Editor; and copied upon paper. The forces have now become so strong, however, Also, a Map of the Astrological Heavens d the Ancients.

Printed on heavy paper, from new plates, in large, clear type, with portrait and flustrations. One voi. post8yo, 248 pages; paper, 50 cents; cloth, 75 cents. This is undoubtedly one of the best and most userful books ever published. It eloquently advocates the best interests of mankind, and clearly points out the sources of human ignorance and misery. The author is supposed to meet in the vulnes of Palmyra an appart tion or plantom, which explains the true principles of society, and the causes of both the property and the ruin of ancient status. A general assembly of the nations is at length convend, a legislative body formed, the source and origin of religion, of govern-ment, and of larw discussed, and the Law of Nature-founded on justice and equity.-is finally, proclaimed to an expectant world. and gives it aloud, when it is taken down by myself. We have one large book in hand that will take some time yet to translate, but when published, as I think it certainly will be, will be very interesting. We have a series of short lectures to translate that were written automatic-ally through the hand of a German engineer, who is on duty at night, and gets the writing while watching a stationary engine. He cannot read or write Eng-

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PASI, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. A POPULAR ACCOUNT OF

it: of recent scientific research regarding the origin, position and prospects of mankind. From the German of our band of workers, and in this way we who can make nothing out of their DR. LUDWIG BÜCHNER, work, and the spirit forces that at al

uthor of "Forge and Uniter," Essays on Nature and Science," "Physiological Pictures," "Six Lee-tures on Darwin,",Etc.

"The great mystery of existence consists in perpet-al and uninterrupted change. Everything is immor-it and indestructible—the smallest worm as well as he most enormous of the celestial boddes—the sand rain of the water drop as well as the highest being in rention, man and his thoughts. Only the forms in a hich being manifestsitself are changing; but Being self remains eternally the same and imperiseable-hen we die we do not lose ourselves, but only our creation, most on the top of the only of the resonal consciousness. We live on in nature, in 600 c, in our children, in our deeds, in our thoughts-slowt, in the entire material and physical contribu-net high, during our short personal existence, we refurmished to the subsistence of manking and of ture in general."- Bucchner.

JESUS AND THE MEDIUMS,

-OR-CHRIST AND MEDIUMSHIP.

CARECLI COMPARISON OF SOME OF THE Spiritualian and Modiumship of the Bible with that of to-day. By Mossis HULL. An invincible argument proving that Jesus was only a medium, subject to all the condi-tions of modern medium, subject to all the condi-tions of modern mediumship. It also shows that all the manifestations throughout the Old and New Testa-ment were under the same conditions that mediums require to-day; and that the coming of Christ is the re-turn of mediumship to the world. 45 pages. Price, 10 cents: For sale at this office. of Atlantis. He regards the description of it given by Plato as veritable history

#### MAY 28, 1896.



This Department is under the manage ment of the distinguished author, speaker and medium

Hudson Tuttle. Address him at Berlin Beights, Ohio.

W. P. Williams, Oregon: Q. (1) Recently I found in a book a statement to this effect: That when communication had been established with the mysterious agency that produced raps in the Fox home at Hydesville, N. Y., it claimed to be the spirit of a peddler who had long before been murdered and his body buried beneath the house where the skeleton would be found; that a thorough search was made by digging under the building, but no bones of a human being were exhumed. Is that a true statement or not?

(2) Do you believe the time will come when the human spirit can be photo graphed as it separates from the material body at death?

This question has been an-A. (1) swered at length in a preceding number of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. Briefly quoting from Emma Hardinge Britten's "Modern American Spiritual-Britten ism," after stating that the first attempt

at digging for the remains was baffled by the flooded condition of the cellar: 7In the summer of 1848, when the ground was dry, and water lowered the digging again commenced, when they found a plank, a vacant place, or hole, some bits of crockery which seemed to have been part of a washbowl, charcoal, quicklime, human hair, and bones, declared on examination by a surgeon to be human, and a portion of a human skull."

The discovery of the X rays has (2)called forth a great deal of speculation in the applicability of the discovery to Spiritualism, and the possibilities of seeing spirits thereby, but the X rays are related to physical and not to spiritual things quite as much as other light rays, and are of no more availability in revealing spirit. The spirit form cannot be seen at the moment of its departure from the physical body more readily than after complete separation. At that moment it would be too preoccupied to take on the substance neces sary to reflect light for a photograph. It is possible for a spirit to attract to itself sufficient materiality to reflect such a picture, and that, too, without becoming visible to the eye.

P. T., Goshen: Q. Why is it that we never hear anything about Christ in spirit communications or clairvoyant revelations?

A. There have been many communications, even purporting to come direct from Jesus, but not one that has been undeniably of such origin.

Two thousand years of progress ought to remove him far from the earthsphere. Spirits rarely claim to have seen any of the sages of antiquity, and it is quite improbable that they should. Communications signed by great names should be regarded with suspio-

ion, and their character is usually such as to belie their claim.

Mrs. L. M. Wells: Q. At the resurrection of Christ there were two women, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. Who was the other Mary? I have been told it was Christ's mother; also that it was her sister. If her sister, why two of a name?

According to St. John, xx., 1 Mary Magdalene alone, no one being with her. when "the first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene carly, when it was yet dark, to the sepulcher," etc.

THE OLD AND THE NEW. to remain, or gravitate. to some remote region? (3) A young man desires to labor for humanity as a physician, using refined solar and electric influences. He finds A Prophetic Pean for the that he is mediumistic. How can he oultivate that faculty? (4) Can spirits communicate, more

easily through those who are engaged in the same line of work they pursued while in the mortal form? A. (1) By the term universe is meant all the stars and worlds that can be seen by the telescope, and incompre-hensibly more. Only in one direction

Just now the earth-world is undergo ing a great change; it is crying in the agonies of birth and death—death to the old and birth to the new, and everybody can the most powerful glass look through out into space, beyond which there are no stars. We are near that side. All these stars revolve around a is feeling more or less these changes that are coming, and that are here; but they do not know the cause of it. Old common center, and there is a limit which may be called the circumference. But this is one of an infinite number which revolve around their common center. (2) Hence, the "end of the universe" is in the limitation of the new. mind. The Spirit-world, the zones formed by the sublimation of matter; will remain, after the worlds from which (3) By the rules for cultivation of me-

tion. diumship, repeatedly stated in this de-partment. If he desires success, let him understand that the essential to a per-fect healer is devotion of self for the good of others; a perfect, unselfish love. Let him question himself, if it really is for the good of humanity, and whether desire for fame and gain have any part in it. (4) Intensity of thought in the direc-

tion of the communications that are desired is a most important element in obtaining them.

J. L. Fryer: Q. With profound intorest I read your answer to "Critic," and now would ask: Has Christianity ever taught anything in the line of soience, or established a school for the promotion of knowledge or enlightenment of mankind, or is there any intention of disseminating knowledge? A. On the contrary, Christianity has persecuted to the death all those who have brought forward new ideas, and the wheel of progress for the better-ment of the world at large. But oh, there is so much yet to be done-so-much unspiritualized thought-stuff to be cast into the chemical workshop of nathe advance of thought has been a con-stant battle, overy inch of ground being fought for to the death. Every page of history for the past two thousand years gives an example of the desperate en-deavor of Christianity to keep the mind ture to be ground up, chemicalized, and brought forth in new and beautiful pat-terns and designs for the future use of in chains. Galileo would have been burned for saying that the world moves instead of the sun, had he not recanted man, ere this old earth can reach the Bruno was burned at Rome because he apex of life on this whirling globe. Now, this is not being brought abou said there were more worlds than this.

The great obstacle in the way of the theory of evolution was theology. So far as schools being established to en-lighten, they are to enlighten in the knowledge the church pronounces safe, that is, the old. Diplomas are granted to those who have absorbed the old. No and more active forces that are now be ing brought to bear upon the earth in theological school ever offered a prize for a new thought. Those who have almost a cyclonic way, all, however, moved upon by natural laws, but in such a way as to cause men to reason, think new thoughts are ostracised as heretics. Had the Christian Church had its way, we should be still believing in a flat earth, supported by four pillars at the and question, in regard to the gigantic movements and demonstrations that are constantly being evolved in these days

corners, with the sun coursing round it; that the stars were holes cut in the firmament, and that the more dreadfully miserable we made this life the better for us in the next.

The beastly ignorance and coarseness of the Middle Ages, is an example of er unfoldment by enthralled humanity, has the awakening come all along the what mankind would be under the comlines, and to-day we have a richer and more nutritious spiritual diet that is be-ginning to satisfy the hungry, starving plete and absolute sway of the church. with God in the Constitution, and God' vicegerents, the priests, as rulers. ouls, and is finding a lodgment in the

A. S. Coffman: Q. I am much interested in your query column, and would be pleased to have you answer the following questions: (1) Did Joseph Smith, the founder of

the Mormon church, believe in and practice polygamy. (2) I have heard that George Wash ington was born in December. If this is true, why is the 22d of February ob-

served as his birthday. (3) Your explanation as to why 1900 is not a leap-year is hardly satisfactory, sidce 19 is not divisible by 4 without leaving a remainder, and 1900 is not a THE PROCRESSIVE THINKER.

Bulta that are to "Millow are great; the world is to be" Burritually emanci-pated, and men and women are begin-ning to learn how to live a hundred or two hundred years if they see fit, and round out their lives in good deeds and noble living, and peacefully enter into immortality that awaits the God-like soul Can ye lengthen?

THE HYMN OF THE BATTLE. [From Lycoum Guide.]

Can ye lengthen the hours of the dying night,

Or chain the wings of the morning light? Can ye seat the splitligs of the ocean deen, Gr bind the tempests in silent sleep?

The sun that rises, the seas that flow, The thunders of heaven, all answer, Nol

Can ye drive young spring from blossomed earth, The earthquake still in its awful birth? Will the hand on Time's dial backward flee, Or the pulse of the universe pause for

The shaken mountains; the flowers that blow, The pulse of the universe, answer, No!

Çan ye burn a Truth in the martyr's fire, Or chain a thought in the dungeon dire? Or stay the soul, when it soars away In glorious life from mouldering clay? The truth that liveth, the thorts that

The spirit ascending, all answer, No O priest! O despot! your doom they

speak, For God is mighty as ye are weak; Your night and your winter from earth must roll,

Your chains shall melt from the limb and soul; Ye have wrought us wrong, ye have

bro't us woe-Shall ye triumph longer? We an

Ye have builded your temples with gems impearled

Ye have crushed its heroes in desert

slaves. O'er the future age shall the ruin go?

We gather against ye and answer, No! Ye laugh in scorn from your shrines and

through any solar or lunar difficulty but by and through a spiritual disinte gration of atoms that have lost their pri But we are stronger-our strength is

and blow?

The winter night of the world is past,

of startling discoveries. Time is an ab-sorber, and rapidly is nature absorbing arise; Their words and deeds like the thun-

ders go; Can ye stifle their voices? They anof the past ages; and because of the earnest seeking and aspiration for high-A RI

> LILY SOCIETY OF PHILOSO-PHY.

TO THE EDITOR: Ever since Spirit-alism was first brought before public notice it has been a constant source of annoyance and regret to its, advocates that deceptions have been practiced upon the people to so great an extent as to make it very difficult for the earnest investigator to discriminate between the fraud and the sincere Spiritualist, inspiration of the new but old spiritual thought gathered and culled from the master minds of the ages.

in San Francisco, was in a fac simile of his chirography, and its sentiments, fice of both time and money-finally abandoning their investigations with I should say, very characteristic. the conclusion that it is all a hoax. Also the signatures of my father and This has served to make it extremely mother were very exact. I commend difficult for speakers advocating the her mediumship to skeptics, and precause to convince their audiences that there is any truth in occult phenomena | dict a very useful career for her. whatever, and it is a self-evident fact Mrs. Addie R. Smith is reputed one that until a check has been put upon of the foremost test mediums of Portthe practices of these impostors, Spiritland, and Mrs. A. L. Stevens, though ualism will never be accepted by the thinking world, for few individuals will young in the work, will take rank with be willing to, admit a belief in spirit reseveral other good instruments that turn so long as it is scoffed at by the public as an invention of "frauds" or a Portland permanently maintains to carry on spiritual work. delusion of a few brainless men and wo-Since writing the above, I spoke men. It certainly looks as though the majority of humanity will never learn Sunday last for both the "Eclectic to realize the advantage of following the rule of Gautama Buddha, to wit: "Be-Society," on Evolution, and the Psychic Research Society, on Spiritualism, lieve nothing which is unreasonable, at both of which I had crowded houses and reject nothing as unreasonable of many of the leading citizens of without proper examination." Realizing this condition of affairs, the members of the undersigned society-Spokane, and an interest has been aroused that asks for more, and arwhich we may state has only recently rangements are being made for at been organized-have decided, as one of their principal objects, to do what lies least three more. in their power toward pointing out the Judge Maguire stands high in the sincere and insincere workers, that the respect of the citizens of this city, and public may know to whom to apply for his influence in behalf of liberal the truth and learn to appreciate the beauty of the faith. Therefore the members of this society thought and our all-comprehensive Price, Cloth, \$1,25. Paper, 50c. philosophy, is leading many of the solicit your cooperation in the matter so MARGUERITE HUNTER. foremost citizens to investigate. He far as to give this letter a place in your is negotiating with prominent parties columns in the hope that it may reach any discouraged investigator and enin Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota courage him or her to a proper examin-A Narrative Descriptive of Life in to secure my services, so I may not ation before rejecting the phenomena of reach my destination till July if many spiritualism as something unreasonarespond. The papers here have given THE LILY SOCIETY OF PHILOSOPHY me fine notices and reports, a courtesy OF CHICAGO. J. G. MESSAGE, I wish thus to acknowledge. The MISS E. M. PITKIN, President. Daily Chronicle of Monday published Treasurer. H. E. WELLS, Secretary. the following editorial note: "Last evening was a gala occasion Passed to Spirit-Life. for the Spiritualists of Spokane, when one of their foremost platform ad-On the 26th of February, at his home in Grand Rapids, Miche, William Leroy, a faithful Spiritualist and one of the hest advocates, Dr. Dean Clarke, addressed one of the largest audiences AN EXCELLENT WORK of men, passed beyond this shado, vale. He was seventy-four years old a AN EXCELLENT WORK, DEATH AND THE AFTER-LIFE, The "Stellar Key" is the by philosophical intro-duction to the revelations contained in this book, Some idea of this little volume may be gained from the following table of contents: 1—Death and the After-life; 2—Scenes in the Summer-Land; 6—Cociety in the Bummer-Land; 4—Social Centres in the Summer-Land; 5—Winter-Land; 4—Social Centres in the Summer-Land; 6—Language and He in Summer-Land; 7—Matchild Work for Spiritual Workers; 8—Uitimates in the Summer-Land; 9—Volce from James Victor Wilson. This calarged edition con-tains more than double the amount of matter in for-mer editions, and is cariched by a beautiful frontis-piece, illustrating the "formation of the Spiritual Body." Cloup 75 cents. Postage 5 cents. For usle at this office. that ever crowded into Oliver Hall on the subject, 'Is Spiritualism a Fraud had lived here forty one years, engaged as an artisan and manufacturer. He of a Fact?' It was a thoughtful and was a member of the Old Settlers' As appreciative and ince in which ware appreciative audience; in which were sociation and of the Masonic order, and some of the most prominent and in-, the remains were followed to, the grave telligent citizens. The address was by the entire lodge to which he had be Longed. He was a overy consistent Mason, always putting the principles of given, under the auspices of the Spokane Psychical Research Society, Mrs. Masonry into practice g Mr. Leroy began to: investigate Spir-itualism about the time of the Hydes-Galland. president of the society, occupying the platform with the speakville rappings, but though deeply inter-ested, he was still a little skoptical, uner. The Psychical Research Society A VALUABLE WORK. now feels confident that it can go Researches in Oriental History, til all doubt was swept away at certain seances, where some of his spirit-friend shead with the movement and from Embracing the Origin of the Jores, the Rise and Derei-opment of Zoroastrianism and the Derivation of Unristanicy; to which is added: Whence Our Arran Ancestors? By G. W. Brown, M. D. One of the most valuable works ever published. Price \$1.50. plainly appeared. Long before this, time to time secure other speakers of national reputation." lowever, and ever after he gave liber-

# EASTWARD BOUND.

### Letter from Dr. Dean Clark,

EDITOR AND READERS :- I completed my winter's work in Portland and vicinity about the middle of April, and at a reception tendered me by my friends, under the auspices of Mrs. Judge Malory, the able editor, printer and publisher of "The World's Advanced Thought," I bade a reluctant adieu to scenes and persons endeared to me by association, to take up my pilgrim staff again, Eastward bound, Concluding at last to journey via. the Northern Pacific Railroad, instead of the Union Pacific, as I had announced, I am now en route, stopping to do missionary work on ground I

never before traversed. I stopped at Ellensburg, Wash., where two old friends abide, and gave one lecture in the Opera House to a very select and appreciative audience. Thence I journeyed to North Yakima, where a few of the prominent citizens have raised the standard of our philosophy, and gave three lectures, the last in the Opera House, to a large and intelligent audience composed of the elite of the city. I was informed by several that my lectures were uni-

versally extolled by both friend and foe of our faith, and much regret was expressed that I could not longer remain.

From there I came on to the ambitious and prospectively great city of Spokane, where, aided by the efficient services of Judge H. N. Maguire, long known as a prominent worker in our ranks and all reformatory work, I expect to do efficient work in his 'Eclectic' Society, in whose exten-

sion Eastward he solicits my efforts. Should I conclude to comply with his plans and wishes, I shall be longer on my way to Milwaukee than I antic-

> As I neglected to report a very successful seance held in Portland with a rising independent slate-writing medium, Mrs. A. Brockway, on April 26th; I wish now to endorse other reports that have been made as to her genuineness and high order of, manifestations. I cleaned four slates, and held one end of them above the table, bound in pairs with rubber bands, but both pairs placed. in contact, with no pencil between any of them, but with a small basket containing colored crayons and bits of pencil, placed on top of the upper slate. Mrs. B. held the other end of them, and while the writing was going on between the slates she named by impression the names of my father, mother, J. J.

full, while the fourth was covered with a beautiful symbolic picture in colors, where a dark stream, meandering

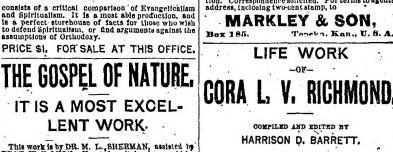
among wooded hills, represents "the stream of death," and a lighthouse, above which in arched form appears the word "Spiritualism"-lighting the murky waters beneath. The communication from J. J. Owen, former editor of the Golden Gate, published

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things are passing away, and all things are to be made new through the fructi fying power of the spirit, and much is being lost sight of as we merge into the Old race-thoughts-old (hidebound creeds and dogmas have to go, and the sooner the people let go of them the sconer will they realize spiritual benefit and growth in the right direc-

This old earth has been evolving slowly-(for the mills of the gods grind slow, but sure)-this higher and more liberal and spiritual condition through the ages. Slowly has she climbed out of fire-mist, out of protoplasmic, cosmic conditions, mineral, vegetable, animal up, up, ever upward into a purer and more refined atmosphere, and man, the last and mightiest evolution, 'king 'over all lower grades of life, has, with his limited knowledge, been trying to bring

Higher Life,

"Ring Out the Old, Ring In the

New."

about what he considered better conditions for humanity. He has done the best he could-why should, we find fault? We should go ahead and remedy mistakes. How could unspiritualized man evolve a code of moral and ethical

laws to live by? He is not yet, at this day and age, progressed enough to make such laws, although we hope the time is not far distant when he will, for this swer, No! old planet is breathing herself into newer and better conditions each yearevery twelve months marks a notch in

On the broken heart of a famished world;

> graves; Ye have made its children a race of

> > ipated.

towers, But weak are ye, for the truth is ours; In arms, in gold, and in pride ye move,

Love. mordial essence or life-giving force and Slay Truth and Love with the curse have to be submerged into the newer

> The beautiful heavens, they answer, No!

The day of humanity dawns at last; The vell is rent from the soul's calm

eyes, And prophets and heroes and seers

the old, effete beliefs and mistaken ideas

hearts of men and women as never be-A Statement of Its Objects. We are now ready for this child of love to be born that is to free the world from sin-sickness and death, and

oring in their place wisdom, health and And why should we stay in the mouldy, dingy, and malarial conditions of the past, when the glorious and effulgent rays of a spiritual, as well as physical sun, with its dewy morning light, is inviting us out into the white fields of

Owen and John Parker, which are signed to pointed communications which I found written on opening the slates, three of which were written

According to St. Luke, xxiv., it was "Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and other women," etc.

article entitled "A Week in the Spirit-World," Mrs. Hartman tells of seeing dishes and cooking utensils, lined with something to keep the food from touch-custom of the patriarchs of the Bible; a ing the metal;" also of "eating at a table laden with very appetizing food and drink." In your opinion, is such a condition probable or possible?

A. I have already answered similar questions relating to the astounding communications in Dr. Crowell's book, and by Judge Edmunds. The answer given is, that such views are subjective, and have no objective reality.

G. W. Yarner: Q. Is space infinite? A. Whatever is beyond our comprehension in its extent, dimension, or mag-nitude, is infinite. There can be no conceivable boundary to the universe.

U. G. Figley: Q. (1) I sometimes have the sensation after reading, seeing or experiencing occurrences, that I had known all this before, at some other time. This has been argued as a part of reincarnation. Is it really due to some disturbance of the nerve system, by which one side of the brain records and knows before the other side?

Dr. Daniel Calkins, Spiritualist, (2)of Williams Center, O., claims that he has discovered the circulation of the. What is your view of the idea? nerves. If true, are diseases of the nerves caused by defective circulation of the 400, of 365, and every year divisible by nerve fluid?

nerve fluid? (1) The best physiological explanation is the one referred to in the ques-tion, that the brain being composed of so that in 100 years it accumulates altwo hemispheres, unless thought acts on most three-fourths of a day, hence every each simultaneously, two distinct impressions are received, one following the other. But as there is no measure the other. But as there is no measure lated time is only three-fourths of a day, applicable to the intervening time, if a whole day is added. This error of only a thousandth part of a second, it

may seem like years. Another explanation is, that the spirit may have, in a superior state, had the nes presented, and their coming before the physical eye recalls the mem-

(2) The circulation of the blood in the nerve-tissue is the only determined circulation of fluids. Of course there is constant transmission of nerve-force from the nerve centers to the vital organs, and from the brain to the voluntary muscles.

C. S. Tisdale: . Q. I have been read-ing the "Arcans of Nature" for the sec-ond time, and I desire to congratulate and thank the spirit-authors and their medium for its production. The vast subjects on which it treats are handled with simple and plain reasoning that a child can comprehend. To me it is a miracle of condensation. In reading, the following questions formed in my

(1) If the same law which moulds a dewdrop, moulds worlds and suns, will not this hold true of the universe, and if so, has it not a center and circumference

(2) If this be true, would there not be an end to the universe, an "existence beyond the stars," of a spirit-atmosphere, and possible, after our earth and all other planets are resolved back to currences in the experiences of the For their original state, for the spirit-world | family. Price, cloth, \$1.50, postpaid

leap-year for that reason. What is to become of the day that we otherwise would have added to February, 1900?

(1) Not until in . Nauvoo, where in Mrs. E. A. King: Q. In THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER of March 7, in an ment there established, he received a series of inspirations, one of which was custom of the patriarchs of the Bible; a return to the early tenets of religion. He could not have practically applied this doctrine, as he was soon after killed by a mob.

Brigham Young succeeded in establishing polygamy as a part of the Mor-mon faith, in 1852. The doctrine from the first had violent opposition in the church.

(2) George Washington was born on the 11th of February, old style, to which eleven days have to be added to make new style, by which we now count time. The astronomical year is the exact (3)around the sun, which is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 51.6 seconds. The Roman year consisted of 365 days, with a day added every four years. But this added 6 hours for a year, while it should have added only 5 hours, 48 minutes, 51.6 seconds. This small error in 1582 had amounted to about ten days. Pope Gregory XIII. corrected the calendar by the addition of eleven days, and in order to henceforth maintain accuracy the following rule was adopted:

"Every year whose number is not di-visible by four without remainder, consists of 365 days; every year which is so divisible, but not by 100, of 366; Every year divisible by 100 but not by

The reason of this is that adding hundredth year has only 365 days, or is not a leap-year. But while the accumuone-fourth of a day in 400 years would become a whole day, and is corrected by making it a leap-year, or of 366

days. This system of time is so accurate that it only gains a day in 4,237 years, and if the 4,000th year is made a common instead of a leap-year (a year of 365 days) a correction of only a day will have to be made at the end of one hun-

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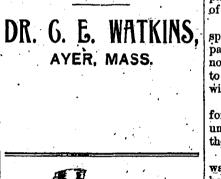
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called the Franco-Prussian war "her" war, and here again, as in former cases, crown and empire were lost within a year after its reception. France was conquered by Protestant Germany, and its Emperor had to seek refuge in Protestant England, where he lived as an exile to the day of his death. Mrs, General Sherman was another

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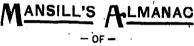
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Will the time never come when church people will need a larger hat than a No. 5? Wishing that my name does not

appear in print, I sign myself, Yours respectfully, No. 71. New Orleans, La.

THE POPE'S BENEDICTIONS MORE TO BE DREADED THAN HIS MAL-

EDICTIONS TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN CHRIS

TIAN APOLOGIST OF CINCINNATI, O. It is a remarkable fact, says the

Primitive Catholic, that as soon as the Pope had bestowed his blessing on Jefferson Davis and the Southern Confederacy, affairs at the South took a turn for the worse, whilst the North | says: was correspondingly prosperous, and finally achieved a complete triumph. This statement may appear somewhat | multiply rapidly.. Even the Society of strange, but it is only a further corroboration of facts and occurrences taught by the history of the world, in | natural nature of Mlle. Couesdon's which the Pope's benedictions -were turned into curses. It is no difficult task to bring proof of this by many Department of Calvados. One afterrecent occurrences,

The Pope bestowed his blessing, together with the "golden rose" (a mark of special favor), on King Bomba, of Naples, and in less than twelve months is the good Virgin." he lost both his crown and his kingdom.

The Pope sent his blessing to Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, and within a year he was defeated at Sa down, and lost his Venetian posseshalo. sions.

Oueen Isabella, of Spain, upon whom a similar favor was bestowed, any number of pilgrims to the spot. lost-both crown and kingdom a short not only from every corner of Calwhile thereafter.

The next recipient of the fatal ben. partments of Orne and Manche. On

same favor. It will be remembered that the Floating Palace delayed its departure stowed upon her. The steamer weighed anchor, went out to sea, and sank two days thereafter.

Dr. McGlynn asserted that he felt very happy whilst under excommunication. The editor of the paper quoted

above says that he has reason to thank God for the day when Abbot Benedict anathematized him with the bell, book and blessed candle, and when he left the Monastery of Gethsemane, in Kentucky, with the brand of Cain on his forehead, as asserted nastery, and breathed God's free air once more, new blood coursed through

his veins and he regained his shattered health in a very short time. The old man who pronounced the curse on

him was struck with paralysis and died soon afterwards. J. U. [Norz.—The above translation from a German paper has been furnished us by an intelligent elder of one of our churches, long connected with the education of our youth. It, at least, presents an array of curious facts. We believe the Roman Pontiff has about as much power to curse and to bless as Balaam, the son of Beor. The history recited certainly, at least, demonstrates the worthlessness of the papal blessing. -EDITOR S. W. P.]

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