

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

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HAVE YOU ANY SUCH RIGHT?

# PAGIFIG GOAST PEN-FLASHES

WOMAN'S SUFFRACE CONVENTION. to impress and inspire their medial in The Women Suffragists of California struments.

have recently held a very enthusiastic convention here in the city of San Diego. STILL THE VERBOSE FOUNTAIN FLOWS Friend Armstrong, of Springfield, Mass., a reader of both THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER and Mrs. Willman's Free-The meeting was a perfect success. It is expected that California will soon wheel into line with Utah, Colorado dom, printed in Boston, asks me to re and Wyoming, granting women the ply to these teachings of Isabel Lyle's right, the inalienable right of suffrage. Mrs. Warren Kimball, an old-time which she denominates the "bed-rock truth of mental science." "The body and mind are one. Man is Spiritualist, was the presiding officer, and she filled the position with great self-creative. Man and the life-princi ability, dignity and grace. ple are one. All is mind-all is intelli-gence: the bedy is the soul, and the

MINISTERIAL HE-CONFERENCE.

And yet, while men and women were soul is the body; all is mind. The only in this progressive State advocating wo-man's suffrage and woman's equality are unreal. They are beliefs. They are And yet, while men and women were man's suffrage and woman's equality with man, the little State of Delawareillusions." the Egypt of America-had in session a Methodist conference; and this conferwhich sentences embody the gist of Christian and Mental Science. Hard, because they are a tissue of bald assorence voted 107 to 7 that women should | not be admitted as lay delegates into the conference. Was not this treatment of tions. "It strains one," said the humor-ist, "to kick at nothing." I repeat women most contemptible by this minisist, "to kick at nothing." I repeat they are a jumble of unproved assertions terial he-conference? And yet these women largely support the churches. In My polly-parrot who sits out here under a banana bush, could be taught in a few membership they far exceed the men. In church attendance they rate seven days to say them just as well, and she makes no pretensions to being a Meta-physician or Mental Scientist. When women to one man. The women get up the festivals and other shows to pay the preacher's salary; and yet are not to it comes to solid, logical reasoning, par-rots and the most Christian Scientists vote or be recognized in the governmental affairs of the church! Such are stand upon about the same level. This Christian Science theory, so far Methodist justice and liberality!

REV. SOLON LAUER AND SPIRITUALISM the rankest and shabblest pantheism, reducing all to a homogeneous lump of God. Deity and diamonds; barn

What was pleasingly noticeable at the late anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in San Diego, was the number of Protestants and Roman Catholics present. Let us be patient-the world moves The Rev. Amada Deyo, pastor of the Universalist church, . was present and gave an excellent address endorsing the great central truths of Spiritualism. Rev. Lauer, pastor of the Unitarian church, and Spiritualist, unable to attend, sent the following note to the president of the Spiritualist society:

"Please convey to your people, the Spiritualists, my carnest congratula-tions and my best wishes for success in their and your work. Whatever may be | "mind;" if there's no pain, there can be one's opinion as to the phenomena of Spiritualism, however he may interpret them, in whole or in part, this much it seems to me must be conceded by every impartial mind: that from its first inception Spiritualism, as interpreted by its best advocates, has stood steadfastly for every good reform, has advocated

wears out, neither does it ever need to be mended. The rope or the sail is as good and safe as though it had never high ideals of living, has promulgated to been exposed to been

ville's pen, in his "Outlines of Theoso phy," that: "Man contains within himself all pow-er to regulate the objective universe, that: the very planets themselves being under direction of spiritual entities who have learned the law of governing worlds by first obtaining complete mastery in their own micro-cosmic kingdom. The great reality, the infinite Law, remains forever unalterable; but we, as we come to fath-om it, can through its aid in harmony. with its unalterable dictates build a planet as easily as most of us can now regulate the petty concerns of our own diminutive households. Human power inside the Law has no limit."

"Mark well." To speak Masonically, I do not say that man does not contain in himself all power to regulate the universe;" nor that he cannot "build planets." I only want to know how he tero, Lee County, Florida." goes about it, and what he builds them out of. If "all is mind," as this journal ffirms, for which Mr. Colville then we have the anomaly of mind "building a planet" out of mind, which is paralleled by, involves the principle, and measurably explains, how human adepts lift themselves over hedges by their boot-straps. Great is the mystery f Mental Science when veneered and

eosophied! Sitting now at the feet of Mahatmio isdom seeking for knowledge and truth, ask Mr. Colville:

co, whisky and oplum—no right-to weaken and poison his body by brutal li-centiousness—no right to abuse, pervert, despise, or in any way maltreat the physical body, so necessary for external observations and earthly experiences. 1. If he knows that man has the pow regulate the objective universe? And if he knows it, how does he know Does he know that man can build

a planet as easily as most of us can now regulate our households? If he knows t, how does he know it? Knowledge, not moonshiny dreams, are

chain of being -one thread in the warp and woof of the unity of races. Thus connected, each and all of us are natucalled for. In fact, this scientific Emer-sonian age of condensed thought and clear britical statement does not hunger for fanciful speculations, nor glitter-ing generalities rattling around loosely, every individual upon the planet. In a partnership for any industrial purpose every member is vitally con-cerned with the conductof the others. If vibrating and echoing in a wilderness of words. That God appoints and em-powers hierarchies of angels to construct and modify planets is quite a plausible theory but theory only. Thinking Spiritualists desire nourishing pabulum, theories that admit of proofs and truths that allow of demonstrations. In apostolic times Paul was sorely troubled by a class of Corinthian zealots, who had the gift of continuance. Em erson did not grace the old Pauline era of the world

PRAYING FOR RAIN. A cablegram appearing in the New York journals of May 4th has the fol-

no physical pleasure. If there is no heat or cold, there is no comfort. If lowing If the body never wears out, never is torn or bruised, the coat or dress never "This city, Madrid, was the scene today of an imposing religious ceremony, the object of which was to procure the intercession of St. Isidro, the patron saint of Madrid, who lived in the thir-

teenth century, to bring about the end of a long drought that has done great damage throughout the country, and

cieties into the Koresh net—a sort of "come into my parlor, said the spider to the fly." The Shakers refused to bite the Koresh bait. Sensing a sort of pompous selfishness; they wisely kept aloof from any conjoint business with that Flaming Sword. The emblem of Cien and Labaranis collive branch of Zion and Lebanon is the olive branch of off grave clothes. Live men and women require living spiritual food-the living Should the reader wish to know how bread of to-day rather than the unsavto address the royal "unity" of the Flam-ing Sword community, the following balloon paragraph in the last number of ory excrements of Hindoo imagination

and superstition. Some of our speakers and writers, in-spired if not controlled by the mighty the Sword will give due information. Up, unto your stilts! "Victoria Gratia is Pre-eminent of the gas-gods of India, to appear learned are wriggling and twisting into their public lucubrations Karma, Koot, Hoomi, Lal, Koreshan Unity. She is the Head of the Koreshan Church and State, the Sing, Devachan. How is that for a starter? Here is a cabalistic, Hinduhighest official in the Koreshan body. She should be addressed: Victoria Grastanic, theosophic, occuit evocation: Tridandin Tridicayondam Tridiram tia, Pre-eminent, New Jerusalem, Es-Tridimas Trikalam Trayidarman Trijagat. How do you like it? Does it not scent of Oriental erudition?

"I have a right," says one, "to use my body just as I please." No, you have not! You have no right to make your body sick, becoming a burden to your friends or to the community. Bodies Our good, solid English language contains something like 100,000 words-words enough to convey the meaning of all that any Theosophico-Spiritist knows --and infinitely more than he knows. are the temples of ind welling souls, and no one has a moral right to so mar and Get down, then, off from those stoler Sanskrit stilts, study Emerson, and speak and write in good, clean, compact impair the temple as to blunt the sensitiveness of the spiritual nature, or in-English; and no more of this Karma, Kama-Loka business, in the name of demonstrated truth. J. M. PEEBLES. jure its divine manifestations. A man has no right to put into his body tobac-

### A WOODSMAN'S STORY.

Well, stranger, you're right, I reckon, When you say I must feel quite alone; Whatever I set myself adoing A hard row it is, I must own.

Am I not hearing some one say, "Does it concern you?" Yes, it does me; for humanity is one. I am one link in the ly Jane was a wife good as ever

Came up from the old Buckeye State And together we worked for this home stead, Most faithfully early and late.

rally and necessarily interested in and affected by the conduct and welfare of

thought in the West 'twould be better Than cramped in our old Eastern home;

And, she in her goodness consenting, We left those we loved, here to come a partner were accustomed to get drunk Three years since we came to this coun daily, or to gamble hightly, although in

try; Ah! sir, I remember it well, the privacy of his own house, he would be justly held to account by his associ-How the first night she cried when the

ates; and if he attempted to plead that his drinking and gambling were his "own affairs"-that he owned his body sun set And the darkening shadows fell.

-they would teach him peremptorily that the house was a part of the body-corporate, and that no part of the body could be wounded, or in the least im-Not a bit did I blame her for it; Our cabin was roughest logs, And a dismal chorus was chanted From a wilderness full of frogs.

By the side of the logs a fireplace, With a hole in the roof for a flu

ing. And so all this loose "social-free-dom" style of talking: "We own our own Smoke and dirt everywhere about usbodies and have a right to use them when and as we please," is not only un-physiological—not only false as a philos-ophy, but decidedly detrimental to mor-ality and spiritual culture of the soul. To cry seemed the right thing to do. It was hard-the two years we struggled

Before we felt sure of success, And then came the terrible fever And snatched from us sweet little

Bess. She was the youngest-the dear baby;

A GENERAL DELUGE. From a Geological Standpoint.

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[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.] ARTICLE 2.

It is not probable all the continents and islands were submerged, nor all up-heaved at the same epoch. Were such a catastrophe to again visit our earth, which is not at all imprebable, because of the molten mass still reposing in its bosom, the western coasts of the Amer-ican continent might be depressed below the sea level. The Pacific would soon establish an equilibrium. The large amount of water required would denude other portions. Possibly Australia, with the thousand islands of the eastern archipelago, would rise into the dignity of a continent with hills and vales, inland seas. Dense forests of verdure abounding with animal life, would soon complete the beautiful picture, and give us the realization of a new continent, rising from the sea, like Venus in clas

sic story. Cosmogonists have been too much in the habit of predicating their ideas of creation on the accounts found in their sacred books." Instead of entering the great field of inquiry, reading the rock-records, "engraved by the finger of God," and making proper deductions therefrom, thinking and writing for themselves, and building up a science conformable to the teachings of Nature -which cannot misrepresent-they have been content to borrow the narrow the-ory of persons who lived in the deep whose ideas were drawn from an uncultured fountain, and who had not sufficient data on which to establish any great scientific truth.

The human mind was no more content o remain inactive four thousand years ago than now. The people then found the earth substantially as we see it tofound lay, and peopled as it is with inhabitants. Reason taught them that all this had a beginning. The easiest way to explain to the ignorant masses, orally taught by the better-cultured priests, and quite as satisfactory to an uncultured population, was the story origi-nally copied from the Babylonian records, transcripts of which were found by Lavard in the ruins of Ninevah. where they had been concealed for more than 3,000 years by the sands of the desert. \* Our writers, conscious of the deep rooted attachment of the populace to their sacred books, have labored to educate the common mind, by harmonizing

mergence on the one hand, and upheaval on the other, its condition has been changed to an eastern one. This idea is strengthened by the evidences of antiq-uity which mark that people; by their numerous population, being nearly equal to all other portions of the globe; to their traditions extending far back into the past; their historical accounts, and the general opinions prevailing in all countries that the world was peopled from the Past from the East. And as almost conclu-sive evidence in support of this proposition is the identity of religious belief, universally prevailing, when stripped of additions made to earlier teachings by

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advancing civilization. Perchance, were we able to follow these reflections to a natural conclusion and had the desirable knowledge which present explorations are - devel oping, we could show that the wonderful records left by a long-extinct race in Peru and Central America, of pyramide, and walled cities, and gigantic statuary, and mummies, instead of being the reflex of Asiatic civilization are the parents of these comparatively modern na tions.

\* NOTE .- The late lamented George Smith, of the British Museum, in his in-teresting account of the deluge, which he deciphered after long years of lucorious research, wrote the London Tele-graph: "The cuneiform inscription which I have recently found and translated, gives a long and full account of the deluge. It contains the version of tradition of this event, which existed in the early Chaldean period of the city of Erech, one of the cities of Nimrod, now represented by the ruins of Warka. In this newly-discovered inscription the account of the deluge is put as a narrative into the mouth of Xisuthnus or Noah, He relates the wickedness of the world the command to build the ark, its build ing, the filling of it, the resting of the ark on the mountain, the sending out of the birds and other matters. The nar-rative has a closer resemblance to the account transmitted by the Greeks, from Berosus, the Chaldean historian, than to the Biblical history, but it does not differ materially from either (because deluge, the name of the mountain on which the ark rested, the sending out of

the birds, etc. The cuneiform account is much longer and fuller than that of Berosus, and has several details omitted both by the Bible and the Chaldean historian. This inscription opens up many questions of which we knew nothing, previously, and it is connected with a number of other details of Chaldean history, which will be both interesting and their knowledge with prejudiced public important. This is the first time any in-opinion on this subject. This should scription has been found with an acimportant. This is the first time any innot be. The time has come when the count of the event mentioned in Gen-

[To be continued.]

SOUL ILLUMINATION.

The hour is growing late!

life;

sick pains

108ts,

breath

flower.

newed

Which tells of home-of Home!

Proceed from thy blind strife.

Create their own disgrace.

win The long-lost spiritual day.

Love is the soul of life, and God is love; Light is born out of love, and is the

Of man and all things, e'en the tiniest

Love conquers all-e'en death!

solable sorrow. At this season we should put aside all superficial differences of opinion and unite as common heirs to immortality in celebration of this transcendent fact-the demonstration of a future existence!

BUILDING SPIRITUALIST TEMPLES. We boast of having in our ranks the brainiest men of the world-we boast of 11,000,000 of believers! And where are our universities, colleges, schools, temples of worship, consecrated rooms, and other manifestations of such a triumphant army rejoiding in the knowledge of angel ministries? True, there's an occasional sunny spot-a gladdening casisknowledge manifested by correspond-ing good works. The following para-graph appeared in one of our recent dailies in San Diego:

"The First Spiritual Society of San Diego has received from Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pierce a deed for 155 acres of land the Temescal valley, five lots in San Diego, one lot in Oceanside and three lots in South. Riverside, the proceeds of theysale of which are to be used in building a church for the society. It is expected that this magnificent structure will be erected by the society within the present year.'

elderly parties, Mr. and Mrs. These Pierce, both natients of mineduring the past year, excellent, sound-headed people, resolved to do something practical and permanent for Spiritualism while lived. Is it not both sensible and they noble in them? How many wealthy Spiritualists are doing likewise? How many intend to do likewise?-and intend to do it now?

#### IN HADES.

During the past forty years I've per-sonally known scores of wealthy Spirityet not leaving in their wills a penny facts of material differences. for the upbuilding of the truth they proyet not leaving in their wills a penny facts of material differences. for the upbuilding of the truth they pro-fessed to love. They were usurers. They loaned money at 12 and 15 per cent, and furned the poor man out of his rented furned furned furned furned the poor man out of his rented furned fur ies of poor men; and their souls are in sustain the floor, or, if the floor gives hell-hades-the invisible, hidden state way for want of honest support, will re--the lower spheres-the Cimmerian lieve the builder from the consequences sphere of worldly selfishness, where the of fraud. We like and respect such a scalding tears of regret flow; where the world as his. worm of memory does not die, and where We admire our bodies. They are real the figurative fires of remorse are not to us. They are as necessary as are

this city to use these funds with more years I have been living in it, and from that they can readily collect for the con-struction of a temple for lectures, lyce-modifying it to my tasts. Also, do I adun, seances, social conferences and oth- mire nature-its mountains, fields, forer gatherings connected with the dis- ests and flowers. I accept it with its semination of Spiritualism. Have not shadows and its penalties: I would in-Spiritualists throughout the country oc- Initely rather suffer, occasionally, livcupied second-olass rickety edifices and ing in the world, than to run away from old dingy, ill-ventilated halls ingrained it; or by some juggler's tricks try to with dirt, magnetized with poisonous think-try to believe a part of it out of auras and decorated with cobwebs, about existence. Decidedly would I prefer to long enough? What are the 11,000,000 run the risk of its poison than to lose doing?

### THANKS-THANKS.

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But thanks-thanks to the San Diego speaks to my consciousness. Plances. They have shown their faithheir knowledge of the truth by their works .... How many will go and do like-

vise? Spirits like clean, sweet and con-

also to effect the suppression of the Cuban rebellion. has a crack or a flaw. There is no pois-on. Then let us give up all temperance legislation, for alcohol is as harmless as water. Sanitary laws do not hold. The priests, thousands of members of religcoast of Africa, therefore, is as healthy as a New England hill; llons and moslous, congregations and the civil and

It is very difficult to reply to the above

as it is worthy of the name the

disease, death are only "beliefs."

compost and pigs' ears, God and grasshoppers are all one—all is mind! Such is Metaphysical Science. Pain,

yet, Christian Scientists have the la

grippe like other people-get sick and groan like other people, have tumors and cancers and grunt like other people, and die-die just like other people!

Let us be patient with these auto-hyp-

notized fanatics-these postponed possi-

bilities of full-orbed human beings, and

see where their fanciful chimeras will

there is no weariness, there is no rest.

carry them. If there's nothing but

quitoes do not signify. Cleanliness and military organizations. All carried lighted tapers and the scene was most filth are one. Let us go further. If pain has no place in the human body, then animals never suffer. Let men beat their horses impressive. "Nothing similar to to-day's ceremony has been seen in Madrid since the seventeenth century. Services will be held for nine days in the cathedral, their obor not; it makes no difference. Let men starve their cattle, if they like; they

ory, is

And

cannot kill them. All is mind—and mind cannot be killed. If man has no need to keep sanitary laws for himself, he has no conditions to ject being the same as that of to-day's procession." Monarchial Spain is preeminently the land of Roman Catholicism, bull-fights and bigotry. Spanish priests praying for rain and for the putting down of the keep for his plants and flowers. One soil is the same as another; dryness and rebellion in Cuba, are simply wallowing moisture are one. and swirling in seventeenth-century, aye, worse, thirteenth century Christi-Again, have we not ruled out sympa-

able laws of Nature.

TO CLERGYMEN AND DEACONS.

Deacon Oldham, of Ukioh, Cal., who

thy? If my sick friend has no right to be sick, if he really has no pain, if my Almighty for rain becomes the child-bood of the race. When the terrible thinking of his supposed pain is only a subtile condition on which his illusion drought occurred some fifteen years ago in Madras and Southern India, 500,000 of pain depends, what becomes of all human sympathy? To think syphilis away would not only

perishing by starvation during six months I saw Hindoo priests, Mohamdelight the vile libertine, but would be medans, and Christian missionaries upon a pleasant method of getting rid of one of the most terrible blood-poisons known different days praying for rain-but no to the medical profession, To think old rains came till the moist monsoon winds oame.

ulcers and cancers away, when they are daily enlarging—to think away a "pro-nounced" fibroid tumor when it was a healthy focus, looking forward to a baby sion that the most successful way of se-curing water is irrigation. Fred Dougbirth into mortality-to believe all pains, lass used to say that for years he prayer God for his freedom-but when aches and discuses away, is to believe one's self out of God's universe into the prayed to his "legs and run North like the devil, he got it." Seriously, I berealm of chaos and moral insanity. God is absolute consciousness-the in-

linite, unchangeable life of the universe. and matter is the outer manifestation, the garment of God. And by studying

matter scientifically, and using materia things as counters, we learn spiritual

was convicted of stage robbery last July and brought from Folsom to this city for new trial, was brought before Justice Sullivan on a charge of perjury com-mitted at a former trial. He was held loange money as an out of his rented measures and interpret the poor man out of his rented make a pint contain a quart. No magic home. They lived for and clutched will lift a stone from the ground. Noth-their gold, their deeds, their mortgages will lift a stone from the ground. Noth-and bonds till the very last. They ing but skill will make the joint fit truly. struggled, died—and where are they? Nothing less than accuracy will serve Their bodies, cold and worm eaten, are in the machine-shop. No flight of im-motion back to earth, just as do the bod-enstain the floor, or, if the floor gives in \$5,000 · bonds. A very noted traveling revivalist and evangelist was forced, under a threat, to leave Fresno, which he did in great naste, a few weeks since. menced, involving unministerial conduct lying, and several women not canonized

We admire our bodies. They are real Quenched till the last farthing is paid husks to the growing corn. Especially and justice done. It is the purpose of the Spiritualists of terms with it. For some seventy-five

iailed. As a physician, we recommend and prescribe for these reverend sinner caught-and for others, equally guilty, but not caught-salix nigra upon retiring, cold water baths, abstinence from oysters and all meats, a cooling vegetable dist, much fasting, more Spiritualism, and prayer without ceasing. A good, conscientious Shaker brother writes, inquiring if I see the Flaming Sword, and if there are any Koreshites in California. Yes, there-are some in San Francisco, a city whose magnificent maw has hatched out several sand-lot my senses altogether, and not know the contrasts and differences, the sweetnesses, by which the moral universe Messiahs. There seems to be,a division

among reformers, communists and so MAN AS A UNIVERSE BUILDER AND elected Messianic Koreshite is a saint

REGULATOR. Helen Wilman's Freedom gives

a knave, a lunatic or a fanatic. It is certain that he at one time aped Shaker secrated rooms to manifest in, and also the information, through Mr. W. J. Col- ism, and tried to scoop the Shaker so-

KORESH.

Besides nearly every Spiritualist jour-nal published, I take the Chicago Isra-elite, finding it a very ably-conducted weekly. Moses was a better hygionist than Col. Ingersolt, and circumcision "The remains of the saint, enclosed in a silver casket, were carried through the streets, escorted by eight hundred was a wise command in the interest of leanliness and health.

paired, without the whole body's suffer-

BROAD MINDEDNESS.

I take the Moslem World, printed in New York, in the interests of Moham-medanism. It contains excellent matter, saying little or nothing in favor of polygamy. The Koran permits the hav-ing of four wives, and forbids wine-drinking. I take a Brahminical jour-nal, published in Lahore, India, that is rich in Oriental mysticisms and Vedio lore. I do not take any Roman Catholic publication, not wishing, according to the Scripture, to offend any of "the little ones;" but do belong to many so-cieties and churches. If arraigned for neresy, I am ready for trial.

In line with the above is the follow ing:

At a recent installation in Brooklyn Robert Collyer said in his sermon: "My old mother was a Baptist right down to the water, and she took great comfort in the 'green pastures and beside the still waters, in which she had been im-mersed. I was baptized in the Episco-pal church, and I am strongly drawn to t yet. I tell Bishop Potter he is my bishop and he cannot disown me. I was brought up in an old-fashioned Congregational Sunday-school. I was a Meth-Californians have come to the conclu odist for ten years, and Methodism was a good nurse and spanked me well, go back to her for good bread and milk. So you see I have gone all around, and I can't say that I am all around, and 1 can't say one. right and that they are all wrong."

lieve in prayer, aspiration and the invo-cation of angel-hosts. But no prayers change the Infinite One, nor the immutsay that I am all right and that they are all wrong." No denomination is all wrong; neither is any person all wrong. Let us magnify their virtues and mini-mize their vices. Paul put charity CALIFORNIA CLIMATE DETRIMENTAL above faith and hope.

THEOSOPHIC BLOAT.

In the opening address of Dr. J. N. Buck, Cincinnati, Ohio, delivered in New York, upon the convening of the Theosophical Society for the election of officers and other business, I perceive a most pitiable exhibition of stilled presumption and puffiness. Such balloony bumptiousness carries little weight. Here's a sample:

"If we (Theosophists) fall or grow Hardly had the Durant (ex-Sundayweary we deserve only the scorn and con-tempt of mankind, Our literature exschool superintendent) trial for murder ended, than the Rev. Dr. Brown's comtends backward to the dawn of history. Our grand masters laid the foundations of th pyramids, solved the riddle of as saints-and now it is announced that the Sphinx, and mapped out the con-Rev. T. J. Simmons, of Calistoga, who eloped with Miss Mary J. McCroskey stellations. The mysteries of Greece, from which Pythagoras and Plato from Hollister, has been caught an learned their secrets , and became immortal in the memory of man, lie open to us. The shepherd kings and the wise men of the East are our elder brothers."

Well, if so, and if they cognize such egotistical vaporings, they must be heartily ashamed of you; for the wise are

modest, while noodles are ever noisy. This theosophy, invented and cradled upon the bosom of Madamo Blavatsky, is a very different matter from Divine Wisdom-the theosophy of the ages! This latter is only another name for pure

Spiritualism. Modern theosophy is little more than crude, ancient, Hindoo Spiritualism, revived under a new name. And this kind jalists as to whether Teed, the self of theosophy bears about the same relation to English and American Spiritualism that the present civilization of India bears to English and Amorican civilization science and culture. Why

Just as hard was it when our eldest Our three-year-old Will had to die.

We are tough, I can tell you, stranger, And our hearts are toughest of all; guess they are made just to trampl Just to gather up sorrow and gall.

With all her long watching and waiting, And grief over all we had lost. Ay Jane drooped and paled like a flower That had felt the blight of the frost.

t was in the chill of December- ...

l shall never forget me the day-When the bars of the body were broken, And her spirit unbound from its sway. No mourners but three or four neigh-

bors, No flowers except the snowflake, For the tears of the heavens were frozen

And shrouded the earth for her sake. Yes, alone with my eight-year-old Susie, And the prospect ahead, I own, dark; My world, stranger, lies under the pinetree-

Three graves where the flowers you remark.

Sue and I planted those wind-flowers, The trailing arbutus and moss, And under the pine in the shadows We sit and talk of our loss.

know you will call it a fancy When I say that they come like a flame And often I hear their low whisper,

That they love us forever the same. You may call it fancy delusive;

Then I wish thus deluded to be For life would be utterly worthless If these dear ones could not come to

me. You will soon be out of the wood,

stranger, The clearing is not far, you see My angels have blazed my path clearly To the heaven they have fashioned HUDSON TUTTLE. for me.

A MESSAGE.

Queen of my life, in purity unfolding, Rose of my life, thy radiant hue Enchants me, from the Spirit-world be

holding, To see a flower so fair and true. Rich as the ruby of those velvet hearts The wine of sympathy thy life imparts. Sweet as their perfume-tender memo

Ties bringing, Or dew-kissed roses in the past, Beloved by those who now the song of

life are singing, And crowned with fadeless flowers at

cares enthralling, There waits a golden gate to realms of

\* bliss; The pathway steep, where duty's voice

is calling, The only entrance is to this:

Then blossom on, my rose, what doth it

The Master's hand His vase will never

shatter. Until He sees the mission of his flower fulfilled.

Eternity is now, and Heaven is here, And perfect love shall cast out fear. MRS. MAUSE MERRILL LEMBERG.

Truth should be taught, and if error esis." suffers it is not the fault of the truthful teacher, but of him who taught the

original error. Our world is older than even scientific thinkers have generally supposed. These thinkers found the earth as it is, Cold is the night and starless is my path; and were ready to take for granted that its population, with man and the lower forms of life, began with the present My cross is heavy with afflictions great; hear an ocean's rollers far away; order of things. Some, bolder than oth-ers, have had the independence to assert see a heavenly city slowly rise, that the various races of men did not Bright with dawn-light; and, from a originate from a single pair. but were developed at different periods, ...under mighty dome, hear a chime of majesty loud-swell widely-differing or ounstances, and that each was peculiarly adapted to the lo-cality in which he is found. They saw Wake; wake, my soul! Life's lord is king of light. He weaveth not the darkness of thy that the islands and widely-separated continents were inhabited by similar animals and races of human beings, and Thine earthly sorrows, tears and heartaccounted for this on the hypothesis that their ancestors were carried there by icebergs, or other natural methods, and to man his accidental passage by cances. Our theory, which seems the He glorifies the star-world's countless more probable, accounts for this condi-tion of things in harmony with the And never from earth's children hides his face: known laws of nature. -Had the earthquake of a few years They turn from him, and in sin-woven gloom ago, which created such terrible havoc He changeth not; He smiles on all the same; And when with contrite hearts we

to property and life on the coast of Chill, floating large ships many miles inland, leaving them high up on the mountain sides, been universal, to the truly pray, We rise above self's valley-depths, and western continent, with a tidal wave as much greater as the convulsion would have been more general, it would have rolled over the mountain barriers, and produced a general deluge. All life, save that on mountain tops, must have perished. Arks would have been of no account amid such wild and tumultuous warring of the angry elements. A mo ment and down sinks the peaceful earth and on comes the maddened, rushing There is no end in death; 'tis life rewaters, Billow follows billow mountain

high and rolls on, spreading over the plain and leaping the highest crags. Ships would have been no more than straws floating on a surging ocean. If a receding wave should unveil a continent, it would be a barren waste of orags, and rocks and bowlders, pebbles and sand. The few, if any, who/clung to mountain tops would probably starve. If any survived, ages of almost limitless

duration would have been required to people the earth again. A general traditionary account of the common disaster would have survived: but no clear idea of the long period which had elapsed could have been pre-

served. The knowledge of the event passed from father to son through successive generations, would be credited to a period much shorter than its real-

ity. Though raised at the court of Pharach, Moses only possessed the knowl-edge common to the educated Egyptians. All the laws and customs introduced by him to his immediate followers, he carried out of Egypt with him. And the Egyptians no doubt borrowed their ideas from their ancestors, who that truth be always present to the were probably natives of Persia or mind, and work without cessation. Farther India. China claims a written history of 300,-

000 years. She gives the names of dy-nasties which have ruled over them for more than 50,000 years. May there not be more truth in their histories than we have given them credit? They have -Tillotson.

had a written and printed labguage from time immemorial. It is very prob-able, as we have before suggested, that China has remained above the surface through all the wrecks of comparatively

modern continents; that formerly the western boundary of a poast line, by subout limit,-Quesnel.

Ser

It is a certain rule that wit and passion are entirely incompatible. When the affections are moved, there is no place for the imagination.-Hume.

that truth be always present to thy Simms.

aimed at goodness more than greatness.

Disorder in a drawing-room is vulgar; in an an antiquary's study, not; the black battle stain on a soldier's face is not vulgar, but the dirty face of a house maid is,-Ruskin.

Charity is an eternal debt, and with out limit,-Quesnel.

The grandest flower-buds burst in darkest hours, And we are waited to an angel-home In amaranthine bowers, DEVOTION. Sidney, New South Wales.

Omission to do what what is necessary seals a commission to a blank of danger and danger, like an ague, subtly taints, even then when we sit idly in the sun. Shakspeare.

Pursue not a victory too far. He hath conquered well that has made his enemy fly; thou mayest beat him to a desperate resistance, which may ruin thee. --George Herbert.

Every great and original writer, in proportion as he is great or original, must himself oreate the taste by which he is to be relished.-Wordsworth.

Have I done anything for society? I have then done more for myself. Let

Socrates was esteemed the wisest man of his time, because he turned his ac-

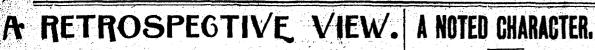
last-Sweet as their perfume are thy thoughts that rise To beautify thy mansions in the skies. Though laggard seem the hours, and

Nor shall thy days be few, for earth hath need

Of such as thee for hearts that bleed.

matter? Let peace transcend, and care be stilled,

## THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER





An Impressive Message and think it over." He turned away look-Vision,

Which Brought Joy to Prof. Brittan.

TO THE EDITOR :- Again I find my- promised to send the message. It self seated at my table to give you was a comforting one, and no doubt some of my experiences with the de- would bring joy to those bereaved and parted, thinking they might be in- sorrowing ones. I called to mind the teresting and helpful to your many sad face of the spirit, and it made me readers, especially to those who have feel very uncomfortable. While thus recently come into this belief. My musing a vision come to me that will brother had told me to sit in "the never fade from my memory. The silence" often, and I did so, giving as heavens seemed to open, and far away, much time to it as possible, for I seemingly, I saw Angelo, lying still found I was now going to school, and and white, in a blue silken hammock, a most wonderful school it was, and I in a rose-colored room, quite alone. wished to progress as fast as I could, The walls of the room seemed more and must therefore keep en rapport like the atmosphere-I cannot dewith my teachers. I had many mes- scribe it to you, but it was so restful. sages brought to me from day to day, Soon there entered, or glided not only from my own people, but through one side of the room, a glofroin other people's friends, a good rious, radiant woman, crowned with deal as you would send letters through the light of the stars. Her raiment the postoflice to any you desired to was like woven gold. Angelo did not

to me.

reach. A REMARKABLE MESSAGE.

had come. She glided up to him and One of the most remarkable mes- began making passes over him, and sages that came to me in those days he began to breathe in the vitalizing was a letter to Dr. Brittan, of New ethereal force she was throwing upon York, from his son Angelo Brittan, him. I knew it was life and health Remember I was living a very quiet to him. I could sense it myself-a life then, having many family cares, wonderful love and peace she brought and the attention to my daily house- to him, for he felt so much stronger. hold duties kept me closely at home, She then quietly left him without uttherefore I was not mixed up with the tering a word. great world outside but very little. HIS ANGEL MOTHER.

A friend who became interested in Now, through some subtile law, I me loaned me Dr. Brittan's book, knew she was his mother, the angel "Man and His Relations," in which I he first met after saying good-by to became intensely interested, and earthly friends. How comforting to through it I came in touch with the know some of our friends will be with mental and moral power of that great us when that final hour comes to lay soul and often when tired from over- off these crude bodies for something work would, while resting, hold it in better, if we have earned it. What a my hands and sense a subtile force glorified soul she was. coming from it to me. I have learned I had the pleasure, a year after this since then what that power or force is, message was given, while- at Dr. and often surround myself with books Brittan's house, of turning through and periodicals which I have not time their family album, and showing them to read in any other way only as I Angelo's and the mother's pictures, absorb the vibrations that come from which was very convincing to them

them, and thus I become more or less that I had actually seen them. But I acquainted with their author's am wandering. thoughts. That may seem strange to I deliberated some two weeks, and vou. my friends, but it is nevertheless tried to find out particulars through true. "There are more things in the some of the old Spiritualists in Worheavens and the earth than ye have cester, Mass., for my home was there

dreamed of. Horatio." I have found at that time; but it was not for me to it so at least. know, for those I asked and read the SPIRIT HAND.

message to knew nothing about Dr. In regard to the message sent to Dr. Brittan's family, but all said to me, Brittan, I will say that I knew noth- "Send it." I felt more and more ining of him or his family, only that he clined each day to send it, and I so well known that he was almost was a writer and lecturer; but one day finally did so, and when I mailed it a daily besieged for assistance of some while about my work I felt a spirit voice from out the atmosphere spoke kind. Few men in this world have hand take me by the arm as if to lead and said: "You will soon hear from been so much maligned and misunderme, and I passively followed to my it," and I did in about two weeks. table where I kept my writing macommencing this way:

Mark M. Pomeroy Passed to |it, and said: "If you knew how much good it would do my dear old father, you would not say nay." The passing away, on May 80, 1896, I said to him: "Give me time to

of this remarkable man, and in some respects strangely contradictory charing very sad, and became invisible acter, has been the theme of many newspaper commentaries. For more

AN IMPRESSIVE VISION. I sat very still for a ew moments, thinking what I should do. I had

been intimately acquainted with Mr, Pomeroy. His nature was a complex one, but a more generous lover of humanity I have never met, and, taking him as a whole, we shall not soon look upon his like again. For many years Mr. Pomeroy has been a confirmed Spiritualist. His enquiring mind, assisted by severe legal training, enabled him to sift testimony in an unbiased manner. His outspoken manner of thought, verbally and written, has subjected him to much unfavorable and unjust criticisms, but in all matters where impartial justice place. Generous and benevolent to a accumulation of money, he made it his servant instead of his master, and constantly used it for the benefit of open his eyes, although he knew she the unfortunate. "Thine for the

Spirit-Life.

than a quarter of a century I have

right," was his life motto, and he rarely wrote a letter to friend or foe that did not end with this grand sentiment, and 'those who knew him best and were most intimate with his strange "ups and downs" in life will cheerfully endorse the post Heine's touching tribute to a similar nature:

"His heart was like the ocean: It had storm and ebb and flow; And many a pearl was hidden In its silent depths below."

His almost innumerable writings upon various subjects connected with the upbuilding of humanity, aside from his political essays, will always form an interesting episode in American literature. That Brick Pomeroy had warm friends and bitter enemies. like most men of decided individuality, all will admit, but that he left the world better than he found it for his having passed through it, few, I think, will attempt to deny. His nature was

not of the despondent kind, but buoyant and hopeful. So many unkind criticisms constantly reached hirr, that it is a wonder he retained his faith in humanity, and strange as it may seem, some of his most bitter enemies were those whom he had bountifully aided with heart and purse. "Ingratitude," said he to me one day, "is word not necessary to put in the dictionaries, as it is to be found everywhere." His constant benevolence was

stood. During our long acquaintance Dr. Brittan came from New York I never remember of hearing him terial. I sat down, picked up my to see me at my home. How glad I speak an unkind word of any human pencil and began writing a com- was to meet him. He seemed just as being. If he had anything to say munication from a son to his father, glad to see me, and said: "I never about a public man, it was always said had a message do me so much good, in a public manner. It was impos-

"MY DEAR OLD FATHER:-I come and had you known my son from his sible, apparently, for him to descend Some Hints About "Chela," bring the glad tidings that the one cradle to his grave you could not have to the ordinary

his hero enters = the presence of the Pontiff at night, and is astonished at what he hears from the lips of Leo XIII.

"Your book is accursed," exclaims the Pope. "Lourdes must not be at-tacked. The dogma must suffer no

change, and the works of Saint Thomas give sufficient answer to science." This is the gist of the Pontiff's reasoning, and the French priest goes from the presence of the successor of

Saint Peter outwindly submissive, but a rebel at hearty. The abbe then shakes the dust of Rome from his shoes and returns to Paris in order to propagate ideas of which we shall hear in the next link of the trilogy.

### Material for a Talmagian Sermon.

THE ST. LOUIS CYCLONE-WHY HAS IT NOT BEEN UTILIZED ERE THIS?

According to Christian ministers of the Talmagian school, such disasters as the Chicago fire, the Johnstown was concerned, Brick Pomeroy's heart flood, and like calamities, have been was invariably found to be in the right | characterized as the "providences of God" visited upon the wicked, I fault, possessing great talent for the have been looking for a like expression from the pulpit in regard to the recent terrible cyclone which visited St. Louis, but have failed to find any such reference to it.

I presume the reason for such failure is the rather perplexing fact that God's own churches suffered equally with the property of the godless in the great work of destruction, and that the Christian accompanied the sinner down to ruin and death.

The Associated Press reports that damage to church property was particulerly severe in the St. Louis disaster, and gives the estimated losses to churches as follows:

Lafayette Park Presbyterian. 16,000 Lafayette Park Methodist... 10,000 Lafayette Park Baptist..... 8,000 Church of the Unity..... 10,000 Mount Calvary Episcopal.... 20,000 Memorial German M. E. .... 20,000 Holy Cross, Saxon..... 12,000 Compton Hill Congregational 1,0(.0 Compton Heights Christian .. 1,000 St. Henry's Catholic ..... 10,000 St. Paul's Evangelical ..... 20,000 St. Vincent's Catholic..... 3,000 SS. Peter and Paul. ..... 30,000 St. John's Episcopal..... 13,000 Annunciation, Catholic .....106,000 Now, here we have some \$348,000 worth of church property destroyed by the God to whom such property was dedicated. Nor does he seem to have

been any respecter of creeds or religion in the general sweep of destruction which he caused. All sufchurches went down together.

I would like to see Brother Talmage or some other outhodox interpreter of this calamity reconcile the fact of so much destruction of valuable church property with the theory of the visitation of an "angry God."

### H. V. SWERINGEN.

"Adept" and "Mahatma."

## CALIFORNIA.

TO THE EDITOR :- May 24th was a red letter day to the California Spiritualists, for that date marked not only the beginning of the three days' convention, but also the liberality and kind courtesy of the great San Francisco dailies. Golden Gate Hall, in which the convention was held, has a seating capacity of 1,200, and this comfortable and commodious building was inadequate to meet the dedemands of the crowds who thronged

each session. All the societies in the State entered head and soul into this movement, and the harmony that prevailed during the vast assemblage, exemplified the old adage, "In Union there is strength." Not a dissenting voice was heard; all set to work to make the convention a success. and every Spiritualist can now point with pride to the epoch in the annals of modern Spiritualism, when the public respect was commanded, to the days when the press sent able and fair representatives to chronicle the efforts of our philosophical religion.

This event will ever be remembered by the believers of the cause in the Gold en State as the year of years.

The stage was most artistically deco-rated with lilies, roses and forms, with light silk draperies for a background. Every seat in the vast auditorium was occupied. When the programme opened with a selection-"Barrett's March," composed and dedicated by Richard B. Young, and exquisitely rendered by his orchestra, Mrs. Julia Schlesinger delivered an eloquent and sincere address of welcome. She concluded her address midsten

thusiastic applause, after which an able paper, "Restoration of Religion and Philosophy,"by Joseph Rodes Buchanan, of San Jose, was read by C. H. Wads worth. At the alternoon session Mr. William Emmett Coleman delivered a ringing address upon "The Value of Spiritualism to the World," followed by remarks from the vice-president W. L Jones, on the necessity of protection for mediums. Mrs. Addie L. Ballou discoursed on "Spiritualism. Its Benefits to St. John Nepoumuka.....\$50,000 Women, Home and Government," and claimed that Spiritualism had done much to elevate woman, giving her perfect freedom of thonght and action. Mrs. Jennie Reed, of Hanford, a dea-con in the Unitarian church, was the

last speaker of the afternoon sessions. The evening session filled the cup of spiritual joy to overflowing from our religious standpoint, and was a fitting

finale to the day's pleasure. J. Clegg Wright lectured upon, "The Philosophy of Spiritualism," and well sustained his reputation as a public speaker. Prof. Chas. Dawbarn, who has consid-

erable local fame, gave a concise and interesting address on the "Science of Spiritualism."

President Barrett was the last speaker of the evening, and was greeted with an ovation when he arose to discuss "Spiritualism as a Religion."

The morning and afternoon sessions of Monday and Tuesday were chiefly devoted to organization, and President Barret made an excellent plea for the latter on Monday forenoon, but his re-marks were not entirely confined to the subject; he briefly stated that the nefered alike. Catholic and Protestant cessities of organization were not only to protect ourselves, but at the same time to protect the public investigators from the charlatan element, and the persecution men are now undergoing in many States of the Union for their be liefs.

At the conclusion of the president's address, which was greeted with loud ap-plause, J. J. Morse, the official lecturer of the Psychical Research Society, was introduced and spoke of the affairs of Spiritualism in Great Britain. He spoke feelingly of the Spiritualistic pe-riodical for children, the Lyceum Ban-

have reference is your State organizer, Mrs: Elizabeth Sloper. His words brought down the house, and Mrs. It is Coming to the Front Grandly. moment was one of the happiest of her busy life, and that she felt amply repaid for her arduous labors of the past few days. This ended the literary part of the program, and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Then handshaking and congratulations were

in order-kind words and expressions o gratitude were legion. Thus ended the first spiritual convention in the city by the Western sea. E. K. D.

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that I am still with you, and will con- convenient. I promised him I would, was the first that looked out of Par- come his present wife, if still living, adise upon me as I closed my eyes to will verify. earthly scenes, and Brother Sammy Many years have rolled away since came too, with joyful, beaming face, this message came to me. Dr. Brittan born of a love unknown on earth. Oh! was called home between two and came to this sensitive because she reunion that must have been, for he

know now it was all right that I came did not finish his work, but presume of life." here and am satisfied."

he has demonstrated his, mental I will not give more of the message, force upon many spiritual sensitives as it was of a private nature, but the wherever and whenever he could find beautiful and holy influence he them, whether on heathen or on brought to me can never be effaced. Christian ground. I wish we had The loyal and tender devotion of more like him, and I hope he will be son and brother to his family was like inclined to throw upon my brain many the dew that sinks into the flower to of the truths he has learned of on the and most cultured people in the coun-

nourish it, refreshing and invigorating other side. it, and the communication was filled 1 know beyond a doubt there is with just such love and sympathy communion between the two fully realize that "to die is to gain." running through it like a golden worlds, and that the world of spirits chain, linking them to him more is populous. It is constantly being closely than could be in earth life; it augmented and peopled by a great was pathetic and real. multitude that no man can number.

After the letter was finished he It is a tangible world. It was not stood heside me, and then and there peopled with ghosts and specters' his whole life came before me, from shadows and outlines of beings, but cradle to grave. I knew all the grand with persons, palpable to the apprepossibilities that were his; his fine hension; its companionships are real, spiritual perceptions; his keen ana- veritable; its loves are distinct; its life lytical mind; the sensitive organism, intelligent. Death will not level and and the great love he had for his own. annul those countless differences of I was able to recognize all this so mind and heart which make us ineasily and quickly; dividual here; each intellect will keep I wrote it all down. After I had its natural bias, and eternity will bring

finished I wanted to know who he was to each a fresh start, and asked for his name. He said he Somewhere down the future we would give me his name, but he shall meet what we most longed for wanted me to first promise to send here, but which we missed in this it to his father. Without stopping present life; and what L pray for to think I told him I would. He purely, the answer being impossible then told me his name was Angelo in this life, will then and there be given me, and I shall have it eternally. Brittan. MRS: M. A. REED. "Ah!" said I, "Dr. Brittan's son?"

"Yes." I said: "I will never send it."

Married, My response was just like an arrow Harriet A. Spinney, M. D., and Frank piercing him, I saw how I had S. Sovereen, M. D., were married Mon-wounded him. The reason I did not day, June 1st, in Reed City, Mich. At wish to send it was, I knew Dr. Brit- home, Evart, Mich.

tan had opportunities to interview all the great psychics of the country, and i felt timidly about sending it, and told Angelo that was the reason, and said to him: "There are awful lies or wonderful truths in that message." He responded quickly: "It is all true;

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the world called dead still lives to read his character better; it was per- little minds in criticising their kind. bring back the message to my dear fect; it was all true." He remained Accompanied by noble thoughts, he father and sisters, that I am wonder- about two hours, and we had a lovely never seemed alone. "Be just and fully alive, and can sense the sad visit with Angelo and his spirit fear not," was ever uppermost in his hearts that are grieving for me. I friends. Mary Harris came and talked mind, and he took very little trouble speak more especially of my dear sis- to him as of old. He wanted me to to silence envious tongues, especially ters. for, father, I know you realize let them come and write to him when when directed against himself, and when the final summons came, he was tinue to be. My dear mother's face and how true those prophecies have sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust, as the following beautiful remark to an attache of the New York

Herald a few days before his departure abundantly proves. "Death," said he, "is only a beautiful change, an father, what a great truth this is. I three years afterward. What a grand outbudding of a larger life, with greater opportunities for work and knew not of our family, and I knew was a great soul and had done a good knowledge. I view it just as a young vou would appreciate my effort in thus work for the cause of truth. He was man who comes from the country to coming. I should like to have re- a clear seer, a scientific reasoner, a the city. A vaster field opens up bemained longer with you all, but I Reen. concise and brilliant writer. He fore him; death is but the continuance

> Mr. Pomeroy leaves a charming family, a wife, one son and three daughters. Mrs. Pomeroy, like her husband, is full of noble impulses, doing good whenever and wherever opportunity offers. She has the sympathy of thousands of the best try, and while her cross is hard to bear, we can but wish that she may

J. JAY WATSON.

The Curse of the Pope. M. Zola's second book of his trilogy, "Rome," will be published in a few

days. That portion which has already been published serially has been disappointing, but the latter portion of the work is sufficiently Zolaesque to. suit his fondest admirers. The book is like his "Lourdes," a blow aimed at Roman Catholicism, if not at Christianity. It contains a number of. closely-written chapters on religion and socialism. He sends his hero, a

French priest, to Rome to seek an interview with the present Pontiff. Enormous difficulties are thrown in his way. He is passed on from nrelate to prelate. He finds the Vatican a hotbed of intrigue, jealousy, and

potent influence, of Padre d'Angelis, the Dominican, and of the overwhelming preponderance of Jesuits. Finally

tom Angero that was the reason, and will sting itself to death.
said to him: "There are awful lies or wonderful truths in that message."
He responded quickly: "It is all true; ity of the coming winter would be indicated and cred more cases than anyliving Physician; his successis astoniables. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cases by him, have no fears." I felt in my soul it hats.
was true, but, like Thomas of old, I our humanity were a poor thing but for the divinity that stirs wiltin us. Bacon.

To THE EDITOR:—No doubt by this time you have learned much about in the world.

time you have learned much about in the world. theosophical doings in this town. It is fun for the Spiritualists here and a world of good done by the premature monial from the mediums of San Fran-monial from the mediums of San Franbirth of a great scheme. They were cisco in recognition of her efforts to inflating a wonderful balloon, to be bring together in a convention the floated one year from the veiled oc- spiritualists of the State. The token was in the form of a Maltese Cross, casion.

of the great "T" for the past ten or engraved. Mrs. Sloper responded to twelve years are in a panio and refuse the presentation address in a manner that indicated her deep appreciation. to be called by their old names, as they have adopted Chela, Adept, and the evening, the demonstration of the some go so far as to call themselves phenomena by the two leading mediums Mahatmas. In the future, when you of the United States, Mrs. J. J. Whit-Mahatmas. In the future, when you speak of New York psychics, please of Brooklyn. Mr. Slater came first on use the latter name or you will get in | the programme, and was greeted with trouble. I mention this that the cir- | rapturous applause by the audience to culation of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

may not diminish, but rather increase. as you keep pace with the new de-velopments. The trustees of the in a dignified manner the audience ap-First Society of Spiritualists of this town should call a meeting and in some way arrange the names to the proper psychic standard of the work- continued some little time) had ers. In haste one would say Chela Merritt, Chela Tower, Chela Free, etc.; sided. She then with a powerful voice and well-articulated words that.could be distinctly heard throughout the Adept Franks, Adept Hough, etc.; large auditorium, requested the audi-Mehetme Rarnes Maliatma Scott. ence to refrain from applause during Mahatma Barnes, Mahatma Scott, Mahatma Lee, Mahatma Gray, etc. There may be trouble about this arrangement of prefixes, but I assure them it will be properly arranged when the trustees have time to act upon the important question.

desire to have their fortunes told, standing in fronte of the above-named persons' residence, with the New York Herald and Tribung; in their hands, that they mayi make no mistake in the use of "the new words or terms. A minister, only yesterday, from Chicago, could not get the word "Chela" pronounced correctly, and he got no report from Thibet. <sup>21</sup> ql CHELA JONES. New York Citra Idv

### Annonncoments.

TO THE EDITOR: HAllow me to anspite. He has glimpses of terrible nounce through your valuable paper the program President Barrett was in-greed for domination peculiar to that owing to the stringency in money vited to come upon the platform. He matters, and other, causes, the Kansas and had scarcely complied with the request when a little child, arrayed propaganda of apparently obscure but abandon holding their proposed camp-meeting at Bonney Springs this season. The Association regrets very much that the circumstances are such that it has become to be hold be hold. become necessary to abandon the hold-

ing the camp-meeting the coming sum-mer, but they hope and expect to be able to locate a permanent camp ground the

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HISTORY OF THE INQUISITION with a sunflower graven in the center Just the book for those seeking information con-cerning that most damaable institution known in history-the Roman Catholic Inquisition. Every American clitzen should become sequented with the facts so succlucity stated in this valuable record. It shows the methods used by the Romish Church to ex-ferminate those who reject its beliefs and claims. For false at this office. Price 22 cents. The fellow-clairvoyants or mediums mounted as a medal and appropriately

Next followed the principal feature of LIFE IN THE STONE AGE. THE history of Atharael, Chief Priest of a Band of Ak Aryans. This pamphelic, containing Upages, was wile ten through the mediamship of U. G. Figiey, and is up tensely interesting. Price 80 conta. For asle at thy effice. whom he is so well known. Mrs. J.J. Whitney, the renowned me-

dium, was then introduced and as she Mrs. Whitney possesses a rare stage presence, and in an unostentatious manner waited until the applause (which sub the time she was under control, claiming that frequent outbursts disturbed the conditions and that better results would be obtained where peace reigned The convention resulted in the organizing of the California State Spiritualist Association. After much deliberation

nportant question. You ought to see the people who esire to have their fortunes told, year: The names were as follows: Presdent, C. H. Wadsworth, San Francisco; vice-president, W. D. J. Hambley, San Jose; secretary, Mrs. Julia Schlesinger, San Francisco; treasurer, William M. Rider, San Francisco. Directors, Mrs. Elizabeth Sloper, San Francisco; Mr. S. D. Dye, Los Angeles; Mr. George Rog-ers, San Diego; Frank H. Parker, Santa Cruz; Mrs. Cowell, Oakland. On vote these were chosen to be officers for the term. Mrs. Julia Schlesinger was elected State historian; Mrs. E. Sloper, State organizer. A rising vote of thanks to President Barrett was taken for his kindness and good counsel.

A reception given on Tuesday even-to Mr. Barrett was a brilliant and suc-cessful event. At the conclusion of the program President Barrett was in-vited to come upon the platform. He your pathway be as bright and golden as

its contents.". The president of the National Association, though somewhat bewildered by this practical appreciation (\$100 in gold for the N. S. A.), heartily thanked to locate a perminiant camp ground the charlon, intolgin somewar owned to the the practical appreciation (\$100 in There will be a Spiritualist camp, pold for the N.S. A.), heartily thanked meeting at East Fairmount, Leaven his friends, but said the real person to worth county, Kansas about the first of whom should be due the gratitude of Soptember, which, will continue about you all is not I, but it is one who has ten days. It is desired that all who can should attend the meeting. Announce terestedly than myself for the success of how be afforts this convention, and how her efforts have been rewarded the results we have ment of the time, etc., will be made this convention, and how her efforts later. O. G. RICHARDS, have been rewarded the results we have service attained show. The person to whom I

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Snakes Made to Appear in Fire by African Wizards.

Tautriadelta Tells of the Unearthly Marvels He Has

### Seen in Africa.

#### William T. Stead, the Spiritualist, Believes in Him.

A real magician, well-dressed, with close-cropped hair and waxed moustache, is a curious figure in the world of to-day. There is one, though, in Eng--land, whom Mr. Stead, London editor of the Review of Reviews, and one time of my acquaintance with them, they both burst out into a genuine, hearty, firm Spiritualist, believes so strongly unsophisticated peal of laughter. that he gives him fifteen pages of his magazine, Borderland, to recount his weird experiences. His name is Tautriadelta,

Mr. Stead says: "The writer of the following extraordinary fragment of autoblography is one of the most re-markable persons I ever met.<sup>31</sup> Tantriadelta was a pupil of Lord Lyt-ton, the novelist. He talks of exchang-

ing bodies with his occult friends as the rest of us would talk about borrowing an overcoat. He describes African rainmakers and the marvelous feats of the Obeevahs as facts.

One thing every rational person must remember; It is childish to suppose that we have learned the half of what it is possible to know about the laws of na-ture and human life. A century ago the clearest-headed people would have laughed at the idea of electricity running tram cars.

Two rain-makers in the village of an African king in what is now German territory, the Hinterland of the Cameroons, Tautriadelta describes at length. This was thirty years ago. There was a great drought and all living things were dying for rain.

Out of the sky of brass these two men -"one an old man, a stunted but sturdy fellow, with bow legs! the other about thirty, a magnificent specimen of hu-manity, six feet in height, straight as a dart and with the torso of a Greek wrestler, but a most villainous face at blazing noonday drew torrents of rain.

Three thousand warriors surrounded them and failure meant death. Two minutes after they finished their incantations, while the old man was still writhing in an epileptic fit on the ground, the clouds suddenly gathered and the thunderstorm broke.

"After it was over," says the writer, "I visited the rain-makers, who were fortunately allotted the next but to mine. I found that they both spoke Soosoo and a little Arabic (which last they had picked up from the Arab slave-dealers of the interior), so we got on finely.

"By certain means known to all occultists I at once acquired their confidence, and they agreed to show me what they could do. There was a fire on the ground in the centre of the hut, and we seated ourselves around it, at the three angles of an imaginary triangle. "Throwing some dried herbs and min-

eral powders (all of which I carefully examined and identified) into the fire, they commenced singing and rocking themselves backward and forward.

A MYSTIC SNAKE-DANCE.

"This continued for a few minutes, when, all rising to our feet but keeping the same relative positions, the old man began making a series of motions, like mesmeric passes, over the fire. Almost instantly the fire seemed alive with snakes, which crawled out of the fire in, snakes, which crawled out of the fire in scores, and in which I recognized the most deadly scrpent on the face of the ful person than Rider Haggard's "She." earth, the African tic-polonga. These

evening, just after sunset, they were quite willing to resume the seance. This time we formed an isosceles triangle, in stead of an equilatoral, I occupying the apex. They were very particular on both occasions in getting the exact distance they required,

tance they required, "I sat, therefore, at the apex and they stood at the other two angles. Then the old man began reciting in a loud voice, the other occasionally joining in at reg-ular rhythmic intervals. Presently, as I looked, I saw the old man gradually growing taller and taller until he was level with the 6-foot Soosoo. Then they both began to slowly shoot upwards till their heads touched the roof of the hut, about nine feet. Still keeping on the recitation, they decreased in height minute by minute, till a couple of manikins not more than two feet in height stood before me. They looked very re-pulsive, but horribly grotesque. Then they gradually resumed their natural height; and, for the first and last time

BLOODY KNIFE DANCE,

"But this was only for a moment; for the next was to be a more serious performance-a reproduction of one of the far-famed mysteries of Baal, when his priests danced before his altar and gashed themselves with knives.<sup>1</sup>

"For this performance. I had to remove from my position at the apex of the triangle and stand out of the way against the wall of the hut. The two performers began by slowly walking round the fire in as wide a circle as the space would permit, and every now and hen, revolving on their own axes, singing a dirge-like chant. Presently they uickened the time, both of their singing and movement-discontinuing the walking altogether, and progressing round the circle slowly by spinning like tops-the two men going in opposite di-rections. Round and round they went, fiercely gyrating and shouting their song louder and louder, until it ended in a series of ear-splitting shricks. Then suddenly, in each man's hand ap peared a glittering knife with which, every time they passed each other-twice in each circle-they gashed their naked flesh in the breast, arms, face

#### and sides. "The scene now became one of sickening horror-the whirling black figures, streaming with blood; the ear-splitting yells in that confined space; the glaring

eyeballs, and demoniac expression of their faces; and, above all, the Lorrible smell of the flowing negro blood seemed like a terrific nightmare or a scene in Pandemonium, I have pretty strong nerves, but I found the strain on then intense, and I was truly glad when the old man suddenly stopped his gyrations and calmly sat down by the side of the hut, as this evidently forefold a speedy

### close to the horrible scene."

THE WOUNDS HEALED.

Tautriadelta then tells how the old man anointed one of the knives with board. Crowell's companions laughed some ointment and passed it over the at his fear, but he told them to bide gaping wounds of his companion. The edges immediately closed and the blood was stanched. The young man then a heavy sea. Crowell was on the forwent through the same operation on the elder, with the result that when they were in the main cabin below enjoying presented themselves for examination neither had a scar or a scratch.

"I had seen enough for the time being," he says, "and was glad to get out into the pure air with the promise to visit them again the next day. I went the next evening, but the hut was empty; they had gone away at daybreak -no man knew whither. When I asked the King where they had gone, for all answer he pointed to the setting sun. It was dangerous to persevere and I said

no more. I never saw them again." THE REAL "SHE." Sube (pronounced Suby), the Obi or Obeeyah woman whom Tautriadelta met

He says:

the ears invariably rotted in a few hours. TURNING MEN INTO BEASTS.

"Transformations of another kind, of the most hideous character, were the feature of the orgies which constitute the worship of the demon. During the frantic dances which took place, and over which Sube presided, there was a

certain amount of transformation of the faces to the resemblance of certain animals, while the bodies remained human. Not all kinds of animals, only apes, goats and serpents, were represented. Yet, while human lineaments were still traceable, the resemblance of these loathsome objects was utterly horrible and more like an awful nightmare than anything else.

When I was a boy at school I used to read Greek, Roman and other mytholo-gies, and when I came across the transformation of Circe and descriptions of satyrs, etc., I used to admire the vivid imaginations of the ancients, but ever since I witnessed, long years ago, the awful powers of Obeevah, I genuinely believe that those old writers only re-lated what was actually matter of com-

mon knowledge at the time. As to centaurs, I don't know, but as to the former existence of satyrs, the transformation of Circe, and the petrifying action of the Medusa's head, I am as certain as I am of my own existence."

A PREMONITION OF DEATH.

Strange Experience of a Sailor Who Foretold His Own

Demise.

"Speaking of sailors' superstitions," remarked the veteran lighthousekeeper Femarked the veteral light outset of the veteral light outset of the veteral light outset of the veteral light of based on an omen, resulted fatally to the prophet himself. A bright winter morning had caused the prew of the lightship to row a short distance away in a small boat in search of codfish which are very abundant off the capes in winter time. A few hours' fishing resulted in a goodly catch, and a return was made to the lightship. The fish

were cleaned and the refuse thrown overboard, but a calm sea, with not a breath of air to disturb it, caused the refuse to drift in a circle around the ship. Toward noon a large flock of geese came in sight and settled under the lightship's very bows and com-menced to feed. The water fowl besame very tame and swam, chattering and hissing, close to the ship's sides.

"Josh Crowell, a grizzled old member of the crew, shook his head and pre-dicted death to someone on board in twenty-four hours. He said that when-

ever geese became so tame as to feed around a vessel's bow or stern, it was an unfailing omen of impending death on a social game of suchre, checkers or dominoes, when suddenly they heard the sound of a chain running rapidly through the starboard bow scuppers We rushed on deck in dismay, thinking the windless gearing had given away.

The sight witnessed will never be forgotten. Crowell had been caught in the relief chain and ground around the rapidly revolving windlass. His death was instantaneous. His omen came true."

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## THINGS ETERNAL

Their Origin and Their Des-"tiny.

Science and Philosophy Applied to Spirit and Matter,

To THE EDITOR:-I have read "Am I a Spiritualist?" by B. F. Sliter, and I have also read from "Soul Genesis," by A. S. Hudson, M. D. I find these able men differ fundamentally in the scientific conclusions they have reached as to the beginning of life on this planet, and also as to the commencement of human life.

All reasoning, of whatever kind, proceeds from assumptions, which are taken for granted as a philosophical base; and if the basic assumption is false, or if an error is assumed in the process of reasoning, the conclusion necessarily involves more or less fal-lacy. So, in determining whether a sci-entific proposition is sound, the wise person will learn first if the conditions necessary to correct reasoning have een complied with.

Now notice the difference in assumption of these two writers:

Both assume that matter is eternal, but Mr. Hudson assumes that spirit is not eternal, but that there are properties in matter that have created and continue to create it. Mr. Sliter assumes that spirit and life are also eternal, and that by the union of life, spirit and matter under conditions favorable to the production of organized entities, the entities appear, each entity always repre-senting its ancestral type. This is certainly in accordance with all

Neither Darwin nor any of his disciples ever brought forward the slightest evidence that one species ever evoluted from another, and I agree with Mr. Sliter that for me there is not much satisfaction in talking about "missing links" when the links are all missing. The only way I can account for the rapid growth of the Darwinian theory is that people are as easily gulled by anything bearing the label of science as by anything having a theological stamp. With Mr. Sliter, we have hardly more than a statement of bellef, and we may reasonable conclude that may to abbe reasonably conclude that was too abbreviated to be well comprehended except by those whose minds have gone over the ground before. But the leading thoughts contained in his belief are at east thirty years old with me, and with light changes which I will not now attempt to point out, I accept it as more rational than what passes as the scien-

tific view. Not less than twenty-five years ago I demonstrated in my own mind that socalled soince is no nearer correct in its conclusions concerning the character of the earth, the sup, the planets and the universe itself, and the laws that con-troi all astronomical movements, than the account in Genesis. The new sci-ence that is fast being evolved and brought to the front will not deny matter or its eternity, as some metaphysi-clans argue, but it' will recognize soul

and spirit as co-sternal with it. Mr. Hudson says; "There are proper-ties of matter, such as heat, motion, attraction, electricity and law." How does he know matter as matter has properties ot heat, motion, attraction, electricity and law? It is an assumption without proof, and I, for one, doubt its truth. The latent possibilities of heat reside in coal, but heat is not there as a property, except as life is there. The heat appears as fire separates the carbon from the ashes. Is fire a property of matter? It is not proven; it is certainly not a property of coal. Heat may be gener-ated and evolved in the matter contained in a human organism—a great deal of it, but it is evident the heat is not a property of the matter, for it ceases as soon as life departs. No one knows mo-tion is a property of matter. It is true corresents the solemn batrachian as a it is connected with matter, but it is a gratuitous assumption to say it is a ma-terial property. It might, for all we know, be moved upon by a power not material. I have never seen it proved to my satisfaction that there can be such a thing as attraction entirely disconnected with life and spirit. Because we do not see, nor hear, nor feel nor smell, nor taste life in a magnet, it does not prove by any means that it is not there. It is a fact that life is never recognized by the material senses anywhere. All we can perceive in this way are mani-festations of life, and we all know that it is not an uncommon occurrence to have life still remain with the manifestation suspended. If we keep in view the fact that life is never a tangible substance, it will assist us in our investigations. The materialist says mind is the offspring of matter; the mental meta physiciah says, matter is the offspring or creation of mind; common-sense says matter and mind coexist everywhere even in the mineral, and always did, and that they cannot be separated, or one subordinated to the other. There is the same reason for believing that soul forms the crystal, as that it forms the human body. Perhaps Mr. Hudson would say there is no evidence that it forms either. We'l, there is certainly no evidence that any other power forms either. I might follow Mr. Hudson and show how he assumes point after point as settled, that have never passed the stage of pure hypothesis, many of them not having the recommendation of plausibility, to a really critical person. Suppose we accept Professor Tyn could." dall's idea, and those of the Darwinian school generally, that there is "in matter the promise and potency of every quality and form of life." A stream cannot rise higher than its fountain, and logic clearly says, as matter is matter forever, therefore matter cannot evolve mind; that what we call mind is but a property of matter manifested through organized life, on the principle and un-der the same law that thunder and lightning proceed from certain atmospheric conditions; that is, lightning never exists as organized entity, but only as a property, therefore mind never did and never can exist as an entity, but only as a property and at doat has a but only as a property, and at death is ab-sorbed into universal matter. That, like lightning which appears in fitfulness in organized clouds, what we call mind appears as a property of organized braids, moves and makes a noise for a little time, and then becomes non-existent, even as a property of that matter, and never having been an individual entity, it cannot continue as one. The logic of Mr. Hudson's position is surely that what we call death is individual annihilation. I have not time now, and I do not think I would be granted space, to fol-low Mr. Hudson in detail, but I would like to call attention to his summing up "Motion and heat are primal properties of matter." Better: Motion and heat are connected with matter, and manifested through it. "Motion and heat are primal properties of life." Better: Life produces mo-tion and heat. "Motion is an infinite force in nature." Better: The cause of motion is an infinite force in nature. "Motion persists in moving." Better:

"Motion is the essence of life." Better: Life is the essence of motion. "Life is the child of motion." Better: Motion is the child of life.

"Spontaneous motion is the initial element in life's problem." Spontane-ous motion is a motion without a producing cause; and while I acknowledge those we call scientific people tumble into assuming that ridiculous position, such a thing is not conceivable. Prove all things; there is nothing too sacred to be criticised.

SANUEL BLODGETT.

### Report from Cleveland, O.

GRAND SUCCESS IN THAT JURISDIC TION,

Return of the Grand Magea and Grand Scribe to Chicago in time to open the Chicago Temple on the third Sunday in June.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that the Grand Temple of the U. S. will open in the first degree upon the third Sunday in June, the 21st, and will work other degrees following according to needs. Dates will be an nounced at that convocation.

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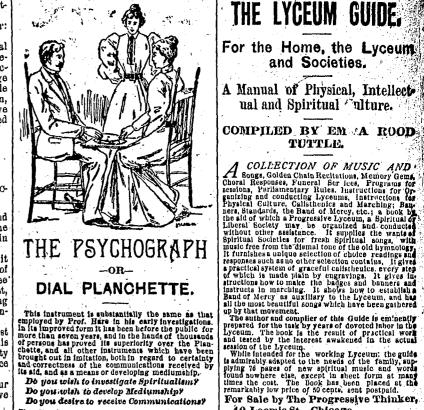
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Popular Science Monthly for June In the June Popular Science Monthly, David A. Wells describes taxation in Egypt both before and after the reforms introduced by England. The Metric System is discussed in a series of letters by Herbert Spencer, and a great many facts to its disadvantage are shown There is a second article on The Mone tary Problem, by Logan G. McPherson, showing how the experience of other countries might be availed of by the United States. The article on the wo-man question published last month is replied to by Alice B. Tweedy, under the title of Woman and the Ballot. Dr. J. W. Spencer follows his history of Niagara with an illustrated account of Hov the Great Lakes Were Built. Dr. Ed. ward H. Magill presents some sugges-tions on Co-Ordination of our Educa-tional Institutions; R. W. Shufeldt, M.

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'The younger man, who had hitherto taken no active part, then opened his mouth wide and a snake's head popped out; he seized hold of it, by the eck and pulled out of his throat a tic-polonga between two and three feet long and threw it also in the fire. I said: 'Do it again,' and he repeated the feat several times.

"It must be remembered that both men were entirely naked at this time, excepting for their feather head-dresses, so no clever jugglery or sleight-of-hand was possible.

LEVITATION EXTRAORDINARY.

"The next thing was that the old man lay down on the floor and told us to take him by the head and the heels and raise him up. This we did to the height of about three feet from the floor, he havhung down her back nearly to the ing made himself perfectly rigid. We held him there for a moment, and then he softly 'floated' out of our hands and sailed right around the hut, I following him closely. He then approached the wall, feet first, and fairly floated through It into the outside darkness. I immedistely felt of the spot where he had gone through, expecting to find a hole; but no, all was as solid as stout beams of timber and a foot of sun-baked clay could make it. I rushed outside to look for him, and even ran around the hut, but, what with the dark night and the heavy rain, I could see nothing of him. So I returned, wet to the skin. The other man sat by the fire alone, singing.

'In a few moments the old man came

EVOCATION OF THE DEAD.

"The last incident was to be an evocation. Other substances and odoriferous gums being thrown into the fire, we stood in solemp silence, although I could see by the continuous rapid movements of the old man's lips that he was silently repeating the necessary formula. After B long time, that seemed an hour, the figure of a venerable old man slowly figure of a venerable old man slowly arose in the centre of the fire, 'in puri-bus naturallbus.' He was evidently an Englishman (having, I noticed, a long purple cicatrix on his back), but I could hot get a single word out of him, al-though I tried several times. The old rain-maker shook like a leaf and was evidently almost frightened out of his wits. He could only gasp and stare at the Englishman. At last he managed to mumble out the two words necessary to dismiss him, and as I looked he was

gone. "Neither of the rain-makers seemed to know who he was, and kept up such a rapid gabble to each other for a long time after he, had gone that I could not properly follow them; but a few words bethered here and there showed mehat they were thoroughly terrified. The Englishman was not at all what fliey had expected to see. What they looked for was a black.

FIRST CIANTIFIED, THEN DWARFED. "I could got neither sense nor reason

"Sube stood close on six foot, and was supposed by the natives to be many hundred years of age; erect as a dart, and with a stately walk, she yet looked two thousand years old. Her wrinkled, mummified, gorilla-like face-full of all iniquity, hate and uncleanliness, moral and physical-might have existed since the creation, while her superb form and

full limbs might have been those of a woman of twenty-four. 'Pride in her port and demon in her eye" were her chief characteristics, while her dress was very simple, consisting of a head-dress made of shark's teeth, brass bosses, and tails of some species of lynx. Across her bosom was a wide scarf or baldric made of scarlet cloth, on which were fastened four rows of what appeared like large Roman pearls, of the size of a large walnut. These apparent pearls, however, were actually human intestines, bleached to a pearly white-ness, inflated and constricted at short intervals so as to make a series of little hladders. On the ton of her head appeared the head of a large spotted serpent-presumably some kind of a boa constrictor-the cured skin of which

ground. A WAND OF HUMAN TEETH.

"Round her neck she wore a solid brass quoit of some four pounds weight, too small to pass over her head, but which had no perceptible joint or place of union. Heavy bangles on wrists and ankles reminded one somewhat of the Hindu woman's, but hers were heavier, and were evidently formed from the thick brass rods used in the coast trade, and hammered together in situ. Her skirt was simply a fringe of pendant tails of some animal-presumably the mountain lynx-intermingled with goats' tails.

"In her hand she carried what seemed point of the triangle. But I noticed that the feathers in his head-dress were dripping wet and that his black skin fairly glistened with rain. inches long, closed at one end and ap-inches long, closed at one end and ap-ing kind of half ivory. Closer inspec-tion, however, showed that it was some kind of reed about an inch in diameter, and incrusted with human molar teeth. in a splendid state of preservation and set with the crown outward. When not borne in the right hand this instrument was carried in a side pouch or case, leaving the open end out.

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### An Acknowledged Fraud.

Loreto litanies cannot be traced beyoud the fifteenth century, and did not originate at the shrine, but were carried there by pilgrims. Such is the conclu-sion, after careful examination, of Father Sauren.of Cologne.-News Item. That shrine at Loreto, Italy, and its litany are very dear to the Catholic heart. The building is a plain brick structure 121 by 28 feet, and 13 feet in height. It has a door on the north side and a window on the west, with a niche in which is shown a small black image of the virgin and child, made of Lebanon cedar covered with jewels. No less a person than St. Luke has the credit of being the sculptor. Remember, good reader, the house itself is the identical one in which the Virgin was born at Nazareth. In it she lived when the announcement was made to her that she was to bear a child by the Holy Ghost. It was in that house the childhood of Jesus was spent. And after his resurrection it was converted into a church where his devoted followers assembled and worshiped.

But, sad to relate, this holy Church was threatened with destuction by the unbelieving Saracens, so the heavenly angels removed it bodily, with all its appendages, to Dalmata, where the good Mary, the mother of "our Lord," made a personal appearance, and numerous cures and miracles followed. In 1294, says the very authentic and accurate Catholic record. the angels of God carried this sacred relic of the holy family across the Adriatic to Laureto. In 1295 the angels again conveyed it to its pres- than the Bible, would exclude it from ent site on the hill.

Proud of Our Correspondents' We have just reason to be proud of our correspondents. No weekly paper can boast of a larger array of talent. Our contributors are from every walk of life, and when they have occasion to write they have something to say besides words. They are thinkers, and thinking evolves ideas, with which every article abounds. Running over the list of names whose communications occasionally appear, we find several journalists who have been, and some still are leaders of public thought, also prominent lawyers, doctors, preachers, expreachers, politicians, scientists and Each has independent moralists. thoughts of his own, and though they differ very widely on some questions

they are a unit in the advocacy of free-

thought and in toleration of conflicting sentiments. It is regretted we have not space for all. We have purposely narrowed our own say down to a very limited space, and have given the room to others, and vet there are times when we are months in arrears of publication, besides many meritorious articles become untimely by delay. We beg pardon of those who fail to see their productions in print, but our pages would need be doubled to

make room for all. It is seldom we have occasion to differ with writers, and reject articles on that account, for we have determined to give the widest latitude possible to everyone, claiming the same prerogative for our self. Sometimes we wish correspondents would be more careful in giving expression to partisan views, and parti-san hate." These subjects are not germane to THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. We claim the right, and propose to ex-ercise it, to eliminate all such matter from our columns, but it will sometimes creep in in spite of the utmost care. A little while ago an esteemed correspondent forgot, and mentioned the President of the United States as using spirituous liquors too freely. In our opinion, if he uses them at all he uses them too freely, but we have no evidence that he in dulges in that direction. If he does, let the 4,000 political papers which deal in personalities, libeling the living and slandering the dead, monopolize the business, we have nobler duties before us. Beginning with Washington there has been no President who has not been bitterly and personally assailed by partisan enemies, but each has discharged his duties according to his be stability, and we are enjoying the liberties our ancestors bequeathed us in consequence with out any marked diminution. And so we trust it will ever be.

### Expurgate-To Purge, to Cleanse, to Purify.

Mention was made in these columns quite recently of the preparation of an expurgated edition of the Bible, by the Christian ladies of Chicago, with the hope of getting it introduced into the public schools. The very act of purging, cleansing, purifying God's Holy Word to fit it for the reading of children is terribly suggestive. The Newport, Rhode Island, Enterprise has this in a late issue bearing on the subject:

"It is stated that the Presbyterians of this country propose to make a new re-vision of the Holy Scriptures. There are doubtless thousands of pure-minded Scripture readers who would be glad if certain historical portions of the Old Testament could be revised out of it. It is not a pleasing reflection that the Book of Books, the Bible, which we are taught, and millions do, and properly do, revere as the Word of God, has within its pages matter which, were it in a secular book, or in any other book the mails, and from the dwelling of ev-We hope no one will doubt the accu-racy of the record telling the story of the training of his children. There is no use in minuing mattern the shrine, for we have only condensed | no use in mining many it has been things are so; and with many it has been for this expurgation of those objection-The great error which lies at the root of this whole matter, is the ascribing a garities, the "Word of God." The book came originally from the hands of vile priests, and it faithfully represents them and their degraded morals. To give it influence it was credited to God, whereas God had no more to do with its production than he had in writing the adventures of Baron Munchausen.

## THE BIBLE. Rev, Samuel Weil in His

**Great Reformatory** Work.

Abstract of His Address Before the Free Religious Association at Bradford, Pa.

SECOND PAPER. The result of our present inquiry may be stated by way of introduction. It is this: The Bible, if regarded as a purely

human production, will be better appre-ciated. Since abandoning the belief that it is a divine revelation throughout, I enjoy it much more than before. The reason is obvious. If we assume it to be human, we shall find it natural to contain error. But if we assume it to lie divinely inspired, we shall be plunged into

a sea of perplexity and skepticism. If we analyze our admiration of the character of Jesus, we shall find that it is his humanity, not his supposed Godhood, that makes him dear to our heart. If a God, his being must necessarily be tran-scendent and awe-inspiring; while contrawise, if he is a man, the distance be

tween him and us is not so great, and our admiration and affection become more natural and spontaneous. "Thou shalt love!" is a contradiction in terms. We cannot love on being commanded to love. It is absurd to expect any one to love from a sense of duty. Hence, the words attributed to St. Paul in First Corinthians, xvi, 22, sound so strange and Jesuitical: "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed." Not very long ago a like condemnation

was inflicted upon any one who expressed any adverse opinion concerning Biblical doctrines. Blasphemy, according to the common law of England, comprised such offenses as "exposing any part of the Holy Scriptures to contempt or ridicule," and is "punishable by the temporal courts with fine, imprisonment, and also infamous corporal punishment." (Ency. Brit., vol. iii, p. 808) Any attempt, therefore, to remove this incubus from the human mind should be welcomed. In last week's Herald it was remarked that theologians, as a rule, abandon now the claim that the Bible is divinely inspired in matters of physical science. What we have to do now is to prove that

the same concession must be made by theologians in matters of moral and spiritual science. The joining and combining of the Old Testament with the New was a fatal mis-take, for the Old Testament belongs to more primitive times, to ages of barbar-

ism and cruelty, while the New Testa-ment is pervaded in its authentic portions by the higher spirit of a more ad-vanced civilization. Now, the remark-able fact is that soon after the advent of Christianity a retrograding process be-gan, which manifested itself in the writings of such books as the Epistle to the Hebrews, in which a return to the ancient sacrificial customs is foisted upon the Sermon on the Mount, the fifth chapter of Romans, in which the pernicious dogmas of hereditary sin and vicarious

atonement are laid down, and the vari-ous passages which contain the horrible doctrines of eternal punishment, and the description of the awful lake of fire and brimstone. Yea, the "sacred" writer did not hesitate to put into the mouth of Jesus himself such abominable phrases as "to be cast into hell," "there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." He that uttered the divine benedictions of the Beatitudes, who said to the fallen woman: "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more," is made to say: "He that believeth not is condemned already

because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John iii, 18.) "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt. (Matt. xxv., 41.) But the climax of blasphemy is reached in putting into the mouth of



### RUSSIA PAYS FOR THE CORONATION.

Robert C. Ingersoll Shows How the Price of the Moscow Fetes is the Oppression and Misery of the People Who Earn the \$40,000,000 Squandered.

HILE reading the accounts of the coronation of the Czar, of the pageants, processions and feasts, of the pomp and parade, of the barbaric splendor, of cloth of gold and glittering gems, I could not help thinking of the poor and melancholy peasants, of the toiling, half-fed millions, of the sad and ignorant multitudes who belong body and soul to this Czar.

I thought of the backs that have been scarred by the knout, of the thousands in prison for having dared to say a whispered word for freedom, of the great multitude who had been driven like cattle along the weary roads that lead to the hell of Siberia.

The cannon at Moscow were not loud enough, nor the clang of the bells, nor the blare of the trumpets, to drown the groans of the captives.

I thought of the fathers that had been torn from wives and children for the crime of speaking like men.

And when the priests spoke of the Czar as the "God-selected man," the "God-adorned man," my blood grew warm. When I read of the coronation of the Czarina I thought of Siberia. I

thought of girls working in the mines, hauling ore from the pits with chains about their waists; young girls, almost naked, at the mercy of brutal officials; young girls weeping and moaning their lives away because between their pure ips the word liberty had burst into blossom.

Yet law neglects, forgets them, and crowns the Czarina. The injustice, the agony and horror in this poor world are enough to make mankind insane. Ignorance and superstition crown impudence and tyranny. Millions of

money squandered for the humiliation of man, to dishonor the people. Back of the coronation, back of all the ceremonies, back of all the hypocrisy there is nothing but a lie.

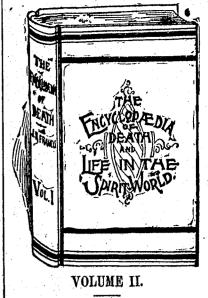
It is not true that God "selected" this Czar to rule and rob a hundred millions of human beings.

It is all an ignorant, barbaric, superstitious lie-a lie that pomp and pageant, and flaunting flags, and robed priests, and swinging censers, cannot not one penny of which has ever yet been received. Wade Park, one of Cleveland's most beautiful resorts, was

Those who are not blinded by the glare and glitter at Moscow see millions of homes on which the shadows fall; see millions of weeping mothers, whose children have been stolen by the Czar; see thousands of villages without schools, millions of houses without books, millions and millions of men, women and children in whose future there is no star and whose only friend is death.

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### CLEVELAND NOTES.

### Mediums and Their Doings.

Mrs. Maggie Waite, the well-known California test medium, is making quite a stir now in Cleveland circles. Her first seance was held Sunday evening in Memorial hall, to a very large audience. Mr. Thomas Lees presided, and Senora De Ovies preceded the seance with

two beautiful piano solos. Mrs. Waite opened with an invocation, and then test after test was given and recognitions acknowledged. J. H. Wade appeared, expressing deep regret that his will had not been carried outreferring to the \$500 annuity to Spirit-ualism, leit among his other bequests, his bequest to the city. Josephine Almond, so well known in connection with prison reform, appeared to her mother, Mrs. Paxton, declaring:

"I am working just as hard on this side of life as I did on that. There is just as much to do." She also brought her father and a number of other relatives.

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Said Mrs. Waite: "I see a funny thing -an old man walking up and down the platform with a wooden leg under his arm. Says he: 'I didn't have to walk on it, though it supported me.''' This proved to be John Madden, a well-known

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I shall in the next issue of the Herald sum up the results so far obtained by our analysis and conclude this part of my investigation. h' + h

Great Is Hell.

What a blessed thing is hell-for the preacher! When business depression settles upon the country; when winter has come, labor is suspended, and despair is depicted on every face, then the good orthodox clergy rush their hell to

# it if you could not get another copy. can each have a copy of the book.

It from high Catholic authority. As and still is a matter of regret, expressed and unexpressed, that the late revisers made flesh and dwelt with men," it is of the Bible did not see their way clear worthy of veneration by every faithful worthy of veneration by every faithful believer. Protestants will not believe Holy Bible what in all reason it should in these miracles any more than do be, a clean and pure book, for no portion Spiritualists and Agnostics, but when of which there would be occasion to thesame lying tricksters impose some apologize." forged narrative which is labeled "The Word of God" upon the people as genuine, it is received as such, and woe to supernatural origin to the Bible, and the unfortunate wight who questions its | calling it, with all its crudities and vulintegrity.

The litany is a sort of prayer addressed to "Our Lady of Loreta," the mother of God. Though claiming to date from the 4th century, Father Sauren seems to have made the astonishing discovery that it was carried by pilgrims to Loreto as late as the 15th century. This is the period Father Hardouin and Prof. Johnson found the Gospels were forged, and the numberless other books designed to establish their genuineness. The truth is: No trust can be placed in any statement or book which has come to us through Catholic hands.

#### The Inquiry Answered.

"Who is this new correspondent. S. C. Adams, of Salem, Oregon?" inquires a patron. That is just what we wanted to know, so we inquired of a friend in that distant State. He replied:

"Dr. Adams, then a preacher, came to Oregon in 1851, his object to aid in saving this then embryo State from the clutches of the slave power. He made his journey overland, and nearly died of starvation en route, sinking so low as to lose consciousness, from which he was with difficulty revived. He engaged in teaching: was made president of our first college; and was one of its professors. After preaching some twenty five years he outgrew his creed, abandoned his pulpit, and engaged in secu-lar affairs. He has filled many important public trusts with fidelity, has served as a member of the State Senate. and at this time is president of one of the most trusty insurance companies. As an author, among other things he got up with great labor, and published in Cincinnati, an Illustrated Chronological History of the World, in the shape of an immense lithographed map, twenty feet in length, mounted on rollers, in which the settlement, rise, literature, arts and sciences of all countries were graphically conveyed to the mind by object-lessons. Dr. Adams, like nearly all the early anti-slavery laborers, saw the usurpations of the church, since which he has hot hesitated to express himself earnestly, but kindly, against its traditions and creeds. Though he has reached three score and ten years, yet his excellent habits have preserved him so well he would be mistaken for a person of forty."

Thus much from our western correspondent. We welcome the Doctor most gladly to our columns, and trust our readers will have the frequent pleasure of reading his cultured thoughts.

Errors, like straws upon the surface low; he who would search for pearls must dive below .- Dryden.

### God in Man's Image.

Wilkinson, in his "Manners and Cus- and afterwards the hand of all the peo toms of the Egyptians," one of the most ple. And thou shalt stone him with learned works relating to that ancient stones, that he die." (Deut. xiii, 6-10.) learned works relating to that ancient people, gave publicity to a great truth etic. when he wrote:

"In most religions, the Supreme Deity was represented in the noblest form that could be suggested, that of a human beng.'

As the fountain can never rise above its source, so savage man gave the world his concept of a God. That concept is reflected on subsequent ages, and is made the object of modern adoration. These later times, with more diversified Deity who, in his angry and changing moods, falls far beneath the dignified, courteous and educated gentleman of the present era. The ininitest animalcule that floate in

pace can form a more correct concepion of man than man can of the Master Mind; because the distance between man and the Creator is infinitely greater than that between the animalcule and man.

### Education Will Be Victor.

The late Mr. Froud, the historian, during a course of "Lectures on the Council of Trent," just published, said: "The history of Europe for a hundred years was the history of the efforts of the Church, with open-face or secret conspiracy, with all the energy, base or noble, which passion or passionate en-thusiasm could inspire, to crush or anni-hilate its foes. No means came amiss to

it, sword or stake, torture chamber or assassin's dagger." Such were the methods to gain power. Once in its full possession they are determined to rotain it at any cost, but education is its foe, and the present indica-

tions are it will prove the victor. Commerce has made all winds her

mistress.—Sterling. Love is our highest word and the syn-

onym of God.-Emerson. It is said we pay the most for what is given us.-J. Beaumont.

Good, the more communicated. more abundant grows.-Milton.

egentle Nazarene the atrocious words: "If any man come to me and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke xiv, 26.) This passage introduces us at once into the arcana of religious fanaticism and persecution. We have seen how the unworthy followers of Christ went back from the teachings of the master to the Old Testament superstitions. But they did worse in making the Mosaic code

once more the standard and tribunal for Christian conduct. During the Inquisition it was considered a duty to be tray one's nearest relations in the holy zeal for the glory of God. The Old Tes-tament enjoined it: "If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, thou shalt not consent unto him, neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shall thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him; but thou

shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, A quick death was a mercy to the her-But we know that torture was preferred by the ecclesiastical authori-

ties. Men and women accused of heresy or witchcraft were "broken on the wheel-their joints dislocated on the rack. They were suspended by their

legs and arms, while immense weights were placed upon their breasts. Their flesh was burned and torn with hot irons. They were roasted at slow fires. Molten lead was poured in their ears. Others were securely bound, so that they could move neither hand nor foot, and over and enlarged knowledge, have given the their stomachs were placed inverted race a grander idea of Infinity than was ever entertained before, and it ought fined; on top of the bowls were heaped not to be restricted to the worship of a coals of fire, so that the rats in their

efforts to escape would gnaw into the bowels of the victims. The ingenuity of man was exhausted in the construction of instruments that would surely reach the most sensitive nerve." the pamphlet, "Thumbscrew and Rack," illustrated, New York: The Truth Seek-

er Co.) 'It was the invariable rule to confiscate the entire property of the impenitent heretic, a rule which Paramo justifies on the ground that the crime of the heretic is so great that something of his impurity falls upon all related to him. The children of the heretic were thus left absolutely destitute, and with a stigma upon them that in the 15th and 16th

centuries was sufficient to shut them out from all sympathy, from all charity and from all hope." (Lecky, Rationalism in Europe, vol. ii, p. 44.) Draper states that by the Inquisition

"from 1481 to 1808, 340,000 persons had been punished, and of these nearly 32,000 burnt." After Christ had abolished the Mosaic rule, "an eye for an and a tooth for a tooth," the rule of conduct towards' heretics' was, even before Constantius, deduced from the penal enactments of the Levitical law. 'Thou

shalt not suffer a witch to live" is en-joined in the Mosaic law. (Exodus xxii, 18.) Accordingly "thousands and tens of thousands, perhaps even hundreds of thousands of persons, most of whom were perfectly innocent, and many of them far wiser and better than their accusers, were tortured and massacred in the belief that they held actual per-

sonal communication with Satan " The Bible, therefore, presents a hopeless mixture of truth and falsehood, just | results.

the front for the cheer of the people. Then commence the revival meetings: then the yawning abyss is described with all its horrors; then Satan with his trident-a three-tined fork-is presented to the active imagination of those born into the faith of endless damnation; while night after night, then day after day with the night added, the sulphur ous place is whooped up until the last farthing is wrung from the pockets of the frightened believers. Then the church gains its accretions, and the preacher is happy. Each convert means thereafter a weekly contribution.

Were it not for hell how could the sensational preacher exist? Where would be the Salvation Army and its de-Where lightful music? What would become of the missionary? And what would become of the capital invested in making Bibles? and what would the colporteurs do who find a market for them? How could the producers of rum and whisky extend their traffic among savage tribes if there was no hell for the missionaries to

preach? The conclusion of the whole matter is great is hell! The preacher labors with the same zeal to defend and preserve it as does the farmer his agricultural implements, the mechanic his tools, the professional man his books, and the banker his capital; for hell is his stock in trade, his means of support.

JULES WALLACE THUMPED.

#### Made a Mistake When He Insulted Tom Hall.

AUSTIN, Tex., June 1.—Jules Wallace, the Spiritualist, has been giving exhi-bitions here. In his public talks he has abused several persons, including Tom Hall of the State Comptroller's office. Saturday night the men met in the Ave-nue Hotel, when Wallace undertook to insult Hall. Mr. Hall<sup>o</sup>promptly splintered a cane over Wallace's head and im-printed his fists on the imedium's" eyes. Wallace at once ran out of the office and has not been seen since. —Post Dispatch, St. Louis, June 1st.

If there is a genuise bad man in all creation he is represented in the person of Jules Wallace. Hisocareer in the West and East was disreputable throughout, Finding)no'successful field of action there he went ito Texas, was cordially received, and, made a minister of the gospel of Spiritualism by some society down there. We earnestly hope that the Spiritualists there will keep him, having adopted him, and made him their prime minister. While there he will not defile any other section of the country, and his operations will be com-

paratively limited. There are some Spiritualists who naturally take to such disreputables, and hold them up as leading light-bearers in the cause of truth. Texas Spiritualists seem to want him, and let them have him until they get enough of him.

Powerful saline and other drastic purgatives should be strictly avoided except in extreme cases. When an aperient is called for, take Ayer's Pills. They restore natural action by imparting strength and tone to the bowels, and 1. 17:

Col. Ingersoll's Daughter Declines to Kiss the Bible,

REFUSES TO MAKE OATH.

Miss Maud R. Ingersoll Indorses Her Father's Religious Opinions in a New York Police Court, Where She Is a Witness-Proves Her her partake somewhat of the ethereal-Humanity by Leaving a Street Car and Causing the Arrest of a Man Who Was Abusing His Horses.

Miss Maud R. Ingersoll, daughter of Col. Robert Ingersoll, the agnostic, has created not a little surprise by placing herself on record as clinging to the agnostic opinions of her father.

This confession came out in a New York police court, recently, when the young woman refused to kiss the Bible and take the oath before testifying in a cruelty to animal case in which she was the complainant. She said that her religious opinions were the same as her father's, and that she had been taught to believe a conventional oath administered on the Bible would not be binding to her. She preferred to assert her intention of telling the truth in some other form.

love of all dumb animals. Last Monday she was riding down-town on a Broadway car. As the car rounded the curve at Fourteenth street Miss Ingersoll noticed a team of horses being driven alongside, one of which had three raw sores on its neck just where the collar encircled it. At every movement of the poor beast the collar aggravated the wounds. The driver was urging the team along, oblivious of the animal's pain. Miss Ingersoll's pity and indignation were aroused, and, jumping up quickly, she signaled the car to stop, calling the attention of her uncle and aunt to the condition of the horse.

The car passed the wagon and when it came up Miss Ingersoll's party were waiting for it. The young woman called the driver to draw up. Then she denounced him angrily for his cruelty in driving an animal in such a condition. The driver made some surly reply and started to move on. Police man Kelly had been attracted by the crowd that gathered, and to him Miss Ingersoll appealed. She pointed out to him the galled neck of the horse, and asked him to arrest the driver.

He did so, and, with her relatives, Miss Ingersoll following, proceeded the station-house. There the truckman gave his name as John R. Brady.

On Miss Ingersoll's charge of cruelty to animals he was locked up. At the examination, in which Miss Ingersoll refused to give oath, the driver was held for trial in heavy bonds.



### A Proposition to Buy a Resting-Place for Their Mortal Remains.

TO THE EDITOR :- Having, with a few others, visited the grave of the Fox Sisters, Katy and Margaret, on Decoration Day, I was deeply impressed with the idea that if the following facts were more generally known among Spiritualists, the place where their remains lie buried would have something erected of an enduring nature whereby it could be identified.

has been collector for the Daily Eagle, they were given burial on his lot, which occupies an elevated position among the hills where the cemetery is located. It seems to me that if it was presented to the managers of the camp-meetings that will soon assemble, that before their close a sum necessary to accomplish the object would be obtained.

This is written upon my own responsibility, independent of any organization. Therefore I inclose Mr. La Fumee's address (care of Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Brooklyn, N. Y.), to whom funds can be safely sent, and for which he will promptly receipt. After the money has been collected, a committee might be appointed to see it properly invested.

In the event of this meeting with your approval, by laying it before the spiritual press, with their united help much can be accomplished in a short time.

Any other plan by which the object sought can be obtained would be their use is always attended with good equally welcome and doubtless meet with universal approval. Brooklyn, N. Y. JEFFREY SIMMONS

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vooden-leg maker. Over twenty messages and tests were

given, all of which were recognized. Mrs. Harry Archer is still here, mak-

ing converts in her materializing se-The materializations through ances. ized type.

Two gentlemen in her last seance were called forward to meet their historically-famous controls, viz.: Charlotte Corday and Socrates, the former in shimmering white robes and the latter in a beard that reached almost to his knees

The writer gave Belle Wilson, the ace-maker, a handkerchief to manipulate with a hole in the corner of it. When the lace was produced, an examination discovered a hole located exactly where it had been in the handkerchief Trixy, the little cabinet control's name, might be spelled "tricksy," she is so full of mischief, keeping up a constant ripple of laughter throughout the seance. The manifestations were all exceptionally fine.

THE MODERN WITCH OF ENDOR

Mrs. Kitty Baldwin certainly deserves this name, from her marvelous power of reading sealed letters and the most secret thoughts of persons around her, together with things in their past and future. She does it in a complete trance, blindfolded and insulated in rubberone rubber blanket placed under her and drawn up around her body, and another over her head.

Thus encased she read correctly and answered forty-eight of the fifty written questions. She first called the name and located the person in the audience, read and answered the question, after which her husband received and read it aloud to prove, her correctness. Many of the questions had been written at home, and in no case did they leave the possession of the writer until fully anwered. In an interview Mr. Baldwin admitted his wife's work was the only psychic part of their exhibitions. His cabinet feats of rope-tying and untying are marvelous, but he disclaims any power but that of a clever trickster. Both our lyceums closed June 7th for the summer season.

the summer season. Cleveland Spiritualists are making preparations to camp at Lake Brady. The younger people succeeded in get-ting a motion passed to have the annual picnic at another place, but it was overruled and, as usual we go to Lake Brady June 14th. MRS. M. MCCASLIN. June 14th.

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The magistrate permitted her to make a simple affirmation. The case is an illustration of Miss Ingersoll's kindness of heart and her

### JUNE 18, 1896

### PROPHECY FULFILLED.

### The St. Louis Disaster Was Foretold.

In justice to the gift of prophecy of Mrs. Pfuntner's control, Narcissum (or it may be due to Narcissum's power of observation of planetary evolution), I deem it someone's duty to report what was given at the Ladies' meeting, Thursday, May 21st. There were seven gentlemen and about twenty-five ladies present, who can verify the following. I wish also to state I have never spoken to Mrs. Pfuntner, except to ask her permission to report this, and have only seen her twice.

In speaking of mediumship she said: "Oh! ye people who pray for mediumship, you know not what is before you! Only a sensitive knows the pain, suffering, trials and hardships endured by mediums. Neither think you the life on spirit side one Narcissum prophesy to you a great sorrow which will soon come to a great city. I know not your geogfaphy, and cannot tell you the name; but, oh, great disaster, great ex-plosion" (here, no doubt, Narcissum gave the wrong word), "terrible loss of life and great wrecks. Oh! fathers, mothers and children will be calling wives, and all great confusion! Oh, my heart breaks." (Here tears forgotten by me, for these words are still burning in my heart and memory, and I give them almost verbatim, without her French-Indian accent.) will be in their hearts for many daysyea, many years. Think ve not our. hearts are sad when so many souls the bereaved ones their loved ones are not far off-they are not gone forever. to the Bertillon system, and a com-Spirit, but go ye and bring unto them Truth '

After Mrs. Pfuntner came from is the matter? I feel as though I've been in a rainstorm. Well, I must have been crying."

May 28th, desiring to hear more of Narcissum, I attended the meeting. Speaking of the St. Louis disaster, she said this would not be the last of them, and we might even have some of them in our midst. She advised all to send out their best and noblest thoughts to our planetary spirits who have charge of this old earth; for thoughts were realities and would create a force which would aid in the harmonious evolution of our earth. If mortals could only realize the power of thought; how evil and selfish thoughts create veritable cesspools; how often one or two evil-minded in a family contaminate the whole atmosphere of the home and make it poison-



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In a laboratory on the fourth floor spring, instead of resisting a pull, reof the Bureau of Education, in Washsists the opposite action. At the end of roses without thorns. Oht let ington, D. C., Dr. Arthur MacDonald of the small piston is a circular nickel is pursuing his interesting investiga- plate, which is pressed gently upon tions of physical and psychic man, the temple of the subject. The presssays the New York Sun. He is a ure is increased until the subject feels the pain, when the instrument is regraduate of Harvard and has studied, moved. A scale on the side, at which under the best men in Paris, Leipsic, Vienna and Zurich, insanity, hyp. a small pointer remains, gives the acnotism and criminology. The methods tual figures of sensibility. He has of his investigations are new to this made experiments on young men and country, many of his instruments be. young women of wealthy classes. for each other, husbands seeking ing recent inventions of European whom he found at the watering-places physicists. He says that the study in summer, and compared them with he has undertaken is in its infancy, similar experiments on thirty-six memstreamed down her face and her voice and that quantitative measurements bers of the Boston army of the unchoked. It was a moment never to be by these instruments on a large scale, employed. He found that the unwith a view to general statistical re- employed were only half as sensitive as sults, have never before been at. the young men of the wealthy classes. tempted, but the results which have For use among the criminal classes he been recorded show enough to induce has found it necessary to have an in-"There will be great darkness and the Government officials to believe strument made which will measure sorrow. Great will be our work on that they are on the right track, and just twice the amount of pressure, for spirit side, for these souls will be held that much not heretofore known as to the susceptibility of criminals is much in your earth atmosphere by the cries the characteristics of different classes lower. There are other instruments of the loved ones. Go to them, bring of persons and the relations of those for recording the trembling of the to them the light of truth, for sorrow physical characteristics to the physical hand and tongue, also indicated by means of the cylinder on the smoked part of man may be revealed.

In this laboratory, besides the new paper. There are still others for instruments for psycho-neural meas- measuring the sense of hearing, sight, come to us all unprepared? Go tell urements, there is a complete set of and smell. An instrument which reinstruments for measuring according veals the electrical sensibility of the brain, consists of two dials, one to Oh, there will be cursing of the Great parison of the measurements of the regulate the pressure of the two poles external man by this system, and the on the forehead, and at the base of psychic man by that of MacDonald, the brain for accuracy in comparison. have shown some remarkable results, and the other to indicate the force of under control she said: "Why, what The most important of these instru- the current. The sensibility of perments is the kymographion. By this sons to suggestion is tested by another instrument, which is quite simple, the instrument, the contrivance of Dr. breathing of a man and the effects Scripture, of Yale. It consists of a

bare copper wire, to which a battery is attached. The current is turned on and the wire becomes warm. The person is permitted to see the operation of closing the circuit, This is done several times, the person being asked to touch the wire and say whether it is getting warm or not; then the operator simply pretends that the circuit is closed and the person is questioned again. One very susceptible to suggestion or a good hypnotic subject will answer that the wire is getting warm, but the person governed by his own senses will reply in the negative. Most of the contrivances are as simple as this one, but they reveal surprisingly interesting facts which supplement the read-

## THE PROGRESSIVENTHINKER.

measurements were: Strength of right- and inventions?

hand grasp, 34 kilograms; of leftand finally a revolting picture to look at. He is told to concentrate his mind upon some person whom he loves, and during this mental process the cylinder is made to revolve. He is subjected to the same tests with hate, case the instrument, accurate to the thousandth part of an inch, records the effect of these emotions upon the injured his ear); width of mouth, 55

millimetres; thickness of lips, 10 A Warning to Spiritualists millimetres; height of palate, 20 millimetres. The measurements of his nervous system were as follows: Least

sensibility to locality, right wrist, 17 millimetres; left wrist, 17 millimetres; least sensibility to heat, right wrist, 4 degrees; left wrist, 5 degrees; least sensibility to pain by pressure, right temporal muscle, 700 grams; left temporal muscle, 600 grams; with hand algometer (Catoll's), right hand, 5,750 grams, and left hand, 4,750 grams. Holmes was ambidextrous, as is common among criminals. His palate was higher than normal, which is about 14 millimetres. His sense of locality was more obtuse than the average, which was that his left hand was less sensitive to heat than his right hand. His chest was contracted, and he had a tendency to consumption. It may seem at first that these figures and facts lead to no immediate practical results, but Dr. MacDonald, by a comparison of these measurements with those of other' criminals, shows a remarkable similarity in respect of the records of many of the instruments. These measurements will be kept, and those of other notorious oriminals will be compared with them. Eventually, for purposes of comparison, statistical tables on an elaborate scale will be prepared, that the reading of abnormal man may be done more ualism was to be taught to the better closely in the future.

Dr. MacDonald has the records of some remarkable criminal cases. Some murderers, he says, seem to be entirely unconscious of any feeling of repulsion at their crimes. A consumptive of about sixty, who was on his death-bed, was asked by the doctor why he killed his mother with an axe.

"Ah." he said, Umy father died, and I thought I would take my place in the family."

His idea was that, his father used to beat his mother, but that he had performed this function better still. When the sensation of murder has once been had, it sometimes begets a burning passion. One criminal expressed regret on the soaffold that, having taken the lives of ninety-nine men, he had not made the number an even hundred. Dr. MacDonald says in

and ferocity. Dr. MacDonald thinks that a oriminal of the calibre of Holmes gets

have much more effect than reading of the Spirit-world-so far in advance the Bible, which had the least effect of our earthly plane that our greatest of all the tests. Holmes gave himself master minds are incapable of conup readily to the investigator, and the ceiving, or comprehending through record may be assumed to be a fairly inspiration, the vastly finer and more correct one. Some of his physical spiritual achievements in discoveries

The instrument of which our earthly hand grasp, 32 kilograms; maximum scientist may proudly claim to be the length of head, 191 millimetres; max- inventor is but a coarse, physical imum width of head, 149 millimetres; counterpart, in some degree, of the cephalic index, 78; distance between vastly and-to us, at present-inconexternal edges of orbits, 110 milli- ceivably finer spirit kymographion, metres; length of nose, 55 millimetres; that takes cognizance of, measures, width of nose, 35 millimetres; nasal circumscribes, weighs, and indicates index, 63 millimetres; length of right the just value of a man's moral and ear, 60 millimetres; of left ear, 62 spiritual qualities, and marks their millimetres (he remarked that he had status and development. X. RAY.

## Everywhere.

One Dr. Matthews, a medium, but a refined rascal, is now traveling in Ohio, lecturing and giving tests and private sittings. This man all Spiritualists should avoid.

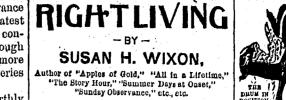
In order that no one may mistake the proper Dr. Matthews, I give the following description of this in-dividual's make-up, by which he can be readily recognized, believing that nature has stamped him for a purpose. Dr. Matthews is light complexioned, five feet six inches high, weight about 180 pounds, broad forehead, broad, flat nose, depressed as a pug dog's is 15 millimetres. Another peculiarity nose, and which deforms him in a manner and by which he can be most readily recognized; an Englishman by birth, and claiming to hail from Brooklyn, N. Y.

This "pug-dog-head man" is the basest kind of a confidence man and will beat any and every one, regardless of sex or nationality. He served eighteen months in the Canon City (Colorado) penitentiary for his mis-deeds, and even this lesson has not taught him anything, for he still practices his nefarious business of obtaining money under false pretenses. He came to Indianapolis and formed what he called the Church of Humanity, where the higher philosophy of Spiritclass of Spiritualists, and many now mourn his absence, for he departed very suddenly when the atmosphere was getting warm. For what he did in Indianapolis, if caught, he could be sent to the penitentiary again for three or five years. He next appeared in Dayton, Ohio, and when last heard

from was plying his rascality there, regardless of the warning sent by me to the Dayton Spiritualists. Spiritualists, why will you not run

this pretending rascal out of our ranks? Why allow him to continue robbing men and women, and stand idly by and say: "Oh! well! he's a medium, and it may not be his fault." To thunder with your sympathy when you have a rascal that will not and does not reform.

I hope the friends will heed my warning, and any that care to address me may do so at Indianapolis, where more cases than it is generally known | I have served the cause of Spiritnalthe women exceed the men is cruelty ism for the past six years as president of the home organization. Yours for B. F. SCHMID. truth,



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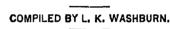
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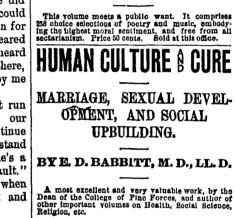
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# A Fascinating Work.

A Fascinating Work. The readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER WIII re-member the story under the above title, by Hudson tutle, which was published in tis columns. At the time, constant inquiries were made as to its appearing in book form. This wish has now been grained. If makes avoiume of 245 pages, in style and form like the "Convent of the Sacred Heart," with a finely-engraved likeness of the author on the cover. The scenes of the story alternately shift from earth to the spirit spheres, and the philosophy of Sciritualism, the occupation and modes of life of spiritual beings, are presented in the pieasing form of narrative. The following are the chapter-titles: Introduction; The House of the Sacre. They change child beath of the Spiritualism, the Science of the Sacre. They child the spirit spheres, of the philosophy of Sciritualism, the occupation and modes of life of spiritual beings, are presented in the pieasing form of narrative. The following are the clapter-titles: Introduction; the Science of the Sacre. They in Heavon; A Visit to the Sarth; The Change Child Delath; Coming to the knowledge of the Light; The Society Again Visits Earth, The Foresker and Decylesid. Discussion; A Visit to a Distant Globe; Reunion in the Spirit-world; Contentedness Not Goodness; Address of the Sacre. It is a book the Spiritualist will be delighted with; a book in which the investigator will find answers to ever-recurring questions; a book which will interest the church member, nor repet the most prejudiced. The prior in paper is 50 censi; unstin 51; postpatic

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ous for the others; whereas a noble a pure mind, will create an atmosphere of beauty and fragrance.

I have condensed as much as possible, and am afraid, this report may lack the potency of a more detailed one, yet I know the value of space and do not wish this to make the acquaintance of your waste-basket and fail in its mission on account of its verbosity. 1

MRS. ELIZABETH BACHMAN. Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Spheres of Life.

Do you realize, reader, that you are constantly reporting your life and character, whether you speak or not: that the retaining effort to hide certain secrets but declares you? Everything is ensphered. Even the rocks, the clays, the soils, impart a like effluence. their environment.

Human beings are correctly esrealm of creation. The ruling affecenvies and jealousies, clothed perin reform, and thence-naturallydisposed to "pick out faults" in others and to underrate them in comparison with the "great I," its color to the seer is like that of a thunderstorm, charged with growls and lightthus educed.

What we think, what we propose, what we speak, what we write, are but repetends of our inner life, of exactly beautitude at which some jeer and laugh, but as true in the philosophy of life. of character as truth itself: "Blessed" see God.'

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laboratory of Prof. Masso, in Italy. It consists of a long frame, in which upon this breathing of different motions-love, fear, hate, horror-are the arm and all but the middle finger actually determined and recorded on a are held rigid, while to the free finger smoked cylinder. The recording ap\_ is attached a four-pound weight, which paratus consists of a brass cylinder the subject is required to pull up and moved by a clock mechanism, which down until he can move the finger no turns it once in every minute. Upon longer. The line on the smoked paper the cylinder is a sheet of smoked soon becomes almost straight, inpaper, which, after the operation, is dicating that there is practically no glazed to preserve the marks made by movement in the finger. The subject the recording needle. Beside the is urged then to make another effort stand upon which this cylinder re-volves there is a brass rod, which the smoked paper becomes irregular supports the recording mechanism, and almost as jagged as when he be-The person to be experimented on is seated in a chair beside the table upon which these instruments rest. Around his chest is passed a tape line, the hausted, but he gets new energy from Animals, fishes, birds, invisibly but ends of which are attached to small the brain, and the smoked paper acreally photograph themselves upon hooks in the rubber-covered ends of a curately records the recuperative

little nickel cylinder. To this cylinder power of the subject. In fact, with is attached a long rubber tube, lead- all of these instruments at his distimated as microcosms of all that is ing to the brass rod holding the posal, Dr. MacDonald can get a fairly below them, and in germ at least of needle. At every inhalation of the good diagram of a man's personal destiny above or around them. Their | breath the tape line is drawn taut, the | equation. There is a lack of accuracy spheres are the most patent in the rubber heads of the cylinder are pulled in some instances where the persons out, and the cylinder is filled with become too conscious during the tion quickens and colors the spheres rarefied air. As the breath is exhaled operation; this, in some cases, affects they project, and hence the "soul of the rarefied air is sent through the the breathing and makes a record on things" with which they are in touch. | rubber tubing to another similar ar- | the smoked cylinder which is not Where the make-up is gross, being rangement connected with the record | easily decipherable. Dr. MacDonald the form of animalized incentive, the ing needle, which moves it vertically has seen so many of these diagrams, sphere is angular, coarse, dark, at at right angles to the movement of however, all of which he has labeled times emitting a lurid glare, unpleas-ant to feel, dangerous to be swayed by. The solely intellectual sphere is

sharp, severe, more or less cold like the needle is placed against the car-electric light. Where the intellectual bonized paper, the subject breathes, Dr. MacDonald's studies of crimis tempered to sweet charity and and every breath moves the needle, inals during the last few years, howspiritual poise, the sphere is golden which makes a record on the cylinder ever, have been the most interesting as the sunlight, beautifying' all the by removing the carbon and baring of all his work. He visited the large walks of life, carrying other souls to the white paper beneath. If the per penitentiaries, and with the assistance higher planes of love and thought and son in the chair were in a normal con- of the superintendents got complete thence to nobility of character. If dition, as in sleep, for instance, the measurements of some of the worst the intellectual sphere, skilled by cul- regularity of the heaving of the murderers and thieves. A short time ture, is keyed to the selfish with its breast would be noted on the drum by before the execution of Holmes, in a wavy line, the depressions and crests Philadelphia, Dr. MacDonald was sent chance with pretensions of leadership of which would be uniform. In this on by the Government to take all poscase the record made by the small sible measurements of the criminal. needle would be a certain and positive Dr. MacDonald hoped to be able to index of perfect mental repose. On get a record on the scaffold, but this the other hand, abnormal, excited, was not permitted by the Philadelphia and exaggerated emotions, or intel authorities. The kymographion was lectual activities or efforts, will be re- attached to Holmes in his cell, and the ning stabs, angry at the world of our | corded in correspondingly varied form. | results are now in the possession of humanity, fighting against the fate Here, then, is the study to which Dr. Dr. MacDonald. In most people the MacDonald has applied himself with feeling of hatred records a wavy line,

this instrument. He has tried it on but in the case of Holmes the line was all classes and conditions of people, most marked and intense. The line to high-school children, persons of is straight for some distance, and then what we are as weighed in the scale both the upper and lower, middle the breath takes a sharp inhalation. of divine justice. There is an olden classes, criminals, persons of the which is the case during strong con-beautitude at which some jeer and leisure class, and others in all walks centration of mind, or the influence of emotion. Concentration of attention.

The subject is made to go through therefore, in Holmes, seemed much are the pure in heart, for they shall several mental processes. There is easier in hating than in the other J. O. BARBETT, given him a passage of Schopenhauer emotions. The feeling of love did not ing the achievements of the scientists office. Price 25 cents.

credit for much more cunning than he actually possesses. He says that if

any man in the ordinary walks of life The recuperative power of a person set earnestly about murder, studied his cases carefully, and planned his crimes beforehand, he in most cases could escape detection for a long time, if not forever.

It has been found that general sensibility is one-sixth less and sensibility to pain two-fifths less in criminals than in the average person. Touch is obtuse in forty-four per cent of criminals, while among non-criminals the percentage is twenty-nine. Although the sense of touch is almost normal in swindlers and thieves, it is always less in murderers. Criminals are more influenced by the weather than ordinary men. In several foreign investigations sixty per cent of criminals were found to be color-blind. This percentage is double that found by a test of 800 students and 500 workingmen. The maximum force of the left hand, as found by Prof. Lombroso, was twentythree per cent for the criminals, against thought of simulation, Mme. Ca normal per cent of fourteen. In the same investigation the maximum force of the right hand was sixty-seven per cent among the criminals, while the normal percentage was seventy. In a large number of cases sensibility is duller on the right than on the left side. There is a predominance of

among criminals. Dr. MacDonald says that the remorse so commonly supposed to gnaw the conscience of a criminal is a myth The worst men conduct themselves best in prison, knowing that they will a sincere case of repentance. Another one studied 780 cases of assassins and found only 3 4-10 percent who showed repentance or manifested any feeling in recounting their deeds. Ten per cent of these criminals, by their effrontery, showed a complete absence of remorse. In general more than onethird may be said to be without reeffrontery in the acknowledgment or recital of their crimes.

Verily, in the midst of the wonderful discoveries and inventions of scientists, it would seem that there would vet be constructed an instrument that will weigh and measure a man's moral and spiritual acquirements as well as his emotions.

If Dr. MacDonald's instrument, as above described, can measure or denote in physical lines and ourves the Hypnotic Crime.

The possibilities of posthypnotic suggestion would seem at first glance to open up a wide field for criminal suggestion, but the evidence does not, think, justify much apprehension on that score.

When the patient's consciousness is much disordinated by the suggestion, he is usually unable to co-ordinate himself to his environment, and is, of course, not fitted to do anything requiring alert mental / wers, much ess a crime. When the suggested idea expels inconsistent states the case is almost as bad. Prof. Liegeois dissolved a white powder in water and told Mme. C----, one of his patients, that it was arsenic. "I said to her: 'See M. D .----, he is thirsty; he is always wanting something to drink; you will offer him this.' 'Yes, monsieur.' But D---- asked a question which I had not foreseen; he asked what was in the glass proffered him. With a candor which set aside all replied. 'It is arsenic.'" Clearly it would not do to intrust to Mme. Cthe execution of a suggested crime.

Again, when the emergency of the posthypnotic suggestion does not affect the upper consciousness at all, but coalesces with it, it is apt, as I have already pointed out, to meet cranium and brain on the right side with resistance from the patient's habitual principles of conduct. Dr. De Jong reports that a little Jewish girl of ten, whom he found very suggestible, repeatedly obeyed his posthypnotic suggestion that she should steal a piece of money left lying upon be treated better if they appear to have the best feelings.<sup>111</sup> Among 410. assassing one investigator did not find 'It is the Sabbath day; I cannot "It is the Sabbath day; I cannot touch money." Another of his patients performed all manner of makebelieve crimes at his suggestion, but when he suggested something the performance of which would have shocked her modesty, she refused, and she refused also to betray a trivial secret which he had got his cook to confide to her. --- From Posthypnotic and Crimmorse, as shown by indifference and inal Suggestion, by Prof. W. R. Newbold, in Appletons' Popular Science Monthly for June.

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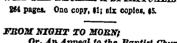
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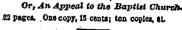
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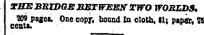


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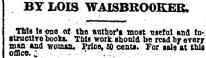














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The Spiritualistic Field-Its Workers, Doings, Etc.

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

companied by the full name and address of the writer, or no attention will be paid to them.

C. H. H. writes from Port Huron, Mich.: "Mrs. Anna L. Robinson closed her course of lectures for the Port Huron society May 31st, to work at the various camp-meetings during the next three months. The society parted with her less reluctantly than they otherwise would have done, as she is to return to them again in the fall. The three years that she has already been with them has endeared her to all, by her unselfish devotion to the cause; and many have been baptized with the truth during her ministrations. Her lectures, which are always soul-satisfying, are followed by descriptions of spirits who are anxious to be recognized by their friends; and often the name is given in full, establish ing their identity beyond question. Very few mediums are favored with such a diversity of gifts, and this society considers itself fortunate in being able to retain Mrs. Robinson another year. We are fully convinced that the only way to do successful work is by having a lecturer for the year or longer, instead of from one to three months. We have of from one to three months. had in active operation during the year a Ladies' Progressive Union, and the Children's Lyceum. The latter also closed on Sunday last, which was Flower-Sunday. The hall was appropri-ately decorated with flowers and potted plants, and as the children came troop ing in with smiling faces, and hands filled with flowers, one felt that it was good to be there, and very many were there, who noted with surprise the progress made by the children during the year. Mrs. Robinson is especially interested in the lyceum, and is never so happy as when she has a group of little ones about her. Her efforts have been untiring to make the lyceum a success. and that it is so was fully demonstrated to the closing exercises. Prizes were awarded to those who had not been absent during the term (of whom there were several) and to the one who brought the most scholars. The children were dismissed with appropriate remarks from 'Alice' and with the promise of a reunion at a picnic in the near future." over Sunday, the 21st. The object of this convention is to bring together the scattered Spiritualists of Eastern Indi-Theo. A. Ibach writes from Philadel-

phia: "A few weeks ago a number of Spiritualists of Philadelphia formed a new association of Spiritualists, and having secured a hall at 2054 Ridge avenue, opened on Sunday evening, May 31st, with a large audience. The meet-ing was opened by Mr. Day, the presi-dent, and after reading I. Cor., chap. xii., spoke at some length, and stated that Spiritualism was entirely legiti-mate and in concord with the holy The president then intro scriptures. duced Mrs. Irene Stephenson, who, through her guide gave, a very fine lec-The Grand Army of the Repub-

will be on the grounds during the last of July and early part of August. Her reputation as a medium for private and

public platform work commends her to our people and the public at large, Miss Lois Moulton, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Miss Annette Rittenhouse, of New York City, will conduct the Children's Progressive Lyceum. Maggie Gaule from August 8 to 23.

George H. Brooks, of Wheaton, Ill., will act as chairman during the season at Cassadaga, His well-known ability and experience as a speaker, as well as his loyalty and devotion to our cause, will insure him a welcome and the good-

will of all friends of the camp. Pierre L. O. A. Keeler, who has been filling an engagement at the Boston Spiritual Temple, will be at Cassadaga

as in former years. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Whitney, of San Francisco, Cal., will be at the camp the entire season. Mrs. Whitney gives private sittings as well as public platform work. Mrs. Whitney's platform tests given while in Washington at the annual meeting of the N. S. A. were of the best, and given with a dignity that impressed all her hearers." J. T. Lillie will have charge of the.

vocal music, as in former years. Miss Nellie Austin, of Grand Rapids, Mich., will have charge of the Kindergarten.

A. Campbell, the spirit artist, will be at the camp during the summer months. Hon. A. B. Richmond will, in addition to the regular lectures on the program, give two or three special lectures during the session on scientific subjects in support of or in sympathy with oursphilosophy. F. Corden White will give tests from

the platform two weeks in July.

Lily Dale continues to grow in popu-larity with people from all quarters, Nothing shows this more conclusively than the register of the Grand hotel Each season since its doors opened for the reception of guests there has been a marvelous increase of those who

have enjoyed its accommodations. Prof. Lockwood, the scientist, whose ectures excite the admiration of all thinking minds, will be at Cassadaga the 11th, 12th and 16th of August. He has proved a drawing card wherever he has appeared.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond will again appear at Cassadaga. She has a host of dmirers there, as well as in all parts of the country.

Chas. Martin writes that W. E. Mansfield has been given a course of lectures, followed by tests, which were well re-ceived. Many of the tests were ac-knowledged in the hall, and many more after leaving the hall. He also gave a lecture at private parlors with good results.

Wm. S. Gray, assistant secretary, gives notice, by order of the executive board, that the Spiritualist Union of Eastern Indiana will hold a convention at West Grove Hall, four and one-half miles northeast of Camden, Jay county, Ind., June 20, 1896, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. The convention will hold over Sunday, the 21st. The object of ana, and bring them in closer touch with each other and thereby strengthen the cause of Spiritualism in this section of the country ... All Spiritualists interested in thorough organization are requested to be present and participate in the work of organization, as there is work to be done at the convention that will be of interest to all Spiritualists looking for a higher and better civiliza-

tion. R. S. Kirkpatrick, M. D., writes from Des Moines, Ia.: "Mrs. Carrie Fuller Weatherford is with us and is doing a splendid work for the cause of Spiritualism. She has been with us one lie of the Immortal World, after which Mrs. Selina Snyder gave some very in-and we think enough of her to keep her

effective. We earnestly commend her to any seeking instruction and development in spiritual thought." James M: Magoon, M. D., writes: We have been constantly busy while here in Milwaukee during the great strike, my guides having been engaged in speaking to vast audiences numbering two and three thousand people in the halls and in the public parks-to enthusiastic assemblies everywhere. There has been need of hard work and free voicing of convictions relative to the great labor issue here, and we believe a great good has been accom-We have been speaking for plished. the First Spiritual Society here at Fraternity hall for the past three weeks, and the healing and seeing influences have been kept busily engaged during week-days meanwhile. We shall ever bear pleasant memories of the friends in this city, for everywhere we turn we are brought in contact with those good promises which liberal thought, pro-gression and good fellowship insure." The Secretary writes that the Sunlight Center Band meets at Hygeia Hall, corner Washington boulevard and Paulina street. Mrs. Mary C. Lyman is president and speaker. At a late meetng Mrs. Lyman was followed by Mrs. S. M. Bumstead with a poem. Several mediums gave short addresses. Meetings will continue to be held, free to all, at Hygeia Hall, each Sunday at 2 p. m. Mrs. A. A. Averill, secretary, writes from Lynn, Mass.: "The meetings that have been held the past season under the auspices of the Lynn Spiritualist Association, J. H. Helty, president, were brought to a close on May 31. We think this has been the most successful series of spiritual meetings ever held in Lynn. The officers and members have worked says: together in perfect harmony; we have had the best talent obtainable: the audiences have steadily increased, and, what is very essential, the receipts have been large enough to pay all the bills and leave quite a large balance in the treasury. We shall renew our meetings in October with good courage and good prospects of success. Mrs. W. S. Buter, of Boston, will be the first speaker." H. C. Phelps writes: "I see in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER a question: Where was the orthodox God that he did not stop the mad career of the cýclone in St. Louis?' Our Sundaychool teacher told us it was the wrath of Jesus Christ, because they were hav-ing a good time, and Jesus Christ saw a good opportunity of showing his power. Oh! what a merciful God!" Dr. Dean Clarke writes from Minneapolis, Minn.: "I am so far on my way o Milwaukee. I shall co-operate with Isa W. Kayner next Sunday. I spoke last Sunday in Fargo, N. D., in the Unitar-ian church. I had a select and very attentive audience, and the minister, Rev. Ballou, was one of my most appreciative hearers.' The pastor of the M. E: Church at Pennville, Ind., having, in a sermon, made an attack upon "infidels" and said that there was a society in town that that there was a society in town that had imported a platform speaker to lie about the Bible-meaning the Spiritual-ist society, he was promptly chal-the grandest aggregation of talent this pear to be found anywhere in the following questions: 1. "Are the teach-ings of modern Christianity superior to the teachings of modern Spiritualism?" 2. "Does the Ohristian Bible teach Startivalism?" The champion of ortho-the geap back is beautiful place on the teachings of modern Spiritualism?" Spiritualian?" The champion of ortho-doxy profers to hide behind his pulpit Angeles, and can be reached by almost and hurl anathemas at Spiritualists.

E. W. Sprague, having only seen Lone for four days since the 17th of last July, and having held two hundred meetings since that date, is going home to Jamestown, N. Y., to rest for three weeks before commencing camp work. J. A. Smith, M. D., writes from Guthrie, Okla., that the climate is splendid and never better prospects for

fruit and grain; also the outlook for the heavenly kingdom is more than grand. The colored people have five churches, the white people have ten, etc. One preacher has renounced the Bible and has started on the road with a sleight-of-hand show. As that is better than preaching errors, Spiritualists have a right to rejoice and sing praises.

Anna Wilson Larraway writes from Detroit, Mich., of the seances of 'W. E. Cole, where by many are convinced of the truth of spirit-return. Spirit telegraphy, trumpet, clairvoyance and clairaudienc are among his phases, lights come and ringing of bells and playing on tam bourine. A brother of one gentleman present painted his own portrait on a slate. Mr. Cole and his wife are doing a grand work.

N. F. J. writes from Kansas City, Mo.: "Dr. Lucy Barnicoat, of Boston, late of San Francisco, is in our city and is doing some very excellent work in the way of lectures, tests, etc. She has done splendid work here. At her public neeting forty tests were given, and all recognized by persons present. She is a very estimable lady, a fine inspirational speaker and good test medium, and for the past four years has been doing a grand work as a missionary in the cause of Spiritualism. She will in a"shor time leave our city for the summer camps and thence to her native city. She is now open for engagements to lec-ture. Those wishing the services of a lecturer and test medium would do well to secure her at once. She can be addressed at Kansas City, Mo., general delivery."

G. W. Kates and wife, accompanied by Joseph and Walfried Singer, accomplished musicians, may be addressed: Madison, Neb., June 11 and 12; Sioux City, Iowa, June 14 to 16; Des Moines, Iowa, June 17 to 20. Their permanent address is changed to 2330 N. 18th street, Philadelphia, Pa.

C. G. Brown, secretary, writes from Santa Ana, Cal.: "Our society has succeeded in obtaining the popular inspirational speaker, W. J. Colville, for May 18 and 25 and June 1, two lectures a day. Subjects usually selected by the audi

ence, as well as a poem. It is truly as-tonishing how it is possible for him to answer so rapidly the most difficult and scientific questions. On Wednesday, May 27, we had Mrs, E. Z. Barnett, the test psychometrist, of Los Angeles, with her husband, Prof. Barnett, an inspirational singer and composer of music and Little Zoe, about thirteen years, wonderful singer, and an attraction to the audience wherever Mrs. Barnett de-

livers her lectures." G.W. Kates writes from Denver, Col.: Mrs. Kates and self are on the eve of leaving Denver for our summer work in

connection with Joseph and Walfried Singer, the accomplished musicians. We expect to make our meetings very First Spiritual Church was a great success and we received many congratula-tions. We have been constantly of late receiving expressions of goodwill, and we feel that in leaving Denver after so long a residence and labor, that we are parting from our own kin. We shall return to this field of labor, but for some

time-indeed all our lives-we expect to

'Fresno people generally manage to

have the best of everything the universe affords. This is true of spiritual as well teresting tests." Mrs. H. W. Hale writes from Meriden, Ct.: "Sunday, May 31st, our association held the last meeting of the season, with affords. This is true of spiritual as well its bold predictions of puone the spiritual as material things. I know you will in America and Europe. At the close in America and Europe. At the close of this meeting the following resolution of this meeting the following resolution the spiritual of this meeting the following resolution the spiritual of this meeting the following resolution is donted. That a vote of thanks be

M. F. P. writes that Dr. I. L. Meyer has been giving lectures and tests with much success at El Paso, Texas. As a much success at El Paso, Texas. As a result a new society has been formed, to be known as Tile Spiritual Truthseekers' Investigating Society, composed of some of the most intellectual citizens. J. H. Wise, secretary, writes from Cincinnati, Ohio: "Memorial Day was fittingly celebrated by the Society of Spiritual Unity. Our pastor, Marguerite St. Omer, delivered a beautiful address on 'Our Nation's, Heroes.' An old vet-eran said at the plose that he was sorry that every soldier and sailor did not hear it. It was an address full of pat-ulation and the golden thread of Spatia riotism, and the golden thread of Spiritualism was nicely interwoven. Her word pictures of the Blue and the Gray, as they now stand on the immortal side of life looking down on their formercomrades strewing fragrant flowers over their once mortal remains, were words

not soon to be forgotten." Frank T. Ripley, test medium, during the month of June has rooms at No. 242 Thirty-first street, where he will be pleased to see his friends from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Mr. G.V. Cordingley will give tests at Masonic Temple, 617 N. Clark street, Sunday evening, June 14, at Mr. and Mrs. Perkins' meeting. The meeting of May 31st was very interesting, Mrs. Hamilton Gill being present. Her tests ware bighly appropriated. were highly appreciated.

E. K. D. writes from Oakland, Cal. 'Oakland was the scene of action Wednesday May 27th, when the officers of all societies, visiting delegates and local mediums to the number of fifty crossed the bay to take part in the session already arranged through the manage-ment of President S. Palinbaum, of the Spiritual Society of Oakland. The address of welcome was delivered by Alonzo Coons. Harrison D. Barrett, president of the N. S. A., spoke on "Or ganization," and the topic was made the subject of ten minute talks by various speakers. After the session a banquet was given in Loni Hall to the president and the fifty visiting delegates. At the evening session, Mrs. Kate Hausman delivered an address of thanks on behalf of the Oakland people. Presi-dent Barrett gave 'a Few Salient Features of Our Religion,' and Madame Florence Montague made an eloquent argument in behalf of 'Woman's Cause.'" Cadet Hall, Lynn, Mass., was very prettily decorated, Sunday afternoon, on the occasion of the memorial service for the G. A. R. The decorations were furnished by the Children's Progressive Lyceum, and placed in position by the Ladies' Aid Society. As the cardinal-principle of the lyceum is patriotism, the decorations were in consonance, and

appropriate to the organizations that were in attendance. Post 5 was represented by about 100 members, under command of Senior Vice-Commander Phillips, and the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of of Veterans were also represented in the gathering. There were also a large mumber of spectators, so that the hall was well-filled. The ex ercises were conducted by President James M. Kelty, of the Lynn Spiritualattractive and useful. The testimonial ists' Association A series of tests were benefit given us May 21 here at the given by Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds.

Lyman [C. Howe is now resting at his home, Fredonia, N. Y. He just finished a course of lectures at the Temple, Boston, Office

"A." writes from Grand Rapids Mich.: "The Grand Rapids Spiritual Association held conferences during most of May, But were addressed on the evening of the 24th by Dr. Charles Anbe spiritual itinerants." Dr. A. W. S. Rothermel is now lo-cated at Hill City, S. D., where he can spirátional lecturer and improvisator, for our cause. The address by Mrs. Hinckley, which consisted of both prose and verse, caused unusual comment

ular seaside resort, and the bathing is unexcelled." II M. F. P. writing that Dr. I. L. Meyer has been giving fectures and tests with much success at El Paso, Texas. As a mend her to the thoughtful Spiritualists of the world as one whose profound and forever from our sight. As surely as you may know that the stars are in interesting lectures always leave a spiritual blessing resting upon her audience that cannot fail to bring forth an abundtheir places in the sky, as truly. as you may be conscious of your own existence, you may stand upon this rock, not of ant harvest. guesses, not of belief, but of positive Resolved, that our cordial good will knowledge."

Mr. A. F. Colborne savs:

and sympathy shall go with her during her absence from us, as she fulfills so unselfishly her mission, the promulga-tion of truth, and that these resolutions "I look upon all Spiritualists as reciplents of a great truth that is a far-reachbe spread upon the minutes of this so ng guide in life wherever they may There is no limit to our Spiritciety, and a copy of them be sent to each of the Spiritual papers for publication. ualism and spiritualization, short of the Great Spirit Himself.

"Spiritualism is ethical, reformatory and progressive. It is the true philos-ophy of life, and presents a finger-post of the society again expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Stuart-Richings for tevery cross-road. Its Mecca is the

city of God. "Who that flippantly talks of 'spooks' is aware of the help and interest that is After music, recitations and impromptu the speaker with a beautiful vouchsafed us from the "other side"the kindly and benevolent influence of good co-operators, none the less existent and real, albeit unseen?"

W., in the course of a review of a Spir-

itualist Hymn Book, gives utterance to these thoughts: "No wonder we make progress when, with all our imperfections, there is still something of the divine in each one of us, 'dwelling in our inmost part.'

"With so many facts for the foundation of their belief in immortality as Spiritualists have, it is only what we should expect that they should have very many joyful hymns on the 'Happy Land.' "In order that it may be well with us

when we cross the river of death, we must in this life think of and live for others as well as ourselves,

"The feeling of universal sympathy should be cultivated till all the world not only believes, but acts as if it beleved in the brotherhood of man." In vain materialism fixes its micro scope, and invites us to see in the cells or molecular atoms the ultimate reality

of existence. For the wondering mind sees in them only depth beyond depth of an unfathomable mystery. The tendency to see, beyond all moral

laws, a Divine and Eternal sanction, and to find beneath the vision of the world an all-comprehensive Life, is as irrepressible, and as true to the significance of the universe; as the craving of the eye for color, or of the ear for exoutsite sounds.

To say that mind is a phenomena of matter does not trouble the Spiritualist; for it amounts to much the same as say ing that mind is a phenomena of X. which no one need be concerned to deny. For who shall say that X may not be, in its ultimate essence, spiritual?

ness, for so far as my investigation has gone, I do not find materialization satis-factory to me; yet hundreds' say they have been and are satisfied. I want to be charifable in all things, and especially in this. potted plants. We are desirous of finding out the truth in this matter, and if this phase is

The afternoon meeting opened with a service of song, led by President Jas. M. untrue perhaps it is all fallacy, and if Kelty ... so, the sooner we find it out the sooner Invocation, Mrs. M. C. Chase, presi-

our investigations will cease. dent of the Ladies' Aid, auxiliary to this association. ization be true, why do not some of these mediums who claim to produce Duet, "Angels of Light," by Mr. and

Mrs. Kelty. Poem, "We Shall Be Remembered by "by Mrs. Tillie Poem, "We Shall Be Remembered by What We Have Done," by Mrs. Tillie the phenomena accept Dr. Holbrook's offer of one hundred dollars for a satisfactory production of a materialization?

U. Reynolds. Remarks by President Kelty, appropriate to the occasion, very kindly ex-pressing his appreciation of the gener-ous support the association and himself, as president, received during the pres-

as president, received during the pres-ent season just closing, the result being most gratifying socially and financially. Song, "We Shall Meet Bye and Bye," Mr. and Mrs. Kelty. Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, of Troy, N. Y then reare the address of the after the world, and this would be a great incontive to others to accept the phenomena, which now stands with many of them in the doubtful column.

Y., then gave the address of the after-noon, taking the scriptural subject, "I

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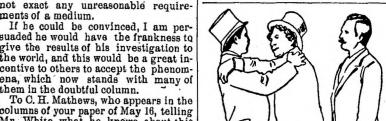
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Lynn, Mass., Spiritualists' - Association. Sunday May 31, this association held its closing exercises of the season. The speaker's stand on the platform and around the entire front was a beautiful combination of boquets, cut flowers and

Wiggin as our speaker. From Oct. 1st to the last of May we have had some of the best speakers on our rostrum, and they have done much to edi-fy us with their eloquence. No speaker has more fearlessly spoken the grand truths of our philosophy than our last speaker, Mr. Wiggin, both in the month of January and his return engagement to us for the month of May. Our audi-ences have steadily increased in numbers, and our treasury has been replenished, and we find ourselves with a substantial surplus of cash on hand as we close our meetings for the summer months. We have secured Mr. Wiggin for the last two Sundays in September, the 21st and 28th. The Ladies' Auxiliary to our association gave a fine musical entertainment, May 29th. All the musical numbers received a hearty encore, as also the reading of Miss Soren-ten. Mr. Wiggin by his guides, evi-dently catching the happy inspiration of the hour, gave many wonderful and convincing tests to the audience of over two hundred people assembled in the Ice cream was served and the ladies realized a very handsome sum from the evening's entertainment. Our experience has been that our mediums are a kind and generous people, and when they are with us a week or longer, have given us substantial aid by devoting one evening for our benefit. Weas a society appreciate their efforts in our behalf. On Tuesday evening, June 2nd, our association held its quarterly meet ing, and as it was our annual, resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. H. W. Hale: secretary, Mr. Albert Gustine; treasurer, Mr. Harry Gough. The minor offices were satisfactorily filled."

#### CASSADAGA ITEMS.

The Hon. L. V. Moulton will give, during his stay at Cassadaga, a special course of lectures on economic subjects as given below. These discourses, we believe, will be of great interest to those seeking information in this field of thought.

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The Cassadaga management have suceeded in securing Robert G. Ingersoll for a lecture, July 12. His subject will 'Liberty of Man, Woman and Child." We hope to see a rousing reception riven to this brilliant orator and fearess exponent of free speech.

Mrs. M. J. Crilley, of Allegheny, Pa.,

in April that kind-hearted, successful est medium, Mrs. D. N. Place, of San Francisco. She left many friends, who hope she will soon return to Fresno and for a longer engagement. Then we had the pleasure of listening to that wellpresident of the association, W. known and popular test medium and lecturer, Mrs. R. Cowell, of Oakland. While we enjoyed Mrs. Cowell's work very much, her stay here was rendered more pleasant by various social features for which Spiritualists are always noted. These social features were considerably sire for his speedy recovery." heightened by Mrs. Cowell finding in Mrs. Alice Treadwell, one of our enthusiastic workers, a friend of fifteen years ago. Mrs. Treadwell. Mr. Grover and Mrs. Cowell were members of the same Baptist church in Oakland. The same Baptist church in Oakland. The surprise was mutual. No better illus-tration is needed of the growth of the spiritual philosophy. On the 19th and 20th we had with us that bright young light, Harrison D. Barrett. Mr. Bar-rett delivered two lectures and far exseeded the expectations of his hearers. Of all the noted lecturers on various subjects that have visited Fresno in the past, none were more eloquent than Bro. Barrett, Indeed, his sojourn here is like an oasis in the desert of orthodoxy and materialism. His sentiment is of that high order so much needed by Spiritualists in general, and he clothe his ideas in langurge so beautiful that his audience was held 'spellbound,' as

the daily papers stated next day." . J. Madison Allen has nearly recovered from his recent illness, and is at work in Kansas. General address, 233 Commercial street, Springfield, Mo:

Dr. C. B. Walkers's present address is Lake Pleasant, Mass.

Sunday in July."

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Two Worlds:

DON. ENG.

The Medium, of Los Angeles, Cali., "The Southern California Campmeeting Association have secured for their permanent use the large building at Redondo. erected a few years ago by the Chautauqua Association, together with the ample grounds around it. The grounds are five acres in extent, and will be at once laid out in building lots, to be sold to those who may desire to become members of the Asssociation. 'The building is a very large and handsome one, octagon in shape, and is built of ar-tificial stone. It will hold about two thousand people. Arrangements are being made to make this second annual camp-meeting of the association the largest and best over held on the West Coast. Some of the best mediums and speakers in the world will be present

President Barrett, of the N. S. A., will be with us the during the first two weeks of the camp. Prof. J. J. Morse, of Eng-land, who is filling a year's engagement with the California Psychical Society of San Francisco, is expected to be with us during the camp-meeting, as his society grants him a vacation for the month of August. W. J. Colville, probably the most widely-known and popular Spiritualist lecturer in the world, will be pres-ent and speak for us. Dr. J. M. Peebles, of San Diego, has promised to attend and take part. Other prominent speakers and mediums are being arranged for,

hourly trains from the city. It is a pop-

tendered Dr. J.-C. Batdorf for his effigo to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also." cient services as president of this asso-ciation during the year, and for his able lectures through March and April, Mrs. Annie E. Cunningham, of Bos-

given without remuneration.' The viceton, followed with remarks on her development in Lynn, twenty years ago, Howe, being prostrated with sickness,

and gave fine tests. Mrs. Renolds, Winona, then gave a fine demonstration of a most beautiful the following resolution was adopted: 'That this society extend to their esphase of mediumship, that of giving teemed and afflicted brother their heart readings from the sound of the voices of felt sympathy for his sufferings and mispersons speaking in the audience, while fortunes, and express their earnest dethe medium had her; back turned toward them. They were remarkably correct and of a most interesting char-Charles P. Searles writes from Colum-bus, O.: "The four weeks' engagement acter.

of Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing has just We were especially favored to-day in ended, and there is not one here who would not have liked to have it otherwise, Mrs. Twing does not make of Boston, who has recently recovered it an object of throwing spiritualistic, from a severe illness.

bombs into the orthodox ranks, but At 6 o'clock a seance was held in the reaches out in a way that cannot fail to large audience hall, in which many mediums, local and visiting, participated, Mrs. Reynolds taking a prominent part. please and interest even those of other religious beliefs. Home talent will At 7:30 p. m exercises were opened with concerted singing by the large audience present, led by President Kelty. Invocation, Mrs. Tillie U. Reymake up most of our program for some time in the future, and; as a result, we expect to become better acquainted with these workers. We will have an Remarks by President Kelty, excursion to the Ashley camp, July 21, nolds. introducing Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes, who took for her theme "Spiritualism," where the finest auditorium in this country has been constructed, so far as holding the audience riveted with at-Spiritualist camp grounds are con-cerned. Moses Hull will speak on this cerned. Moses Hull will speak on this tention by her eloquent address of half occasion, and we would like to see as an hour on the "Religion of Spiritualmany as possible present, especially ism.' Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds then took as Columbus people. Our speaker for the

coming Wednesday and following Sun-day evenings will be Mrs. Elizabeth her subjects for the closing lecture, "The Usefulness of Life" and "Of What Colt. Mrs. Stephen Davis, a. local me-Good is Spiritualism to you.

dium and trance speaker, will occupy the rostrum the following or second Mrs. Annie E. Cunningham, of Boston, made a few remarks, and gave a most interesting seance, especially tests, Lyman C. Howe writes: "I was at Lily communications and readings given Dale Wednesday evening, and it is an Eden of beauty. The outlook for a suc-the person.

the person. A vote of thanks was tendered Sister cessful camp season is bright, and some of the most noted and reliable of the old Reynolds by the meeting for the earnest stand-by medilims are already there, among them Mr. Campbell and P. L. O. and devoted work for this association this being her second engagement this season. Mrs. Reynolds is an exceptional A. Keeler, and more coming, and there inspirational speaker and a fine testme-dium, and we heartily recommend her. is likely to be as good opportunities for witnessing phenomena of the most convincing character this season as ever be-She is already engaged here for next fore, with some new features added. Next week Mrs. Howe and I intend to season.

Thus closeth the most, successful share the feasts of the June picnic and sit under the baptisms of Mrs. R. S. season this society has known, both so-cially and financially, all bills paid, a Lillie, Mrs. E. L. Watson and Hon. A. large membership list, and a surplus of over \$100 in the treasury. So let the good work continue, and all become TEMS FROM THE TWO WORLDS, LON-

progressive thinkers. C. WARREN CHASE.

the First Society) closed a most successful season May 31, and the following resolutions were read and unanimously

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life, and sorrow was as love. "'If a man die, shall he live again?' In the olden days the spiritual element in the race had not progressed so far as to ask the question; but when the blos-soms of the spirit began to unfold came. the during her engagement for the the question and its answer. The true months of March, April, and May 1896, answer to the question was 'No.' Man realizing as we do, that the carrying did not 'live again.' He lived once, forward of our work to such a success-but that once was forever." "Friends, let us assure you that there ly due to her efforts and recognizing in | vanced social reformer. Price 50c.

ns of your n Mr. White what he knows about this phenomena-not what he believes, but what he knows-why not take your me-dium and go to Dr. Holbrook and prove to him that the phenomena are true? C. H. Matthews and you will be doing a great work toward establishing this in becoming a popular solution of the mys-teries of the future world. And pray do not let us have such fogs to wade through as rise from the plea of our worthy Brother White, or we who are only investigators, and poor ones at that, may lose our way.

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W. A. Cottrell: Q. (1) Can a spirit take control against the medium's will, as given in cases of obsession? (2) Is this more likely to occur when

the subject has a defective brain? Would not the subject have to (3) put himself in a passive state, and is not a Spiritualist, or one acquainted with Spiritualism, more likely to be obsessed than one who knows nothing. of that

subject? (4) It is said that many who are called

insane are obsessed; is this true? (5) Does not this fear of obsession prevent people from becoming Spirit-

ualists? A. (1) It is possible for spirits after gaining control to retain it against the

will. (2) This is most likely to occur in one-sided and uncultured brain. (3) The subject might unknowingly

Become passive. (4) Docidedly a Spiritualist, having a knowledge of the laws of control, is more able to throw off unbidden and undesirable influences than one who is

not. It is true that obsession figures largely in insanity, but far more often as result than as the cause.

(5) I am sure fear of this deters only an exceedingly few from becoming Spir-itualists. The facts are that Spiritualism rounds out and completes character, and there are fewer insane Spiritualists than is found among any other class. Replying to these questions in general terms, I feel deeply impressed to say that the power of spirits to obsess has been given entirely too much stress. We are not puppets in the hands of these invisible, irresponsible beings. We have wills of our own and should be cautious in the surrender of our consciousness. We should not claim obsession until every other means of ex-planation fails. Since this subject has come up in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER every mail brings me letters of inquiry, and in almost every instance physical trouble or mental failure is taken as a sure sign of obsession. To go away from the exciting cause, with plenty of exercise and generous diet, is

the best treatment. As this correspondent intimates. nothing can bring Spiritualism in worse repute than this old doctrine revived of the possession by devils.

In line with these questions are those asked by Arthur Moore: Q. (1) So many questions are asked you about be-coming a medium in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER that the question has often presented itself to me why the same person would not make more progress in becoming acquainted with the occult powers of his own soul instead of studying how to make himself or herself negative enough to be hypnotized and become the tool of a disembodied soul. (2) I am just as much a spirit in this

life as I will be when I have lost my earthly temple. Thoughts are things, and by concentration I draw to me the thoughts of others and obtain answers to my thoughts. Why can't I catch the thought of a friend on the astral plane in the same manner without becoming so negative as to lose my consciousness and become a tool of someone else? Is not all spirit control some form of ob-

(3) How am I to know that I am recommunication from my friend and not from some one personatinfluence they receive. ing the same? (4) What would be the condition of the world if we would all become mediums and depend on these so-called spirits for understanding? (5) Why is it that Spiritualists, par-

seepage of sewers may swarm with microbes, yet none be of a dangerous species, and again it may have only a few, but these be of diphtheria, cholera or typhoid, which at once give rise to the most terrible forms of disease.

It is possible for the system to be in such a state of health that the most maignant microbes will find no lodgment. They all prey first on the impurities, that is the waste products in the blood. If there is perfect health these are

eliminated as fast as formed. That such a state of health is possible is shown by the many who escape although in the midst of cholera, plague or fevers. It were much better to gain this condition of health than to attempt to es-

cape the attack of microbes by the impossible effort to bar them out.

J. O. Clark: Q, (1) Would you ad-vise a man of sixty, who has used tobacco for thirty years, to quit the habit? (2) Would it not be well for Spirit-ualists to shield their children and themselves from church influence by uniting in colonies?

A. (1) The habit may or may not be harmful. If affecting the health in any marked degree it is best to "quit the habit." Advertised nostrums are not reliable. The will must be firm. Some tonic is of advantage, as the elixir of strychnine, cas. and iron taken when there is unbearable depression.

(2) Much can be said on both sides of this question, but it is more in accord the genius of Spiritualism for with Spiritualists to be a part of the world, he leaven in the mass to push their ideas, than for them to aggregate in ex-clusive communities. Such communities have been gathered on almost every phase of thought, and all have failed, and partial success—as Mormonism-shows how one-sided such munities become. Is it not best for Spiritualists to mingle with the world, force their thoughts into its throbbing arteries and make themselves and their cause a governing factor in the great movements of the age?

Mrs. R. J. King: Q. What is the origin of Easter?

A. Easter is of pagan origin and descends from a remote age as a relic of solar worship. It is to celebrate the return of the sun from the south; the awakening or resurrection of Nature after the death of winter. Among all nations it was typified or personalized in a Savior who, endowed with human attributes, appeals to the tenderest sentiments, the time of the vernal couinox. on the 25th of March, being almost universally chosen. The name Easter is from the Saxon goddess Ostrt or Eostre, as pronounced by the Germanic people. The council of Nice fixed the day on which it should be celebrated, but the attempt to make this heathen holiday conform to the Jewish passover, has led to the strange anomaly of the day of Christ's resurrection ranging over a part of March and of April, being recorded by lunar instead of solar time, and requiring intricate calculation to find when it falls due.

George Clague: Q. (1) Do we have good and evil spirits in our band on the other shores? If so, how can we banish the evil and retain the good?

(2) Does hypnotism come from the other side of the curtain, and how can we best guard against the evil of it?
(3) The best way to get rid of evil

spirits? A. (1) You have spirits who have been unable to communicate correctly and you have misunderstood them. Others have come who have been uninformed on the subjects you questioned them about, but none of these intention-ally were or are "evil." (2) Spirits hypnotize the same as an

operator in the physical body, and here-by the phenomena blend, and a plausible explanation is put in the hands of opposers.

(3) Be so true and pure in heart that they cannot approach, or, approaching, will become reformed by the uplifting influence they receive.

# MODERN THEOSOPHY.

Blavatskyan Teachings Are a Sheer Humbug.

Its "Hoary Secrets" and "Divine Wisdom" Pulverized by Prof.

J. R. Buchanan. At New York, April 26, there assembled a singular convention of the followers of Blavatsky, who assumed and taught her followers to assume the word

theosophy, which means divine wisdom, though not one of them has ever manifested any wisdom beyond the average, by making original discoveries in sci ence, presenting wiser views in sociology making any valuable contribution to human progress. They simply assume to be divinely oracular because Blavatsky gave them the label of Theos-

The leading figure on this occasion was Dr. J. D. Buck, of Cincinnati, who surpassed himself in highflown magnil-

oquence as follows: "People are ready to listen. If we fail or grow weavy we deserve only the scorn and contempt of mankind, Our-literature extends backward to the dawn of history. Our graud masters laid the foundations of the pyramids, solved the riddle of the Sphinx, and mapped out the constellations. The mysteries of Greece, from Pythagoras and Plato, who learned their secrets and became immortal in the memory of man, lie open to us. The shepherd kings and the wise, men of the East are our elder brothers. "What are all these hoary secrets but knowledge of the origin, nature and destiny of man, and the methods of his higher evolution? We can demonstrate this step by step, and so help to restore the lost chord in the weary pilgrimage of the human soul. This is the mission of Theorem 2.

of Theosophy." A flight of fancy worthy of Talmage. As this is no joke or burlesque, let us treat it seriously, and see how Dr. Buck & Co. are to "restore the lost chord of the human soul." which is not vet aware of losing any of its chords or cords or.

any other apparatus. If we can understand him. it is to be done by revealing some of "their hoary secrets;" and as Blavatsky is the guide or holy mother, it is to be done by rowing in the mouldy remains of the craziest Oriental superstitions that ever afflicted an imbecile race; whose sacred Vishnu Purana still teaches its believers that for sixty thousand years "no other youthful monarch except Alacka reigned over the earth." But this is a small historic item compared to what is mentioned by Sir Wm. Jones, the greatest Oriental scholar of modern times, who says that in the sacred Hindu books "We hear of a conversation between Valmir and Vyasa, two bards whose ages were separated by a period of eight hun-dred and sixty-four thousand years."

It was by studying such literature that Madame Blavatsky was enabled to learn, as she teaches in her "Secret Doctrine," that the universe exists through immense periods called Manvantaras, during which it is governed by hierar-chies of "Dhyan Chohans." The first or creative period lasts through 311,040,000-000.000-three hundred and eleven mill ions of millions of years, and forty thousand millions of years thrown in for good measure; and then there is another period of 311,040,000,000,000 during which the universe disappears! She also claimed to possess "the elixir

of perpetual youth," and sometimes said she was over eighty years old; but she did not start to live through a manvantars, and did not reach the Scriptural limit.

Those who wish to recover, "the lost chord" of the soul mentioned by Dr. Buck, should look into the "Secret Doctrine" of Blavatsky and learn about liv-

ing stones, three-eyed men-thirty feet high, colored blue, loveless people and fantastic fr ake of tion

OLD-FASHIONED CAMP-MEETINGS. and Olcott knew as novel on the subject in 1875, they obtained from my pub-lications, and fully credited to me, say-Feeling that the time of my departure is at hand, I am contrasting my reflec-tions with what they would have been ing that posterity would be compelled to erect a marble statue to Dr. Buchanan had the teachings that shaped my belief for his discoveries which they always recognized. These "hoary secrets" are hoary delusions, dng up from the effete trash of antiquity. Never have they added a single valigible truth to human psychology or physiology. Blavatsky is now in a world in which the incompatibility of the secret and the secret an in early life continued.

Then, at the camp-meetings near the Hudson river, we would listen in solemit cadence to the horrible refrain: "Hell beneath is gaping wide;

Vengeauce waits the dread command, Soon to stop your sport and pride And sink you with the damned."

and she has returned to me in friendly But another stanza would be more apcommunications. 'The time will come when she will be sufficiently advanced to plicable to my case at the present time "And now the aged sinner goes,

When she will be employed by a value to the feel the necessity of feeturning to earth to undeceive her diples and show them the folly of all she said againot spiritual Laden with guilt and heavy woes, Down to the regions of the dead, With endless curses on his head."

The pomposity of Blavatskyans will be While it would be impossible for me obliged in time to come down to the level to conceive a reason why I, in justice, deserved so much "cussin'" I might reof common-sense, though some lightheaded ones may float away among the call the explanation that Calvinistic clouds to Nirvana. Seven years ago I discussed this subject in the Religio-Philosophical Journal with J.R. Bridges, theology used to give, in my youth. "original sin," "primeval curse," and in-yoke the aid of the blasphemous inquiry by the little "sacred song" maker Watts:

of Boston, and E. J. K. Noyes, showing that Blavatskyism, instead of being any-thing like Theosophy, was only an effete Hinduism, too silly for serious thought, while they maintained that it was a sub-"May not the sovereign Lord on high Dispense his favors as he will? Choose some to live, while others die, lime philosophy, derived from India, too profound to be understood by common And yet be just and gracious still?" readers. But seven years brought Mr

POOR PAY-POOR PREACH.

Bridges to his senses, and he has pub-lished in the Arena a very thorough ex-But, Brother Sweringen, if I get to preaching, you will think of the anec If there are any in the New York meeting who have any respect for comdote of Gen. Gaines: He asked an Indian preacher how much pay he received. mon-sense, I would ask them as they pose before the world as Olcott Theoso-

Auranam, Christ's Great An A Queer Family, Eazo and His "Sister," One of Twins, Jacob and Esau, Joseph the Man of Dreams, Holy Moses, "Two bit a day," was the reply. "That," said the General, "is damn 1000r Day,

cott's doctrines of Oriental marvels "Damn poor preach," retorted the son which he calls Theosophy? Do they beof Logan.

lieve with Olcott that the Yogi in the third stage "overcomes all the primary SOMETHING TANGIBLE. And now a truce to vagaries of the old and subtle forces-that is to say, he vantheologies that have been invented and believed through dread of annihilation. quishes the nature spirits or elementary resident in four kingdoms of nature; and neither fire can burn, water drown, I will reciprocate the favors you have written me, by something similarly tan-gible and demonstrable of our spiritual earth crush, nor poisonous air suffocate his bodily frame. He can make himself as buoyant as the thistledown, or as aphorism: heavy as the giant rock; he can subsist without food for inconceivably long pe-riods, and escape bodily death to an in-

"There is no death! What seems so is transition."

Year Book of the Heavens For Sale at the Office of The Pro-While phenomenal facts are becoming stale in a general way, new ones occur that are refreshing, and some old ones are worthy of repetition. Either kind, all want to be Yogis, please make Dr. Buck a third-class Yogi, and prove that your "hoary secrets" are not hoary humif they enlighten us in regard to spirit life or conditions in the great beyond, should be freely published and inquired into.

Example: Dr. L. H. Bascom, brother of the celebrated Kentucky bishop, was Written by an Octogenarian, my personal friend, but uncompromisingly hostile to Spiritualism. About a year after his so-called death, at a se ance with Mrs. Breed-the best test medium I over saw, now dead-she wrote, automatically, a -page, and looking at the signature, inquired: "Do any of you DEAR BROTHER :-- Years ago, when know a doctor in spirit-life whose in-itials are H. W. B?" my Spiritualistic speculations were often seen in our papers, Gen. John Edwards, whom I never sawpartote me from his No answer.

home in Washing fonit: "You are one that Io am unwilling to said: "You ought to know, for it is ad

lose sight of . . . Inhave commanded armies, fought battles, and credal big-Itials. "I tell you," said she with emphasis, ots shall not deprive line of the comfort that confirmatory evidence of a better

In those days our editors regarded my

ferences of their significance logical. The change that four-score and years, less a small fraction of one, has mposed on my physical organism, exhibits a corresponding waning of mental ligor. This admonishes me, of the prudence of being less hasty in approaching con-clusions than formerly. The old General really needed no additional proof of his conviction, but he the great white throne, a voritable city enjoyed a pleasure, nevertheless, an -a 'New Jerusalem.'"

communing with minds that were in ac-The above is a verbatim transcript of the most important part of the revela-So with me, while I plainly see myself tion referred to, and on which I hope ] standing on the cold porch of eternity, and near the "gate ajar" through which shall have the pleasure of seeing your comment before I "go hence." I must soon pass, nolens volens, there

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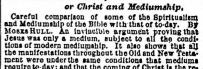
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"My dear old friend, Dr. Crane:-I give it up; you were right and I wrong. I was too stiff-necked. The little of spirit-life that I learned from you has been of great value to me here. I know does my brother who has been here so trinated in Methodism that he cannot give it up. He is still expecting to see

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ticularly mediums, are duped by fraudu-lent materializers? Why don't their controis tell them that it is a fraud.

A. (1) These questions cover the ground of and imply the culture of that higher mediumship which carries with it the thorough preparation of our own spirits, which has been the constant aim

in these columns to enforce. (2) We are as much spiritual beings here in our terrestial bodies as we shall be when we have passed out of them in our bodies celestial. As such beings, fettered by the limitations of the earthlife, we have spiritual faculties and powers, and are capable of receiving and giving the manifestations of spirits-as

mind-reading, etc. The more we cultivate these spiritual faculties, the better for us, as they make us independent.

Obsession is that complete control which dominates over the self of the subject, and is rare—so rare that it should not be taken as one of the dangers of spirit realism. When the laws of are understood and can be taken control to control the selfhood with the willto maintain the personality-there is no

danger. (3) You are to identify a spirit as you door door door door door would a friend who came to your door and rapped, if you could not see him.

(4) If all the world should become mediums of the passive type, yielding to all influences, it would not be a desirable place, but if all were of the high order of independent mediumship, which constantly recognized the pres ence of spirits, the blending of the two worlds, the earth would be a paradise (5) My experience is that spirit-friends do expose frauds. If there are cases where they do not, they may de-sire their mediums to learn by the sad process of experience.

Constantly remember that spirits are not infailible, and have as varying views as prevail among mankind.

"Student," Chicago: Q. Is there as great danger to health and life from microbes as we would infer from what is said and written?

A. It is with microbes as with animals, some are dangerous to man, others beneficial. As air, water and every ar-ticle of food swarms with them, it is impractical to escape them. The attempt to sterilize the water we drink, the air we breathe, and our food, would be im-possible. Even if we could do so, it is presumable that instead of contributing to our healthfulness, it would cause ill-It has been found that animals subject to these conditions languish and die. There are a great many varieties of microbes which appear to be necessary for the proper condition of the system. These act as scavengers, and when not present the blood acquires toxic elements which produce self-poisoning. In the process of digestion the presence of microbes is essential, and in the purification of the blood. They are the means of purifying the water, breaking down into the elements all or-

ganic particles. Stagnant water is sometimes teeming all who would gain a fair conception of with the microbes of fever, and then is | Buddhism in its spirit and living princiand may not be unhealthy to use. The Price \$1. For sale at this office.

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IN THE DAYLIGHT CLEAR.

The preacher prayed in woeful tone For the thief in the felon's cell, And told of his punishment here on earth And his endless days in hell;

But the thief that sat in the best front pow, That he might be seen and heard— -Of the shylock thief of the helpless poor The preacher said never a word.

And he told of the harlot steeped in sin, And he ton of the narrow seeped in ship And the rumseller's awful doom; And said if they didn't cease to increase

Hell would run short of room: But the pirates that have stolen the earth

And their brother's blood have shed, The parson smiled as he winked at them And never's word he said.

Lord help the preachers and help the church

When the morning sun shall rise, And cast the veil that has hidden the

sham Away from the people's eyes!

And the big thiel then, in the best front pew.

And the man with the blood-stained hand

Shall stand alone in the daylight clear

In sight of all the land. —Omaha Commonwealth.

#### Measure of Character.

Have you learned, reader, that often they who are loudest in their pretending at reform are the least reformed: that hey who with unnatural and unrelenting terms denounce the political cor ruptions of men in power, to excel in tyranny when raised to power? Let me recall a bit of history in point as told by another.

Francis Maximilien Joseph Isadore Robespierre, the revolutionary monster of the French Revolution, was born at Arras, 1758. Having lost his father in his childhood he was taken under the protection of the Bishop of Arras, who sent him to the College of Louis de Grand, after which he studied the law,

and was admitted an advocate in the conncil of Artois. About this time he published a treatise on "Crimes and Punishments," in which he denied the right of society to put offenders to

death. At the beginning of the Revo-lution he was elected a member of the States-General, where he obtained the name of "Incorruptible" by his constant

declaration against political corruption. The Jacobin Club raised him to power, when a scene of blood followed, to which no parallel can be found in history. Robespierre and his creatures estab lished the terrible tribunal called the Committee of Public Safety, which spread dismay and death throughout France. At length a confederacy was formed against the tyrant, who was ar-rested July 27, 1794, but not until his lower jaw was broken by a pistol shot, and the next day he suffered under the guillotine amidst the execrations of the multitude. J. O. BARRETT.

"The Gospel of Buddha, According to Old Records," Told by Paul Carus. This book is heartily commended to students of the science of religions, and to crets

presented as facts.

Seriously speaking, after the exposure of Blavatsky's frauds in India by the leave some of my crude opinions and ex-Psychical Society, after her confessions periences, pro bono.

cord with his own.

to Souvalyoff, at Paris, and after her entire mass of literary plagiarism, false-hood and imposture had been pulverized into an impalpable powder by Wm. Em-mette Coleman, the propagation of her cult in this country among people who have some education, but no spirit of investigation, shows that the credulity which has been fostered by the church for eighteen centuries is still an active ocial element.

The tendency of the Buddhistic Orientalism cultivated by Blavatskyans, is, in India, toward a dirty, vagrant, beg-garly occultism, quite harmless, considerably psychic, and exceedingly silly. The Theosophist, published in India by Cot. Olcott, the Oriental president of the society, contained a report from the Kumbakoriam Theosophical Society, giving the doctrines of Sankara, show-ing how to reach Nirvana. The follow-

ing is their language: "Among Bibikshus who lay for Mok-sha, there are four kinds, viz.: Kutuchakan, Behudhatran, Hamsan and Parahamsam. Gautama, Baradwaja Yag-navalkya, Vasishta and others belong to the first kind. They take eight mouth-fuls of food daily and strive after Moksha through the path of Yoga. "The second kind carry three bamboo

staves tied together (Widanda) and an earthen water pot, and wear the tuft of hair (sikha), sacred thread (yagnopa-vita) and red-colored cloth. They take vita) and red-colored cloth. They take eight mouthfuls of food in the house of

Brahma. Rishis abstain from fiesh and alcohol, and strive after emancipation through the path of Yoga.

"Then the Hamshas should live not more than a night in a village, five nights in a town, and seven nights in a sacred place, partaking daily of cow's urine and cow's dung, observing Chan-draganaman, and striving after Moksha through the path of Yoga." This dunghill diet is not published in ""

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The Theosophist to condemn it, but as a portion of Orlental wisdom, and Olcott laims that his society is following the most ancient writers of India.

That Americans should ever think seriously of these superstitions which have reduced India to the lowest rank among civilized nations, and degraded woman worse than among the savages of Africa, is due to the fact that this

vhole Oriental fraud was concocted and propelled by the literary talents of Olcott and Blavatsky. Blavatsky was a friendly correspond-

ent of mine twenty years ago, when she was an apparently honest spiritual me-dium and psychometer, and a warm champion of my discoveries. But I lost all interest in her when I found her bent on wholesale fraud, and so utterly reckloss in hor fictions as to tell me that the French never paid the thousand millions demanded by Germany, for they did not have the gold necessary, but that the gold which paid the demand was pro-duced by occult magic. Her whole ca-reer from 1875 was a kind of melodramatic frolie or joke; and she laughed at her dupes, of whom Olcott was the

chief. It was a grand humbug in which Madame was the bug, and Olcott the hum, that made her fame. Buck is now the American hum. His pretense of holding as "hoary sea knowledge of the origin, nature

and destiny of man, and the methods of

that I am unwilling to "lose sight of" while I stay in the form, and you are one in particular with whom I wish to

are contributors to our spiritual papers

You have not, like the veteran General, commanded armies, but you are exercising a moral courage equal to his own, and with your co workers are achieving a victory of unspeakably more importance to maakind in general than has ever been won on the field of Mars, during the world's history. This, together with what I intend to say to your will achieve the reason why ualism.

say to you, will explain the reason why I am as unwilling to lose sight of you as Gen. Edwards was of me. My religion, as Jr i Wesley said of his own, is to do all ible good to hu-manity, and avoid the evils inseparable

from it, as far as possible. CONCERNING INGERSOLL.

To this end I purpose to endeavor to enlist you in the inquiry whether the hospitality with which some of our editors and expositors are honoring Mr. Ingersoll is not seriously retarding the levelopment of spiritual truth?

He ignores the basic structure on which our philosophy stands, and even denies phenomenal facts that are at-tested by all necessary preliminaries to the establishment of scientific conclusions, and yet our 'leaders, with strange inconsistency, give him prominence at camp-meetings and by newspapers de-

voted to our cause. This I hold to be a "house divided against itself," but unlike the one named in Scripture, it will not fall in conseuence of such division. Truth will ltimately triumph.

I plead guilty to the charge of weakness in questioning the policy of appa-rent affiliation with the great Agnostic, for our Hercules who strangled the Sey bert Commission serpent, wrote me that he believed Ingersoll's labors would prove serviceable to the Spiritual cause. And further, the reditor of the paper that has a name so expressive of its character, would not have published the THINKER, April 25th) that in doing so he was not only subserving the grand cause, but striking a blow, at the octopus that is now aiming insidiously at the re-enslavement of the world by re-establish-

ing papal supremary. I When antagonizing such men, I can but think of the pigmy wrestling with a giant, and yet I was once betrayed into such indiscretion with the THINKER, but on a subordinate, though kindred subject, and that, too, while knowing the editor of that paper, was the origi-nator of a process by which the gospel of Spiritualism could be preached to the poor-an unselfish measure that entitled poor-an unselfish measure that entitled him to the gratitude of all mankind. But,

"To err is human, to forgive divine." SOME NEW MOTTOES.

And I will here most respectfully inquire whether you do not err in omitting. from the grand catalogue of motioes you would inscribe on your banners, the

following: I. Corinthians, chapter xili. Correct each other's mistakes, and kindly.

· Everything for the cause, nothing for Retribution, here or hereafter.

This last should be a leading factor with all our teachers-hope of reward his higher evolution, is a piece of sub-lime impudence. All that Blavatsky that govern human nature. and lear of punishment are the genil Bacer Bactor and the second

And another example expressive of Cloth, \$1.50. Address all orders to the tenacity with which credal religionists adhere to theories in place of demonstrated truth:

Rev. Samuel Watson, of Memphis, after asserting that he had met his wife and children and others from "beyond the tomb," expressed, in a letter to me, regret that old-fashioned Methodism was giving place to phenomenal Spirit-

"Facts," aid Brossais, "are the most brutally obstinate and unyielding of anything in nature," and yet we see them giving way to delusions of faith, which is so generally substituted by credal Christians for the practical vir Credal contained by the great founder of Christianity, the "Man of Nazareth." Credal religion is making this world a pandemonium, while the genuine ar-ticle would bring "peace on earth and good will toward man" good will toward men."

#### IS MENTALITY A SECRETION?

Much as I admire your teachings generally, and especially your late address to your medical class, in which you so clearly exhibit the distinction between the real man, the spiritual body named by St. Paul, and its agent, the natural body, which Dr. Franklin said was "lent us," you will please excuse the use of my little remaining acumen in a critical way, when Linquire whether you really claim that mentality is a "secretion."

There, I submit, you appear a little ambiguous. If a secretion, then Milton's brain was secreting "Paradise Lost," while his liver and renal machinery were secreting substances so broadly different as to dely comparison; and all this dwindles into insignificance when think of Job's sublime inquiry to we which you so appropriately refer:

"If a man die, shall he live again?" and to which the last verse in Ecclesi-

astes should be added. Justice is an attribute of God, and can not be suspended, consequently, if it does not reach us in Time it must in Eternity, and this in spite of Ingersoll and all his cohorts, and which he unwit-

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It ought to be known to every Bible reader that in the ancient Hebrew, in which most of the Old Testament was written (and which was the debrew writing until about 800 or 900 A. D.), there were, no vowels or "points," no spaces" between words, and no punctuation of any kind. It was written in solid blocks of capital Hebrew consonant letters, with not a single one of the now indispensable vowels, a, e, i, o, u, in any of the entire books of the Bible. There were no spaces or marks to indicate the beginning or ending of any word. Moreover, it was written in a language that has been absolutely dead for many centuries. No man now living, and no man who has lived within the last thousand years, could read a single sentence of the original Old Testament if it could be found. The ancient Jews believed in "many gods," but under the teaching of Moses and others they accepted as their national and tutelary deity a god which was expressed by the consonants JHVH, and is pronounced YAH-WEH. It was afterwards written Jahveh, but as it was pronounced YAH-WEH, I will

in these articles retain the phonetic spelling, so as to keep the correct pronunciation of their deity before the minds of my readers. This word was "the ineffable name," which became too sacred to be spoken, so that the scribes, when reading the scriptures, substituted for it Adonai (Lord), and 'for' Lord they substituted Elohim (god). The use of these words-Adonai and Elohim-will appear where we come to speak of the umasoretic text," which changed the original name JHVH (Yahweh) into the word "Jehovah."

The name "Jehovah," which is the modernized name of YAHWEH, only appears some four times in our trans- DR. C. E. WATKINS, modernized name of YAHWEH, only lation, while it should appear many thousand times. For, according to a standard concordist, the original name, JHVH, is translated "Lord" over 2,000 times. But who can tell whether the modernized word "Jeho-'vah" is the equivalent of the old Hebrew JHVH or not? To show the impossibility as well as the folly of being certain of the meaning of the ancient Hebrew consonant language, I | fulness. The truths and discoveries will ask my literal expositor to fill in the vowels in the consonants GDSLV., and thus form the sentence I intended to write. By supplying the vowels that no such person ever lived. The you may have "good salve," "God is services and character of Washington love," or something else, as you wish. | are just as noble and praiseworthy as So with the consonants DNSTL, you | though the nursery story of his little can make "Adna steal" or "Eden hatchet and the cherry tree should still" or "do not steal," as you may prove to be the baseless fiction it still" or "do not stean, as you may probably is. The vicious principle of ured. Thousands of the Pope's faith- for over an hour. show the supreme folly of being dog matic as to the original meaning of tooth," is false, wicked and perany sentence in the Old Testament. | nicious, even though all the gods of But this does not mitigate in the least ancient and modern times had comthe use and value of the Old or New manded it. As a guide to purity, to Testament scriptures, as the authorship nor date of the steam engine, the Bible would be just as valuable; even railroads, the electric lights, or of any | though it should be proven that Lord scientific, moral, or spiritual truth, Bacon or William Shakespeare was its cannot affect the real truth or value of either. Jerome, the learned scholar of 331 to 420 A. D., gives his personal testimony of the uncertainty of any translation of the ancient Hebrew in Euclid had ever lived. Antiquity this statement: "When we translate Hebrew into Latin we are often guided the least power to truth. Baptism for by conjecture." The learned David the remission of sins, as practiced in LeClere, who was professor of Hebrew ancient India, Thibet, Mongolia, Perat Geneva, also says: "The learned merely guesses at the sense of the Old Testament (Hebrew) in an infinity | then as now; for the law and ethics of of places, which produces a prodigious number of discordant interpretations." As a sample of such conjectures. guess-work, and "discordant interpretations," I will state that while our version says that the Ark was made of "gopher wood," Oukel has trans lated it "cedar." Castellus says it was "juniper," the Arabic declares it was "box-wood," the Persian says it was "pine," the celebrated Boehart affirms that it was "ebony," and Dr. Geddes assures us it was "wickerwork," while Dason declares it was made of "bulrushes and daubed with slime." With these facts of scholarship before me, am I not justified in speaking of the literal' interpretations of the pulpit as "sanctified ignorance" and "sacred superstition?" . And is it not true that any teacher who claims "inerrancy" or "infallibility" for the scriptures of the Old · Testament, has "his mind blinded" and "a veil over his heart unto this day." (2 Cor. iii., 14, 15.) But while the uncertainty of any translation of the scriptures might destroy their faith in most of the theologies, creeds and "plans" and "systems" of salvation with those who "understand the scriptures," all of its truths and morals and principles of righteousness would remain. To forget all these, and to learn that God is infinite righteousness, and that salvation is only found in personal righteousness, would be an infinite gain. With all intelligent and rational minds, thaumaturgics and gliost stories tend to woaken rather than



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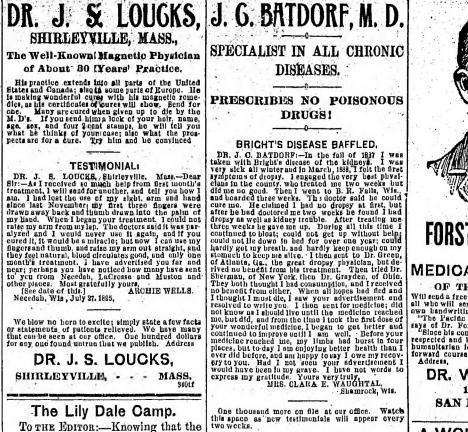
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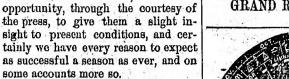
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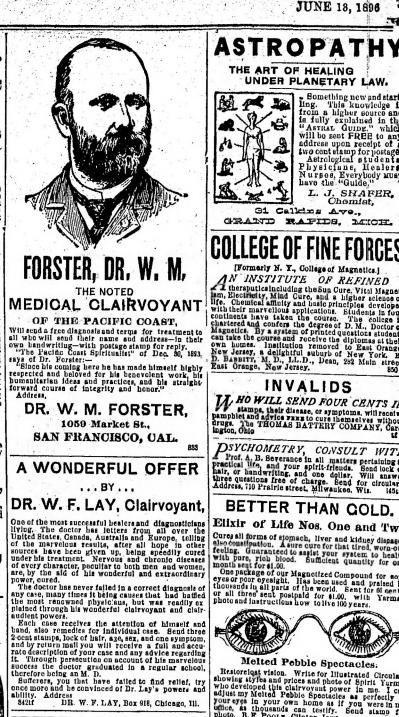
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tion in which to take their summer

entertainments as usual, I take this

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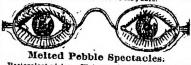
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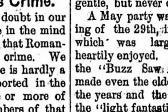
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was all he longed for now. The crystal drops-were gathering in

many a tiny pool, But vainly strove the dying man his fe-

vered lips to cool. Night fell at last upon the scene, the dark clouds rolled away, And one by one the stars came out and

shone with purest ray. The soldier gazed with dimming eyes

and swiftly-fading breath, He thought of Him who, for his ake, was wounded unto death;

That far beyond the shining stars, where thirst is never known, His waiting spirit soon would stand be-

fore the Father's throne. Forgotten were, the aching wounds, and

gone the burning thirst, While from the parched and fevered lips a song of rapture burst: "When I can read my title clear to

mansions in the skies,

Rose clearly on the evening air, and filled with glad surprise.

wounded comrade lying near joined in

the dear old song: And o'er the lonely battlefield the sound

was borne along, Till still another, far away, caught up

the joyous strain, And echo bore the cadence far beyond

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The inventor who uses his genius to invent the biggest gun, which shall kill the greatest number of human bebut a trifling matter to them. This is ings at one stroke, is looked upon as

> But the time will come when these weapons of warfare will be relegated to the museums, to keep company with the cudgels of the barbarians of a few years ago:

The time must come when intelligence shall be the ruling power, and arbitration the means resorted to to settle difficulties between nations or individuals. Then will come the reign of ' peace on earth, good will to men,' and there will cease to be constant or frequent renewals. of 'fresh graves to decorate.

When the lessons of the past have their desired effect, and intelligence becomes the guiding star of human affairs, then the law of infinite justice will deal out love, mercy, sympathy and kindness as a reward for the deal-

ings of men. On Sunday services were held again. Mrs. Lillie taking for her subject "What Spiritualism Is and What It Will Be." Those who have heard her need not be told she handled her subthose who sympathize with and lend ject well. Many encouraging words their aid and comfort while they are were voiced for the future of the corrupting our politics and social cause, and especially as presented upon these grounds. We feel that this is a good beginning for the season the perpetuity of this government is of '96, and but a foretaste of the good things to come.

Mrs. Lillie will ispeak again next Sunday, and in two weeks, 12th, 13th and 14th, is the yearly picnic, when Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson, of California, is to be the principal speaker. The first Sunday of the camp, July 12th, Robert G. Ingersoll is to be the thing by dethroning Romanism and speaker, and the entrance fee at the

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Let a prince be guarded with soldiers attended by) councillors, and shut up in forts: yet if his thoughts disturb him he s miserable.-Plutarch.

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