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

VOL. 14.

CHICAGO, ILL., SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1896.

NO. 346

JESUS AND MUHAMMAD AS HISTORIGHL GHARAGTERS.

BY WM. EMMETTE COLEMAN.

myths borrowed from old religions, until Pllate; that he was nailed to a this period is there a trace of such an til his existence; even, becomes quest wooden cross and died thereon, and that absurdity as that proclaimed in the tionable. Not so the great prophet of he suffered revilings without murmur nineteenth century, that Jesus and the the Moslems."

hammadanism are more rational and fested to him, Paul, and communicated truthful than some of those of Orthodox to him various teachings. Christianity. Jesus and Muhammad were both fallible human beings, and both taught a mixture of truth and error; and I am not a follower of either. But I am an ardent worshiper of truth, his life; and these events, in every instance of the state of the esus and Muhammad.

HISTORICAL DATA.

Testament. Like ancient history generally, the New Testament is more or less inaccurate, with legendary and mythical accretions; but, despite these defects, it is invaluable as a record of the public life and sayings of Jesus and of the early Chatafarana and the same of the public life and sayings of Jesus and of the early Chatafarana and the same of the public life and sayings of Jesus and of the early Chatafarana and the same of the public life and sayings of Jesus and of the early Chatafarana and the same of the s the public life and sayings of Jesus and of the early Christians. To a large ex-"Higher Criticism."

RESULTS ATTAINED.

these: The great epistles of Paul are certainly genuine. The Gospel of John is valueless as history, the author having perverted and moulded the history and certain dogmas and theological ideas, which for the most part had been foreign to the mind of Jesus. John is an historical romance. nothing more. But in the first three gospels we have much genuine history-history derived from contemporaneous sources.

It is now generally held by the Higher Critics-a conclusion at which I independently arrived nearly twenty years ago-that the primary bases of the first three gospels are two separate documents. First, a collection of the teachings of Jesus, written by the anostle Matthew: and second, an account of the life of Jesus written by Mark, from information given him by the apostle Peter. Our present gospels of Matthew and Mark are not the original writings of those two apostles, but later compilations founded on the earlier apostolic writings, with many additions, amplifi-

In addition to the original narratives of Matthew and Mark (which were necessarily largely correct and truthful, though, of course, mixed with error and inaccuracy, owing to the lapse of time since the happening of the events depended, our present gospels, including named some twenty times in the Talthat ascribed to Luke, contain many mud, being designated as Jesus the Nazathat ascribed to Lines, content many mud, being assignment that ascribed from other sources, rene, etc. The Talmud names his current traditions, sayings and stories, brother James; his disciples, Matthew, current traditions, sayings and stories, etc. But the foundation, the basis, of all three gospels was derived from Matthew and Peter, two of the companions these gospels. This is authentic his the healing in his name by his disciple incidents in the life of Jesus (aside from time stated in the New Testament), his the miracles) and the general trend of his teaching as contained in the first doctrine, his proclaiming himself, at his three gospels. Various inaccuracies and discrepuncies exist in them, as was inevitable, but the general run of the before the Sabbath at the Passover incidents and of the sayings no doubt time.

do any ancient writings. Discarding, then, the mythical and legendary accretions, and the other man- of Cincinnati, who has published several lest additions and modifications, the works on the origin of Christianity, and product of the thought of a later age on Jesus, in a published letter, in 1886, foreign to the thought of Jesus and his said this: "The Jews never questioned times, we have in the residue, the work the real existence of either Jesus or principally of Matthew and Peter, an account of the public life of Jesus of solid the original co-laborers in the origin of historical value—the testimony of eye- Christianity. Scholarly Israelites and witnesses, and therefore more reliable learned rabbis, with the Talmud before than much that passes for history in ancient and modern times.

PAUL'S TESTIMONY.

In addition to the testimony of Matthew and Peter, we have that of Paul, a existence of Jesus is undoubtedly there, positive testimony that can never be The same is the case with the Talmud. overthrown. Paul was personally ac- There remains the statement of Rabbi quainted with many who had seen Jesus, Tarphon and Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcan. ficility the twelve apostles and James, the brother of Jesus, the head of the church in Jerusalem.

They were contemporary with the apostle brother of Jesus, the head of the church in Jerusalem.

Paul speaks of the "brethren" of Jesus who were then alive and married. He says Jesus was a Jew, of the seed of David: that he lived an humble life of meakness and gentleness, and conformed to the Jewish religion; that he taught the Jews only, was tempted but without sin and was an exemplar of love; that his life should be our example; that he

NTHE PROGRESSIVE THINKER; that the true apostles were those called not long since was published the following, by Hudson Tuttle: "Mohammed is, of all religious leaders, distinctively historic. Jesus Christ has no historic being outside the New Testament. There is not an authentic sement. There is not an authentic sentence, or even word, in the histories of his age concerning him. His burth, by the Jews and was tried before Pontus Plate, procurator of Judea, in the reign of Tiberius. Suesting of Nero, states that in Nero's reign the Christians, a race of men of a new historic being outside the New Testament. There is not an authentic sentence, or even word, in the histories of his age concerning him. His burth, by the Jews and was tried before Pontus Plate; that the true apostles were those called in all by Pontius Plate, procurator of Judea, in the reign of Tiberius. Suesting the children is the reign of Tiberius. Suesting the children is the reign of Tiberius. Suesting the children is the reign of Tiberius in the reign of Tiberiu

ical teachings ascribed to Jesus in the gospels. The testimony of Paul is gen-uine history; and this, added to that Of course, our great source of infor-contained in those portions of the three

Next we have Jewish testimony to the tent it is historical—as truly historical lifework of Jesus. As I regard the as any ancient writing, as much so as well-known passage in Josephus about the accounts of Muhammad, as will be Jesus as a forgery, I make no use of it. duly shown. There is a science of biblical criticism, as much conducted on scientific principles as are the branches of physical science or those of philology, This is generally regarded as genuine, though a few have meintained that the comparative mythology, etc. A large though a few have maintained that the number of the ablest minds, many of words, "who is called Christ," are an inthem thorough rationalists, untrammeled terrolation. Against this view I urge A large though a few have maintained that the by dogmatic or theological preposess the following: Jesus, that is Joshua in slons, are the masters in this Biblical Hebrew, was a common name among the science, which is sometimes called the Jews, and Josephus describes the doings of a number of different Jesuses. To call a man the brother of Jesus, without

The passage in Josephus reads thus. Ananus appoints a sanhedrim of judges, Jesus [who is called Christ] named in Greek; "Kai paragagon eis James' auto ton adelphon Iesou [tou legomenou Christou | Iakobos." Omitting the clause which I have put in brackets, Josephus would say that Ananus brought before the sanhedrim "the brother of Jesus named James"-no explanation being given as to what Jesus is meant. It is required to make the passage complete.
If some should assert that the words, 'the brother of Jesus," are also interpolated, the passage, omitting these also, would say that James was brought before the judges, and as James (in Hebrew, Jacob) was a very common name, and there must have been thousands of Jameses among the Jews, it is extremely unlikely that Josephus would have here written "James" and nothing else. Itis seen, then, that the words regarded writings, with many additions, amplifi-cations, etc., particularly in the way of for the completion of the sense of the

passage. THE JEWISH TALMUD.

The Jewish Talmud consists of the teachings of the principal rabbis from a short time before the time of Jesus to a mud, being designated as Jesus the Naza-James the son of Zebedee, Thaddeus and Nicodemus; his mother, Mary, and Mary Magdalene. It alludes to his crucifizion of Jesus, who personally saw and heard at thirty-three years of age, his supposed much that is described and taught in royal descent, his practice of sorcery, tory: and there is no valid reason to his execution by the Jews, his birth in doubt the general truth of the leading the days of Simon, son of Hillek (the Various inaccuracies trial and execution, as heir of the kingdom, and his execution on the rest-day

RABBI ISAAC M. WISE.

The learned rabbi, Dr. Isaac M. Wise, them, never denied the existence of Jesus of Nazareth. If all the interpolations are taken from Josephus there still remains John the Baptist, and James the brother of Jesus, hence the mate connection with the apostle James in the Talmud. No Jew ever did invalidate this testimony, and we know of Muhammad died A. D. 632. Therefore,

TACITUS, SUETONIUS, ETC.

TACITUS, SUETONIUS, ETC.

The Roman historian, Tacitus, states
that the Emperor Nero, who reigned in
apostolic times. executed many Christoper tween the death of Jesus and the earad twolve disciples, and that Peter and tians, the founder of whose religion was liest written records of his life and dry. This superstition is diligently

Christian nor Muhammadan, but a rather the rese from the dead, and was seen The learned Jewish rabbis and the Gentonalistic, non-Christian Spiritualist. In my opinion, some of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of the tenets of Jesus, in their attacks on seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of Jesus, in their attacks on seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of Jesus, in their attacks on seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of Jesus, in their attacks on seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of Jesus, in their attacks on seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of Jesus, in their attacks on seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of Jesus, in their attacks on seem of the tenets of Muhammadanism are more rational and seem of Jesus, and seem of Jesus, in the seem of Jesus of Jesus, in the seem of Jesus of Jesus, in the seem of Jesus istence of Jesus, in their attacks on Christianity. What need of Celsus making his long and critical attacks on Christianity, if Jesus never lived? Why did he not cut the whole matter short by saying, "The man Jesus never lived; the whole thing is a myth?"

A careful search of the world's literaincluding historical truth; and taking stance, are the same as those described brother Tuttle's statements above as a in the three gospels. Besides, the moral text, I purpose to give, in brief, the exteachings of Paul are in striking accord lived, until the close of the eighteenth act facts, so far as ascertainable, as rewith those of Jesus, thus substantiating
century and the beginning of the ninegards the historical data concorning
in general the authenticity of the ethteenth, when a few cranks gave birth to the transcendent absurdity of the mytho-zodiacal theory of religions, including the farcical conception that Jesus was the Sun in Aries and Pisces and the twelve apostles were the twelve signs of the Zodiac. As regards Jesus, we have abundance of historical evidence of his lifework,—the testimony of Peter, Matthew and Paul in the New restament; of Josephus and the Talmud,

among the Jews, his people; and of the Greco-Roman historians, etc., of the next following generations.

Jesus Christ has an historic existence outside the New Testament. There are authentic sentences in the histories of his age concerning him. His birth, brief life and death, are not so enveloped in myths from older religions that his existence, becomes questionable. Rationally speaking, there is not a shade of a shadow of doubt of his historical existence. There is no question about it; there can be no question, in the minds of every rational, unprejudiced, intelligent person, who carefully examines the evidence. Jesus is just as much For over twenty-five years I have been a close student of Biblical Science or the Higher Criticism, and among the attained results of the Higher Criticism, among free, untrammeled scholars, are these: The great epistles of Paul are

Jesus,—as I will now show. ABOUT MUHAMMAD.

What do we know about the life of Muhammad, and whence was it derived? Here are the facts. The first source of information is the Puran (or Koran), the Bible of Islam. This is not an his torical or biographical work, like the gos-

The Quran is "a miscellaneous collecevident that the clause in brackets is tion of hymns, prayers, dogmas, sermons. occasional speeches, narratives, legends, laws, orders for the time in which they were given, without any chronological arrangement, and full of repetitions and contradictions." It consists of suras or chapters, produced or recited by Muhammad as occasion called for them. Muhammad had no thought of any authoritative book of revelations such as the Quran became. At his death its detached chapters were scattered far and wide, most of it being as a possible interpolation, or something equivalent thereto, are indispensable ory of his followers. The year after his death, there fell in battle the very men who knew most of the pieces of the Quran by heart. To save all that could be secured, the Khalif Omar ordered the collection of all the parts that could be found. These were obtained from copies written on flat stones, pieces of leather, ribs of palm-leaves, etc., but chiefly from the memory of men-from those who had learned by heart parts of Muhammad's "revelations."

Many discrepancies were subsequently found in variant versions, which led to serious quarrels, until finally an authoritative text was established, and all the copies of ail the other versions were burnt, an irreparable loss to criticism (Encyclopædia Britannica, 9th edition, vol. xvi, pp. 604, 605; Muir's "Mahomet and Islam," pp. 237-39). Thus collected, the Quran was found to be incomplete, lacking in instruction on many important theological questions; and to remedy this, the Moslems resorted to oral tradition, alleged teachings of Muhammad, and narratives of incidents and examples in his public and private life, called Hadith. This oral tradition grew and swelled, embodying a vast mass of matter, each embodying home saying, or stating some habit or act. of the prophet. Hundreds of thousands of such traditions were handed down, orally at first, but in time committed to writing (McClintock and Strong's "Ecclesiastical Encyclopædia," vol. vi, p. 411; Muir, 1 o. 240). Upon these two, the scattered incidental references to Muhammad in the Quran, and the heterogenous mass of Hadith or oral tradition, s based all we know, or think we know of Muhammad.

Our oldest sources of information about his life are the biographies of Ibn Ishak and Wakidi. They are based solely upon the Hadith or oral tradition. The earliest writer, Ibn Ishak, composed his biography under the Khalifate of Mansur, who reigned from A. D. 751 to 775. Wakidi's work was written validate this testimony, and we know of Muhammad died A. D. 632. Therefore no means in criticism to overthrow it." the first and oldest life of Muhamma was not written until nearly 150 years

John wero lenders among the twelve; Christ, who was put to death as a crim- teachings. Oral tradition played its fostered by the owners of the cows.

part also in the extant lives of Jesus, but the foundation of the gospels are the recollections of Peter and Matthew, recorded in writing during their lifetimes in the generation immediately following that of Jesus, in which generation the testimony of Paul was recorded and a part of the following that the following the recorded and a part of the following the content of the following that the following the content of the following that the following the following that the following the following the following the following that the following part of that of the Talmud. Jesus's public life was probably not more than one year in duration, while that of Muhammad lasted nearly twenty years. Hence the traditional accounts of the latter

much exceed in quantity and variety of incident the accounts of Jesus. The extreme brevity of Jesus's public ministry is the reason of the comparative paucity of detail concerning the life of Jesus which we possess. But of that very shorttime of activity on Jesus's part, we have sufficient details to enable us to determine the general course of his life and of his teachings during that eventful one year. The recollections of eventful one year. The recollections of two of the close companions of Jesus, aided therein by the recollections of others, all eye-witnesses and hearers, committed to writing in the next generation succeeding Jesus, are certainly as reliable as are the narratives of the two olographers written 150 years after Mu nammad's death, based upon the multitudinous traditions, handed down orally, emanating from 'all sorts and conditions of men."

As regards authenticity, the narratives of Muhammad's life have no advantage over those of Jesus. As was to be expected, confusion and contradiction mark the variant accounts of Muhammad, and many disputed points in his career engage the attention of the various present-day biographers of the prophet of Islam. See the works of Muir, Sprenger, Noeldeke, Syed Ahmed, St. Hilaire, Dozy, Arnold, Bosworth Smith, and others. The date of Muhammad's birth is not known any more than is that of Jesus. The oldest sources disagree as to its date.

MIRACLES. As in case of Jesus, Muhammad's followers, after his death, surrounded him with miracles and sapernaturalism. "The first Mohammedans piously encompassed their prophet with a cloud of miracles—the mythology," as Dr. Sprenger calls it, of islam."

Many marvelous stories are told of his birth, as was the case with Jesus. of his birth, as was the case with Jesus. It is said that his mother experienced none of the pangs of childbirth. As soon as he was born he exclaimed, "There is no God but God, and I am his prophet." That night the fire of Zoroaster, which had burned uninterruptedly for over a thousand years, was suddenly extinguished, and all the idole in the world fell down. Miracles attended him all through life, as with Jesus. In manhood the desert was miraculously covered with shade-trees as he wan-dered through it, and the rocks hailed him as the apostle of the Lord. In the New Testament, Jesus, when

asked, refused to work miracles, and said none should be given to that generation; notwithstanding, many miracles are ascribed to him. So with Muhammad; when asked, he refused to work miracles, and declared that none should be given the people. Nevertheless he cles with a vengeance"—among them being the power to cleave the moon in two. We are told that trees went out to meet him; water flowed from between pels. It incidentally gives only glimpses meet him; water flowed from between of Muhammad at various times in his his fingers; a beam groaned at him; a camel complained to him; and a shoul-der of mutton told him it was poisoned (McClintock and Strong, 1 c., 403, 405, 409; Sale's Koran, Boston, 1877, 14, 15). The wonderful journey of Muhammad on the steed Al Buraq, through the seven heavens, is well known. Al Burag had the face of a human being and the cheeks of a horse; it had eagle's wings, and spoke with a man's voice. The Angel Gabriel, who accompanied him, had 72 pair of wings. In the third heaven was an angel with 70,000 heads, in each head 70,000 tongues, and each tongue uttered 70,000 voices at once. Muhammad saw God's face covered with 70,000 veils and the hand of God was so cold that when laid on his back it penetrated to the very marrow (Sale, 1 c., 16-18). Mu-hammad himself gravely related the story of this journey of his the next day thereafter, and its absurdity occasioned a diminution of his influence for a time. Muhammad's camel performed whole journey from Jerusalem to Mecca a place in heaven (Brewer's "Phrase

and Fable," 136). In view of the facts named above, the words of Mr Tuttler about Jesus can be applied to Muhammad. "He has no historic existence outside of the Quran and Arabian oral tradition. There is not an authentic sentence, or even word, in the histories of his age concerning him. His birth, life and death are enveloped in myths." The accounts of his death by his followers are myths, fabrications (McClintock and Strong, 13, 409). We know nothing of Muhammad except what his Arabian followers have told us. Not a word have we from a contemporary non-Arabian, non-Muhammadan source. Contemporary history says nothing about him. Aside from the little which the Quran tells us, all we have concerning him are the oral traditions of his adherents first collected in a book nearly 150 years after his death.

In the case of Jesus, we have the evilence of the enemics of Jesus, the Jews, in the generations immediately succeed ing that of Jesus. There is nothing ike this in Muhammad's case. In view of all these considerations, in which of the two cases have we the most authentic and best estested evidence of historicity and of the actual facts? Beyond all reasonable doubt, Muhammad is no more an historical character than is Jesus of Nazareth. San Francisco, Cal.

Experience does take dreadfully high school wages, but he teaches like no other.—Carlyle.

Whatsoe'er thou lovest that become thou must. God, if God thou lovest; dust, if thou lovest dust.—Anon. Honest men are the gentlemen of na ture.-Bulwer.

In England and Scotland milkmaids believe that If they forget to wash their hands after milking their cows will go

A GENERAL DELUGE.

From a Geological Standpoint.

BY C. W. BROWN, M. D., ROCKFORD, ILL.

[CONCLUDED FROM LAST WEEK.] ARTICLE VI.

The Sanscrit is probably the original of all modern European languages. It contains the roots of the Latin, Greek, Celtic, German and Slavonic. It is the ancient tongue which prevailed throughout Hindostan, and from the Gulf of Bengal to the Arabian Sea, extending to the Himalaya mountains on the north. The language has not been spoken for many thousand years. The sacred books of the Brahmans were written in it, and, hence, have been preserved to modern times without alterations common to a living language. as our ancient literature has been transmitted to us through the Greek and Latin. Scholars find the original of many of our myths in the Sanscrit, the story of "William Tell" being one of them, though the scene of it is now located in Switzerland, and the occurrence is made to have transpired within

lew hundred years. We stated in a former article that the account of a general deluge was undoubtedly copied by Jewish historians—priests, Josephus tells us—from Babylonian records, while the Israelites were captives in that country. The Babylonian history, without question, was the source from which the flood of Deucaleon, as well as that of Noah, was derived; but the story was older than Nin-eveh or Babylon; it was transmitted to them from a still older civilization; it came to those ancient people through the Sanscrit literature, the common fountain from which Chaldea, Assyria, Persia and Egypt were supplied, and from which the Phoenicians drank sec-

ond-hand, as did the Hebrews,
The geography of the old Sanscrit
books describes the world as "a circular
plain, with a slightly convex surface,
sloping gently on all sides to a surrounding ocean. Beyond this ocean,
which incloses the world in a vast riverlike circle of waters, was a circular range of mountains, beyond which none but the most powerful gods could pass. In the center of the world, at the highest point, of its surface, stood Mount. Meru, with Jambu-dwipa, the primeval home of the Aryan race, spread out around it," bordered by six other grand

divisions of the earth.

These mountains bordering the ancient ocean supported the vast vault which spanned the heavens. Above this vault was the home of the superior gods. From their hand direct came light, and heat, and dews, and rains, and all other blessings; and, when the gods were angry, winds, and storms, thunderbolts and earthquakes. The sun and stars were made expressly for man, as were the seasons, with seed-time and harvest. The earth rested upon pillars, while under it were immense fires, in which the demons were confined, and here the wicked were doomed to dwell: while above the vault were the Elysian

fields, the home of the blest. This wild astronomical and theological theory of creation was the prevailing idea among all peoples, five and six thousand years ago. Indeed, the true theory in regard to the solar system has been taught by the learned but a little more than three hundred years, the great mass of the uneducated still en-tertaining a belief in the ancient system, and are still quoting their secred books in confirmation of it. The Phoenicians taught this flat-earth-and-vaulted-firm-ament theory at home, and in all their colonies. It was a part of the religious belief of all the nations bordering on the Mediterranean. It was believed by the cultured Greeks, as by the more modern Romans. The whole system of theology of all these nations, as was the Christian, was built upon this idea; and this was also true of the Hebrews, as their books furnish incontrovertible evidence. True. Heredotus, the Greek historian, rid iculed this teaching, and wrote:

"I cannot but laugh when I see num-bers of persons drawing maps of the world without having any reason to guide them; making, as they do, the ocean-stream to run all around the earth, and the earth itself an exact oircle, as if described by a pair of com-

passes."
The reader will please remember this was the idea entertained by him who gave us a history of the "flood," the opening of the windows of heaven" through which to let down the rain, and the breaking up of "all the fountains of the great deep." This conception of the deluge came from Indus; it was as old as the most ancient civilizations; but it had been modernized with advancing thought, as was the story of William Tell—as have all the myths which the learned have exploded—their origin lost in the sands of time, so antiquated that no one can trace their beginning, or learn when they were not believed as

The mythical teachings in regard to a general deluge are not the only fabrications which have puzzled humanity, and, because of being interblended with a religious education, have paralyzed investigation through many generations.

The Egyptians taught that the world would be alternated; purified by world. would be alternately purified by water and fire; that these were parts of the system which the Creator employed to prevent man from growing in power, and gaining a mastery over, him! The and gaining a mastery over, him! teachings of barbarian races, slightly changed, have survived the ages; they of the world, and will be as difficult to eradicate from the common mind as any other inherited error of so ancient an origin. Thomas Moore has well writ-

ten: "The lover may Distrust that look that steals his soul away; The babe may cease to think it can play With heaven's rainbow; alchymists may The shining gold their crucible gives

But Faith, fanatic Faith, once wedded To some dear falsehood, hugs it to the last."

It is to be regretted that scientists are not permitted, without subjecting them-selves to sectarian abuse, to pour in a flood of light upon the ancient fallacies which have crept into all our early teachings. Were they at full liberty to give the public their honest thoughts we should soon have a truer conception of the past, and a more exalted idea of the future; but ere that "good time coming" shall dawn upon the world, it

is possible many years will intervene.
Commencing with the story of creation, as borrowed from the Hebrew writers from countries where they had been slaves, wherein it is represented the whole planetary and stellar systems are the outgrowth of six days labor (not the production of a single mind, as the English reader finds it in his translation: but the task of many gods, as a correct rendering of the Jewish narrative will show, with all the many incidental errors, following this first incorrect teaching, and ending with the looking forward to a general destruction of the material universe, when a grand conflagra-tion will envelope all in universal ruin; when earth, and moon, and sun and stars, will be "rolled together as a scroll," and disappear, while darkness and chaos succeed the present order of things, much is found that needs revision. He who is sincerely honest is hopeful that the day will not be too far distant when every false teaching shall receive that consideration it deserves; when every myth shall be exploded, and the sunlight of truth shall illuminate all the dark corners of the world. This grand consummation of desire will usher in the real millennium, when "knowledge shall run to and fro as the waters cover the great deep."

The foregoing series of articles, written upwards of sixteen years ago, were originally published in the Science Gossip. a Rockford (III.) semi-scientific paper of that period. They were copied by a Montreal publication, and since then have furnished the material for a popular work on a general deluge, written and published long after Dr. Brown's papers were before the public. The Doctor notes that he made some drafts on his thoughts, and in a few instances the very language here employed, in his Researches in Oriental History.

It may be proper to state in conworlds originating from a fire-mist, and that suns and planets were originally globes of molten matter, is not in as great favor by scientists as it was even sixteen years ago. Rockford, Ill.

SURELY NO HUMBUG.

Materializations at Denver

Mrs. Dr. Fitch Locked in a Wire Cage, Handcuffed, Shackled and Locked to the Floor.

AND STILL THE SPIRITS WALK OUT. TO THE EDITOR:--I think it my duty to give a brief statement of materializing seances which have been held here during the last eight or ten months, under the mediumship of Mrs. Dr. Fitch The seances have all been given under strict test conditions. The first one given was in January; the test was the medium's being securely tied with cotton bandages, knots being sewed, bandages being tied around her ankles and the ends, outside of the cabinet, fastened to screw-eyes in the floor. Previous to this she was disrobed by a committee of ladies and donned a complete suit of black; and under these conditions there came twenty-eight forms from the cabinet. Some were small children, some were as tall as six and a half feet; many spoke in clear tones and were recognized by their friends. This seance was private, there being thirty people in the

Next was a public one in the Vendome Hall. The medium stated that she would go under test conditions mentioned by the audience. This time she was handcuffed and shackled, and two forms appeared.
At the third there was a wire cage

built by some skeptics who had witnessed seances previously. They locked the medium inside of the cage. Forms came out and made themselves known as before. About four hundred people attended this senne; most of them were inclined to be skeptical, making the

conditions very unfavorable.

The next seance was held in Douglas Hall, under the most trying conditions I have ever witnessed. The chief of I have ever witnessed: The chief of police sent an officer, Mr. L. Gregory, to the hall with a pair of handcuffs and shackles to fasten upon the medium, which he did; he also locked her to the floor and placed postage stamps over all the keyholes, so it was impossible for her to use herself in any way. She had also been searched by ladies, to see that no kind of material was about her person that could be used to practice fraud. There was no white substance of any kind about her this time. Three forms came out of the cabinet, who were recognized.

We, the undersigned, believe Mrs. Dr. Fitch to be a genuine materializing medium, and can heartily recommend her

as such. Dr. C. P. Perry and wife, Dr. J. C. Holland and wife, Prof. Fair and wife, Dr. K. Young, Mr. K. C. Duncand, and many others could be added to the list. Denver, Col. C. P. PERRY, M. D.

He only is exempt from failures who makes no efforts.—Whately. Look how the blue-eved violets glance ove to one another.-T. B. Read. Death but supplies the oil for the inex-

inguishable lamp of life.—Coleridge. The jealous is possessed by a "fine mad devil" and a dull spirit at once.— Lavater. Let your literary compositions be kept from the public eye for nine years at

EXCELLENT WORK.

Good Results at the Northwestern Camp-Meeting.

The Northwestern Camp-meeting opened Sunday, June 21st, with a very large audience present. The address of welcome by Dr. S. N. Aspinwall, the efficient president of the association, was an able and eloquent effort that touched all hearts. As "Old Glory" was appended to its staff in the center of the grounds the vast audience arose and joined in singing "America," causing waves of inspiration to sweep over

every heart.

Dr. Aspinwall then introduced Mrs.
Julia Steelman-Mitchell, one of the leading speakers at the camp, who gave a fine, spirited address of fifteen minutes' duration, that added much to the enthusiasm of the hour. This is Mrs. Mitchell's first camp-meeting, but we predict that it will not be her last. She is doing a good work.

Mrs. Loe F. Prior, from the Pacific

Coast, was then introduced. Mrs. Prior has never before visited the Eastern States, but wherever she has thus far gone, good reports of her work have been made. Her opening address won-the hearts of the people, and made her

a favorite at once. President Aspinwall then requested Prof. H. D. Barrett, of the N. S. A., to occupy the last ten minutes of the morning session. Mr. Barrett is an old resident of Minnesota, and spoke of the pleasure he felt in being able to greet old friends once again. He briefly outlined his work in the South and West, and paid a glowing tribute to the old workers in our movement, one of whom -Hon. J. O. Barrett, of Brown's Valley, Minn.-was in the audience.

At 2:30 p. m., the large auditorium was occupied by at least 800 people to listen to Prof. H. D. Barrett's first lecture. Hon. J. O. Barrett, the veteran worker of thirty years ago, was intro-duced by President Aspinwall, and gave an eloquent address of ten minutes. He introduced a series of resolutions which received the unanimous approval of the audience. He referred to his nephew, Prof. H. D. Barrett, of the N. S. A., in terms of loving consideration, and spoke feelingly of the satisfaction he felt in the results of that nephew's work. Mr. Barrett was listened to with rapt attention, and his reappearance upon the platform of Spiritualism was very gratic

lying to his many friends. Dr. Aspinwall then introduced the speaker of the afternoon; Pres. H. D. Barrett, of the N. S. A., who spoke earnestly for an hour upon the subject of "Spiritualism vs. Materialism; Which?"

At 4:30 p. m., Mrs. Julia Steelman-Mitchell gave a public test seance that was largely attended. Ine writer was not present, but the consensus of opinion was to the effect that it was a grand success, the work done being eminently satisfactory to all.

Monday was conference and cleaning up day. New faces appeared among the campers, and warm hand-clasps, hearty 'how are you's" were the order of the

day.

The camp conferences are presided over by Rev. E. Andrus Titus, who is certainly the right man in the right place. The aim is to make these conferences educational schools, and thus for these boreactions. far they have certainly been such. Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Titus, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Aspinwall, Mr. Barrett, Mrs. H. E. Lepper, Mrs. Lowell and others have taken part in the same, and have con-tributed much valuable information to the assembled multitudes. No little interest was awakened on one occasion through a friendly controversy the guides of Mrs. Loe F. Prior and Prof. H. D. Barrett upon the question of the development of mediumship. Mr. Barrett challenged some of the state ments made by Mrs. Prior's chief control and the discussion of the state ments made by Mrs. Prior's chief control and the discussion of the state ments made by Mrs. Prior's chief control and the discussion of the state o trol, and the discussion that followed will long be remembered by the people in attendance. As soon as the control had defined his position in full, Mr. Barrett said there was no conflict of opinion, and that he could see that Mrs. rior's guide was right.

During the first week the speakers were Mrs. Julia Steelman-Mitchell and Prof. H. D. Barrett. The afternoon audiences have uniformly been large, and have listened attentively to the remarks of the speakers. The platform tests have been given by Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Prior and Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner. Such talent as the ladies named promsed much, and the people have not been disappointed in any particular.

On Sunday, June 28th, the speakers were Mrs. Loe F. Prior and Prof. H. D. Barrett. Mrs. Prior was greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience, and her lecture was a masterpiece of eloquence, pathos and profound thought. Her subject was "The Answer of Spiritualism in the Heart-hunger of the World." Tears were in many eyes when she closed. Mrs. Prior's lectures and tests are of a high order, and not a few who heard her publicly stated that they considered her the equal of the finest talent in our ranks. Mr. Barrett spoke upon "The Needs of

the Hour," and was warmly applauded by his auditors, of whom there were probably 1,400 present. At the close of his remarks, Dr. O. G. W. Adams took the platform, and in a very few moments succeeded in arousing much enthusiasm in behalf of the N. S. A. Under the spell of his stirring appeals seventy-one dollars in cash came to his desk, and pledges for more were recorded. Dur-ing the stay of Dr. Adams and President Barrett, cash in hand, and pledges as good as cash, to the amount of \$208 have been received. Sixty dollars of this sum were pledged by the mediums at the camp. Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Teitsworth, Mrs. Kaynor, the Fosters, C. E. Winans, Mrs. Aspinwall, Mrs. L. A. Roberts, Mrs. Bain, Mr. Crapoy, Mr. Wheeler, and others whese names are not at hand are backing this fund. They will give benefit seances from time to time until the full amount is paid. This shows the interest the genuine mediums feel in the N. S. A., and the Northwestern Camp mediums have set their brethron in the

United States a most worthy example.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 8.

VOUDOOISM.

In the Depths of Human Degradation.

Aided by Demons of Darkness.

VOUDOOISM IN THE SOUTH-IT IS DE-MONISM THROUGHOUT.

It is doubtful if any white man ever witnessed a real Voudoo celebration. On each night of St. John certain negroes meet near New Orleans and proless to practice the rites of the Vou-But the real mistresses and masters-for a few men are among the initiates, having passed the neophite stage -laugh at this puerile trilling, only indulged in for revenue, just as a real Knight Templar would scorn a lodge or order that worked in a public hall with an audience looking on that had been admitted at 50 cents a head. The very it that is known of Voudoo rites, or wnat happens at these annual meetings, has been gleaned from the accidental words dropped by old and confidential negroes to their trusted white people. Neither money nor whiskey—the two most potent influences with the average plantation negro of South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana—will open the mouths of those who could explain a good deal of this to the far northward the faculty knows of it only from hearsay. To the average strange, curious worship, which still Boston or New York physician the pale exists to a greater degree than is imagined in nearly all the Southern States. It came originally from the banks of the Congo with the first importation of

African slaves, over 200 years ago. Whether the Voudoo worship and its rites were practiced to any extent among the negroes of New England, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland cannot now be told definitely. But it flourished in spite of attempts to repress it in the warm States of the southern Atlantic scaboard: South Carolina, Florida, Georgia and Louisiana furnishing the best natural conditions for its practices. In Jamaica it continues with all its revolting features, even, it is declared, to the extent of human

sacrifices. Passing from the Voudoo worship and rites, it is pertinent to consider in what manner they have obtained their commanding influence, what their cult is, and their power. Preceding this a few words of general information may not

be without interest. There are about a dozen high priestesses of the worship of the evil spirit and concomitant Voudooism in the entire South. Only four of them repre sent the highest order of their faith, for the successful "cunjer woman," as these witch doctresses are called by the Virginia negro, and her brother of the older south Atlantic States, must be a peron of remarkable natural gifts. Whv the powers these people certainly possess are oftener found in women than in men is a question easier asked than answered.

But so it is. Hypnotism, mind-reading and mesmer-ism are so little understood that they class among the pseudo-sciences, those lying along and within the mysterious border-line between the demonstrable fact and mystery, where science gropes and says: "I cannot tell you why this is true, but it is." One notable feature in the practice of Voudooism is that the professors are all persons in the prime of ife and of perfect physical condition. Here again the ancient and modern superstitions meet, for the "cunjer woman" is but the oldtime vestal reproduced in this devil-worship transplanted to the nineteenth century.

Perhaps the most remarkable of all 'cunier woman" north of New Orleans is in Washington, in a far-distant section of the city, unknown to polite society. The neighborhood where she lives is not safe usually for a respectable-appearing white man in daylight. much less at night. But should you be known as an acquaintance of the witchwoman, you are sale.

It is no easy thing for a white man to meet one of these Voudoo women. They have a strong respect for the law, and are extremely suspicious, thinking every unvouched-for white man who seeks them is a detective. Big Mary's favorite residence is in Freedman's alley. Should a stranger go there and ask for Big Mary, every negro, big and little, would instantly declare that he knew no such person. But she is there, and an acquaintance with any frequenter of the place, who is sure you are not a detective, will procure an interview. Mary's residence is not much to look at from the outside. Within it is fairly clean. Her professional rooms are fitted up with a fine regard to the theatrical effect. She has a skull on the stand of the room you will be received in. From a corner, when you enter you will suddenly hear a shrill, singing buzz. A city man would think the noise odd. and wonder why the peculiar musky odor filled the room. The man used to the dense forests and cane-brakes of the South, or a hunter over the mighty Appalachian ranges, would not need to be told anything. It is the buzz of the Crotalus horridus, the great southern yellow rattlesnake. The snake in Big Mary's house is an enormous one. It

tering, cold and deadly.
"Come out heh," said Mary, and standing over it a moment, she seized the snake by the middle, and held the writhing evil thing at arm's length, then put it back where it was. "You see how I keep dat snake what it is?" It was inside a coil of horsehair rope, woven and plaited as is the rists of the Mexican vaquero. Every scout and prairie man knows that nothing will make a rattlesnake crawl over that line of horsehair.

"W'en I goes out I jest lifts Demon out fum dat quile er rope," said she.
"Nobody ain' gwine come in heh ef he
loose, I tell you!" And she was right. The adjacent negro would as soon think of entering the gate to the bottomless pit as of going into that dark room where that crawling death keeps ward. Mary is a good mind-reader.

"I kin tell you what yo' ah thinkin' of, ef yo' give me yo' han'," she said. The hand was held a moment. A curious effect, warm, like a mild electric current, was plainly felt. "Now, seh, I gwine tell yo' jes' w'at yo' wuz thinkin' bout." And she did.

The hypnotic effect was not attempted. but imagine the effect this mind reading, heightened by the still, watchful ok of the rattlesnake, must have upon the ignorant visitor.

"Law me," she said, "my bes' custom the words: ers ain't dese yar niggers, no, seh! Dough I does make right smart money out of 'em, de bes' payin' people I has is w'ite people. Why, I knows de high-es' gemmens in dis yeh Washington."

Big Mary's far South professional sister, mistress of the Voudoo lore, is of a far different type. Figure to yourself a tall, lithe, graceful mulatto, a Spanish is not more than thirty, and is less negro than any other Voudoo woman the writer knows. She has the blood of Spanish conquistadores in her veins, and possesses a face like Diana Victrix. with a figure that any woman would

although she knows French very well, and has a fair knowledge of English; enough to do business. She is very partial to "my own people," as she calls the creole of the Antilles and Louisiana. She is a good mind-reader, a homotist of no mean power, besides with Voudooism, as linked and locked with the devil, by the more ignorant religionists of to-day. But no matter with whom we are placed, our truth is hypnotist of no mean power, besides possessing a knowledge of the qualifies of plants and herbs that would be most valuable to most any physician or drug-

She understands, for example, the method of preparing and use of the loco, the most infernal of all Southern herbs. Prepared properly it can be administered to the "patient" in a cup of tea, for it has a slightly aromatic taste. In six weeks' time the man who takes it is dead. His brain has either burst all its blood vessels or it has literally become putrid. The taker suffers no pain. He becomes dull, then he cannot seem to fix his mind upon anything, and finally existence till death comes is simply ani mation without sentient life. How ofter it has been administered to persons in the way of ambitious, would-be heirs, to rivals in business or love, to old husbands by women who desire freedom, to others, no one knows! But the expert Mexican physician, as well as his professional brother of Cuba, Porto Rico, and Martinique, to say nothing of the doctors of Louisiana, all know its peculiar sign. In Mexico it is a penal offence to sell the stuff in a prepared form, and in Cuba to use it means the garrote. But

green absinthe-like liquid in a small cut-glass bottle, once used for perfum-ery, would be a curiosity, that is all.

Delores-Joaquina was not communi-cative about her business, Moving over toward a sort of etagere to examine some curious images, a sharp hiss, louder and finer than that of a goose, caused a sudden rearward motion. Coiled upon the widest shelf was what is called in Louisiana a big bull-snake, It frequents old buildings and lives upon rats and an occasional young and foolish chicken. It belongs to the constrictor family, will bite and bite fiercely, but has no poison fangs, though its long, sharp teeth, curving backward, make painful and ugly wound. It is beauti-fully spotted in black and yellow squares,

and is from six to eight or ten feet long. "That snake keeps the place clear of water-bugs, mice, and rats, I suppose,' the visitor said. "Yes," she replied, "and by a certain

call I can make it come to me wherever it is. It is the feeding call," and she made a low hissing noise. Sure enough, the thing climbed down by means of the ornamental carved back of the etagere, and halted at her feet, rearing its head a foot from the floor. A little vessel of milk-of which all snakes are very fond -was given it. It took the milk in swallows as an animal would. It was the first time the visitor had seen a snake drink. When its refection was ended it crawled under the lounge.

Dolores-Joaquina is the queen of her cult, in Louisiana, Florida and the Voudoo States south of the Potomac. Her stock in trade is in some fortune-telling,

but not much. "It is not money enough for me," she said. Her chief business is in the sale of love-powders, and "puttin under spells," in other words, "cunjerin." The person desiring the spell receives a small image, perhaps three inches long, made in the shape of a man or woman. This is stuck full of pins, and placed under the victim's bed. What happons? Sometimes nothing. The cunning "cunjer-woman" usually manages to have the "cunjered" one informed of the spell cast upon him or her. To the ignorant, and even the more intelligent negro, there is no terror equal to the fear of being "cunjered." So a second fee is usually made in removing the spell from the terrified victim. The fee for this service, it was learned, was not very high, \$10 being the usual figure for casting the spell, and as much from the victim for removing

Here is a story of conjuring: Oscar J. Dunn was Lieutenant-Governor of Louisiana when Gov. Warmouth was Chief Executive in 1869. He was of pure negro blood, black as a crow, but well-educated, for he was a Jamaican, and had graduated from an English college. It became rumored among the negro mem-bers of the Legislature—then sitting in New Orleans-that Dunn was jured," and would die on the night of the 15th of that month. Dunn, as an educated man, laughed the idea to scorn.

"Why, you don't think I believe in such superstition as this, do you?" said to some who wanted Marie Levaux, the greatest Voudoo queen of her time. consulted. Dunn was a man of powerful frame, about forty years old. His friends became uneasy as the middle of the month drew nigh. On the fatal night three of them insisted upon sleeping in the same room with him. He appreciated the kindly solicitude, but said

it was needless. "Why, I am amazed at you all!" [They were Louisiana-born negroes.] "Members of the Louisiana Senate, to entertain such a feeble superstition?"

They remained with him until quite midnight, and then escorted him home. Adjoining his sleeping-room was an must be almost six feet long, with great other, the two connecting by folding arrow-shaped black head and eyes glittering, cold and deadly. C. C. Antoine-who was most anxious

about him, said:
"I will sleep here, if you will let me."
"Certainly,"Dunn cordially responded,
"I will be glad to have you."

They went to bed. It was then almost 1 o'clock. The friend had just fallen into a sound sleep, when he was startled by what he thought was a shout from Dunn. He sprang up in time to hear him groan heavily. Badly scared, he lighted the gas in both rooms and went to Dunn's bed. He was dead. His face was distorted, and a hand was bleeding. There was nothing upon which it could have been struck to cause the wound, The death made a profound sensation

Two of the very best physicians—one had been medical director on the staff of Gen. Beauregard during the war-examined the dead man. They found the brain normal, no sign of apoplexy or heart disease. They would never say —if they knew—of what disease this man died. Under the bolster beneath the pillow on which Dunn had been sleeping for six months the terrified negroes found a little image of wax, with a pin stuck through the head, and another through the body, and the last held a slip of paper on which was written in a very fine, faint hand in French

"O. J. Dunn will surely die on the night of the 15th." These are the people, but not the only people, that the one-idead, creed-bound advocates of another feeble superstition consider possessed of devils, and, of course, should be suppressed.

This country has, since the declara-tion of independence told us that "all creole negro, born in Porto Rico. She men were born free and equal," and are entitled to their religious views, been looked upon as a good country for the promulgation of their religion, their philosophy, their truth, by every sect, by every people of the civilized and uncivilized world. America opens her give a small fortune to own. Particularly | broad doors and offers a peaceful home noticeable in her is the fine, graceful to all religions, superstitions, philosocarriago that these women acquire in phies, theories, idiosyncrasies and fads, carrying water-jars and pails upon their and would it not be the greatest inconsistence. phies, theories, idiosyncrasies and fads, and would it not be the greatest inconsistency—an infraction of our duty as pathology of the street of New Orleans from triots, as officers—to permit a handful Prot. W. E. PERKE, F. D., 4 Octar St., New York.

with whom we are placed, our truth is too broad and great to be seriously hin dred by opinions or persecutions.
DR. T. WILKINS.

MATERIALIZATION.

An Honest Exchange of Opinion.

In Which Robert White and Allie Lindsay Lynch Appear.

NEW YORK, June 22, 1896. MRS. ALLIE LINDSAY LYNCH:
MY DEAR MADAM:—I have your arti-

ole in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER and I do not doubt your sincerity in the matter. I have read the book, "There Is No Death," and so many of the manifes tations coming through the mediumship of the exposed medium, Mrs. Williams, make the matter more doubtful. And besides, the book was written to make money, and the author has made a for-tune out of it. She is a novelist and she well knew that she could touch the pocket-books of the Spiritualists if she lefended materialization. Just give this a little thought and see her decep tion in the matter. The dwellingplace for fraud in Spiritualism is in the cottage of materialization. I know Dr. Holbrook well, and he is a man of honest intentions and he wants the truth, and will pay for it. His offer will never be taken up, as the "fakes" are afraid of him. The bag you speak of, that the medium is sewed in, is not a test condition, and I could prove it to your satisfaction if had the gentleman.

admonition, as I like to exchange views on this subject, I always like to be charitable, and my aim is to better humanity; and the only avenue to accomplish this result is through Spiritualism. The more darkness surrounds manifestations, the more imposition asserts

Now, do not take my letter as one of

Yours for the advancement of humanity. ROBERT WHITE, JR.

MRS. LYNCH'S REPLY.

MR. ROBERT WHITE, JR.:
DEAR SIR:—I am glad that you have said you do not doubt my sincerity. That makes me to have a feeling of friendliness. And now I want to speak in defence of a woman whom I have no right to judge as any less sincere than myself—after having carefully read the book under discussion, "There Is No Death." True, she is a noted novelist, and it may be she knew that the book would readily be purchased by Spirit-ualists; but, on the other hand, she might easily have taken into considera-tion that the publishing of such a confession of belief, would most likely detract from her already wide popularity as a writer. Spiritualism has not been the easiest road for writers to fame and fortune. But, all this set aside, to me the book bore the stamp of a truly sincere, earnest woman's desire to lend hand to aid the advancement of that which had saved her reason by proving to her the great truth of a future; of never-dying individuality—immortality I do not think she sat down and calmly plotted the book, calculating dollars and cents as an outgrowth return: I did not feel she could have so material a motive rather. I intuitively felt the soul of Florence Marryatt stood up to proudly defend an unpopular, but to her a real, science; and that, time and again she had sought ways and means of a demonstration before she decided to throw into the scales the evidence she had searchingly obtained. No, friend White, there may be honor even in a

iovelist's soul You are a Spiritualist, or you would not endorse that near-of-kin phase, etherealization. It seems to me, even from logic alone (had I had no evidence to sustain) that, if spirits can achieve so mighty a design, to prove to mankind they live, as the act of producing visible etherealization, a little more genius and study in their chemical laboratories, might readily show that there is an 'Edison" master-genlus among them, who could handle matter, clothing the form in a yet more solid state, for the

Materialization is a fact, Dr. Holbrook and his honest intentions to the contrary notwithstanding. It may be that his offer will never be taken up. This very fact would give me more confidence in the genuineness of the medium, for true-hearted mediums are not likely to pose as being able at all times to produce manifestations. Moreover, true mediums are usually informed by spirit guides that it is possible for one mind-force among the sitters to so mar a seleave it almost a complete failure; and though that person may be nonest in wanting the truth, he can retard the manifestation desired as proof because of the stronger current of doubt that is in his mind regarding the very instrument (which is not an instrument of automaton mechanism, be it remembered) from which the unseer friends must collect the power to manifest their own personality. Materializa-tion must of necessity be a finer law, in chemistry, than is any of the wonders of Edison or Tesla. But I stand firm for my claim, and that of many others, of its being an established fact.

You do not consider that Mr. Arnold of whom I made mention, was under test conditions when I had sewed him in the sack-which I had examined and found to be well seamed and made—and had found him sewed as I had stitched him in, when the seance ended. In addition to this, which I still consider was a test condition. I have several times been invited to examine the cabinet just as the seance was going to open. Mr. Arnold's cabinet is a small room with but one door and one window. The door is the one that opens into the large room where the sitters are seated; the window is to the street and is above the entrance to the flight of stairs that leads from a much-traveled street to the second and third flats, his residence being the second flat on one side of a small hallway and being over a store; the stairs to the third flat wind along the entire north wall of the cabinet-room (with no possi-ble way to creep beneath these and into the room, which has no outlet or inlet save the one door. No carpet covers the floor of this small room, and it contains but a small stand and chair, or, if he gives a private sitting, two chairs, One half year before I had attended

was only able to have etherealizationfor be it known he had been sitting some

few of Mr. Arnold's seances, when he

FITS GURED

(From U. S. Journal of Medicine.)

Prof. W. II. Pecke, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than may without quot treate and cared more case man any living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 30 years; standing cured by him, Hopublishes a valuable work on this disease which ha

-and, after returning from the South, when I again attended, as described in my communication in The PROGRESS-IVE THINKER, I was rejoiced to note the unfoldment to his mediumship, and to see how strong my own friends came. Some of the sitters, who attend often, have thus enabled their loved ones to, by practice, build with more substance, and speak more distinct, loud often, and remain outside the cabinet much longer than my own friends had ability to do. There was sufficient light to al-low of each sitter seeing the other, even across the room. II can understand, from lessons of logic given me, by observation upon natural laws, etc., that semi-darkness is often a necessity to produce certain conditions, and so long as I may see objects as one sees them at the soft twilight hour (when I so love to sit quietly passive, and thus do often re-ceive thoughts to pen), I shall enter no complaint against such conditions of darkness, for manifestations so grand as the materialization of my loved friends

gone before. You will please pardon me should I send this and your letter to THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER, since each of us is earnest for the advancement of humanity. I sat down to reply to you private ly, but am now impressed to let our cor espondence go before the public, and I do so with no wish to offend you, believe me. Fraternally,

ALLIE LINDSAY LYNCH.

Twenty-four hours later I attended another of Mr. Arnold's seances, at which I again witnessed many materializations, including a mother with her baby in her arms, and who was recognized and conversed with by one of those present in mortal form. This was beautiful sight. To me came three friends. The day was warm, the room crowded; those present were harmoni-ous, and about forty forms came and not a doubt lingered in the minds of those

present as to the fact of materialization.
While I was sitting in the circle, witnessing the joy of all, it came to me to ask those who freely would to bear me witness in my statement. At the close of the seonce I requested paper and pencil and asking the attention of those present for one moment, wrote and read: "We, the undersigned, attest that we have to-day witnessed genuine material-ization at Mr. Wm, Arnold's seance.

"ALLIE LINDSAY LYNCH." (And twenty-one others.)

MATERIALIZATION.

Relation of Phenomena to the Philosophy of Spiritualism.

An Important Question Suggested for Consideration.

The philosophy of Spiritualism is the most beautiful and reasonable system of religious belief ever, presented to man, but without the sid of phenomens it is only a belief. With phenomens it amounts to actual knowledge. The phenomena proves and tonfirms the philosophy, and both together make a combi-nation the like of which has never before been seen on earth. It looms up in grand sublimity, casts a bright radiance over the dark vales of earthly sorrow, and opens and illumines the beautiful gates that intervene between us and our riends above.

But this magnificent tower of light is shaded and clouded by the many vain and wicked things done in its name. Like pure gold, it has its counterfeit— and the work of the counterfeiter is greatly facilitated by absence of close organization of the spiritual ranks. This opens wide the door for everyone to enter the field that may feel so in-clined; consequently the field of work is filled with all kinds of mediums and neakers. There is no one to pass or their qualification, or to call them to ac-

count for their misdeeds. Under such conditions, it is not strange that fraud and trickery have run riot in the spiritual ranks, until a reaction has set in, which is becoming so intense as to threaten the belief in some of the important phenomena of Spiritualism.

Many good Spiritualists have never believed in materialization. At this

time, so many materializing mediums are being exposed that it greatly shakes the faith of many who have hitherto be lieved in that phase.

The unaccepted offer of \$100 for a genuine case of materialization also weakens public faith.

This seems to be an unfortunate sitution. But when the truth comes out clearly to view, it will shine all the brighter for having passed through the clouds. And in due time it will come

Let me remind the brother who offered the \$100, that genuine mediums never boast of their powers. They confess they have no power—they guarantee nothing. They tell me that whatever may be done is by a power beyond their control—they are merely the instru-ments. Fred Evans, the slate-writer, gave me this assurance the first time I saw him, and yet I got splendid mes-

sages.
Mr. Campbell, the spirit artist, told me, when I went to him for a sitting, that he didn't know that he could ge anything for me-he guaranteed noth ing-sometimes he got good results and ometimes nothing

Genuine materializing mediums will tell you the same thing. They know they have no power of their own. They cannot promise anything. They know the work comes from a source independent of themselves—that grand results may come, or nothing may come.

In view of these well-known facts, is it reasonable to suppose that any true medium will rush ihto a public contest for \$100, involving a power over which he knows he has no control? True mediums will not go into such contests, be-cause they don't know that they could do anything. Of course the frauds will not enter the contest, because they

know they would be exposed.

For nine years I have been a diligent investigator of Spiritualism. I have, each year, traveleft over a wide range of country, giving moopportunities to test Spiritualism in all_aits, phases. I have seen much to disgust, but on the whole, have been very fortunite. I have found materialization to be as true as any other phenomenon in the whole list. I have attended many seances for that phase, in different parts of the country, and under various conditions. Some of causes. Had I been rebuffed at a few failures, I would have denounced the whole business as a fraud. But I have followed this investigation as eagerly as Edison and Tesla follow their studies.

Six years ago, at a private seance in San Francisco, at which no one was present except myself and the medium, a number of forms materialized. Among as distinct as it ever was in life.

ing and developing, until it stood just in or if you wish, they will hire you on a front of me a perfect and most beautiful salary.

LILLIE B.

Key West. She speaks Spanish best, of the remnants of the Inquisition to years before the spirits could manifest girl. She gave her name as I giose and took hold of her. She told me she was a Greek maiden and had died long agothat she was my guide, and she stood and talked beautifully for some minutes, then disappeared. I had never heard of

her before.
Since then I have been in many seances in Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Houston, Texas. At only two of those seances has my guide failed to come to me and give her name. In regard to these failures, she afterward explained through clairvoyants, that the conditions were not favorable, and un-less they were she would rather not come at all. I saw and had hold of her in Chicago the night before I went to Mr. Campbell, as above referred to. I asked her if I would go to Mr. Campbell could she give me her picture. She answered that she didn't know that she could, but she would give me a bunch of

pansies anyway.

The next day I went to Mr. Campbell, and when he said he would not guaran tee anything, I told he need not worry about that, as I knew I would get some thing, and also knew what it would be but gave him no intimation of what it

Mr. Campbell's work is known to many of your readers, so I will not detail his process; but suffice it to say that in twelve or fifteen minutes I had a splendid picture of pansies on a porcelain plate, painted in oil, which did not dry for five or six weeks. The clean porcelain was placed between two slates, which I held in my hands during the entire sitting. Mr. Campbell was all the time walking in a distant part of the room, and describing the appearance of a spirit, whom I recognized as my

Three nights afterward I again saw my guide in materialized form. She e to me in an animated manner, and as I took her hand she said: "Oh! didn't we have a good meeting at Mr. Campbell's:" and then added: "I want you to keep that picture always." She and I have become very intimately acquainted. When I have a sitting with firstclass trance mediums in any part of the country, she will in a very few minutes take full control of the medium and talk with me for a full hour. She gives me slate-writings, telegrams and all kind of communications, and sometimes sends me messages through mediums thousands of miles away without my asking

for them.

Recently I received from a lady friend of mine at LaPorte, Texas, who has mediumistic powers, which are only used in her own family, a slate-written message from her control, "Xerxes," giving a most beautiful: bit of the earth and

spirit history of my guide.

But space will not allow me to give one-half of the evidence I have of her identity. Her communications and materializations are all consistent and are beyond dispute. I am as certain that I have frequently seen and talked with her, as that I have seen and talked with my wife. I could give a number of other cases which furnish evidence beyond dispute, of materialization, but it would make this communication too long.

But I must add a few words in regard to a trait in some materializing mediums whom I know. One whom I know to possess most wonderful powers in this line, is believed to be a fraud by a large number of reputable Spiritualists; yet her real power is so great that no amount of exposure can put her down. I have always felt that she was in a half-dazed condition. She seems not to know when she will leave a place, nor what she is going to do next. It is well known that materialization causes a very heavy drain on the physical and nerve forces of the medium. This is the most prominent case of this kind I know of. there are other similar cases. Now this is a feature that demands the most thorough and candid investigation of the most profound philosophical thinkers in

all the land.

Is it not possible that the great drain on the nerve forces of mediums of wellknown power may cause a weakening of the reasoning faculties and moral percentions of these mediums and be the cause of at least a part of their wrongdoing?

If this be true, then mediumship becomes a dangerous thing. I invite the deliberate consideration of Hudson Tuttle and other great and inspired minds to this subject. It is of more vital importance than any other one thing now before the public. S. H. WEST.

What's in a Name?

To THE EDITOR:-The new name, with which Mrs. Richmond's society has recently been christened, is worrying the minds of some staid, old-fashione thinkers. It does look a little like savoring of orthodox tendency, but if the society feels better with a new suit on, why it may be best they have a change of garment. There is the "Church of the Spirit," and why not be a "Church of the Soul?" We understand soul and spirit to be the same in the original, yet there are many who argue the soul is the garment of the spirit, while others reverse the order, and write learnedly in defense of their theories. We like a simple name that means just what it says, and this society may feel the same way, and consider theirs a model of simplicity, yet full of much meaning.

Apropos to this subject, there is a

class of striplings aping churchism and hunting around to get some society to confer upon them the prefix "Rev." It is very well for those who have come from the different orthodox pulpits to retain the name, and they should be revered for their manly qualities; but when we see those who have hardly ever been inside the old churches, asking for-and some do not ask, but assume the namewe feel like steering clear of that clas of would-he teachers. There is nothing about them to be reverenced, in their manner or teachings.
It is well for a Hull, a Peebles, a

Grumbine and that class to retain the prefix and be known as Rev. Moses Hull. etc., but for some of our would-be youth ful lecturers in swaddling clothes, it is a misnomer. We might give some instances, and one a recent case in Texas. but there is no need of personality. Let every tub stand upon its own bottom. Merit will tell, whether in tatters and rags, or dressed in silken gowns. "By their fruits shall ye know them," and so may our workers go on in that simplicity of garb and character, that shall win laurels in the service of true Spiritualism.

M. S. BECKWITH.

Money Made in a Minute.

I have not made less than sixteen dollars any day while selling Centrifugal Ice Cream Freezers. Any one should make from five to eight dollars a day these seances were frauds, some failures on account of unfavorable conditions, undeveloped mediums and other wonder; there is always a crowd wanting cream. You can freeze cream elegantly in one minute and that astonishes people so they all want to taste it and then many of them buy freezers as the cream is smooth and perfectly frozen. Every freezer is guaranteed to freeze the cream perfectly in one minute. Anyone can sell ice cream and the freezer sells itself. My sister makes from ten to fifthem was my father, whom I took in my teen dollars a day. J. F. Casey & Co. arms and talked with. His identity was 1143 St. Charles street, St. Louis, Mo. will mail you full particulars free, so you A little while after, a form began to can go to work and make lots of money materialize near the ceiling in front and anywhere, as with one freezer you can above me. It came rapidly down, unfold- make a hundred gallons of cream a day,

Mahomet, the Illustrious.

BY GODFREY HIGGINS, ESQ.

This work is one of the Library of Liberal Classics. No author was better qualified to write an impartial and honest life of Mahomet than Godfrey Higgins, and this volume as incresely interesting. It should be read in conjunction with Gibbon's work. For sale at this office. Price. 35 cents.

his office. Price, 25 cents. SEERS OF THE AGES.

Embracing Spiritualism, past and present. By J I. Peebles, M. D. An encyclopedia of interesting and instructive facts. Price \$2.00. IT IS INTERESTING.

IFE AND LABOR IN THE SPIRIT-IFE AND LABOR IN THE STAIL—World: Being a description of Localities, Employments, Surrounding, and Conditions in the Spheres, By members of the Spirit-Band of Miss M. T. Shelhamer, medium of the Ranner of Light Public Free Circle. Cloth \$1.00. Postage 10 censs. For sale at this affice.

THOMAS PAINE. Was He Junius? By Wm. Henry Burr. Price 15 cents.

THE REAL ISSUE. By Mosks Hull. A compound of the two pamph-lets. "The Irrepressible Conflict," and "Your Answer or Your Life;" with important additions, making a book of 180 pages all for 25 cents. This book contains statistics, facts and documents, on the tendencies of the times, that every one should have. For sale at this office.

THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS Not Adapted to Modern Civilization, with the True Character of Mary Magdalene. By Geo. W. Brown, M. D. Price, 15 cents.

Out of the Depths Into the Light. By Samuel Bowles; Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, medium. This little book will be read with intense interest by thousands. Price 25 cents.

PHILOSOPHY

OF SPIRITUAL INTERCOURSE. This work contains an account of the very wonderful spiritual developments at the house of Rev. Dr. Phelps, Stratford, Conn., and similar cases in all parts of the country. This volume is the first from the author directly upon the subject of "Spiritualism," and has stood the test of many years. Cloth, \$1.25 Postage 10 cents. For sale at this office.

THE KORAN.

Commonly called the "Alkoran of Mohammed."
Translated into English from the original Arabic, with
explanatory notes taken from the most approved commentators. With a preliminary discourse by Geo.
Sale. Price, cloth, el.00. For sale at this office.

LIFE OF THOMAS PAINE. By Editor of the National with Preface and Notes by Peter Eckler. Illustrated with views of the old Paine Homestead and Paine Monument, at New Rochelle, also, portraits of Thomas Cilo Rickman, Joe Barlow, Mary Wollstonecraft, Madame Roland, Condorcet, Brissot, and the most prominent of Paine's friends in Europe and America. Cloth, 75 cents.

THE DIAKKA.

THE DIAKKA AND THEIR EARTH. by Victims, by the Seer, A. J. Davis, is a very interesting and suggestive work. It is an explanation of much that is faise and repulsive in Spiritualism, embodying a most important recent interview with James Victor Wilson, a resident of the Summer-Land. Price 50 cents. For sale at this office

THE SPIRITUAL BIRTH. OR DEATH AND ITS TO-MORROW The Spiritual Idea of Death, Heaven and Hell. By Moszs Hull. This pamphiet besides giving the Spiritualistic interpretation of many things in the Bible interpretations never before given, explains the heavens and bells believed in by Spiritualists. Price, 10 cents. For sale at this office.

The Religion of Spiritualism, Its Phenomena and Philosophy. By Rev. Samuel Watson. This work was written by a modern Savior, a grand and noble man. Price \$1.00.

The Science of Spirit Return. By Charles Dawbarn. Price 10 cents

SPIRITUAL SONGSTER. By MATTIE E. HULL. Thirty-eight of Mrs. Hull's sweetest songs, adapted to popular music, for the use of congregations, circles and families. Price, 10 cts., or \$6 per hundred. For saic at this office.

OBSESSION. How evil spirits influence mortals. By M. Faraday. 23. Price 10 cents.

HISTORY OF THE INQUISITION Just the book for those seeking information con-cerning that most damnable institution known in history—the Roman Catholic Inquisition. Every American citizen should become acquainted with the facts so succinctly stated in this valuable record. It shows the methods used by the Romish Church to ex-

terminate those who reject its beliefs and claims. For rale at this office. Price 25 cents. HISTORY OF ATHARAEL LIFE IN THE STONE AGE. THE history of Atharea, Chief Priest of a Band of Al-Aryans. This pamphlet, containing 91 pages, was written through the mediumship of U. G. Figley, and is intensely interesting. Price 80 cents. For sale at this office. IFE IN THE STONE AGE. THE

Ingersoll's Great Address

On Thomas Paine, at the late Paine celebration in New York City. Price, 6 cents; ten copies for 50 cents Real Life in the Spirit-Land. Given inspirationally by Mrs. Maria M. King. You will not become weary while reading this excellent book. Price 75 cents.

The Evolution of the Devil. By Henry Frank, the independent preacher of New York City. The most learned, accurate, acientize and philosophical analysis of His Satanio Majesty ever published. The book contains 68 pages, and is bean-tifully bound, with likeness of author on title page. Price 23 cents.

Paine's Theological Works. Age of Reason, Examination of the Prophecies, etc. Ilius. edition. Post 8vo., 432 pages. Cloth, \$1.00

HOW TO MESMERIZE. By Prof. J. W. Cadwell, one of the most successful a samerists in America. Ancient and modern mira-oles explained by mesmerism. An invaluable work Price, paper, 50 cents.

BEYOND THE CATES. By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. A highly entertaining work. Price \$1.00.

Why She Became a Spiritualist, Twelve lectures. By Abby A. Judson. This book should be read by every Spiritualist. Price \$1.00; postage 10 cents.

THE RELATION Of the Spiritual to the Material Universe; and the Law of Control. New edition, enlarged and revised, by M. Faraday. Price 15 cents.

Children's Progressive Lyceum. A manual, with directions for the organization and nanagement of Sunday schools. By Andrew Jackson Davis, Something indispensable. Price 50 cents.

GOSPEL OF NATURE. By M. L. Sherman and Wm. F. Lyon. A book replete with Spiritual truths. Price \$1.00. POEMS OF PROGRESS.

By Lizzie Doten. They are really valuable The Myth of the Great Deluge. By James M. McCann. A complete and overwhelm ng refutation of the Bible story of the Deluge. Price 5 cents.

ALL ABOUT DEVILS. Or, an Inquiry as to whether Modern Spiritualism and other Great Reforms come from Hie Satanic Majesty and His Sabordinates in the Kingdom of Darkness, Spipages. By Mosks Hull. Price, 15 cents. For sale at this office.

"THE WATSEKA WONDER." To the student of psychle phenomena, this pamphlet is intensely interesting. It gives detailed accounts of two cases of "double consciounces," namely Mary Lurands 'Yeanum, of Watseks, III., and Mary Repnelds, of Yeanupo county, Pa. For sale at this office. Price 15 cents.

The Development of the Spirit After Transition. By the late M. Faraday. The origin of religions, and their numence upon the mental development of the human race. Transcribed at the request of a band of ancient philosophers. Price 10 cents.

A VALUABLE WORK. Researches in Oriental History, Embracing the Origin of the Jowa the Rises and Development of Zoroastrianism and the Dorivation of Unitestimity; to which is added: Whence Our Aryan Ancestors? By G. W. Brown, M. D. One of the most valuable works ever published. Price \$1.50,

The Occult Forces of Sex

BY LOIS WAISBROOKER.

This admirable work consists of three pamphiets embodied in one volume, in which questions of great importance to the race are discussed from the stand-point of an advanced social reformer. Price 50 cents. For sale at this office.

LIFE WORK

COMPILED AND EDITED BY HARRISON D. BARRETT.

With portraits representing Mrs. Richmond in 1857, in 1876, and in 1894.

OUTLINE OF CONTENTS: INTERPOLOTION.

CHAPTER I. Parentage-Place of Pirth-Childhood-School Experiences-First Mediumistic Work, etc.

Chartes II. Hopedale—Mr. Scott in Massachusetts— Removal to Wisconsin—The Ballou Family—Adia Ballou's Work—Work of Spirit Adia Augustus Ballou. Bando.

CHAPTER III. Oulna—Her Earthly Life and Tragio
Death—Her Mission in Spirit-Life.

CHAPTER IV. Other Controls—The Guides.

CHAPTER IV. Other Controls—The Guides.

CHAPTER V. Work in Culas, N. Y.—Buffalo Pastorate
—Workers in Buffalo—Thomas Gales Forster—Sarah
Brooks—Horaco H. Day—Removal to New York
City, 1850—Philadelphia—Boston—Beltimore,
CHAPTER VII. New York City (continued). Prof. J.
J. Mapes—Hon. J. W. Edmonds—Dr. Gray—New
York Editors and Clergy—Other Places in the East
—Meadville, Pa., 1864—Hon. A. B. Richmond,
CHAPTER VIII. Washington, D. C.—Reconstruction—
Senstor J. M. Howard—George J. W. Julien—Gen,
N. F. Banks—Nettle Colbern Maynard—Statement
Of Geo. A. Bacon.
CHAPTER X. England—Robert Dale Owen—George

CHAPTER IX. England-Robert Dale Owen-George Thompson-Countess of Caithness - Mrs. Straw-bridge-Mr. and Mrs. Tobb-Mrs. Nosworthy-J. C. Ward-Mrs. Shater-Andrew Cross. CHAPTER X. Work in England (Continued in Three Subsequent Visita.) CHAPTER XI. California Work, 1875—Other Visits— Letter of C. M. Plumb—Letter of Mrs. John A. Wilson.

CHAPTER XII. Chicago Work, 1876 to 1895—First Society Chartered, 1869—Complete Account of Work in Letters and Statements of Members of the Society. CHAPPER XIII. Camp Meeting Work—Cassadaga— Lake Pleasant—Onset Bay—Lake Brady—Lookout Mountain, etc.

Mountain, etc.

CHAPTEN XIV. Literary Work—Hesperia—Volumes of Discourses and Lectures—Psychopathy; Soul Teachings—Poems—Other Literary Work.

CHAPTER XV. Literary Work (continued)—Lecture on Gyroscope, 1858—'The Shadow of a Great Rock in a Weary Land,' 1857—Poems—Choice Selections in Fross and Verse—Work of William Richmond.

CHAPTER XVI. Letters from Personal Frions; from Orpha E, Tousey; from Lady Calthness, and others—Appreciation of the Work from Those Best Qualined to Judge—Frederick F. Cook—Wendell C, Warner—Drs. Emmett and Helen Dinsmore.

CHAPTER XVII. Mrs Richmond's Experiences Whila

Price \$2, Postpaid. For Sale at this office.

WAS

CHAPTER XVII. Mrs Richmond's Experiences While in the Trance State, Written by Herself.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN A SPIRITUALIST? -OR-

Curious Revelations from the Life of a Trance Medium. -BY-

Together with Portraits, Letters and Poems. Illustrated with Engravings and Frontispiece of Lincoln, from Carpenter's Portratt from Life.

MRS. NETTIE COLBURN MAYNARD

This book will be found peculiar, curious, startling!
—moreso than any work issued since Uncle Tom's Cabin. It breathes forgotten whispers which the rust of time had almost covered, and which have been snatched from the very jaws of oblivion. It deals with high official private life during the most momentous period in American History, and is a secret page from the life of him whom time serves only to make greater, more appreciated, and more understood—"ABRAHAM LINCOLN." Cloth, 12mo, illustrated, pp. 264, \$1.50;

Paper, 75 cents. For Sale at this office. JOYS

Beyond the Threshold. TO-MORROW OF DEATH. By LOUIS FIGUIER.

Translated from the French. Translated from the French.

THE TO-MORROW OF DEATH was writen to sevelop the idea of the principle of the permanence of the human spul after death, and its reincarnation in a chain of new beings, whose successive links are unrolled in the bosom of etherial space. "Beyond the Theorem of the translation of the same lines enlarging and expanding the idea by reasons and considerations drawn from science and philosophy; claiming that the certairty of a new birth beyond our earthly end is the best means of arming ourselves against all weakness in the presence of death, and that the help offered by science and philosophy to that end is far superfor to that of any of the existing religions. From beginning to end it is interesting, on tertaining, instructive and fascinator. The writter one accepts it all or not, much will have there we had a much plea arms of hypotherical to the constant of the much plea arms of hypotherical to the constant of the much pleas arms of hypotherical to the constant of the constant of the work of the much pleas arms of hypotherical the constant of the constant of the much pleas arms of hypotherical the constant of the constant

The To-Morrow of Death. ...OR THE ...

Future Life According to Science. BY LOUIS FIGUIER.

TRANSLATED PROM THE FRENCH BY S. R. CROCKEE. A VERY FASCINATING WORK.

A VERY FASCINATING WORK.

This ane volume might well have been entitled Spiritualism Demonstrated by Selence. It is written in that peouliar interesting style in which French writers accel when they would popularize scientific subjects in adaptation to the needs of the general reader. The author is not a Spiritualist—he even mentions Spiritualists as "devotees of a new superstition," etc., etc., in which he manifests the usual animus of the "scientific ciass," yet he says again: "There is a true and respectable idea in Spiritualism," and regards as proved "the fact of communication between superhumans and the inhabitants of Earth;" and he goes on to relate instances of fact in evidence. There is, to a Spiritualist, a manifest discrepancy in the sauthor's ideas, but the well-read mind will readily select and strange the pros and cous, and out of the select and arrange the pros and cons, and out of the whole will find not only good mental culture, but much valuable information. The author holds the theory of reincarnation. Price \$1.50. For sale at this office.

GLEANINGS FROM THE ROSTRUM.

BY A. B. FRENCH.

This work is one that every one should read. It beams throughout with rare gems of thought, practical as well as profound. There is sunshine and beauty in every sentence uttered. The work is delicated to the author's favorite sister, Sarah French Farr. now passed to Spirit-life. Hudson Tuttle, of Berlin Heights, Ohio, gives an interesting sketch of the author's life.

CONTENTS:

Dedication. Sketch of the Life of A. B, French. William Denton, Legends of the Buddha.

Mohammed, or the Faith and Wars of Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon Conflicts of Life. The Power and Permanency of Ideas, The Unknown. Probability of a Future Life.

The Egotism of Our Age. What Is Truth? Decoration Address PRICE, \$1.00, POSTPAID.

Anniversary Address.

THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL.

COMPILATION OF THE LECtures given by the Spirit Band through the mediumship of Mrs. Nagdalena Kilne. This volume conaists of a series of lectures, messages and poems,
written and delivered in public through the mental organism of Mrs. Magdalena Kilne, a trance, clairvoysunt and inspirational medium. Their tono is excellent
and their spirit good; and even though one may find
some ideas that differ from those be has bold, yot he
will find much to please, benefit and instruct. The
reverence with which Jesus is mentioned will please
many, although the ideas advanced concerning Josus
and Unitainity are not after the orthodox standard.
The book contains 485 largo pages, and will be sent
postpaid for \$1.50. For sale at this office.

NEW THOUGHT.

Volume I. Nicely bound is cloth, 579 large, beautifully printed pages. Portraits of several of the best speakers and unclume. The matter all "rights and presenting in an attractive form the highest phase of the Spiritual Philosophy. By Mossa Hull. Price only \$1.30. For sale at this office.

Volume II. S34 pages, beautifully printed and nicely bound. Original matter. Six portraits. Cloth bound, 75 cents. By Mossa Hull. For sale at this office.

300 9.2 NOT

ANIMAL MAGNETISM.

What is the Difference Between Electricity and Magnetism?

Some Striking Thoughts on a Very Important Subject.

TO THE EDITOR:—In a recent number of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER I notice an article from Carl Sextus, in which he speaks of an electric fish, known as the gymnotus. History says that it can throw off such a charge of electricity that it will disable a horse. The same effect is produced that we notice when a horse or a man steps on a live wire, but with this difference: Had the live wire been under water, the same as the fish was, there would have been no unpleasant effects from the contact. The electricity from the wire would have grounded. We read that the fish, after having discharged his force of electricity, loses his strength and is easily caught and killed by the natives. If that is true—and we have good authority that it is so-the force imparted from the fish must be different from the force imparted from the live wire, or even the force imparted from a steel

magnet or a dynamo.
We are led to believe that this force is the same as the life force in mankind. All fish do not have the power of im-parting this force from their bodies, neither do all human beings have the power of imparting this selfsame force from their bodies.

should we place a horse-shoe magnet under water, we find that it will attract the needle in a compass the same as though it was placed above the water. Should we place a large pane of thick glass between the magnet and the needle, we notice that the force from the magnet passes through the glass the same as it passed through the water. Electricity would be insulated by the

pane of glass.

We must decide that we have found at least three of the great forces in nature-forces that can be defined and used in their proper places or elements. After careful investigation we find that what is commonly known as electricity is the lowest form of the elements. We can generate it from the air by the use of dynamos, or we can generate it by friction in various ways, or we can generate it by the use of carbons, zincs and copper, wet with acids.

ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FORCES. Again, we find that the electric forces

that pervade the air are different from the electro-magnetic forces that pervade the earth, that run from the poles to

the equator.

Everything that lives and grows upon the face of the earth requires both elements to feed upon; not one alone will supply the needs of either man, animal or vegetable. Again, we find that the electric current that pervades the earth requires water or damp earth to pass through. Should the surface of the earth become dry, the current passes so far below that animals and vegetables do not get any benefit from it, consequently they soon die for want of nourish-

ment.
We notice it as plainly in the human race as we do with either the animals or vegetables. We find people who live in houses up away from the ground where they cannot come in contact with the magnetic currents of the earth, soon become weak and puny. Every season they have to go to the seashore or the mountains, where they can throw off the restraint that so-called civilization places upon them, where they can walk on the wet earth with bare feet, and lay upon the ground in the hot sunshine.
They soon begin to recuperate, and in a few weeks are ready to go back to their homes to be shut away from nature's forces. Almost every large city in the civilized world has a factory where bat- ity for the sick. teries, belts and other medical appliances are manufactured that, we are told, will restore lost manhood and womanhood by the use of electricity-that

electricity is life.

When we realize that only about fifty years have passed since the people who inhabit this sphere of our existence knew anything about electricity and the laws which govern it, we are not surprised that so many people are buying anything of an electrical nature that they think will give them relief from their suffer-It is not my purpose in this article to advertise any man's wares, or to detract from the value of anything of an electrical nature that will benefit the human race. The average American citizen has no idea whatever of what use electricity is to the human system. He does not have any idea that there is any difference between electricity and magnetism or even the life force that

pervades the human and animal systems.

IMPORTANT FACTS. For some twenty years I have been experimenting for my own satisfaction and the good I can do my fellow men and women, during the spare hours that I could get, outside of business hours, these electrical and magnetic forces of nature, trying their effects upon the human system. I have tried to learn from the experiments of others, and profit thereby. I think I have learned some facts and hope to learn many more before I pass on to the higher life. One of the most important facts that I have learned is that the electro-magnetic force that affects the human body to cure disease must be taken from the ground. The magnetic force that is taken from the ground is the only electro-magnetic force that assimilates with the life-forces of the human body. It is far better than the electrical force that is generated by the use of copper, zincs or carbons, that are saturated with vinegar or acids of any nature.

I find farther, that the life-force of an-

imals assimilates better with the lifeforce of mankind than any force oathered from metallic substances. life-force of plants and vegetables readily assimilates with the life-force of both

animals and mankind.

A few months ago I was talking with one of the leading physicians in Oregon, a man who undoubtedly has given more thought and study to the subject of electricity, as used to effect cures in the human family, than any other man west of the Rocky Mountains; a man who owns and operates the best electrical apparatus that money can buy. He could not believe that I could take electricity or the magnetic current direct from the ground and apply it to a patient in a bed up in the eighth story of a building.

This I demonstrated to him to his full satisfaction; I likewise showed him how to arrange his bed so that he could sleep enveloped in a strong magnetic aura, penetrating through every part of his body, even one foot over the bed cloththat covered him. This current, taken direct from the ground, affects the patient the same as lying on the ground with head to the north. He will not be required to go the seashore or the mountains to recover his lost manhood and vital strength, but every night he refreshes his tired body in his own

home, even in a ten-story building.

It is only about fifty years since Prof.

Morse said to such men as Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, and others of massive intellect, that with the use of electricity

the government to donate a few dollars that he might try the experiment. Those very worthy men told him that he was a good subject for the insane asylum. Those days have now passed; the unseen forces of nature are better understood. The angel world is allowing its light to shine upon the chil-dren of earth. As Jesus of Nazareth said: "Let it be on earth as it is in heaven."

In my experiments with these forces of nature-especially with the electro-magnetic current taken direct from the earth-upon people who are suffering from nervous ailments, and especially those who are suffering from growths of a caucerous nature, I find that the equilibrium of the nerve-forces can soon be gained and the disease will go away as

it came. Being shut away from the world, living as I do out in the mines of Southern Oregon, where I can commune with nature and its laws to its greatest extent, I do not realize how far these sciences are understood by the masses of the people. I know that many men and women are giving their entire time to the study of the occult forces. A doctor was once called to prescribe

for an old lady that was afflicted with a torpid liver. He gave her some blue mass pills, with directions how to use them. After a few days she met the doctor and told him that the pills were ust the medicine she wanted; she could feel every pill as they passed through her liver; that they had cleaned her liver out in good shape and that she was now a well woman. How many people to-day have an idea that the m they take goes direct to the diseased parts of the body. If they could understand that the magnetic force that is generated in their bodies, by the use of minerals taken from the ground, acts upon the system the same as the electrial forces generated in a battery wherein zines, copper and carbon are used, they would be more careful about taking those elements into their systems. The vegetable kingdom and the magnetic orces of the earth furnish all the medical supplies required to cure every dis-

Jesus of Nazareth said, when he cured the sick by the laving on of hands: feel the power is going out from me." He would take his followers and go either to the mountains or the seashore, when he could recuperate his expended forces. It was the same power, the same force in nature that was expended by the fish (gymnotus) to kill the horse. We find in our experiments with a corpse of either man or animals, that electricity will cause the muscles to contract nearly the same that the life-force did while the body was inhabited by a

Electricity being a low grade of mineral force, it scatters into the general reservoir or is absorbed into the earth's

We are told by our friends in Spiritlife that the lower orders of animal life are returned back to the elements from whence they come to again go to make up some living being. Each time they are used they become more purified and prepared for the make-up of human spiritual bodies.

We find that what we term the mag-

netic force is of a much higher nature. When gathered into form it retains its individuality and so remains to impart its nature to other substances that may come in contact with it without losing its own force. We find that magnetism is taken from

electricity. It is the sublimated essence of the most powerful force that mankind has any knowledge of. It will penetrate and pass through any solid substance known.

But the life-force of man is drawn from the magnetic force that surrounds us on every hand. Without this supply to draw from, man would soon lose all of his vitality and dwindle away. Not all locations on this earth are alike in mag netic force; some are more invigorating than others. We often hear the doctors advising a change of climate and local-

They do not state their reasons for the change. Only they think a change may be for the best. The new magnetic conditions sometimes assist nature; sometimes the changes are not what they

What is the life-force that causes man to move about and carry heavy loads? We have examined the corpse of a man who has just lain down under the burdens of this life, to see, if possible, what had gone from his body that a few moments before was so full of life and activity. We find the body apparently in good physical condition. We can see no reason why it should not move on as it has done heretofore. Some power must have gone from that body. How can we define it? How can we explain what that power is, so that future generations may better understand nature's laws?

Should I ask the preacher what has gone out from the body, he will tell me that the soul has either gone to God who gave it or that it is quietly sleeping in that body waiting for the resurrection morn, or, lay the body away carefully, the soul will again return and claim its own. Again I ask him: "What went out from that body? Did it have shape, form or size?" He will look at me with a sort of bewildered look, and seem to express by his eyes that I am asking

questions that God alone can answer.

I apply an electric battery to this it moves. Has the life-force come back? No; but a force that is something of the same nature; there is no intelligence connected with it. We ask the scientist about it. He says there were two great forces of nature that went out from that body; one was the subli-mated force, drawn from the magnetic force of nature—that which makes up the spiritual body; the other was the intellectual, governing force—the one talent that was given us by the Creator—that which we call the soul, which is given to every human being, which should be educated and improved according to the conditions the person was born under.

As we wish to confine our subject to the life-forces of nature, we wish to go back and learn all we can of the force that moved those arms and limbs. What can we compare it to, so that the world can better understand it?

STEEL MEN. Suppose I should make a form of a man out of steel-a perfect imitation of

a man in every part. When finished by the builder I proceed to put a life-force in it; I magnetize every part of it—every finger and every toe; in fact, every part is filled with this strong magnetic force. With a magnetic battery I can cause this steel man to pick up and carry heavy weights. He will jump and perform any leat of physical strength ever per-formed by a human being. When I re-move the battery the body lies quiet, but the magnetic force is yet there. When I come near it with a compass, I notice that the needle is attracted to it. I find that the aura from the steel man pervades the atmosphere for nearly four feet around it. I have another steel man made and placed near the first one. With the use of my battery I cause the hands of the first one to make vigorous passes over number two. The strong magnetic force of number one is imparted to number two. Although number one retains all of his strength, number two is now capable of doing anything that number one can do.

down. Number two is red-hot. I take him out, cool him off, and try him to see if he will do the work that he did be fore heated. I cannot get a movement of a muscle. I try the magnetic needle in the compass but find there is no magnetic aura emanating from the body. The body is dead—no life in it.

EXPERIMENTS. I again bring out my first steel man, and reinvigorate number two so that he will do the same work as before.

I wish to farther investigate, and try another experiment. I take a hammer and strike it a heavy blow upon the head. Upon examination, I find that much of the magnetic force has gone out from it. I now wish to see what elec-tricity will do to restore him to his normal condition. I take a medical battery, place the handles in his hands and the foot-plate under his feet; I turn on the current and watch the result. I notice that the sparks of electricity run on the shortest circuit between the places of contact. The steel muscles quiver and jerk, but no strength is imparted to them. For the reason that the electricity is of a lower grade of life than the steel body is charged with.

I go and get an electric belt and saturate it with acid vinegar; buckle it around the body, and again watch the results. The parts of the body where the plates come in contact quiver and jerk and remain in that condition until the acids are evaporated, when the belt loses its power, or when it is removed from the body. I cannot notice that my steel man has gained any strength from either belt or battery.
I will try one more experiment: I

wind the body with rubber cloth; over that I wind it with insulated copper wire; again with cloth and wire, until have a large amount of wire wound around the body. The ends of the wire I connect with a dynamo and turn on the electricity, being careful not to let the electricity come in contact with my steel man in any place. After some hours I remove the wire and cloth from the body. Upon examination I find that he is restored to his normal condition. This magnetic force will remain there, giving him strength and activity until another accident befalls him, or he goes to decay with rust and hard usage.
The human body is very much like

this steel body just described, except the life-force that causes it to move and have a being is another grade higher than the life-force that pervaded the steel body. We find that the electric force made from zincs, copper, carbons, etc., cause the human body to jerk and twitch. But they do not and cannot as similate with the life-force, as it is too low an order of substance. But we find that the aura that emanates from these forces can be gathered into steel magnets and preserved for future use. try the refined essence of electricity that we have stored in the magnet, and learn that the magnetic force of itself does not do any good, but the aura that emanates from it gives health and strength to the disabled human being, or any of the animal world. Therefore we say, when a man wishes to get strength in his physical body, he must understand the laws of nature and draw his strength from the great fountain of life—the earth.

When he insulates himself from that he will soon fall. As we progress onward and upward we keep throwing off the impure elec-trical qualities of our spiritual (mag-netic) body until sometime we will be pure in both our spiritual bodies and

I hope I have made the way plain enough, so that some mortals of earth can draw conclusions that will be of benefit to them in this life and the life C. NEWELL. to come, Newell, Minn.

SPIRIT MESSAGES.

Prof. Keelers' Demonstration of Spirit Power.

SKEPTICS ASSIST AT THE FIRST SPIR-ITUAL TEMPLE-REMARKALE MANI-FESTATIONS.

Demonstrations of spirit power given under the mediumship of Prof. P. Keeler at the First Spiritual temple, Newbury and Exeter streets, yesterday forenoon, were of a phenomenal nature, and were given before an audience of 1,600 persons of almost every walk of

life. In opening the exercises Mr. Ayer gave a few facts concerning the differ-ent phases of spirit manifestation, stated there were over sixty different methods of communication between the spirit forces and those on the earth plane. He further said that the demonstrations that were to take place were to prove that continued existence was a

Mr. Keeler gave skeptics and investigators every opportunity to satisfy them-selves. Four different sets of tests were given, the method being for Mr. Keeler to sit it front of his cabinet, a large boxshaped affair, inclosed on two sides. back and top, with a heavy curtain covering the lower half of the front, with a lady next to him, he grasping her left arm with both of his hands, while a gen-tleman sat on her right and took hold of her right arm, his right hand being free. A sort of curtain was then covered over them. Both persons were

each time selected from the audience. Under these conditions the late George Cristie, in earth-life a famous minstrel appeared, and gave selections on a gui-tar, drumming with two pieces of clothes pin, whirling a tambourine on top of a cane, besides throwing things around generally, the musical instruments, bells, etc., being finally pitched out into

A remarkable thing, however, and which, if a trick, was never before duplicated, occurred when Mr. Keeler's coat was taken from his body in an instant, while it could be seen he still held the lady's arm by both of his hands. The chair was also taken from under one of the ladies and drawn through the curtain into the cabinet, yet no hole appeared in the certain. Hands of all sizes, at one time as many as six, frequently appeared.

To conclude, two pads with pencils were passed into the cabinet, and up-ward of one hundred messages were received from as many different deceased persons. About half of them were recognized by friends and relatives in the

audience A number of persons were called to the platform to shake hands and receive messages from departed friends, and several others were allowed to look into the cabinet while the demonstrations were under way, yet they claimed they saw nothing. Among the messages was one signed John Brown, of Harper's Ferry and J. Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Lincoln. They averaged from one to half a dozen lines, no wo of the same handwriting .. - Boston Daily Standard.

"The Missing Link in Modern Spiritualism." By A. Leah Underhill. A deeply interesting volume, of especial interest to all Spiritualists, A. Leah Underhill was one of the Fox Sisters, with whom was the inception of the modern Spiritual movement. She nar-Intellect, that with the use of electricity thing that number one can do.

Intellect, that with the use of electricity thing that number one can do.

I leave number two in a house and go currences in the experiences of the Fox washington and Baltimore. He asked away. While gone, the house burns family. Price, cloth, \$1.50, postpaid

CHILDHOOD.

The State Graphically and Beautifully Defined.

The Infant and the God-Head. n# BY LADY COOKED NEE TENNESSEE

CLAFLIN. CHILDHOOD AN AGE OF INNOCENCE

AND BEAUTY CHILDHOOD OF THE WORLD'S NOTABLE ONES. The happiest period of human life,

if we only knew it, is that of childhood. This is the golden age repeated in every generation, which comes once to all unless prevented by parental she has now to mould its mind, to depravity or misfortune. An age of correct evil tendencies and to develop innocence, of beauty, and of natural the good. Almost all good sons and enjoyment, when mind and body are daughters have had good mothers. soft and plastic, and all around is full of freshness and loveliness. No pleas- in the selection of wives, as women in ures are so sweet as those of child- the choice of husbands. There ought hood, no imagination so strong, no to be nothing of the haphazard in so faith so perfect. Its wildest credulities are as substantial as sober reali- must be a blessing or a curse to a long ties, and it dwells perpetually in the line of descendants. fairy realm of wonderland. All great minds have reverenced childhood. All free as possible, and no restrictions tender ones have regarded it with in- imposed unless necessary. The frivolfinite love, for apart from its own ous hindrances to their freedom irrisweetness, it is full of possibilities, | tate their temper, depress their elastic manity. Its harmlessness, its docility, its truthfulness, and absolute depend-

pears almost incredible that all the world was once a little innocent child. Milton said:

"The childhood shows the man, As morning shows the day."

If this be so, why are so many fair promises betrayed? Why should not the golden state of innocence be prolonged into maturity and age? It cannot be that vice and misery are necessary concomitants of adult humanity. Is it because we are wise overmuch, because we forget that the majority of mankind are always "children of a larger growth," and instead of expecting them to be self-governing patterns of wisdom and virtue we should father look for the ignorant simplicity of children, and treat them accordingly. Or is it because that with every year we go farther astray from nature, and pin our happiness on a conventional life and conduct instead of a childlike obedience to her eternal and universal laws? Harmony with nature is all that God requires from all his creatures to make their happiness and salvation sure. And however much we may change, nature is constant, "among the faithless, faithful only

The infant was worshiped as the semblance of the Godhead thousands of years before the Christian era. The celestial Virgin and Child of Paganism-were adored from Africa to India, The Virgin's names were innumerable. In Egypt she was Isis; in Babylon, Ishtar; in Assyria, Ri; in Greece, Ceres; in Cyprus, Venus; in Hindostan, Sara; in Persia, Artemis; in Syria, Astarte. The people of Mexico also worshiped the Mother and Child ages before America was discovered. As we write, there lie before us reproductions of some of these: Ishtar, of Nineveh, and her child with a shaven head; Anaitis, "The Mother of the Child," who lies swathed in her lap; Isis, suckling Horus; and Devaki, Christna. Devaki and Christna are represented as they were in India six hundred years B. C., with aureoles around their heads like the Virgins and Christs of the mediæval painters. The Virgin, although a Phallic divinity, was emblematical of time, in whose fertile womb all things lie hidden-the mother of all. For among mankind the beau ideal of a mother was one in whom were united the beauty of a virgin with the tenderness of a mother.

The production of a child, although natural marvel in sitself, is so easy that an idiot or a lundlic may become a parent as readily as anyone else. But prudence requires that the number of offspring should never exceed the means of comfortable subsistence, and justice demands that no one should become a parent at all unless of a healthy breedcand sound in body and mind. The young infant-"all fresshe betwene the white and rede"what is it but a little, bundle of instincts and hereditaryileanings? How, then, shall it know the pleasures of childhood and the joys of mature age, or perform its duties as a man or woman, unless it be equipped at starting with a sound constitution and good disposition. Who can perceive the latent powers that may be its natural heritage? When Julius Cæsar was excised from his mother, who could have foreseen that the premature weakling would lay the foundations of the greatest empire of antiquity? We should like to see genuine portraits of the childhood of the world's notable ones. Cleopatra's, for instance, in her early maidenhood; Aspasia's, when she

Virgin Mary, of Bethlehem. Let us treat them tenderly, these human mites, however they may have been begotten, for who can tell what their future will be. The puny arm may some day hew down monsters, the lisping prattler may become a Socrates or a Shakespeare. The little peasant, a Christ to purify a sensual world.

The best natures may be ruined by

injudicious training or evil surroundings, and the worse corrected if acted upon in time. Character is not moulded all at once. Everything with which it comes in contact influences it for good or for evil. It is here that the mother has such vastresponsibility, for it rests with her very largely as to what the character of her child shall be. She has already moulded its body, Therefore all men should be careful momentous a union as marriage, which The lives of children should be as

rich with the potentialities of hu- buoyancy of spirits, and encourage them to be little prigs and deceivers. No sort of deceit should ever be pracence, endear it to every feeling heart, | ticed towards them, for deceit begets The noblest poets have sung its deceit. No theologic dogmas nor catpraises, the deepest philosophers have echisms should ever be taught them, given to it their worthiest thoughts, nor their loyalty in believing be abused The wisest legislators have provided by fletions told as truths, for all these for its protection. Painters represent breed hypocrisies. Let them rather cherubs as children, and the infant be allowed to formulate their beliefs Cupid was the God of Love. Even for themselves when they are of an Christ himself said of the little ones, age to decide and to hold fast that while he took them in his arms and which is good. Otherwise they may blessed them, that of such is the be compelled, in casting off their early kingdom of heaven composed. But creeds, to become skeptical of all when we contemplate society with the goodness. In the education of childpassions which rend and the crimes hood it would be far better to inculthat disgrace it; its sufferings, its cate a sense of honor than religious tears, its wants, its wretchedness, its belief, because the latter is almost lack of sympathy and of true enjoy- always flung away in later life, whereas ment; when we see the nations ruled honor will stand by them to the end. by the sway of "blood and iron," and Honor will preserve them in moments Astræa driven from the earth, it ap- of difficulty, and sustain them beneath oppressive circumstances. A religious devotee may be a sneak, a cheat, or a liar, but a man of honor, never. What virtue is to a virtuous woman, honor is to an honorable man. He preserves it, knowing that once lost it would be irreparable. The sensitiveness of childhood makes it the most favorable period for its cultivation. In the words of Addison:

'Honor's a sacred tie, the law of kings, The noble mind's distinguishing perfection,

That aids and strengthens Virtue where it meets her, And imitates her actions where she is

not."

Island Lake Camp, Mich. TO THE EDITOR:—I desire to report the fine mediumistic work of William N. Means, which occurred on the camp grounds last evening in the e of a girdle of eight i people, Spiritualists and skeptics.

The circle of nine, counting the medium, joined hands and in total darkness waited the result. Paper for drawing and messages had been provided, and all conditions observed carefully precluded any possibility of collusion.

The result was two fine pictures on paper five by twelve inches. The work is apparently in lead-pencil, artistically done. Messages are written on the same sheet with neatness, all in a surprising manner. The message received by the writer was as follows: "ISLAND LAKE CAMP, June 28, '96.

"SISTER JUSSELYN-DEAR FRIEND: We come with a baptism of love for vou and yours. Through your efforts, inspired by the spirits immortal, whose loving influence is ever with you, this camp has been founded and perpetuated. Rejoice and be faithful and the ripe harvest shall be yours.

"J. P. WHITING." Added to this is the picture of a benevolent spirit in a spiritual robe, with flowing beard and hair, in one corner the initials of the guides and a number I do not now know the meaning of. The name of J. P. Whiting will be recognized as a well-known speaker of this State. The drawing will be framed and exhibited during our coming camp.

The message speaks of this camp being perpetuated. I hope so, as well as all others, for it seems to me to be LEAFLETS OF THOUGHT so much needed, that the facts may come to light and the truth be known by all people.

No fairer place in all the country was ever made for a camp ground and a place of spiritual upbuilding. Visitors (non-Spiritualists) are here boarding for the pleasure and benefit derived from the clear, bracing air and beautiful scenery. Will they not also imbibe a little of the spirituality given us from the angels? Let us work for a oneness with truth in all things, making thus peace and good will with EFFIE F. JOSSELYN. all.

"The Molecular Hypothesis of Naure." By Prof. W. M. Lockwood. Prof. Lockwood is recognized as one of the ablest lecturers on the spiritual ros trum. In this little volume he presents an succinct form the substance of his lectures on the Molecular Hypothesis of Nature; and presents his views as demonstrating a scientific basis of Spiritualism. The book is commended to all who love to study and think. For sale at this office. Price 25 cents. "Human Culture and Cure. Marriage,

Sexual Development, and Social Up-building." By E. D. Babbitt, M. D. LL.D. A most excellent and very valu able work, by the Dean of the College of was a little innocent girl and played in the gardens of Miletus; or hers at whose feet millions daily worship, the sale work, by the Dean of the College of Fine Forces, and author of other important volumes on Health, Social Science, Religion, etc., Price, cloth, 75c.



THE PSYCHOGRAPH

DIAL PLANCHETTE,

This instrument is substantially the same as that employed by Prof. Hare in his early investigations, in its improved form it has been before the public for more than seven years, and in the hands of thousands of persons has proved its superiority over the Planchette, and all other instruments which have been brought out in initiation, both in regard to certainty and correctness of the communications received by its aid, and as a means or developing mediuments. Do you wish to investigate Spiritualism? Do you wish to develop Mediumship?

The Psychograph is an invaluable assistant. A pamphlet with full directions for the Formation of Circles and Cultivation of Mediumship

Do nou desire to receive Communications?

of Mediumship
with every instrument. Many who were not aware of their mediumistic gift, have, after a few sittings, been able to receive delightful messages. A volume might be filled with commendatory letters. Many who began with it as an amusing toy, found that the intelligence controlling it knew more than them selves, and became converts to Spiritualism. Capt. D. B. Edwards, Orient, N. Y., writes: "I had communications (by the Psychograph) from many other friends, even from old settlers whose gravestones are moss-grown in the old yard. They have been highly satisfactory, and proved to me that Spiritualism is Indeed true, and the communications have given my heart the greatest comfort in the severest loss I have had of son, daughter, and their mother."

Dr. Eugene Growell, whose writings have made his name familiar to those interested in psychic matters, writes as follows: "I am much pleased with the Psychograph. It is very simple in principle and construction, and I am sure must be far more sensitive to spiritual power than the one now in use. I believe it will generally supersede the latter when its superior merita become known."

Scourety packed, and sent postage pata from

Securely packed, and sent postage paid from the manufacturer, for \$1.00. Address: **HUDSON TUTTLE.**

Berlin Heights, Ohio.

ENCYCLOPEDIA

.., OF... BIBLICAL SPIRITUALISM ... OR ...

To the principal passages of the Old and New Testament Beriptures which prove or imply Spiritualism; Together with a brief history of the origin of many of the important books of the Bible.

A CONCORDANCE

BY MOSES HULL.

Much that is in this book appeared in an abridged form in a series of nine full pages of The Progressive Thinkers. These articles were prepared at the call of hundreds of Spiritualists who felt the need of some kind of document for ready reference. They only seemed to whet the appetite for more; hence the publication of this work.

The author, Moses Hull, has written many volumes on Spiritualististic and other themes and each one is full of careful study on the subject chosen. Mr. Hull, in his introduction of this work says:

"Hoping that this book will serve to lead the people out of the wilderness of doubt and despair; and that when Spiritualism shall have wreated the Bible from its 'sanctified' enemies, it will not 'apike' it, but will use it to batter down the walls of Christian supersition and ignorance. I send it out on its errand of enlightenment with the humble prayer that it will prove a divine benediction to every reader."

The ENOYCLOFEDIA OF. BIBLICAL SPIRITUALISM contains 385 pages, beautifully printed on good paper. contains a full-page portrait of the author and is handsomely bound in cloth. Every Spiritualist should have this work.

PRICE \$1. FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

PRICE SI. FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE

IT IS A MOST EXCEL-LENT WORK

This work is by DR. M. L. SHERMAN, assisted by PROF. W. F. LYON. Heretofore it has been sold for 42, but the price now has been reduced to 41. It is a book that will interest and Instruct. It contains 430 pages, and is full of suggestive thoughts. Dr. Sherman was a medium of rare qualities, and his work is a refection from the celestial spheres. It treats of the Soul of Things; Intelligence in Substance; Animal Intellects; Purity; Salvation; Discords; Good and Evil; Unnatural Ideas; Church History; Progression; Inherent in Substance; The Nebulous Theory; Particles are Entitles; Justice; impregnation of the Virgin; The Science of Death; Spiritual Death; Immortality; Mourning; The Condounding of Language; The Epirit Abodes; Matter and Spirit; Size and Distance; Spiritual organisms; Born Again; The Key; Spirit Biography; Goes to Heaven; A Slave Master; etc., etc.
The author says: "Each individual partakes of both physical and mental or spiritual aliment for himself. Each one must digest their various kinds of food for themselves, and that is all they can possibly do whether they be priest or layman, teacher or pupil, My physical expands by virtue of that food and nour inhument of which I individually partake and digest. All and the soul essence which I individually partake and essence which I individually gather and comprehend or digest."

VOLNEY'S RUINS -AND-

THE LAW OF NATURE,

.. TO WHICH IS ADDED ... Voluey's Answer to Dr. Priestly, a Biographical Notice by Count Daru, and the Zodiacal Signs and Constellations by the Editor;

Also, a Map of the Astrological Heavens o the Ancients.

Printed on heavy paper, from new plates, in large, clear type, with portrait and illustrations. One vol., post876, 248 pages; paper, 80 cents; cloth, 75 cents.

This is undoubtedly one of the best and most useful books ever published. It elequently advocates the best interests of makind, and clearly points out the sources of human ignorance and misery. The author is supposed to meet in the ruins of Palmyra an apparition or phantom, which explains the true principles of society, and the causes of both the prosperity and the ruin of miclent states. A general assembly of the nations is at length convened, a lexislative body formed, the source and origin of religion, of government, and of laws discussed, and the Law of Nature-rounded on justice and equity—is finally preclaimed to an expectagu world.

GATHERED FROM THE TREE OF ATHERED FROM THE TREE OF Lift. Containing some of the experiences of a spirit who has been in spirit life fifty-seven years. By B. E. Litchfield. This work of 237 pages contains wast fund of information. It gives the experiences of a spirit, and therefrom an important lesson is learned. He visits the homes of the fallen, seeking to bless some of them. His solitoquy, as he enters the dark vallsy, is very interesting. He accosts a sorrowing spirit, and by kindly advice leads him to the Temple of Progress. His philanthropio work is vividy portrayed. This work contains sixteen chapters of valuable information. Price \$1.00. For sale at this office.

JOAN, THE MEDIUM. Or, the Inspired Heroine of Oricans. Spiritualism as a Leader of Armies. By Mosks Hull. This is at once the most truthful history of Joan of Arc, and one of the most convincing arguments on Spiritualism ever-written. No horel was ever more thrillingly interesting; no history more true. Price in cloth, 40 cents; paper cover, 25 cents. For sale at this office.

THE SPIRITUAL ALPS AND HOW WE ASCEND THEM. Or a few thoughts on how to reach that attitude where spirit is supreme and all things are subject to it. With portrait. By Moses Hull. Just the book to teach you that you are a spiritual being, and to show you how to educate your spiritual faculties. Price, bound in cloth, 40 cents; in paper cover, 25 cents For sale at this office.

THE TALMUD.

Belections from the contents of that ancient book, its commentaries, teachings, poetry, and legends. Also brief sketches of the men who made and commented upon it. By H. Polang. 339 pp. Prica cloth, \$1.00.

Views of Our Heavenly Home. By Andrew Jackson Davis. A highly interesting work. Price 75 cents. Postage 5 cents. DEATH AND THE AFTER LIFE. By Andrew Jackson Davis. Something you should read. Price 75 cents.

WHITE MACIC Taught in "Three Hevens," a book of 271 pages. It is really a very interesting and suggestive work. Price \$1.25. For sale at this office.

THE LYCEUM GUIDE.

For the Home, the Lyceum and Societies.

A Manual of Physical, Intellect ual and Spiritual 'ulture.

COMPILED BY EMMA ROOD TUTTLE.

A COLLECTION OF MUSIC AND COLLECTION OF MUSIC AND Songs, Golden Chain Recitations, Memory Gema, Choral Responses, Funeral Ser, ices, Programs for sessions, Parillamentary Rules. Instructions for panizing and conducting Lyceums, Instructions for Physical Culture, Calisthenics and Marching; Bauners, Standards, the Band of Mercy, etc.; a book by the sid of which a Progressive Lyceum, a Spiritual of Liberal Society may be organized and conducted without other assistance. It supplies the wants of Spiritual Society may be organized and conducted without other assistance. It supplies the wants of Spiritual Societies for fresh Spiritual songs, with music free from the dismal tone of the old hymnology, It furnishes a unique selection of choice readings and responses such as no other selection contains, It gives a practical system of graceful cellstheuics, every step of which is made plsin by engravings. It gives instructions how to make the badges and banners and instructs in marching. It shows how to establish Band of Mercy as suxiliery to the Lyceum, and has all the most beautiful songs which have been gathered up by that movement.

The author and compiler of this Guide is eminently prepared for the task by years of devoted labor in the Lyceum. The book is the result of practical world and tested by the interest awakened in the actual session of the Lyceum.

While intended for the working Lyceum, the guide its admirably adapted to the necess of the family, supplying 78 pages of new spiritual music and world found nowhere else, except in sheet form at man, times the cost. The book has been placed at the remarkably low price of 50 cents, sent postpaid.

For Sale by The Progressive Thinker,

40 Loomis St., Chicago. Also by Hudson Tuttle,

Berlin Heights, Obio.

A COMBINATION OF

"The Question Settled" and "The Contrast" Into one Volume.

BY MOSES HULL.

This highly instructive and interesting work is combination into one volume of two of Mr. Hull'splendid works. By this arrangement the cost is auct that the reader is enabled to secure the two book complical at the same price as was formerly attended to the secure the secure that the reader is contained as the same price as was formerly attended to the secure that the same price as was formerly attended and is handsomely bound in cloth, and contains an excellent portrait of the anthor.

THE QUESTION SETTLED

Is a careful comparison of Biblical and Modern Spiritualism. No book of the century has made so many converts to Modern Spiritualism as this. The author's aim, fathfully to compare the Bible with modern phenomena and philosophy, has been accomplished. The adaptation of Spiritualism to the wants of humas ity; its moral tendency; the Bible Doctrine of angel ministry; the spiritual nature of man, and the objections offered to Spiritualism, are all considered in the light of the Bible, nature, history, reason and common sense, and expressed clearly and forcibly.

THE CONTRA ACT

THE QUESTION SETTLED

THE CONTRAST consists of a critical comparison of Evangelicalism and Spiritualism. It is a most able production, and is a perfect storehouse of facts for those who wis to defend Spiritualism, or find arguments against the assumptions of Orthodoxy.

PRICE SI. FOR CULE AT THIS CREEK.

VOLTAIRE'S KOMANCES

A New Edition, Profusely Illustrated.

"I choose that a story should be founded on probability, and not always resemble a dream. I desire to find nothing in it trivial or extravagant; and I desire to above all, that under the appearances of fable, they may appear some latent truth, obvious to the discertaing eye, though it escape the observation of the yulgar."—VOLTAIRE.

CONTENTS: "The White Buil," a Satirical Romanoer "Zadig, or Fate," an Oriental History; "The Sage and the Athelat;" "The Princess of Babylon;" "The Mark of Forty Crowns;" "The Huron, or Pupil of Nature; "Micromegas," a Satire on Mankind; "The World as it Goes;" "The Black and the White;" "Memnon, the Philosopher;" "Andre Des Touches at Siam;" "Bababec;" "The Study of Nature;" "A Conversation With a Chinese;" "Plato's Dream;" "A Pleasure it Having no Pleasure;" "An Adventure in India; "Jeannot and Colln!" "Travels of Searmentado; "The Good Brahmin;" "The Two Comforters;" "An clent Fath and Fable." One volume, post 8vo, 480 pages, with portrait and 22 liustrations. Extra veilum cloth, \$1.50; postage, 5 cents.

"Voltaire's satire was keen and fine-pointed as a apier."—Magazine of Am. History. "A delightful reproduction, unique and refreshing," Boston Commonwealth THE GOSPEL OF BUDDHA,

According to Old Records

BY DR. PAUL CARUS.

A translation from Japanese, made under the aus-pices of the Rev. Shaku Soyen, delegate to the Pay-lament of Religion. Was lately published in Japan-Price 11. For sale at this office.

EXCELLENT WORK.

The Rationale of Mesmerism BY A. P. SINNETT. This excellent work treats of the following subject

Old and New Theories. The Mesmeric Force. The Real Literature of Mes-

merism. IV. Side-Lights of Mesmeric Phenomena.

V. Curative Mesmerism. VI. Anæsthetic Effects and Rig. idity.

VII. The Nature of Sensitiveness VIII. Clairvoyance. IX. Mesmeric Practice. The price of this admirable work is \$1.23. All books divertised in The Processive Thinkes are

For sale at this office. THE UNKNOWN LIFE

Jesus Christ

NICOLAS NOTOVITCH. TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH,

Since the writing of the New Testament no book has appeared of as great importance to Christianity as the Unknown Lift of Jesus Christ. the UNEXOWN LIFE OF JEEUS CHRIST.
This volume, written by the discoverer of the manuscript, contains a thrilling account of the privations and perils encountered in his search for it, a literal translation of the original manuscript, and lastly & critical analysis of what it contains.
This work contains 185 neathy printed pages, and is published on the basis of combining cheapness and excellence, Price, neathy bound, one dollar. Paper cover, price 25 cents, postage 5 cents.

HEALTH AND POWER.

A handbook of Cure and Human Upbuilding by the ald of new, reflued and powerful methods of nature, by E. D. Babbitt, M. D., author of "Principles of Light and Color," "Philosophy of Cure," etc. Price, cloth. 25 cents; Leather, 35 cents. INTERVIEWS WITH SPIRITS By Carrie E. S. Twing, medium. Price 50 cents. 4

AN INVALUABLE WORK. AN INVALUABLE WORK.

IMMORTALITY, OR FUTURE HOMES

I and Dwelling places. By Dr. J. M., Peebles. This admirable work contains what a hundred spirits, good and ovil, say of their dwelling places. Give us details—details and accurate delineations of life in the Spirits world!—Is the constant appeal of thoughtful minds. Death is approaching. Whither—ob, whither! Shall I know my friends beyond the tomb? Will they know me? What is their present condition, and what their occupation? In this volume the spirits, differing as they may, are allowed to speak for themselves. No man is better qualified than Dr. Feebles, to place a work of this kind before the people. He treats of the Mysteries of Life; Doubts and Hopes; The Bridging of the River; Foregleams of the Fulure; Testimony of Sainta; The Growth and Perfection of the Spiritual. Body; Is it the Soul or Body that Shuy; Clothing in the Spirit World; Our Little Ones in Heaven; The Feessonal Experiences of Aaron Knight; The Red Man's Testimony Eril Spirita; Testimony of Physicians in Spirit Life; The Homes of Apostles and Divines; The Friends and Shakers in Spirit Life; Spirit Homes of Ernos and Others; Many Voices from the Spirit Land. Many other matters are treated too numerous to make the spirit Life.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

Published Overy Saturday at No. 40 Loomis Street J. R. Francis, Editor and Publisher Intered at Chicago Postoffice as 2dclass matter

Terms of Subscription.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER will be furnished unth arther notice, at the following terms, invariably in advance:
One year
Clubs of ten (a copy to the one getting up
thoculub)
Thirteen weeks
Single copy
State REMITTANCES.

Remit by Postoffice Money Order, Registered Letter of Chetgo or New York. It costs from 16. Is cents to get oratic reshed a local banks, so don's send them upless you wish that amount deducted from the amount sent. Direct all letters to J. R. Francis No. 40 Loomis St. Chiesco. Ill.

CLUBS! IMPORTANT SUGGESTION As there are thousands who will at hist ventur only twenty-five cents for The Progressive Thinker thirteen weeks, we would auggest to those who vecelve a sample copy, to solicit several others to unite with them, and thus be able to renit from at to \$10, or even more than the latter sum. A large number of little amounts will make a large sum total, and thus extend the held of our labor and usefulne. The same suggestion will apply in all cases of renewal of subscriptions—solicit others to aid in the good work. You will experience no difficulty whatever the inducing Spiritualists to subscribe for The Progressive Thinker, for not one of them can afford to be without the valuable information imparted therein each week, and at the price of only about two cents per week.

A Bountiful Harvest for 25 Cents Do you want a more bountiful harvest than we an give you for 25 cents? Just pause and think for a 10-ment what an intellectual feast that small haveament will furnish you. The subscription price of THE PROGRESSIVE THINK HE thirteen weeks is only twenty-five cents! For that amount you obtain one hundred and cents! For that amount you obtain one hundred and four pages of solld, substantial, soul-elevating and niled-refreshing reading matter, equivalent to a medium-sized book!

The At expiration of subscription, if not renewed he paper is discontinued. No bills will be sent for ex the paper is discontinued. To share the numbers, if you do not receive your paper promptly, write to us, and errors in address will be promptly corrected, and missing numbers supplied gratis.

**Document of the paper of the place to which it be then sept. Or the charge cannot be made.

EATURDAY, JULY 11, 1896.

High Opinion of the Turks.

There is a pleasure in getting truth, even if it is late in coming, in regard to the Sultan and Turkish affairs. Minister Terrell has lately returned to the United States, and was interviewed by the press representatives. Without betraying any State secrets he is reported to have said during his conversation:

"I confess to a feeling of pride, and think all Americans may well be proud of the fact, that in all the recent troubles not one of our countrymen has been personally injured. Some property has been destroyed, but the grand vizier has always been as ready to make reparation as I have been to ask it. In fact, I may say that in some instances he has even anticipated my request for complete details, and in a general way it should be added that he and his assistants are wonderfully shrewd diplomats and understand the position of the United States quite as well as we do ourselves. They know we can have no possible interest in meddling with Turkish affairs, and that all we do is for the good of humanity. This may be the main cause, while men of nearly all other nations about the form, some of whom were my have suffered, Americans have been as

safe in Turkey as at home.
"A few elementary facts about Turkey, and in fact all Asia, are overlooked portant, perhaps, is that the term Christian in all that country by most Western people. The most imethnic one. It means a race or a nation had waited for him so long. rather than any particular form of faith. Thus the peaceful, industrious Armenians at home, the tricky as well as the honest traders in the cities, the offscourings of European merchant vessels and the half-savage robbers and murderers of the Greek highlands are all Christians. In some of the ports the scum of other countries around the Mediterranean and the worst part of the sailor class, together with a considerable portion of outcasts both male and female, are gathered in what is called the Chrisquarter, and it is perfectly natural that to the better class of Mohammedans the name should suggest the vilest of mankind. In short, Christian simply means those who are not Jews or Mo hammedans, and consequently includes some very bad people. If all the convicts of this country were sent to Asia, they would be called Christians. It depends, therefore, a good deal on the province in which the Mohammedans live as to what their idea of a Christian is. The missionaries are generally regarded as good and carnest men and women, and the ministers of Christian nations and the better class of their citizens who travel in Turkey are very highly regarded. My honored prede cessors have also done much to give the Turks a good opinion of us. General Lew Wallace was very highly regarded, and James Russell Lowell, who merely visited Turkey while he was embassador

To Abate Political Ardor.

to Spain, made a fine impression. I be

lieve he also formed a pretty high opin-

ion of the Turks."

Way back through the long and eventful years, to that distant period when the writer was vet in his "teens." ere his wisdom teeth were cut, his hair was white, or his brow was wrinkled, an old philosopher inquired:

"Why do you take such a deep interest in the presidential election? You are more personally interested in the election of a constable, and are liable to suffer greater inconvenience from the official acts of a bad one than from either of the aspirants to the presidency now in the field.'

Since then there have been fifteen presidential elections, and we own frankly, the wise old man, whose first vote was cast for President Washing ton, saw things as we see them now. We mention the fact hoping somewhat to abate the youthful ardor of callow manhood, who, taught by aspiring ambition, believe the country will go to the dogs unless their favorite candidate is elected to office. We beg the privilege to assure them the sun will continue its course, the seasons will come and go, day and night will alternate, the rains will fall and the harvests will be reaped precisely the same let any of the parties tions of tariffs and finance are mosted ones on which each of the parties, as have most men, occupied opposite sides, and to-day it is far from settled which is in the right.

Obnoxious to the Gods.

Aristophanes, a comic poet who lived some 434 years before our era, in his play known as "The Clouds," puts into the mouth of Socrates the expression: "Zeus hurls his bolts at his own temple as readily as at a rock."

This shows that 400 years before our era the temples dedicated to the gods were meeting with the same fate as do modern churches: that the same evidence of divine displeasure as to their erection was witnessed then as now, and that the attention of ancient philos ophers was called to this fact as is the attention of the thoughtful to day.

A docile disposition will, with application, surmount every difficulty.-ManW. W. CHANDLER,

His Passage to Spirit-Life Seen by Mrs. Richmond.

W. W. Chandler, of this city, whose painful transition to Spirit-life on Saturday the 27th inst., we mentioned in our last issue, was nearly 76 years of age.

He was born in Vermont and was of the staunch old Puritan stock. He early came to Chio and, a little later, to this city, where for nearly forty years he has been a resident: He was associated with the Star Union Line (Pennsylvania Railroad), and has been one of the most active and efficient promoters of the interests of that railroad, and especially of "Fast Freight" transportation. Mr. Chandler was reared a Presbyte-

rian but, twenty years ago, he became converted to the knowledge of Spiritcommunion by a discourse of Cora. L. V. Richmond, or her inspirers. Since that time he has attended her services regularly, and both he and his wife have been among the warmest and most devoted adherents to the truths of Spiritualism; that is, a future existence and It contains 400 closely-printed pages, intercommunion between the two worlds, especially as put forth by Mrs. Richmond, for whom he has ever had a deep affection, as well as a lofty appreciation of her public work.

Mr. Chandler never forced his opinons upon others, but he never hesitated to avow his convictions when occasion required.

The religion of Spiritualism and the ministrations of Mrs. Richmond were among the chief comforts and consolalations in his last illness, which lasted four years. Mrs. Richmond was a constant visitor at his bedside, and the gentle Ouina spoke many words of uplifting, many cheering and strengthening messages to lighten the hours of suffering.

His devoted wife never left him; in fact, she was rarely absent a moment from his side and never left the house during his illness.

We have from Mrs. Richmond the account of the vision which was hers during the passing out of this generoushearted man whose absence from his mortal form many will keenly feel. Mrs. Richmond says:

"Ever since I became a seer at the age of 11, it has been my privilege to have open vision whenever I have been present at the time of the passing out of any

"I was with Mr. and Mrs. Chandler for three days, and saw clairvoyantly the process of the release of the spirit from the body. For many hours the state of partial coma indicated that the spirit was being withdrawn. Toward the close I saw a white, fleecy, cloud-like vapor; then a shaft of light that formed above own guides.
"I saw the spirit set free before the

breathing had ceased, and saw the relief, surprise and joy that came to his countenance. Ouina was the first to meet him, and then he was folded like a babe to the heart of his mother, who

"Words can convey no adequate idea of the surpassing beauty, peace, the glory of this awakening from pain and suffering, to the knowledge of Spiritlife; but he turned with inefable tenderness to the dear ones bending over the couch, and almost seemed to feel that he ought not to be glad of his release, because they would be so lonely.

"I have seen many pass on, but none where there was such a sense of relief,

joy and thankfulness as in this instance." Mrs. Richmond's guides officiated

the services, in fact, conducted them. . There was a solo by Dr. Chas. H. Bushnell, "What Must It Be to Be There."

The discourse followed, by Mrs. Richmond, and one gentleman, who voiced the feeling of all present, afterward

"I have often been strengthened and uplifted by these memorial discourses by the guides of Mrs. Richmond, and I especially desired to hear this one, but I feel perfectly sure, having heard it, that nothing in the world could have compensated me had I not been there."

Mr. Chandler will be ever remembered by the many whom he has aided. especially the young men whom he had assisted to start in life's career, and his friends will find no consolation for his human loss, except the knowledge that he lives, loves and abides with them

The casket was taken to Graceland where the remains were incinerated.

A Reverend Libeler.

The Rev. H. L. Hastings, in that model religious organ "The Christian," discourses thusly:

"It is a fact the doctrines of infidelity tend to the destruction of those who embrace them. They not only weaken moral restraint, give loose rein to appetite and vice, but they also rob men of hope, so that, ceasing to battle with brave hearts against the inevitable ills of this mortal existence, they abandon the fight in despair, and plunge into suicides' graves."

In the term "infidelity," like all churchmen, the Rev. Hastings includes those who do not believe in the atoning blood of Jesus, whether Christian or non-Christian. The Spiritualist who does not believe in original sin, Adam's fall, total depravity, and salvation by faith, is placed in the same category, in the estimation of this reverend libeler, with

the Agnostic and the Atheist.
With such false statements constantly emanating from the religious press, and proclaimed from a hundred thousand oulpits, should they who know the assertions false remain silent? The records of courts, and the statistics of crime, and the confessions on the gallows, all tell who it is who are not subject to moral or even legal restraints, and they point conclusively to those who "give loose rein to appetite and vice," and it is not to the unbeliever. The "plunging into suicides' graves" are the acts of churchmen caught in the crime or on the eve of exposure, who are ashamed to face their guilt. Unable to regain their late high-standing in the pulpit, the forum, in commercial circles, or at the family altar, they make the fatal

plunge.
Who shall say self-execution in such cases is not deserved retribution for long-concealed crimes? Certainly the suicide terminates his power for further crime and saves the expense of his ar rest, conviction and punishment.

History makes haste to record great deeds, but often neglects good ones,-

The envious man grows lean at the of Rome and its priesthood. Price 15c. excess of his neighbor. -- Horace.

SIGNAFICANT.

What the Pen Said and Shorn of Romish and Prot-What the Visitor Said,

Suggestions that Are Worthy of Being Pondered.

CREAT

INDUCEMENTS

NEVER BEFORE

OFFERED

BY

ONE PAPER.

An Unparalleled Offer,

WORLD, TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

and has been sold for 50 cents.

among your friends.

VOLUME ONE OF THE ENCYCLOPÆDIA

OF DEATH, AND LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

We wish to reach 20,000 new readers.

In order to do it we must make a great

financial sacrifice. We will send out The

Encyclopædia of Death, and Life in the

Spirit-World, in paper cover, as a gift

to all new subscribers for three months.

Send 25 cents to this office and you

will get this book and THE PROGRESS-

sible, get your friends to unite with you.

Advertise this offer, Spiritualists,

We wish to do a philanthropic work.

Many thousand copies of The Encyclo-

pædia of Death have been sold, and the

loud in its praise. The good it has done

in modifying the views of people in re-

gard to the change called death has

to rejoice. You would not take \$2 for

Any one of our present subscrib-

ers who will send us a new three months'

subscriber with his own subscription

As the demand for this volume of

the Encyclopædia of Death, and Life in

the Spirit-World has been very large,

and realizing the great good being done

through its instrumentality and THE

PROGRESSIVE THINKER also, we extend

the above terms for a few weeks longer,

thus allowing all to avail themselves of

J. Jay Watson.

There are many thousands of Spirit-

would be glad to hear Ole Bull's famous

Cremona violin, and some of his pieces,

rendered as nearly as possible in his

own inimitable style. J. Jay Watson,

the great violinist, owns this remarka-

ble instrument, and there could be no

greater attraction at our Spiritualist

camps than the music that he could fur-

nish. The circular of the Lake George

Camp-meeting spoke as follows of Mr.

"And what shall we say of those disci-

ples of Apollo, whose gospel of music is ever above and beyond all criticism,

and seemed a symphony from celestial spheres? The wild, weird strains of the

violin of the only Norwegian, as rendered by Prof. Watson, the skillful ren-

dering of choice selections upon the

voice of Mrs. Watkins, as in song she

brought to our inner vision sweet mem

ories of departed days, were indeed 'red

Mr. Watson can be engaged at camp meetings anywhere in the United States

Address him at 1055 Bedford avenue

Distinguished Indorsement.

us of Dr. Brown's Researches in Oriental

Dr. S. C. Adams, of Oregon, writing

"It is most a remarkable and thrilling

digest of history and facts, much in a small space, and most happily arranged.

There is more in it than in hundreds of

books of ten times its size. It carries

the impression of 'inspiration' more

book ever was. It is as conclusive and

heard. A lunatic might as well contro-

vert the Multiplication Table as to de-

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, not-

withstanding the immense sales it has

made, has still a limited supply of Dr.

Brown's wonderfully interesting and in-

structive book on hand, which will be

mailed to any address on receipt of \$1.50.

It has passed through four editions in the brief time since it first came from

Hang and Quarter the Knaves.

tending to be a materializing medium.

cabinet when he was arrested outside,

Chicago's Public Library.

The report of the librarian of the Chi-

cago Public Library for June, 1896,

shows there are 217,293 volumes on the

shelves; that 10,485 volumes have been

added during the last year; that 2,542,-

586 books have been taken from the

rooms, or consulted by visitors to the

This is a proud report for our young city, and shows we have a reading and thinking population said to be larger

than any other city on the globe. With

these facts, is it surprising THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER has a larger read-

ing constituency than any other liberal

"The Great Roman Anaconda." By Prof. Geo. P. Rudolph, Ph.D., ex-priest

of the diocese of Cleveland, O. A sharp

For sale at this office.

library during the same period.

It is very humiliating to read in the

ny its fact and conclusions."

letter' occasions."

Brooklyn, N. Y.

History, says:

fakirs

heaven

To serve the Devil in."

never be trusted again.

personating a spirit.

by Miss Watson, and the sweet

the terms offered.

(extending it not less than six months)

can each have a copy of the book.

it if you could not get another copy.

IVE THINKER for three months. If pos-

I sat at my desk writing an article on "The First Worship," and was patiently unearthing some 'word whose root ran back into the long-buried Phœnician, when I was recalled to earth—and modern, alive, aggressive Chicago earth, at that, by a clang of the door-bell. Being my own butler, I answered the summons, and found Mr, So and so's wife, who had brought along a "home paper" and intended to "just sit still and read."

I invited her into the back parlor, while the yocal lesson proceeded in the front room.

Mrs. So-and-so chatted awhile on indifferent subjects of no particular interest, until the penholder over my ear began to squirm and wriggle about from sheer nervousness—at least so it seemed

"El" whispered the pen, "is the original for Sun, Solar, Elohim, the Original for Sun, Solar, Elohim, the Sun-God, the Sun as Beth-el is House of God, beth being house."

"House of God," whispered the pen;

"Leo is the celestial house of the Sundays of the month of July, since we have twelve months for our circle of the year, as we have twelve signs of the Zodiac. And all the time Mrs. So-and-so was chatting about this and that.

Suddenly she leaned forward and asked: "Is this your library?" I answered, "No, the library belongs to Mr. Hull; we rent his house furnished." great mass of Spiritualists have been "Yes," she said, "I know Mr. and Mrs.

Hull-nicest people that ever lived-and I know this to be their house. Are you a Spiritualist?" been great. Send in your orders at I looked straight at my caller in sionce. When you receive the book, and once. When you receive the book, and lence for a moment, and if you will be have carefully read it, you can not fail lieve it, the pen over my ear never re-

> "I am a member of such-and-such a church," I said. "Oh, yes, so are we members of such-and-such another church," said my

guest.
"But if you want to know whether I believe in immortality, and spirit com-munication with us in the body, 1 am-free to tell you I know it."

"Well, there, now," said my guest, "I have just been hungry to speak to some one who believed in it. When death came into my household, I think I should have gone insane had not an acquaintance led me into the belief."

We talked for an hour as fast as two women can talk—but no matter what we said; I give this much of the picture solely as a sort of headline for my text It is this; that we pay our money to support churches and ministers: we give our influence, however much or little ualists throughout the country who that may be, to uphold the churches; and yet we starve and freeze in our very souls, and are just simply forced to forage, as it were, here and there, in the wilderness of churches, for a fellow mortal with whom we may speak of spir

mortal with whom we may speak of spiritual things.

The question arises: "How long, O. Lord, how long," before we can or will come out and support our own churches, or temples, or places of meeting? It is only a matter of time, we know.

Man evidently, began very low down, very low indeed, whether as a blade of grass, or a mollusk, or a monkey, I have no idea, but the first history he left of

no idea, but the first history he left of himself, was simply a few rude flints, in the haunts of the cave-bear, and he has grown and developed to his present This is incontrovertible proof that he will continue to progress, so we know that the day will come when there will be no more real separation by

There must always be the change we call death, but this does not necessitate separation. But could we not hasten that day, at least for ourselves, by ju diciously setting our wills to do so? Might not we who pay for our pews in the churches, and starve there for the "bread of life," put our money into edifices of our own where we could meet and "have the gospel preached to us?"
Literally speaking, have organized societies who could afford to pay for the most gifted exponents of the truth, where the best of music aided in the harmonizing effects, and the most sincere of materializers might be found.

Yes, I know. Yet I tell you that Mrs. So-and-so strongly than any other book I ever read. If that was not inspired, then no guesses that Mrs. Someone-else may have Spiritualistic tendencies because she rents a house of that splendid leader, final in its proofs as any demonstration of the '47th problem of Euclid' I ever Moses Hull, and so "cuts across lots," as t were, to get a crumb of comfort, pro-

You tell me we have all this.

vided her guess is right.

Spiritualism, like the X-ray, is developing itself as it is bound to develop meanwhile, are we moving along with t. or are we resting on our oars, know ing the tide will move, "will you, nil you" and simply doing nothing?

Do we fully realize that for two-thirds of us, a greater or less degree of inter-communication could be established, between ourselves and those already gone on to the spirit-life, if we only put our selves in training for it? Yes, training.
This sounds queer, does it? My proof

s that almost every medium has to sit for development. And why not? Do not the very laws

secular press the constant exposures of of life compel us to practice in order to perfect ourselves in anything? Does not humbug mediums who personate loved ones who have gone to the great beyond. the musician require study and long practice? Is there any trade or device They pose as Spiritualists, but they are not such; are merely unprincipled on earth that does not require practice to perfect? Well, then, since the instrument, since we can do noth-"Who steal the livery of the court of ing else without practice, does it not stand to reason that we must put our-self in practice for this? If we had an A news dispatch of the 21st ult., from absent loved one to whom we could write Decatur, Mich., details the exposure in Porter township of R. H. King, preonly in a new lafiguage, would we not master the language? Do we realize that we might be mediums if we would? Only prosecution in the courts can stop Not alike in degree, but more or less these frauds. Once exposed they should never be trusted again. "Once a thief, able to communicate, with our friends. We might do so much, and we do so little.

ONE OF THE MANY. always a thief," is an old axiom. King was supposed to be securely tied in his

Constipation, an exceedingly dangerous condition of the bowels, is nearly always the result of carelessness and inattention to the calls of nature. To correct irregularities and restore healthy movements, the best aperient is Ayer's Pills. They are easy to take.

He grieves more than is necessary who grieves before it is theessary.-Seneca. His face was of the doubtful kind that wins the eye and not the mind .- Scott In law nothing is certain but the exense.—S. Butler.

Like clocks, one wheel another on nust drive, affairs by diligent labor only thrive.—Chapman. The most certain sign of being born

with great qualities is to be born without envy.—Rochefoucauld. Sow good services; sweet remembrances will grow from them.-Mme

TRUE CHRISTIANITY,

estant Errors.

Prof. Buchanan Writes of His Coming Works.

TO THE EDITOR: - You have achieved for your paper a leading position for many readers and thinkers. I don't quite agree with you on all things, for you have not had the time and opportunity for such investigations as would Invent a Telescope That Will reveal the imperfections of some things that are current—the world being tired of surviving errors and crudities as well as of incoming light.

You of course wish to remove the old errors as well as receive the inerror is always a difficult and danger- escope lens fifty feet in diameter, reous task to its soldiers. The super- ported in Washington advices, is such stitions organized at Rome in the a taking fancy that doubtless many first and second centuries have been will regret it cannot be actualized. It the most terrible curse ever inflicted is generally supposed that the availon mankind, and I congratulate you able magnifying power of a telescope on bringing out the writings of Pres- varies lineally with the diameter of ident White, which are invaluable. the objective lens and in area with its We cannot do too much for their circulation, for although the "higher criticism" has really demolished the tial objects appear fifteen times larger authenticity of the Roman Bible, the church clings to it, and her pulpit seen through the big telescope soon keeps from the people the historical to be mounted at Geneva Lake, Wis. truth, developed by Schleiermacher and fifty other theologians. Even escope in the world up to date. what the Encyclopædia Britannica says is ignored in the pulpit.

The horrible demon God of the Roman Testament, and the superstitions and crimes of her followers, have lens would give a magnifying power driven intellectual and honest men by thousands into such righteous disgust with the church as to make them permit him to see objects ten feet think religion a farce and material wide; enable us to study the appearscience the only truth.

Spiritualism comes to the rescue. showing the higher world and the lost distance of only a thousand miles. truth in religion, which is the inspiration from the invisible.

In primitive Christianity there was pure spiritual religion in harmony round not a few stars which now seem with all we know to-day, though it is to be single or double, permit the so thoroughly concealed by the Roman | measurement of parallax for a large imposture with its mythical lunatic proportion of the starry host, and in story of Jesus, which lead a few to several other respects greatly widen doubt his real existence, though it is out our present knowldge of the a well-established fact in the minds of structure of the visible universe. competent historians, and is also well established by spiritual testimony to- that the space-penetrating power and

It would seem impossible to recover the pure spirituality and pure religion diameter. It is easy to see that the of the first century (the teachers of ability to perceive distinctly and to which were martyred) from the great study details increases only with the pool of moral filth and poison which apparent change in lineal dimension, overwhelmed it at Rome when Ca-rabbas began his hellish work; and with this limitation the gain of the some may think it unnecessary, be- new telescope over that of to-day cause we have the laws of God ex- might be expected to equal the adpressed by the universe, and are as vantage which the instruments now in free to develop our religion to-day as use give over the best that were confar more free and such has been my time when Galileo turned his optic work to develop the divine laws of life tube upon the planet Jupiter. We implanted in the constitution of men- say "might be expected." The truth but an object-lesson is more impressive is scientific men are aware that sevto mankind than a philosophy, and eral facts, prominent among which is there is no grander object-lesson than atmospheric tremor, would interfere the true lives of Jesus and his Apos- to cut down greatly the actual gain tles, of whom John was the deepest from the theoretical in the working thinker and Paul the most heroic.

The world does not know them, but I do. They have given me the true any decided advantage can be obtained history of their times and their teach- by the method claimed to have been ings, by spirit writing and by spiritual invented for dispensing with the use communications, in which I have been of glass. It was pointed out in the aided by my late consort, who has Tribune that the great deflecting work attended me since her departure and of the lens is done at its surfaces, this participated in these investigations, guarding against error. The noble characters she knew spiritually in life are made to pass before reaching the are with her now, and they have often been seen by my friends, and have presented themselves in spiritual photographs, so that to me they are as real as my earthly friends.

The introduction of the true history of the first two centuries, and the the hitherto existing difficulty in castwonderful (though rational) events in Jerusalem—and the exposition of the whole damnable process by which the Catholic Church was established, and its half-brother, the Protestant, is the only sure method of destroying that bloody imposture.

The theologians who have had honest purposes have proved the absence of authenticity in the Bible, but they dare not speak out manfully, and they have been utterly unable to get the concealed history of the first and second centuries, which the Roman priests have hidden in oblivion; and until that is revealed the church will hold its ground for centuries.

As Paddy said of the decapitated turtle, "The crater's really dead, but isn't sinsible of it yet," but when the lost history comes out, the turtle will be thrown on its back, to die where it lies.

The best book on this subject is the History of the Christian Religion, by Judge Waite, of Chicago-and the next best is Rev. J. T. Sunderland's book on the Bible, showing very gently and kindly that it is only a doubtful sort of compilation,

But Waite's is too learned for general circulation, and there is a good deal of the history he could not get hold of.

The church fights such books and shuts them out; but my work reaches all honest Christians, showing them what true Christianity was, and what a terrible counterfeit has been imposed on them by such decisive evidence they cannot get away from it, and it is certain to start a revolt of honest, intelligent citizens when they see the fraud, and tear the churches asunder, constructively as well as destructively, leaving the religion of spiritual science master of the field.

With the co-operation of those who are truly spiritual, truly scientific, truly religious, and intolerant of false-

the full expression of all that is good and glorious in humanity.

I see no reason why you should not lend your effective aid in this revolution. But it is an immense work for me to prepare the history and critmay be ready. Yet I may throw out truth. Day nor night has furnished something to lead inquirers to look intermission. I have little time to into the ancient fraud. Yours cor-J. R. BUOHANAN.

WHY NOT?

Disclose the Spirit-World.

TO THE EDITOR:-As set forth by the Chicago Tribune, the notion that coming truth—and this destruction of it may be possible to construct a telsquare, so that a fifty-foot lens would make the sun, moon and other celesin each direction than they will be that being the biggest refracting tel-Theoretically a telescope will bear a

magnifying power of about sixty to each inch in the working diameter of the object glass. Hence a fifty-foot of 36,000, bring the moon within less than seven miles of the observer, and ance of Mars at times as well as we could do with the naked eye at the give an appreciable disk to many of the fixed stars, reveal the existence of whole families of planets circling It is not true, as fancied by some,

day and by direct psychic perception. effective diminution of distance are proportional to the square of the in the time of the Apostles-in fact structed within several years of the power of the instrument It does not appear, however, that

depending on the difference in density of the media through which the rays eye of the observer. So the glass cannot be dispensed with in a refractor, and it is not said to be proposed to use the oxygen in a reflector. It to undertake the casting of lenses of possible in the near future. But beyond this will come in important quesof atmospheric tremblings as causes able that the biggest telescopes of the stationary reflectors, each casting rays from the object to one common focus, close to which the image of the object will be magnified, measured, and otherwise studied. The Tribune's views are very sug-

gestive, and leads one to the reflection that in the not far distant future an instrument may be perfected wherein spirit forms and spirit scenery will become visible. The world is on the eve of great unfoldments, spiritually as well as materially,

"The Bridge Between Two Worlds." By Abby A. Judson. This book is dedicated to all earnest souls who desire, by harmonizing their physical bodies and nature, and their souls with universal nature, and their souls with the higher intelligences, to come into closer connection with the purer realms of the Spiritworld. It is written in the sweet spiritual tone that characterizes all of Miss Judson's literary works. Price, cloth, \$1; paper, 75 cents.

"Talleyrand's Letter to the Pope" will be found especially interesting to all who would desire to make a study of Romanism and the Bible. The historic facts he states, and his keen, scathing review of Romish ideas and practices should be read by all, Sold at this office. Price, 25 cents.

"Social Upbuilding, Including Co-op erative Systems and the Happiness and Ennoblement of Humanity." By. E. D. Babbitt, LL. D., M. D. This comprises the last part of Human Culture and Cure. Paper cover, 15c. For sale at

A Chicagoan East,

To THE EDITOR:—As you see, I an in Boston, the city of the center, and found myself, from the first hour, plunged into the great sea of inquiry and action, upon whose waters are icism, and I cannot say how soon it ever moving seekers for light and intermission. I have little time to think, even rapidly. No other city ever had such opportunity to make history as Boston, and she has always improved it, until you can hardly step without putting your foot on a historical incident. In fact, there is a guide service established here, as in the great cities of Europe, to enable travelers and strangers to see the Common and the State House and the three Beacons and the Back Bay, etc.

Fancuil Hall is growing very much the worse for age. The Common is all torn up, as well as many of the principal streets, on the line of the great subway, the hole which is, sometime or other, to hold the trolley lines that now fill up all the business streets. They run from a center, like the many arms of an octopus, reach. ing every square mile of Boston and its suburbs, and are destined in the future to be the common method of transit throughout, the State of Massachusetts.

The subway was the outcome of an attempt to have an "L" road. It is darkly hinted at that a hole was a better place than an elevated road, to put away taxes, under the rule of "addition, division and silence."

Boston is a very nice place, with all its quaintness and sea-breezes, at which to spend the summer. The usual method is to secure a room and

then board somewhere else. The International Sunday-School Convention is in session, and many delegates are here from everywhere. Many of the faces were here last year as Christian Endeavorers. We have no fault to find with the C. E. if they would stop endeavoring to put God in the Constitution—an impossibility, for

a part can never contain the whole. The spiritual interests of Boston would be more effective if it were not for the subtile scorn that the many little cliques can infuse into the phrase "those people," when speaking of each other.

It is a great pity that the First Spiritual Temple, standing grim and gloomy in its monastic sternness, could not be filling a more active mission than just waiting.

I had a chance to call on J. M. Wade, the occultist, who has written thousands of pages under inspiration. His latest work is a life of Mudame Blavatsky, by herself, given through a Yost typewriter, in a dark cabinet, pages and pages. Brother Wade's last publication is a "New Bible" of 416 pages, 8vo. It certainly must be of interest, for he is the most original of all the prophets I have had

the good fortune to meet. The birds are beginning to fly to Lake Pleasant Camp and to Onset.

The condition of Boston's streets, and once in a while a tall building of the Chicago construction, climbing toward the higher heavens, makes one rub his eyes and wonder if there will be time to run up to THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER office, 40 Loomis street. But next week I go to the Atlantic

for rest and refreshment. W. P. PHELON, M. D.

Texas Spiritual Camp-Meeting Association.

The Texas Spiritual Camp-Meeting Association will hold its second annual encampment at Oak Cliff Park, Dallas, Texas, beginning August 29th and closing September 12th, 1896. Oak Cliff is a beautiful little city of five thousand people, two miles southwest is interesting, too, to note that this of Dallas, and of easy access by the and other propositions for evading electric railroad, which runs within two blocks of the park every fifteen ing very big lenses are made just minutes. A beautiful lake lies within about the time that difficulty is being the park, containing a number of overcome. A glassmaking firm re- acres, where all who desire can be accently has announced its willingness commodated with boating and fishing. There is a commodious pavilion, well as much as five feet in diameter, and seated, lovely shade, making it one of men who have studied the changing the most delightful places in the conditions of the problem say there is | Southwest for a camp-meeting. Inlittle doubt of far greater things being | spirational speakers and mediums of the different phases of mediumship, who would like to spend one or two tions of deflection of figure as well as | weeks in the Lone Star State, will be promptly answered if they will give of what the astronomer calls "bad us their phases of mediumship, terms, seeing." It may be considered probletc. The Texas camp is barely on its feet yet, and I would be glad to have next century will be constructed on the co-operation of all friends. "The the plan of having a large number of harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Address J. C. Watkins, President, or T. A. Stone, Assistant Secretary.

Dallas, Texas.

Spiritualist Camp-Meeting.

The Elk Grove Spiritual and Liberal Society, of Derry, Kansas, will hold their Third Annual Camp-meeting at Winfield, Kans., (commencing July 11, closing July 21, 1896, in Island Park, five minutes' walk from Southern Kan-sas depot, fronting Main street. Winfield is the county seat of Cowley county, a lively little city on the Walnut river with good railroad accommodations. The Frisco, Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific and Southern Kansas railroads all enter this city. Reduced rates of one and onethird fare from all points within 100 miles of Winfield. Tickets on sale July 10, 11, 16 and 17 and good to return July

SPEAKERS AND MEDIUMS. Rev. Moses Hull, Rev. Mrs. Ettie Seaman, Capt. H. H. Brown, Mrs. Emma E. Hammond, Dr. D. Eastman, Rev. Dr. M. R. Hutchinson, Mathew Alderson, Dr. Williams, Mrs. A. A. Bellman,

Mr. Parker, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Mot Knight, Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. C. W.

For further information address MISS MAUD KLINGER, Sec. Derry, Kas. until July 8th; after that ad

dress Winfield, Kas. "From Soul to Soul." By Emma Rood Tuttle. Lovers of poetry will find gems of thought in poetic diction in this handsome volume, wherewith to sweeten hours of leisure and enjoyment. Price \$1.00. For sale at this office.

and pointed letter to Bishop Horstmann. It is good reading, and should be widely Who plays for more than he can lose with pleasure stakes his heart.-Herhood and superstitions, a speedy distributed, that people may be enlight-ened concerning the ways and methods bert. revolution may be effected among the In such a world as ours the idle man enlightened and superstition abolished. is not so much a biped as a bivalye.yielding to that religion which is but this office. Horace Mann,

CLAIRVOYANCE,

As Used by a Physician of Cincinnati.

Crucial Tests to Which He First Subjected It.

ITS VALUE IN DIAGNOSING INTERNAL DISEASES-A DETECTIVE FORCE TOO LITTLE EMPLOYED - INCIDENTS -REASONS WHY IT SHOULD BE CRED-ITED WITH ELECTRICAL ELEMENTS-"SOMETHING" TOLD HER.

observe that you treat clairvoyance incidentally, instead of giving it due consideration," said Dr. Isaacs a few days since, "It has developed more wonderful things than were ever dreamed of by the Magi of India or the sorcerers who performed miracles for the Queen of Sheba. Give clairvoyance a chance." [This interview occurred in the Cincinnati Enquirer, and is of special interest.]

"Certainly; it deserves your encomium. Nothing would be more interesting to thousands of readers than your varied experiences where it has proved the important factor."

"They would make an unwieldy volume, and at the best I can give you only a lot of detached examples. As a whole, the interest of the story could not be sustained, except for physicians, as I have used this agent in my practice more than otherwise, and, really, I do not propose to give away the advantages it brings me in a

professional way."
"But you should do so for the benefit of universal humanity, if you have made discoveries of value.

"Yes, to be called a quack by even those physicians who would take advantage of the information whenever they could do so covertly. I know them, you see, and understand their trepidation whenever they discover that a professor of healing has left the beaten path sanctified by the prejudice and ignorance of ages, and am not anxious for that verbal martyrdom which means so much to the people who are my best customers and so little to those who inflict it, until they in turn become the victims of its barbs. But I will give you

INTERESTING FACTS. "My introduction to a knowledge of clairvoyance occurred in 1876, at Chicago. I had scarcely begun the practice of medicine, and, leisure being plentiful, was visiting a former schoolmate at the Illinois metropolis. He told me a story, which seemed quite incredible, about a boy, son of a commission merchant, who saw and described things far away, and who, a few weeks previous to that date, had been able to locate a bullet in a man who had been accidentally shot, after much probing had failed to discover it. The account was marvelous and awe-inspiring, and I resolved to verify it, if possible. In the meantime I wrote a letter to my mother—I was then unmarried-asking that on a certain afternoon, a few days in advance of that date, she would do certain odd and unusual things-make appledumplings, play the piano, waltz around the parlor, humming a tune, put on a coat and vest belonging to my father, sing a hymn, shoulder the broom and march around the kitchen. draw stockings on her hands and arms instead of gloves, and in this plight eat an orange—to be done in this sequence and rapidly as possible, explaining that I wished to make a test of clairvoyance that would prove difficult, but, if successful, very conclusive to myself. In her reply she said the requirement was ridiculous, but she would endeavor to comply with it, at the same time hoping no one would catch a glimpse of such antics, even father's shirts by mistake. A ques-

clairvoyantly. "At our meeting with the boy, arif he could tell me what was transpiring at my home. He would try, and asked for something to connect him, however slightly, with the place. him one, but almost immediately he returned it, saying:

"This will not do. It was never in your home.'

"At that moment I remembered it was a handkerchief I had purchased in Chicago.

OFFERED THOUGHTLESSLY. "I gave him another, an old one, that must have been full of homely suggestions. He apparently retired within himself for some five minutes. and then began in a hesitating way to describe our residence. At first by generalizations, but soon he mentioned particulars, many of which were so trivial that I would have neglected them through forgetfulness had I been called upon to describe the place from memory. One of these points was the location of the chimneys and the number of pots upon them; another the ornamental figures upon the staircase; a third the portrait of Washington hanging in the reception hall. He also described settees and chairs upon the front porch; curious trellis work upon a portico letting out from the second floor; three elm trees, and the same number of pines in the yard, and the hedge inclosing the grounds. In a little time he stopped and laughed heartily, then described my mother in a gleeful way, saying tion in unusual style-cooking, play-

ing the piano, dancing, etc. "'Ha! Now she's in a panic,' he her dressing-room.'

uncle, aunt and two cousins from Maryland, and when I returned to the residence of my friend a telegram from the dear mother announcing their arrival was awaiting me. On the second day I received a letter from her it true?' describing all she did in response of which before had appeared so incredible. How could I help it?

"Before leaving Chicago I made to be fixed in a letter addressed to him, and which should form the magwould attend on him at the proper time and report the result. To the with much force, if he wishes patients the boy when he should be under the right conditions and a few articles for him to hold to

BRING HIM EN RAPPORT with others to whom some of the questions referred. In a word, I had resolved to employ this strange force in diagnosing ailments, if found prac-ticable, and this test would inform me whether it was valuable for such use. It is needless to tell you that I found it so, especially in the examination of internal diseases, which no physician can intelligently diagnose by the knowledge he acquires from schools, books and general practice. My mother had been treated for heart disease. by one of our eminent practitioners for more than two years without effect, and one of my questions related to her ailment. The answer indicated that she had dyspepsia? and I treated it to a speedy and permanent cure. The son of a neighbor was under treatment for pulmonary consumption, but I learned he had a disease infinitely more curable, and, quite unprofessionally, proffered my services to cure him without fee. The cure was complete, and its fame has brought me many fees. The question I took most pains to formulate, thinking I could pose the boy, related to myself. Its nature and comprehensiveness may be gathered from the

"Dr. Isaacs is a fair man when uninfluenced by conceit,' it began. 'He has great confidence in his own ability and will readily induce others to have faith in him, which will gain more than half the struggle in his efforts to benefit the race and secure his own success. His willingness to investigate new methods of healing will prove helpful in his practice and an inducement for other physicians to adopt the same course. He is not easily convinced upon questionable points, but when he assents the case is won for all time. The special test as to his belongings is easy. He has attired himself in three shirts, one of which is not his, calico pants made for the occasion, two vests, two coats and three neckties. In his pockets he carries a large variety of coin, and, as I see it, there are 14 coppers, 20 dimes, 10 quarters, 5 halves, 5 dollars, and \$5, \$10 and \$20 in gold. In following articles: A gold watch, penknife, fountain pen, corkscrew, matchbox, gold toothpick, bunch of keys, Masonic diploma, pocket lexicon, table knife, fork and spoon, and a saltcellar.'

THESE UNUSUAL THINGS were carried for the occasion, and the description was perfect. The salve recipe I had forgotten, but examination disclosed it, and the fact that one of the shirts clothed upon my corporosity was not mine was first made known to me by this answer from Chicago. I had taken one of my tion regarding a young lady in whom at that time I felt an extraordinary ranged for the same afternoon, I asked | interest, was so satisfactorily answered that I made her a proposition of unlimited partnership and was made happy by a prompt acceptance."

"A boy, with whose parents I was A handkerchief would do. I handed slightly acquainted, wandered away in a fit of mental aberration at about this time. I obtained a piece of one of his most intimate garments and sent it to the Chicago clairvoyant with a request that he would locate the boy, if possible, and immediately apprise me of the result of his search. I received a prompt reply, telling me where he could be found, and in company with his father I went and brought him home. The wonder of the man, when I told him by what means his son had been traced, was indescribable, and without more ado he reposed the most implicit confidence in clairvoyance from that date onward. Through its agency I was enabled to restore the boy to a fair measure of sanity and make him of use to himself and the world.

"You are right in the opinion that authoritative detection of crime should be confided to clairvoyance whenever it is practicable, but people mix it up with things weird and uncanny and relegate it to the

LIMBO OF CHOSTOLOGY.

It is a science, and cultivation will establish its claims as one of the most beneficial branches of human knowledge, equal, perhaps superior, to elecedge, equal, perhaps superior, to electory someone enter, and, after striking a tricity as now understood. I think it match, go to the chest, epen it, and take embraces electrical elements, for how else can it gather items of information left the room and went down the stairs. he saw her mixing work and recreatifrom points thousands of miles away and impart them with the speed and certainty of the electrical telegraph?

"Let me give you an illustration of suddenly exclaimed. Visitors have this idea. A few years ago the pain- guished. In the morning I learned that of the country, the kindergarten and arrived, and caught her in an awkward | ful duty was devolved upon me of infix, and she is chagrined, absolutely forming a young wife of the accidental crying with vexation. Three ladies drowning of her husband from a and although I am developing medium and a gentleman are just admitted by steamboat on the Ohio River. I didn't a servant, and madame has flown to like the mission, but resolved to have

"You have come to tell me something about my husband!'

"'And it's bad news. I know it is.

what she termed my eccentric request, that 'something' which had forestalled the interruption of the ceremony and my message by an announcement of all circumstances as related by the the brutal truth? Aykwardly I utclair voyant, and then I believed that tered a few words of consolation and left her in the shadows of her early grief.

obstacles which otherwise might have proved insurmountable. A physician himself, and impart this idea to others treatment." T. P.

WHAT IS EXISTENCE?

As Explained by F. L. Lockling.

Man in his egotism affirms his own existence, if nothing else. He is the be-all, the know-all, the deliled self. If man would but look beyond the periphery of selfhood he would behold Mother Nature as the all-of-existence. The all-of-being includes the emanations of light, life, energy, love, feeling etc., conditioned in external nature, and centered in suns, stars and human beings, that they may know that a just God will not, if he could, produce a kaleidoscopic universe just for the sake of deluding his children. Nature is more than illusion, more than a scientific phenomenon; it is a all camps throughout the United reality too vast to be comprehended States would do well to imitate Casby scientists.

existence as to deny the existence of real potential thoughts of the Allbeing. Invention is but discovery. Is this Pantheism? Do you want your God to wear a mask, as the orthodox God has been doing-hiding behind ception accounts for the mask.

Again, the gravity of social affinity gathers these potent worlds into systems or constellations, all revolving around their God-sun, who, with his train, revolves, by the same law, around a superior God-sun, and so on, until the milky-way becomes the equatorial portion of the universe you now inhabit. [The milky-way is an electric belt which determines the polarity and rotation of your universe.] Again, this milky universe revolves like the earth, around another universe, and so on, each becoming more ethereal, more ideal, more spiritual, until the ever-conscious, loving Sun of the Allbeing is reached.

Here the scales of materiality drop from your eyes; here the clairvoyance of consciousness is no longer clouded by the physical body-all is self-evident. Is this all imagination? Do you ignore the reaction of your senses, more widely advertised, so that the Here you get the evidence of your the lips of this distinguished scholar munity where it is established. own existence, of objective nature, and author, who is to add so much and of the All-being. By dualism lustre to Cassadaga's star of progress. man learns his own strength, and to thing that reacts or resists touch.

Boundless space is universal carosity of infinity, in which bodies of rest (stars put in motion) move in lines of least resistance.

Such is existence controlled by the

"All are but parts of one stupendous whole.

Whose body nature is, and God the soul:

frame:

the trees.

Lives through all life, extends through

F. L. LOCKLING. AN INCIDENT.

An Explanation Is Desired.

Will some reader of THE PROGRESS-VE THINKER kindly give an explana-

vious to his death he never undressed at night, but lay on the lounge in the sitting-room down-stairs. A short time before he died, he came up-stairs one night, after I had retired, and lighting a match went to a chest in the room in which I lay and took out a bottle of medicine. Within a week of that night he died. The third night after his death I was awakened by someone coming up the stairs in stockinged feet, and I rec-ognized my brother's familiar step. The bed in which I lay was placed in such a manner as to prevent my seeing anyone enter the room, but I heard Although the head-board of the bed pre vented me from seeing anyone in the room I distinctly saw the light from the match and also noted the change to darkness when the match was extinno one had entered the room during the the lyceum. No one save a teacher

I am not clairaudient or clairvoyant, ship my brother has never made him-self known to me in a similar manner,

CASSADAGA CAMP.

One of the Great Attractions Pointed Out.

HON. L. V. MOULTON COMMENDED-CASSADAGA TO BE CONGRATULATED -ITS LYCEUM AND KINDERGARTEN

To THE EDITOR:—The programmes of the camp meetings, which are now before the public, indicate that the very best talent in our ranks will appear upon the boards in the different sections of our country during this summer's assemblages.

I do not know that any criticism can be made in regard to the choice of speakers at any of our camps. The increasing attendance at these summer meetings proves that the public at large is taking a deeper interest in the question of life beyond the grave than ever before.

To meet the increased demands our camps have rapidly multiplied, until we now have something like fifty-five in the United States alone. It is impossible to estimate the number of people who annually gather at these rallying points.

A few innovations are noticeable in some of the programmes. The introduction of special days, when such speakers as Ingersoll, Rev. Anna Shaw and several noted Unitarian clergymen are to appear, proves that our people are desirous of obtaining the most advanced thought in regard to all reform movements now agitating the minds of the masses. I notice with extreme pleasure one

sadaga's worthy example. I refer to the introduction of a special course of egotist might as well deny his own lectures upon Economics, by the Hon. L. V. Moulton, of Michigan. Mr. Moulton is a recognized authority in all scientific circles upon the money question, and the people who will assemble at Cassadaga will have an opportunity of listening to this able speaker first hand, and thereby be enabled to perceive more clearly the scope of this distinguished scholar's thought upon the important questions underlying the science of political

This is the year of our Presidential election, and the money question will enter largely into all political discussions during the present campaign. As Spiritualists we should be well informed upon this question. No man is better able to give the necessary information than, Mr. Moulton. If Spiritualists are at all interested in good government, municipal, state and national, they should understand the science of political economy in all

of its bearings, Mr. Moulton's occurse of lectures will be especially valuable in this direction, and Cassadaga is to be congratulated upon having secured this able gentleman for this special course. The wonder is that it has not been

If Spiritualism means anything to comply with the overpowering laws of | humanity, it must include everything nature. In mechanics, matter cannot that looks to the uplifting of the race. resist force. Nothing but force can There has been too much blind subresist force. Hence the tangible part servience to party and too little interest in the larger good of the masses on the part of the Spiritualists. Had we been more considerate of the welpacity. Interstellar space is the po- fare of the common people, there would not be to-day upon the statute books of more than forty States so many unjust laws against our mediums and magnetic healers. In order to undo what has been done we must commence at the foundation, thor oughly acquaint ourselves with the basic principles of political economy, and become conversant with every reform movement that is offered to the world.

With such practical examples as Cassadaga has set this season in Mr. Moulton's course of lectures, we find a sign of promise for the future of our cause.

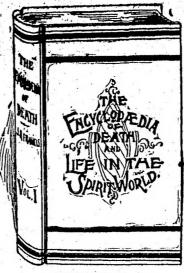
That this course of lectures will be liberally patronized there is no doubt. I should esteem it a privilege to be able to listen to this series of lectures, that I might profit by what I should learn from the lips of my esteemed teacher. Other camps, in my opinion, would do well to introduce similar features in addition to their regular camp attractions.

Our speakers give the philosophy and religion of Spilitualism from the public rostrum, while these special courses can be given when nothing else is going on upon the grounds, to the end that the summer's vacation could be spent pleasurably and profit-1n er

When we learn to act together in political and reform movements, we can make ourselves felt as a people, but not until them: "In unity there is strength," and Mr. Moulton's lectures at Cassadaga will show the peo-ple of this nation the necessity of prompt action on their part, in order that they may preserve the few liberties that they now possess, and to prevent further encroachments upon the same on the part of powers now in control of the leading political par-

ties in this nation.

Cassadaga has two other features of great moment to the Spiritualists can appreciate the value and importance of kindergarten work. It is the foundation of education, and in the establishment of this essential branch Cassadaga has paved the way for the



Of the Encyclopædia of Death, and Life in the Spirit-World.

Vol. II. is now ready for delivery. It is neatly and substantially bound in cloth, and printed in the best style of the printers art. It is furnished on the same terms that the first volume was. When remitting a year's subscription for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER Vol. II. will be sent you for 50 cents. That is, by remitting \$1.50 you will get THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER for one year and Vol. II. of the Encyclopædia. By remitting \$2 you will get THE PROGRES. SIVE THINKER one year and Volumes I and II, of the Encyclopædia.

In ordering one volume of the

Vol. 1. of the Encyclopædia of Death, bound in paper cover, nicely printed and substantially stitched, is sent out as innovation at Cassadaga, and feel that It is called the Premium Encyclo-PÆDIA, and is only given away on the terms mentioned. 20,000 copies are to be distributed on the terms stated, at great expense to the Editor. Read the conditions carefully. It is not sent out in connection with the bound copies of the Encyclopædia. The bound copies

> Miss Nellie Austin, is one of the best in her line, having been thoroughly trained in her work in the schools of Chicago. The lyceum is also of great value, and Cassadaga has secured another competent manager in that department, Miss Lois Moulton, daughter of our distinguished lecturer L. V. Moulton.

This is not written in discrimination against other camps, but simply to urge upon all the necessity of conyour feelings, your knowledge ac- people outside the ranks of the Spirit- sidering these progressive movements his pocketbook I see \$16 in paper, a quired from experience? No. All is valists could also avail themselves of but the dualism (action and reaction) the opportunity of listening to the tellectual food as will make every between the spirit, soul and matter. | words of wisdom that shall fall from | camp a power for good in the com

Lake Pleasant, Onset, Queen City Park, Clinton, Lake Brady, the Michigan camps, all have attractive programmes, and the work done will be

elevating and instructive. Success will surely attend the efforts of the earnest workers at all the rallying points where Spiritualists are to meet during the present season. That we may all work together to create a healthy public sentiment on economic. philosophical and religious questions there will be no doubt when every advance movement is made a part of the programme at these popular summer resorts of Spiritualists.

Fiction Writers as Prophets. Many of the great inventions of the nineteenth century have been anticipated by writers of fiction both in verse and prose. But there is perhaps no more striking example of this than the poetical anticipation of Professor Roentgen's recent marvelous discovery of sphotographing the invisible. Some years ago a work entitled "Medicinische Maerchen" was published by Dr. Hopf, under the pseudonym of "Philander." The work consists of ten medical stories, the last of which is entitled "Elektra, a Tale of Physical Diagnosis of the Twentieth Century." Elektra, the genius of this century, provides a young doctor with a magical box, by means of which he is enabled to make organisms of every kind transparent. Feeling sure that he is now the possessor of a secret which will be of infinite value to suffering mankind, the young doctor, in the presence of his colleagues, first makes a speech illustrative of his discovery, and then proceeds, amidst rounds of applause, to show its effects on a patient. Professor Roentgen's discovery has caused this "fiction" to become a veritable "fact."

known Father Chiniquy, reveals the de-



VOLUME II.

Encyclopædia, always state whether it is Vol. I. or Vol. II. that you want. BEAR IN MIND.

are only sent out in connection with a year's subscription, and at prices stated

It is strange, considering the importance of these three divisions, to which attention is called in this article, that the Cassadaga management has not advertised them more extensively and sought to draw in a larger patronage from the interested public.

In order that our friends may know something of the value of this movement, the writer has sought, through this article, to call attention to the same, that they may visit Cassadaga with the assurance that they can gain instruction from competent teachers along lines that will be intellectually profitable to all concerned.

Washington, D. C.

If the care of the hair were made a part of a lady's education, we should not see so many gray heads, and the use of Hall's Hair Renewer would be unnecessary.

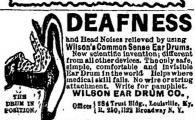
"The Gospel of Buddha, According to Old Records," Told by Paul Carus. This book is heartily commended to stu-dents of the science of religions, and to all who would gain a fair conception of Buddhism in its spirit and living princi-ples. Spiritualist or Christian can scarcely read it without spiritual profit. Price \$1. For sale at this office. "The Priest, the Woman, and the Confessional." This book, by the well-

grading, impure influence and results of the Romish confessional, as proved by enlightenment of the coming genera-tions. The kindergarten teacher, his office.



rilla. True. So any tea is tea. So any flour is flour. But grades differ. You want the best. It's so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do tea and flour it would be easy to determine. But you don't. How should you? When you are going to buy a commodity whose value you don't know, you pick out an old established house to trade with, and trust their experience and reputation. Do so when buying sarsaparilla. ...

Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been on the market 50 years. Your grandfather used Ayer's. It is a reputable medicine. There are many Sarsaparillasbut only one Ayer's. It



SUSAN H. WIXON,

Author of "Apples of Gold," "All in a Lifetime," "The Story Hour," "Summer Days at Onset,"
"Sunday Observance," etc., etc.

"Living is an art, a method of expressing great conceptions; in fact, the highest method, the noblest of the arts."—Thomas Stare King.

This book gives an admirable course of study in ethics, and supplies a jong-felt want of an ethical text-book especially adapted to the comprehension of children, as well as older persons whom it is wisely and appropriately designed to interest while teaching them valuable ethical lessons.

The author shows a wise practicality in her method of teaching the principles of ethics. She illustrates her subject with many brief nerratives and ancodets, which render the book more interesting and more easily comprehended. It is especially adapted for use in children's lyceums. In the hands of mothers and teachers it may be made very useful. Young and old will be benefited by it. It is a most excellent book and should be widely circulated. CONTENTS

CONTENTS:

Right Living. What is Morality? What is Ignorance? Knowledge the Great Treasure. Concerning Education. Conduct; or Right Doing. Virtue, the Illuminator of Life. Prudence, an Economy of Life. What Know Yoo J Justice? Fortitude a Nobie Possession. Temperance and Intemperance. Is the Use of Tobacco Dangerous? Cultivation of Individuality. Character, a Jewel of Great Price. Idleness. Another Name for Loss. Industry, the Staff of Life. Value of a Trade. Recreation a Nocessity. Games of Chance. Truthand Faischood. What is an Oafa? or the Worthof a Promise. Fraud a Crime. The Poison of Slander. What Is Hypocrisy? Conscience; or Moral Sonse. Selfishness, the Menace of Society. Gratitude, a Fragrant Flower of Life. Is Reverence a Duty? Self-Reliance. Self-Control. Self-Respect. Foolish Price and Silly Prejudice. Anger, the Distorter. The Angel of Forgiveness. Observation a Great Faculty. Perseverance, the Friend of Man. Punctuality, a Fromoter of Success. The Difficulties of Life. Temptation, the Demon on the Highway. Habit, Second Nature. Power of Will. Courage, a Necessity to Right Living. In Regard to Concesled

or Life. Temptation, the Demon on the Highway. Habit, Second Nature. Power of Will. Courage, a Necessity to Right Living. In Regard to Concealed Vice. Beautiful Charity. Fidelity, the Giver of Strength and Honor, Value of Wealth. Avarice, Not a Means to Life's Best End. Good Nature, One of Life's Best Blossoms. Reason and Free Inquiry, Free Speech. A Free Press, Rights of Animals. Rights of Children. Human Rights; or the Equality of Man. Moral Cleanliness. Politeness—The Gentlewoman. Politeness—Continued—The Gentlewoman. Best Society, Progress; or Enlightenment. Wisdom. Price, Cloth, \$1. Sold at this Office.

- AND -THE SPIRIT WORLD.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

A most able and interesting presentation of a most important subject. Every Spiritualist and every inquirer into the proofs and philosophy of Spiritualism should have this excellent book. Its value is recognized and acknowledged all over the world. Price, cloth, \$1. For sale at this office.

COSMIAN HYMN BOOK.

A COLLECTION OF Original and Selected Hymns For Liberal and Ethical Societies, for Schools and the Home.

COMPILED BY L. K. WASHBURN.

This volume meets a public want. It comprises 258 choice selections of poetry and music, embodying the highest moral sentiment, and free from all sectarianism. Price 50 cents. Sold at this office. HUMAN CULTURE & CURE

MARRIAGE, SEXUAL DEVEL-OPMENT, AND SOCIAL

UPBUILDING. BY E. D. BABBITT, M. D., LL. D.

Price, cloth, 75 cents. For sale at this office. VASHTI, OLD AND NEW, - OR -

THE ETERNAL FEMININE.

A ROMANCE OF THE WHEEL. A DRAMATIC IDYLL

BY MARVEL KAYVE. A fine prose poem; a story of the "New Woman," who is the tree woman of all the centuries. A remarkable book, contrasting the modern Vashtl with the Vashtl of ancient Bible times. Interesting and suggestive. Cloth, sit paper, Socents. For sale at this office, 40 Loomis street, Chicago.

MISS JUDSON'S BOOKS,

WHY SHE BECAME A SPIRITUALIST. 264 pages. One copy, \$1; six copies, \$5.

FROM NIGHT TO MORN; Or, An Appeal to the Baptist Church. 32 pages. One copy, 15 cents; ten copies, \$1.

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS. 209 pages. One copy, bound in cloth, el; paper, 78

MAHOMET, His Birth, Character and Doctrine

BY EDWARD GIBBON.

This is No. 6 of the Library of Liberal Glassics. It is conceded to be historically correct, and so exact and perfect in every detail as to be practically beyond the reach of adverse criticism. This work will be found intensely interesting. Price, 25c. Sold at this office. MAN

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. A POPULAR ACCOUNT OF Results of recent scientific research regarding the origin, position and prospects of mankind. From the German of

DR. LUDWIG BÜCHNER, Author of "Force and Matter," Essays on Nature and Science," "Physicological Pictures," "Six Lec-tures on Darwin," Etc.

tures on Darwin," Etc.

"The great mystery of existence consists in perpetual and uninterrupted change. Everything is immortal and indestructible—the smallest worm as well as the most enormous of the celestial bodies,—the sand grain or the water drop as well as the highest being in creation, man and his thoughts. Only the forms in which being manifest itself are changing; but Being itself remains eternally the same and imperishable. When we die we do not lose ourselves, but only our personal consciousness. We live on in nature, in our race, in our children, in our deeds, in our thoughts—in short, in the entire material and physical contribution which, during our short personal existence, we have furnished to the subsistence of mankind and of nature in general."—Bucchner.

One vol., post &vo., about 350 pages, vellum cloth, \$1.

LIFE IN TWO SPHERES. A Fascinating Work.

A Fascinating Work.

The readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER Will remember the story under the above title, by Hudson Tuttle, which was published in its columns. At the time, constant inquiries were made as to its appearing in book form. This wish has now been gratified. It makes a volume of 24 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 Spiritualism, the occupation and modes of life of spiritual beings, are presented in the pleasing form of narrative.

The following are the chapter-titles: Introduction; The House of the Sage; Home of the Miser; The Low Societies; Hader: Christmastide in the Spheres of Light; Christmastide and the Golden Gate; The Unhappy Marriage; Easter Day in Heaven; A Visit to the Earth; The Change Called Death; Coming to the Knowledge of the Light; The Society Again Visits Earth; The Forsaken and Despleed; Discussion; A Visit to a Distant Globe; Reunion in the Spirit-world; Contentedness Not Goodness; Address of the Sage.

It is a book the Spiritualist will be delighted with; a book in which the investigator will ind answers to ever-recurring questions; a book which will interest the church member, nor repet the most prejudiced. The price in paper is 50 cents; nuslin \$1; postpaids.

THE MEDIUMISTIC

Experiences of John Brown, The Medium of the Rockies, with an introduction by PROF. J. S. LOVELAND.

This book should be in the hands of every one inter-This book should be in the hands of every one interested in Spiritualism.
Chapter 1, Notoriety; Early Mediumship. Chapter 2, The Heavenly Mansion. Chapter 8, Removal to California; Return of His Guide. Chapter 4, Remarkable Tests. Chapter 6, His Work as a Healer. Chapter 6, Loaves the Body. Chapter 7, Visit to the Spirit Land. Chapter 8, Methods Used by Spirits to Comminicate; How to Conduct a Circle. Chapter 9, Miscel laneous Articles. Chapter 10, A Strange Experience, Chapter 11, Remarkable Manifestation of Spirit Power. Chapter 12, New Experiences—Hustrative of Prophetic Visions. Chapter 13, The First Break in the Atlantic Cable Shown to John Brown. Chapter 14, Unseen Opposition.
Chapter 14, Ola-podrida.
For saie at this offic.. Heavy paper cover, price 54

MARGUERITE HUNTER

A Narrative Descriptive of Life in the Material and Spiritual Spheres,

Transcribed by a Co-operative Spirit Band, combined with chosen media of earth. It was given through independent slate writing. The illustrations were given in oil paintings on porcelain plate by Spirit artists. It is not a fiction, but a nearative of real life, without a parallel in the literature of Spiritualism, being a clear and succinct exposition of the philosophy, religion and science of Spiritualism. The book contains 200 pages with six illustrations in half-tone, and twelve pages in original independent writing. It is beautifully bound in blue sik cloth, stamped in silver. Price, \$1.25. For sale at this office.

ATLANTIS. The Antediluvian World,

Illustrated.

BY IGNATIUS DONNELLY. THE QUESTION OF A ONCE-INhabited but now submerged part of this globs
known as Atlantis, is one of much interest. The
data gathered from ancient and modern sourcesfrom classical authors-from traditions, legends and
mythologies; from the deep sea investigations of
modern scientists and antiquarian researches in the
mounds and the ruins of ancient cities found on the
American continent—are here arranged in compact,
ilterary form, in this very interesting volume. The
book possesses especial interest to Spiritualists bedause of its affording corroborative evidence of tho
genuinoness and truth of the statements purporting
to be given by spirits of ancient Atlantians concerning the fact of an Atlantis and a great people of the
name, once existing on this earth. For sale at this
office. Price 2.00.

JESUS AND THE MEDIUMS.

CHRIST AND MEDIUMSHIP. Careful comparison of some of the Spiritualism and Mediumship of the Bible with that of to-day. By Moszs Hull. An invincible argument proving that Jeaus was only a medium, subject to all the conditions of modern mediumship. It also shows that all the manifestations throughout the 0.64 and New Testament were under the same conditions that mediums require to-day; and that the coming of Olrist is the return of mediumship to the world. 48 pages. Price, 10 cents. For saie at this office.

RELIGION OF THE FUTURE. BY S. WEIL.

Croth, \$1.25. - . Paper, 50 cents Cloth, \$1.25. - Paper, 50 cents.

This is a work of great value, written by one of the keenest, most powerful and most truly religious minds of the day. It is particularly a work which should be put into the hands of those who have freed themselves from the dogmas of orthodoxy and from the dogmas of materialistic science, for it will strengthen the conviction of the free mind that mind and senses are not the whole of life.

The chapters reveal a new method in psychic and spiritual research. They show vivid glimpses of a stupendous moral cosmos that will supersede moral confusion; that only verifiable tenets can survive, and the childhood period of faith and fancy will be superseded by knowledge and facts. For sale at this office,

ROMANISM AND THE RE-PUBLIC.

MORK THAT EVERY LOVER OF his country should have at hand for consultation. By Rev I sand J. Lansing, M. A. This is a most able work, consisting of a Discussion of the Purposes, Assumptions, Principles and Methods of the Romai Catholic Hierarchy. The work contains 47 pages, and may be considered a mine of valuable information for every patriot in the land. Frice 81. For sale at this effice. Soul of Things; or Psychometric

Researches and Discoveries. BY WM. AND ELIZABETH M. F. Denton. A marrelous work. Though concise as a text-book, it is as fascinating as a work of fiction. The reader will be amared to see the curlor facts here combined in support of this newly-discovered power of the human find, which will resolve a thou sand doubts and difficulties, make Geology as plain as day, and throw light on all the grand subjects Low obscured by time.

Soul or Things-Vol. L.

HELEN HARLOW'S VOW:

Or Self-Justice. By Lois Waisbrooker. Many have read this book, many have re-read it, and many others out to read it. It should be read by every man and woman in the land. It shows the faisities rampant in society it matters of moral and social import, and the wrong that flow therefrom to innocent victims of social costracism. It contains a due likeness of the author Fine cloth, 250 pages. Price \$1.00

Romanism and the Republic. By Roy. Isago J. Lausing, M. A. Every patrie bould read it. Price \$1.00. COMMON SENSE.

By Thomas Paine. A Revolutionary pamphiet, ad dressed to the inhabitants of America in 1776, with explanatory notice by an English author. Paper, is cents. The Religion of Humanity:

A Philosophy of Life. By J. Leon Benwell. A beautiful paper-bound pamphlet, with likeness of author. A most valuable publication to circulate among Christian people. Price 15 cents.

servant, and madame has flown to like the mission, but resolved to have self known to me in a similar manner. Was it the spirit of my brother trying to identify himself, or only a trick of my had said a word beyond the ordinary mind—repeating something that had sistors, and from it recognized an greeting the woman exclaimed:

S. B. York. visitors, and from it recognized an greeting the woman exclaimed;

Oh, something tells me he is dead! Is "I was dumbfounded. What was

"Regarding my conceit," the another call upon the young seer and charge, I may say in confidence, is arranged for a second test, the date true, and it has assisted in mastering netic link between us, and my friend must have an excellent opinion of friend I sent a lot of questions to ask to have faith in his remedies and

PART III,

Man is a part of nature, and the objective worlds, which are but the chaos? No. The lack of sense-per-

of matter is condensed force-a some-

equilibrium of motion and rest, life and death, spirit and matter. Pope savs:

That changed through all, yet in all the same: Great in the earth, as in the ethereal

Warms in the sun, and blossoms in all extent, Spreads undivided, operates unspent.

tion of the following incident?
In 1891 my brother died of bronchial consumption. For a few months pre-

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. Meetings 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

neas early as rriday or saturday in order to have immediate insertion. Communications must always be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer, or no attention will be paid to them.

A correction; Some friend from Denver made a mistake in saying that Mrs. L. J. Curtis, of Mishawaka, Ind , lectured to ladies only. She held meetings for only ladies at Denver, but gives lectures and occult science lessons to mixed audiences as well.

Fred M. Stanton, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y., is now located at 881 West Adams street, Chicago. He is developing as a medium for physical manifestations. Even now the manifestations given through him are quite remarkable and his healing powers strong.

Frank T. Ripley goes from Chicago to Oxford, Ohio. From there to the Lake Brady Camp.

E. J. Bowtell may be addressed Lake Brady Camp, Kent, O., until September. Would like to engage with societies in Ohio and vicinity for season

G. W. Kates and wife, assisted by Prof. Joseph Singer and son, musicians, as the Kates-Singer Quartette, may be addressed as follows: Indianapolis, Ind., July 10 to 15; Millersport, Fairfield Co., Ohio, care the National Spiritual and Religious Association Camp-meeting, July 16 to 30; Chesterfield, Ind., Campmeeting, August 1 to 6: Lake Brady Camp meeting (Kent, Ohio). August 10 to 17; Cassadaga Camp, (Lily Dale, N.Y.), August 18 to 21; Buffalo, N.Y., August 22 to 26. Engagements desired for month of September and after.

A. D. Clark writes: "Memorial services for the late Orlando Briggs, who was a consistent Spiritualist and an upright man, were held under the direct tion of Mr. Harry Dalton, at Lodge Hall, 11 North Ada street, Sunday evening, June 21st, on which occasion Mrs. S. F. DeWolf spoke feelingly and eloquently upon the consolation which a knowledge of Spiritualism gives bereaved friends. A number of mediums presented evidence of continued life beyond the great transition, and Father Williams' troupe of Continental singers rendered several

M. E. U. writes that the people of Flint, Mich., are having a rare treat through the labors of E. Worden White, trance and inspirational speaker, and Andrew Daniels, platform test medium, who have conjointly been conducting a series of Sunday meetings during the last seven weeks, to be continued indefinitely. Many who have never shown nitely. Many who have never shown interest in Spiritualism are among the most deeply interested. Mr. Daniels is one of the most wonderful test mediums; and Mr. White is one of the most forceful and convincing speakers ever heard in the place. Societies and communities securing the services of either or both of these gifted mediums are to be congratulated.

Mrs. M. A. Place writes from Nevada City, Cal.: "I feel it my duty to let the readers of your paper know what Bro. J. W. Dennis, of Buffalo, N. Y., and his noble band have done for me without money and without price. I have been a great sensitive for many years and it has been my lot to have many spirits come near me and throw their earth conditions upon me to get help, and I did not seem to have a band strong enough to throw the conditions off. therefore it left me to suffer much from being in that condition. I wrote to Brother Dennis, and his noble healing band came to me, and through their ald they have brought a band to remain with me that has done me untold good. I am now free from all such conditions.

F. P. Schaar, secretary, writes from Seattle, Wash.: "Mrs. Georgia Cooley has just finished her six weeks' engagement for the First Spiritual Society, and they have been six weeks of grand and successful work for the society and Spiritualism in general. It is difficult to tell whether she excels most as a test medium or lecturer. During her stay with the society. I do not think she has given one test that was not recognized. Her lectures are plain, to the point, and always interesting. Not a little of her success as a medium is attributable to her naturally honest, straightforward and unobtrusive personality on all occasions. Any society securing Mrs. Cooley's services will have not only a fine medium, but a thorough Spiritualist as

Dr. P. J. Barrington has been lectur-ing at Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Docia Phillips Rhine, writing from It seems that the efficient work of E. W. Sprague at Pennville and West Grove was not agreeable to the pastor of the M. E. church. The preceding pastor had employed the great and only Elder Covert to annihilate Spiritualism, which he did with such effect that the Spiritualists organized a society and a fine children's lyceum, both of which are in a flourishing condition. The fight is continued by the present pastor. In one of his discourses, speaking of "infidels" (which includes Spiritualists, of course), he said: "I would their tongues were paralyzed and that they were all in hell, where they belong." 'Just wait until we get God in the Constitution then we'll have them," etc. Mr. Sprague challenged him to meet in public debate. G. O. L. writes from Madison, Kans .:

"We are making rapid advances in Spiritualism. It has only been a few weeks since we commenced to investigate, and my wife has developed into a strong medium. She writes and speaks in semi-trance condition. She is controlled by a young friend of ours who passed over fifteen years or more ago, and he is a bright one, and it has made

a great impression on his family, who have never investigated the subject." Mrs. Lora Holton has removed to 4638 Langley avenue, first floor, where she will hold musical test circles, and give sittings daily until July 15, when she goes to Maple Dell Camp, Mantua Sta-tion, Ohio, which will be her address

until August 23. Engagements for societies solicited for the fall months. Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson, of Grand Rapids, Mich., will be the principal speaker at a Spiritualists grove-meeting to be held in Burdick's Grove, Texas township, Kalamazoo county, Mich.,

ably handled. Then came the wonder

••••••• medium, Mrs. Lora Holton: All the tests were recognized. Dr. Hasenclever entertained with his great tests. Mrs. Horine gave a re-markable piece on the piano, she hav-ing her eyes bandaged and a black cloth over the keys.

S. L. Emery writes from Chesterville, O., in the interest of humane treatment of horses: "An old teamster told me how he prevented and cured galls on his team. He kept at hand about his wagon or stable a small muslin bag containing about a pint of fine, dry, air-slacked lime, and on any part where the collar or any other part of the harness is beginning to form a gall, he spats the little bag of lime a few times. It will not often need repeating, and there is an end of the gall in that place." G. W. Eichelberger writes: "The

First Spiritualist Society of Chicago, at Masonic Home Temple, 3120 Forest avenue, will continue their meetings during the summer, as they have invariably done in the past. They have effected an engagement with Dr. Harry W. Abbott, of California, who has traveled through India and witnessed the workings of the 'Dervishes' in their wonderful phenomena, and also lecturing through the western and southern States to large and intelligent audiences: is known also as the "Human Magnet," gives positive and direct proof of spiritreturn. He has recently arrived in this city from California, where he has had enormous business and lectured before some of the finest and best Spiritualist clubs and societies of that State. He can be seen at his place of residence, 96, 31st street, flat 4, on Mondays and Thursdays of each week."

Carrie Fuller Weatherford, trance lecturer, public test medium and improvisatrice, can be engaged for fall and winter months. She wishes to hear from the middle States. She has been very successful in her western work. She is retained through July by Des Moines Spiritual Association. Address 540 Sixth avenue. She cannot be at Clinton Camp as anticipated.

Mr. Watkins writes from Dallas, Texas: "We anticipate large gatherings at our camp meeting, and are confident of good results, if we can secure good speakers and mediums."

The Sacramento (Cal.) Evening Bee. of June 20, contains an extended notice of a Spiritualistic wedding. The contracting parties were Fred C. Merrick, a well-to-do mining man, of Utah, and Rosetta Watters, a school-teacher, from Oregon. The marriage was conducted by Dr. Alice Tobias, an ordained minister of the Independent Free Thought Bible Spiritualist Society, of San Francisco.

Mrs. M. Theresa Allen writes from Springfield, Mo.: "Our work here is progressing finely. The two local so-cieties—the North and the South Side societies—are both chartered under the State Association, and I trust it will not be long till the State Association is chartered by the N. S. A. These two societies here maintain a good, live membership in each and the meetings have generally been well-attended. Allen and myself have been serving the South Side Society more especially since the late State convention the latter part of March last until he went to St. Joseph

to fill an engagement with the Spiritualist there. Since then the rostrum work here was left entirely to me. But my engagement with this society is drawing to a close, as they will suspend regular Sunday services until after the hot weather. They will close the season's meetings with a grand concert in G. A. R. hall, on St. Louis street, July 15. This concert will be under the direction of Prof. Victor Engquest, assisted by first class talent. As I shall be at lib

erty after the 15th inst. to serve the cause elsewhere, I would solicit correspondence with parties desiring my me diumistic services. Address me at 233 Commercial street, Springfield, Mo." Moses Hull will be at Winfield, Kan.

July 11 to 21; Grand Ledge, Mich., July 23 to 26; Onset, Mass., July 29 to August 2; Lake Brady, Ohio, August 5 Haslett Park, Mich, August 23 to 28. Etna, Maine, August 30 to September 6; Woolley Park Camp, Ashley, Ohio, September 9 to 13. Address him accordingly.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond having fortunately not left the city until the decease of Mrs. Chandler, goes now directly to the Northwestern Camp. Her engagements for the summer are as follows: Northwestern Camp, July 4 to 15 inclusive; July 20 to 30, Western New York (probably); July 31 to Aug 7, Cas-sadaga; August 9 to 13; Vicksburg, Mich; August 15 to 20, Lake George, August 23 to 31, Onset Bay; September 13, Chicago, Schiller Theatre. Mrs. Richmond has been instrumental in maintaining a meeting right in the heart of the city, attracting thereto hundreds of strangers and skeptics. Her wonderful powers as a speaker and medium have made a deep impress for good on the minds of thousands, and the good work in which she has been engaged so long will continue in the future as in the past. It is well, however, that for a brief season others should have the benefit of her teachings.

Francis E. McKenna writes: "The Grove Meeting spoken of in THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER, to be held at Strickland, Mich., on June 27 and 28, and to be conducted by Dr. H. C. Andrews, of Bridgeport, Mich., was a success in every particular and was the means of partially forming an organiza-tion which will be perfected at an early date. I have felt the need of this movement for some time, and am very much pleased over the result of these meetngs. Our organization will be called

the First Spiritual Society of Isabella county, Mich.
G. W. Perkins writes: "The Beacon Light Spiritual Church, 617 N. Clark street, near Burton Place, has had a number of visiting speakers and mediums, during the past six weeks. Dr. White, speaker; Mrs. Hamilton Gill, test medium; Mr. G. V. Cordingly, test medium; Dr. Bishop, speaker; Mr. Arnold, test medium. Mrs. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, came in unexpect-edly upon us, and favored us with a short address relative to the Mediums' Defense Committee and its efficient work

in her city and others—all of which was enjoyed by the audience, and especially by those who know something of the arduous task of mediums and all workers in our cause. Mrs. Dexter has assisted in giving tests several times.
All mediums and speakers who are
earnest workers, and who may desire to occupy our platform as visitors should correspond with G. W. Perkins, 514 N. Wells street

J. J. Watson, the great violinist, Dr. E. D. Babbitt's really wonderful book entitled 'Principles of Light and Color.' It has been a source of great surprise to me, and still is, that this marvelously gifted author has not been more universally understood and recognized. For several years I was brought almost daily in cold. almost daily in contact with him, and the more I saw of him the more I be

Sunday, August 2, 1896.

A large audience greeted Dr. White to Dr. Babbitt has, like most truly ing their own esteem but by lower-ton. Dr. Babbitt has, like most truly ing their own esteem but by lower-ton. Dr. Babbitt has, like most truly ing their own esteem but by lower-ton. Dr. Babbitt has, like most truly ing their neighbors.—Hazlitt.

To know the pains of power, we must bricklayers Hall. His subject was "The lic. I have often thought if I were a pleasures we must go to those who have it; to know its pleasures we must go to those who are rich man, or even well to do, I could not seeking it. The pains of power are real, benefit humanity in a wiser degree than i its pleasures imaginary.—Colton,

A FALSEHOOD RESURRECTED.

by bringing to their notice the works of Dr. Edwin D. Babbitt. Monuments will one day be erected to the memory of this really great and good man. I have purchased a great many copies of his book entitled 'Religion,' and sent them to various friends who have read and reread it, and, written me the most glow-To THE EDITOR:-There is an article ing accounts of the great good it had been to their inmost souls; but the good doctor is now becoming better and more widely known, and the world will be wiser and better for his having passed through it, and I beg to say to the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER that

in studying and carefully digesting Dr. Babbitt's writings, they will be made much wiser and consequently better and Dr. Mary E. Sellen writes from Columbus, Ohio: "The Columbus people were favored with a visit from Bro. Barrett last Wednesday on his way to Lily Dale and Washington, and a very large audience greeted him Wednesday evening in Odd Fellows' Hall, to listen to one of the ablest lectures ever delivered in that hall. Bro. Barrett took for his subject 'The Religion of Spiritualism,' and he was highly commended. The plat-form was tastefully decorated with flowers and mottoes befitting the occasion. The Spiritualists are especially favored existence. in having for their president so able a man as Bro. Barrett; his whole heart and soul is centered in the work he is engaged in. His untiring efforts and undaunted courage and able defense of the cause he represents must win for

people extend to him our hearty appreciation of his work and long may he be spared to us.' A musical test circle will be held at 62 Ogden avenue, Thursday evening, July 9, at 8 o'clock, by Mrs. Lora Holton and Mrs. Starr, clairvoyant. Psychometric and musical readings will be given. Mrs. Holton will also give her last seance, until her return from Maple Dell Camp on Sunday evening next, at 46 Ada street, assisted by Prof. Wakefield, phe-nomenal medium. Collection, 25 cents.

him the respect and love of all true and

happier."

Two of the three mediums arrested in Detroit, Mich., for fortune-telling, have been, according to a late Evening News, discharged upon religious grounds. Mrs. Lora Holton, phenomenal musical test medium, would like to make engagements with societies en route to

Los Angeles, Cal. After September 15 address her in care of No. 40 Loomis street, Chicago, Ill., or, through August, Mantua Station, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Horine are now

holding a mediums' meeting at Brick-layers' Hail, corner of Monroe and Peoria streets, each Sunday at 3 p. m. They hope to be able to work up much interest in the cause. Mrs. A. E. Sheets writes: "The two lectures given in our auditorium at

camp-ground Sunday, June 28, by Dr. A. B. Spinney, were powerful pleas in favor of a higher morality as against wrong and ignorance. He is a strong champion for the weak and oppressed champion for the weak and oppressed. I leave for Cassadaga and Lake Brady, Thursday, returning in time to greet the good people who are to be in our camp the opening week, to listen to Sister Anna L. Robinson, who is a great favorite here."

Mrs. J. J. Whitney, the well known California medium, is now at Cassadaga. She will remain there during its entire session, and then go to Onset.

Will C. Hodge is now located at Mount Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, and will remain until the close of the campmeeting. Moses Hull was in the city last week,

looking as if good for twenty-live years hard labor in the fields of reform. Musical test circle, at 62 Ogden avenue, Thursday, July 9th, at 8 p. m., by Mrs. Lora Holton and Mrs. C. A. Starr.

Admission 25 cents. Psychometric,

clairvoyant and musical readings. Mr. and Mrs. Prior passsed through the city last week on their way to east-ern camps. Mrs. Prior has been well rean opportunity to hear her. For engagements address Mrs, Loe Prior, Mid-dletown, Orange county, N. Y.

THEY ARE NOW FREE,

Two Clairvoyants Were Discharged This Morning by Justice Sellers.

IT IS PART OF THEIR RELIGION-HE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH RELIG-IOUS LIBERTY.

The decision which Justice Sellers promised yesterday in the cases of Win. C. Cole and Mrs. Wm. Thuston, the iritualists who have been on trial for the last two days in the police court, and for which the large number of Spiritualists in this city have been anxiously waiting, was given promptly at 9 o'clock this morning. The attorneys for the defense were on hand, but the prosecutor's office was not represented. Cole was there, looking as natty, cool, and non-chalant as ever. He is a clean-cut young fellow, and has plenty of nerve, or great sincerity, according to the point

Justice Sellers said in substance that it was not necessary for him to enter into any labyrinth of words upon the question; that the defendants were charged with being disorderly persons; and it was upon this alone that they could be tried. His object in denying the motion to quash, was to establish, if possible, a precedent for any other cases that might come up, by giving the defendants a fair and thorough trial, and thus save time and expense in other cases. He referred to the definition of fortune-telling, clairvoyance and Spirit-ualism, saying that there was a clearly-defined difference between them. These people were accused of fortune-telling, which they swore they did not do, and that they were simply following their religious belief. Since he had been upon the bench, he had studiously avoided interfering with religious be-liefs, perfect freedom in which was guaranteed by the constitution of the United States. The people had failed to make a case, for citizens had a right to worship as they saw fit, and therefore he would discharge the defendants.

Officer Nies jumped up and asked if this decision would apply to other cases, which were different, in that they had used palmistry. Ed Grece got up then, and said that the other cases did not differ materially, and that as these were test cases, the others would not be tried.
The justice thereupon told Nies to consult the prosecuting attorney; he himself could not say that the result would

most apt to sneer at others. They are safe from reprisals, and have no hope of rising in their own esteem but by lower-

cupied the platform and made brief ad-dresses. Dell Herrick who has been

we have some vocal soloists on the

"You were not expecting us; we

Mrs. Archer's materializing seances

Lees, as secretary, has rendered inval-

A new billiard pavilion and other im-

provements have been added to the

business medium; Mrs. Mary Murrey, clairvoyant; Mrs. S. E. Pierce, M. D.

business medium and spiritual healer

Prof. and Mrs. Kenyon, inspirational

A PLEASANT SEANCE.

It Occurs at Fort Wayne, Ind.

ances that I have ever witnessed. After

each of us with the trumpet, thanked us

us on the hands and sang with us. Then

I did. He took my hand in his and com-

years, and gave us a message for Miss

be heard to be appreciated.

Ella which was grand and would have to

Last evening, with the same medium.

myself and wife and friend, with two la

dies who had never sat in a circle, held

a seance at my house, and the spirit father of the two ladies came and talked

to them and to his little grand-daughter

plain and distinct, and told us to sing

is in and distinct, and told us to sing "When I Can Read My Title Clear."

The tune was quickly recognized by the daughters, and was a grand test to them. They left highly elated with what they had heard. Father Time, the spirit guide, gave us a lecture of the spirit guide, gave us a lecture of the spirit guide, the two gaves the spirit guides that was garend here of the spirit guides and the spirit guides that was garend here of the spirit guides and the sp

several minutes, that was grand beyond

description.
We think Mr. Hale one of the best

mediums we have ever met, and he does not claim to be fully developed. The

work is moving on grandly and there

are many anxious seekers after the

Mr. and Mrs. Hibbits, of Muncie, were here last Sunday and had several seances with their usual grand success,

Grand Ledge Camp.

The city of Grand Ledge, Mich.,

situated in Eaton county, twelve miles west of the capitol city, Lansing, ninety-

eight miles north-west of Grand Rapids, upon the Detroit, Lansing & Northern

with the Chicago & West Michigan railroad. Also a branch running from

Grand Ledge north to Ionia, Big Rapids, Reed and Howard Cities. There

to the city extremely accommodating.

RAILBOAD CONNECTIONS.

Toledo & Ann Arbor railroad at How-

Flower. In the form of dialogue and story, the author presents very success-

said:

evidenc.

nearly four months ago.

uable assistance.

Talmage, the Notorious, Speaks the Word.

in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, May chosen chairman for the season, promises to make an efficient officer. Waisi 30th, called "Notorious Talmage." In a late sermon, speaking of the Fathers They all, so far as they amounted to anything, believed in God, the

Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ.
The Constitution would have been a Cal., are respectively speaker and test failure had it not been for divine medium during the present week, and interference. The members of the through them the philosophy and pheconvention could agree on nothing until, in response to Benjamin Frankpowers are exceptional aids in her vivid lin's request that the meetings be mental pictures of spirit existence, opened by prayer, the Lord God was bringing the ideal to the realm of reality called upon to interfere and help, and then the war was elevated and all the highest order. Her test seances carry then the way was cleared, and all the conviction to the most skeptical. States signed the document—a his- writer was obliged to acknowledge the torical fact that all the rat-terriers of names of friends many years in spiritmodern infidelity cannot bark out of thoughts at the time and the messages

"I know that there was an exception to the fact, that the prominent men of those times were good men. Tom Paine, a libertine and a sot, did many for a crowd of skeptics who came not believe in anything good until he with the determination of "catching," was dying, and then he shricked out but were caught with the convincing for God's mercy."

On reading the above I was fairly astonished at the boldness and effront- phenomena-seekers. The writer's camery of the man who dared in these progressive days to utter such a religious falsehood. Col. Ingersoll calls counterpane, and then by reversing the it a religious lie. This is what he manipulations, the innocent-looking says about it in his pamphlet on lette Cordey, as the control of a gentle-Thomas Paine:

"There is something to me remarkable in the constitution of a religious, the savior of France. Spirit Nellie falsehood. What health it has! How Davis received a flower from her father hard it is to kill! It will be in a comatose condition, like a frozen serpent, and all at once in the sunshine of opportunity it crawls. It will be hidden for years, waiting for the mouth of resurrection, waiting for orthodox through its financial straits. Mr. Thos. lips, that it may be born once again, and it is always born again. Yes, sirs, I have never known a religious lie to die."

We will listen for a few moments to The following mediums are already what Col. Ingersoll has to say of the established: Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone, man whom Talmage brands as a libertine and sot. We will do as Hamlet ization; Mrs. Emma Archer, full form materialization; Mrs. Donovan, slate-writing and requested the King of Denmark to do: "Look on this picture and on that." Here is the other picture, taken from Col. Ingersoll's Life of Thomas Paine:

ol. Ingersoll's Life of Thomas Paine:

'Now, all that Thomas Paine enenvoyed to do—and it seems a small deavored to do—and it seems a small matter—was to make this world fit to live in: that is what he was trying to do, he was trying to keep the organized few from living upon the agony and toil of the unorganized many. "He did his very best to exalt in

"He did his very best to exalt in To THE EDITOR:—A few evenings age the bosom of every man his idea of a friend and myself visited Mr. G. W. the dignity of man; his idea of the Hale, a trumpet medium, of this city, value of liberty and opportunity; his and had one of the most remarkable sences that I have ever witnessed. After idea of culture, of education, raising turning down the light we sang a verse day by day the standard of human or two, and the trumpet was taken up endeavor. He knew that in the world and the voice of our late friend Dr. L. P of religion, only the man was a good Harris was soon recognized. He touched citizen who gave every right he and regretted very much that my wife claimed for himself to every other was not there so that he could thank human being, and so Thomas Paine her, also, for the kindness shown Miss Ella in her sad affliction, and said if possible he would materialize and shake

"Let every man think for himself. hands with us. We then had a nice talk the city last week on their way to eastern camps. Mrs. Prior has been well recived as a lecturer in the west, and we hope the eastern Spiritualists will have his his heart prompts.' Upon that subject he said as great a thing as man the Doctor came again and said he has ever said: You have no right, if would try and shake hands with us. there he a God, to say what worship he shall receive; and Thomas Paine by the hand—which somewhat excited said: If there be a God, his heart of his. He told him to be calm and give goes out to all his children in this him all the strength possible. He then world, and consequently it is his will went to the medium, who was also much that they should all be free, that they should all be happy.'

should all be happy.'

excited, and gave him the same advice. He then came to me and requested me to stand up and hold out my hand, which

"Thomas Paine wanted to be freemenced to shake it gently, raising it at the same time as high as I could reach, and then let go. Then his wife came, who had been in Spirit-life some twelve free to do good—because the more liberty you have the more obligation there is upon you. And this man said another thing: 'Any system of religion that shocks the mind of a child cannot be a true system;' and this man made a creed for himself: 'The world is my country, to do good my religion.'

"I want you to see just how splendid and noble this man was. This man, after having done all that he did, received nothing from the United States for many, many years, except scorn, derision, contempt, falsehood, slander. man, after having done all that he

ander. whistle one tune mostly when at work, 'Now, if there is somewhere another but did not know what it was; and the world where innocence will always be trumpet was raised and he whistled it, perfect shield, some world where ustice will triumph, some world in which every heart can be known as it absolutely is, and if there be such a them. They world, in its shining streets or by its winding streams of joy, you will never meet a grander soul, a braver soul, than once inhabited the clay of Thomas

"Now, all I want is for you to know the truth. A book will be published by Mr. Conway, and when sufficient truth. time has elapsed for intelligent people to read it, then, if any occupant of a pulpit tells the old lies again, I intend and are always welcome in Ft. Wayne to hold him reconneithe by calling his to hold him responsible by calling his attention to the fact; and I want everyone who hears me to-night to make up his or her mind-especially her mind—that from this night forth you will always have othe womanhood and the manhood to defend the memory of the friend of man, Thomas railroad, connecting at Grand Rapids with the Chicago & West Michigan Paine."

In response to Col Ingersoll's appeal, I come forward to defend the memory of Thomas Paine. If I negare three daily passenger trains each way over the D. L. & N., making access lected to do so, I should feel lacking in courage and self-respect, and this is the only apology I offer for troubling you with these lines.

"Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritualism: or a Concordance of the Principal Passages of the Old and New Testament Scriptures which prove or imply Spiritualism; together with rassages of the Old and New Testament
Scriptures which prove or imply Spiritualism; together with a brief history of
the origin of many of the important
books of the Bible." By Moses Hull.
The well-known talented and scholarly
author has here embodied the results of
his many record. author has here embodied the results of his many years' study of the Bible in its relations to Spiritualism. As its title denotes, it is a veritable encyclopedia of information on the subject. Price \$1.

For sale at this office.

Flower. In the form of dialogue and story, the author presents very successfully a condensed account of hypnotism its theory and practice up to date. Price \$1.

Price, paper, 25 cents. Sold at this office.

Lake Brady Camp-Meeting. THE CAMP-MEETINGS. Lake Brady Camp is now fully launched upon its fifth annual session.

The Sunday opening, June 28th, was very largely attended. Most of the old mediums and a number of new ones, oc-RIVERSIDE PARK CAMP-MEETING, Grand Ledge, Mich., commences July 19, and ends August 16th. For full, iilustrated six-page programme address J. P. Russell, Grand Ledge, Mich.

MT, PLEASANT PARK. The Fourteenth Annual Camp-meeting of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association commences at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, August 2, closing August 30, For full olrculars and particulars address Will C. Hodge, 710 Prairie street, Milwaukee, Wis., until July 15th; after that, Clinton, Iowa (Mt. Pleasant Park).

CASSADAGA CAMP Will open July 11, and close August 23. For full programme and many interesting particulars send to A. E. Gaston, Lily Dale, N. Y. LAKE GEORGE CAMP,

Situated at the head of Lake George, at the terminus of the Glen Falls branch of the Delaware and Hudson railroad, opens July 12 and closes September 6 The management have published an ilillustrated pamphlet with programme. Send for it, addressing James D. White, Albany, N. Y. came here to surprise you."
Hatfield Pettibone has given but one NORTHWESTERN CAMP.

of his remarkable materialization se-ances in the light, but it was one too Located between the cities of St. Paul | The Age of Reason; and Minneapolis, Minn., commences
June 21 and closes July 26. For elaborate programme, address Allen F. Brown,
703 Manhattan Block, St. Paul, or Dr.
S. N. Assinyud, products 262, 1744. S. N. Aspinwall, president, 2433 Fifth avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. HASLETT PARK CAMP,

are also better than argument to the Michigan, will be held at Haslett Park, bric handkerchief was transformed by beginning July 30 and ending August the manipulations of Belle Wilson, the 31, and including five Sundays. For a beautifully illustrated pamphlet, giving spirit lace-maker, into an immense lace full particulars, address G. F. Ottmar, 209 and 210 Hollister Building, Lansing. lotte Corday, as the control of a gentle-man in the audience, came forth from LAKE PLEASANT CAMP

Will commence July 4 and continue to August 2. For full programme, address A. P. Blinn, 603 Tremont street, Boston, the cabinet and announced herself as which she had given him at a seance DEVIL'S LAKE CAMP. Camp is rather quiet during the first

Michigan, will be held at Beardsell's Landing, only 80 rods from Manitou Station on C. J. & M. M. R. R., from July 24 to August 10. For a six page programme, containing full particulars address Miss D. P. Hughes, Wheatland,

LAKE BRADY CAMP. Opens June 28 and closes September 6. The management have issued an illustrated pamphlet of 12 pages, containing full particulars. Address Chas. Thomas 2762 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio., C. C. P. Hopkins, superintendent of grounds, Lake Brady, via Kent, Ohio. ISLAND LAKE CAMP.

Opens July 15 and ends August 30. For full programme, containing full particulars, address J. S. Phillips, Brighton, CENTRAL NEW YORK CAMP

will be held at the Riverside picnicgrounds at Freeville, Tompkins Co., N. Y., commencing July 18 and ending August 2. For particular information address H. C. Sessions, Cortland, N. Y. For tent and camp-ground accommoda-tions address H. W. Roe, Freeville, CHESTERFIELD GAMP

Persons desiring full programme can secure the same by addressing the secretary, F. J. Macomber. Anderson, Ind. DELPHOS, KANSAS, This camp opens August 7 and continues seventeen days. For full and comprehensive information concerning the camp, address A. D. Ballou, M. D. who

commences July 16 and closes August 10.

will furnish circulars.

MAPLE DELL CAMP Will open its regular session, under the auspices of the National Spiritual and Religious Camp Association, on July 18 M. King, Mantua Station, Ohio.

VICKSBURG CAMP. This camp, located one-half mile from Vicksburg, Mich., commences August 7 and closes August 30th. For full programme and particulars address Jeanette Frazer, Vicksburg, Mich.

NEW ERA CAMP. This camp, located at New Era, Clackamas county, Ore., will open June 20 and close July 12. For programmes send to E. A. Marshall, 291 Alder street, Portland, Ore. TEXAS CAMP.

TEXAS CAMP.
This spiritual camp-meeting will be held at Oak Cliff Park, Dallas, Texas, commencing August 29 and closing Sep-tember 12. For full particulars address J. C. Watkins, Dallas, Tex.

WINFIELD, KANSAS. The camp at Winfield, Kansas, will convene at Island Park, July 11 to 21.

We cannot publish full programs of all the camps; send to the secretaries for the same, giving full particulars, and much valuable information. To do so will only cost you a postage stamp.

A Literal Fact.

A young lady, confined to her bed and suffering great pain, addressed her pious mother:

"Does not the Bible teach, 'Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth?" "Yes, my daughter."
"Well, he must have great love for me, for he is giving me particular scis-

It is presumed many a sufferer has gained consolation from these encour-aging words of Paul, but is it not prob-able most persons would gladly excuse such exhibitions of Divine affection, especially when his chastening comes in

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

the form of jumping toothache?

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

Right Living." By Susan H. Wixon The author shows a wise practicality in her method of teaching the principle of ethics. She illustrates her subject with many brief narratives and anecdotes, which render the book more interesting and more easily comprehended. especially adapted for use in Children's Lyceum. In the hands of mothers and teachers it may be made very useful. Young and old will be benefited by it Cloth \$1 For sale atthis office.

"Mahomet, the Illustrious." By God-frey Higgins, Esq. (Library of Liberal Classics.) No author was better qualifled to write an impartial and honest and this volume is intensely interesting. It should be read in conjunction with Gibbon's work. For sale at this office Price, 25 cents.

The Molecular Hypothesis OF NATURE.

BY PROF. W. M. LOCKWOOD.

Demonstrates continuity of life and our envi-

ronment of opirititual influences, from the data of modern physical and physiological science.
To the Spiritualist, an impregnable foundation of solontific data and verified facts.
To the materialist and skeptic, a revelation of the invisible energies operative in Nature's formula of evolution.

evolution.
To the ecclesissite, a new heaven and a new earth.
A book to read, to study and think about. A condensed volume of scientific information for 25 cents.
Address your orders to The Progressive Thinker, 40 Loomis street, Or to W. M. Lockwood, 471 West Madison street, Chicago, Ill.

: THOMAS PAINE : SOME OF HIS NOTED WORKS.

Life of Thomas Paine,

By Editor of the National with Preface and Notes by Peter Eckler. Illustrated with views of the old Paine Homestead and Paine Monument, at New Rochelle, also, portraits of Thomas Cilo Rickman, Joe Barlow, Mary Wollstoneeratt, Madame Roland, Condorcet, Brissot, and the most prominent of Paine's friends in Europe and America. Cloth, 75 cents.

Being an investigation of True and Fabulous The-ology. Anew and complete edition, from new plates and new type; 186 pages, post 8vo, Paper, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cents. Common Sense.

A Revolutionary pamphlet, addressed to the inhabitants of America in 1776, with explanatory notice by an English author. Paper, 15 cents. The Rights of Man. Parts I and II. Being an answer to Mr. Burke's stack upon the French Revolution. Post 8vo., 278 pages. Paper, 80 cents; cloth, 50 cents,

Paine's Complete Theological Works. Age of Reason, Examination of the Prophecies, etc. Ilius. edition, Post 8vo., 432 pages. Cloth, \$1.00

Paine's Political Works.

Common Sense, The Crisis, Rights of Man, etc. Illustrated edition. Post 8vo., 660 pages. Cloth, \$1.00; postage, 20 cents.

THE ELIMINATOR

Skeleton Keys to Sacerdotal Secrets.

BY DR. R. B. WESTBROOK.

Profoundly reverent, but thoroughly radical; exposing the fabulous claims of ancient Judaism and dogmatic Christianity, containing many slariling conclusions never before published, showing clearly the mythical character of most of the Old and New Testament stories, and proving that Jesus was an impersonation and not a person. A gautine sensation. Price \$1.50. For Sale at this Office. Researches in Oriental History. BY G. W. BROWN, M. D.

One Vol. 19mo, 407 Pages, Cloth, \$1.50.

GENERAL DIVISION. 1. RESEARCHES IN JEWISH HISTORY. D. RESEARCHES IN ZOROASTRIANISM. 8. DERIVATION OF CHRISTIANITY, "

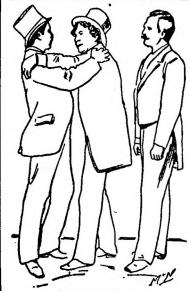
4. WHENCE OUR ARYAN ANCESTORS!

4. WHENCE OUR ARYAN ANCESTORS?

The whole comprises an earnest but fruitless search for a Historical Jesus.

In this volume the Jews are clearly shown not to have been the holy and favored people they claim to have been. The Measianic idea is traced to the Buotrian Philosopher, 2500 years is. C., and its history is outlined, following the waves of enigration, until it is fully developed into Christianity, with a mythical hero, at Alexandria, in Egypt, soon after the commencement of the Christian era.

The book demonstrates that Christianity and its capitral hero are mythical; that the whole system is based on fraud, faischood, forgery, fear and force; and that its rites, ceremonials, dogmas and superstitions are but survivals of ac-called paganism. It shows wast for search among the records of the past; its facts almostly gleaned from Christian authority; and no posseron can read it without instruction and profit, whether he reaches the same conclusions with the author on otherwise. For asis at this office.



HYPNOTISM; Its Facts, Theories and Related Phenomena, with Explana-

tory Anecdotes, Descriptions and Reminiscences. Cences.

PY CARL SEXTUS. THE BOOK IS largely a record of the facts and demonstrations which the author has seen, heard of or precented in his own experiments. The history of the various phases of the science is succinctly presented, and the various theories clearly stated. Many of the experiments described occurred in Chicago. The pictorial illustrations add much to the interest and value of the book, which will be found very interesting to the general reader, as well as helpful and instructive to the student. The work is a handsome volume of 800 pages, bound in cloth. Price, \$2.00. For sale at the office of The Phogressive Thinken.

AN EXCELLENT WORK, AN EXCELLENI WORK,

DEATH AND THE AFTER-LIFR.

The "Stellar Key" is the philosophical introduction to the revelations contained in this book. Some idea of this little volume may be gained from the following table of contents: 1-Death and the After-Life; 2-Beenes in the Summor-Land; 3-Society in the Summer-Land; 4-Becial Centres in the Summer-Land; believed the summer-Land; 5-Language and Life in Summer-Land; 7-Material Work for Spiritual Workers; 8-Utilimates in the Summer-Land; 9-Voice from James Victor Wilson. This chiarged cdition contains more than double the amount of matter in fogmer editions, and is enriched by a beautiful frontisplece, illustrating the "formation of the Spiritual Body." Cloth 75 cents. Postage 5 cents. For sale at this office.

SPIRITUAL HARP.

A Collection of Vocal Music for the Choir, Congregation and Social Circles.

Circles.

By J. M. Peebles and J. O. Barrett; E. H. Bailey, Musical Editor. New edition. Culled from a wide field of literature with the most critical care, free from all theological blas, throbbing with the soul of inspiration, embodying the principles and virtues of the spiritual philosophy, set to the most cheerful and popular music, (nearly all original), and adapted to all pecasions, it is doubliess the most attractive work of the kind ever published. Its beautiful songs, ducts and quartets, with plane, organ or melodeon accompaniment, adapted both to public meetings and the social circles. Cloth, \$2.00. Postage 14 cents.

The Coming American Civa war.

This Book, By Burton AMES

Huntington, is written in the interest of humanity, of liberty, and or patriotism—a book written for the purpose of calling attention to the deadly dangers that beset us on avery side, and more especially to the heatile attitude and the insidious wiles of an ever-present, though secret, unscrupulous foethe Catholics. Washington's words of warning Lincula's apprehension and the prophecy of General Grant are all included in the volume. Archibishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, in a recent sermon said: "The church tolerates hereties where she is obliged tode so, but she hates them with a deadly hatred, and uses all her power to annihilate them. Our enemies know how she treated heretics in the Middle Agos, and how she treats them today where she has fibe power. We no more think of denying these historic facts than we do of blaming the Holy Ghost and the princes of the church for what they have though fit to do." Every one should read his work. Paper, 800 pages. It will be sent, postpaid, for fifty cents, For sale at this office.

PULPIT, PEW AND CRADLE.

By Helen H. Gardener. One of her brightest, wittest and strongest lectures against the Bible. Rvery woman should read it and know her friends and enmies. Price 10 čents.

IMMORTALITY. A poem in five cantos "If a man die, shall he live?" is fully answered. B; W. S. Barlow, author of Voices. Price 60 cents.



the distinguished author, speaker and medium

Hudson Tuttle. Address him at Berlin Heights, Ohio.

E. W. S.: Q. Is there authority for the claim that the Church of England is as old as Catholicism?

A. Catholicism holds Peter the Apostle to have been its first pope, although

quite mythical in its story.

The Church of England dates from the year 597, when St. Augustine went to Britain as a missionary from Rome. It is said that Christianity was introduced to the Roman provinces as early as the days of the apostles, but with the desertion of the Island by the Romans, the Saxon invasion nearly overwhelmed it. The Christianity taught was direct from Rome, and the remote Island did not feel the fierce contention of the continent in later centuries and was less affected by the growth of dogmas, and grew apart, nursing the spirit of independence and rebelling against the power of the pope, especially in confirm-ing the bishops and hearing all appeals.

When Henry the VIII, for his sonal convenience, cast off the authority of the Holy Father, the nation supported him, and although there was a reaction under Queen Mary, the movement was too firmly established to be overthrown. The waves of the reformation struck heavily against it, and the Catholic party was active, but it became consolidated; its discipline has continunchanged for centuries, and the Archhishop of Canterbury has by general consent been held as the spiritual head of the church.

O., Oregon: Q. I have come to think that I am obsessed. I have done things which I would not of myself have that have brought me nearly to

financial ruin.

A. You are very mediumistic, as I gather from the influence of your letter, and being quek to act on impulse, you are readily controlled by the will of others and rush to actions and conclusions before you realize where you are This is not obsession, but it is a state almost as dangerous, and one into which people fall under the persuasion of what is called the "successful salesman," who is thus able to sell articles not wanted. You have not understood this, and must change right about and use it in learning the intentions of others, instead of being subject to them. Knowing your condition you must firmly resist such influences, nor allow your mind to be changed, and under no circumstances come to a conclusion on important matters until you have slept over it. You will retrieve your fortune and bless the hour the experience was given you.

Rex, Kansas: Q. In your automatic answer by Richard A. Proctor in The PROGRESSIVE THINKER of the 5th ult., is what seems to me an error. In the paper he who signs himself Proctor says that he contended while in physical life there were no reasons for supposing the planets were inhabited by ings like ourselves. Now, Proctor did not contend for that idea. His bont was to show that the planets, or at least some of them, were or might be inhabited.

A. I do not vouch for the control.

but give what I receive and as received. It is difficult and often impossible for me to continue or discuss the answers, because I am unable to recall the individual influence of such answer, or answers, and often they are quite as new and foreign to me as the reader. In on my table, and after several days the

reply came as follows: t is true that in 'Other Worlds

Than Ours.' I made an argument in favor of the planets being inhabited by human beings. I viewed the subject from all sides, and exhausted speculation, building up possibilities from purely fanciful data. On the other hand, I stated the reasons why they may not be inhabitable, and so strongly that I intended to leave the impression that contrary to the fond imaginings since the Bridgewater Philosophical School, the planets were unfitted for the abode of living beings such as man can form any conception of. In the case of Mars I made exception. I said: 'It is singular that, among all the orbs which circle around the sun, one only, and that almost the least of the primary planets, should exhibit clearly and unmistakably the signs which mark a planet as the abode of life.' Whatever may have been my contention in a popular book, written expressly for popularity, my views now are expressed in the answer previously given. I hold that the conditions are such on one and all the planets except the earth that man cannot conceive of a form of life able to endure the great and rapid changes it would be subjected to .- RICHARD A. PROCTOR.'

R. B. Hall: The following illustrates the position taken in previous answers, that the will is the most potent means of overcoming "obsession," and has the greater weight on account of its eminent source.

"I began my investigation of Spirit ualism in 1855, and from that time have been inspirational and impressional. Notwithstanding my age of nearly 80 years, I have enjoyed excellent health up to six years ago, when I was suddenly attacked with chills which came and went without regularity, and were not followed by fever, and the physicians were nonplused. This continued for three years. My spirit friends did not come near me. It occurred to me that it was obsession and that I could overcome it by my will. As soons I felt the chills coming I found I could keep them off, and I have since had little

'About six months ago I was thinking over my past experience with the chills when suddenly and most unexpectedly I was made to say:
"I can tell you the cause of all your

trouble, If you will let me.' "I was startled. My voice sounded like an independent or outside voice. I

had no fear, but it was an indescribable surprise. As soon as I could collect my thoughts I replied by saying:
"You can? Well, tell me then."
"It was obsession—that was the

cause of all your trouble.

"Do you remember going out to hunt rabbits five or six years ago, and as you got off the cars to go into the brush for a hunt, a Catholic got off at the same time, and spoke to you, and walked off. with you? Yes; I recollect it. Well?'

"He walked along with you to the end of your route and came back with you to the cars. Do you remember that?"

"Perfectly well. Go on." "Well, while on your route you and

more he explained the more questions you asked, until he was cornered and confused. Your argument as weil as your questions confounded him, and he got away from you as soon as he could and returned to the church, excited and annoyed. He at once told his story to his associated priests; they entered into his feelings, and they all said that you "ought to be dealt with," and finally said you were "a dangerous man to the church," etc. This priest had a dear friend who was his associate priest and chum, in the Spirit-world, and his guide in the Spirit-world, who was his attendant when you met him and had the discussion, and it was this spirit priest who told me all this; obtained the assistance of myself and three other spirits to assist him in punishing you for your criticism. started after you within a week and you know the result. Though I candidly admit that we did not accomplish what we intended to do, because your force of will and determined action forced us to

drop you.'
"This spirit further told me that when I concentrated my will on them they were driven from me with the velocity of light, and as long as I continued to

exert my will." Our correspondent then asks: (1) Has the will such power over

(2) Have evil spirits the power to keep our spirit-friends away from us?
(3) Can evil spirits overcome the

I fully agree with your inspiration that many of the insano are obsessed—can you propose a remedy?

A. (1) The foregoing experience proves that the will has a most impor-tant influence, and if cultivated is allsufficient in preserving the independent

self-control over all external influences.

(2) Without our own exertions they Not when directly opposed, but sensitives will be controlled by those whom by organization and thought they

are most in unison with.

(4) The diagnosis of each case by those who understand the laws of spirit, instead of by physicians trained in the old school of materialism, and the treatment of the cases of spiritual derange-

ment and control, by hypnotism.

There is a wide field for improvement in the treatment of real insanity-the derangement of the physical functions best-conducted asylums being as far re moved from the ideal on the one hand as they are on the other from the horri-ble treatment of bygone times, when brutal force was thought to be the correct method.

"Inquirer," San Francisco: Q. Are there stellar bodies which are unseen because they do not emit light?

A. There are probably a greater number of dark than light bodies in When the unsided eye looks at the heavens it sees the radiance of the more conspicuous stars, and by attentive gazing, lesser and lesser points of light, until a limit is reached and the light becomes indistinguishable. With a tele scope these lesser lights become plain and others are revealed, increasing with the power of the instrument. From this it has been assumed that with sufficient power all the stars in its field could be seen. This was based on the assumption that all stars shine by the same light. While it was hinted that there might be dark bodies in space, that there could be stars shining by light unrecognizable to the human eye was not entertained. Yet this is exactly what the photographing of the stars has proved most conclu-

When a telescope is directed to the heavens, in its field is seen stars of varying sizes and at different distances. It pierces through depths of space across which light is hundreds of years in passing, and on the remote horizon reveals shimmer of light from orbs so re-

recorded has greatly increased, not by prominent citizens, many of them being the addition of stars beyond the power new converts from orthodox circles. of the instrument, but by those which remained unseen, because their light is not such as the eye can detect. rays which come from them effect chemical change in the photographic plate and thereby show their presence.

It is safe to conclude that such stars

emit only the X-rays of light. The wonderful revelation is made to us that stupendous as the visible constellations of stars appear, on their march across the heavens, only a small number are seen. There are dark suns as well as light, that are dark to our eyes, but which to organs of vision properly adjusted, would appear in wondrous

What is the object of their creation? At present it were idle to conjecture. For aught we know a distinct evolution of living beings, entirely on different lines than we see on this earth under the influence of light and heat of our sun, may be called forth on planets whose sun gives them only the X-rays.

J. F. McD. sends specimens of hieroglyphic writings, for opinion as to their being true or false:

Are these signs a language, as claimed by the spirits who write through the medium while in a trance? A. While not prepared to pronounce these curious specimens a language, it is remarkable how widespread and comnon the writing in hieroglyphics is. I have within the year received more than a score of specimens, from places wide apart as the antipodes, so nearly alike that they would be referred to the same hand. The medium who falls into writing these characters rarely writes

anything else.

Some of the spirit-writers claim to have been Egyptians, Atlantians, Ethi-opians, Aryans or Hindus, but the style of writing of all is similar.

In the specimen sent there purports to be several languages, antique, and such as are written on remote planets, yet this likeness remains, and it is impossible to find recurring signs or symbols. Sometime the students of psychic science will have an interesting subject in comparing these peculiar writings. We would advise a medium not to write under such dictation and to earnestly pray for the gift of having his own spirit-friends write instead. Mediumship is for enlightenment, for expansion of the mind, but beyond the satisfaction of curiosity, nothing is gained by their heiroglyphical writing. It is nearly imto translate the Sanskrit of Egyptian into modern speech, for the forms of thought have so radically changed that the translation become vapory and uncertain, and it is said the ancients thought in poetry. The same is true of the Hebrew, as recorded in the Old Testament. Its translation can-not be made into the thoughts of the present. How much more difficult or mpossible to translate the writings of an Atlantian or of the inhabitants of

"Old Testament Stories Comically Illustrated." Church people are cautioned not to open this book, as its comical pictures, based on Bible texts, tend him talked all the time-more talk than to induce uncontrollable levity. It is a hunt. You soon commenced to ask questions about his creed, and things connected with the church. At first he explained as well as he could, but the street cloth \$1.50. For sale at this office.

GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

What is the Meaning of the Vision?

Two Charts Made Under Spirit Influence.

Will some kind friend explain the meaning of the following story? I hope so. It is literally true. It occurred in Topeka, Kansas, where I was lecturing and treating patients in the summer of 189-. Ex-Supreme Judge Sandford, one of my patients, was present and will no doubt, youch for the truth of the part of which he was a very deeply interested spectator.

It was in the summer of 189-, and Sandford and I were seated opposite, each other, with an intervening table, and engaged in conversation about the growth of crime, insanity, and political rascality, when, suddenly, I "was in the spirit." I was, in a vision, on a plain at the foot of a mountain range. The sur-roundings were as real as any ever known by the senses in material life. If there in the natural body, no object could have seemed more real to my natural sense of sight.

Away to the south stretched a grassy, level plain; to the north were two lines of hills extending northward. There was a valley between and this was covered with buffalo grass, or what appeared to be such herbage. Some distance from the foot of the range of mountains the valley turned to the left, and on the side of the hill on the right and about one-third of the way up from the valley, appeared the mouth of a cave.
The instant that I saw this opening

and the overhanging rock, I was stand ing in the cave and gazing on its octa-gon form and objects. Before me on the left there were two great yeins of pure virgin gold, one of these—the upper one-being the thinnest and only outcropping in places, yet extending far back into the bowels of the mount ain. The lower vein was a much thicker one—an unbroken bar of golden fire and this, also, extended far back into the body of the hill or mountain.

Then my gaze was led to a large heap or pile of golden nuggets in the left cor ner of the cave, and not far from the cave entrance. This great pile was several feet in diameter at its base, and tapered at its top to a pyramid shape. The nuggets were of all sizes, from fourteen to lifteen inches in diameter to those the size of a hen's egg, and all seemed to be slightly tarnished to a brown hue by the action of the elements and long exposure to the weather.

Then the scene changed. I was back in my room and before me on the table there was a correct chart of plain, valley, mountains and cave entrance. I had sketched it while in the vision. Judge Sandford was gazing with unfeigned surprise on the chart, and-not to make this part of my story too longwas most eager to have me consent to go at once in search of the transure. He urged that we do so at once, offering to fit out teams and all that would be need ed for the undertaking. Impressed that the time was not yet for doing so, I so stated, and promised that when the time came to seek for the treasure, he should be one of the party. With this Judge S. was forced to be content, though for several days, and, in fact, until I left Topeka, he would often come to my office to insist on our going at once in search of what he asserted I was plainly bidden to seek and find. The chart was placed in my trunk and forgotten.

new trunk and forgotten.

Between one and two years after this incident occurred at Topeka, I was at Hannibal, Mo., returning south from a lecturing trip in Illinois and Iowa. There lecturing and working, the spiritworld and I had reorganized and once mote they are indistinguishable.

If to this telescope, after charting all the visible stars, a photographic plate is attached, and a photograph taken of the field, it will be found that the number members quite a number of the most new converts from orthodox circles But among the old-time Spiritualists there were many mediums who were possessed of rare powers of true medi-umship, and one of these was treasurer of the society. This gentleman was Brother B., the genial and gentlemanly agent of the Northern steamboat lines. No more honorable man, practical or reasonable in all business matters, ever lived, and this gentleman, if living, could make a star-like course in life if he would put aside his reticence, and coming to Chicago, make his power known to a Chicago audience.

But there, I must not be too prolix. One morning Brother B. came to my office in the Masonic Temple and laughingly said:
"Doctor, I do wonder why they were

so insistent on my coming here this morning. Again and again I took up my pen to do some work, but they would give me no rest until I laid it down and consented to come up here. Is there anything needed, wrong, or that I can

Before I could answer him, trembling, breathing quickly, he seized a chair and seating himself at a table, picked up a pencil to write. Then, instantly, the pencil was flung savagely across the room and to the floor. Handing it to him, imagine my surprise when I saw his eyes close, and the pencil rapidly mark out on a sheet of paper an exact in every way—copy of the chart of the cave I had seen at Topeka. Bro. B. quickly finished this and then

-note what followed-struck the point of the pencil down three times on the picture of the cave entrance, and at each repetition said, sharply: "Gold! Gold! Gold! It is yours; it is yours; it is yours. Go there; go there; go there." Then, again the pencil was flung across the room, and with a sigh, Bro. B recovered his normal, smiling way, and looked with surprise on the sketch on the table.

To express the surprise of each when he was told of the original drawing would but poorly describe the situation. Long we talked it over, and let me say right here, this gentleman will confirm the truth of this declaration, that then for the first time did he bear of the chart and vision at Topeka.

But I fear I am taking up too much space, so will conclude by stating that it is only within the last few months that I have learned how that heap of gold was stored in the cave. I have been impressed to know that it

was stored there near those bright veins of gold by the ancient sun-worshipers of this continent: stored for use in making golden vessels and images in this richest of all golden caves. Watched over by the spirits of that people, they now want it used for the good of mankind. This has been given me to know. But why they have not yet revealed to me its exact locality I do not know: nor why I have been impressed to make this known here, in preparation for the finding of the treasure. These witnesses will testify to the truth of this story.

Now can any one explain the meaning of all this? The charts are in existence, but not in Chicago. Bro. Francis can give anyone desirous of knowing, our address. DR. ISLE.

The present moment is a powerful deity.—Goethe. No peace was ever won from fate by subteringe.—Ruskin.

The Casaadaga Camp.

Life at Cassadaga Camp flows peacefully and servee, a spirit of harmony and good fellowship provailing; all are hopeful of a successful season, every indication being prophetic that such will hather the case be the case.

Ripples of excitement caused by unjust criticisms in the Buffalo press have subsided. We believe the unanimous condemnation of all the people against such malicious at tacks has had the desired effect in preyenting future repeti-

Charity forbids ha passing an opinion as to just what called such untruthful charges againstath management and representative workers, for in the past the author was an ardent admirer of Cassadaga and its teachings, attending seances of every description, interview-ing mediums of all phases, and writing up some very fine accounts of her experiences with the same, saying over her own signature in the press that "the genuineness of the remarkable phenomena was beyond question." Certainly these productions of only

two years ago—which fortunately have been preserved-afford interesting comparisons to those of more recent date. During the past week this lady, in a very low physical condition, was carried to her home in Buffalo. The few that are disposed to condone the affair and in forgiveness excuse all, do it on the ground of her weakened mind, she having been an invalid for the past six or eight months, a portion of that time not able to sit up, dictating to an assistant the press letters that have appeared; and it is told that even the secular press thought wise to suppress some of the productions, being of a nature too sensational for even their columns.

Wedding bells announced the nuptials of Mr. Jacob Wright, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. M. A. McLaughlin, of Chicago, Ill., on the evening of June 22d, Rev. W. W. Hicks performing the ceremony. Congratulations are being received at their pretty cottage on North street.

All the hotels are now open for the eason, and the cottages are filling with their yearly occupants. While each train brings old frequenters of the camp, there is also a surprising number of strange faces among the crowd, which indicates good things for our increasing popularity and influence.
The programme is a strong one, pre

senting the very best talent on the Spiritualistic platform. The appearance of the peerless orator, Robert G. Ingersoll, on the first Sunday, will doubtless attract large crowds, for whose accommodation special excursions will be run. And so in the universal feeling of joyousness and hopeful anticipation we welcome the season of 1896 at Cassadaga Camp.

Just to tempt the undecided we sub mit our programme, believing in its strong attractions, but with the statement that it only promises a portion of the good things that await the season's C, L. F. A. PROCRAMME FOR 1896.

inrh.

11. Mrs. A. E. Sheets. 12. Mrs. A.E. Sheets and R. G. Inger 13. Conferencessi C

14. Mrs. C. D. Grenemyer. 15. Thomas Grimshaw.16. Geo. A. Fuller.17. T. Grimshaw.

18. Mrs. Carrie EAS. Twing.

19. Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing and Geo. 20. Conference 21. Hon. L. V. Motilton.

22. Geo. A. Fullerii 23. Mrs. C. D. Grenemyer. 24. Hon, L. V. Moulton. 25. Mrs. H. S. Lake.

26. Mrs. H. S. Lake and Hon. L. V. 27. Conference.

28. Hon. L. V. Moulton. 29. Labor Day. 30. Mrs. H. S. Lake. 31. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

AUGUST

1. Rev. W. W. Hicks. 2. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond and Lyman C. Howe. 3. Conference 4. Lyman C. Howe. 5. Woman's Day. Rev. Anna Shaw. 6. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

7. Lyman C. Howe. 9. J. Clegg Wright and Rev. W. W.

Hicks. 10. Conference. 11 and 12. Prof. Wm. Lockwood.

13 and 14. J. Clegg Wright.
15. Jennie B. H. Jackson and Prof. Wm. Lockwood.

16. Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Prof. Wm. Lockwood. 17. Conference. 18. Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

20. Jennie B. H. Jackson. 21. Annual convention and election of the Spiritual, Educational and Protect-22. Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Rev. W. W.

19. Hon. A. B. Richmond.

23. Mrs. Jennie B. H. Jackson and Hon. A. B. Richmond.

What a Woman Can Do.

Last week I cleared, after paying all xpenses, \$355.85, the month previous \$200, and have at the same time attended to other duties. I believe any energetic person can do equally as well, as I have had very little experience. The dish after the Hydesville manifestations, and washer is just lovely and every family wants one, which makes selling very house for many years. His wife develeasy. I do no canvassing. People hear about the dish washer and come or send many of our prominent members of the for one. It is strange that a good, cheap dish washer has never before been put on the market. The Mound City Dish Washer fills this bill. With it you can wash and dry the dishes for a family of ten in two minutes without wetting your hands. As soon as people see the washer work-they want one. You can make During his last illness he looked formore money and make it quicker than with any household satisfie on the market. I feel convinced that any lady or gentleman can make from \$10 to \$14 per day around home. You can get full particulars by addressing The Mound City Hall, Sunday, June 28, where the First Dish Washer Co., est. Louis, Mo. They help you get started, then you can make money awful fast. id. A. L. C.

"Cosmian Hymfi Book." A collection of original and selected hymns, for liberal and ethical societies, for schools and the home; compiled by L. K. Wash burn. This volume meets a public want. It comprises 298 choice selections of poetry and musto, embodying the highest moral sentiment, and free from all sectarianism. Price, 50c. For sa at this office.

"From Night to Morn, or An Appeal to the Baptist Church." By Abby A. Judson. Gives an account of her experieronomy." ence in passing from the old faith of her parents to the light and knowledge of Spiritualism. It is written in a sweet pirit, and is well adapted to place in the hands of Christian people. Price 15 cents. "Woman, Church and State."

Matilda Joslyn Gage. A royal volume, of more than common intrinsic value. at this office. Price 50 cents. The subject is treated with masterly ability; showing what the church has and has not done for woman. It is full of information on the subject, and should be read by every one. Price \$2, post

A Good Test by a Grand Medium At the closing meeting for the season of the Sunlight Center Band, a gentleman in the audience rose and said he thought Spiritualists were in error in

opposing Christianity and the Bible, etc. The appropriate reply of the pastor, Mrs. Lyman, we would be glad to publish if space permitted. Although tests were not on the day's programme Mrs. S. J. Cutter, clairvoy ant and test medium, 1044 West Harri

son street, gave the gentleman who spoke what she saw. Addressing him she said:
"I see standing by you the spirits of brother. your deceased mother and brother. Your brother has the appearance of an insane man. Now, I have been honest with you, will you be honest with me and tell this audience whether I am

Exposure

Eldicule

ustaining a Theory,

Sussaming a Libory,
Some Giants,
The Adventures and Work of Noah,
A Hunting Aneodote,
Abraham, Christ's Great Ancestor,
A Queer Family,
Isaao and His "Bister,"
One of Twins,
Lacob and Essu,
Joseph the Man of Drewns,

right or not?"

The gentleman said: "I will be honest with you. My brother was insane a great part of his life and died in an insane asylum. He was the cause of my mother's death."

We do not know the gentleman's name but he said he was president of the Christian Federation. He courteously asked the privilege of talking over what he considers the errors of Spiritualism and we say, on the authority of the sec retary, Mrs. Von Bergen, that when the society resumes its meetings in September, he can have the opportunity, as he has shown himself worthy of it. The test was a very excellent one and speaks well for the mediumistic ability

and personal honesty of Mrs. Cutter whose services to the cause of truth and of human affliction cannot be overesti mated. Now the writer has a word to say on his own account. Here is a suffering spirit seeking help and his brother was brought there; unconsciously to himself.

to help in this case, though he knows

nothing about it,
All well-informed Spiritualists know that all who have not been spiritually cultured have to return to earth to get themselves put on the way to progress and orthodox Christians are no exception. Therefore we would suggest to this gentleman that instead of spending precious time in trying to turn back the wheels of human progress he should try to do something to help his poor spirit brother. We say this in kindness be-cause we know whereof we speak. Hundreds of benighted earth-bound spirit are being redeemed, not by the blood of Christ, but by what this gentleman

thinks to be an error.

Spiritualists who have this light are mere to blame for not using it than this gentleman, who has it not, is for oppos-

Railroad Rates to Clinton Camp. A rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip, on the certificate plan, has been secured from all points in Eastern committee territory of the Western Passenger Association, on and north of the main line of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway from Chicago to Council Bluffs, Iowa. No rate could be secured from points

south of the line designated. This arrangement includes all lines east of Council Bluffe and north of the main line of the C., B. & Q. Railway. Take a receipt of the agent when you purchase your ticket, and hand it to the secretary immediately upon arriving at the Park, as nothing can be done in securing reduced return rate until one hundred of these certificates have been

resented. If traveling on more than one line, receipts from each must be procured. Tickets must be purchased July 30 and 31, and August 1, and thereafter on Tuesdays and Fridays, August 4. 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 and 28, and are good until and including September 2.

The Williamson Cab Line will carry one passenger, with or without trunk. to and from the Park for 25 cents. WILL C. HODGE, Secretary M. V. S. A.

ed to Spirit-Life.

After a protracted illness, patiently borne, Dr. R. S. Ensign passed to Spiritlife from the home of his daughter, in Geneva, Ohio, on May 13, 1896, aged 86 O. P. Kellogg, the veteran Spiritualist lecturer, delivered the funeral liscourse. A large delegation of the . O. of O. F. were present.

Dr. Ensign led an active, energetic ife, in all that pertained to justice, truth and progress. He was born in New York State, and entered the ministry when a mere boy, but when the light of Spiritualism dawned he was one the first to receive it, and he lived and died firm in that faith. He practiced medicine for many years, and was widely known as a successful physician THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER Was his favorite paper, and he has in the past few years secured many subscribers for it, principally while living with his son, Judge J. D. Ensign, of Duluth, Wis.

His widow, only two years his innior cheered in her loneliness by the thought that it can only be a little while until she will join her devoted usband in that home where partings are not known.

Passed to Spirit-life, on Friday, 9 a. m. June 26, 1896, J. T. Oemstead, aged 64

vears. Mr. Oemstead was a native of New Brunswick, but over a quarter of a century ago he emigrated to Kansas. He sed Spiritualism not many years held public circles every week in his house for many years. His wife develcity, were frequent visitors. He was respected by the community. He claimed individual sovereignty for himself and all others; he cared nothing for what folks thought or said, pursning his line

ward with pleasure to his transition to a happy life where he would be free

Society of Spiritualists meet every Sunday. Mr. A. Markley and Mrs. L. A. Mabee conducted the services. The latter spoke in very fitting terms, and pictured the beauty and consolation a be-lief like ours brings to the mourning friends; and to the widow and children comes the comforting assurance that he is not far away, but near still, in love and care for them. What a comforting thought to know that he is not lost but only gone before. C. W. PENSYL. Topeka, Kansaa.

"The Woman's Bible. Part I. The Pentateuch. Comments on Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Dout-eronomy." The contrast between the thoughts of these brave women and the thoughts of the orthodox world during all time past, is very striking. Keen analysis, ripe scholarship and fearless adherence to the right, characterize this very interesting effort of some of the brightest minds of to-day. For sale

"The Occult Forces of Sex." By Lois Waisbrooker. Three pamphlets are embodied in this volume, in which questions of great importance to the race are discussed from the standpoint of an advanced social reformer. Price 50c. .00.3a

A UNIQUE BIBLE PICTURE-BOOK

OLD TESTAMENT STORIES

COMICALLY ILLUSTRATED



By WATSON HESTON

400 Pages, 200 Full-Page The Stories Humorously Told—And Hard Facts Given Concerning the Origin and Authenticity of the Cld Testament—A Page of Text to Each Picture.

CONTENTS.

Bloody Joshua,
This Campaign of Deborah and Barris
Against Jabin and Bisera,
General Gideon,
Jephthah and His Human Sacrince,
Samson the Strong,
Ruth and Boaz.
Unstable as Water. God Shall Not Excel,
David, God's Favorite,
Some Stories from the Book of Kings,
Adventures of the Prophets,
Jonah the Truthful Sailor.

oseph the Loly Moses Relacy the Diviner, (Hoth, gilt side stamp, \$1.50; Boards, illuminated covers, \$1. Address THE PROGRESSIVE THINKEE

HERESY,

LED TO THE LIGHT.

i Thrilling, Psychological Story of Evangeli-zution and Free Thought. It is to Protest-antism what the "Secrets of the Convent' is to Catholicism.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

The distinguished author. Hudson Tuttle, requires no introduction to the readers of The Programs of the Progra

THE FREETHINKERS' PICTORIAL TEXT-BOOK.

SHOWING THE ABSURDITY AND UN-TRUTHFULNESS OF THE CHURCH'S CLAIM TO BE A DIVINE AND BE-NEFICENT INSTITUTION,

COPIOUS CITATIONS OF FACTS, All About Devils.

Designs by Watson Heston, with portrait of Designer.

To illustrations are classified as follows: 16 represents uncle Sam and the Priosis; 2, The Church Rolling the People: 3, Thanksgiving; 6, Sabbath Lawn: 14 Children and the Church; 16, Woman and the Luch; 16, The Church and Thomas Paine; 4, Studies in Natural Hattory; 2, The Bible and Science; 15, The Citaravand Their Flocks: 1. Picty in Our Peniton. The Ciergy and Their Flocks: 1, Piety in Our Penitentiaries; 4, The Atonement Scheme; 4, The Lord and His Works; 2, Prayer; 10, The Creeds; 2, Christians and Mohammedans; 2, Samples of Christianty's Work; 5, Missionaries; 1, The Lord's instruments; 25, Bible Doctrines and Their Results; 1, The Church and Blavery; 2, Priests and Politics; 4, Ireland and the Church; 2, Church's Idea of Civilization; 1, The Uses of the Cross; 4, Unkind Reflections on the Church; 9, Persecu-long of the Church; 12, Some Allegories; 8, Heaven; 6; Hell; 7, Miscellaneous, Price \$2.

For Sala at this office. ***THE *** World's Sixteen Saviors,

CHRISTIANITY BEFORE CHRIST. BY KERSEY GRAVES.

New and startling revelations in religious history which disclose the Oriental origin of all the dectrines, principles precepts and miracles of the Christian New Testament, and Turnishing a key for unlocking many of its sacred mysterica, besides comprising the History of Sixteen Oriental Crucined Gods. This wonderful and exhaustive volume will, we are certain, take high rank as a book of reference in the field which the author has chosen for it. The amount of mental labor necessary to collate and compile the varied information contained in it must have leen severe and ardnous indeed, and now that it is in such convenient shape, the student of free thought will not willingly allow it to go out of print. But the book is by no means a mere collation of views or statistics; throughout its entire course the author—as will be seen by his title-page and chapter-heads—follows a definite line of research and argument to the close, and his conclusions go, like sure arrows to the mark. Friuted on fine white paper, 330 pages. New edition, revised and corrected, with portrait of author.

Price \$1.50. Postage 10 cents. For sale at

Price \$1.50. Postage 10 cents. For sale at this office.

Woman, Church and State.

A Historical Account of the Status of Woman Through the Christian Ages, with Reminiscences of the Matriarchate.

BY MATULDA JOSLYN GAGE.

THE AMOUNT OF VALUABLE IN-THE AMOUNT OF VALUABLE INformation succinctly and clearly stated in this
volume of 534 pages is amazing. The title, as above
given, falls to convey an idea of the fuiness and completeness with which the subjects are treated. The
Matriarchate, or Motherrule, is the theme of the first
chapter, in which much lore, quaint, queer and curious, is brought to view in elucidation of the subject.
This is followed by chapters on cellbacy. Canon Law,
Marquette, Witchcraft, Wives, Polygamy, Woman and
Work, The Church of To-day, Past, Present, Fourre;
and there is not a chapter in the book that is not
landled in a musterly manner, and that for quantity
and quality of information, is not worth the Toll price
of the volume. It is packed with knowledge wellarranged, and intensely interesting from beginning to
end. No one can possibly perset buying it; it is a valuable addition to the ilbrary of any free and truth-lovlog mind.

Price, \$2.00. For sale at this

The Other World and This. A Compendium of Spiritual Laws. No. 1, New White Cross Literature.

MOSES HULL.

A Catalogue of His Principal Works.

For Sale at the Office of The Progressive Thinker.

Gathered from the Highways, By-ways and Hedges of Life. By MATTIE E. HULL. This is a matvelously neat book of selections from Mrs. Hulls best poems, sermons and easays, and contains a splendid portrait of the author, also a portrait of Moses Hull. Price, neatly bound in English cloth, 61. The Spiritual Alps

and How We Ascend Them. Or a few thoughts on how to reach that altitude where spirit is supreme and all things are subject to it. With portrait. By Moses Hull. Just the book to teach you that you are a spiritual being, and to show you how to educate your spiritual faculities. Price, bound in cloth, 40 cents; in paper cover, 25 New Thought

Volume I. Nicely bound in cloth, 579 large, beautifully printed pages. Portraits of several of the best speakers and mediums. The matter all original and presenting in an attractive form the highest phase of the Spiritual Philosophy. Price, only \$1.50. New Thought. Volume II. 384 pages, beautifully printed and nicely bound. Original matter. Six portraits. Cloth bound, 75 cents.

Joan, the Medium. Or, the Inspired Heroine of Orieans. Spiritualism as a Leader of Armies. By Mosse Hull. This is at once the most truthful history of Joan of Arc, and one of the most convincing arguments on Spiritualism ever written. No novel was ever more thrillingly interesting; no history more true. Price in cloth, 40 cents; paper cover, 25 cents.

The Real Issue. AND REVEALING THE
ABUSES OF A UNION
OVERHOR AND STATE.

By Moses HULL. A compound of the two pamphlets, "The Irrepressible Couline," and "Your Answer
rour Life: "with important additions, making a
book of 160 pages all for 25 cents. This book contains
statistics, facts and documents, on the tendencies of
the times, that every one should have.

HISTORY, STATISTICS, AND THE OPINIONS OF SCHOLARS TO MAINTAIN THE ARGUMENT OF THE ARTIST.

All Mout Devils.

Or, an inquiry as to whether Modern Spiritualism and other Great Reforms come from His Satanto Majesty and His Subordinates in the Kingdom of Darkness. 60 pages. By Mosas Hull. Price, is cents.

or Christ and Mediumship.

Jesus and the Mediums,

Or Units and Accounts.

Careful comparison of some of the Spiritualism and Mediumship of the Bible with that of to-day. By Mosse Hull. An invincible argument proving that Jesus was only a medium, subject to all the conditions of modern mediumship. It also shows that all the manifestations throughout the Old and New Testsment were under the same conditions that mediums require to day; and that the coming of Christ is the return of mediumship to the world. 48 pages. Price 10 cents. The Spiritual Birth. or Death and Its To-Morrow.

The Spiritual Idea of Death, Heaven and Hell. By Mosks Hull. This pamphlet besides giving the Spir-itualistic interpretation of many things in the Bible—

The Quarantine Raised. Or the Twenty Years Battle Against a Worker Ended. Price 10 cents. Spiritual@Bongster. By MATTIE E. HULL. Thirty-eight of Mrs. Hull's sweetest songs, adapted to popular music, for the use of congregations, circles and families. Price, 10 cts., or 55 per hundred.

The Mediumistic Experience of John Brown. The Medium of the Rockies, with introduction by J. S. Loveland. This is the history of one of the most wonderful mediums that ever fived. 167 large pages. Price, 50 cents.

The Devil and the Adventists. An Adventist attack on Spiritualism repulsed. By Moses Hull, Price, 5 cents. Who Was the Hebrew Jchovah? An argument on the origin and character of the Jewish God. Price, 5 cents. Was John Calvin a Murderer?

THE PRIEST, THE WOMAN

THE CONFESSIONAL.

BY FATHER CHINIQUY. This is a most valuable book. It comes from an ExPriest, whose character is above reproach, and who
knows what he is talking about. Kverybody should
read it. Price, \$1.00. It contains the following chapters:

CHAPTER I.

The Struggle before the Surrender of Womanly Selfrespect in the Confessional.

GHAPTER II.

Auricular Confession a Deep Pit of Perdition for the
Priest. CHAPTER III.
The Confessional is the Modern Sodom. CHAPTER IV.

How the Vow of Ceillacy of the Pricate is made casp
by Auricular Confession.

The highly-educated and refined Woman in the Con-fessional—What becomes of her after uncondition-al surrender—Her irreparable Ruin. CHAPTER VI.

Auricular Confession destroys all the Sacred Ties of
Marriage and Human Society.

CHAPTER VII.

Chapter VII.

Chapter VII.

Chould Auricular Confession be tolerated among Civilized Nations? CHAPTER VIII. Does Auricular Conf CHAPTER 1X.
The Dogma of Auricular Confession a Sacrilegious Imposture.

CHAPTER X.

God compels the Church of Rome to confess the
Abominations of Auricular Confession. CHAPTER XI.

Ruricular Confession in Australia, America, and

CHAPTER XII.
Chapter for the Consideration of Legislators, Husbands and Fathers—Some of the matters on which the Priest of Rome must Question his Penituat. Sent Post-paid, Price, \$1.00.

PERFECT MUTHERHOUS Or Mabel Raymond's Resolve.

BY LOIS WAISBROOKER, THIS IS In this volume the authors, and the private of subjects per taining to spiritualism, from a spiritualistic stand capability of thought expression. The subjects are well-handled with concisences and yet with clearness. It will prove a rich addition to any Spiritualistic stand capability of thought expression. The subjects are well-handled with concisences and yet with clearness. It will prove a rich addition to any Spiritualistic stand capability of thought expression. The subjects are well-handled with concisences and yet with clearness. It will prove a rich addition to any Spiritualistic library, and a most excellent book for any one seeds ling information concerning Spiritualism and its teach lings.

For sale at this office. Price, \$1.50.

God in the Constitution.

By Robert G. Ingersoll. One of the best paper Colonel ingersoll ever wrote. In paper cover, with like present excellent book is exercised to seed the suithor. It contains a fine likewess of the suithor.

WORDS OF HIGH ENCOMIUM

For a San Francisco Medium.

TO THE EDITOR: In a recent issue of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER appeared an article commending to public notice two or three most excellent mediums of San Francisco, one of whom is Mr. Fred, P. Evans, and I want to add that too much cannot be said in praise of the good work he has done for the cause and of his superior M. D. . . .

Since the Golden Gate, formerly edited by J. J. Owen, has gone out of publication, we do not see much of Mr. Evans' work in print.

He is a young man of modest and unassuming air, and 'makes no noise or flourish of trumpets to attract attention to himself.

His principal phase of mediumship is psychography or independent slate-

writing.
Mr. Evans has not been east of California since his development, but has traveled throughout that State, where he has given many seances, private and before public audiences. He answered a call from the Spiritualists of Australia, and spent a year in that country during 1888 and 1889, receiving the highest commendations for the excellent character of his work there. as recorded in the various issues of the Harbinger of Light, of Melbourne, and other publications,

The writer first met him in San Francisco, in the summer of 1888, a perfect stranger. I had several sittings with the medium. They were very satisfactory and the manifestations most remarkable. I brought home eight slates, and made copies of others, with careful notes of the phenomena which occurred at those sittings, and now, in taking a retrospective view of the occurrences, with all the additional light and corroborative evidences, the facts remain as astounding as ever.

The tests of identity, the prophecies since fulfilled, the correct answers to my inquiries, either written or verbal, together with their marvelous production under test conditions, make a history of very great interest to me; and although meeting the psychic then for the first time, I have felt ever since a personal interest in his suc-

I have investigated the phenomena in almost all its phases, and while it is often difficult to draw the line and declare which is the most wonderful and important, still I am inclined to think, as was expressed by the late Epes Sargent, that independent writing forms the scientific basis of Spiritualism. Surely the investigator may have conditions favorable for the most exhaustive experimentation.

Be it understood that I took my own slates, which were never out of my sight for a moment, and the writing was produced while they lay on the floor at my feet or while held in my hands, names and incidents being referred to in the writing wholly unknown by the medium.

I found him thoroughly honest and aboveboard in every particular in my several sittings with him, and what 1 say is voluntary and unsolicited.

I may add, as was also stated by the writer of the former article, that an interesting work, edited by the late J. J. Owen, has been published, profusely illustrated, setting forth the wonders performed through Mr. Evans' mediumship, and should be read and studied by all who are interested in the cause. I believe copies may be obtained by application to the publishers, the Hicks-Judd Co., 23 First street, or of Fred. P. Evans, 1242 McAllister street, San Francisco. Much useful knowledge may be obtained while searching for truth, by reading the standard works.

CHAS. P. COCKS. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Island Lake Camp, Mich.

TO THE EDITOR:-Wishing to give the desired information to those inquirold Michigan, I would say through your paper that concerning the natural attractions of our camp-ground, we can truthfully say that it is, if not the best, fully equal to the best of them, with the very best of water for drinking and two beautiful lakes, abounding with the best of fish, and nearly surrounding our camp-ground, which is shaded by a fine second growth of oak and hickory, cedar and evergreen, with other varieties of wood, which combine to form a picture complete, and draw the exclamation, "this is a beautiful place!" from each new arrival. We have on the grounds a fine hotel

two stories high with more than 12,000 feet of floor, in fifty rooms furnished and well-calculated for the peace and com-fort of our patrons. Altogether it is the most healthy place in Michigan for camp. We also have an auditorium in process of construction. 60x72, well planned and located, and a spacious barn, and, in fact, we have everything to form a good foundation, and all that is necessary is time to develop what may be called the banner camp of Michigan

There will be healing mediums and mediums of all phases on our grounds during this season, which commences on July 15 and continues until August 30 giving abundant time and opportunity for all to seek what they wish to find

and find what they seek.

JOHN. S. PHILLIPS,

Sec'y Island Lake Camp Ass'n.

"Mediumship and its Development-and How to Mesmerize to Assist Devel, opment." By W. H. Bach. Especially useful to learners who seek to know and utilize the laws of mediumship and development, and avoid errors. Price, cloth, 50 cents; paper, 25 cents.

"History of the Inquisition." Every citizen of our country should read this concise history of that Romish churchly institution known as the Inquisition The animus of Romanism against all The animus of Romanism against all institutions, beliefs and parties not in conformity with the ruling powers of the Romish hierarchy is plainly shown in these statements of veritable history. The devilishness and murderous malignity of the "Holy Inquisition" is parcely paralleled in all the world's away.

Tecords of inhuman atrocities. It is for the part this office, and will be mailed. sale at this office, and will be mailed postpaid for 25c.

GHAS. E. WATKINS,

THE FAMOUS SPECIALIST

Who is so successful in treating Chronic Diseases, devotes his whole time to his practice. This is one reason for his great success.

ANOTHER REASON is that he does not try to run down other doctors.

ANOTHER REASON is he is acknowledged by all to have the most wonderful psychic powers by which he can locate the cause of disease.

ANOTHER REASON is that he has his patients write him each week, and he sends them weekly instructions, thus showing that he watches each case closely. ANOTHER REASON is he gives

only the purest medicines and in the smallest doses that will produce the desired result. Some cases are cured without any medicine. ANOTHER REASON is he makes

the price of treatment right to all. HE IS ENDORSED

man and honest in every respect.

by all the Spiritual papers not only as

a fine physician, but a perfect gentle-

Send a 2-cent Stamp for His Book on

CHRONIC DISEASES,

Which will more than repay you. Should you desire to consult him

Send Two 2-cent Stamps, Age, Sex, and Leading Symptom.

DR. G. E. WATKINS, AYER, MASS.



The Romish Octopus. Bordering on the western coast of

South America is the little republic of Ecuador, about 800 miles long and 300 miles wide. It is the one country where the Roman Catholics are permitted to run everything to their own sweet notion, and a glance at it will show about what kind of a world we would have could the Pope only rule the earth at his pleasure. All the leading officers must be members of the Catholic Church, and all laws are impetus, promising more educational ing friends in other States as well as in made in the interest of the Catholic religion. Only Catholics can vote, and all the schools are taught by priests and nuns, and the children and whereas these hopeful phases of learn more about the saints than about growth largely date in organized work their country. There is said to be no under the National Association of reliable map of the country, and the people know very little of this world so apparent to us all, hinges upon the save what they chance to learn con- physical as well as mental ability, incerning their little republic. There are no railroad nor telegraph lines that can be depended upon. No books or printed matter of any kind can be ties assigned him as the president of brought into the country without the said association with success wherever public depends more upon peddlers ual gospel and its kindred reforms, religion is tolerated. There is a church for every two hundred persons. Ten per cent of the whole population is composed of priests and nuns, and sixty per cent of the births labors of our dear brother and leader. are illegitimate. It is the home for we believe it is our duty to require of carnality under the cloak of religion. him to undertake less tasks in speak-The priests are well fed, but the ing and traveling, and that we wrong masses are sunk in ignorance and bear him and wrong the cause we so dearly the heavy burdens of life. Merchandise is carried on the backs of men, women, mules and horses, from one part of the country to the other. Everything, save sensual enjoyment, is two hundred years behind the times. This is the result where the

Married.

ris, Ill.

edged by priest, nun and the masses.

Miss Lucy M. Hull, eldest daughter of done, good and faithful servant." Willard J. Hull, was united in wedlock to Mr. Charles C. Smith, June 27th, at Minneapolis, Minn., by the Rev. Mr. Purdy. The mother gave the bride and these resolutions published in the away.

A. E. H. Spiritual press of the country

Of knowledge there is no satisty.

J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

SPECIALIST IN ALL' CHRONIC DISEASES.

Depends for his remarkable cures, not upon the old drastic drig system, but upon the knowledge of diseases and their proper remedies—upon science and the finer psychle forces.

Some of his cures, like Schlatter's, are INSTANLIANEOUS; in other cases months are required.

Having carefully studied all the therapeute agencies in connection with his long medical experience, he uses those best adapted to each case with unverying success.

Huildreds are joyfully writing the Doctor:
"I am better," or "I am cured." "God bless you."

HE TREATS THE FOLLOWING Dyspepsie, distribuse, dronay, spliepsy, eoc. Rems, crysinejas, falling sickness, rheumatism, scrofola, pervous spann, gravel, gout, beadschez, heart disease, kindey complaint, female weakness, liver difficulty. nouraigia, paralysis, bleeding piles, bronchitta, asthina, bladdor affaction, cancer, catarrh, pimples upon the face, uterine diseases, weaknesses of men, barrengess, insanity, drunkenness, constipation. la grippe and all chronic diseases. And further, he furnishes

FREE TO ALL PATIENTS Hygenic and Physiological literature, en abling them when cured, to remain healthy.

Correct Diagnosis Free, By enclosing name, age, sex, leading symptom and stamp for reply.

REMEMBER TO ADDRESS J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.,

SAN DIEGO, CAL.

More Persecution. TO THE EDITOR: -- Another medium has fallen a victim to a cruel and uniust law in this Capitol City—nqt a statutory law; but a municipal law, which defines that any clairvoyant practicing this gift for pay, in the city of Lincoln, shall pay a license of \$50 per annum.

Mrs. Mary L. Goodrich, whose home is in the State of Maine, came to this city a few days ago, rented a suite of rooms, put out her sign as a clairvoyant and Spiritualist medium, and in the course of three or four days was called upon by the city detective, politely informing her she must call at the office of the police judge forthwith or a warrant would be issued. Going over with her limited means, and being frightened at the idea of being classed as a criminal, she handed over to the police magistrate \$4.20, all the money the lady possessed at that time, leaving her penniless and alone to fight the battles of life in this

cold and unchristian world. The news soon came to me by one of our resident Spiritualists. I at once denounced this as a scheme of robbery, and proceeded to investigate They recognize that the N. S. A. is this matter. The judge absolutely refused to return the money. I informed him that I had but a few months ago served a term in the Polk County Jail, in this State, and was somewhat familiar with the criminal of the great Northwest. code, and that I was then acting as attorney for Mrs. Goodrich, and and everything is running like clockover to Mrs. Goodrich.

which is necessary to constitute a case. I sacrificed my own liberty but a few months since by going to jail, being charged with the heinous crime of healing the sick. Since undergoing my imprisonment in the Polk County Jail, I vow that I will do all I can to blot from the statutes all laws detrimental to the liberty of any man or woman, black or white, of whatever denomination.

DR. P. S. GEORGE, Secretary State Spiritualist Association of Nebraska.

The North-Western Camp.

RESOLUTIONS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, Whereas, The Spiritual movement of to-day is gaining an unprecedented results in character-building, and bringing humanity at large closer to the Spirit-life and its practical virtues, Spiritualists, whose steady evolution. spirationally directed by the angel world, and whereas Prof. H. D. Barrett devotes all his energies to the duconsent of the priests. For news the he addresses the people on the spiritthan upon the mails. More than one- but evidently is overworking himself fourth of all the property is owned by to meet the pressing demands for his the bishops. None but the Catholic services, and already shows signs of being suddenly cut off in the mostuseful period of his life; therefore

Resolved, That while this assembly of Spiritualists highly appreciates the love, when there are so marked and inconsiderate demands upon his energies, which are too burdensome even for a Hercules to endure.

Resolved, That we respectfully call upon and do urge our Spiritual brothers and sisters in all parts of the couninfallibility of the Pope is acknowl- try where he labors, to abridge his tasks as much as is consistent with The less the world has of such the the situation, carefully looking to the better. Gospel Messenger, Mt. Mor- physical strength and healthfulness of Professor Barrett, that he may be long with us, and when his work is ended his may be the plaudit of "Well

> Resolved, That President Aspinwall be requested to have this preamble

Religion of the Future. By S. Weil Cloth. \$1.25; paper, 50 cents.

DR. J. S. LOUGKS, J. G. BATDORF, M. D. SHIRLEYVILLE, MASS.

The Well-Known Magnetic Physician of About 80 Years' Practice.

His practice extends into all parts of the United States and Canada; also in some parts of Europe. He is mixing wonderful cures with his magnetic remedies, as his certificates of cures will show. Send for one. Many are cured whenguiven up to die by the M. D's. If you send him a back of your hist, name, age, sox, and four 3-cent atamps, he will tell you what he thinks of your case; also what the prospects are for a oure. Try hirs and be convinced

TESTIMONIALE

TESTIMOBIALI

DR. J. S. LOUCKE-My Dear Doctor: About two years ago, my wife being for a very feeble condition. I wrote three letters to certain, parties who treat by magnetic remedies, and one of these letters was to yourself. I indimated neither to you nor them at that time the condition of the difficulty under which she labored. I received an answer in a few days from and, and in yours I found that the disgnosis of the case was perfect in every particular. For various reasons I did not apply to you then for remedy. I had previously tried many killian physicians, also my own ability, gained by thirty years of practice, but without apparent benealt. In May, 1885, my wife being in such a boreless condition, I concluded to try your magnetic remedies. At that time articulation of speech was very indistinct, and her left arm and side were almost powrless. After commencing your remedies. I noticed in a few weeks a change for the better, and shoot then there has been a gradual amendment. During the past summer she has been able to drive in her carriage officen or tweethy miles at a time, and at the present writing it still improving. Facts are stubborn things, and if a certain class of M. D.'s would look allitie more into the higher laws that govern life, and especially health, and would sob trying to pus plot laws that poon one my prescribe but themseries.

We blow no horn to excite; simply state a few facts or statements of patients relieved. We have many that can be seen at our office. One hundred dollars for any one found untrue that we publish. Address

DR. J. S. LOUCKS. SHIRLEYVILLE, - - - MASS.

Mrs. Dr. Dobson-Barker, AS A SPIRITUAL HEALER

HAS NO EQUAL!

Rejoice and Be Glad! Herald Forth the Tidings of Good Health!

DR. A. B. DOBSON'S

Healing powers are being repeated over and over again through the mediumship of MRS. Dil. DOBSON-BARKER, who, for the past year and a bair has SUCCESSFULLY TREATED OVER ONE

of all diseases that fiesh is heir to, and will give you proof of her powers, by sending requirements as per small advertisement for diagnosis of your case. Here is one of her many cures:

THOUSAND PATIENTS

Edger, Nebraska, Feb. 21, 1895.

MRS. DR. A. B. DÜBSON-Dear Lady and Beloved Sister:—It is with regret: that I write to you, because i amili; but feel truly grateful that such a way is open to mankind. I will employ no regular physician unless I am obliged to.

Sister sent to you; she said you described her disease more correctly than Dr. Debson did. May the angels ever help and bless you.

SARAH A. WERNER.

EXCELLENT WORK.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

their friend, and they purpose standing by it. We feel that the good people at Twin City Park have all been very gen-erous to the N. S. A. Two hundred dollars is a large sum for these hard times,

wanted to see the court docket and work. Dri Aspinwall, the president, is also examine the papers that had been aman of business and knows how to filed in the case, all of which he filed in the case; all of which he evaded by handing me the \$4.20, which I took and at once turned it Mack and Barnes, and Sisters Aspinwall and Lepper. The future of this camp is certainly well-assured. The I learned by looking up this matter association has purchased thirty-one that no warrant had been issued, no acres of choice land on Lake Minnecomplaint had been filed; neither had she been arraigned in court, all of lake itself. A fine hotel, with ample accommodations for several hundred

guests, will soon be erected.

Stock to the amount of \$10,000 will be issued and sold at ten dollars per share. Large building lots will be laid out and rented to cottage-builders for ten dol-lars per year. No lots are to be sold— which fact in itself is an augury of success. A lease for ninety-nine years is as good as a warranty deed to the holder, and much better for the association, Beautiful parks will be laid out and

no pains spared to make the Northwestern Camp-grounds as attractive as any place of resort in America: Steamers, street cars and the Great Western railroad will take visitors directly to the grounds. The outlook for this camp and Spirit-

ualism in the Northwest is certainly most promising. Dr. Aspinwall and his associates are true-blue Spiritualists, and alive to its advancement. The genial doctor makes an excellent presiding officer, and his zealous wife keeps a watchful eye over the ladies' bazaar. The dining-room is most excellently served by Mrs. Peterson. The people are united in purpose, harmonious in thought and loyal to Spiritualism in every essential particular. Space forbids the culogy that the writer fain would give the leading camp workers. They are all doing their duty, and the grand results shown even now conclusively prove that the present session will go into history, as the most notable assembly of its kind in the West. Success to the Northwestern camp, and all of its noble workers! ALTRURIA.

NEW BOOKS.

Celestial Dynamics; a Course of Astro-Metaphysical Study. By the author of "The Language of the Stars," and "The Light of Egypt." Published by the Astro-Metaphysical Publishing Co., Denver, Col. 50 cents.s To those interested in astrological

studies this volume will prove of interest. The author elucidates in brief his ideas as expressed in this other volumes previously published

Libra: An Astrological Romance. By Eleanor Kirk. Published and for sale by the author, 6960 Greene avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The author manifests fine skill in

weaving an entertaining romance, with a warp and woof of occultism, astrology, Spiritualism, metaphysics, love and the many things that go to make up the subjective and objective realities of human life. Paper, presswork and binding are in excellent style.

Old Melodies Spiritualized. By H. W. Boozer. Grand Bapids, Mich. Somewhat more than fifty pages, bound in flexible cloth covers, of Spiritualistic songe adapted to well-known tunes. Useful in spiritual circles and meetings.

"The Fountain of Life, or The Three fold Power of Sex." By Lois Wais brooker. One of the author's most useful books. It should be read by every man

and woman. Price 50c.
"Religious and Theological Works of
Thomas Paine." Contains his celebrated 'Age of Reason," and a number of letters and discourses on religious and theological subjects. Cloth binding, 430 pages. Price \$1. For sale at this office.

SPECIALIST IN ALL CHRONIC DISEASES.

PRESCRIBES NO POISONOUS DRUGS!

MICHIGAN, MY MICHIGANI DEER DOOTOR—When your medicine reached me i was low: the doctors here said they could do nothing for me, but since taking your needleline an getting better rapidly, and feel that they will our me. May better rapidly, and feel that they will cure me. Ma God and the good angels bless you for your ald to su feeling humanity. ELIZA CULLY. Palms Statlon, Mich.

Dran Dooron-Your remedies have done more for and afforded me more relief than anything else ver fried and I have tried nearly everything.
Bault Ste Marie, Mich. JAMES EMMS.

DEAR DOCTOR—I write to let you know that my health still continues to improve. To describe my condition and horrible feelings at the time I began using your medicine is beyond my power. I suffered with female weakness and severe pains in my cheat for two years. I tried several doctors but found no relief until a friend directed me to you. After using your medicine one mount am almost well, and firmly believe one mount am almost well, and firmly believe one mount more will cure me.

Ruth, Mich. LOUISA GENTNA.

One thousand more on file at our office. Watch this space as new testimonials will appear every two weeks.

SCIENTIFIC DIAGNOSIS FREE, By enclosing name in full, age, sex, lock of hair, leading symptom, and two stamps. Address

J. C. BATDORF, M. D., GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

FOR BEGINNERS

The Play of the Planets.

This wonderful educator is attracting the attention f thousands of people all over the world as its sim-licitly gives one

DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE AT ONCE noncerning the influence of the planets and the signs
of the Zodiac in human life.
EVERY ORILD can learn to use it and accomplish
conders.

The Coming Study in Occult Astronomy. This wonderful invention makes it easy for all to sarn this sublime science-and

FIND THE RULING STARS of every person born for 75 years past, and also to de-lineate the HOROSCOPE. A few of the first edition left which will be furnished at \$1 each. For sale at this

SPECIAL READING NOTICES.

Mothers will find "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" the best to use for children while teething. An old and well tried remedy.

E. V. WILSON'S BOOK

E. V. Wilson was one of the pioneers of Spiritualism, and was noted as a speaker and test-medium. He did a grand work for the cause, and this book parrates many of his striking experiences during his labors. Purchasers will ind it intensely nicesting, and will render kindly service to his widow who was left to the thing of the control of the strike o in straitened circumstances.

The book contains 400 pages, and is sold for \$1. Adress MRS. E. V. WILSON, 91 South Locust street, Valparaiso, Ind.



As the Sunflower turns its face towards the sun, so Spirificalism turns the faces of humanity from darkness and superstition towards the
Sunlight of Truth and Progression.

PRICES:

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE, 40 LOOMIS STREET, UHICAGO Old Melodies Spiritualized.

Essays in rhythm teaching our phenomens, philos phy and othics; for the lecture and scance-room, the Resays in rayinm teaching our phenomena, phinosophy and athles; for the lecture and seance-room, the public and home circle; each fitted to some old melody; a dalversal song book, always ready because the airs are well-known; of unusual interest to sciolets, elecutionists and speakers. In paper, single copy, prepaid, 85 crats. No stamps taken. One dozon, 43; half-dozet, \$1.80, purchaser paying express charges. Address H. W. HOOZER, Grand Rapids, Mich. 348

SOCIAL UPBUILDING. Including Co-operative Systems and the Happiness and Ennoblement of Humanity, By E. D. Babbitt LL. D., M. D. This comprises the last part of Human Culture and Cure. Paper cover, 15c. For sale at this office.

By Lizzie Doten. These poems are as staple as sugar. Price \$1.00. CHURCH AND STATE. The Bible in the Public Schools; the New "American" Party. By "Jefferson." Third edition. This beautiful pamphiet of 28 pages is the most thorough presentation of the Church and State question that has appeared, Price 10 cents.

POEMS FROM THE INNER LIFE

THE VOICES. By Warren Sumner Barlow. The Voices con poems of remarkable beauty and force. They most excellent. Price \$1.00.

THE CODS.

By Col. R. G. Ingersoll. A pamphlet of 40 pages Worth its weight in gold. Price 20 cents. Fifty Years in the Church of Rome

By Rev. Chas. Chiniquy, ex-priest. A remarkable book. Pages, 832. Price 62.25. TREE AND SERPENT WORSHIP By A. S. Hudson, M. D. Price, 15 cents.

THE AGE OF REASON. By Thomas Painc. Being an investigation of True and Fabulous Theology. A new and complete edition, from new plates and new type; 186 pages, post 8vo. Paper, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

BIBLE MARVEL WORKERS,

THE BIGGEST STORY IN THE BIBLE—WRIT

I ten and forsted by Br. D. Winegarden. Price

AND THE WONDROUS POWER

Which helped or made them perform nights

works and utter inspired words, together with some

Ferrous Traits and Obaracteristics of Prophets, 2006

ties and Jesus, or New Rendings of "The Mirelia"

by Allers Pursals. Price 76 Cants. For tale at that

by Allers Pursals. Price 76 Cants. For tale at that

by Allers Pursals.



MEDICAL CLAIRVOYANT OF THE PACIFIC COAST,

Will send a free disposis and terms for treatment to all who will send their name and address—in their own handwriting—with postage stamp for reply.

"The Facine Coast Spiritualist" of Dec. 30, 1893, says of Dr. Forster:—
"Since his couling here he has made himself highly respected and beloved for his benevolent work, his humanitarisu ideas and practices, and his straightforward course of integrity and honor." "I)r. W. M. Forster, California's noted clairyoyant physician, is 'receiving commendations from far and near over hisremarkables success as a healer,"—Phil-depinical Journal. Address,

DR. W. M. FORSTER, 1059 Market Street. - Ban Francisco, Cal.

DR. J. C. POWER.

CHRONIC DISEASE SPECIALIST

Long standing chronic troubles considered incurable by the general practitioner, readily yield to my treatment, and are particularly solicited. I treat my patients at their homes as well as though present with them, being able by my clarry oyant and psychometric powers to bring myself in contact with their diseased conditions thereby enabling me to correctly diagnose their diseases and select from Nature's great laboratory of remedies that which cash condition requires. Fullents who have for years been doctoring in van with other physicians, under my treatment are entirely cared, and glady testify to the same. All letters for diagnosis must be accompanied with lock of bair, five two-cent stamps, full name, date of birth, post-office, county and state.

DR. J. C. POWER, Lock Box O. VINTON, IOWA.

ASTONISHING OFFER. Send three two-cent stamps, lock of hair, name ge, sex, one leading symptom, and your disease will be diagnosed free by spirit power. MRS. DR. DOBSON-BARKER,

PARALYSIS

ARE EASILY CURED WHEN THE PROPER MEANS ARE USED. . . .

MAGNETISM fills the system with new life, energy and vigor, and puts it in barmony with nature. It establishes an equilibrium among the vital forces, which is the SECRET OF CURING ANY AND EVERY

Send for our new book on Paralysis—FREE—In or-der to learn more of this MYSTICAL SUBSTANCE, MACNETISM. It tells how to fill the system with magnetic life and wigor, and prevent all forms of disease. OUR MAGNETIC INSOLES,

FORM OF DISEASE.

at One Dollar per pair, or three pair for Two Dol lers, will convince the most skeptical on earth of lers, will convince the most skeptical on earth of the power of this great, grand, invisible substance. Try them and be convinced. Address DR. C. I. THATCHER.

X. 1401 MASONIC TEMPLE, CHICAGO. DR. E. A. STEELE. 1428 Market street, San Francisco, Cal. By enclosing lock of hair, age, and stamps for reply, I will send correct diagnosis and terms of treatment, which is within reach of all 848

CONSULT SPIRIT FRIENDS UPON HEALTH, U Business and Development. Terms \$1. Annie Lord Chamberiain, Box 42, Azuea Cal. 848

DR. A. M. ROBERTS GIVES PRIVATE SITTINGS for development and magnetic treatments. 107 S. Leavitt street, Chicago. 846

DSYCHOMETRIC AND BUSINESS READING, OR I six questions answered for 50 copts and three 2-cent stamps. Marguerite Burton, 20 Bennett Street, Bos-ton, Mass. 847 DR. AND MRS. HASENCLE VER HOLD TRUMPET and materializing seances at 794 W. Van Buren street every Wednesday and Saturday at 8 p. m. Independent state-writing daily.

DR. GARLAND'S VEGETABLE COUGH DROPS Are put up in six counce tin boxpused are guaranteed to give satisfaction or money will be refunded by the proprietor. Dr. M. H. Garland. Send 23 cents in stamps and receive by return mall a box of this

HOUSEHOLD REMEDY as you will find it a blood cleaner as well as a Throat and Lung Remedy. Over 200,000 boxes sold and all recommend them. Address all orders to DR. M. H. GABLAND, 832 Sixtieth Place, Station O., Chicago, Blibois.

DR. T. WILKINS,

3140 RHODES AVE., CHICAGO, Treats Magnetically all Chronic Diseases.

PSYCHE DEVELOPS And gives commutations. Price, delivered, \$1.20. Mediumship and How to Mesmerize Every Spiritualist and investigator should have it. 100 pages of explicit directions for developing all phases, with portrait of author. Paper, 25c.; cloth, 30a, postpaid.

SPIRITUALIST BADGE and Sunflower Jewelry, 75 cents to 45.00. MAGI DADGE, gold, \$2.00. A. P. A. BADGE, gold, \$1.50. Send stamp for illustrated circulars of above with resding of the Bpiritualist badge. W. H. BACH, M. fr. Abordeen, S. D.

MANSILL'S ALMANAC

- OF -PLANETARY METEOROLOGY.

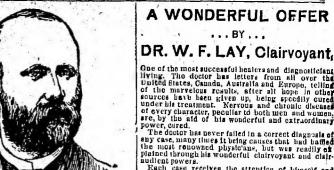
Weather Forecastors' Guide and New System of clence for 1886. It contains a planetary chart of ach month, showing the position of the planets in he different houses in the Zodiao. BY RICHARD MANSILL, author of "Geology and Microscopy Illustrated." Cohesive Attraction and the Formation of World." "Universal Change in Natural Eléments," etc. Price E cents. For sale at this office.

Chronic Diseases a Specialty. Send full name, age, sex, and two stamps for FREE lagnosis. Hany wonderful cures being made by W. W. Lathrop, M. D., Jackson, Mich.

MRS. G. PARTRIDGE, The well-known Psychometrist and Business Medium, Readings personally or by letter 41,00. Three rea sonable questient answered by mill for 25 cents. Magnetic treatment given at her residence, or at home of the patient. \$140 Rhodes avenue, Chicago, Ill. Tako Cottago Grove avenue car to Thirty-first street. Residence, one block West on Rhodes avenue, near Thirty-first.

Advance Thought Circulating Library.

We furnish the best works on Spiritualism, Mental Science, Theosophy, Spiritual Science, Psychometry, Telepathy, etc., at a cost to the reader of one cant per day and postage on each book. Scad a solf-addressed stomped cavelone for Particulars. ROWLAND J. BROWN, Box 188, Austin, Cock Co., Ill. 846





Something new and startling. This knowledge is
from a higher source and
is fully explained in the
"ASTRAL GUIDE." which
will be sent FREB to any
address upon receipt of a
two cent stamp for postage.
Astrological students,
Physicians, Healers,
Nurses, Everybody must
have the "Guide."

[Formerly N. Y., College of Magnetics.]



REFORM HEALING CO.,

SAN JOSE, CAL. HELIOCENTRIC ASTROLOGY. A book containing instructions for making a helic-centric horoscope, together with a chart which gives the position of the planets from 1821 to 1916. The most complete work on this system ever published. Adapt-ed for beginners or professors. One can cast and read a horoscope in half an hour. For sale by

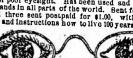
FREDERICK WHITE, O. O.M., 502 Fifth Ave., S. - Minneapolis, Minn.
Send the date of your birth and \$1 and receive
book and chart with your horoscope ready to read.
Mention this paper when writing.

844tf

INVALIDS

DSYCHOMETRY, CONSULT WITH Prof. A. B. Severance in all matters pertaining to practical life, and your spirit-friends. Send lock of hair, or handwriting, and one dollar, Will answer three questions free of charge. Send for circulvar. Address, 710 Prairie street. Milwaukee. Wis. 445tf

BETTER THAN GOLD. Elixir of Life Nos. One and Two



Melted Pebble Spectacles: Restorelost vision. Write for Illustrated Circulars showing styles and prices and photo of Spirit Yarma, who developed this claimy out power in me. I can adjust my Melted Pebbie Spectacles as perfectly to your eyos in your own home as if you were in my office, as thousands can testify. Send stamp for photo. B. F. Peoleg, Clinton, Iowa.

DR. MANSFIELD'S

REFINED HOMEOPATHIC REMEDIES Reach the sore spots. Heal the raw places.

W. A. MANSFIELD, 152 Cedar Ave. - Cleveland, O.

MRS, ELLA M. DOLE. This medium, who is clairvoyant, clairaudient, sychometric and prophetic, can be consulted at No. 850 North Clark street. Engagements can be made by letter.



THE MAGI. A New Badge in solid gold with blue and black enamel, with the pyramida, obelish and sun's rays in gold. Every Mystic should have one of office.

MRS. M. L. CILLETTE,

Before the New York Unitarian Club. The first time in the history of the world that a Christian Association syor invited a noted inside to lecture before them. The lecture is a grand one, and was received by the Club with continuous applicus from beginning to end. The pamphet contains 12 pages, beautifully printed. Price 6 cents; ten copies, 60 cents.

One of the most successful healers and diagnosticiant living. The doctor has letters from all over the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe, telling of the marvelous results, after all hope in other sources have been given up, being speedily cured under his treatment. Nervous and chronic discusse of every character, peculiar to both men and women, are, by the aft of his wonderful and extraordinary power, cured.

Free by the aid of his wonderful and extraordinary power, oured.

The douter has never failed in a correct diagnosis of any case, many times it being cances that had baffied the most remowned physicians, but was readily explained through his wonderful clairvoyent and clair-audient powers.

Each case receives the attention of himself and band, siles remedies for individual case. Send three 2-cent stamps, lock of hair, age, sex, and one symptom, and by return mail you will receive a full and securate description of your case and any advice regarding it. Through persecution on account of his marveloud success the doctor graduated in a regular school, therefore being an M. D.

Sofferers, you that have failed to find relief, try once more and be convinced of Dr. Lay's powers and ability. Address

642tf DR. W. F. LAY, Box 918, Chicago, Ill.

ASTROPATHY

THE ART OF HEALING UNDER PLANETARY LAW.



have the "Guide."

L. J. SHAFER,

Chemist,

G1 Calking Ave. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

COLLEGE OF FINE FORCES



HO WILL SEND FOUR CENTS IN stamps, their disease, or symptoms, will receive pamphist and advice prerio cure themselves without drugs. The THOMAS BATTERY COMPANY, Cardington, Ohio

DR, R. A. DAVIS, CLARINDA, IOWA-SPIRIT medicine falls. Chronic diseases a specialty.

Cures all forms of stomach, liver and kidney diseases also constipation. A sure cure for that tired, worn-out feeling, Guaranteed to assist your system to health with pure, rich blood. Sufficient quantity for one month seht for \$1.00.

One package of our Magnetized Compound for sore eyes or poor eyesight. Has been used and praised by thousands in all parts of the world. Beat for 60 cents, or all three sent postpaid for \$1.00, with Yarma's photo and instructions how to live 100 years.



CPIRITUALISTS VISITING CHICAGO CAN FIND D cozy rooms, equal to those at hotels, with a Spiritualist family, at 88 St. John's Place, near Union Park.

Go to the seat of disease. Penetrate obscure localities. Penetrate obscure localities.

Age, ser. \$1 and leading symptoms bring you at once a week's course of medicine compounded clair-yoyantly, aspecially for you, from my homeopathic laboratory; also a full free diagnosis revealing the true nature and cause of your brouble. If you are not better in seven days your dollar will be immediately returned. Many troubles are healed in a week. Terms for further treatment, low.

HOW TO BE AR A MEDIUM IN YOUR OWN II. nome. Will send a pamphlet giving instructions definests your phases of mediumship, and a spiritual song-book. All for 2 cents. Address Mrs. J. A. Bliss, 4921 Calumet Ave., Chibago, Ill.



Cures diseases by vital magnetism; develops latent psychical powers. Also treatment by mesmerism. Letters requesting advice must contain one dollar. Office, 219 Dearborn Ave., Chicago. Office bours 2 to 5 p. m. 546

DR. CARL SEXTUS

INCERSOLL'S ADDRESS

INDEPENDENT SLATE-WRITER.

218 East Forty-second Place. Sittings daily from 10 a. m. to 4p. m. 949