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HYPNOTISM AND RELATED PHENOMENA.

WONDERFUL FEATS.

Trance and Sleep-Walking -Spirit Influences.

"O sleep! O gentle sleep! That thou no more wilt weigh my eye

lids down
And steep my senses in forgetfulness? Why rather, Sleep, liest thou in smoky

ody?
O thou dull god! Why liest thou with Johnny; you will remember Johnny."
She smiled and Mrs. R. was just going the vile, In louthsome beds, and leavest the king-

ly couch

A watch case or a common 'larum bell? Wilt thou upon the giddy must Seni up the ship-boy's eyes and rock his In cradle of the rude, imperious surge,

And in the visitation of the winds Who take the ruffian billows by top. Curling their monstrous heads and hang-

With deafening clamors in the sleepy

That with the burly Death itself

To the wet sea-boy in an hour so rude

Macnish, in his "Philosophy of Sleep," friends were strangers to her. She did ord, at least in the part of a newspaper whom dress. And the only thing to be done and the chronicling of strange events. for her was to teach her over again all that she had known. She lourned the rudiments of everything as does a little child, and her mind was beginning to child, and her mind was beginning to record in the Greek and Latin classics again be stored with necessary knowl- of remarkable dreams, which show how edge. Then after some months she had another protracted fit of sleep, and when of dreaming was disseminated, and we she awoke she had become herself again, have many such cases in these latter and was in the same condition she had days where remarkable revelations of been in previous to her first sleep. Dur- events to transpire have been made, and ing all this time she had not lost her time has proved their correctness. And mind; she had simply developed, uncon- we also have instances where dreamers

Saint Matthew says: "Beware of false prophets," "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Jesus exorcised demons,

TWO WIVES APPEAR. and performed cures upon the same line of practice as his predecessors. He said Tyana was a miracle-worker, and his historian claims that he raised one from the dead who had been interred three

days.

The fakirs in India are innumerable. Alone in the twilight by the roadside, scarcely distinguishable from the dust, motionless and sceming to gaze fixedly at some object unseen by profane eyes, the fakir is a figure both startling and unearthly, and any right-minded horse would refuse to pass him in the dusk. CRUCIFYING.

method of crucifying the spirit is somewhat new. When seen by travelers he tions that come to him. is usually crouching cross-legged outside of his hut, with three broad stipes god. Inside his cell is a modern iron awakened from his sleep by feeling the bed with no mattress or springs and in-touch of light, cold fingers in his sleep,

to the full heat of the sun, the hot winds and reflected heat from the banks, and was frightened and cried aloud, waking an hour. Arndt had magnetized her so here he hung suspended by his heels, his face covered by a prayer cloth and spititual forms instantly disappeared, his head with each oscillation passing and did not come again during the within a foot of a hot fire kindled benight. The next night he occupied an-

STARTLING PHENOMENA.

England cites the following cases among many:
The Princess di Cristofori says that fore the spiritual forms of his two former wives and the habe in the arms of its while dressing for dinner one night she wives and the babe in the arms of its saw a hand waving to her from the next mother. Both spoke to him and bade him room. At night she heard the voice of be still, saying no more harm would Mr. Abbott, a friend, in her room, and come to him: that they were both ever she remarked: "I'm sure Mr. Abbott is at his side, and should guide and protect dead." Still later she had a vision of him with a livid mark across his face. for him with the Almighty, and urged him to make his peace with God. "that he had left me some money, and Twice since has he been thus visited, before he died, had wished to make but the messages have been different Barth recommends, in such accompany, to before he died, had wished to make but the messages have been different Barth recommends, in such accompany, to some alteration in his bequest, but the each time. On one of the latter occasions his first wife told him they should because through the direction of the end came so soon that he had no time to sions his first whe told him they should because through the direction of the do so." It transpired that Mr. Abbott all meet after death and be happy to thought upon another person the latter death and the had real to become aware of the influence. Gaulet the had intended making some were as real, and the forms as distinct.

A remarkable case of somnambulism change as regarded it, but though the as if real desh and blood; though, as he

of people," she was sure, "were dying." The disaster occurred about 7:15.

ANIMAL SPECTRALS. Animal spectrals are by no means missing from the statistics of the society.

gives correlative evidence concerning a spectral bull seen by Mr. and Mrs. Pot-ter, and which suddenly disappeared.

MISSING CHILD FOUND. A case is cited of an English widower, Mr. R., who, while away from his native island, married a second wife and re-turned with her to England to take possession of his baby boy, whom he had left with a nurse, and whom he was un-able to find on his arrival. One night Upon uneasy pallets stretching thee,
Than in the perfuned chambers of the great,
Under the canopies of costly state,
And halled with sounds of sweetest mel-

described his first wife and that the

to answer when the vision was gone. Her husband said that she had exactly

night,

With all appliances and means to boot,
Deny it to a king?

Index come to people in their communication, excitement, even faintness or world. The faith of these people in actual syncope, are not unusual accommendation. what they have had manifested to them is paniments of the effort on the part of undoubtedly larger than most of us have the person so willed.

In such things, but now and then there If the game is played honestly, as it Macnish, in his "Philosophy of Sleep," comes a statement of such strangeness, tells of a young woman, who, after a protracted sleep, awoke to discover that seem to be so earnest and sincere, and of lutely ignorant of what act she is exfriends were strangers to her. She did ord, at least, in that part of a newspaper whom she is placed in contact does not not know how to spack or write, or even devoted to the current topics of the day, intentionally give her any clew or infor-

SPIRITS IN DREAMS.

A great number of instances are on sciously, her double nature, as in the have been visited by forms, unseen and case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. not to be seen by others, and yet to

And now we have to record the strange visitations that have come to a that curative virtue went out of him; and the physical fatigue he evidently experienced was similar to that felt by all magnetic healers. Apollonius of his third wife, the former two wives being dead, one of them having died three or four weeks after giving birth to a child, the child dying a couple of months after its mother. This man is not a believer in Spiritualism and is constant. not a believer in Spiritualism, and is quite as far from an "ism" of any kind quite as far from an "ism" of any kind between the two bodies, so long as the as the most practical and thoughtful magnetic quality remains in the nail. among our citizens. He has been married to his third wife several years, and they have lived happily together, and nothing has come between them to make their lives unpleasant, and he is now in as good health as he ever has been. There is one remarkable fakir whose hence it is the more difficult to account for the strange almost nightly visita-

About two weeks since, the first of

these visits was made at a late hour in across his forehead, his hair a streaky the night, when the house was wrapped bronze and his aspect that of a Japanese, in the most solemn stillness. He was stead of them transverse bars thickly and saw standing above and bending tostudded with iron spikes on which for ward him, from near the ceiling of the eight hours a day the fakir stretched room, two forms and the faces of his two former wives, and one of the women held Another devotee had a gallows built a child in her arms. One of them adon the bank of a river, in a spot exposed dressed him, and told him to make no his wife who slept by his side. The other bedroom, but being restless did not sleep much and received no sign of The Society for Psychical Research in ghostly or Spiritualistic presence. But the next night he was again awakened by the touch of fingers, and saw as behim, and were in constant intercession

change as regarded it, but though the as if real flesh and blood; though, as he lawyer was sent for, he came too late." said, more "spiritual." So positive is Miss I, was living at Perth when the the dreamer, or the gentleman visited, Tay bridge disaster occurred. A storm that he has seen he has seen with raged that evening while she was write all his senses fully alies that he will listen to no suggestion that he must have the send the substitute of the send of the substitute has not stored. with ideas of death, and by a ghastly re-been dreaming; and such is the charac-alization of human tragedy. The air ter of the man that we have thought seemed full of shrieks. She ran upstairs proper to print a statement of his feand exclaimed to her mother that "lots markable visitations, as an interesting addition to the collection of accounts of strange visitations from the spiritual

OUR PROCENITORS.

A certain house, for example, was kingdoms are our progenitors, and have shoes, hat, and an old coat. So dressed haunted by a spectral tabby cat, defurnished the elements which make up the walked to the police barrack and

scribed as a very miserable and unhappy like human compound. These element looking creature, which took its pleasure sadly by suddenly, appearing before the cook and causing her to stumble. Mrs. Drew (Mr. Gladstone's daughter) in the imperfect thing than in the perfect, that soul must react upon and materially affect the lower realms of the visible universe that so powerfully act upon it. Totalk of the unknowable suggests something beyond the range of the outward senses, and that something science will not touch or treat of. It only weighs and measures and analyses the outer shell of things which we call mat-ter; puts the cart before the horse; makes the machine creator of the living force and of the ruling intelligence be-

THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE.

What is meant by thought transference s perhaps most simply illustrated by the common parlor amusement known as the "willing game." It is played as follows: The person to be influenced or "willed" is sent out of the room; those remaining then gree upon some act which that person is to be willed to accomplish, as, ohild's name was Johnny.
Some days after returning from Westminster Abbey, they lost themselves in
a narrow congeries of streets. Suddenly Mrs. R. saw the common-looking woman of her vision carrying the baby with
the yellow pelisse. After discreet inquiry it turned out that she was the
nurse that was wanted, and that the
baby was the missing child. baby was the missing child. Upon the act agreed upon in her ab-In these days of strange Spiritualistic sence. If the game is successful the phenomena and startling revelations person so willed goes with more or less awakes?

Canst thou, O partial Sleep, give thy repose

that come to some people we are prepared to receive with less wonder than formerly the statements that come to agreed upon by the company, or she To the wet sea-boy in an hour so rude, us of wonderful visitations that some-goes with more or less directness and And, in the calmest and most stilly times come to people in their communi-discovers the hidden article. Nervous

> to perform, and the person with mation during the progress of the game. In the more formal experiments the person who is willed is known as the sensithe company an impression regarding the action to be performed, without communication between them in any ordin arv manner.

MOLECULAR TRANSMISSION.

Again, place an iron nail within two inches of a magnet, in a short time the nail is magnetic. In this case we know molecular action takes place between those two bodies; yet we have no sense telling us of the fact. We only know it by its effects; that is, by the nail having a magnetic quality which it did not have before being placed near the magnet. This nail retains the magnetic quality As we have no sense to recognize the transmission of this quality, we cannot recognize the connection.

BRIDGING THE CHASM.

There is a far more intimate connec tion between terrestrial and super-terrestrial states than most people imagine and with the rapidly increasing sensi tiveness of large numbers of people all over the world, which is a characterizing feature of the incoming era or new age now dawning, the seeming chasm between the so-called two worlds will be greatly bridged. Arndt said in 1816 that he operated upon one of his patients from his dwelling at an hour in which she was not accustomed to be mag-netized. Her husband told him later, that she was going about very cheerfully, when suddenly she felt a heaviness in her head and went to sleep upon

long, and they waked her up. Dr. Barth magnetized his patient at different times at a distance of twenty miles. When she was engaged in amuse ment, at the dance, etc., the attempt proved a failure. His wife, who had never yet been magnetized, wrote him once that she was sick. He was twenty miles away, waited until night and then magnetized her from that distance, willing that it should be known to her that he was magnetizing her. A letter from his wife crossed his written message— on account of sleeplessness from which she was suffering, she had gone straight to the window. but suddenly became very sleepy and had the feeling of being magnetized by her husband, whereupon she slept soundly all night long. Dr.

A remarkable case of somnambulism is reported from Tramore in the county of Watford, Ireland. A young man evidently a tourist engaged a room at the railway hotel there and retired to rest. About 3 o clock in the morning some night stragglers saw a man in his shirt, holding a lighted candle, raise a window on the second floor of the notel and deliberately lower himself from it, falling a death of forters falling a depth of fourteen or fifteen fect. The fall apparently did not affect him, and, with the candle still-lighted in his hand, he walked into the fown and knocked at a door. Here he returned The mineral, vegetable and animal to consciousness, and was provided with

knocked for admission. The sergeant who had charge of the station, finding the plight the man was in, providing him with clothing and refreshments. Sergt. Tyrrell then made inquiries at man's luggage, gold watch and chain, and over fifteen pounds in cash.

PREACHES IN A TRANCE.

South Carolina is becoming famous for wonders of a psychological character. The latest case seported is that of a negro in Beuknight, Edgefield county, who works upon the plantation of a Mr. Hillery in that place, and who is mysti-lying the people in all that vicinity by his queer doings. Every night about half an hour after he goes to bed he enters into what appears to he a trance and preaches a sermon. He is quite illiterate, but without a book and with his eyes closed takes a text which, by reference to the Bible, is found to be correct in chapter, verse and wording. When in this state he is entirely oblivlous of any and everything that may be going on around him, and a physician who has examined him save his arm could be taken off when these spells are on him and he would not know it.

GREATLY DISPLEASED.

There are a great many people who are firm believers in dreams, and who are not ashamed to admit it, and a great many other people who will not plead guilty to what they call foolieh supersti-tion, and who are yet more or less impressed by a bad or good dream. To the latter order, according to a paper published at Tientsin, a gentleman belonged who some years before buried his father in a temporary grave while the tomb in course of construction for the remains was being finished. When completed the removal from one spot to the other took place; but, on the temporary grave being lopened, it was found full of water and the coffin was decayed. This being the state of things, the undertaker hastily packed up the bones, placed them in an urn and reinterred them.

The same night the son dreamed that he saw his father in great displeasure, and awakening from his dream, he fell asleep again to have it repeated. This happened several successive nights, until at length he montioned the dircumstances to his friends, for, though no he-liever in dreams, his mind was troubled. One of his acquaintances suggested that perhaps his father is spirit objected to being removed; another hinted that, more likely, all the bones had not been collected; and this last hint led to a search and to the finding of a bone which had escaped notice. It was at once interred with the rest in the urn, and since that night the son's slumbers have been undisturbed, the ghost, his grievance settled, appearing no more.

LIGHT AND HOPE. The light from the mountain peaks of the Summer-land is falling gently and beautifully upon the waste places of earth; the mourners are being com-forted; hope fills many hearts that have hitherto been desponding. While bid-farewell to the passing year, and our thoughts linger upon its pages, let us wipe every falling tear; while we cherish the memory of those who have passed from our outward sight, let us be ready to go forward joyfully in the work that is before us. Let us be prepared to fight the battles of error and wrong with the weapons of truth, and march on in the ranks of progression toward the better land.

We must all feel, especially those who have passed the meridian of this life, that each year as it rolls away is a miletone on our journey, bringing us nearer to the home of the angels, the land of the blest, where, as faithful soldiers in the army of peace, we may hope to rest and labor on and on forevermore.

THE MOQUI INDIANS

are few in number, and dwell in the mountains of Arizona, about one hundred and fifty miles from Fort Wingate the nearest military post. So ignorant of all matters outside of their own little villages are the Moquis that they be-lieve that they are the only people in the world, with the exception of the four companies of United States cavalry that appeared on the occasion of their last outbreak. The appearance of these soldiers at this time simply astounded them, as they had no idea there were so many white people in the world.

Gov. Solomai made a visit to Wash-

ington with twe ther Moquis about ten years ago. The sights the old chief saw then were so marvelous to himself and companions, and the existence of the Washingtonians seemed so ideal that his ambition on his return was to introduce some of the ways of the white people in his own tribe. On his return to the village he commenced to relate to his fellow-citizens, the wonders he had seen. He described the immense numbers of people, railroads and gigantic

buildings.
But he could not convince his companions that he was telling the truth, and they finally thought him crazy. Consequently they field a meeting, and decided that the proper thing to do with Solomai was to confine him in a hole. He was kept there some time, and, when finally released, resolved that it was dangerous to talk too much. His two companions, awed by his example, were airaid to corroborate his statements.

A NOVEL REMEDY.

A Virginia gentleman, during an aththe transfer one day, felt a sudden pain, and feather some internal injury, sent for a negrotiving on the plantation who made pretension to medical skill to prescribe for thin. The negro, having sagely investigated the case, prepared and administered a dose with the utmost confidence of a speedy cure. No relief being obtained, however, a regular physician was sent for, who on arriving in quired of the negro what he had given Sambo promptly responded: "Rosin and

salun, sir."
"What do you give them for?" continued the doctor,
"Why," replied Sambo, "de alum to draw de parte togeder, and de rosin to solder 'em.'

REASSURED.

A good story is told of a timid clergy man just arrived from a trip abroad. Coming home the weather was alarmingly tempestuous. The wind blew a

hurricane, the vessel rolled, and the parson took fright. He left his stateroom and staggered along to the office of John Kavanaugh, the purser, who is a bit of a wag, and said: "I'm sure, Mr. Purser, you'll pardon me, but I feel so dreadfully agitated. Kindly inform me, are we in

my positive danger?" Kavanaugh replied: "Come with me a moment," and he led the way to the forecastle. "Now," continued he, "bend your ear down there and tell me what you hear." The sailors were swearing in their happy-go-lucky, unconscious

"How shocking! What language!" groaned the parson, trembling from

ead to foot. "Now, do you for a moment think that those sailors would go on in that profane fashion if there was any real danger?" asked the consoling Kavanaugh. 'True, true," replied the parson, somewhat calmed by the assurance. "One may sometimes pluck the sweet flower of comfort from the vile cloak of sin. The ways of Providence are indeed inscrutain a degree reassured.

Two hours later the storm had increased in violence, the wind raged and howled more wildly, and huge waves broke over and seemed to submerge the great ship. The parson was out of his room again, more scared than before, and was seen silently, nervously fum bling his way along the wet deck to the forecastle. He was deadly pale, and trembled with excitement. He listened. The sailors were shouting, and a tremendous oath amid the din reached his

ear.
"Thank heaven," murmured he. "They are still at it. They still blaspheme.
There is no danger yet, the Lord be

On the authority of a member of the medicai profession, the British Medicai states that a devout woman, afflicted with an ulcerated stomach, visited St. Winefried's well, and was duly cured by the saint. She returned home, boasting that she could "eat anything," including even "pigs' feet." Whether she actually indulged in pigs' feet does not appear. If properly cooked, they are a harmless delicacy; but, anyhow, the lady was suddenly taken very ill at the time. The deathy who was called in tea-time. The doctor who was called in "diagnosed perforation of the stomach," and the next day the poor lady died One of the first requisites, I take it, in estimating the value of all "cures," whether minaculous or otherwise, is the subsequent history of the cases. This is supplied with great effect in the above instance. But, perhaps, I shall be told that the saint does not insure against high feet in cases of ulcerated strength. pigs' feet in cases of ulcerated stomach.

EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

A clergyman of the Church of Scotland took much interest in the progress of a Highland student, and aided him as much as he could in his studies prepara-tory to getting a license from the Presbytery. In one thing, however, he was deficient. Both minister and student were much exercised as to how to overome the difficulty. Neither knew anything of Hebrew, and how the young man was to meet the reverend court without it sorely puzzled them both. At last the clorgyman saw his way clear as if by inspiration. "Take your Gaelic Bible," he said, "and when you are asked to read Hebrew, go on reading

The day came, the trial proceeded, and everything passed off satisfactorily. The young man was requested to read Hebrew, and with fear and trembling ne drew forth his Gaelie Bible, and pro ceeded to read and translate. And the had gone on thus for a short time, "That will do," said the moderator. do you say, brethren?" Every r do you say, brethren?" Every reverend brother complimented the young man on his familiarity with Hebrew, and it is said the young man is now preaching, and in charge of a church.

BIBLE-BIBLE-BIBLE.

There is no doubt that the good people nere have a rapt expression which may be best described as the Bible face, but, what is far better, they have the Bible neart as well. Their profound religious earnestness and their passionate devo-tion to the Bible cannot be questioned. When they walk about the even if only to get the air, they carry their Bibles with them. The favorite, and, indeed, the only edition in evidence is the flexibly bound marginal

There is no glory in having a book which looks new, for that would indicate that Bible study has only been taken up lately. The Bibles of most people here show plainly, even on the outside, the daily usage of years, and if one could look at the inside, it would be seen that every page is covered with writing. A cow. They lived in huts, tilled the soil, few have Bibles with blank pages inter- and understood pottery. As a race they leaved, on which they write either comments of their own orappropriate quotations from great writers. Such a book among themselves, using as arms weapis more than literature—more even than a divine revelation. It is the spiritual history of a soul—its hopes, its fears, its inspirations, its flerce conflicts with evil, and at last its final victory. That is how the people here use the Bible.

They do not study it as critics; they raise no questions as to its origin of authorship. They start out with the premise that it is verily and indeed the word of God, and on that they stand. No concessions are made to modern thought or scholarship. The verdict of the great critics is contemptucusly ignor-ed. Instead of being troubled by the demands which the Bible makes on their faith, they would like to believe more.

They would consider it treason to God to smooth down the hard places in the Bible. Those who come here must accept it literally from lid to lid—the story of Joshua and the sun, or Jonah and the whale, just as much as the story of Christ's resurrection. The whole Bible stands or falls together. This is Mr. Moody's faith; it is also the faith of this great conference he has created. People profess to have faith in Jesus

Christ. Let us try the test. He said:
"If a man smite you on the right cheek,
turn to him the other also." When we see people do this, we shall not doubt their faith in Jesus Christ; until then we have the right to regard their faith as a mere profession, without living, vital force. How can you have faith in him without having faith in the efficacy

of that precept? "Render no man evil for evil," he said. Have you faith in that rule of action? If not, you have no faith in him who gave it. If you have, then why so constantly violate it? Show your faith by your works. He said to the woman taken in adultery: "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more." Have you faith in Christ? Then why give the lie to that faith by despising condemning and imprisoning the adul terous woman? Show your faith by your works. We insist that they who daily and hourly disregard, and persistently violate these great, leading and really divine principles of human action, whatever their profession of faith, show a lamentable lack of faith in them, and in him who gave them, and who, by his life, proved their efficacy and divinity. In the meantime let us individually take the lessons from the Angel-world, and do the work which our hands find to do, and which will bless ourselves and our fellow-beings. Many of us are in responsible positions and have others dependent upon us, and hence may be compelled, for a time, to move on in the old channels, but as we can see that there are better ones, we can use our influence to bring about the time, not only for ourselves to get into them, but help others in the same direction, so that we may realize indeed In truth, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

"God of the mountain! God of the storm! God of the flowers! God of the worm! Breathe on our spirits thy love and thy healing:

Teach us content with thy fatherly deal-

ing: Teach us to love thee, To love one another— Brother his brother, and make us all

free; Free from the shackles of ancient tradi-

INDIAN MONKS.

The Indian monks, called Phoongees, do not shave much, but amuse themselves between prayers by pulling out their superfluous hair with tweezers. They nomenade the streets, in long yellow robes, early every morning, with a wooden bowl to receive the alms and vic-tuals of the faithful, and carry a triangular gong, with which attention is called to the fact that the cupboard of the

WORK OF THE DEVIL.

The aborigines in their retiology ascribed most of their maladies to demons. What matters it, however, whether the Devil or "devils" are blamed for the ailments and mortality of men? The day certainly will come when science will be able to trace every liness to which the Adamic race is sub ject, to the poison which an infernal god-antagonizing power was permitted to infuse into creation and the creature. It is already demonstrating that healing and restorative means for every ailmen were left on earth for man to seek and make use of; and also that not until divine revelation came to man could the existing remedies be judiciously applied and scientifically classified. The conception that devils were the cause of sickness was, therefore, only erroneous in so far as these beings were material-

Martin Luther, who must be credited with being the founder of the religious emancipation of modern times, asserts that "pestilence, fevers and other maladies are undoubtedly to be regarded as the despoiling work of the Devil;" and nearly all the theologians of the following centuries maintained the same doctrine, adding that Satan's power is imited under divine providence, and that the evil thus permitted because of man's sin and fall is turned into good in the redemptive process in the souls of individuals.

In their carnal vagaries the phantasy of the aborigines molded a demon in human shape for every disease. The typhoid fever devil, for example, was ictured by the Singhalese as Mahakola Yakscha, a being burdened with eighteen uncanny visages, representing the various stages of this dreadful con-

Before the discovery of iron, and not less than eight thousand years ago, the territory of what is now China, Corea and Japan was occupied by a brown race, either Malayan or Malay-negroid in character. This is pointed out by tradition, by ethnology, anthropology and archeology. The brown people bore the same relation to eastern Asia as did the Iberians and Lapps to prehistoric Europe. While of a low grade intellectually, they had mastered nearly all the primitive arts. They had domesticated the buffalo, dog, cat, monkey and the barnyard fowls. It may be questioned if they had tamed the horse or cow. They lived in huts, tilled the soil, were split up into innumerable clans and tribes. They were perpetually warring ons made from wood and stone. They worshiped fetiches and devils, practiced polygamy and 'polyandry, offered hu-man sacrifices to their idols, and were altogether pretty respectable savages. CARL SEXTUS.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

WORK ENOUGH TO DO.

We know not what awaits us, The future's hid from view: Of one thing we are certain: There's work enough to do. There's work that brings good tidings From spirit-realms to this; There's work that makes conditions For future joy and bliss.

There are many all around us Who grope in error's night; We can dispel the darkness By bringing in the light. There's much to be accomplished By willing hands and brains; Bright is the worker's pathway With labor's happy gains.

There's work enough for all men Who've willing hearts to work; And and will be the future
To those who duty shirk. All toilers are rewarded

With whatever they have won: And heaven will give glad welcome To all with work well done. STEPHEN H. BARNSDALE.

DR. ADAH SHEEHAN.

Her Views of Materialization.

I see there has been a discussion go ing on relative to materialization, and its value to our cause, some going so far as to say there is no such thing. To ma materialization is a fact in nature as palpable as the earth itself, and I have never had a doubt of its truth. If independenent slate-writing is a fact (a form of materialization) there is no valid reason why the spirit who has learned the law by which the message is made to appear upon the surface of the slate may not also make himself a visible presence under proper conditions, but to accept materialization as a fact does not imply a belief in the power claimed by any individual who comes along claiming to produce the phenomena, without the most thorough and painstaking investigation. We must learn to be more careful in our statements concerning the thlugs we witness, and which we call spiritual manifestations, as they necessaily belong to and influence the world

for or against our cause.

Frauds and pretendors abound, and live by their nefarious practices, assisted too often by good, well-meaning Spirit-ualists, who are woefully ignorant of the means employed to deceive and defraud them. And not only are they robbed, but they assist the rascals to continue their practice in other fields by writing for publication a glowing account of the manifestations taking place in the pres-ence of the wonderful Mr. and Mrs. Medium, and by and by, when the aforesaid wonder is exposed, the good Spiritual-ist who has rushed into print to indorse him or her does one of two things: He stubbornly refuses to believe the expose anything but a plot to injure the medi-um, sends the abused individual money and letters full of comfort, or denies and

renounces Spiritualism in toto, declar-ing the whole thing a fraud.

I believe our relief lies in education and organization, and by this means we will finally remove every objectional feature that confronts us to-day. The very fact that mediums have found a protection in the national organization, and may bring their grievances to that body; and if worthy receive attention and consideration from this great organization, who must know who it protects, will finally lead to such a rigid investigation that their report may be relied upon by spiritual societies and individual Spiritualists who keep abreast of the

times and our movement Spiritualism is the grandest light of the age, and does not depend for its ex-istence upon any one phase of phenome-na, or our opinion of them, collectively gathered, as it often is, by an attendance upon less than a dozen seances, and a brief acquaintance with one or two perclaim mediumehin ism requires more of man than mere belief, based upon what he thinks he sees. We do not know all its meaning to man. We are children who bask in its sunlight, too often unthinking, happy and careless of its lessons.

To me it is solemnly grand, the anthems of all ages. The history of all races, the struggles of all souls in their upward striving, lie slumbering on her bosom. To teach her philosophy is a privilege; to give voice to her messages to mankind is to walk in the shadow of death and proclaim eternal life. Whoever enters this "Holy of Holies" will not be greatly disturbed when the trickster meets exposure, since they know that exposure is inevitable. There are no secrets in nature if man demands truth, and sooner or later the Angel of Deliverance that sleeps in the stone will come forth revealed in all her purity, stripped of all the rags the unthinking have clothed her with. The hard knocks are all necessary to make the chips fly, and there are many who know that there is a spiritual Spiritualism that transcends any and all religious plans of salvation.

I wish to send greeting to my friends scattered throughout the country, and announce that I am open for lecture engagements for the coming season; also next season's camps.

I have been confined very closely for

the past year to my home and practice carrying forward a project of my spirit guides and counsellors. The work is done, I am happy to say, and I return to the lecture-field with great satisfaction to myself. Address me at Elsinore Gate and Rus-

seli street., Eden Park. DR. ADA SHEEHAN. Cincinnati, Ohio.

LIGHT.

Let there be light! The words were spoken long ago, But down the ages still they flow The double meaning they convey Finds echo in our hearts to-day, For not alone to outward sight Was the command: "Let there be light," But on the inner senses fine God also meant for light to shine

Let there be light! Light that shines from sea to sea— Light that shall make mankind more

From Superstition's galling chain— From Ignorance and vice and pain. Oh! let that light so clearly fail That it may help us, one and all, To see in each a brother man Not bound by any creed or clan. E. N. TUPPER

The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.—Beecher. Our possessions are wholly in our performances.—Simms.

Calamity is a man's true touchstone. Beaumont and Fletcher. There are follies as catching as contagious disorders.—Rocheloucauld.

Striking manners are bad manners.-Robert Hall. Fortitude is the marshal of thought. the armor of the will, and the fort of reason.-Bacon.

Into the composition of every happi-

ness enters the thought of having descrvcd it.-Joubert. Wherever the tree of beneficence

takes root, it sends forth branches be yond the sky.—Saadi.

VOIGE OF NATURE SPEAKING TO THE SOUL OF MAN.

How the Non-Sectarian Al- of place.
The men who are helped by the liance Gives Men a, Start.

Makes Self-Respecting Citizens of Outcasts.

TRUST THAT IS SELDOM MISPLACED-ARTHUR W. MILBURY'S PART IN THE INSTITUTION.

these benevolent acts for the ameliora- to lead a Christian life." tion of suffering humanity—they are excellent object-lessons for Spiritualists, who have no prominent philanthropic institutions. The place where a grand unplifting work is being done in New York is a plain brick building, five stories high, at the southwest corner of Bleeker and Sullivan streets. It was once a dwelling, and in the days when ling and selling of brooms and the collect. stantial, though plain, exterior, were but who preferred \$2.40 to a chance, for characteristics of the best class of New his life.

Through the intelligent zeal of Arthur and had a German university edu-W. Milbury, the active founder and cation. We gave him a chance he re-manager, the Alliance was incorporated formed and we secured him a place as

tersely set forth in the following words:
"A temporary, Christian, industrial home for friendless and fallen men. The only requisites for admission are a de-holds his position as one of the most hire to lead a better life, and willingness trusted men of the corporation. to work. The man who will not work when work is offered is not regarded as helpable case, and will not be re-

Milbury, a tall and splendid specimen of the athletic Christian, a man of unweary- men who have been rescued. They had ing energy and pronounced convictions.

day, of the Alliance and what it has accomplished:

"There are three features of the Al-instructive. The scrap-book would sup-

liance to which I wish to call attention. ply material for an interesting volume. First, this is the only place of its kind A programme in it of the Musurgia's in the city. Second, it is for homeless concert of March 15, 1894, with Walter in the city. Second, it is for homeless concert of March 15, 1894, with Walter and friendless men. Third, we do not Dainrosch as conductor, shows how Mr.

his heart to do right. Some five years ago a few men who for the benefit of the Alliance. had been interested in the 'rescue' work | The system of records shows that a determined that the methods then existing were too spasmodic to be effectual in in full when he is received. Entries are reclaiming men. It was necessary to do made as to whether he drinks or uses more than to give a man a night's lodg- tobacco, whether he has been in a penal ing, an occasional meal and an exhorta- or reformatory institution, and whether tion. It was decided that a temporary he has tried a liquor cure. Then all his home and employment were essential in mental or physical defects are noted. the process of putting a homeless and There are thirty-six direct questions put friendless man on his feet. Hence the to the applicant, besides all the inci-

quarters.

the title to keep away the men who for public use contains a number instead would rather beg than work. It has of the man's name, so that his sensitive-been effective. The assertlon, how-ness may not be offended. When a man ever, that such men as we set out to is recommended for admission by some help would not work was disproved from philanthropic person or a contributor to the outset. The men who applied were the fund, his record is sought from the set to work to put the Macdougal street one giving the recommendation. The house in order. They worked faithfully scrutiny is careful and thorough. in a house that was not heated, and in a The records show that up to I winter month. Soon after this a broom factory was opened in a neighboring loft, dents in the homes of the Alliance had That industry is still kept going, and the superintendent is one of the rescued | had been helped outside. These 1.486

are weak from illness, privation or dissipation, and can do only light work. From the broom industry we have developed the manufacture of brushes. feather dusters, carpet-sweepers washing machines, wringers, and many other articles. These are of superior quality, and are sold at the ordinary market price. THEY ARE FAITHFUL WORKERS.

odd jobs, and keep an eye upon them to writer for periodicals. see how well they do their work. As an Of the 1,486 Exerc see how well they do their work. As an instance of what can be done with our men, last fall they distributed throughnout the city 300 000 (grapher for the city 300 000). The report was that the task had been dox, I. thoroughly and conscientiously carried We place our men on their sense of honor, and appeal to their best instincts. fact, the only way, to deal with them." Before going further into details of years old, while 32 were over sixty years the work Mr. Milbury gave his visitor old. an opportunity to go through the build-The basement is used for a People's Five-Cent Restaurant, as it is called. This is one of nine restaurants of the kind opened by the Alliance in the winter of 1893-94. The five-cent meal consists of a good supply of hot meat stew, coffee and bread, all of good quality and well cooked.

On the first floor are the offices of the Alliance and a chapel at the rear. Services are held in the chapel nightly and at least twice a week each employe is expected to be present, although the day service of music and prayer is also This lasts only ten minutes.

The second floor is used for tailor. shoemaker and carpenter shops. On the third floor are sitting, reading and writing rooms, a library and the living-rooms of the superintendent, housekeeper and librarian. The two upper rooms are used for dormitories, bath and wash-rooms. Each bath-room contains small laundry tub, where a man with only one undershirt, one pair of socks or one handkerchief can do his own one lithographers, two locomotive en washing at night and have it dry in the gineers, twelve sailors, one surveyor, morning. The building will accommodate about one hundred men, while the same number are employed and housed in other buildings used by the Alliance. The principal one of these other buildings is at Chatham Square.

liance. When it was taken there were laundry. An account is kept with each more than sixty Italian families in it.

A man with a pig and chickens occu ices. The amount a man receives is in-

LASTING GOOD ITS AIM pied a bedroom on the top floor. The surroundings were those of abject squalor, and the mahogany doors and carved fireplaces seemed strangely out

Alliance come and go. Their average sojourn is about fifty two days. The man who comes with a recommendation from some well-known person has no advantage over the poor fellow who relies solely upon himself. Speaking of some of these men, Mr. Milbury con-"At our first Christmas a man appeared who was poorly olad and who was hungry. I repeat his own words: 'When I came they did not ask me if TO THE EDITOR:—There is, as set forth by the New York Tribune, a hundred they gave me a square meal. Afterward they inquired all about my manitarian project (non-sectarian in its life and what causes had led to my connature) in that city which is worthy of dition. Then the prospects of a better all commendation. We are glad to see life were placed before me. I was put THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER publish on my feet, and since then I have tried

once a dwelling, and in the days when ing and selling of brooms and the collections in Depau Row, just across Sulliment our broom business has developed van street, this building was one of the to between \$25,000 and \$30,000 last year. notable old houses of the city. Its ma-hegany doors and carved Italian mantels \$50,000 and \$60,000 in all, and only \$2.40 still indicate the glories of departed has been lost in that time. That occurdays, when rich interior finish and sub- red through a collector who was trusted,

York's dwellings.

This building is now the headquarters of the Industrial Christian Alliance, the only organization of its kind in the city.

When the industrial Christian Alliance, the only organization of its kind in the city. in November, 1891, and after having a chemist in the largest manufacturing small home in Macdougal street, for a laboratory in the United States. On year and a half, it took up its present quarters, known as No. 170 Bleecker that he could not stay for dinner, since treet.

The purposes of the Alliance are dinner with his family. He had saved

SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS.

"When a man comes here, it is to become a new man. This is not a reforma-WHAT IS DONE AND HOW.

This purpose of the Alliance is still grateful. They are generally the ones more compactly summed up in its motto: who have had the most aid. But in all "Helping men to help themselves." A this human wreckage there are instances clear idea of the working of the institu-tion may be got through a talk with Mr. our labors. All the employes of our a tall and splendid specimen of offices, except the superintendent, are

In his plainly furnished office on the first floor of the building, Mr. Milbury and the records of the Alliance tell gave the following account, the other an interesting story. There are statisconcern ourselves with race or creed. Milbury induced that famous musical We do not care what religious label a body to give the only public concert ever man wears, so long as he has a desire in vouchsafed by it, when it carried out that programme at Carnegie Music Hall

Alliance and the opening of a head-dental ones. The first entry is made on a big sheet of brown paper, and in this "The word 'industrial' was placed in the man's name appears. The record

The records show that up to December 3i last, the number of actual resibeen 1,486. More than the same number The work is light, and easily had the advantage of a term of residence arned.
"When these men first come to us they They remained there an average of fiftyone and one half days. Twenty-six na tionalities have been represented by the ,486 men. Of these 747 were born in

the United States, but 222 of these were of foreign parentage, while 62 more had each one foreign parent. Other nationalit'e; were represented as follows: English, 256; Irish, 193; Scotch, 84; German, 66; Swedes, 27; Canadians, 44; Persians, 1; Russians, 5; Armenians, 1 One employe came from India, although "We supply men, too, for all sorts of he is of English parentage. He is now a

out the city 300,000 circulars for the religious denominations represented, as Committee of Fifty in about thirty-six follows: Protestant Episcopal, 361: Robours and that in a fearful storm. Six man Catholic, 336; Methodist Episcopal, of our best men were sent out to see that the work was properly done, and this without the knowledge of the others. Copal, I; Nestorian, 1; Quakers, 3; Ortho-

Of the 1,486, 40 were under twenty years old, 505 were from twenty to thirty years old, 441 from thirty-one to That is the best way, and, in forty years old, 335 from forty-one to fifty years old, 133 from fifty-one to sixty

DRINK TO BLAME MOST OF ALL. Among the causes of destitution and need assigned by the 1.486 there were nominally 871 who attributed their condition to alcoholic drinks. If traced back, Mr. Milbury said, it would probably be found that there were from 1,200 to 1.300 of the cases where this was the prime cause, since cases of sickness, poor health, misfortune, etc., could generally be thus accounted for. There were thirty-one different causes assigned for need. Among these are morphine attendance is not compulsory. A mid-prison, old age, crime, shiftlessness, misfortune, accident, shipwreck, running away from home, family trouble and drink, quick temper, improvidence, being robbed, unsound mind, bad reputation and deafness. There were 1,185 of

the 1.486 who used tobacco. There were 206 trades and occupations represented by the 1,486. There were two artists, one of whom painted a picture in oils which is hung in the ch There was only one actor. Then there were the following: One doctor, twentyhad studied abroad; one pianomaker, one

tea-taster, seven teachers and one valet. Wages are paid to the employes of the Alliance, and what they have in return ings is at Chatham Square.

PICSTY AND CHICKEN-COOP.

This Bleeker street building was also renovated by the employes of the Al-

creased on merit, the increase being pald in clothing, with a small addimulation of money paid to good men when they leave the home, to enable them to buy tools or to tide them over until they get their first wages." The number of cash gifts to the Alliance between January 24, 1891, when aid for the preliminary work began, to June 30 last, was 2,568, with a total of \$47,480.79. From November 1, 1895, to January 31, 1896, the number of each gifts was 628. 1806, the number of cash gifts was 628.

FRIENDS OF THE ALLIANCE. Mayor Strong has been one of the largest and most interested contributors to the Alliance from the first. Among the liberal contributors to the Alliance are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Billings. Miss Julia Billinge, Clarence M. Hyde, Frederick E. Hyde, Vermilyo & Co., the H. B. Clatin Company, Donald Mackey, John Clatin, D. O. Mills, Ogden Mills, Samuel C. Van Dusen, Julien T. Davies, James M. Constable, Dr. Albert Shaw, Adrian Iselin, John S. Huyler, Joseph S. Auerbach, Roswell P. Flower, W. J. Scheiffelln, Anson Phelps Stokes, J. G. Phelps-Stokes, W. A. Read, W. F. Pheips-Stokes, W. A. Read, W. F. Cochran, John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Hugh O'Neill, Solomon Sayles, R. R. Bowker, H. B. Sillinan, Alfred S. Lascelles, R. G. Dun, John Gibb, Simon Borg, George F. Victor, Cornelius N. Bliss, Mrs. Van Wyck Brinckerhoff, Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, C. P. Huntington, D.

Stuart Dodge, Richard W. Stevenson and William Colgate. Speaking, in closing, of the methods employed in inducing the men to lead better lives, Mr. Milbury said: "I have sent out men whom I had never seen before to collect sums of from \$50 to \$100. simply pointed out to them that if they should steal the money it would soon be gone, and they would he in the same prelicament as before. I showed them how it paid to be honest. I appealed to their The prime influence in our work is spiritual. A man who goes out from here with the same passions and appetites with which he entered is pretty sure to fall into the old ways. Therefore, we aim to send him forth with new hopes, new purposes and with spiritual strength. We attempt in every way, to return to our motto, to help these men to help themselves."

The above work is conducted on non sectarian principles, in behalf of poor, suffering humanity. It is an object-lesson for wealthy Spiritualists to consider, and will grace the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

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A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Some Very Pleasant Surprises Are Enjoyed.

One of the most enjoyable events of my experiences connected with Spiritualism was a recent party that included a materializing seance. It was at Mr. William Arnold's home, he the medium, and his wife the lady whose natal day anniversary was celebrated by the friends-or, rather, a few of thesewho so highly esteem this worthy and working couple, for they work together earnestly, harmoniously, constantly and besignigly, each captivating the hearts of those who meet them in their fields of

labor. Some thirty persons were present—a jolly and intellectual company. Many beautiful flowers were presented, with loving wishes, and several of the friends, clubbing together, had purchased a lovely ring, with setting of diamonds and topaz, the presentation card being an acrostic, reading:

"July 28, '96. All have come to give thee greeting, Reaching out for the good and true, fount of perfect freedom; Onward is the cry, and you, Leading always in the paths of light,

Mrs. Mann, under spirit guidance voiced an appropriate and touching eulogy in presenting the ring, which was a surprise to Mrs. Arnold, who was deeply moved, and could only say: am unable to put my grateful feelings into words, and must call upon Claud friends to a seat upon the rostrum of the (spirit) to respond for me.'

Deliver each unto the spirit height.

"THE GUIDES.

Mr. Arnold had prepared a surprise also. He had carefully placed an old watch in a small box, and asked his wife not give him away when he presented it as his gift. She had thought him but jesting. I can imagine her feelings of him, vigorously manipulated the when, beginning to address her, he lower limbs of the patient less than five when, beginning to address her, he lifted that box as though to offer its contents as his make-believe gift; but instead, he took from his vest-pocket a new and lovely gold watch, chain and charm, and laughingly placed this in his wife's hands. With a happy smile, but a quivering

lip, she said something about "getting even with him."

Mr. Arnold passed under control of his guide. Claud, and many heautiful words fell from his lips. Mrs. Arnold silently wept, as a woman will, for joy; and all felt, what all had known, that marriage was not a failure in that home. One of Mr. Arnold's grand scances followed; and this in turn was followed by a second feast for the inner man, but this consisted of cakes, ice cream and

I would like to speak of Mrs. Mann's cheery and cute Indian guide, who entranced the instrument and chatted, and afterward came in materialized form. strongly characteristic in voice and manner of the spirit when she uses her medium. A fine test.

Also I wish to say that Mr. French, a medium present, under control, gave me an unexpected pleasure by speaking of my life and work, saying: "The book you have just written will do a great amount of good in the world." I had just completed a book that morning. Mr. French was a stranger to me. confess to feeling much encouraged by his guide's remarks. I had felt that my book (when a way opens for its publication) will do much good, and now I anxiously wait, and hope that the angel friends can make a way for its advent. They have done even greater things for me, so I can trust.

ALLIE LINDSAY LYNCH.

Never write anything that does not give you great pleasure; emotion is easily propagated from the writer to the der.-Joubert.

Kind words prevent a good deal of that perverseness which rough and imperious usage often produces in generous minds.—Locke.

Gentleman is a term that does not apply to any station, but to the mind and feelings in every station.-Talfourd. Seems it strange that thou shouldst live forever? Is it less strange that thou shouldst live at all?-Young.

CONSUMPTION

To THE EDITOR-Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. TA Slocum, M.C., 183 Pearl St., New York | notice of Prof. Arthur to express my

NORTHWESTERN CAMP.

Successful Labors and Excellent Prospects.

Interesting Account of Mediums and Their Work.

TO THE EDITOR: The six weeks' camp season of the Worth western Spiritualist Association for 1898 closed Sunday, July 26, amid a blaze of glory. One year ago, in a short article published in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, I predicted the permanent stability and success of the association, and that the Spiritualists of the whole Northwest would in the future be favored with an institution that would reflect honor upon the cause they so greatly love, and where they could assemble together for a season of pleasure and profit each year, as old Earth wheels upon its axis. The greater success of the present over past seasons, both financially and in attendance, justified it.

The substantial footing upon which the association finds itself is a matter for congratulation to the Spiritualists throughout the Northwest, and is due largely to the wisdom displayed in the selection of its management, and espe-cially so to the indomitable courage and good business judgment of the president, Dr. Aspinawall; and the wisdom in the purchase of ample grounds (thirty acres) for a permanent home on the shores of popular Minnetonka Lake will in the near future be recognized as a masterstroke of business acumen. Substantial improvements will be

placed upon the new location in season or the opening in July, '97. Now that the camp season for the year '96 of the Northwestern Spiritualist Association is at an end, it is a subject of congratulation to Spiritualists everywhere that though every phase of mediumship was represented during the entire six weeks of the sessions, so far as the writer was able to learn, not a breath of suspicion rested upon any one of the large number upon the grounds. In mentioning a few with whom I came mostly in contact, I would not be understood as making invidious comparisons, for all enjoyed the confidence of the public. The most prominently in mind are C. E. Winans, materializing and painting; Mrs. Kayner, physical manifestations; Mrs. Aspinwall, materializing; the Fosters, father and son, photo and independent writing, in the light, in public, and materializing hands, etc.; Mrs. L. A. Roberts, materializing and healing; Mr. Wheeler, trumpet; Mr. Concannon. materializing; Rev. Titus, character reading and clairvoyance; Prof. Arthur

and the Dempsey family.

I would be highly pleased to make each of the above-mentioned mediums objects of a specially extended notice of their strictly lionest, deportment and of their grand, genuine medial powers, but space forbids. Yet I hope I may be par-doned for special reference to the Demp-

seys and Prof. Arthur. Prof. Arthur came upon the grounds some two weeks prior to the close of the season, and, it may truthfully be said, was a conspicuous character from the first. The public exhibitions of his powers as a healer and hypnotist were the great attraction of the latter days of camp. The effect of his powers in the teatment of the sick, in audiences ranging from 1,000 to 1,200, was simply marvelous, and was only eclipsed by the avalanche of invalids, ranging in ages from babies in mothers' arms to whitehaired fathers and mothers whose earthy pilgrimage are rapidly drawing to a

The afflictions from which these pcople were suffering were from every con-ceivable disability, and in most cases of long standing, and which have baffled the medical profession of the various schools. To specially mention the many cured and hene nees treated v fited would be impossible in a single Pacific coast, and so long as the mannewspaper article, but with your per-mission I will mention a single case that set the orthodox world of St. Paul all agog, and their tongues wagging.

The case referred to was an invalid named Goran, who was assisted by

auditorium. He was unable to walk nor had he walked for two and a half years, and had been under the treat ment much of the time of two of St Paul's ablest physicians, though without avail. Prof. Arthur, stepping in front minutes, then commanded him to stand up. He seemed to hesitate, as if fearing his ability to do so, when the proessor again commanded him to stand He arose, seemingly without much difficulty. He was then commanded to cross the platform, which he performed without assistance. He then returned to his seat, received another treatment, arose and stepped down from the rostrum. Later the writer witnessed him walking about the grounds, followed by a crowd who could scarcely oredit the evidence of their own senses. Subsequently, how ever, it was reported the party had stated he had relapsed to his former condition, and that it was through fright that he experienced under the treatment that he was enabled to walk; but his close neighbors contradict the state-

ment, alleging him to be greatly im-Orthodoxy in the medical profession, in the churches and out of the churches has seemingly become alarmed at the wide-spreading interest and influence manifested in the Twin Cities through witnessing spiritual phenomena, which carries conviction to all hearts open to receive the truth, and through the St. Paul doctors has endeavored to belittle the professor's ability as a healer of the sick. These reports having come to his notice well authenticated, he submitted the following double challenge through the daily press: That he would deposit my reasonable sum of money for charitable purposes, subject to their order, if he failed to carry out the terms of the challenge, to wit: he would accompany them-one or all of them-to any or all of the hospitals of this city, would be led through the several wards blindfolded, and would, without asking a question, diagnose correctly ninety eight per cent. of all cases; and a like sum, for the same bject, that no one of them could scoom olish the same feat. It is needless to ay there has been no sign from them.

Prof. Arthur has been characterized as the Boy phenomenon, and from his physical appearance and almost marvelous powers exhibited in healing the sick, and as a hypnotist, the appellation and musical voices. is warranted. In stature he is about the medium, slight of figure, yet very symmetrical; his facial appearance would in-dicate his age at about twenty-two years, though it is said to be thirty-two. To the writer his face has a very spiritual appearance, and is pleasant to look upon, and when upon the platform discussing his god-given gifts, carries an inspiration to his hearers, and is expressive of warm heart within him for humanity. He has made many warm friends at our so that to-day he stands a venerable giant on the spiritual rostrum. camp, and has reaped golden laurels. and not laurel's alone, but golden jewelry presented by his admiring friends as tokens of their appreciation of his ability as a healer of the sick. The presents

I have written this somewhat extended too strong for the occasion.

appreciation of him as a man, a gentle-man, and an instrument through which the Spirit-world are working great good to humanity and the cause of Spiritual ism, feeling that his merits should be

placed more prominently before the pub-lic. I have thus written that the forty thousand readers of the popular Pro GRESSIVE THINKER may learn of his great worth. He has the courage of his convictions to announce to the public that he is greatly aided by spirits in the

that he is greatly aided by spirits treatment of the sick.

In specially noticing the Dempseys in the columns of The Progressive Thinker, it is believed it will redound to the best interest of the cause in introduction. With a preliminary discourse by Geo. Sale. Price, cloth, \$1.00. For sale at this office. ducing this worthy family prominently before the public. Mr. Dempsey is an educated Irish gentleman, was educated for the priesthood, but the profession of the priest not being to his taste, he turned his attention to pursuits more congenial. Something more than two year's ago the writer met him for the first time at a spiritual seance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tolcott. This was the beginning of his investigations of spiritual phenomena, having been induced by a friend to attend this seance. At this date he was an attache of the Daily Globe, a prominent secular paper of this city.

At this, his first sitting, he became much interested in what he witnessed;

continuing his investigations with a

mind open for the reception of truth, he

soon became convinced of the facts claimed by Spiritualists. Constrained y a strong desire that the family should share the grand revelations of a future ife vouchsafed him, he began quietly to unfold to Mrs. Dempsey the wonders of his discoveries, until her mind was some-what aroused, when a circle of the famlv. composed of father, mother and six lovely children, was the result. To the surprise of all physical manifestations occurred at this their first sitting-rapping, tipping and moving the table. The sittings were continued, and each one of the six children has developed wonderful medial powers and various phases of manifestations, physical, clairvoyance, clairaudience, trance, and two of them are to be developed for materializations. The names of these young mediums soverally are: Maria, aged seventeen; Maggie, fifteen; John, thirteen; Lizzie, eleven; Eddie, nine; Annio, seven.

Through the mediumship of Lizzie, Mr. Dempsey was instructed to construct the wonderful speaking-dial.

Mr. Dempsey and family are Catholic but outspoken Spiritualists, and not hiding their light under a Catholic or any other bushel. He invites priests and people to view and test the wonderworkings of the dial; it is converting a class that other mediums have hitherto ailed to reach. The priest reports that West St. Paul, where there are many Catholics, and where the Dempseys formerly lived, is infested with Spiritualists.

In closing my remarks touching this family, I would mention an incident showing the physical strength of the mediumship in this family. Having occasion to change their residence, their cooking-range was dropped at the door of their new home, and, it being large and heavy, Mr. Dempsey went in pursuit of three men to assist him in putting it in place. In his absence Mrs. Dempsey inquired of the spirit-control through tho dial if they (the spirits) would assist her and the little medium, Lizzie, iu placing the stove in position. The answer was in the affirmative. They placed their hands lightly upon it, when it was lifted, turned upon its side, and glided through the door to its proper clace, to the great surprise of Mr. Demsey on his return with assistance to move it. I venture the prediction that in the near future manifestations will occur in that family that will astound

the civilized world. That the Northwestern Camp Association is exerting a powerful influence over the Northwest is evidenced by the large attendance drawn from not only agement continue to place upon its rostrum such talent as the peerless Mrs. Richmond, Barrett, Titus and others who ministered to the people at this meeting, they can with confidence look for a rapid growth of the cause and the

Onset Oamp-Meeting.

To THE EDITOR:-O ... et, like your paper, is certainly progressive. after year we see such wonderful improvements that one wonders where the management is going stop.

To-night, for the first time, Onset is lighted by electricity. One would imagine that he was in a city instead of a camp-ground, walking along Ouset ave nue with its stores, hotels, restaurants street cars, post-office, express and telegraph office, under the flicker of an arc light where once was kerosene.

The programme for this season is

superior to any of its predecessors. Such noted workers as Oscar Edgerly, Mrs. Helen Palmer, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Jennie H. Jackson, A. E. Tisdale, C. W. Hidden, H. D. Barrett, J. Frank Baxter and Moses Hull have already occupied the platform, each one seemingly more inspired than on any previous occasion. The lectures have been followed in most cases with tests by the celebrated New England mediums. Joseph Stiles has been known to give one hundred and fifty names in one hour, and all recognized. Mrs. May Pepper has no supe rior anywhere as a test medium. Mrs. Maggie Waite, of California, a test me dium of note, gave tests at the close of Mr. Hull's lecture July 29. It was one of the most remarkable test seances ever given at Onset. It has been three or four years since Mrs. Waite was here, but she was not forgotten. I don't think she has warmer friends in California than she found here. Everyone is de-lighted with her. There is, as usual, a large number of materializing mediums among them: Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Bliss. Mrs. Best, Mrs. Fay, Miss Nellie Barnes and Mrs. Poole, the last two being new to Onset audiences. The attendance at these seances is very slim this season, although the number of campers is as large as usual. A good slate-writer would have more than he could attend to, as there is not a slate-writer on the grounds, and only one medium for physical manifestations, G. V. Cordingly, of Chicago, who is gathering in the sh els that would do the eyes of a material izing medium good to see just now. The music at the meetings is as good

as usual, furnished by Messrs. Maxim and Peck, both blessed with powerful

August 2 is expected to be a red letter day at Onset, when Moses Hull is again to occupy the platform. He is the man to draw the crowds. Why? Because he talks common sense and lives his Spiritualism in spite of his enemies. which, by the way, are only few in number, and have lost their lustre on the spiritual rostrum through their bigotry. Mr. Hull, like the Moses of old in the bullrushes, has been carefully watched,

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standard of excellence.

It is through consciousness, which is part and parcel of the soul, that we reach out into the infinite fields of nature. where we are but school boys and girls ilking along the silent shores of the

We may fail, but those following after will take up our cry where we have Within thy broad domain unheeded fall halted and move on to yet grander vic- No living things, however great or I shall therefore ask your indulgence

while I read you some thoughts on the "Voice of Nature Speaking to the Soul of Man."

CANTO FIRST.

O'er nature's works there stands a sen-Whose lips, though sealed, in eloquence they tell Their Maker's praise, who doeth all things well.

Tis Silence reigns supreme, remote and near, And holds in secret that to man most dear: Upon the silver wave of ocean strand.

Among the starlit depths of Heaven's She rules supreme:-'mid ether holds her way. And penetrates to depths of space

away-To regions whence the mist of mys-Ne'er rises up to let in light of history. These rules that lie in Nature's ways She sounds his grandest praise in sllent notes, And when she loudest speaks she is

most mute; To understand her ways, seek Nature's Take iessons where you may of babbling If murmur here disturb fair Silence

reign, Seize on the sunbeam—ask it whence it Or whither flies?—to what remoter scene
Is gathered up its essence so serene? Whence speeds this silent ray upon its

Where rests its silent work at eve of Is garnered up this quivering beam on

Is lost in depths of space and found anew,
A point of motion or an atom too?
The questions asked of her disrobed of

dust. But echo answers still in Him to trust. Who wondrous paints the flower its varying hue? Or seals up sunshine in the morning

Or clothes her in a woman's matchless

Ask time to sing a song of days of vore. How then he launched his boat from primal shore. And sailed adown its stream 'mid chaos Nature's firstborn, but not her fairest

child. Sad Silence looks adown with kindly But deigns not speak about this mys-For she doth babble not of Nature's stantial improvements have been made,

plan, Nor condescend to tell when time be-The space that wraps the universe around, Imagine where its end, if it be found. The depths of ether which it holds in

place, Hath it a fountain whence it flows in space? Here Silence rests and points to Deity.
As great first cause of all Infinity.

CANTO SECOND. Thy still small voice whose echoes

sound along,
The corridors of Time, whence chaos strong, Leaped from thy womb,—it comes whence darkness reigns, And order had no place in thy domain. The past holds in its breast the hidden

seals.

That lie as diamonds in the blackest fields, The present lures us on to delve adown, For knowledge from Creation's lowest round. O'er all the fields of earth, 'neath lowest

bed,
A brilliant light is seen from Nature And round each stratum glimmers still a light. Revealing one First Cause, who sealed

up Night And chained her fast adown to Chaos' That fled away at sight of primal star: Her robes disordered and her tattered

Loomed hideous black, as order 'gan to

For well she knew that order was Death's knell To all that riot ran in Chaos' hell,

And darkest fiends in hideous shapes surround Her darkened trail, and monstrous noises sound As they retreat low down to farthest

Where scarce is heard above the faintest dirge, They speed away to furtherest depths of

space,
Again to find a final resting-place
Where order holds o'er them no silent

Proclaiming once for all there is a God. Vain, vain the search in space confines again,
A spot to find where Chaos supreme

reigns,
For this would be to limit power above,
And place the Devil on the throne of

love, To dictate laws for man and woman; But, then, these laws themselves are born of heaven,
And since high born they be, their im-

press bear, And forces on and on the primal car That ne'er can rest till furthest point is

Most distant from Creation's arch, where space should end. But space can end nowhere, it seems to

For that would be to limit Thee, O Deity;
But limit is unknown to God above: 'Tis thus a God to chaos still we prove But reason thus admits no ruler there,

wildest times, That wrought from outher matter, 'mid heat and thunder,
Those forms which made the world at which we wonder.

CANTO THIRD.

Is't true, then, 'twas decreed that man Within a given sphere, an actor free? As child within the room may look out-

And wish 'twere free to travel far and wide, Yet held within a narrow scope is he By loving parents' just and wise decree. The child, as man, a broader range

May wish to reach and hope to look upon; But Deity hath kindly shut our eyes To past and future scenes,—there only

beyond

lies A narrow strip of land between to scan, For thus is focalized the powers of man. Eternal Father, bounteous to all,

Each hath thy care who heareth every call.

Thy wisdom planned the universe adown The steeps of time where mind hath never flown; And from chaotio mass was order born,

First child of thine, upon that early morn. The laws that rule each sphere through-

out all space

Must first have seen thy thought their scope to trace, And grade them all to hold within con-Dull matter, till it upward mounts to

silver of contentment, and the New Heaven one that cannot be limited or described by ecclesiasticism or barred soul; And then its confines, marked they he from the sight of the pilgrims whose feet have been bruised by many mistakes on the highways and byways of life. The several meadows of this New Heaven are the charitable considera-By higher laws of Diety.

For spirit hath its laws as well As what in grosser matter dwells, That mouids and rules the higher life By pure laws, more free from strife; But still imagination fails To reach where law doth not prevail. Were wisely fixed in primal days

By Him who reigns throughout the On Tuesday afternoon an appreciative audience listened to a fervid and eloquent speech from Mrs. Walton upon the subject, "Messages from the Angels" spheres The same as for a million years; But strangest of thy works, O Deity, Are you—O man, with your sphere quite free

To act as reason tells you well, Within the range in which you dwell. But wisdom differs much in man, Which, too, doth seem of God the plan,
Who made the wise man and the clown,
Yet made no two alike, we own.

Relentless man, in whom there glows a
soul,
Why sit you down and rest this side the

Of mediumsnip which is quite new, we
believe, and for lack of better name we
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heaviting normal of Harriet Rescher Which, too, doth seem of God the plan

goal? Why falter as you travel o'er the way?

A devious one, prepared by Deity; God's signals light on every hand the road To light new worlds and deck another That mortals journey to their new abode.

Old, honest Time has placed quite plain his seal On every volume Nature doth reveal; And wrote a language plain to underetand By those who wish to read; on every

hand It speaks in tones that echo everywhere That God is great and good, then why dew? despair; in the same way, and the engraving was Or spreads the blushes on the maiden's For each doth fill a link in Nature's altogether a finely wrought plece of archain,
And rivets are cast on high to bear the

-Camp Daily Register.

TO THE FRONT.

Clinton Camp, Iowa.

This camp has opened in fine style, with increasing daily attendance. Subamong them the new waterworks, and new sidewalks from the Phillips cottage to the gate. There are indications of a larger attendance the coming week, and a successful season is assured. The timely rains have put the park in splendid condition, and campers are thoroughly enjoying the situation. Owing to the continued illness of Mrs. Colby-Luthor, the dates assigned her will be filled by Mrs. Emma Nickerson-Warne,

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tions of others' faults; the daisies, the ef-

forts to overcome your own: the violets

of that Celestial Paradise whose delight-

ful aromas shall please you most of all were germinated on earth, and spring

from the battle-grounds where tempta-

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ecutive Board of Haslett Park and some

others an opportunity to witness a phase

of mediumship which is quite new, we

beautiful portrait of Harriet Beecher

Stowe was the result of the experiment. The portrait was drawn upon the right

hand side of the sheet. On the left-hand

side of the sheet was a cross with a beau-

tifully worded inscription upon it; a crown

(the crown was gold embossed). At the

Under the portrait was written in a

fine feminine hand, "H. B. Stowe." The inscription on the cross (which was wreathed with fine flowers) was signed

in the same way, and the engraving was

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sibility of fraud. Pseudo-mediumship

will find no place to insinuate its slimy,

treacherous personality, and the genuine medium will be honored and protected

Grand Ledge Camp.

Thursday, July 28, Moses Hull com-menced his work here in Grand Ledge

27th, and on Tuesday the 28th. Mrs. Martha E. Root, of Bay City, arrived on the grounds, and the following

day being Woman's Day, the chairman, Mr. Odell, thinking it would be most appropriate for the ladies to conduct the meeting, with all the grace and dignity that he could command, surren-

lered the gavel into the hands of Mrs.

ciation, and quietly took his place in the

'The New Man." Both lectures were

istened to with interest, and were in-

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bled to listen to the opening address by the Hon. O. Kellogg, of Ohio. This pleasing speaker paved the way for all 1. Any speaker settled over a society of Spiritualists as a permanent pastor or leader, will be entitled to clerical rates speakers who are to come after him this over all roads granting the same to season, in a most happy and engaging manner. The pleasant sarcasm of this clergymen. 2. Missionaries of the National and orator wears the rose-hued veil of genlal State Associations, who are exclusively

and kindly humor, and heals the wounds engaged in promulgating the teachings of Spiritualism, will also receive rates, of his opponent with the fine unguent of logic, thus leaving his heavers un-wearied. The Hon. O. P. Kellogg is the provided they are endorsed by the State and National societies. chairman for the entire camp-meeting.

At 2 p. m. Julia M. Walton, of Jack-3. Speakers employed by the month by the various local societies can receive permits over a few of the roads upon son, took the same text that the speaker of the forenoon had used, only abreviating the Biblical text to "The New Earth and the New Heaven." proper application, provided they are endorsed by the officials of the local society to which they are ministering.

"Never before," said the speaker, "has These transient speakers can receive trip permits over many of the roads for Mother Nature welcomed us to Has-lett Park with sunnier smiles. The lake the one trip only, renewing the same as breaks into laughing dimples at our coming. The wood hears the spicy breath of sweet woodland odors, and they journey from place to place.
4. Mediums and speakers who are exclusively engaged in Spiritualistic work, waves graceful, leafy arms to greet and ehlold us in cool shady arbors, and weaves a magic spell over these beloved grounds, made dear to us by past communion with sweet, angello helpers. having no other means of support, can receive trip permits, and, over some few

lines, annual permits, for their individ-

b. Mediums and speakers who are en-gaged in the practice of medicine, sale books, musical entertainments, or who receive assistance from sources outside of regular platform work, are not, under the rules of railroads, entitled to rates.

ishness, avarice and greed."
"The New Earth," said the speaker, in conclusion, "will have a government whose currency shall be the gold of hu-6. Mediums and speakers who only engage in platform work during the summer and camp season, and rely on other sources for income during the remainder of the year, are not entitled to man kindness, integrity of soul and loy-alty to high aims and purposes, and the

rates.
7. The mere fact of having been duly ordained by a certain society does not carry with it the right to clerical rates upon the different roads. In fact, the in-discriminate ordination of all persons who may care to apply has been the sole cause of refusal to give rates to some of our speakers, and unless such indis-criminate ordination ceases the hole

body will be cut off from such rates. The National Association urges all societies to ordain no one as a minister of the religion of Spiritualism who does not purpose giving his whole time and attention to the work. This will be the means of proving to the railroad officials that we are law abiding, and show the world that we are trying to uphold the dignity of Spiritualism. In this connection it would be well for all societies to make a distinction in their papers of ordination between mediums for physical phenomena only, and such people as do platform work exclusively.

We offer these suggestions in a friend-ly spirit, and not with the idea of attempting to dictate what local societies Harrison D. Barrett, President.

FRANCIS B. WOODBURY, Secretary.

The New Camp.

The Central New York Camp at Freeville, N. Y., closed August 2, as per programme, with J. Frank Baxter as above the cross studed with gold stars speaker and test mediam. All the old workers are really proud of the success of our new camp. We have a full set of good officers, and debts all paid and bottom of the page in letters of gold, were these words: "Spiritualism,"
"Postulatum," "The Brotherhood of

money left over for next year's work.

The meeting for 1897 will be opened on the last Saturday of July, and hold open for sixteen days. Hotels, private houses and tents afford any quantity of room for all that may come to the Freeville Camp. Board at hotels, \$5 per week; at private houses, \$4. Our speakers for this season were Mrs. Augusta Camp-meeting trustees now exact. Armstrong, of Buffalo, N. Y.; J. Frank and are justified in exacting, that all Baxter, Chelsea, Mass.; J. W. Dennis, of Buffalo, N. Y; Hon. J. T. Morrison, Ithaca, N. Y.; Frank T. Ripley, of Bos-ton, Mass., and other local speakers and mediums, including Mrs. S. A. Walters, of Auburn, N. Y., who was one of our best workers. Mrs. Ellis, of Auburn, was a good aid in the work also.

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ing the weather has been very line during the week. We have had classes daily for physical culture and lyceum work conducted by Mrs. Robinson, and judging from the large class of cultured young ladies whom she keeps in attendance it is critical. ance, it is evident that she has a strong hold upon them, and their public work speaks well for the teacher as a leader in interesting the people in this in-structive and most useful part of our camp or society meetings. Mrs. Car-penter is with us during this week. She s improving every year in the way of development as a speaker and test medium, so much so that it was remarked by people who have long known her, that they could hardly recognize in her the girl lecturer of a few years ago.

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tions, Mrs. A. E. Sheets, vice-president of the Michigan S. S. A., will speak on the 11th inst. at 10:30 a. m.; at 2:30 p. m. Hon. L. V. Moulton, president of the Michigan S. S. A., will speak on "Organization, the Necessity of the Times—Something About What Has Times—Something About What Has Been Accomplished, and What Needs to be Done." August 12 Lyman C. Howe will speak. August 13 is Woman's Day; Motto: "Neither Delay nor Rest." Mrs. Mary L. Doe and Mrs. Martha E. Root will be the speakers. Fifty-cent ex-cursions will visit our camp that day from Detroit and Lansing. Lyman C. Howe speaks the 14th inst., and Helen Stuart Richings the 15th. Dr. A. B. Spinney will address us on the 16th on "How Shall We Lift the World Out of Its Vice, Intemperance, Pride and Avarloe?" Helen Stuart Richings lectures the 16th and 18th. The 19th is Mediums or Indian Day. Public scance and loc-ture by Mrs. N. M. Russell on the 20th. Mrs. Augusta Ferris speaks on the 21st, also public seance; Edgar W. Emerson lectures August 22, also Sunday, the 23d, morning and afternoon, and Marguerite St. Omer, Sunday August 30. Good music at each session.

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We must not forget to mention our chairman, M. F. Hammond, who is the right man in the right place, put him where you will. One lecture especially we wish to mention, which was given Tuesday, on "Catholic Influences Among Mediums and Spiritualists." It was one of the finest we ever listened to, and has made a wonderful impression among the campers.

Mrs. F. V. Jackson, clairvoyant and psychometric reader, of Grand Rapids, is with us, and gave a great number of tests from the rostrum, all being recognized. She is doing a grand work. She will be with us throughout the rest of

the camp.
Mrs. Frances Ruddick, independent slate-writer, of Franklin, Mich., is with us and her manifestations are grand, giving tests from the rostrum in bright daylight. Anyone wishing to engage her can do so without fear, for she is sure to give satisfaction. Mr. Johnson, physical medium, of Toledo, is on the ground, giving seances with great suc-cess. Last, but not least, is Farmer Riley, who is holding seances with much success to crowded parlors. His work always speaks for itself.

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Human Sacrifices.

That book which incites to crime is not of God. He who is influenced to murder because of its teachings has been misled. The Satanic literature, with blood and thunder tales in the shape of dime novels, have done an irreparable injury to every reader. The love stories, presenting false ideals never met with in practical life, corrupt wives and maidens to their own lasting injury, they ruin the boys and the homes in which they are read.

Many a time during the last few years accounts of murders and attempted murders have been published in these columns, crimes induced by pretended commands from God to Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac to satisfy his passion for blood. Freeman and wife, of the Pocasset tragedy, of a few years ago, is the best known of them. A lovely daughter was foully butchered. There was no malice on the part of the parents. They were devotedly attached to their child: but God demanded blood. There was the Bible lesson they could not escape; so the only child in that devout Christian home was sacrificed on the altar of duty to the God which Freeman and wife worshiped.

The New York Herald of the 13th ult. records two recent cases in that city. Without entering into painful details, the tenants in adjoining tenements heard agonized shricks from rooms occupied by Mrs. Dolla Kiley, 437 W. 17th street. The husband was away to his work. The door was broken down, and an entrance was made by the frightened neighbors. The mother, 27 years of age, was striding up and down the room, brandishing a huge knife and reading passages from Genesis describing Abraham's adventure, while the terrorized child, marked for slaughter, crouched, screaming, in a corner,

What if the mother was insane! It was the damnable teaching gleaned from that infernal record of barbarism which wrecked her mind and prepared her for the devilish deed which would have been a reality in a few mlnutes more. The priestly authors of that book, and those who insist on its infallibility and give it circulation, would have been held responsible at the bar of Eternal Justice, not the poor wretch who received the story as the inspiration of heaven.

The other case was Mrs. Rachel Moses, 29 Norfolk street, "crazed by religion," says the report. She was interrupted in her bloody sacrifice by the interference of the police.

Scarcely a month goes by without an attempt to imitate Abraham in his proposition to slaughter his son on Mount Moriah, by command of God, which narrative idiotic authors of reading books for schools have copied with full de-

Condensed Thought.

Paul du Chaillu, the African explorer of two decades ago, and more recently a traveler in "The Land of the Midnight Sun," terms of his own coinage, during an address at the Ladies' College, Rockford, Ill., a few evenings ago, condensed into an epigram the following quaint but beautiful sentence:

"It is nice to go up to the truth, and when you find it you are delighted." How very much could be written with that postulate for a text.

His Consolation.

The Boston Transcript is responsible for the following:

"Said old man Guffington: 'There is a passage in Scriptur', bruthers, thet's impressed me powerfully. I've thought on't and thought on't, an' I'm alluz thinkin' on 't. I disremember jest wher it is, an' ez fer that matter, jest what it is; but you carn't tell how much uv a

cannot tell what particular feature it is in the Bible which gives him solace. If it is the doctrine of immortality he finds it taught more carnestly and consistently by Spiritualists.

Oh, the Mohammedans.

"Mohammedan depositors in the postoffice savings banks are enriching the British government, as their religion forbids them to receive interest. They

positive proof that missionaries are peeded in Mohammedan lands? The fact that they wash, and pray to God five times a day, was thought to be enough to show they needed the services of Christian missionaries; then came the astonishing information that the miserable believers in the teachings of the Koran would not get drunk, nor make nor sell wine or spirituous liquors, and a goodly portion of them over in Arabia were as hostile to tobacco as wine. And now to find the scamps look upon interest on investments as usury, which is forbid by Mahomet, how shall they be brought to their senses if they refuse to listen to the missionaries?

A Thinker for Thinkers to Think About.

It is very generally conceded that the Epistles of Paul are the oldest of the New Testament books, and that they were written in advance of any of the others. Orthodox critics contend the first of the Epistles was written about A. D. 52, and the latest of them near ten years after. There is strong internal evidence that Paul's adventures at Damascus, during which he alleged he made that wonderful escape from arrest by being let down by the wall through wiudow in a basket, occurred sixtyfour years before our era, but as that is not important to the present discussion we pass it.

The first three of the canonical Gospels are claimed by the quoted authority to have been written between the years 61 and 65, and John so late as 96. Careful investigators clinging to orthodoxy fix later dates for all of these latter books, whilst other careful students show almost conclusively not one of them was in being but little if any before A. D. 173. Then there are still others who, after diligent search, are fully satisfied neither of the canonical Gospels were in existence much earlier than the beginning of the Reformation; that some of them, in fact, were brought forward to put down Luther's heresy: that pseudo-historical works, cited to sustain the antiquity of the Gospels, are either gross forgeries, else genuine

books filled with interpolations. Additional to the received Gospels there are nearly fifty others, known as apocryphal, or spurious. Many of these are of comparatively recent origin, though efforts have been made to prove them ancient.

The point to which attention is directed is this: As the Epistles of Paul, conceded to be the oldest of the New Testament books, contain every essential feature and doctrine appearing in the Gospels, is it not a fair presumption that the Gospels and the apocryphal books were attempts of later writers than Paul to build up the character Jesus, and clothe him with supposed perfections, drawing largely on outside material relating to other so-called

avators to complete the character? It does not matter when Paul, wrote, whether sixty-four years before our era, sixty years after, or 1,500 years still later, did his Epistles precede the Gospels? If so, then were the Gospel writers, without regard to name, when or where written, trying to write the history of Paul's Christ, drawing upon his narrations for such apparent facts as are common to all of them; and upon their imaginations and outside sources for lesser incidents, such as were needed to round out the charater Jesus, resulting in innumerable discrepancies, to which impartial and independent critics are constantly directing attention.

One point more: Paul, after his conersion at Damascus, did not return to Jeruslaem, as it would have been supposed he would, but he went direct to Arabia, where he remained three years. Then he visited Jerusalem to see Peter. where he remained fifteen days in private, seeing no one, as he claims, but 'James, the Lord's brother." Thence he visited Syria and Cilicia, returning again to Jerusalem after another absence of fourteen years, then laying before them-not telling his readers who the "them" were-the Gospel he had preached to the Gentiles .- See Galatians, chapter 1, and the two first verses of chapter 2 for these facts.

Every statement drawn from Paul by the Gospel writers agrees in every essential particular. Those additional statements of which Paul makes no mention are the distinguishing features of the different writers. Critics have suggested for many years that there must have been an earlier Gospel on which the several writers had alike drawn for facts. Have we not in Paul's Epistles substantially that supposed earlier Gospel the learned have been so long in pursuit?

Another inquiry: If canonical and apocryphal writers drew their material facts in regard to Jesus from Paul, on whom did the good apostle draw for his information? Bear in mind, please, the Acts of the Apostles have not been universally accepted as genuine by Christian writers: on the contrary, it has been shown by Baur and other German critics to be a production of the second century, and was a sort of apology for Paul's doings. Setting this book aside. we have no account of Paul's miraculous conversion. Then, let us have Paul's own statement as to the source of his knowledge in regard to Jesus. Turn to Galatians i:11,12, revised edition, and read: .

"I make known to you, brethren, as touching the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not after man. For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ."

The idea is the same in the authorized ersion and in the Catholic Bible. Paul did not rest his statement here, but he goes on to tell that he did not confer with flesh and blood; that he did not go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles; that he was unknown by face to the churches of Judea; and that they who were of repute imparted to him nothing; on the contrary, they who were reputed pillars sent him and Barnabas to the Gentiles-a splendid device, suggests another, to get this self-styled apostle out of

Note specially in this connection the statement in I. Timothy 6:16, wherein it is said of Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords:

"Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can ap-

proach unto; WHOM NO MAN HATH KEN, NOR CAN SEE. Paul nowhere mentions Jesus of Nazareth, makes no mention of Bethlehem,

or the Virgin Mary; he gives no gene alogy of Jesus, but, wonderful to relate, he says he was "after the order of Melchisedec. . . without father or mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life." See Hebrew 6:20 and 7:3.

Three quotations shall suffice where we might make twenty, to show who made the original Gospels:

"Jesus Christ of the seed of David. was raised from the dead according to

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Among the more thoughtful and judicious writers on these abstruse noble themes. It is customary when subjects is Henry Wood. His recent one is suffering bodily ills to travel work, "Studies in the Thought World; or, Practical Mind Art," is characterthe Encyclopædia of Death, and Life in | ized by the same refined scholarship seen in his earlier works. There is, too, the same spirit of fairness and moderation, and whether one agrees or disagrees with the opinions expressed there is respect for the man and a certain recognition of the worth of his thought. Unlike many writers who incline to the deductive method and to dogmatic forms of expression, Mr. Wood is acquainted with the scientific tendencies of the day and apbered, and a sparrow cannot fall to the admits that Darwin and his co-laborers states leave their impress upon the watchful care, how about that aching tooth which an immature tornado that

EVOLUTION OF SPIRIT. ton has in use at the Camp. It much resembles the ordinary bieyele in many points, having bicycle pedals, saddle that all evolution is evolution of spirit, and grips, and ball-bearings. It is steered by rudders shaped like the tail the ascending quality and complexity of a fish, attached to the two metal cylinders and connected with the handle. of life, mind, soul. Matter of itself of mind over body, the important bar: the cylinders are divided into water-tight compartments, and so cannot be sunk, and they are so proportioned ble. It is provided with a seat in front, and handles like those used on a wheelchair for the person who occupies the front seat. Its speed is high, being about twice that of a good rowboat, the It was invented by Hon. L. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids, Mich., an attorney

There is nothing particularly new in is form and doth the body make." Still the development of the thought, well—potentially whole. and that, too, in the light of modern science, and particularly the application of it to the art of healing, is comparatively new. As everything from the primal cell upward tends to man. then, according to our author, man is not only poetically, but scientifically, a microcosm. "In the profound depths of his being in orderly arrangement are seen sun, moon, fixed stars, comets, mountains and valleys, trees and flowers, quadrupeds and birds, with all variations and possibilities, terrestrial and celestial. Man is in the universe and the universe in him." All of which is but another version of Emerson's question: all, who will deeply regret his untimely departure. His body was cremated, in accordance with a wish he had often

The rain is playing its soft, pleasant tune fitfully on the skylight, and the shade of the fast-flying clouds across my book passes with delicate change.—

found it."

THOUGHT WORLD STUDY Denial of body, after the manner of the Christian Scientists, Mr. Wood Denial of body, after the manner of holds erroneous, for body must be affirmed, not denied. The degree of perfection in embodiment is the degree of attainment reached by the life, mind and spirit which permeates it. Instead of denying matter and the a little time may be necessary." This reality of the physical organism, Mr. He Urges Mental Concentration on | Wood declares the human body to be any fault of the law, but from prethe highest visible expression of divine vailing materialism, unintelligent critart and architecture, and that any seeming dishonor has been thrust upon | is no incongruity in extreme cases in it by perverted thought. The body is the employment of both material and to minister to the soul. If it be ig- mental aid until public opinion has nored or imposed upon, then, instead become softened and educated." None of ministering to the soul, it demands for itself constant service and indulgence. The supremacy of soul is to thought, firmly held, tends to mould lative. rapid advancement in psychical direc- and influence the body until the body

DEFINITION OF LIFE.

Life is defined as that condition in which the real man, ego, or mind, rules and receives normal tribute from his sensuous organism. Health is the perfect co-operation of soul and body. Illness is imperfect co-operation, and death is the complete ascen-

dency of body over soul. To conquer sickness and control. death the power of the soul must be strengthened. Its supremacy must be asserted. The question comes, how is this to be done? The answer is, do not live in mere physical sensation, upon the animal plane. Change the mental habit; fix the thought upon the world over for balms, specifics and a change of climate. Our author recommends a change of thought, of purpose and ideals. His remedy is a daily exercise of mental gymnastics, which involve systematic thought concentration, and declares that to be as practicable as any system of muscular and physical development.

He does not imply that results can be brought about in a moment, for all growth, mental or physical, is gradual. "But the same pains and persistence that we give to a thousand preciates their results. He has studied things of far less importance will work

It has been well proved that mental are entitled to the gratitude of the body. Care and anxiety turn the hair world for their achievements and white, and sometimes suddenly. elaborations; that only through such Avarice, envy, sensuality all have recently struck Louisville, Ky., swooped out of the mouth of the city hall engineer? Was that a special interposition of Providence to relieve pain? Why in "What must be the physical result," the evolutionists is that they make says our author, "upon humanity of life and mind the result of structural thousands of years of chronic fearing, troller of this organism; that man is numbered other morbid conditions? the product, the consummation of These arc all the time pulling down matter, and not its formative power. the cells and tissues which only divine harmonious thought can build up. Is On the contrary, Mr. Wood holds it surprising that no one is perfectly

SYSTEM OF CONTROL.

Granting, then, the potent influence never progresses. It has no character thing is to control and direct that of its own. The same matter appears, energy. To this end Mr. Wood outdisappears, reappears in higher or lines a system. Take some time each lower shapes, as the case may be. day and quietly and restfully be alone Everything has a soul of its own, in the silence. Bar out current events more or less advanced on the highway and anxieties and retire to the inmost of individualism. The human ego sanctuary of the soul. Bring in the taking matter shapes its own ex- highest ideals that one wishes empression. Animal life or mind as bodied and meet them face to face. sumes its own form, and tree life, by They will increasingly become one's its informing power, compels the condition, and discords will be displaced. Further than this Mr. Wood suggests holding in mind the thoughts. this idea. Various philosophers, from an one with the eternal goodness. Plato down, have said the same thing, I am filled with the universal spirit. and Edmund Spencer is but one of In him we live and move and have the many poets who held that "Soul our being. I recognize the divine in me as my real ego. I am pure, strong,

> Through this kind of concentration healing and uplifting truths are engraven upon the consciousness, and the individual not only thinks them, but gives himself to them, and they react upon his physical organism. The contemplation of pure and elevating works of art is also recommended. Consciously and unconsciously their truth becomes photographed upon the mind, and the soul tends to reach the same high level. All this effort has the effect of greatly enriching life and increasing its power. The results of such effort will be a revelation to victims of insomnia, dyspepsia, nervous prostration, pessimistic depression and other mental

and physical infelicities. To add weight to his statements Mr. Wood quotes from Prof. Elmer Gates. organizer of the psycho-physical laboratory at the Smithsonian Institution. The explanation of evil is in accordance with this sentiment. The been made from the standpoint of a memories and traces of brutehood still materialist, and yet the conclusions linger with us, and friction comes be-reached are in harmony with those of cause of lagging behind the normal Mr. Wood. He says: "For each bad onward trend. The great command is emotion there is a corresponding "forward," and failure to fall into chemical change in the tissues of the line is responsible for all abnormity. body, which is life-depressing and It is clear, then, that "the man who poisonous. Contrariwise, every good loses his soul is the man who has not emotion makes a life-promoting change. * * * Anybody may go On all inferior planes progress into the business of building his own comes from a pushing from behind, mind. Let him systematically devote and is accompanied by friction, but an hour each day to calling np pleaswhen the plane of spiritual under- ant ideas and memories. Let him standing is reached, man then learns summon those finer feelings of bethe uses of ideals, which, like great nevolence and unselfishness which are magnets, draw him, upward and on- called up in ordinary life only now ward; or, to use Goethe's expression, and then. Let him make this a reg-"Das ewig weibliche zieht wus hinan." ular exercise, like swinging dumb-The eternal climb through the ages bells. The change will soon become has come from an inherent craving apparent in his actions and thoughts. for something higher, better, nobler. Cells useful for good thinking will

great improvement on his former

Professor Gates makes no application of this principle to healing, but you rely upon mental forces alone? where there has been no previous higher mental growth or development, is expedient, he maintains, not from icism and unjust intolerance. "There the less the cure should be made as much as possible along mental lines. If the effort be constantly in this constantly recognized. This direction the results will be cumu-EFFECT OF LATENT THOUGHT,

> As every mind is a center of thought, it follows that mental influences for good or ill are continually going out in all directions. Desultory, aimless thought is less efficient than that which is directed with purpose. Still latent thought has immense control. What the Germans call zeitgeist, or spirit of the times-the unconscious bent and striving of a people at a given time-"the sentiment that is in the air"-has an effect that is hardly realized until that sentiment has changed and the public is actuated by other motives equally uuconscious. This latent thought is conservative, holds to the past, does not readily take to the new. Sentiment for ages has been in favor of healing through drugs, outward applications, specifio remedies. This sentiment is not easily changed and doubtless will prevail for some time to come. On the other hand, conscious, rational thought reaches out to the new while holding fast to the good that is in the old. It is slow in making progress, for the latent thought of the multitude hinders its influence like a heavy weight. Yet it gains gradually, and in time becomes itself the latent, unconscious thought that sways the multitude.

The supremacy of mind, its power over matter, and especially the application of spiritual force to the healing of physical ills, is so new an idea that its effects cannot have the force it must have when concerted opinion is in its favor. Meanwhile, notwithstanding the emphasis given at the present time to physical science, there is a decided increase in public sentiment toward the new thought, which must have weight sooner or later. In fact Mr. Wood is sanguine enough to believe that early in the twentieth century there will be truly scientific prescription based on the law of chemical combinations in mind instead of matter, and he considers it a hopeful sign of the time that physics is becoming so refined and immaterial that it seems likely soon to dissolve in metaphysics.

PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIME.

The author has a chapter on "The Psychology of Crime." He complains that when a criminal offense occurs tho usual concern is only with the event, its details and the adequate punishment of the offender. He thinks deeper research should be made and the real causes of the crime should be studied and known. Although recognizing a general upward trend of humanity, he sees there are forces at work that tend directly to generate crime and disorder. Love of luxury, the desire for sensuous gratification, is a significant factor in destroying character and obscuring high ideals. The mass of sensational and morbid reading matter with which the public is flooded, creates mental conditions of a depraved kind that seek expression in outward forms and deeds. What men mentally dwell upon they become or grow like. "As a man thinketh so is he." The undisciplined thinking faculty has a spongelike power of absorbing the medium which surrounds it. If the medium be good it becomes good, if it be bad it becomes bad. Even when a person detests crime he cannot immerse his thoughts in it without feeling its effects.

The scientific way, then, to destroy evil, according to Mr. Wood, is not to hold up and analyze it in order to make it odious, but rather to put it out of consciousness. To the degree that one does not see it, to him it becomes nonexistent, because there is nothing to arouse its vibrations within. This does not mean that intelligent,

high-minded people are to close their eyes complacently on existing crime, but that the cure must come from within, not from without. The criminal and those disposed to crime must be surrounded by that which will tend to create worthy ideas and ideals. "Reform will come only so fast as the necessity for more ideal mental pictures is appreciated. * * * The human consciousness is like an endless corridor in a picture gallery, each visitor executing and hanging his own works of art. His preference is determined by the character of those before which he lingers." All of which is in accord with the latest views of those best informed as to the methods to be used in dealing with the criminal classes. Mr. Wood thinks his philosophy of

life is in perfect harmony with the Bible and with the purest ideals of all religions; that the spiritual healing of to-day is the same in kind, though different in degree, to that of Christ and the primitive church. "As outward and practical attestation, it ought never to have dropped out of the church." Referring to the divine All progress is thought progress, and this becomes visible or manifest in productive of evil, will have shrunk.

The church. Referring to the divine truth alone, will be pleased with it, and commission to preach the gospel and progressive forms or embodiments.

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what authority is one declared binding through the ages and the other ig-

Flippant criticism of a book chareveryone must acknowledge that it acterized by the sincerity and earnesttends in this direction. Mr. Wood ness of the one before us would be anticipates the question: In the event entirely out of place. At this point of acute and very serious illness, would of the world's progress it would be thoroughly unscientific to attempt to His candid answer is: "Under present | mark the limitations of spirit or deny conditions, no. In desperate cases, its potency over matter. Yet, without questioning the general value of the work, a word may be said on a single point to which exceptions may justly be taken.

The mental concentration which the author urges undoubtedly has its advantages-in fact, is greatly needed in these days of hurry and distraction. But this exercise should be done sanely and sensibly or great harm may follow. To concentrate the thought for any length of time on abstractions or negatives may lead to pernicious results in two ways. The mind may feed upon itself to the extent of destroying itself, or it may luxuriate in ideals and care nothing for practical realization. One needs a firm grasp on the concrete world or lofty ideals may lead to nothing but idle senti-CAROLINE K. SHERMAN.

FOR A BROAD CHURCH.

Some Excellent Suggestions

TO THE EDITOR:-Religion is a subject much larger than the popular con-ception of it. Properly it embraces everything that pertains to the higher needs of man. Its central idea should be development in everything good. It does not consist of restrictions, but seeks to unfold and to enlarge individual power. It deals with man as man—not altogether good, not altogether bad, but as having a moral faculty susceptible of improvement. The end is not to curtail but to enlarge human privileges, and in thinking and doing each must have amthinking and doing each must have ample opportunity, limited only by a just sense of the good and the true. Here is the duty and opportunity of the church—making itself a great institution for the help of men. It is divine in proportion to the fulfillment of its mission, and no further. If it fails to recognize tho intrinsic worth of man, it is neither

A large experience and observation have confirmed an opinion long cherished that the church of the future must be a much larger institution than is the church of to-day. Man's conception of the physical universe has been vastly enlarged by the important discoveries of moderu times. He finds himself in a universe of vast proportions. He is no longer an insignificant creature, environed by a little, flat world, but is related to all existence and all time. Human thinking is enlarged, human wants have grown and man needs the best possible elps in these growing conditions. Naturally man looks to the church for his ideals and inspirations. That the church fails to meet the wants of a large proportion of the people is, to my mind discreditable to the church rather than to the people. Having spent many years in the ministry of an orthodox church, trying to make the church helpful to men, a larger thought has gradually taken possession of me,

Living in the northwestern section of the city, I have, by careful observation, learned that a large proportion of the people do not attend church. The question is, why? Is the fault with the people or with the churches? In carnestly studying the question. I have attended most of the different churches, and the conviction forces itself upon me that there is needed a broader institution than anything now in existence herean institution progressive, tolorant and humane, not aiming to make man a member of a sect nor to bring him within the limits of any denominational fold. but to unite men and women as such in helpful service. With no test of creed, people who are interested in the welfare of society ought to unite upon a platform broad enough to embrace all who revere the good. If the means can be provided to pay the rent and other expenses of maintaining a plain hall in which services can be held on Sunday or at other times, I believe a large number of people would gladly co-operate in an enterprise of this sort. The idea would be to have sermons, lectures and other instructive entertainments upon a broad and liberal basis, possibly also establishing a Sunday-school upon broader lines than is any now held in this vicinity. This, with me, is not a theoretical project-experience has shown the feasi-

bility of such work. Dr. Thomas, of the People's Church, heartily endorses the movement, and promises cordial co-operation. In addition to the ordinary services, I have the promise of occasional sermons or lectures on Sunday evenings by some of the most talented men in the city. If, for the present, a hall or vacant store could be rented in the vicinity of Humboldt Park, say on or near North avenue. I believe much good might be done. The expense would be small, as I would gladly give such services as I could renier, and I have the promise of help from men who are interested.

If Chicago people would become interested in a movement of this sort and communicate with me, there is little doubt that something can be done. The intention is not to interfere with any of the churches, but to work on broader lines. Christian or non-Christian, believer or unbeliever, would be equally weicome, and have equal privileges.
The religion of the movement would be to make men broader, not narrower, and to utilize all the elements of strength J. S. PAULL

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BELIEVES THAT IN THE END PHYSICAL

It is a curious fact, says the Chicago Chronicle, that the same period which has shown marvelous development along material lines has shown tions; that the age which produced not only renders useful service to the Darwin, Huxley and Spencer has soul, but becomes less and less senaroused interest in all the various sitive to disorder, forms of thought energy-idealism, spiritism, hypnotism, somnambulism, telepathy, and the like. Practical as the age is, many of the various forms of spiritual dynamics take a practical turn and we have the different kinds

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well the great process of evolution in a wonderful change in a short time." the material world, and, with others,

The criticism Mr. Wood passes upon organism, and not the cause and con- sinning, selfishness, anxiety, and un-

nat all evolution is evolution of spirit. | healthy?"

matter that reveals it.

Is it that my opulent soul Was mingled from the generous whole; Sea-valleys and the deep of skies Furnished several supplies; And the sands whereof I'm made Drew me to them, self-betrayed?

iveness, indigestion, sick headache and nausea, they are prompt, safe and efficacious. Taken in season, they may prevent serious illness and vexatious delay Revery, which is thought in its nebulous state, borders closely upon the land of sleep, by which it is bounded as by a natural frontier.—Hugo.

********************************* PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH DR. SLADE.

ance with Him.

and Fraudulent Ones.

To the phenomena of Spiritualism the world turns for evidence of a continued existence after the death of the body. These alone solve the question. Speculative philosophy proves nothing. From spiritual phenomena have arisen every religion. That Jesus was a physical medium inferior to many of modern times I have no doubt. Among these, no one stands superior to him whose name heads this article.

One of the objects of this communication is to set in motion an inquiry as to the whereabouts of this great medium, and measures for his comfort if required. The last report I ever heard was that mental derangement had made necessary his incarceration in an insane asylum somewhere in Minnesota. Would THE Pro-GRESSIVE THINKER please ascertain and publish all the facts with reference to this great promoter of our

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Slade for his signal services. He brought to our ranks many scientific men of world-wide reputation, notably Zoellner, the great Leipsic professor, whose experiences with Slade are recorded in his incomprehensible "Transcendental Physics." noonday's sun.

Knowing as we do what insane by our people in this direction.

Almost every Spiritualist, at times, feels doubts of the truth of our philosophy. This seems natural and universal. When we turn, however, to some of our experiences our reason can tolerate these doubts no longer. It is good for us to turn to these evidences in our own minds, at times, and to relate them for the encouragement of our doubting brothers. For this reason, at this time, when fraud is the rule-not the exception-it is good to remember such phenomena as Slade, Foster, Home, Mrs. Hallis, Mrs. Laura Carter and other daylight mediums have given us.

Knowing how such unquestionable phenomena are appreciated, I will phenomena are appreciated, I will played just the same.

give to the readers my personal explayed just the same.

Slade laid his hand on my left morals polluted by the damnable perience with Dr. Slade, and invite shoulder, when I was raised from the teachings of the past, better worthy a phenomena in the light to do like-PROGRESSIVE THINKER, but such rot relaxed all the time. proves-not the wonders of spirit phenomena, but the wonders of incarnate credulity.

In 1880, I believe it was, that Slade made a tour of the world, after his London experience before a Bow street magistrate, and his subsequent visit to Professor Zoellner. I had never seen him, but had been deeply interested in his wonderful mediumship, and so kept track of him through his journey. On the day he was to be in Denver I resolved to be there too. I kept a drug-store at the time. I slates, and I cleaned them myself, put doubt. a crumb of pencil between and screwed them together with strong screws driven home. I then wrapped them in my own druggist's paper, tied them the whole in a newspaper. I went to Denver with my slates in my hands all the way, and went directly to Slade's rooms. He had arrived the night before, and I got to see him about 11 o'clock. It was a bright, sunshiny day, and the windows were without blinds, so the light shone full into the room. There was no carpet on the floor, and nothing in the room except a plain, square table, evidently new. a few chairs, and a large, new ac-

When I went into the room Slade did not ask me a single question, not even my name. I said to him: "Dootor, I want to be able to say that I have not been deceived in this matter, and I may ask what may seem foolish to you. I want to examine your person to your skin; I want to examine the tables, the floor, and that accordeon."

He replied: "I am perfectly willing you should. I always greatly prefer such a course, as silly charges of concealed magnets, etc., are repeatedly made by those who have never seen me nor any of the phenomena."

He disrobed to his silk-knit underwear. I examined him from his skin Where the lost are returning, outward to his coat. He even emptied his pockets for my inspection. There was absolutely nothing he could use to deceive me. The floor was solid. the table a common four-legged affair They prepare the homes that wait us about four feet square. I turned it upside down and examined it minutely. I am able to say that it was no trick table-it was just a common kitchen

table. Slade had three or four small slates and a little cylinder of bits of pencil. which he laid on the table. I took the accordeon and pulled out the slide. Like Tony Weller's piano, it didn't "have no vorks in it." It was a new instrument Slade had just borrowed

from a neighboring music store. We sat down to the table, Slade on

Interesting Account of a Se-|stretched out toward me, and not under the table, but in full view. I laid my slates, still tied up, on the corner of the table farthest from me and Contrast Between Slade's Scances from Slade. He took one of his slates, submitted it to me for inspection, and placed a bit of pencil on it, and cleaned a second slate, which I carefully examined, and placed it on the other. He laid his hand on the slates and I put mine on his. In a moment writing was heard between the slates, and upon examination a message of greeting from Mrs. Slade was found. had numerous communications, most of them of no value. While this was going on, a chair, probably ten feet distant, arose from the floor some two feet, as if lifted by some unseen person. It moved up to the table as if to seat someone. Just then I heard writing on my slates. I asked Slade to hand them to me, which he did. I held them to my ear and could plainly hear the writing. At the three taps the writing ceased. I kept the slates intact until I came home, and in the presence of witnesses I opened them and found a long personal communication, signed with my father's name. As my father had died when I was name we neglected to register; but but eight years old, I could not tell whoever he is he has our thanks. The whether the signature was his or not, but my uncle hunted up some old letters and we compared them, and it literature. The wickedness of the was the identical signature of my Catholic priesthood is forcibly por-

But to return from this digression: My legs were under the table and I cipal church lore came down to our sat close up to it; Slade's slippered times through the hands of these forgspace may be incomprehensible, but feet away from the table in full ers and assassins, whose principal octhe recorded phenomena are clear as view, both hands in clear sight on the cupation had been, and still is, the table. A big, brawny hand grasped forging of chains for the people's enmy leg under the table and nearly slavement. Had Luther at that time asylums often are, we ought to see to both hands under the table, when the the clergy, and exposed their numof these institutions, Dr. Slade should big hand clasped mine in a strong, berless crimes, many of which he have attention and comforts which solid grip. I grabbed it with my money alone can give. Let some other hand and between my knees I practical steps be immediately taken tried to hold it fast. Gradually it decreased in size and seemed to melt in my grasp until nothing was left. A coarse, gruff laugh from under the table greeted me, when Slade said: "That's Owosso, the big Indian."

While this was going on, and in fact all the time of my visit, poundings as loud as if made by a strong bandits along their own lines; but this man with a muffled maul, were heard is just what Luther attempted by inin every part of the house-shaking the floor and causing the windows to ably he did all it was possible in that rattle. Chairs were leaping from the age of unparalleled corruption, when floor and scurrying across the room. Slade took the accordeon, and putting his thumb into the strap let it hang down from the edge of the table. It swayed back and forth and then com menced to play. I took it then and held it as Slade had done, and it from the earth, that future genera-

floor, chair and all, until my toes place among the lazzaroni and brigands swallowing dupes will be ready to herald the wonders of some materializing humbug in the pages of The Programmer Theorem 1 and the word of the pages of The Programmer Theorem 2 and the euge of the table. I of the land of organized assassins, then among the inheritors of the free dom of a great republic. We quote:

The work he began has been a ever since, and has been far-in its influence and relations.

The state of the Romish Church at the relations of the Romish Church at the relation of the Ro phenomena in the light to do like-caught on the edge of the table. I of the land of organized assassins, The work he began has been going on

Slade now told me spirits would raise the table while he derstand Luther and appreciate the former. They call him hard names, was away from the room. He went work he did, it is important to keep and charge him with almost every into the next room and I stood over this before our minds. Romish writers the table, but did not touch it. It of that and subsequent times have commenced to rise, and I reached as often acknowledged the prevailing high as I could, when the table commenced to waver and descend to the

Now, these things were duplicated and multiplied over and over again, and it was all in the full light of a sunshiny day. No cabinet, no darkness, no paraphernalia. There was bought from our stationer two large no chance of deception, no room for

What a contrast to the coarse, vulgar shows common in the stifling, disease-breeding, Stygian dark circles. Who could ever say any of the alleged with my own twine, and then wrapped phenomena are not unmitigated fraud? Every intelligent person knows that most of it is.

What need for darkness for Home or Foster? Mrs. Laura Carter needs no darkness to give you written communications from your departed friends.

I hope Spiritualists will strive to encourage these good, honest, lightmanifestations, and crush out the demoralizing idiocy which goes goggling after "materialized" frauds. The reality is all we ought to want. True Spiritualism needs no bolstering of fraud. "Purity of Phenomena and Purity of Life" should be our motto. F. H. SHROCK.

WILL YOU COME TO THE SEANCE?

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Will you come to the seance, Will you come to the seance, And may ask for you? From the ther side of Jordan, Where we know Death stands warden, Now their loved ones are calling-

CHORUS:

They may call for you. In the unseen spirit-land; Our mistakes—they ne'er berate us, And extend the welcome hand. Chorus-Will you come, etc. Of that life beyond the river

They would gladly have us know, And they near the mediums gather Where the thought goes to and fro. Chorus-Will you come, etc. For to know the world above us Gives the soul a sweet relief. And to greet these souls who love us

Dulls the sting of all our grief.

Chorus-Will you come, etc. Pleasures bring effeminacy, and effem-

my left, facing me, with his legs inacy foreruns ruin.—Quarles.



Romish Church and the Reformation.

The New York Witness several years ago published an article from the pen of a clergyman, under the nom de plume of Clericus, on the "State of the Romish Church at the Time of the Reformation." The article has been a long time in our possession, sent by some patron whose whole article is accurately correct, and is a valuable contribution to liberal trayed; but Luther engaged in a reform along the old lines. The prinpassed in silence, the network of villainy which he really strengthened, by giving it another form, would not have remained to blight the present

Suppose the civil authorities of Italy could gain control of the literature of the organized banditti of that country, how ridiculous it would seem to moderns to attempt to reform those augurating the Reformation. Probdisorder, victorie and assassination was rampant; but the sun of liberty is shining on the present civilization in great effulgence, and it is our duty to strike at the root of the evil, and wipe old-time falsehoods and corruptions tions shall not be poisoned, nor their

corruption that existed and the need of reform. It is well to refresh our memory with some of the facts.

"When Luther was a small boy Alexander the Sixth became Pope, He was one of the greatest monsters of wickedness that ever lived. He was elected in 1492. He was a Spaniard, and while a cardinal had five children by Vannaza, a Roman lady, who was the wife of another man. Two of his children, Casar and Lucretia Borgia, achieved a most infamous notoriety. Popish writers are forced to acknowledge the stupendous depravity of this infallible Pope. Fleury, the great Romish historian, writes: 'License and disorder reigned at Rome beyond any place in the world. Crime was on the throne, and never, perhaps, had such a monstrous corruption of morals been seen, especially among its elergy.' This Pope ended his career in 1503, under the following circumstances, as recorded by the same historian: 'The Duke Valentinois, being in want of money for his troops, and the treasury of his father, the Pope, being empty, the duke, to whom the greatest crimes were as nothing, proposed to the Pontiff that they should poison some of the wealthy cardinals, the law of the church at that time being such that the popes were the heirs of the cardinals. The Pope consented. A magnificent feast was prepared, and the doomed men were invited. Alexander had sent one of his trustiest domestics before, with some bottles of poisoned wine, strictly enjoining him not to give it to anyone without the Pope's orders. But the officer, supposing he was forbidden to serve this wine only because it was the best, gave some of it to Alexander himself, as he called for drink before supper. The duke also partook of it, for the weather was exceedingly sultry, and they were both thirsty after their walk to the hall appointed for the entertainment. The Pope soon after felt the effects in a violent colic. ending in convulsions, which killed him in a few hours. The duke, however, who had wiped it with water, and who besides was younger and of firmer constitution, escaped with severe sickness, which lasted ten months, in the course of which his hair and his nails fell off, and the skin peeled from

every part of his body.' "The successor of this Pope, Pius Third, reigned only twenty-six days, having died under strong suspicions of poison.

"Julius Second succeeded, who, it 1.42

s said, took his name in memory of Julius Casar. He had been a general in the army while a cardinal. He was of a flery and domineering spirit. Under his reign, in 1506; the erection of St. Peter's Church was commenced. Indulgences thre offered to all who should contribute to the edifice. While Pope he took the field as commander of the army. At the siege of Mirandola he rode through the camp on horseback; he was constantly on the batteries, directing where to place things are true, whatsoever things are the cannon, and rousing the soldiers honest, whatsoever things are just, things are true, whatsoever things are by threats and caresses. This Pope died in 1513, regretted by no one.

"His successor was Leo Tenth. In his bull, issued in 1516, is a passage of great significance, referring to the think on these things."-Phil. iv., 8. ordinary style of preaching at that time. 'Many there are,' says this bull, the way of the Lord, nor seek to ex-plain the gospel, but rather impart Bible, for there are words in that things through ostentation, crying book that I would not read to you aloud, and accompanying what they say with violent gestures. Others display in the pulpit feigned miracles, apocryphal histories, which are altogether scandalous, without any authority and without any edification; while some abuse the prelates, and declaim boldly against their persons and their conduct.'

"Under this Pope the Council of Lateran was held; which, after a session of five years, closed in 1517. At its close an eminent ecclesiastic read a discourse, in which he said: 'The greater part of the prelates, who ought to be the delight of the world, and illuminate the people by their doctrine, by edifying them with their piety, have scarcely any longer either religion, or shame, or modesty; justice is changed into robbery; devotion has almost degenerated into superstition; they make a virtue of vice; the care of the churches is committed to workmen without principle, the fold of the Good Shepherd to ravenous wolves. In fine, they make a shameful traffic of holy things.'

"In the same year the cardinals formed a conspiracy to poison the Pope, Four were degraded, one was strangled in prison, and another was condemned to perpetual confinement. The Pope, finding that most of the cardinals were against him, created thirty-one new ones, among whom was Alphonso, the son of the King of Portugal, who was only eight years old at the time.

"In that year the Pope gave special ttention to the issue of indulgences to replenish his treasury. He needed money to supply his luxurious wants and to finish the edifice of St. Peter's. A Romish writer said that those indulgences were granted on conditions so easy that men could hardly care at all for their salvation if they refused to gain them.' Tetzel, whose tilt and controversy with Luther are so well known, was exceedingly active in the work of selling indulgences.

"The need of reform was most pressing and manifest. Under providence the man was raised up for this. ever since, and has been far-reaching "Romish writers generally acknowl-

was most corrupt. To properly un- but denounce and calumniate the reform of immorality and crime. Luther was the product of Rome, and was regarded as a most devout monk and reform himself as a preparation to reforming others. He was not perfect, and it would have been strange if he had been. Having emerged from the slough of popery, it was not strange that some of the mire adhered to him. When properly viewed he looms up before us as a grand character, whose

defects were like spots on the sun. "All Romish writers are not equally slanderous in treatment of Luther. Fleury, from whom I have already quoted, does not endorse many of the falsehoods that have been circulated against the great reformer. He says: I shall not stop to enlarge upon the calumnies which some Catholic authors, too ultra, have charged against him, and in which they have paid little regard to probability.' He wrltes further: 'All that can be said against Luther is that he rose up against the church; that he has endeavored to destroy the faith; that he has become a declared heresiarch; and that he caused infinite and innumerable evils to religion by the pernicious errors which he so obstinately maintained.'

"This writer is comparatively candid, and does not resort to or countenance many of the falsehoods and calumnies which popish writers and speakers still deal in to a large extent.

"The facts show that there was a desperate state of things in the age of Luther, and that, a corresponding remedy was called for. He was the man for the time—he inflicted a blow that Rome staggered under, and has been growing weaker ever since. Popery is a gigantic system of fraud and despotism, and the religion of the Bible, which Luther translated and gave to the people, is directly against it and is destined to prevail."—Ex.

THE SIGN OF THE RIVER.

Spirituality, being development of sense must vouch for itself And achieve its own verity In self sense only; There, too, find its outlet to the Great Eternal Sea.

The River of Life gets broader, deeper, quicker, stiller as it flows. We must not turn its volume to the tiny fount whence it purled To destiny and say:

Came not thence this mighty flow! Still seek ye a sign? The sign of the river is its onward flow-The impulse is of God-It flows whither it wills in a chartless eternity. FREMONT E. WOOD.

Money is like manure, of very little use except it be spread.—Bacon.

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whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, Readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, forty thousand strong, I do who do not, in their preaching, teach not call your attention to these beautiful words because they are in the not because they are the words of Paul, for he said some words that I would not say to you; but I present them to you because of their intrinsic excellence, and they are so plain and

> understand them. True, honest, just, pure, lovely, are all spiritual qualities that commend themselves to every thinker and should govern every thought, word and action of every individual.

> Nothing short of this constitutes a true spiritual life, and we can and should live a spiritual life on earth, as we will have to do in heaven if we live there at all; for that makes the transition easy and the after-life natural; and prevents that terrible agony and severe discipline which those suffer who, on earth, neglect spirit culture.

But it is of the word "yirtue" that wish to speak more particularly. Few words in our language have a larger meaning. The Century Dictionary devotes more than a column to its elucidation, giving it mainly the designation of "strength, courage, bravery, capacity, worth, manliness, applied to physical, intellectual and moral excellence; moral goodness, the practice of moral duties and conformity of life and conversation to the moral law; uprightness; rectitude; morality; the opposite of vice," etc.

These are all elements of spiritual life, to which I have long wished to call your attention. I know of no botter illustration of such a life than that contained in Proverbs xxxi., 10-31, which I do not ask you to take because they are the words of King Lemuel, dictated by his mother; but because so true and pertinent. Here it will be seen that to live honestly we must be industrious. The virtuous woman is not only chaste but industrious, energetic, prudent, courageous, strong, skillful and watchful. She not only provides well for her own household, but she stretches out her hand to the poor and needy. All this is essential to a true life.

Religion or spiritual life, which, in my estimation, are one and the same, has too long been considered a kind of unctuous mysticism, only to be practiced in a monastery away from the period the Reformation broke out edge the need of reform at that time, the common walks of life. From this most emphatically dissent.

I know of nothing higher than to live right, and that can be done in any condition of life-in the workshop as well as in the pulpit. We have too much sanctimonious hypocrisy and too doctor of the church till he tried to little real life. What we want is to bring about reform. He first tried to | have all in their respective callings to conform to the law of right.

Is it honest, just, pure and lovely to have, as now, the wealth of the world going into the hands of the few, while the many who produce it are being impoverished by money-lenders, land sharks, railroad kings, coal barons and monopolists of all kinds?

The great world reform, pioneered by Spiritualism, necessarily includes the overthrow of every system of oppression. If every man, woman and child in the world were converted to Spiritualism, in the ordinary sense of the term, and knew all that is knowable of death and the after life, then the world would not be saved in the true sense

If the Hindoos had been a virtuous people, instead of going to the extreme of mental culture, to the neglect of virtuous self-preservation and protection, they would not have been the victims of British tyranny. If we, in this generation, were as

virtuous as our revolutionary forefathers, we would not only maintain the rights and liberties they secured to us, but we would go on until we would perfect a social system by which the plenty which the earth yields would be justly distributed. If the money lords are allowed to

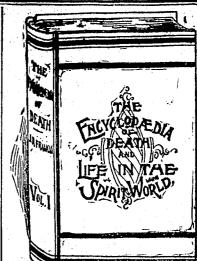
go on as they are doing now, how long will it be till there will be but two classes-millionaires and paupers? and the middle class blotted out.

I am no pessimist. I believe in evolution and progress. But I believe, also, that man must do his part in this as well as in the cultivation of the soil, to make the earth the happy home of humanity. Taking my stand at the present

status of human development and the trend of modern thought, and looking along the line of progress, I can see, in the new era on which we are now entering, the virtues inherent in human nature in a state of irrepressible activity, driving out every vestige of priestcraft, kingcraft, monopoly, and every product of selfishness; and regaining their proper place in the economy of life so long usurped by dogmatism and falsehood.

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Communications must always be acof the writer, or no attention will be paid to them. Madame Bourgeoise, the brilliant pi-

anist, of Chicago, is now at the Cassadaga Camp to remain the entire season. Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner is at Clinton Camp, where many will be glad to greet her and enjoy her mediumistic work.

J. H. McMillen writes from Portland, Ore.: "I am pleased to say the cause of Spiritualism is spreading over this Northwest coast. Orthodox sneers and falsehood cannot down it-it has come

Dr. Lucy Barnicoat has removed to Boston, Mass., and can be addressed for engagements at 175 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. M. T. Longley gave an address, August 10, at Redondo Camp, Cal. August 13 was Woman's Day at Redondo Camp. An address was delivered by J. S. Loveland.

W. J. Colville lectured at Redondo Camp, August 10 and 14. W. C. Bowman gave an address at

Redondo Camp, August 12 and 14. August 15, at Redondo Camp, adwere made by Mrs. E.Sloper and J. J. Morse.

Dr. J. C. Batdorf lectured at Grand Ledge Camp, Mich., August 9. Dr. P. T. Johnson lectured August 11 13 and 14, at Grand Ledge Camp. Hon. L. V. Moulton lectured August 12, at Grand Ledge, on "National Asso-

Lyman C. Howe lectured August 15, at Grand Ledge Camp. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond lectured August 9, 11 and 12, at Vicksburg Camp, Mich.

E. W. Sprague lectured at Vicksburg Camp, August 14 and 15.

At Lake Pleasant Camp, Mass., August 9, Col. Robert G. Ingersoll lectured on "Some Reasons Why." August 10, Mrs. T. U. Reynolds loc-

tured at Lake Pleasant Camp, Mass. Dr. C. W. Hidden lectured at Lake Pleasant Camp, August 10, 11, 12 and 13. Edgar W. Emerson lectured at Lake Pleasant Camp, August 11 and 15. Mrs. Frances Holmes lectured August 12 at Lake Pleasant Camp, Mass.

Mrs. Clara F. Conant lectured at Lake Pleasant Camp, Mass, August 13 and 14. Anna L. Robinson lectured at Haslett Park Camp, Mich., August 9, 11, 12 and

Marion Carpentor lectured August 9. at Haslett Park Camp.

Rev. James De Buchananne, M. D. Ph. D., of Kansas City, lectured August 14 and 15 at Haslett Park Camp, Mich. At Sunapee Lake Camp, N. H., August 9, Edgar W. Emerson was speaker. Mrs. R. S. Lillie lectured at Sunapee Lake, N. H., August 9, 11, 12 and 13. Mrs. E. I. Webster lectured August 15, at Sunapee Lake, N. H.

Moses Hull gave his farewell discourse at Lake Brady Camp, Ohio, Sunday, August 0. G. W. Kates and Mrs. Kates occupied

the rostrum at Lake Brady, assisted by Prof. Joseph Singer and Walfried Sing-

er, August 11 to 15.

August 9 and 11, Mrs. Carrie E. S.
Twing lectured at Ons., Mass.
Theodore F. Price, All advertised in consequence of his arrest in Philadelphia, lectured at Onset, Mass., August 9, 12 and 13.

August 15, there was a Veterans' Spirltualistst Union at Onset Camp. Mrs. Juliette Yeaw lectured August 9, 13 and 15 at Temple Heights Camp,

F. A. Wiggin lectured at Temple Heights Camp, August 9, 14 and 15.

Oscar Edgerly lectured at Temple

Heights Camp, August 10 and 15. The annual meeting at Temple Heights, Me., took place August 13.

A. E. Tisdale lectured at Verona Park, Maine, August 9, 11 and 13. A memorial service was held on the afternoon of August 9. August 12, at Verona Park, Me., was

devoted to Temperance, led by Mrs. Pishon, of Augusta, with an address in the evening by Mrs. M. C. Smith. August 9, 13, 14, J. Clegg Wright lecturcd at Cassadaga.

Rev. W. W. Hicks lectured at Cassa daga August 9. Prof. W. M. Lockwood lectured Au

gust 11, 12 and 15 at Cassadaga. Jennie B. H. Jackson lectured at Cas sadaga, August 15.

J. Frank Baxter lectured and gave tests, August 12, 13, 14 at Clinton Camp, Ida P. A. Whitlock lectured Augus

9, at Lake George Camp, N. Y. Julia Steelman Mitchell lectured Au gust 9, at Devil's Lake Camp, Mich.

Will C. Hodge, inspirational speaker, who for the past five years has been sec-retary of the Mississippi Valley Asso ciation, will sever his connection with Clinton Camp at the close of the present season and will devote his entire time to the lecture field. He is open for engagement to lecture for the camping season of 1897, and for societies and places where there is no society, commencing September 20 and will make reasonable terms with any party desiring his services. Is engaged for the month of November at St. Louis, Mo. Address him at 40 Loomis St., Chicago.

Dr. H. C. Andrews writes: "I addressed a large audience at Chesterfield Camp August 5, and shall lecture and give tests at Jonesboro, Indiana; August 16. I expect to be at Montpelier August 23. I will answer calls to ecture anywhere in Indiana, on reasonsble terms. The mediums are doing a grand noble work in converting many to our harmonial philosophy, and Chestorfield camp is proving to be a grand nccess in every way. Address me at Jonesboro, Ind.

J. W. Dennis writes that: Woman's Day was very appropriately celebrated It the new camp at Freeville, N. Y., by Mrs. Augusta Armstrong of Buffalo, Mrs. Armstrong is an adept at these elebrations as she brings in music, truct and please her audiences. She colivered a fine address upon the above casion and is a fine lecturer upon the mbject of women's enfranchisement.

Geo. W. Walrond, inspirational and trance speaker from England and Can-ada, is now at Denver, Col., en route to the Pacific Coast. He proposes after filling engagements in the Western States, to take a professional tour through Canada. As he is at present recruiting health and strength at Denver, Colo., letters on business may be addressed to him there until further notice. Societies in Colorado or States west requiring his services should write to him. He is open for mission and revival work. Address him at the

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Mrs. M. Bates writes from Joliet. Ill.: 'A few weeks ago, Mrs. Lee Norie Claman, of Chicago, came in our midst. A meeting was held at the home of Mr. A good crowd was gathered there; a fine locture was given by her control, Brother John, and at the close many beautiful messages from loved ones, every one of which was recognized. Such an interest was awakened that it was decided at once she must come back the following week, which she did, and we have had meetings once week ever since. The Fourth of July the Methodist church was thrown open for us to go in and hold two services that day which we did, with great suc-

cess. It was startling to the skeptic to hear the messages given, names and dates in full. At this time we decided as our crowd had increased, to permanently locate a place of wor-ship, and we have leased the old Masonic hali for a year, where we will hold our meetings, hoping by that time to own a temple of our own. Last Friday night we held our first meeting in our new quarters, and were greeted with between seventy-five and one hundred anxious souls waiting for a crumb of spiritual food. We will very soon have our State charter, and will be numbered as one of the active societies of the present age to spread the light of immortal life.

C. H. Mathews writes: "Mrs. Elsie Reynolds, materializing medium, of California, gave two materializing seances at the residence of Mr. S. Fertig, Canal Dover, Ohio, July 25 and 26, which proved very satisfactory to about twen-ty-five persons, including the writer, who met his three children now in spir-it-land and thirty or forty strangers."

The First Religio-Philosophical Society, of Fayette county, Iowa, will hold its annual meeting and pionic Saturday and Sunday, August 29 and 30. All are cordially invited. The meeting will be held in the grove of Mrs. Hutchinson, two miles west of Lima, Iowa. Mrs. Lowell, of Anoka, Minn., will address us Saturday, p. m., and Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Mrs. Frances Koehler, of Chicago, is spending the summer at Lily Dale. She can be found at her cottage next to Library Hall, and will take subscriptions for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

P. J. Barrington, M. D., writes from Strawborry Point, Iowa: "We would say to the readers of our favorite paper, THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, that we have been here several weeks in Strawberry Point, Iowa, working for and with this most excellent people, lecturing on alternate Sundays, with the Universalist minister, holding services in a church building owned jointly by the two societies. A. Treadwell and family, and E. L. Gager and wife are the leading when received formers and ing workers here, retired farmers, and people of standing. Mrs. Gager is developing mediumship of a high order, and holds circles in her own commodious residence, to which people from the country drive in a distance of 10 or 12 miles to attend. We find our leading papers in many homes, and only the extreme stringency of the times hinders our sending in a long list of subscribers to THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER now. Wife and myself are open to calls to work for, or organize societies within 100 miles of here, working together or single, on favorable terms. Address us at this place.

Adelle writes from Cassadaga Camp: Much interest is being manifested at this camp. The meetings in point of numbers increase daily. The hotels are filling up, and it begins to look like olden times. There are not as many professed mediums here as usual, so the genuine mediums are doing a good work, and are kept busy, Mr. F. Corden White has given up platform work, and will devote his time in the future to private work. Those having had sittings this season say they are most excellent. At the close of this camp he will go to Lake Pleasant Camp for a week; after which he will locate in Chicago, where we bespeak for him a busy future."

Dr. R. Greer, who, a month ago, went on a vacation, has returned, and will be tound at the old stand, 127 Lasalle street. While the doctor was gone he took in the Gulf of Mexico, bordering the coast line of Mississippi. He stopped most of the time at that enterprising town, Biloxi, and he is loud in the praise of its charming climate and picturesque scenery, and many who have homes on the Gulf coast, he says, especially about Biloxi, declare it a paradise of content plenty to eat, and but little to do. The destiny of the Gulf coast line of Mexico, with its mighty waters and verdant banks, the doctor says, is yet unwritten; but its promise is golden. No other he says, can surpass it in its multitude of oyster-beds and ocean of frolicking fishes; or in its unlimited variety of the loveliest semi-tropical plants, fruits and flowers, and, above all, none, he says, can surpass it in its coolest sunshine, because of the regular blowing of trade winds, or gulf breezes, which tem-per the atmosphere. The doctor pre-dicts that the Gulf coast line shall soon become the mecca of the future.

Allen Franklin Brown will start for Texas Camp about August 15, and anyone wishing a lecture on the way may arrange by corresponding with him. Adim at 703 Manhattan Block, St. Paul. Minn.

A subscriber writes: "Allow me a little space in your valuable paper, calling attention to the spiritual and prophetic medium, Mrs. P. J. Robinson, located at 1352 West Lake street. Her prophecies are accurate and convincing. Not long since a lady called with her child. The medium said: 'The child will suddenly pass away in a few days.' In about ten days the child died with cholera-infan-tum. She also said: 'They will change locality. That followed. Her descriptions of spirit friends and transferring

of messages are fine." Mrs. R. Wadsworth writes from Minneapolis, Minn.: "The article in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, copied from Sunday Times, Minneapolis, has brought me letters of inquiry in reference to the Order, from east, west, north and south so you will see your paper reaches far and near. Glad it is so widely known." Mr. and Mrs. Kinkead go to Watseka Ilk, Aug. 10, to hold a trumpet and materializing seance for the society of that

place. Mr. J. C. F. Grumbine will form two classes, one for psychometry and one for clairvoyance, while at Clinton, Iowa, under official engagement. He delivers five lectures there during his engagement. Those who are now at Mount Pleasant Park can see Prof. Fred E. Lofgreen, musical director, for date and terms. He will serve societies in the West during the week-nights of Septem-

can be addressed at Vicksburg, Mich. camp grounds, where he will serve as chairman until Aug. 30. His permanent address is 416 Newland avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.

Etta Semple, writes from Ottawa Kansas: "At the Ottawa Convention of Kansas: the Kansas Freethinkers, to be held August 21-26, there will be a two days' discussion between a Spiritualist and Materialist. 1st. Man has a spirit which eurvives the death of the body. Hull affirms: Conway denies. 2. There is no spirit; all is matter. Conway affirms, Hull denies. As our association is supposed to be mostly materialists. I hope there will be a large attendance of Spiritualists, as it will aid their

speaker." Mrs. Dr. Magoon was in the city last Monday. She and her husband are located at present in Milwaukee, Wis They are efficient workers in the cause of reform.

Lake Brady Camp.

TO THE EDITOR:-Kindly allow me space to reply to a paragraph which concludes the notice of this camp in your issue of August 1.

I was never a Franciscan monk. I was once a Trappist novice and upon my experience in that order I occasionally led ure. Having never taken vows of celibacy, I had none to recant. The se ance spoken of as given for my benefit was a lecture given by my own guides through me as their instrument. This was preceded by a poem and at its close tests were given by Miss Maggie Gaule. I am a spiritual worker on the rostrum of five years standing, and an ordained minister of the gospel of Spiritualism. Though I am not wealthy, I do not quite consider myself in indigent circumstances. At any rate, I have never yet asked aid of the charitably inclined Spiritualists or others by way of alms. have lectured at this camp three times during this season and hope to do so on future occasions. Those who have attended my lectures have paid an admission fee, which I have received. That

I have for some years been a frequent contributor to the Spiritualist press, and articles from my pen have found place in your columns.

Your correspondent not having been present at the lecture alluded to, was doubtless misinformed as to its charac-E. J. BOWTELL.

Passed to Spirit-Life. Passed to the higher life from his home in Grand Ledge, Mich., Mr. Burns, aged 71 years. He had been a resident there forty-two years. A few weeks before going, he said he would manifest as soon as possible, and he did so at the funeral, so plainly that some recognized the truth of the promise. He leaves a wife, five children and a mother, who is past 90. Mr. Burns was a firm believer in the truths of Spiritualism. He was waiting and ready to go. The messenger came suddenly, he having no warning. He got up in the morning, sat on the couch a moment, then lay down and went to the other side. Services were conducted by Mrs. J. H. Dunham, of Ionia, Mich.

Frances M. Beck passed to spirit-life on the 18th of July, at Delphi, Ind. She was a firm believer in Spiritualism, and died in that faith.

FRANCES BECK KNIGHT.

Passed to spirit-life from 43 Brian Place, Chicago, Illinois, at the age of 77 years, Mrs. Dr. C. Butt, who had outlived all the creeds of Christendom and lived the past ten years in the knowledge of the truths of Modern Spiritualism. She did all the good she could during life and has gone to her great reward, as her works will follow her.

The Arena for August.

the title of a most interesting paper in the August Arena, by Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Cheney, who has for years been a close student of the Flowery Land and the cus toms, manners and religions of her peo The impetus given to the study of Oriental religions by the Parliament of One of the most distinguished members Religions at the World's Fair has led to of the bar of this State, and now sitting much serious investigation along these lines and has dispelled many of the absurd ideas in regard to Eastern religions which have so long gained currency ions which have so long gained currency amongst all Western people. Mrs. Cheney gives a definition of Nirvana which will be new to many readers, and her thoughtful and sympathetic analysis of Mahayana Buddhism will form a valuable contribution to the literature deal ing with Oriental religion. The Arena is most excellent, and should be read by every liberal family. Terms \$3 per year. Address Arena Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

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MAPLE DELL CAMP.

Hon. A. B. French Again on the Rostrum. tion

Throughout July the weather was decidedly against successful camp-work. With the first of August came better weather, however, and with that a larger attendance.

The first Sunday of August has been observed here for thirty-six years as anniversary Sunday, and the attendance last Sunday was the largest for the pres ent season. In the morning the early history of the movement in Ohio was re-lated by Chairman M. C. Danforth, Thomas A. Black, of Cleveland; Mrs. L. M. Brown, of Charlestown, and Dr. D. M. King, whose home is here. Letters of fraternal greeting were

read from associated societies at Millersport and Van Wert, Ohio, and Hon A. B. French delivered a memorial address full of touching tributes to the memory of pioneer workers who have advanced to higher spheres. The veneral Dr. E. P. Brainerd, of Ravenna, and Dr. M. Fuller, the magnetic healer, of Chardon, also occupied scats upon the platform, as did Mrs. G. Cooper, of

A pleasing opening for the afternoon programme proper was the presentation to Dr. D. M. King, of a handsome ebony cane, with beautifully hand-chased gold head. Dr. King has been a pioneer worker in Spiritualism for over forty years, and in the presentation speech Mr. C. B. Gould, of Cleveland, paid a very high tribute to this tireless worker. Dr. King has organized seven different Spiritualist camps, and his greatest success in this line of work has been at Maple Dell Park. Mr. Gould declared the support of the staff to be indicative of the support which the workers here owe to Brother King and to the cause for which he has labored so unselfishly, and that the purity of the gold was typi cal of the purity of his life and charac ter. The presentation was a complete surprise, and the response was very feeling and impressive.

Hon. A. B. French delivered the ad-

dress of the day in his own masterly manner. Particular credit is due to Master Shirley French, of Garrettsville (a brother to the distinguished orator) for the excellent and artistic manner in which he rendered a vocal solo. A class of little girls also gave a musical num-ber, under the direction of Madame Holton, and in which they displayed to good advantage the benefits they have received from Miss Cole's instructions in the Delsarte system of physical culture. In the evening Mrs. N. S. Baade, of Detroit, lectured to an appreciative audience. She is a very pleasing speaker, and her guides are certainly of a high rder. Her engagement should have expired to-day, and the announcement that

her to remain with us until next Sunday has been bailed with phasure by all on the camp.

The Vernie Lee Comedy Company have given good satisfaction in their dramatic work, and have completed their engagement. On each of the remaining Saturday evenings during the session the dramatic performances will be under the personal direction of Miss Clair Tutassisted by Mrs. Agnes Tuttle, bet

he management have arranged with

ter known, perhaps, to patrons of the drama as Agnes Cameron. There is perhaps hor more popular name at Maple Dell Park than that of Clair Tuttle. Her past labors for the association have been very successful from a financial as well as an artistic standpoint.

Thomas A. Black and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Barker, of Cleveland, have been among the recent visitors, also Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, of Rainbow Cot tage at Lake Brady. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Munger, of Macomb, Ill., are spending the season with us, and the latest "Mahayana Buddhism in Japan," is arrivals from a distance have been W.

rinthe P. Hazen and wife, from Tampa, Fla. Marvin, of Akron, have been with us for several days, much to the delight of all who have had the pleasure of their acquaintance. Judge Marvin is not only one of the most distinguished members upon the Circuit Court Bench, but is ar consistent Episcopalian, he has the good fortune to be a brother-in-law of our genial chairman, M. C. Danforth, to which fact we are probably indebted for his presence with us.

A special committee has been appoint ed to direct the compilation of an accurate history of the early manifestations of spirit power on the Western Reserve, and it is hoped that the same will be published in pamphlet form by the time of the next annual session, as it will cer

tainly make interesting reading.

It was announced last week that a
large delegation from Lake Brady would
positively visit us on Monday of this veek, and everybody on the grounds had speeches of fraternal greeting, senti-ments of co-operation for the cause of truth, etc., ready for the reception that and been arranged, but much to our disappointment the visitors failed to make onnections, and we certainly hope that he next time they will reach our shady dell without such disappointment. Mantua Station, O.

New Era Camp, Oregon.

The Spiritualists of Oregon, have just closed one of the most successful annual camp-meetings ever held on the New Era camp-ground, commencing June 20, and closing July 12. The most noted talent was procured. Dr. M. F. Ravlin. of California, was with us the entire camp, and is a good worker for the

ause Bishop A. Beals, the inspirational speaker and singer, remained with us a

Mrs. Georgia Cooley, the noted me-dium, was also present the entire camp and her presence was enjoyed by all. Other interesting speakers were also present. An admission fee of ten cents a day or twenty-five cents a season was charged, which proved satisfactory to all, and all recognized the fact that more was gained than by taking up collections as has formerly been done. The cottages were filled and a larger number of tents were on the ground than

for several years previous.

Many old and new laces were seen and hearty hand-shake was ready for all. All parted with the desire that we should clasp hands again at the camp of

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, O. W. Quint, Barlow; vice-president, F. Fuller, McMinnville; secretary, W. E. Jones, Portland: Treasurer, F. E. Everest, Portland; corresponding secretary, Mrs.

L. L. Irwin, Portland. Our society realizes the fact that a support for our mediums is needed and this year joined the National Spiritualists' Association.

The board will make special efforts to secure noted talent for next year, and we hope all interested Spiritualists will lend a helping hand to make the meet-After Truth." By Hattle J. Day.

volume of genuine poems, of such fine will open about the last of June of Bush moral and spiritual tone that all will be of July. For further information apply to W. E. Jones. Mrs. I. L. IRWIN.

Cor. Sec y. ing as successful as possible. The camp will open about the last of June or first

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Fourth Annual Conven-

Association Of the United States of America

and Canada

WILL BE HELD AT MASONIC TEMPLE WASHINGTON, D. C. The Fourth Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists' Association will be held in Washington, D. C., October

20, 21 and 22, at Masonic Temple. This convention will be attended by many of the most able speakers and mediums in this country, and questions of great importance to all Spiritualists will be considered. Railroad rates on the certificate plan will be secured for those who desire to attend.

The officers of the National Association have endeavored to emphasize the chartered objects of this association of Spiritualists for business and religious

They have no personal axes to grind or political ambitions to further. Their only desire has been and is to sustain organization as simple as possible in form, for the protection and promulgation of Spiritualism. They have always en-deavored, in the responsible positions they have occupied, to work as servants of the people, with no desire to dictate to those who placed them in their respective positions, or to the Spiritualists

of the country.

Organization already has proved itself a mighty power for good and we earnestly request that such chartered societies as can make arrangements to be represented in the next convention, selectable and competent delegates as soon as possible.

The National Association has nearly

doubled its membership in the past two years. Its officers have protested wholesale ordination and have labored assiduously to prevent this form of endorsement of persons not qualified by gifts or character, to publicly represent

the truths of Spiritualism.

The Association has founded a library located only a few minutes' walk from the National Capitol Building in Washington, D. C.; a library which is constantly visited by eminent people of all denominations, from all sections of the country. This library now contains about five hundred volumes of the choicest productions of the ablest Spiritualist authors. As far as possible it has collected the publications on the subject of Spiritualism from the earliest days of its history down to the present

It has succeeded also in collecting many valuable souvenirs of the early days of the cause in this country. It has also repeatedly said to legislators and politicians that as the National

Association represents thousands of voters, they must not enact legisla-tion that shall in any way disgrace this land of the free and home of the brave. The liberal, fair, and progressive po stion taken by the officers of this insti-tution on the subjects of "God in the Constitution," extreme Sunday legislation, etc., has met with the almost unan-

imous endorsement of our people and the endorsement of hundreds of Christian citizens of all denominations, These have come to their aid and are assisting in the defense of the constitutional rights of the people. In Washington, D. C., Free Thinkers, Materialists, Jews, Unitarians, Adventists, and Free Will Baptists have been united in this patriotic work.

Much has been accomplished in re gard to securing rates, known as "cler-gyman's rates," for our speakers and gyman's rates, for our speakers and held at Verona Park, Me., from August mediums, especially in the West, and while not endorsing particularly the discriminating for clargyman of any de nomination as a privileged class, yet while the present system is in operation, the officers of this institution will continue to labor to secure similar rates for all who are entitled to the same, or wil assist at the proper time in abolishing the granting of these rates to clergymen or any class whatever. Railroad managers, however, at the present time show the desire to be just, and not to discriminate against any of our people because they are Spiritualists.

Thousands of pages of literature have been distributed during the past season, and the supply has not been equal to the demand. Our worthy and talented president has accomplished a great and good work in proclaiming the "glad tidings of great joy" in many places where for years no presentations of the truths of our progressive religion have been made. The great mass-meetings held in several cities have been a great success, the full result of which cannot at pres

ent be estimated. Through the columns of the papers, both spiritual and secular, fortune-tell-ing, charm-selling and other fraudulent practices have been denounced as a dis grace to Modern Spiritualism, and all nediums who have indulged in such doings have been urged to abandon these practices and all Spiritualists have been requested to assist, counsel, and aid them to present only genuine spiritual phenomena, and thus win the confidence and respect not only of the Spiritualists but of the public generally. Through the influence of the N. S. A. Spiritual-ism is gaining for itself a good name which is to be sought for more than

great riches. As far as its means would allow, it has constantly carried on a campaign of education, preventing persons who had no legal right to do so, from performing the marriage ceremony, and also has ef-fectively assisted as far as possible, in eradicating fraud and deception from our ranks.

Eminent judges all over the country are discussing the question which the National Association has for some agitated: "That spirit mediums or sensi-tives are not fortune-tellers, and thereore not subject to the penalty attached thereto in several States, and if the me-diums of the country will co-operate with the National Association by ing themselves aloof from such practices, both in advertising and personal presence, much trouble will be avoided in the future.

The cessation of scathing attacks upon Spiritualism during the past year by pulpit and press, the invitations con-stantly received at N. S. A. headquarters from boards of trade, chambers of commerce and committees of citizens of the large cities of the land, politely inviting us to hold a session of our conven-tion, or a mass-meeting, in their re-spective cities, certainly testifies to the good accomplished through organiza-

The future of Spiritualism on a happy organized basis in America may be more successful than the fondest hopes of its most enthusiastic promoters have dared to expect. Will not all Spiritualists to expect. unite, not only to protect mediums, but also to protect themseves, and the cause of Spiritualism, working in harmony to-gether until the day shall come when an educated mediumship, when sensitives, developed in adapted institutions sustained by the Spiritualists of the country, shall rapidly aid in truly blessing and saving the world?

results and much more of a kindred character, should attend the next convention of the National Association Arrangements have been made with the Ebbitt House, one of the very best ho-tels in Washington, to entertain the delegates a reasonable price. The headquarters for the delegates will be located in this spaclous hotel, and the famous Of the National Spiritualists' Red Parlor will be secured for the reception on the evening of October 19. Persons desiring rooms reserved, please notify the secretary as early as possible. Francis B. Woodbury, Sec'y.

THE CAMP-MEETINGS.

RIVERSIDE PARK CAMP-MEETING. Grand Ledge, Mich., commences July 19, and ends August 16th. For full, illustrated 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 circulars 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.
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This camp opens August 7 and continues seventeen days. For full and comprehensive information concerning the camp, address A. D. Ballou, M. D., who 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 and continue until August 24. For full programme and particulars, address D. M. King, Mantua Station, Ohio. VICKSBURG CAMP.

This camp, located one-half mile from Vicksburg, Mich., commences August 7 and closes August 80th. For full programme and particulars address Jean-nette Frazer, Vicksburg, Mich. TEXAS CAMP.

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

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VERONA PARK CAMP.

This camp will open August 23 and close September 13. For full particulars address H. Baxter, Ashley, Ohio. LAKE SUNAPEE CAMP. Commences August 2 and closes Sep-

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ING. Parkland, Eden postoffice. It com-mences July 12 and continues to September 14.

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Married. Married at Lincoln, Neb., Thursday, July 30, 1896, by County Judge S. T. Cochran, Mr. W. T. Hamilton, of Well man, Ia., to Miss Etta Ross, of College

View, Neb. Mr. Hamilton is one of the most extensive stock dealers in eastern Iowa; he is also president of the Security Savings Bank of Wellman, Washington county, Ia.

Miss Ross for several years past has mass ross for several years past has been a teacher in the public schools in Iowa and Nebraska, and is a very intelligent and attractive lady. Mr. Hamilton and Miss Ross were by no means strangers, but were both born and reared in Washington county, Iowa, knowing each other from childhood; therefore, it is not a case of marry in haste and repent at leisure. The bride and groom left the following night on a wedding tour for Colorado to spend two months in the Rocky Mountains, and will return to their Iowa home October Mr. Hamilton is one of the many sub scribers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER and is directly in line with our cause. May they long live and prosper is my earnest prayer. Dr. P. S. GEORGE.

Special Notice.

Our State Spiritualist Association will convene in annual session October 8, and continue two days. I would like to make an engagement with some good physical medium for the above dates materializing, trumpet, etc. Please give this publication in order that I may be put in correspondence with mediums as above mentioned.

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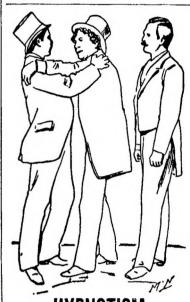
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"I took your advice, formed a family circle, and have in a short time received all the evidence I want of reality of spirit return. My wife has developed into a writing medium, and also speaks in unconscious trance. We received communications at our first seance, and many spirit friends wrote messages through her hand. Now they seem to take full control of her."

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A. The preceding answer applies to this correspondent.

The spirit found the difficulties besett

ing the way of communicating its earnest desire insurmountable and discontinued lits efforts. The urgency then best felt may have passed. On all these subjects he will gain the information he desires by the prescribed means.

D. A. V., Green Bay, Wis.: Q. Why in my mediumship do I remain for years

without advancing?

A. Because of your unwillingness to A. Because of your unwillingness to walk before you can run; to learn the alphabet before you read. Take one of many phases you long for, and perfect yourself in that. It is asking too much of spirit friends to do for us what we should do for ourselves; to give us in struction we can as well gain in books, or by clairvoyance show us what can be better seen by the physical eyos.

Edwin Poole, Onset, Mass.: Q. I read with much interest your instructive replies to questions each week in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. I wish to propound one now, but have a little incident to speak of first that leads up to tho question. I have a friend, in whose veracity I have full confidence, who is an amateur photographer. Being engaged in other business for a livelihood, he has little time to spare for photo-graphic work, but all his spare time from regular work he could easily use to the satisfaction of his patrons, he being remarkably successful in photographing pet cats, dogs, etc. A few months ago he had an order from a lady to come to her house to take a picture of her cat. He was prompt in attending to the matter and obtained an excellent likeness of the cat, lying on an extension table. But when he developed the picture he was astonished to find on the same negative the picture of a large dog sitting up back of the cat, his forelegs showing up as plainly as the cat itself. My friend is not a Spiritualist, and far from attributing this result to anything spiritual, he concluded the picture must have been a reflection from something in the room. He was curious to know what had caused it, however, and so proceeded to the lady's home, and having stated the facts he was allowed to thoroughly examine the room, but failed to find any cause therein, for this strange phenomenon. The lady had no dog, had not had one in the house for a year, she said. My friend, mystified, took the negative upstairs to show to the people who lived These people were not Spiritualists. On the contrary, they were very much opposed to Spiritualism. When the man looked at the negative he exolaimed: "Why! those are Dan Robin-"Who is Dan Robinson," asked my

friend, whom I will call S.
"It's a dog that used to belong to the folks across the way," replied the other, whom I will call A.
"But how came his picture on here?"

queried 8.

"Why, the dog is dead!" exclaimed A.
"Well, what of that?" said S. "How
came his picture on here?"

"There is a story that connects them gether," said A. "When this cat was together," said A. "When this cat was a kitten, she was driven up a tree by three dogs, who stood at the base, barking furiously. Dan, a large dog across the street, took in the situation, crossed the street, and dispersed the cat's tormentors, and the cat recognizing his friendliness came down and henceforth they were firm friends until Dan died. I don't know how to account for this picture, but those are Dan's legs! He died about a year ago."

Now, Mr. Tuttle, I have reason to be-

lieve this narration to be truthful. If animals do not live after the change called death, what produced that pic-

ture? A. The above is inserted in full because it is unique, and pleasing. Before, however, hazarding an explanation, we would ask for its perfect verification. There is no doubt of the possibility of spirit photography, yet it by no means follows that the appearance which develops on the photographic plate must have an objective reality. A spirit does not reflect tive reality. A spirit does not reflect the rays of light which produce the photograph. Nor can a spirit be seen by physical eyes. By process understood by the few learned in the derstood by the lew learned in the higher sciences, matter may be attracted, and condensed in certain forms suffi-ciently tangible to reflect light, even to the limit of that etherealization which is visible to the eye.

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current?
A. There is no fact in physiology more perfectly demonstrated than the oxygenation of the blood in the lungs, and probably by absorption of air throughout the circulation.

Any other theory or supposition, what-

ever may be the source, shows ignorance of what has been done in the study of this subject. The electricity which is supposed to be the cause is only an effect of chemical changes, and has been wonderfully utilized in the battery of

the electrical eel and ray.

The circulation of blood through the lungs is referable to well understood processes, and the term "circular interal respiration" is a meaningless phrase. Of "auto-oxygenating," simply meaning that the blood is self-oxygenated, there can be no objection except that it ex-plains nothing, and the fact is better expressed in simple English words.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CAMP.

To Stockholders and Spiritualists Generally.

Lookout Mountain Camp-meeting Association of Spiritualists met on July 21, with a full quorum present and by proxy.

Report on grounds showed that it was divided into three parts, namely Three acres, more or less, set apart for Hotel Block; three and one-half acres for spiritual grounds in perpetuity; the remaining seven acres, more or less, into

lots for sale or lease.

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of Hotel Block for hotel, or sanitarium, under the management of the most progressive modes of healing, from which the association will derive an annual ground rent, to pay all expenses, and, it

s hoped, to pay a per cent. on the stock.

The attendance at the camp-meeting vas quite large, and the very able ministrations of Mrs. Helen Stuart-Richings, Mrs. Annie E. Thomas and others highly appreciated by all persuasions of those present.

New life and interest has taken hold of all people here, in spiritual philoso-phy, and we hope for success hereafter. JERRY ROBINSON, Pres.

TEMPLE OF THE MAGL

A Vision and the Interpretation.

I was very much interested by the description of the Temple of the Magi, in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of July 18. It brought to my mind a circumstance that occurred about a year ago between Prof. J. S. Loveland and my-

Some two years ago the Professor was taken sick with la grippe. I went to see him, and he seemed to be very doubtful of his recovery. I told him he would get well and come before the public a brighter and higher unfolded man on account of his sickness; that it would be about a year before he would get around

In about a year he came back to Sumto see him, at 10 o'clock a. m., I sat on that we have two handsome ones—a boy the side of his bed, holding his hand, and the image of a deer appeared before and that there never was any svil in me, and the meaning was impressed on my mind to read it for him. The next day while I was holding his

hand, I was impressed to say: "You are a Master Mason-made one by manmade laws. We will initiate you into the coming Spiritual Masonry of the Brother and Sisterhood of Humanity;" and then I saw as it were a temple be-fore me, and the Master coming out of an inner chamber, with the most beautiful robes on that I ever saw. The robes seemed to be made in capes, each one glittering with gold and diamond

fringes.
Then I was impressed to say: "We will finish your initiation the next time I come." The next day at 10 o'clock, I took him by the hand, and the same image of a perfect man with the same beautiful robes came out of the same room, and the image of a perfect woman by his side, with the same beautiful robes that perfectly resembled the Master's. Theu I was impressed to say: Your man-made Masonry has made slave of your sister woman, that should walk side by side as a companion in all things." Who are those two perfected beings I

saw, if they are not the bride and bridegroom of the Temple? and the human body is their home, and when the immortal lamp-light of the human soul is kept trimmed and burning, we can see the golden stairs that nature's laws have built, that lead up to the upper chamber where the bride and bride-groom of the Temple live.

But the cords of selfishness hold the most of the human family bound to the lower rooms of the Temple, and it will be a long time with many of earth's pil-grims before they will find the golden stairs that lead up to the Master's room, where the dual nature will be robed with garments of purity. But sad ex-perience will wean all of Mother Earth's children in time, and the golden stairs will remain there for them to climb out of darkness when their idols fail to have any more attraction for them; for the sonl is immortal, and the idols are built out of their own earthly fancies and will pass away like the child's toys as soon as sad experience causes them to outgrow them. But the crucifixion comes before the resurrection—the bud before the blossom.

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"SOUL GENESIS."

Considered from the Standpoint of Psychic Experience.

Commended to Dr. Hudson and A. M. Griffen.

A. M. Grlffen's philosophical discussion of "Soul Genesis," I will give my experience in connection with the same subject. It is more of a practical experience than a theoretical investigation. Ever since we—that is, my wife and myself—have been investigating Spiritualism, we have received communications through mediums, purporting to come from our children in the spiritworld. As in our over thirty years of married life we had not, to our knowledge, been blessed with any children, we always refused all communications of a contrary effect. In one of the sittings of our little circle, one of the members-a gentleman with most remarkable clairvoyant and clairaudient powersgave me several communications from a very bright female spirit. The spirit was of an unusual cheerful disposition; she said she was so delighted at the opportunity offered her to communicate direct with us; she always had the deire, and now, through the aid of Mrs. Hyser, the guide of the gentleman re-ferred to, her wish was being gratified. I requested the name of our very

agreeable visitor, and was answered:
"You would not believe who I was,
should I tell you." I answered: "Why should I doubt your word? Can you, of the brightest spheres, be guilty of falsehood?" Not receiving an answer as to her name, I was impressed that it had been given to the medium; but he was timid about giving it. I accused him of it: "You surely have an answer; I know you have; why don't you give it?"

He answered: "You know what the

answer is; why are you asking me; I saw when you received it."

I insisted on an answer from him, and

he said: "It is your daughter."
Our spirit-friends saw the hesitancy and doubt of the medium, and they impressed me and also showed him clairvoyantly that they had done so, and I ompelled him to answer. The medium is a bachelor—that accounts for the hes itancy. He has no wife; we-thought so-have no children; and it was the mutual consideration for each other's feelings that was respected. The young lady-our daughter-is about thirty years in the spirit-world, and through the aid of Mrs. Hyser she could appear in the material form she would have ob-

ained had she been born. We were informed by our spiritual instructor that the severe sickness of mywife some four or five months after our marriage was produced through a miscarriage, and that this miscarriage was unknown to us, as also to the attending physician—one of the most noted in the city. He had given an entirely wrong treatment, and brought my wife on the verge of the grave. The miscarriage was twins—a boy and a girl—the differ-ence in birth being seven minutes. We now remember the passing of two shapeless clots of blood. One I examined under the glass and it appeared as a life-

less piece of stringy, bloody matter.
I inquired of the instructor whether there had been life in the fœtus, and when life began, and he answered: "On conception.

As the material body of the child is nourished by the material body of the mother, so is the spirit body also nourished by the spirit of the mother. That accounts for the mental effects of the mother being impressed on the child, as many very remarkable cases have been merland, and sent for me to come and given in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. See him. He was able to be out of bed part of the time. The first time I went on the mundane sphere, we have found

them, nor were they exposed to the temptations of this world, and consequently could not be the cause of any sorrow and shame to their parents, as so many of them are at the present age.
Their spirit form is about the size of a child three to four years old; they are known to us as "Johnny" and "Daught," and have their regular places with us in

"Daught" informed us that she had plenty of duties to perform, and tedious studies, and when at leisure or recreation, she is always with us and often ac-companied her mother on her walks. We have many amusing incidents with her, and she always tries to keep her mother in the lively, cheerful spirit so peculiar to her in her younger days. She has been all over the universe, has visited all the planets. When asked about Mars, as to the comparison with our Earth, she said she could not answer it: we could not understand it, as it was not of our elements. She could tell us that a spirit can, on proper purification, visit any or all parts of the universe; but had to return to that element—that planet—of which it was a part or parcel.

A SUBJECT FOR ANATOMISTS. In connection with the editorial under the above heading in the issue of July 18th. I will state that our instructor some time ago explained to us that spiritual sight came from the action of the spirit ual eye, located in the region referred to in the article.

LINES TO A PESSIMIST.

You say "the big fish eat the little ones, and the spider eats the flies," And "care consumes humanity until the mortal dies." Opoor, benighted" Pessimist, if you'll

waken from your eleep,
You'll find outside your chrysalis there
are soul-mountains steep.
Undreamed of conditions, where "the
big fish" and "the little" Dwell as honest brothers, minus slime and spittle,

And where spider-actions And unholy factions Say unto the trembling fly: "We have changed; Come into the parlor to live, and not to

die.' Yes, outside your chrysalis, When your new wings you try, Up those soul-mountains you may

surely fly
To grander planes of bliss. 'Some spirits say they're happy, but others the reverse. 'So how can we be certain our condition won't be worse?"

happy in the realms above Once strewed earth's pathway with flowery deeds of love. The others who complain, and show

I'll tell you, those who say they're

the spider stings,
Are sleepy Pessimists who've never found their wings.
Passing out perforce of Nature's trampled law. They did not rise at all above the earth-

ly "slaw." Yet sometime our friend, the Pessi-His wings will find, when he bursts his chrysalis. A. N. OPTIMIST.

I believe in great men, but not in demi-gods.-Bovee.

A HABIT TO BE AVOIDED.

Profane Language Is Akin to Rowdyiam.

While I do not wish to criticise any one's mode of action, or question his right of speech, yet it seems to me that it would look more respectable, to say the least, if Spiritualisis would refrain from using profane language, especially in public. Though we do not deem it "wicked," as our orthodox friends do, set it is a less conventibility and one that In connection with Dr. Hudson's and yet it is a low coarse lithit, and one that adds no laurels to one a grown. I have heard men that were ardent Spiritualsts-those who were looked upon by the community at large as being leaders in our cause, use language—and that too, at public gatherings—that would have been more in keeping with barroom expressions than to have been uttered in the presence of ladies and gentlemen.

If we would have people look upon our philosophy as a religion, and respect it we must act in such a manner as will command respect for ourselves as well as our principles. We cannot expect to gain adherents, at least among the better class, if we are continually shocking their innate sense of refinement.

If profanity is not a thing to be deplored, why should we be so averse at hearing our little ones repeat the same words that we may have uttered in their presence. Would we be proud of our children if, in the lyceum for instance, they were to repeat some of these big "swear words" that some people think so necessary to use in order to give proper emphasis to that which they are saying? Would we feel like inviting people of culture to come and hear that that was one of our methods of teaching? Surely not.

We wish to teach them something better than that, and we should carry out Each to its own great fountain; in practice the principles that we teach. Thence to be again disseminated do not believe that any true man that | For the billionth time. respects his own manhood, or under-stands the higher laws that govern his being, will do or say aught that will put him on a level with ruffians or brand Thou call'st me "Cruel Death," him with the stamp of rowdyism. Let us each appoint himself a committee of one, and try and rectify this error into which so many have unthinkingly IRENE GAY, fallen.

Flint, Mich.

ISLAND LAKE CAMP, MICH.

It Is Prospering, with Good Lectures and Mediums.

TO THE EDITOR:-The first two Sun days of this the second annual meeting of our camp has come and gone midst rain and sunshine, for we had a little of the latter and a great deal of the former on both occasions,

former on both occasions,

The exercises of the opening Sunday were devoted in the foreign to the dedication of the auditorium, a neat and tasteful building, handsonely decorated tasteful building, handsonely decorated to the torture of the course, and the course of the cour with bunting, and an abundance of cut flowers. Music by Prof. Hudson, assisted by Prof. Walker and little

daughter as violinist, with the singers, made harmony abound in sound. Mrs. Lillie, the pearless speaker for such occasions, spoke with great power and eloquence, dedicating the building to the highest good toward the uplifting of humanity, reminding us that it is be-cause of man's mistakes that sometimes our temples are turned to other than the original uses. In the afternoon the lecture was entitled "The World As It Is," so replete with thought, spirituality and practicality that we heard the remark in tones of appreciation, "There is only one Mrs. Lillie."

The second Sunday was as ably filled by Mrs. Aunie L. Robinson, another of our favorite speakers, in her own inimitable way of carrying conviction and content to her hearers.

day, all of which were recognized, and full names were in most cases given. The intervening weekdays have been pleasant, the lectures given by Mrs. Lillie, Giles B. Stebbins and Mrs. Payne Hopkins. The conferences have been thought-provoking, highly interesting, though at times soaring beyond the ker

of ordinary people.

Most of the campers of last season are

of the large majority. We are blessed for the opening of the fourteenth anby her presence and the true work she presents.

Mrs. Nellie Padgham, one of the were plentiful and tastefully arranged;

Mrs. Nellie Padgham, one of the speakers for the coming week, was among the early arrivals for the season.

Mrs. Rosenborger, of Grand Ledge, is giving phrenological readings; Prof.

Walker, astrological readings; Mrs.

Everette, magnetic healing and readterms Mrs. Neither Padgham, one of the morning season and the patriotic sentiments of the people were appropriately manifested in the formal opening of the morning session by the singing of the choir. Chairman O. P. Kellogg definitions of the people were appropriately manifested in the formal opening of the morning session by the singing of the choir. Chairman O. P. Kellogg definitions of the people were appropriately manifested in the formal opening of the morning session by the singing of the choir. science; and with others coming, it science; and with others coming, it seems we are fully equipped with vari-ety of talent. Our good first president, James H. White and family, are with us, and many more of the good and true ones that make it possible to endure the sorrowful shades of life everywhere.

Every one agrees that this place is the best of all for a camp, and one ventured the remark that he wondered how the Spiritualists "stumbled" onto such good fortune. We replied: Because of the effort of a

very few in the beginning when the road was the roughest and hardest to travel. But, be that as it may, the work is begun, and increasing in power for good.

Let the Spiritualists not specially identified with other camps come and see if this is not the place for a summer sojourn by the side of this beautiful ake, often reflecting the surrounding scenery as though it would intensify the beauty of the already beautiful spot. EFFIE FIELD JOSSELYN.

Lake Pleasant Camp-Meeting to 18

The twenty-third annual camp-meeting of the New England Spiritualist Association commenced at this place August 2, and will continue until Sephigher 1. An extra session has been held this year during fully, with speaking nearly every day. We have had Prof. W. M. Lockwood of Chicago, who gave a course of scientific lectures; Mrs. Helen L. Palmer, of Portland, Me.; Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly, of Newburyport, Mass., and Mrs. Clara Field Conant.

Among the speakers for August are Col. R. G. Ingersoll (who lectures Sundays the 9th, 16th and 23d), Mrs. T. U. Reynolds, Dr. C. W. Hidden, Mrs. Frances Holmes, J. Clegg Wright, Mrs. Sarah A. Byrns, Mrs. Helen Stuart Bishing. Mrs. Carrie, E. S. Taring and Richings, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing and J. Frank Baxter. Mediums who will give tests from the platform are Ed-ward Foreman, Mrs. May S. Pepper, Mrs. Ida E. Downing and Edgar W.

The cottages are nearly all occupied. or original and selected hymns, for liberal and ethical societies, for schools and the home; compiled by L. K. Washiarcy goods store, bakery, and several ice cream and refreshment rooms upon the grounds. The air is cool and bracking, and the water cool and delicious of poetry and music ambedding. ing, and the water cool and delicious, and everything is favorable for a very successful season. M. W. LYMAN.

DEFENSE OF DEATH.

[NOTE.-It is to be regretted that mankind looks upon the simple change called death as one of the most terrible events, that can possibly befall us; there fore the author has personified Death, and invested him with all the higher faculties and attributes of man, him before an audience of the world to plead in his own defense-to more clear ly define his mission in the grand order of nature, and also assert that he is a true friend instead of an enemy.] I stand before thee, denizen of the

earth, To give thee weighty reasons, and to ask thee To reverse thy cruel and unjust asper-

On my name. Hear me! for the joy and peace I bring thee While on this earth, and in thy hour

Of final dissolution.
It is as natural to die as to be born. All nature hath decreed That from the womb of Mother Earth The moving, swelling, bursting bud Shall issue forth to life and beauty; And when maturity is reached-Whether it be man, the highest type of

all.

The horse, the ox, or bird upon the wing, The frail aralia of the rocky wood, The brittle aspen trembling in the breeze, Or monarch oak of centuries old—

All, all must commence the retrograde From whence they came. The indestructible atoms Composing all bodies-animate and in animate,

The gentle touch of my magic wand hem, and would we wish them to think | Shall in time release from each other, hat that was one of our methods of | And like the heavenly bodies Following each its own magnetic path Shall be attracted and return

"Insidious, treacherous enemy," And "King of Terrors," And shrinketh from my approach As from some hideous fiend In demon form, to do thee harm. No mother's friendly arm Enfolds thee with a greater love Than mine. No mother lulls Her suffering babe to rest

With silvery song and tones of love, Nor softly kisses it to sleep, Nor wipes away its tears with pitying hand,

As I do thee. When bodily and mental agony assail, Unnumbered beings then have called for me— Have pleaded that I would bring to them

Did I not heed thy pleading cry?
Think of the torture of the coming Of agony untold: Were it within my power to turn from

thee, I cannot! could not Be the monster painted by thy hand; Who thus would fail, when duty called!

And whether I come to thee Swift as the lightning's flash, Or gently as the dew at eve (When pain and anguish rack thy fevered brain

And earthly ald is powerless to relieve), Or whether I greet thee On the swiftly-rushing train Where Life and I (old friends) Ride side by side-I come, thy spirit's accoucheur, And am thy first, thy last

And truest friend. FRANK A. HOWIG.

HASLETT PARK CAMP, MICH. The Fourteenth Annual Session Opens in Good Form.

TO THE EDITOR:-The grand old park, the quiet lake, the ripening crops and the lowing cattle in the neighboring fields, as well as the whole-souled and here, with some new ones. We welcome all, and hope to see every one of the old ones present ere long.

Mrs. Augusta Ferris is at her cottage home, giving seances to the satisfaction which assembled at Haslett Park Camp.

choir. Chairman O. P. Kellogg del livered a brief address of cordial welcome, after which he gave a short address, his subject being "The Old and

the New." In the afternoon we listened to an address by Mrs. Julia M. Walton, of Jackson, Mich., one of the old pioneers of Haslett Park Camp. Her subject was: "The New Heaven and the New Earth."

The subject was well handled. The attendance for the day was fully up to the expectations of the management, though the heavy rain and the further fact that the farmers in the surrounding country were a week behind with their crops, kept away many who will be in attendance a little later in the JERRY BRICKER. season.

AU REVOIR, BUT NOT GOOD-BY A Tribute to a Well-Known and

Earnest Worker.

On July 28, at 10:15 a. m., Mrs. Ada Foye took her departure for Chicago, the home of THE PROGRESSIVE THINK-ER and of the society she returns to serve. To say that we in Los Angeles regret the circumstance, would be almost too backneyed an expression, for since my residence here, of over twenty years, I can truthfully say we have never received the public ministrations of any medium with the marked combination of such accurate mediumship, such integrity of purpose, such dignity of character and loyalty to duty. It has been my happy privilege not only to have enjoyed her public offices, but through daily intercourse and association, to have observed and felt the same nobility of character. Our sorrow at parting was not a little increased by the fact of her debilitated condition. We know, however, that her society will receive her with open arms, and within the circle of their sympathy and spirit-ual appreciation we feel certain of her complete recovery. Truly, our loss is their gain. ELLA LUCY MERRIAM.

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The picture drawn of our industrial conditions; the all but hopeless position of the wage-earners who produce the wealth; the capitalists who own and control it; the rapid accumulation of vast fortunes; the despotism so apparent, with the everincreasing helplessness and limitations of the toiler, was so purely American that none could fail in the recognition. It was conclusively shown that wealth is not the reward of industry, no large fortune ever having accumulated by economy and industry. Great wealth comes through seizing the raw maing that which does not rightfully belong to any one individual. Plundéred labor makes millionaires. Had Adam worked every day since the creation until the present time, at one dollar per day, he would not be a millionaire. Had Jesus shoved the jackplane from his apprenticeship, at one dollar per day, until now, he Rockefeller for one week. An indecent haste to get rid of our public lands to corporations and syndicates of the land lords and dukes.

No reference was made to party politics aside from the tariff and protection that does not protect labor, ice they had officiated. nor to our monetary system and its robbery of labor; while silver, the the loss of his daughter Maud. intentional or otherwise.

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Mrs. H. S. Lake has completed her engagement and returned to Cleveland.

Saturday afternoon Dr. W. W. Hicks delivered a scholarly address, entitled "A Visit to Our Mother," from the standpoint of a Pagan, showing how we owe our laws, languages and our religions to ancient India.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond occupied the rostrum. It is unnecessary to write eulogistic words of this lady whose ability is so well known. but it is a universal opinion here that she is quite eclipsing herself this season.

Lyman C. Howe delivered his first lecture Sunday afternoon. We regret their controls tell or instruct them. the fact that he appears to be in feeble. health, and a spirit of depression and sadness pervaded his discourse. This is accounted for in the recent great bereavement that overshadows his its proper unfoldment through that

present patliway. This Monday, August 3, was Memorial Day, an occasion that has become a feature of the cunp. In its we do know.

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would not be worth the income of vicinity, were spoken of but this observance was in the nature of a departure from the original plan. Over him a serf, and the unlawful owners to the chairman for mention. The speakers, however, referred to only a

equally ignored; so we are left in tribute to the memory of the Countess make it compulsory, as do our orthodoubt as to whether the oversight was | Caithness, Henry J. Newton and | dox friends—all pastors who are given Camp.

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Mediums Need to Be Educated

To THE EDITOR: In reading the very able article by Dr. M. E. Conger, in regard to the necessity of schools for mediums, I feel he but expresses the sentiment of every progressive ing or an education be given them? Why leave so much for the Spiritworld to accomplish?

Mediums, as a rule, are chosen from the ranks of the uneducated, its laity is the inculcation in the young and few are mediums from choice. We realize we are in the hands of the unseen forces, and feel our weakness in coming to the front as instructors, ofttimes confronted with intellectual minds who are not always charitable in their criticisms, when they find that Thomas Paine, or a Jefferson, or Garfield has done the best he could through an illiterate instrument.

Who is at fault if odium is placed upon our beautiful philosophy? There seems to be no system. Mediums are springing up like mushrooms—no one to give advice and instruction, and if given, with the best of motives, some are too ignorant to accept it, saying stitution in every way." when in fact it is the great "I" or egotism in them.

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much patience as they do manifest. It seems we must seek "for a sign." Without it half of us professors of Spiritualism wouldn't have anything to talk about. It's true we need the phenomena, but we need education more. There are too many in our ranks that are like old Aunt Mary, a colored woman, who says: "Oh, yes, I'se smart; I was born so. I knows all about all the large cities." When questioned she said: "There is Kentucky, New Orleans and Henderson. Oh, yes, I knows them all. I never got a 'pluma'" (diploma), "for I'se never went to school, kase papy said I knows too much already." Now, this illustrates our situation exactly She knew just where she had lived, and that included, in her mind, all of the cities in the United States. So many of us, as mediums or instruments, know we are controlled, but beyond that know nothing. So I say we need a school, where competent individuals can instruct us as to laws which govern us and wherein we must comply. Then, after a thorough course, if they find us competent, let them award us a "pluma." Then will our altars be shaken by the power of those the world calls dead.

So keep up the agitation for a school, wherein all who are desirous of reaching that height of learning can gain the same. Make the tuition, if any, within the reach of all for. be it understood, we who are classed sixty names of those who had passed as the ignorant ones are surrounded has fenced in the agriculturist, made out during the year were handed in with home duties, and are continually serving the two masters.

If one-third of what the majority of few—those whom they had known in | Spiritualists put into the coffers of a social way, or at whose burial serv- many of these impostors, to see their grandmother materialized, or some-Mr. Howe dwelt sorrowfully over one come and weave a lace shawl—if this were sunk into one common fund | iron nails! burning question of the day, was Mrs. Cora Richmond paid a high for the education of all mediums- "Thoroughly American!" H. B. Storer, president of Onset charges must prove their worthiness, all must pass through a course of study. Why not, then, apply this whom they were directly interested, see to keeping mediums employed, will be taught the children coming

> after us. Why not make use of these old workers, while they are yet with us. We need Moses Hull, Hudson Tuttle, Lyman C. Howe and the many others continually from year to year. We put great stress upon the Seibert M. E. KRATZ. theirs?

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What would the Romish Church be without its saints? its miracles? its mediums are, as he says, a necessity, superstitious reverence for old bones, etc.? Safe to say—it would be something very different from the Romish Church that is.

One of the especial influences by which the church holds the minds of of superstitious reverence for "saints (some of whom were far from sanctified in moral character) and stupid veneration for relics—old bones, old clothes, old blood, old tears, old pieces of wood, and what-not things labeled "holy" by the Pope and priests, and declared ex cathedrato be genuine and worthy of worship.

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gave her life. She was born in Lima, Peru, in 1586, and in early childhood, by her great beauty, soon became known as Rose, although her name was Isabel. She took for her model St. Catherine of Sienna, and led a most austere life, sleeping in a garden hut on a bed of broken tiles. On her head she wore a silver crown, around which were ninety sharp points, which continually pressed into her scalp. This crown, as shown in the statue, is half concealed under the monastic veil. A hair shirt, studded with iron nails, she worse next to her flesh. In her hands she holds a crucifix, while a wreath of roses, emblematic of her name and character, depends lightly from the fingers of the left hand, at the lower end of the cross. St. Rose

of Lima has been placed on one side of the stairs leading to the chapel." The Romish prelate's idea of making the institution "thoroughly American" is to make it thoroughly Romishusing Rome-soaked American timber, "St. Rose of Lima, " a deluded vic-

tim of Romishl priestly mis-culture, born in and bred to all superstitions of the Romisn brand—under the influence of which miseducation she gained canonization by sleeping on broken tiles, wearing a crown with ninety torturing points continually pressing into her scalp, and, next to her flesh, a hair shirt studded with

Thoroughly ——! Had the poor, deluded victim of Romish superstition and folly been educated in a "thoroughly American" manner, in a "thoroughly American" school, she would never have practiced such self-torturing follies with the idea of reaping spiritual benefit thereby.

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Commission for not fulfilling their be something thoroughly opposite in duty. I ask: Are Spiritualists living thought, sim, spirit and purpose, to the Romish Church and its ideas. It were well, if it were possible,

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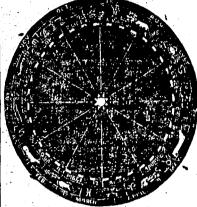
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