AS A MATTER OF HISTORY.

THEOSOPHY.

Madame Blavatsky and V. little beetle like you."
The two set off to the Gebhard man-S. Solovyoff.

An Exposure and a Confession. you had?"

V. S. Solovyoff, a noted Russian novel ing to tell me?"
riter, met Madame H. P. Blavatsky in aris, May, 1884. He was hunting up "Nothing particular," she answered; "I only know that the Master has been writer, met Madame H. P. Blavatsky in Paris, May, 1884. He was hunting up plated novel. At their first meeting he told her he came to learn if she possessed certain occult powers, and, if so, could she answer serious spiritual questions? After a long silence, gazing at him with her bright, magnetic eyes, she solemnly said: "I caa."

"But excuse me," she added, "I must see my servant, Babula, about my dinner; I will be back in a second."

to see you with one of his chelas."

Then Miss A. proceeded to narrate their visions. Chuckling with delight, Blavatsky said, "There, there, you are done for, Mr. Skeptic. What will you say now;" "I shall say that I had a very clear, vivid dream or hallucination," said he, "produced by my nervous state, my great fatigue in consequence of the journey after two sleepless nights, and the occult literature for use in a contem-

I will be back in a second."

mer hand upwards. Suddenly he heard a sound like a little silver bell or an Æolian harp, apparently near the ceiling.

"What is the meaning of this?" he asked.

"This means," said she, "that my master is here, and he tells me I must

ing.
"What is the meaning of this?" he

master is here, and he tells me I must but he assured you it was not a haltrust you and do for you whatever I lucination?"

She then introduced him to her Brahmin servant, Mohini, a disciple of another master, Keot Hoomi. Her own particular master was Mahatma Morya. These living Mahatinas could communicate at will when summoned by their

Two days later Solovyoff called again for a second lesson. She discoursed narrated the great phenomenon, and it Theosophy. A "Societe Theosophique was talked about the whole day.

In the evening they assombled again. Paris for two years; its president, the Olcott was in a room above. Said Bla-Duchesse de Pomar: its secretary, Madvatsky:

"The Master is up stairs now; he ame de Morsier. After examining the printed rules and finding nothing objecprinted rules and finding nothing objectionable therein, Solovyoff paid the thing in his pocket. Keightley, run up fee and joined it. He was thereupon intuited by Mohinl and Keightley. Mo- When Olcott appeared she said, itiated by Mohinl and Keightley. hini was receiving letters from Koot Hoomi that did not come by post. The friends and visitors of Blavatsky num-bered about thirty-five while Solovyoff "On whice sojourned there.

Soon Col. Olcott came from India. As s proof of the existence of Mahatmas, Olcott exhibited a scarf given to him by a certain one who appeared and van-

Blavatsky's sister came from Russia. The sister was a Christian; Blavatsky was not. The sister doubted Blavatsky's psychic powers, but was dumbfounded at the reading of a sealed letter with a postage stamp affixed. This perform show the read, "Certainly I was there, but who can open the control of the second of paper.

She seized it and exclaimed, "The stere of the Master," and opening it she read, "Certainly I was there, but who can open the control of the second of the secon ance by Blavatsky was duly certified by the sister, by another Russian lady and not see. M." by Solovyoff. He says he expressed

Something better.

At the next meeting another test was and weak condition. given, but yet he says he was skeptical. Yell me," said Blavatsky, "can you Novertheless he was seeking evidence, take your oath that you only had a deand as late as October 8, he addressed a letter to Blavatsky from Paris, saying: 'I convinced Richet of the reality of your personal power and of the phenomena which proceed from you," and he all the physicists would be wiped out."
At the end of the summer Blavatsky was at Elberfeld with Olcott and Mohini, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gebhard. see "such a triumph that Solovyoff sought relief from overwork by leaving Paris and journeying to Elberfeld. Stopping a night at Brussia Blavatsky's phenomena in India,

sels, he there met an acquaintance. Miss A., who also was going to Elberfeld.
Missing the early train, he lay down on his bed for a rest. There, with closed eyes, he saw a panorama of landscapes. A few hours later as they journeyed on the train through a country he never before seen, he was astonished to see the landscapes reappear to his open

Again, in the following night at Elberfeld, he had a waking vision of a most remarkable kind. At the mansion of Gebhard that day he gazed for an hour Gebhard that day he gazed for an hour at the painted portraits of Morya and so if in a dreamy state, he wrote in that language, "Blessed are they that lie." The intention was to write "believe," was fascinated. Going to bed at the hotel, he locked the door and went to sleep. Suddenly, he woke up, or, as he what is more probable, I imagsays, "what is more probable, I make ined that I was awoke by a warm

Before him stood a tall human figure in white, and he 'lelt a voice, without knowing how or in what language, bidding him light a candle." He lighted a hysterically. Blavatsky was perplexed. "So you think I taught him this?" she watch it was two of the wonderful pertrait he had seen at mentals' who are making fun of him, Gobbard's Mahatma Morva Seating poor fellow." Gebhard's, Mahatma Morya Seating himself in a chair by Solovyoff's side, Morya told him in an "unknown but intelligible language," various matters of interest to himself—that he had received a lesson that morning when he saw the landscapes with closed eyesthat he possessed great and growing magnetic force, and had already been able to see an astral body. 'How am I to employ this power?" in-

quired Solovyoff. No answer came to this question and

not a hallucination, and your reason is to all this comedy? not deserting you. Madame Blavatsky of all that my visit was real."

the coffee room and there found Miss A. If you only knew how many lions and at breakfast.

the Malinima Morya."

"Really? and I have seen him too. Solovyoff told her his vision, and she in turn told hers. Morya had appeared to her and said, "We have great need of a

sion. Blavatsky said to them with a smile, "Well, what sort of a night have

"Very good," said Solovyoff, and he added thoughtlessly, "Have you noth-

to see you with one of his chelas."

the went out and came back in three powerful impression produced on me minutes. Taking her seat again, she by the brilliantly lighted portrait on said, 'listen," and made a flourish with which I gazed for more than a hour."

"Yes, but he said you would prove this to me in the presence of all. "And have I not proved it by knowing about his visit?"
"I do not consider this a valid proof."

"Very well, I will prove it in another Blavatsky rang an electric bell and

collected her Theosophists, to whom she

"Have you seen the Master?" "I felt his presence and his touch."

"On which side?" "On the right." "Show us all you have got in your right hand pocket." He brought out a key, a button, a match-box, a tooth-pick, and a bit of

olded paper. "What is that?" inquired she. "I don't know," said Olcott; "I had no piece of paper."

who can open the eyes of him who will

"Believe I could not,"says Solovyoff in some dissatisaction, but was promised his book, but he acknowledges the effect of the evidence upon him in a nervous

lusion, and that this note is not in the Master's writing?"
"I do not know," he answered. "To-

morrow morning I shall come to bid you good-bye. I am needed at home.' All this in more detail was written were about to declare her "one of the most accomplished, ingenious and inter-

esting impostors in history."

Though still a member of the Paris Theosophical Society, Solovyoff was suspicious of the phenomena and was striving to detect fraud. And he tells us

her table with a blank sheet before him. He knew nothing of Russian, but, and the mistake was like omitting the first two and last two letters in English. Solovyoff seized the paper and held it up to ridicule and scorn. "Oh, Bavadji!" said he, "you should have got your lesson up better for examination."

The Hindoo hid his face in his hands candle and by his watch it was two "So you think I taught him this?" she o'clock. The vision did not vanish. There was the apparently living original such arrant folly! It is the spirit of 'ele-mentals' who are making fun of him.

As confirmatory evidence that this was no occult phecomenon, the writer quotes a declaration of the secretary of the Paris society that Bavadji told her tbat Blavatsky appealed to him in these words: "Bavadjee, suavez-moi, trouvez quelque chose. Je ne sais plus qu'inventer." "Bavadji, save me; find something. I don't know what more to invent."

Having now much evidence of Blavatsky's frauds, he continued his investigation with hope of full exposure, still Solovyoff sprang to the door, but keeping on tolerably friendly terms with found it locked. "It is a hallucination," found it locked. "It is afhallucination," her. At length in one of her unguarded thought he, "or I am going out of my fits she made to him a confession that mind." Then, lol there came Morya she was a fraud. After another exposback again, smiling and saying in ure of her apparent trickery, he frankly voiceless language: "Be assured I am told her it was high time to put an end

not deserting you. Madame Blavatsky A lively dialogue ensued. She burst will show you to-morrow in the presence out in defense of deteit to accomplish her ends: "In order to rule men, it is Again Morya vanished. Solovyoff necessary to deceide them. I should looked at his watch, and it was three have no sort of success but for the pheo'clock.

The went to sleep and woke at ten.

The door was still locked. He went to phenomena the more likely to succeed. eagles in every quarter of the globe breakfast.
"Have you had a good night?" he inhave turned into asses at my whistle, and obediently wagged their great ears quired. and obediently wagged their great ears "Not very." said she; "I have seen in time as I piped the tune! I have not

sometimes?" said Solovyoff, Well, what then? I wriggled out and me out being left with empty hands.'

"Are you alone the author of Koot Hoomi letters?"
"No, the chelas used sometimes to help me. Damodar, Subba Rao and Mohini."

"And Sinnett?"
"Sinnett won't invent gunpowder, but he has a beautiful style; he is splendid at cditing."
"And Olcott?"

"Olcott is not bad at editing when he understands what he is talking about. But one has always to chew everything for him till one is sick But ho knows how to make himself clear to the Hindoos. And then he has often helped me in phenomena, both over there and Olcott is useful in his place, but he is generally such an ass. Such a blockhead."

"Please let me see the magic bell."
Out from under her shawl she raised her arm and somewhere in the air there sounded the tones of an arolean harp which had astonished everyone. made another movement beneath her shawl and held out in her hand the little silver bell. Solovyoff wished to take it in his and and examine it, Solovyoff wished to but she put it away in her drawer and

turned the key.
"You shall know enough, all in good time, but now to the point." Said she: "Save me, help me. Prepare the ground for me to work in Russia. Write more about the Theosophic Society; rouse their interest and 'create' Koot Hoomi Russian letters. I will give you the materials for them."

No longer having strength to malutain his part, Solovyoff seized his hat and ran away without another word. But he was not long in his room at the hotel before her Hindoo servant brought him a letter beginning thus: 'I have just seen the Muster. He has commanded me to tell you something which will be a surprise to you." The letter ended vith "Come as soon as ever you can."

protested against her request that he should create Koot Hoomi letters. What! I made such a proposal? I never said anything of the sort to you." 'Oh, then it must have been someone offered me that honorable

Solovyoff returned to her at once and

charge. But then we were alone."
Bursting into tears, she exclaimed 'What a disaster! That black wizard. the Master's enemy and mine, has taken possession of me. He talked with my tongue, it seems, and I knew nothing of Solovyoff suggested some more plausi-

ble explanation, and immediately she said, "Perhaps, after all, it was not our enemy, but the Muster himself who wanted to expose you to test."

Then she sought to make him suppress her confession by various artifices, and succeeded in cliciting a promise from him to wait developments for two months. She wanted him to help her to become a secret agent of Russia in India to get up a gigantic rebellion. He advised her to put down in writing what sho could do and he would deliver the paper to Katoff, with whom she had been long in correspondence. That did not seem to suit her, and the subject was never mentioned again.

Blavatsky would not quit her hold on Solovyoff, but continued to write to him. At last her letters ceased and he was glad. But after the report of Hodgson to the London Psychic Society she wrote a long letter, in which she said that Hodgson had proved nothing. To this he replied, repeating former advice to her to remain quiet and not run into the halter. What was his amazement to get another letter from her, headed "My Confession." From this confession I extract the following:

"I have fallen because I have made up reaction by telling all God's truth about myself, but without mercy on my enemics. . . I will fly no more. . . I shall not even attempt to defend, to justify Blavatsky, aided by accomplices. The evidence adduced by him seemed to support his conclusions. all Europe and Asia, and bring immen At one time her Hindoo servant sat at sums of money to support my orphan niece, an innocent child, my brother's orphan. Even if all the filth, all the scandal and lies against me had been holy truth, still I should have been no worse than hundreds of princesses, countesses, court ladies and royalties than Queen Isabella herself, who have given themselves, even sold themselves to the entire male sex, from nobles to coachmen and waiters inclusive. can they say of me worse than that? And all this I myself will say and sign.

. . . You did not calculate on the cool determination of despair. . . If I am lost, I am lost to every one. I will even take to lies, which for that reason are the most likely of all to be believed. I will say and publish it in all the papers that my master and Mahatma Koot Hoomi are only the products of my own imagination; that I invented them, that the phenomena were all more or less Spiritualistic apparitions; and I shall have twenty million Spiritists in a body at my back. I will say that in certain instances I fooled people. I will expose dozens of fools, des hallucines. I will say I was making trial for my own satisfaction for the sake of experiment. And to this I have been brought by you. You have been the last straw which has broken the camel's back, under its in-

tolerably heavy burden. "Now you are at liberty to conceal nothing. Repeat to all Paris what you have heard and know about me. I have already written a letter to Sinnett forbidding him to publish my Memoirs at his own discretion. I will publish them with all the truth. So there will be the truth about H. P. Blavatsky, in which psychology and her own and others' im-morality and Rome and politics, and all her own and others' filth once more will be set out to God's worlds. I shall conceal nothing. It will be a saturnalia of the moral depravity of mankind, this confession of mine; a worthy epilogue of my stormy life, and it will be a treasure for science as well as for scandal; and it is all me, me; I will show myself with a reality which will break many, and will met more than two or three men who resound through all the world. . . I Necker.

knew how to observe, and see, and remark what was going on around them."
"Still you must have been caught truth and learn the lesson; and then death, kindest of all.

"You may print this letter if you will even in Russia. It is all the same now." This confession was followed by another letter a few days later in which she put on a virtuous mask, and confess ing her sing, she appealed to Solovvof to remain steadfast to her, as a Russian exile who had never done any harm to him. She would upset all the conti-

nental societies.

But she cautioned him to beware what he did. "You are surrounded by such a ring that your cool head will not help He inferred that she was preparing to avenge herself upon him in very theosophic fashion, and such proved to

be the fact.
She wrote herself down as a widow, but her husband survived her. She claimed to be a virgin, but her early reputation was that of a Magdalen.

A few days after her confession Solo-yyoff made a formal designation from the Theosophic Society by registered letter to India, dated February 16, 1886. Desperate were the efforts of Blavatsky to checkmate Solovyoff's intention to publish her confession. It was read before the society in Paris and at once that society was dissolved. But despite al. efforts to suppress the exposure, it now appears in a book of 360 pages from which the foregoing abstract has been

For a period of twelve years Blavatsky was known as a Spiritualist. In 1874 she wrote a letter to A. N. Aksakoff, editor of the Leipsig Psychische Studien, nor of the Leipergarysychische Studien, saying: "I have now been a Spiritist for more than ten years, and all my life is devoted to the doctline," But the Katie King exposure gave spiritualism a setback and diminished her resources as a writer for profit. ""If the rendy to sell my soul for Spiritualism," ahe wrote in 15.5, "but nobody will buyit, and I am living from hand to mouth?" A little later she wrote: "Groott is organizing

the Theosophical Society in Now York.

I am writing a big book, which I call, by John King a dvice, 'Skeleton Key to Mysterious (Lates;'" This book, in spite of John's advice, appeared in 1877 as "Isis Unveiled," now proved to be a compilation from numerous books with very few creditings-a book without system, a real hodge-podge.

From that time she denied that she was a Spiritualist in the amodern and American sense of the word, but a Buddhist Pantholst (I quote ther teter to myself dated November 19, 1871), and frequently thereafter shouldenied that she had ever been a Spiritualist. But it appears that her spiritualist. But it appears that her spiritualist. But it appears that her spiritualist of Mahatma Morya, of Thibet, still an inhabitant of this earth.

Washington, D. C. From that time she denied that she

Washington, D. C.

THE CAPTIVE.

Through the red bars of sunset, across the prairies gold,
In the edge of the dim old forest rose
the Shawnee's yillage bold
In the tent of a mighty warrior a dying

captive lay,
Where dark blue eyes were gazing on
the setting similght's rays.

Her couch of hemlock boughs was soft with panther skids o'erspread, And stalwart forms of youth and pride knelt round her lowly bed; As through the open doorway the crlm-

son sunlight stole Lightening up that strange, wild group, as with a flame of gold.

Why light the blue eyes brightly now? why crimsons the pale cheek. As o'er each wasted feature death's darkling shadows creep? And now each dusky head is bowed, for

music, sweet and clear, Breathes from her dying lips, of home and kindred friends to dear. Softly the night-winds lifted each tress

with voices of despair. The grief-bowed chieftain spoke at last:
"My child is going dome;
But not to the far hunting grounds be-

yond the setting sus. "Oh! warriors! we have wronged her life —she is not of our race; The Tender Lily dies to-night—these wilds are not her place.

List! list!" he said, "even now her soul sings of its native stream, Where the blue waves are rippling and fair pond lilies gleam.

"What now to her is the wild wind" song in green old forest bower?
The bounding steps of the hunted deer the fragrance of wild-wood flowers? Far over the wide prairies her soul has

home, and wear its robe of light." And the violet eyes were closed in sleep, to waken never more. Gently the dimpled hands were placed

her pulseless bosom p'er. the mosning hemlocks they made a shallow tomb. And laid the faded lily down whom death had claimed too soon.

And now when crimeon sunset rays stream o'er tall forest frees, When autumn winds are rustling the tinted falling leaves, Those children of the red men oft see in

the flickering shade A broken lily drooping where the captive's grave is made. MARION HELLEN BASSETTE.

There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet the enemy.-Washington The smaller the drink the clearer the head and the cooler the blood, which

are great benefits in timper and business.-William Penn. Every one of his omitions appears to himself to be written with sunbeams.—

The instinctive feeling of a great people is often wiser than the wisest man.-Kossuth.

Great memories, which retain all indifferently, are the mistresses of an inn, and not the mistresses of a house.—Mme.

SPIRITS IN WASHINGTON.

GHOST OF M'CULLOUGH. utilize that arrangement for studying their parts as they are sure to be undisturbed, and being on the stage inspires

Dead Tragedian Rehearses "Virginius" at the National.

He Appears to Actor Bond.

WHILE THE COMEDIAN WAS SLEEPING AT THE PROMPTER'S TABLE A NOISE WAKENED HIM AND JOHN M'CUL-LOUGH'S GHOST WAS SEEN PASSING M'CULLOUGH.

TO THE EDITOR:-I enclose you another choice budget. Don't discard one. McCullough's spirit walks the boards of the theatre once his special favorite in this city, and where he made his first failure from approaching paresis. The following is from the Washington Post:

this theater, where he played so many times during his life to enthusiastic auliences, and personates his favorite characters.

The famous tragedian made his first appearance at the National Theater on September 1, 1875, on which occasion he played "Hamlet." He over afterward used to say that he would rather act in Washington than in any other city in the United States. This was his favor-ite playhouse. This probably accounts for the fact that he walks here now and nowhere else.

John McCullough's greatest part, and the one he liked best to represent, was Virginius iu "Virginius." And it is as this character that he is generally seen. He is said to be dressed as he was in life for the play, and to appear from one wing, strut across the stage in the long strides that distinguished him, and strike the attitudes which in old days never failed to bring down the house. He is appealing to an invisible andience. He does not tarry long, but soon disappears behind a wing on the opposite side of the stage.

WATCHMAN IN THE BOX OFFICE. their method is to shut themselves up and lock themselves in the box office,

office and fasten the door in again.
Washington is a great city for ghosts, boast of the phantom. In fact, they have two spooks who honor them with their presence. The second wraith is will do well that of a property boy who died a short time ago, named Eddie Specht. His spiritualistic manifestations."
The above illustrates the company as a lee in the spiritualistic manifestations. times. Between the two there is not much chance for quietness in the estab-

lishment during the night hours. Young Specht had great theatrical ambition. He thought he would some day be a famous actor. Tragedy was what he especially idolized, and John the theater was empty he would go there and practice different parts, expecially anything that he had seen Mc-

has been reconstructed several times. but has stood just as it is for a number of years. Many actors would rather play here than anywhere else in the United States. In fact, it may be considered the favorite theater of members of the profession, and its popularity dates very

BOOTH PLAYED THERE BEFORE LIN-

COLN. If walls could speak, those of the New National Theater would have many strange things to tell. Most of the great actors of the last three or four decades have trodden its boards. Here Wilkes Booth played on the night of April 11, 1863, and President Lincoln occupied a box and applauded vigorously, little dreaming that he was afterward to be murdered by the young actor whom he admired so much. In fact, there is hardly an actor's name you can mention who has not played there one

time or another.

John McCullough, as has been said above, loved the New National Theater. He played there many times, and was always a particular favorite with Washington people. He made his last appearance in Washington in 1884. At this time his mental impairment had begun and his Virginius was a pitiable ex-hibition of his falling powers. He would repeat himself over and over again and he became very moody and preoccupied. Perhaps it is the knowledge that his last performances here were so imperfect that makes his spirit so uneasy. He acts the parts over again, untiring in his exertions to do

himself justice.

His apparition has been observed and recognized over and over again by his personal friends in the theatrical prolession. It was seen so recently as one the well-known comedy player. He was sitting, after the performance, at the prompter's table, which is always put on the front part of the stage just beyond one gas jet so arranged that it will light. We want fewer things to live in pov-up the table if desired, all the other erty with satisfaction than to live manlight being extinguished. Actors often niticently with riches.—St. Evremond.

BOND THOUGHT IT WAS RATS.

Mr. Bond was sleepy and sort of half dozed, when suddenly he heard a slight noise, and looked up, expecting to see a watchman or somebody connected with the theater. Nobody appeared, and as all the rest of the theater was dark he thought he must be mistaken and that

thought he must be mistaken, and that the noise was made by rats. So he put it out of his mind and went on with his work. After he had sat there a while longer he felt convinced that he was not LOUGH'S GHOST WAS SEEN PASSING alone on the stage. He seemed to feel AWAY IN THE WINGS—AN AMBITIOUS the presence of some one. He looked PROPERTY BOY WHOSE GHOST KEEPS up, but could see nothing. Presently, VIGIL WITH THE REHEARSALS OF however, as he was watching, a figure came from the wings. He was wondering who could possibly be in the theater at that hour of the night, and thought it was probably the watchman. He was about to speak when a feeling of awe came over him and he sat spellbound. It appeared. What it was he did not

John McCuilough's ghost walks! It was seen one night last week at the New National Theatre hore, where it has appeared at intervals ever since his death. The spirit of the great actor is evidently ery restless, and so it was seen one of the great actor is evidently ery restless, and so it was seen one his death. ly gone when that of his admirer, who follows him in death as in life, entered. It came from the same spot and walked in McCullough's footsteps, finally melting away in an exactly similar manner. The comedian recognized it as Eddie Specht in the instant it had remained.

> The above is thoroughly authenticated. If you note my selections for your columns, they are principally spontaneous spirit phenomena. I am of almost every phase, requiring doubtful human agency; always tempted by greed to perpetrate imposture—except independent slate-writing, in broad day, over the table and on your own slates held in your own hands. That was the stone"-good slate! Hence my taste for spontaneous manifestations, when there is no human agency, or professional mediums, who have gone into it merely to make money and are bringing our cause to open shame.

The following appeared in the Washington Post last week:
"I notice," said Mr. C. A. Poole, of Boston, at the Normandie, "that the be-The watchmen of the theater say they have often seen him. It is certainly a fact that they are afraid to go on the stage at night after the performance is over and the lights are out. They are obliged to touch an electric bell at in-

and lock themselves in the box office, thus proving the genuineness of their terror. At the appointed times when it tion my belief weakened, and while I is necessary they make a hurried expedition to the bell and rush back to the bound to declare that there are also Washington is a great city for ghosts, and the managers of the theatre rather who have gone into it merely as a monscheme deserve posed, and I think that sensible people will do well to give a wide berth who take money as a fee for alleged

The above illustrates the cause of the lukewarmness of many once open and

I don't know but we will be compelled to discard all who take pay as a received spiritual manifestations, except those who are duly commissioned and vouched who are duly commissioned and vouched one dollar for renewal. In the event of the most good. So please find enclosed one dollar for renewal. In the event of the most good with the remittance (unless to discard all who take pay as a fee for ate where (no matter how great the gift) charlatanism is in any case re-sorted to to fill up an evening's enter-Cullough do. And now his phantasm follows that of the man he admired so much.

Take the had seen the conditions—so-called—are unfavorable, for "falsus in uno. falsus est omnibus" is a law and should. the oldest in the country; or rather it is ble stand on this subject. Impostors built on the same site, the original have no consideration or mercy at your word of disparagement for any of the present time; and while I have no builties the present time; and while I have no be a spiritual maxim. I honor your nobuilt on the same site, the original have no consideration or mercy at your building having been burned down. It while you live and conduct THE PRO-

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

OUTWARD VOYAGE.

The white-fleet ships and the tall ships go Across the tranquil bay, And I watch, as they glide to and fro, For my fairy ship of the long ago, That so silently sailed away.

O, the ships that sail are bright and fair,
White, and gold, and dun,
And the white-winged gulls, with grace-

ful air, Swift as the winds, unruffled with care, Follow the wake of the ship's run. Fine is the freight the ships they bear Pearls and myrrh, and spices rare,

With hopes like the morning stars. But I look for my ship that sailed away, Out of my youth's sunlit bay, With sails all set radiantly,

And men of pride, and ladies fair.

And bathed in a fleecy spray. And I watch, as the shadows dim from sight, The bay and the ships and sea, Till the gloaming of night seems folded

in light,
As my vision spans the years in their flight, And my ship returns to me. BISHOP A. BEALS.
Summerland, Cal.

What is fanaticism to-day is the fash-ionable croed to-morrow, and trite as the unequal and untimely intermultiplication table a week after. Wendell Phillips.

Do what good thou canst unknown; and be not vain of what ought rather to of friendship fall, a mother's secret hope be felt than seen .- William Penn.

erty with satisfaction than to live mag-

TENT WILL

vicissitudes incident to a physical existence; battled that the spirit and mortal might sojourn in harmony the time allotted by nature for their union; battled to overcome the hereditary tendencies transmitted to the physical form-a form unfitted by nature for the occupant who by the decrees of fate (or natural law) has been held in bondage and, like the caged bird, chafed for its freedom that its aspirations for a broader unfoldment and wider avenues for the expres sion of thought might be gratified, a feeling bordering on disgust at na-ture's seeming partiality in the bestow-ment of her gifts, and the struggles and

AN OLD VETERAN.

Voices His Thought on His

82d Anniversary.

Lessons of a Lifetime Are Pre-

sented.

TO THE EDITOR:—On this day, October 3, 1814, the writer first opened his

eyes to the light of old earth, and for 82

years I have battled with the cares and

disappointments that beset at every turn.

May it not in reason be doubted whether life here is worth living? when viewing, through the dim vista of the past, the history of the race upon the planet earth, is revealed the fearful struggles and disasters to untold millions that through famine, pestilence wars and religious persecutions have gone down to death amid fire and blood, and to the materialistic theory that death ends all, the only rational answer that can be given is that life here is a most

signal failure. But the advent of Modern Spiritualism was most opportune, coming at a time when theological teachings were driving the people into blank materialism and infidelity, bringing the glad tidings of a continuity of life, and demonstrating the absurdities of material-ism and the false, cruel, blighting, soultorturing teachings of old theology, lifting from the minds of toiling thousands the religious incubus that was weighting them down with the black pall of midnight darkness, and with encouragement to be good and do good, to endure the hardships incident to earth life, that when the trials of physical existence terminate, a world of progres-sion and compensation beyond this vale

of tears is the reward. The recurring anniversary (the 82d) of my nativity, induced the few thoughts here presented in this short article. It will be seen that I have reached that stage in life that earth's children are said to take on the condition of second childhood, which is supposed to include myself (the spirit) and the tenement in which I have made my home these many long years

In taking an autopsy the discovery is made that the ravages of time has shattered the old habitation, greatly impairing its usefulness, in which is pointed a warning, that in the not distant future the vacating the premises may become a necessity as being uninhabitable.

In consideration, then, of the existing state of affairs and with a desire to con-tinue to add my mite for the dissemination of our glorious philosophy, and knowledge of continued life in the grand future through Modern Spiritualism, I have decided that that result may be reached during the residue of my earthly pilgrimage by annually, on each recurring anniversary of my nativity, October 3, renew my allegiance to THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER by remitting the amount of a year's subscription, and notified of the cause) an obituary will be in order.
In closing these disconnected remarks

I have this to say: For nearly or quite forty years I have received the weekly visits of one or more Spiritualist publiword of disparagement for any of the various publications with which I amfamiliar, but a good word for all, I have a choice. In the general literary make up, in the reading matter from first to last pages, in its corps of contributors, and the diversified Spiritualistic news that greets its thousands of readers in each and every number, to my taste THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER leads them all. And were it not that I feel it a bounden duty to circulate them, I would file each number from year to year for interesting reading in my declining years, for I never pick up a way-back number but the reading matter is as interesting as when first read. M. T. C. FLOWER.

DEATH.

What is death that we so dread? Where are those we mourn as dead? What then waits us in the end, Out beyond this mortal ken? What is it—the unknown shore-Where are loved ones gone before? All around us spirits stay . In a land of endless day; Where they gather, one by one, When the race of life is run. No one knows from whence man came, But our birthright is the same.

Thus, in life's receding tide We shall pass out side by side; And in a changed condition, be With our spirit band through eternity. So to nature praises give, For we only die to live.

JEWEL H. VAUGHT.

Ask the heart to give a reason for any of its beautiful and divine motions, and it can only look upwards and be dumb. Lowell.

change of power, pressed too far and re-laxed too much.—Bacon. Youth fades; love droops; the leaves

outlives them all.-Holmes.

Never think that God's delays are God's denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. Patience is genius.-Buffon.

SPIRITS AND DISEASE.

Obsession and Obsessing influences.

There is no better way of demonstrating truth than by well-attested facts; and the object of these articles is to prove that obsession and obsessing influences are no bugbear, as was recently asserted they were by one of pur lecturers, but that they do acually exist, that evil spirits do communicate as well as good ones, and exert a great power for harm over mortals.

"Knowledge" and "Wisdom" is power, and the better people understand these things, the better prepared they will be to meet them. Ignorance has filled our lunatic asylums to overflowing, and it is high time we had more knowledge on this very important subject.

In my profession as a healer, I was called to see a woman who had suffered for years with a complication of diseases, so-called by the M. D.'s. I found her to be a very sensitive and undeveloped medium. I will give the several physical conditions I found her to be troubled with, and then show their relation to spiritual condilons which were being thrown upon lar physical organization by a well organized band of evil forces in the spirit. She was suffering from a canker sore throat and the peculiar conditions symptomatic of female trouble. This throat trouble was almost always accompanied by a choking sensation, and she would sometimes breathe like a person with asthma. Slie said it seemed as though a large hand was clutching at her throat and wished to choke her to death. It would cause her to strangle and gasp for breath, and then it would go as suddenly as it came. She would often have spells of great pain in her stomach, and it would extend through the body near the spine, between the shoulder blades.

She said it seemed as though some

forcigu substance was driven through her body at this place. She was suffering from a very aggravated case of womb trouble, had been treated by many M. D.'s, and had used a great many patent medicines, with no real benefit but to mitigate by some of them the severity of the disease for a short time. Another very distressing symptom was, she felt as though something heavy was laid across the stomach, which caused her great pain, and then came a terrible heat, as if she was being burned up and could feel the hot flames in her face. Ail these symptoms were very distressing, and were wearing her out. Many mediums personate spirits, and that is the end of it to the medium for that individual spirit; but these symptoms had been of long and frequent duration. There were more distressing symptoms, but I have given enough to illustrate the point I wish to make. I began giving her treatments, and in a few days a female spirit controlled her organism who had passed out with a very severe female difficulty, and it proved to be the wife of an actor now living in Boston. My patient and this lady had been on very intimate and social terms for years, and the tie of friendship was so strong between them that as soon as the spirit was released from her mortal body she went direct to this friend, and she soon began to be afflicted in the same way. After I had thrown off from the sick spirit the conditions with which she passed to spirit life, by treating the medium's organism while the spirit controlled her, the spirit described three dark spirits who had been instrumental in holding her to this woman, and said that she had tried to get away from her, but these spirits told her to stay by this woman and she would feel better after awhile. But they held her so close to this woman that she suffered very much, and was so thankful to at last find relief and get released from this bondage. One treatment for the female trouble after the spirits were taken away did her more good than several had done previous to this time.

in all cases of obsession and those and described a seaport town, so that troubled by evil influences that has come under my notice, and that is, if you see or get away one evil spirit from a person, there are always two more in the same gang. These spirits told what had transpired. She said say three of them make a triangle, she knew her: that her mother had and they can throw upon a person more power by standing in a triangle about them. The same is true of good spirits. I have noticed that three mediums sitting in a triangle will get more power than in any other position.

At another time while treating her health. the spirit of a fireman controlled her, him down. He was burned up in this burning up. This spirit gave his he was doing duty, which on investigation proved to be correct in every particular.

controlled my patient, who said he and the money it would bring them. was killed by the cars in a distant town at a railroad crossing accident, giving his name and residence, which | ing a monopoly of the healing art, and was afterwards found to be correct telling the people they need protection He said a piece of board or splinter from what they style irregulars. I was driven through his body in the hope the day will soon come when same spot the patient complained of the people will wake from their Rip feeling that sensation. At another Van Winkle sleep and realize who time sick spirits controlled who had they really need protection from,

death by a man-from behind clutching him by the thront and strangling him. Although this spirit was engaged in iniquity at the time of his decease, he was bound to be revenged on someone, and had found in this woman a sensitive whom he could make feel the effects of his evil power, and had worked his malice upon her by clutching her throat, as it is easier for any spirit to throw upon a mortal the same disease with cently died, and many other dangerthese innocent victims to the medium in each case, and thus rendering her life one of misery, pain and sorrow. these spirits who had not thrown off the conditions of their last illness in could not pass on and progress to a higher and better life; and they, by not seeking to overcome the evil in their natures and aspiring to something higher and holy, were binding themselves in slavery to their low, degraded, malicious natures, instead of progressing on to a higher development, where they could be of greater use in seeking to bring humanity up to a higher plane of life, instead of trying to make them suffer from disease and death. I asked many of them why they persecuted this woman in the manner they did. Their invariable reply was: This woman is a heretic, and possesses very strong mediumistic qualities, and we can see that the higher powers are seeking to develop and bring out her medial powers, that she might be used as an instrument to bring truth and ning, jesuitical spirit who is ever on wisdom into the world. We are the alert watching an opportunity to fighting to prevent it and keep the throw upon some sensitive brain mispeople in ignorance and darkness, and to create all the inharmony and turmoil we can, as we can work better in that element. There is no way we can obstruct and keep back the powers of light so effectually as to crush out the mediums already developed, and those of mediumistic gifts who would make grand instruments in the hands of the angels of light for the furtherance of truth and knowledge. After the sick spirits were helped out of their condition, and the powers of the dark spirits were broken who were operat- greatest good, it would make better

the cause had to be removed. By my mode of treating obsession, knowledge through our mediums. him up higher and out of his low, degraded condition, ho will immediately go to someone else, and there are always weak, sensitive ones on whom they can wreak their vengeance. This lady had a daughter attending school. All at once she could not see very utes the mother was controlled by the spirit of an old lady, who was in a very weak, prostrated condition, but she said to me in gratitude, with the did not seem to have any organic disease. I rubbed her and made passes knowledge I have gained here has over the body. She opened her eyes, and said: "I am not sick; nothing paid you, to say nothing of the benefits ails me but old age." She had not I have received to my physical body. realized that she had been in spirit, and it took some time to convince her of the fact. She said some men had been carrying her around with the cease all evil (if disposed to evil in the young lady. She thought it was mortal), and enter a land of immortal strange they should be toting her about in that manner. She tried to not, I ask, if evil spirits did not cause get away from them, but was so weak and greatly aggravate the troubles of she could not help herself. She liked these two people, what was it? the young lady now, and would like There is one very noticeable fact to stay with her. She gave her name, the young lady recognized the place. She said she used to tell things for people, and they called her a witch. After the spirit left my patient was she knew her; that her mother had

all right, and has continued in good I would like to ask the learned who had passed out in a fire by a M. D.'s how many bottles of medicine beam falling upon him, and pinning it would have taken to cure these sick spirits, and broken the power of the position. This accounted for my evil spirits who were holding them, patient's condition as though a heavy and thus curing the cause of these body was laid across her, and she was persons' sickness. I have no personal animosity against the M. D.'s. I name, and that of the city in which have found many gentlemanly and true men who were conscientiously working to relieve human suffering instead of keeping their patients from At another visit the spirit of a man getting well for the sake of the job

taken her with her to see this old lady

when she was a little girl, and that

the time, and the old lady lived to be

one hundred and two years of age.

The next morning the young lady was

There are medical societies in about every State in our union who are seekpassed out with different kinds of whether from the M. D.'s or the throat diseases. The worst one was a healers who are operated upon and man who had been hanged, and another the spirit of a man who was choked to ing by the divine light of Infinite thousands of nopeless cases have been per, mousands of nopeless cases have been per, thousands of nopeless cases have been per, mousands of nopeless cases have been per, thousands of nopeless cases have been per, mousands of nopeless cases hav

MATERIALIZATION.

spirit to lift the veil of mystery that lungs over many of the sick and afflicted, and reveal to mortals some of the true causes of sickness and disease that the learned M. D.'s know not of and are pointing out the way for the sick to find relief without taking and absorbing into their systems arsenic, strychnine, calomel, morphine, chloral, phenacetine, from which a young man near here has rewhich they passed out with. As in ous drugs, which not only destroy the the first symptom related, so it was in body and dwarf the brain, but they all the rest, dark spirits were holding bind the spirit even after it is released from its mortal tenement. All poisons administered to the sick are as had as the disease itself, and often worse, But not only that, they were keeping It is a startling fact, but nevertheless true, that our lunatic asylums are filled to-day by obsessed people who bondage and suffering while they became an easy prey to the undeveloped forces of spirit through the drugs administered by these same porsons, who are seeking by medical laws to take away not only the rights and freedom of the healers, but from the people as well.

One lecturer says obsession is all imagination. Away with such spiritual ignorance. The spirits have statement in thousands of cases that have come under my own personal observation and treatment, as well as many others all over this broad land. who are working in the hands of the higher spirits to relieve suffering, Now, was it the preconceived ideas of the medium who gave forth that statement, or was that thought thrown upon the brain of that medium and her control by some deceitful, cunleading thoughts, and if the medium is not cognizant of the fact that there mortals in the same condition, such a them a thought of the above character.

Undeveloped spirits have been the downfall of many a fine, sensitive medium. If Spiritualists could only realize the power for evil the undeveloped forces in spirit possess, and strive to prevent all discord and inharmony, and all pull together for the ing upon each special trouble, the cure conditions for our mediums, and, was quick and certain by only a few consequently, better conditions for treatments, as then only the effects of the progressive souls of the higher life to give us truth, wisdom and

treat and heal the spirits obsessing | One word more in regard to imagias well as the patient. An evil spirit nation. Out of the thousands of brought to see the evil of his ways, cases treated, I never had but three will turn and help the persons they cases where the patient realized or have been injuring. It is better to was willing to admit there was anyovercome evil with good, and to gain thing of the kind about them. A year and keep the good will of a spirit as ago I treated a lady who had some well as a mortal. If you remove a terrible influences about her, for two spirit by force, and do not try to help weeks. I did not say a word to her about the true cause of her condition; aside from treating her, the spirit work was done with my wife in private. Finally I began telling her of these things, gradually leading along to her own condition, when she asked well; was dull, stupid and languid; her. I then proceeded to demonstrate her ambition to work or study had to her, by the aid of my wife, the true tinguished. gone, and she seemed to be fast going cause of her years of suffering, and a very old woman was hanging about is ripe for the truth. I can very easily her in spirit, and that if she was see and comprehend the truths you taken away, and the power of the have revealed to me in regard to my forces broken that was holding her own case, and can understand the there, she would be all right in a short Bible better, and can reconcile the time. I requested the mother to have work you are doing with that of Christ her daughter come into her room the and his apostles, and how he told next time I visited her. At this visit his disciples to go ye into all the world, the daughter came in. In a few min- preach the gospel and cast out devils,

etc." When this lady went from my house, tears coursing down her cheeks: "The more than repaid me for the money To those who believe that death ends all, or to those who believe that as soon as our spirit leaves the body we bliss, whether we were fitted for it or

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THE MIND,

O, the limitless wealth of the mind! Who can fathom the depths of its

store, Where slumbering worlds are confined That shimmer and wake evermore?

The radiant suns and the stars Are satellites all to the brain; her mother had her fortune told at And the rhythms of infinite bars Float in with zolean refrain.

How quick is the flash of a thought. Flying off into ether crowned space, Impatient till all things are caught in the grasp of its mighty embrace. From the infinite down to the mole,

From the zephyr to thunder's fierce

Where lightnings flash out from the pole, It is mind that environs them all.

In the realms of Infinitude The mind builds her temples of gold Ever smelting the cosmical food, That myriads of ages unfold.

How stupendous the range of a thought It weighs in its balance the wind; Thus blazing forever outwrought From its center and home in the mind

Vattel declares that in war all vines

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

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Excellent Reading for Honest d Doubters.

I am enlisted in Truth's cause, and so I come before your readers to relate some of the transpirings at two recent seances. In attended at Mr. William Arnold's chome, 214 Center street. One reason for this is to tell of the present arrangement, by his guides' directions, of his cabinet and seance rooms.

I have before stated that his cabinet is but a small room, above a stairway, from a much-traveled street, and that there is positively no entrance to this room but by the door leading from the front parlor used as his sennce room. At the calinet hangs a screen-door, the frame being covered by common netting not wire which. if pulled loose, it would be impossible to put in place without removing the demonstrated the untruth of that strips that hold it stretched. A bolt is placed on this door-which opens into the large room-and screw-eyes are fastened in the walls and door, through which a long tape is run by any one present who wishes to secure the medium in his cabinet. At the first of these seances of which I write, I fastened this door, tying knots where [pleased.

In the front seance room black calico curtains are hung, extending from the cabinet-door across the room in front of the bay-window, and down two sides of the room, leaving only the folding-doors without this drapery. These curtains are so made and hung are lying, deceitful spirits as well as as to divide at four points; thus they are easy to loop up when not needed spirit could more readily throw upon at his seances, and also allow of four openings where the spirits may appear or walk forth to greet the mor-

> Behind these curtains, but in the large room, the spirit friends build up forms, use the trumpet, write upon a tablet with pencil-often sketch flowers in colors-and lift and play upon the autoharp, which has been placed upon a small stand, minus drawers, which is in the bay-window. These windows are closed and darkened when the seauce begins, and these seances are given Thursday afternoons, Wednesdatt, Friday and Sunday nights.49 There is one window in the cabinet from, but this is darkened by the same, black cloth used else-where, and is all the while sealed by paper bits pasted in numerous spots.
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> Over the carpet of the front room a covering of black is spread. And now you have as very clear description of Mr. Arnold's home seance-rooms.

Above the folding-doors a small box is tacked, into which a night-lamp is placed, and before which hange a green tilsano-paper. The room is light enough to see all presif there were any such forces around ent. Everything is open for inspection before the large lamps are ex-

I attended the afternoon of Septeminto a decline. The mother spoke to although she was an orthodox church ber 10, and Sunday, the 13th, I was good night to you. I'm going home me about her daughter, and, without member, and scarcely knew anything invited to tea, and remained for the with you. Good by." And at home, seeing her, I had the impression that of Spiritualism, she said: "My spirit seance, a friend being with me. With before I retired, she controlled me, the exception of a half-hour passed in their dining-room, I was in the seancerooms from 5 until 10:30 p. m., and not for a moment asleep.

I shall speak more especially of the

spirits who came with loving words to myself. A lengthy penciled message, with colored flower, came from my mother: "Darling daughter Allie-The pathway is becoming more clear to you as you go on, and those things which seemed impossibilities to you are becoming more realistic. Oh, for joy to this grand truth! What a pity there are those-who know not of it, and shame upon those who scorn it as I did. Go ahead, dear child! My word is success to you. Yours in spirit, Mother. On a tablet I had with me. I wrote:

"Is it all right?" T_, who was a dear mortal friend, and is a spirit guide, materialized at the second opening, six feet from the cabinet. I went up to speak to him, recognized his peculiar color and style of beard, and the manner of address, He was dressed in a black suit and white shirtfront-(the medium being wholly garbed in black). He spoke my name adding: "We have you almost where we want you, to be able to do the work you must. One more struggle for you, and all is well." Other words were spoken, but I give only those that came as an answer to my query on the tablet, and which convey to me a world of meaning and cheer. No one present knew of the critical point that my heart harbored. It was grand!

I was seated near to the fourth opening in the curtains.

My guide W came to me, by impression, while some spirit was materialized, and oinformed me of her own wish to come in the form, bidding me wish for her so she could easier build up." In my thought I answered I would do so, and requested her to come the second one after the spirit present, but to appear at the opening near me fully fifteen feet from the cabinet by route of curtainsand to touch my head with her hand.

At the time appointed, and place, my mother materialized, gently patted my head as I sat still, and in a low but distinct voice said: "I see plainer now than in the past. Don't worry. Good by, my darling child.'

Immediately after her disappearance, W- again impressed my brain with these words: "Me give way to the old mother squaw." Bless her dear, unselfish soul!

At the close of this seance, as I unfastened the string and bolt-my own knots-the loved guide of the medium was telling me the words my

father was giving to her. Could the greatest skeptic have doubted such svidence as eye and ear received? No honest soul could.

family in attendance at the seance. manifestations.

But I will conclude with a little more that came to me. T- appeared at the third opening, and spoke my name. I stepped forward to converse with him, recognizing appearance and conversation. I forgot myself in my great joy, and held one side of the curtain pressed back against the corner wall, and while lovingly whispering his farewell, I saw the form sinking at my side. The medium could not have returned to the cabinet without first removing my hand, which I pressed against the wall, thus placing it between the form and the bay-window and cabinet. Who could doubt such evidence?

there appeared at the second opening a form clothed all in white, who, in a low voice, said: "How you do, Medie?" It was my loved Indian guide, W——— I said, "Come out, dear, won't you?" and the gentleman -who knows her well by control of me-also invited her forth. With graceful motion she advanced, and, stooping to the floor, touched our held-out hands and conversed with each. Such a glorifled sight cannot be witnessed, outside of heaven, at any other than a genuine materializing seance, my readers. She arose and displayed her womanly form and white drapery by movements no mortal can equal for grace and radiance, talking all the while to us. Receding behind the curtain, we entreated her to again

so glad to come thus to-night." Why ask more proof than this?

a medium, and also claim friendship with the Arnolds, I may not be wholly truthful in this testimony. I will answer, a year ago I first met the Arnolds, and it may be that I have won their esteem because I am not at all envious of another medium's gifts, and not trying to brand "fraud" upon the brow of all who claim to give genuine materializations to those who long for the clasp of a vanished hand, and the voice that is stilled.' And, I may say, to myself I take the sweet assurance that those who know me give of their friendship for no other cause than that they put confidence in my word, since I have bought no one's esteem by gifts or bribes. It is the ambition of my soul to "let my light so shine" as to prove to my fellow-beings that I love to aid humanity. Having no wealth, how can I do this but by advocating all that comes to me, by investigation and reflection-or by reason and inspiration-as truths they need.

For ten years I have been known in the ranks of Spiritualism by the name I sign, though my retired life has not put me before notice to any great extent personally. And I have stated this because I desire to raise an objection to the writing under names that one cannot be identified by-as I regret to find occurring often in our own paper.

Should any person endorse a medium, or denounce one as a fraud. who is not certain of what he states? And if positive, why not be brave?

truly sorry, but when our angel

It seems to me instead of efforts to obliterate this phase of phenomena, on the plea of so much that is fraud, we should encourage our spirit friends all the more, thereby hoping to establish a future of an almost constant ability for their appearance in our

Mortals have, in past ages, by their

Sunday evening my friend and I

were in attendance at the seance, after having enjoyed three hours visiting with Mr. Arnold and wife, their lovable children and his sweet old mother. I sat there thinking, feeling in my soul what a very happy family group, and glad at heart for the privilege of their friendship. There were nine persons beside the

Three of these were strangers to the medium and to all others; a lady and gentleman came together, no names being announced; later, a man alone, asking if he might attend; permission being granted, he spoke no other words, but after the seance handed Mr. Arnold his business card, and extended an invitation to call. When two spirits stood at the opening conversing with the other man, I heard him tell the lady he bad escorted, who sat next to me, "Father and mother both came," and to this lady a brother came, conversing at some length. She told me at the forming of the circle that she had never investigated Spiritualism, and her questions were proof of this. Yet on leaving the spirit brother to take her seat, she whispered to her companion, and I caught his earnest spoken words "He did?" as evidence for their wonderment and confidence in the genuineness of the

As my friend and I sat together, come forth.

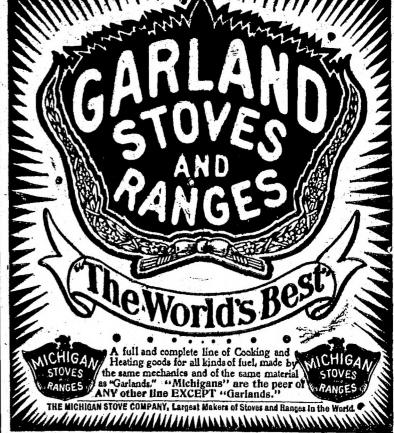
She parted the curtains, but hesitated to advance, and I stepped forward. In such a cute manner of speech, she said: "I don't want to come any more. I just want to say and again and again said, "Oh, I was

But you may say that because I am

I am quite well known, both in and out of Spiritualism, by my contributions to many domestic publications, our own spiritual papers, etc. I confess that the returns have mostly been good will won to myself, but I value hearts above dollars.

When deception is perpetrated I am

friends find avenues, too much cannot be said of the joys our hearts experience. There is no earthly entertainment can give the earnest soul so deep a sense of grandeur and tenderness, akin to heavenly aspirations, to begin to equal the manifestations witnessed at Mr. Arnold's home.



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tion. ... We don't know about an election being sure.

We don't know that Jesus is our Sav-

tor.
We don't know about angry Gods.
We don't know about hell hereafter.

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We don't know that we are at enmity We don't know that we are conceived

We don't know that we are born in

sin.
We don't know that we live in sin or are brought up in sin. We don't know where we came from We neither know the whence uor the

whither.
We don't know whether the grave and death are eternal silence, or whether it is the opened doorway to another and an eternal life.

We don't know. WE DON'T BELIEVE.

And nine-tenths of the world of humanity don't believe that we are put on earth or in earth-life to live poor, work hard, and die and go to the Christian's Most of us don't believe that a God

made us simply to worship and glorify that God or be lorever damned. Most of the world don't believe what they don't know, and what we don't know would make a much larger book than that which we do know.

Man knows but little here below, Nor knows that little long.

We certainly, most of us, do not know enough to get through this world and avoid care, trouble and toil.

And finally, most people don't believe what is taught them from the pulpit, nor do they heed the awful warnings hurled at them by preachers. Let a minister begin a tirade against

a theater and his church is emptied and the theater is filled. There are to day more beer saloons

than churches: and the church is continually condemning them, and the question is: How is it that the Christian's Devil does so much larger business than the Christian's God? Simply because the people do not be-

WHAT WE KNOW.

As Spiritualists we know that this life on earth is one grade of spirit-life, and that man on earth is just as much of a spirit now as he ever will be. Ve know a natural life beyoud this

One.
We know the whence and the whither. We know that from spirit we came. We know that from this life we go to spirit-life-a step higher. We know of an eternal life beyond

We know that the great spirit is our

God of lovo. We know nothing outside of natural Our God is the God of nature We know that the Christ principle

within man will be his saving grace over in the land of soul-life, and that we must save ourselves.

We know that if we recognize the God in man, we recognize the true and liv-

We know that the days of mythology, demonology, devilology and personal gods are fast becoming things of the past, and we well know that superstitions are fast fading out of the minds of men of to-day, and we also know that as a man finds himself at the end of life's short journey upon this earth-plane, so will he stand upon the farther shore unmasked before the world of spirit, unmasked unto himself-his own judge his own executioner, and his damnation will be of his own making, and his joys of a heaven will be just what he has carried with him over into the great beyond of soul-life. And so mote it be.

THE SUBLIMINAL SELF.

Are We Unconscious of the Doings of Another Self.

TO THE EDITOR:-When truth can be truly elicited from known facts, where otherwise it would remain obscured, it is our duty to assist the revelation. Some of our opponents of the material istic cult are still suffering under the burdens of the imaginary "subliminal

It is said that the subliminal self (by which they erroneously intend an under or sub self) comes forth and performs those things which are believed to be work of spirits.
When we inquire why this other self

is not detected by the primary self, we are told that it is subjective and the primary is objective. For brevity's sake I have condensed the idea; but this is unimportant in view of the point which I

design making.
Occasionally they refer to Mr. Stead and his (doubtful) automatic writing. If Mr. Stead is honest, then this argument of the other self is annihilated. Some time ago, in his zeal to prove to us the existence of this mythical self, he had his correspondent from the mystic (?) shore say: "I am your subliminal self."

so read it as quoted from him. Now, if his subliminal self wrote that then is not the matter settled as to this self imposing on the real self? Here is proof positive that the sub-self does know that it is not the other self. Hence, when a communication comes to us purporting to come from our spirit friends, we may feel assured that our other self is not imposing upon us, because we already see it can and does dis-

criminate. Of course, we must either conclude that Mr. S. is just having a little fun with us, or else give up this matter of the other self being unable to tell us what it is. Conclusion: We are never misled by this other self. B. R. A. Concordia, Kans.

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A SPIRIT PICTURE.

it is Epitomized in "We Shadowy Faces of the Past Revealed by the Sensitive Plates of Pho-, tography.

> The Hidden from the Human Ere.

More startling than any happening in Spiritualism in recent years is an incident that has just occurred. It is the actual reproduction of spirit faces from a painting where no such faces can be seen. It is such a marvelous, mysterious and unforeseen result, and so deeply suggestive of an embodiment of laws of nature which are yet unknown, that the Spiritualists of the world are trying to

explain it. The painting of so-called "spook pictures" has been common among alleged Spiritualist mediums for years past, but he present marvelous case has not the slightest similarity to any such artistic efforts. The discovery of the spirit faces was made on photographing an oil painting of the late Judge Haywood. the great Tennessee jurist and histo-

The Tennessee Historical Society recently gave a company of Nashville an order for a copper seal, to bear the likeness of the dead historian. The society furnished for the purpose a portrait of Judge Haywood, painted by Mr. Lloyd Bronson, of Knoxville. The manager of the engraving department of the printing company promptly proceeded o photograph it.

To the naked eye the painting presents simply a strong likeness of a strong man, but the camera, about which clings so much mystery, to most people, went deeper, and the consternation of the operator was extreme. He snapped his shutter, pushed the slide into position, and disappeared into the

OTHER FACES APPEARED.

In the usual manner he placed the plate in the acid and watched the picture develop. He saw the features of the subject appear slowly, and then he Turning the plate and tilting it, the faces of two babies and then the presentation of a beautiful woman

came to light.

Plunging the plate into the fixing bath, he threw the door open and wondered, in the broad light of day, if he were dreaming. No, he could not be. There on the negative appeared the picture of Judge Haywood, bold and strong, and his affinities, a beautiful Woman and two lovely children.

In the ordinary run of daily affairs

Mr. Gamble, the manager, is known as an eminently practical man, and not what is termed a Spiritualist. But this marvel stunned him. He remembered the doings of spirits as promulgated by

Spiritualists.
The plate had been expecially selected by himself on account of the importance of getting a clear impression for the seal. There was nothing that Mr. Gamble could conceive that offered the slightest ciew to a solution of the mys-

HAYWOOD HAD SEEN VISIONS.

Determined to clear up the matter, if possible, and prove to himself that his eves had not played him false, he careilly devoloped the uncanny plate. Making a clear, plain print, he showed it to a number of his friends. Among those to whom he confided his discovery was Mr. A. V. Goodpasture, clerk of the Supreme Court, a sage in Tennessee history, who remembered that Judge Haywood had visions and dreams in his day, and that in this relation the mysteries of life might be bared to those who could but lift the veil.

Robert J. Quarles, superintendent of the State Armory, and an enthusiastic member of the Historical Society, is another who has taken up the spirit pic-ture for serious study. The high stand-ing of all those whose names have been mentioned gives evidence that there is no suggestion of chicanery about the photograph.

The portrait has been returned to its accustomed place, and though no sign of the spirit faces is visible to the eye, the framed photograph which hangs below it serves as a mute but effective proof of the existence of the spirit

aces.

Such is the account of this remarkale manifestation as given by the New York Herald. We have come across similar cases. Thus it is that the spirit world is making itself manifest in a great variety of ways and conditions.

Nashville, Tenn. G.

Boston Spiritual Temple. The Spiritual Temple opened the first

Sunday in October and I was there to see the manifestations of Mr. and Mrs. Concannon, their first appearance in this city. The hall was about half full, some six hundred being present—a fair audience for the first Sunday of the season, especially as the day was rainy.
Mrs. Concannon spent half an hour in
platform tests, which were good and all recognized. I was pleased with the last one, when a spirit said he was glad to see his wife at the seance, for she did not approve of his attention to Spirltual-The lady addressed made no recism. ognition, even when other relatives' names were given. Then the medium left the platform and went to her in the back of the hall and gave her many tests which were recognized. That seemed to close Mrs. Concannon's part of the seance, and as the medium came from the interview with that lady, Mr. Ayer remarked that it beat all the sermons that had been preached for the last hundred years. This remark was vigorously applauded, as if it was an "amen" to the

sentiment of Mr. Ayers.

Then Mr. Concannon followed, giving form manifestations. A committee was chosen of one lady and two gentlemen, who went on the platform, one of whom retired to examine the medium and reported everything was black in the dress of the medium, not even a white handkerchief, only his necktie and collar, and these were exposed. He was sewed to the seat by his sleeves, very quickly there appeared, plainly visible to all, an extended arm and hand, which, under the circumstances. could not have been the medium's.

Some forms appeared in colored robes and some partial ones also. There were not many, but they were very un-mistakable. It was evident to everyone that the medium had no hand in it. Some of the forms were recognized. The object was to satisfy those present that they were what they claimed to be, spirit manifestations, which in a large crowd is the principal object.

They give private seances during the week, in Newton street, where one can see and interview their spirit friends. Mrs. Willis gave the lecture in the afternoon. She is an old speaker.

On the evening of the second Sunday of October Mr. and Mrs. Concannon gave seances at 11 and 8 o'clock. Mr. loncannon said he had no objection to

being tested as before. Several forms appeared and remained visible quite a while. One came clothed wholly in white, coming out several times, and once held its bare arm ex-tended as if it wanted something, and

Mrs. Concannon called for a handker chief, which was handed to the extended arm of the spirit, who made the hand kerchlef increase in size by manipula tion, enough to cover the whole form. Then it dematerialized and was returned

as a simple, small handkerchief. JOHN WETHERBEE.

A QUESTION ANSWERED

Why is Spiritualism Unpopular with the World?

The Reason Why Is Plainly and

Truthfully Given. The philosophy of Spiritualism in its purity and grandeur, if rightly under-stood, would be accepted and hailed with lelight by all earnest, thinking people It is not Spiritualism that the world ridicules, but the fraud, folly and ignor

ance by which it is so often surrounded and overwhelmed. All but the most materialistic of minds, when they fairly understand the philosophy, are astonished at its reasonableness and beauty.

Many in and out of the churches now

believe the very things Spiritualism teaches, but they are not known as Spirtualists because they do not know what Spiritualism does teach.

I do not believe that fear of public opinion keeps people from embracing Spiritualism, so much as a false idea they themselves have of it. They do not know what it is, and they will not learn because of their false ideas. Then the phenomena (if rid of trick

ery and deception), how beautiful! With what force there comes to the candid and persevering investigator the con-viction that the crudest, simplest phenomena—the rap, the tipping of the table, the jingling of the bell, are feeble attempts on the part of a spirit without a body to attract the attention in any possible way of his brother and sister spirits who have not lost their bodies. When the difference in spirit and

earth states, and the consequent diffculty of communication, is fairly recog nized, the slightest effort to show intel ligence and power from spirit realms be comes beautiful, not disgusting or frivo It is the fraud, the deception, o

which, alas! we find so much, that brings phenomena into disrepute. What is a better way to rid a person of the orthodox belief in a personal God on a golden throne, judging, condemn-ing or approving and rewarding, according to-not the deeds done in the brief ime allowed a poor mortal on earthbut according to his faith in the vicarious atonement of Christ), and in what way can these ideas be more certainly overthrown, than through the repeated declarations of their true state, by those

already passed on?

If a dear mother returns, gives an account of spirit-life, as she has experienced it, as a continuation of her earthlife; and declares that she still has re membrance of, love for, and desire and power to aid the dear ones left behind can the earth-mourner continue his grief? Can he fall to be so impressed hat never, never again will he sit calmly, unthinkingly responsive to the orthodox views of the life horeafter? Then, when the fact comes home to him, that ashe sows on earth shall he reap in his after life; that he must progress through his own efforts; that the evil worker will not become a saint on his death-bed, the liar will not be more worthy of trust than when on earth; that the ignorant and frivolous will be ignor ant and frivolous still, can the investi gator not see the reason for and under stand the deception and contradiction, of the worthless messages coming at times from spirit source. He wall not condemn, but will understand that the spirit-realm has its characters needing reformation, as well as the earth.

Spiritualism is so reasonable, so convincing, that if once started on the road of investigation one can never go back to his former state of indifference and disbelief, and the weaknesses of the church will more and more become visi-

Remove from Spiritualism the attendant fraud by exposing and denying fu-ture support to the dishonest mediums educate the ignorant ones that the spir it-world may have fit instruments for its mission of light and cheer; educate in the laws of spiritual phenomena the people, that they may understandingly pursue their investigations, recognizing that phenomena and philosephy go hand in hand—are both necessary—and bright

future lies before us. • But Spiritualists have duties to per form in bringing this happy day. will not do to be convinced ourselve and then rest satisfied. Others hunger for the truth; we must show them where it lies. And right here I wish to mention several things, in my opinion, most detrimental to the spreading and accept ance of our philosophy, for which, fool ifh ignorance on the part of Spiritualists

is largely the cause. It would seem that any person truly convinced of the grand truths of spirit return and progressive life in the spirit spheres, would seek to learn all possibl on the subject—to grow in knowledge and spirituality, and thus exemplify in thelrown lives the truth they accept But is this aiways true? Alas, no! Too many are content to remain seekers, seeming to find nothing else worth an effort; these by posing, as they do, as "confirmed Spiritualists,", act as stumbling-blocks in the path of many intelligent, would-be investigators, who gusted with the little they see and hear of Spiritualism through these represent

atives, seek to know no more of it. When old, and supposedly, experinced Spiritualists. often ignorant and even unworthy in their lives, boast of having Gerge Washington, Socratese, Abrahan Lincoln, and other celebrities, as familiar "guides" showing messages frem these guides which could be improved upon by a twelve-year-old school-boy and bearing the stamp of fraud in the substance of the message—when Lincoln advises questionable methods to gain questionable ends, when "St. John, the Revelator," tells of certain flowers to be hung over the door to insure a happy marriage, and speaks of helping to in itiate the mortals into the "Seventh degree of the Lodge of Honor, in the Sign of the Golden Triangle—of which Jesus is Grand Master," and this mortal "one of the most honored members." What, hearing these things, can a sensible per son think of Spiritualism but that it is a systematic fraud and its advocates de-

tells that such and such a spirit has "jumped in four months, from third to fifth sphere." as a widered as a count of hypnotism its theory and practice up to date. Price, paper, 25 cents. Sold at this office. fifth sphere," as evidence, giving the bright stars on the dress of the materialized form; and when another old Spiritualist and medium tells that his body is filled with desire—that a healer has treated his head so that that organ is freed from the disease, but that another treatment to free the trunk, and a third to free the limbs from the poison are necessary, what are the people who know something of physiology, blood-oirculation, effect of diseases of the blood, etc., going to think regarding the valu of the philosophy taught and advocated by these Spiritualists of long standing? a master mind these are no fancy sketches, my friends at this office.

every character mentioned lives and

boasts, to-day.

Mediums do resort to frauds, but people urge them on by accepting any and everything given through them, credu-lously believing all the insane twaddle so ofted given, and regulating their lives often, according to spirit dictation. Me-diums are much (of blame; but let them be strictly called to halt by Spiritualists and made to show some reason in their claims, and they-would soon cease to deceive, and refuse to entertain guides of questionable character; but would luform themselves upon the laws of spirit communion, and the method of gaining the help of only the true and develored from the strike itself.

developed from the spirit side. Let us all-mediums and those who have not this heaven-blest power-be reasonable and reasoning people, remembering that it is not the fact of a spirit author, but the power to bless, comfort, and instruct humanity, that gives value to a message, and that there are hosts of spirits on the other side, as well as on this earth, who need education and unfoldment.

We shall then draw to ourselves a a class of thinking people who now stand aloof. We shall fill our now often half-filled halls to hear the grand inspiration of our earnest speakers, we shall, as never before, bring light to darkened minds, peace to mourning hearts, and to earnest seekers knowledge of truth that life is endless-oarth-life only the beginning of a progress toward more and more perfect states, of which the finite mind can form no conception. Eva Linn Calmerton. Milwaukee, Wis, ...

HOME AGAIN. From the Tropics to the

Notes of Societies and Work in Texas.

Grand Old Rockies.

Home again! and what a change from the tropical beauties of the South to the grand old Rockies and the cooler olimate of the North.

The Texas camp is a thing of the past but I know that the memory of the many happy, pleasant days spent with the friends there will remain as some thing to inspire all to higher lives and broader efforts.

I never met a more earnest and pro gressive people than gathered at Oak Cliff, and I am glad to be able to say that their investigation turned toward the philosophical lines of thought, and while interested in the many phases of phenomena presented, all sought an understanding of the laws conducive to self-unfoldment. I never met so many unfolding mediums as were there.

I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of co-workers J. M. Allen quaintance of and wife, of Springfield, Mo., and Allen Franklin Brown, of St. Paul, Minn., all workers along the lines of progression. My work at the camp was characterized by those broad and inspiring thought principles the guides are ever able and ready to promulgate, and were eagerly listened to by the congregations. My test work, also was well accepted

and duly appreciated.

From Dallas, at the carnest solicitation of Bro. Newman, of The Dawning Light," I accompanied Bro. Manley, fine magnetic physician and medium, to San Antonio, and filled the platform for two Sundays. A strong effort was made to induce me to accept a most flattering call to remain there the coming year, but the inspiring intelligences advised that for the present I return to my Denver charge.

It was with most pleasant memorics of the San Antonio friends that I bade all adieu and turned my face home-

I stopped at Dallas a few hours and found that Bro. Brown had been secured by the society there for the coming month. From there I journeyed on to Newton, and while waiting for connection called on my old friend, Mrs. G. In conclusion, I would say, if the lofty motives and earnest enthusiasm which W. Rogers. I was sorry to find that where a thriving society had existed, none was to be found to-day, and that the Rogers family had suffered persecution as have many others for their knowledge of Spiritualism. Truly, marturs are in our midst to-day.

The society in Newton fell because of unprincipled mediums and lack of organized effort; and yet many so-called Spiritualists cannot see the need of organization in a National Association. Will they ever awaken from their Rip Van Winkle sleep and go to work? Le us hope they may sometime and some

I reached home to find all glad to greet me and ready for active work.

Last evening a most delightful welcome was accorded myself and inspirers. filled church and well conducted or chestra combined to produce a discourse power and practical philosophy.

During my absence the platform has been most ably and acceptably filled by Mrs. M. A. Gridley, late of New York and G. W. Walrond, of Canada. In closing let me extend the thanks of "Starlight" and myself to the Texas friends for their hospitality and our regret at being unable to accept the many engagements offered us, but hope at some time in the future to meet with them all. I shall hope to meet my co-workers of the great East at the coming convention at Washington. G. C. B. EWELL, M. D.

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Let me say to your readers that re-ports concerning this place have not been exaggerated. The air is indeed "medicated" both spiritually and physically, and in less than a week's sojourn I find myself greatly benefited and filled with the belief that this spot is really a consecrated one, fitly chosen for the grand work already inaugurated. I am agreeably surprised with the Hotel Cassadaga. It is most beautifully situated on a high bluff overlooking the

lake, surrounded by the tall Florida pines. It is larger and better furnished Studies in the Outlying than I had expected, and although yet unfinished, a cozy little parlor, easy chairs, good beds and an airy piazza bring a general atmosphere of home feeling and comfort. I am told that C. A WORK BY HUDSON N. Gregory, of Western New York, well and favorably known at Lily Dale, N. Y., is again to have charge, and will arrive very soon to open the house for all those who wish to come South early. Just at this present time it is exceeding-ly quiet, but very soon the hammer and saw will make music among the pines and wake the echoes over the beautiful lake. Mr. C. E. Parcell, of Tampa, lake. Mr. C. E. Parcell, of Tampa, Fla., secretary of the institution, is expected in about a week to superintend the building of an auditorium and several cottages. This building is planned in shape and style like an immense theatre, with raised seats and one gallery; a large platform and dressing room on either side. It will not be completed this winter for want of sufficient funds, but so far finished that it may be used during the coming camp session.

A large building is to be erected by the Bond Lumber Co., for the purpose of accommodating those who wish to have a room with privilege of light housekeeping. This building is to be furnished with several cooking stoves and necessary furniture, but sheets, pillow-cases, towels, blankets, etc., must be brought by the occupants. Detailed information will be given by the management at a later date concerning this building.

A deep rock well is to be dug, pumped by a large windmill, which must furnish the purest water.

O. L. Concannon, the materializing medium, who stands the tests of the skeptical, is to be here during the meeting, together with his estimable wife. who is engaged by the management as platform test medium. They own a neat little cottage which they will doubtless occupy. All the different phases of me-diumistic talent will be represented, and

best speakers secured.

Mr. George P. Colby, with his guide, Senecu, plays an important part in the plans of the institution. Mr. Colby is a medium of rare ability and is well known in both the Northern and Southern States as a fine inspirational speaker. His home adjoins the lands of the association, nearly forty acres of which were donated by him for the purpose of starting this organization.
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J. Huff, is indefatigable in her efforts to make this institution a success. Her duties are multiple and burdens heavy, but she bears them with the grace of one fortified and sustained by the angels. She has remained upon the grounds all summer doing what she could for the advancement of this place, working un-This highly instructive and interesting work is a combination into one volume of two of Mr. Hull's splendid works. By this arrangement the cost is such that the reader is enabled to socure the two books combined at the same price as was formerly asked for them separately. This volume contains 462 pages and is handsomely bound in cloth, and contains an excellent portrait of the anthor.

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What I said was, my guides did not want me to take up a regular course of study, meaning the memorising of rules, etc. Any medium knows that positiveness of the brain is a hinderance to inspiration. I have not said that educa-tion is a hinderance; assiduous study was meant. How could I have speered at education, when I feel that there is no wealth of such value. I affirm that mediumship led me to arouse to this need of knowledge-that all the aspiration I have known, thus, has been a result of Spiritualism, for in my orthodox days I had few aspirations, was content to read novels, do fancy work, attend to my household duties, and chat with some congenial friend—the life that most Christians lead; that is, a life of

unthinking. Spiritualism awoke my soul. I have devoted my spare moments for ten years to the perusal of books by our greatest memorizing was a necessity. From the first of my investigation into Spiritualism, its chief charm has been the thought of endless progression—which means for the mind, of course.

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Classics Not Genuine.

The following quotation from the New York Journal tells its own story. The attention of the literary world has now been turned in an important direction, and truth will be the outcome. Before the discovery of the art of printing, the world was filled with professional scribes whose business it was to transcribe books for the wealthy. They were almost unlyersally monks. In their copying, if they thought an author should have made mention of some incident to which no attention was paid, they did not hesitate to make the addition. These interpolations are found in nearly or quite every extant classical and theological book which antedates the revival of letters, say about 1520. It has been the province of the critics to distinguish these additions from the genuine text; but no one has authority to eliminate the forgeries, so they go on forever. The Journal says:

"The assertion is now made that some of the ancient classics are forgeries. Almost everyone of the classics has fallen under this suspicion at one time or another. A French writer asserts that, with a few exceptions, everyone of the Greek and Latin classics are forgeries, dating from the period of the Renaissance [1520]. The practice of literary

"In the sixth century, B. C., Onomacritus, who was intrusted by Pisistatus with preparing an edition of the sacred writings of Musacus, was detected in the act of forging them. There is also little doubt that a passage in Homer referring to the exploits of the Athonians at the siege of Troy was inserted to glorify the Athenians of later ages.

There are several passages of Virgil that labor under the same suspicion. It has been plausibly argued that several whose marvelous attainments rendered him quite equal to the

"The duties of the editor were also very liberally construed in the past. Hardly any of the extant writings of Aristotle can be attributed to the philosopher himself. They are mostly expansions of loose notes of lectures pubished under his name in order to give them wider acceptance. The acumen of Richard Bently has long since convinced the world that the celebrated Letters of Phalaris are nothing but forgeries. The same may be said of the writings of Ingulphus, the Decretals of Isidore, certain passages in Hesiod, and in many other ancient authors.'

Discussion Between Christians.

Churchmen have very earnest discussions with each other on numerous mooted questions, just like other folics. The following conversation is reported between two of them, and we are assured it actually transpired but a little while ago. One of the parties asserted with great warmth that he believed the Bible was verbally inspired, and should be literally interpreted:

"Do you believe all passages of scripture should be literally interpreted?"
"Yes, sir, I do. The only way to interpret Scripture is exactly as it reads. 'You are a Christian, are you not?'

"You believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

according to the Scriptures?"
"Certainly, but I don't know what that has to do with the subject under

"You can make your everlasting for tune in five years.' How so?

"Jesus said-reported in John 7:38-'He that believeth on me, as the Scrip-ture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.' The word rivers, in the plural, tells us there were two or more of them. Now, as you are believer in the literal fulfillment of that text you should go to Dakota and locate there. With one of the rivers you could irrigate your lands and excel he world in bounteous harvests. the other you could build grist milks to grind the wheat and monopolize the

flour trade." Strongly Stated.

In his "Suniolatry, Ancient and Modern,"Gerald Massey expresses himself very forcibly when he says:

"It is just as easy to prove that a historic Christ never existed as it is to demonstrate that the mermaid, or the moon-calf, the sphinx, or the centaur.

Mr. Massey illustrates by saying: "Pliny in his Natural History describes the moon-calf as a monster, engendered by a woman only [without the aid of the male]. . This moon-calf had the same origin and birth in the phenomens as any other child of the Virgin Mother. The mythical Christ is equally the monster, or chimera, that is engendered of the woman only. The Christian fathers accounted for the virgin motherhood of the historical Jesus by asserting that certain females. like the vulture, could conceive without

the male."

A Great Want Supplied.

A recont news item says: "A panorama of hell has just been painted by a They have asked King Humbert to inspect it."

The idea of a panorama of the infernal egions is a grand one, and the painting should have been made long ago. Danto and Milton, and Pollok, each gave penpictures of the abode of the damned, as did many of the Grecian and Roman poets before them; but a faithful delineation on canvas has been neglected to the present. It appears by Luko 16:24, 26, that heaven is in talking distance with hell; so we suppose that popular resort will appear in the background, as will that "great gulf fixed so that they which would pass from hence to you," that is, from heaven to hell, "cannot." So the escape of the murderous wretches who have reached the celestial regions by the rope route will not be seen on that panorama making a hasty flight to mingle with the best of the race who have reached Plute's empire because of unbelief. Of such are our Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, etc.

The hell of the church was invented within sight of Vesuvius' fires. It could never have been thought of outside of a volcanic region. These sulphurous flames have been used as object lessons for the miserable dupes of priestly rule for long ages, to bring them under fuller subjection. E. G. Squier, American Commissioner to Nicaragua, under President Pierce, in his Description of the Monuments, Scenery, etc., of that unhappy republic, mentioning the volcano of Masaya, says no ono can view this volcano without admiration, "for it can be surpassed only by the eternal fire. Some confessors have imposed no other penance than to qisit this volcano." Oviedo, who visited the same region in 1529, says:

"I cannot believe a Christian can view this spectacle unmindful of hell, and unrepentant of his sins; particularly whilst comparing this vein of sulphur with the eternal grandeur of everlasting lre which awaits those who are ungrateful to God."

There can be no doubt Mt. Vesuvius, near Naples, Italy, and Mt. Etna, near Palermo, in Sicily, furnished the basis of the material hell of Catholicism, which Protestants inherited from the parent church. Improvement in description has been the work of centuries. It seems the proper thing that an Italian artist, within sight of Vesuvius, while listening to its roar, shall collect the read the minds of the thousands that teachings of the church in regard to hell, combine them with the lurid flames of the volcano, filling in minor details from his active imagination, then paint hell and the tortures of the damned with lifelike reality. Good artists, roll up the curtain and let the show begin.

Baptizing a Volcano.

Minister Squier was in Nicaragua in 1850, when the great volcano of Momotombo, after a long rest, commenced the "Dance of the Devils." He gives forgery is almost as old as literature his readers a graphic picture of the event in his "Nicaragua," of the throes of the earth, the outbursts of flame, the flow of lava, and the terror of the inhabitants. It was then a deputation of the people called on the Bishop, at Leon, to visit the volcano and baptize it to keep it in moderation. He says: "I believe a partial assent was obtained, and the city was full of rumors touching this novel ceremony, which I was exceedingly curious to witness. But its early relapse into quietude dispelled the fears books of the Annals of Tacitus were of the people, and the proposed rite was never performed, much to my disappointment, as 1 intended to stand god-father to the volcano."

Mr. Squier says: "This is an old practice, and the ceremony, it is said, was performed, early after the Conquest, on all the volcances of Nicaragua, with the exception of Momotombo, which is yet amongst the unsanctified."

Such mummery can only be successfully practiced on an uneducated people, hence the motive in setting up parochial schools in place of free schools where

Bigots Assail Miss Barton.

Miss Clara Barton was sent from America to Turkey, under the auspices | happy in the world to come. of the White Cross, to distribute relief to Armenians who had been impoverished by the outrages of the Kurds. She has lately returned home, having successfully completed her mission. Contrary to expectation, she engaged in no censures of the Sultan: on the contrary, she reports she received every encour agement possible from that distinguished functionary, and on leaving Constantinople she was decorated with Turkish marks of honor. Now a terrible hullabaloo is set up by Christian women, cen-suring Miss Barton, who for many years has been at the front in every good work, taking her life in her hand to re-lieve the needs of sufferers from famine, pestilence and the scourge of war. But it is characteristic of those of narrow views who have no toleration for anything not of their creed. Minister Ter rill has been bitterly consured by the clergy because he does not confirm the libels of the missionaries.

Vile Teaching.

On leaving Madagascar the Anglican bishop of Antananarivo informed his flock that after all his labors the men were greater thieves thanever and the women were immoral.—News Item.

This fact would suggest to an honest thinker that the teachings which make he did in order to save his life. even heathen thieves, and women immoral, should be abandoned in our higher there is no end of trouble that these civilization: for that which makes heathen vicious will be exaggerated with enlarged capacities.

A Correction.

Wm. Denton, the well-known author. geologist and Spiritual lecturer, died on the 26th of August, 1883, at Berrigabadi, a small town of New Guinea, one of the Polynesian islands, in the North Pacific, not in South America, as stated in an article copied into these columns from the N. Y. Sun two weeks ago. The Professor visited that distant region, attended by his two sons, on a scientific expedition, and fell a martyr to the cause and the climate.

A Step Forward.

The Methodists of Minnesota were more generous than those in Illinois, and by a vote of 82 to 17 decided to admit women delegates to their State Con- it quickly tends to convert itself into a ference. We are right glad to note this evidence of progress on the part of the Methodists of the Northwest. If they would drop hell, vicarious atone ment and a triune God from their creed they would show further progress.

Worse and Worse.

The English press has been collecting facts in regard to church attendance is number of Italian and Hungarian artists. | the great industrial centers of England and Scotland. They report less than one-tenth of the people attend church on Sunday, and nearly one-half of those who are faithful are Catholics.

Reader, pause and think! Nine-tenths of the population of all those great centers are doomed to an endless hell! For it is certain, those who neglect the ordinances of holy church deserve and will be eternally damned, else the preachers are guilty of misropresenta-

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond

Departed for Washington Monday, the 12th, making a detour on her route to visit her native place, Cuba, N. Y., the object of which is best expressed in the following:

MARRIED.

at Cuba, N. Y., October 14th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Cleo. Nelson Hammond and Miss Olive Roxa Gullford. The service was performed by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, pastor of the Church of the Soul, Chi-

The bridegroom is a nephew of Mrs. Richmond and the service was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends, especially young friends of the bride and groom. An archway of ferns formed a fitting alter for the service, and a group of twelve little children bore the evergreen garlands and pre-ceded the bridal party in the march. Mrs. Richmond proceeded on the 15th

SECONDS THE MOTION

To Purchase the Hydesville Cottage and Crounds,

And Establish There a Yearly Camp-Meeting.

TO THE EDITOR:—I agree with Bro. G. W. Kates in regard to purchasing the old cottage home of the Fox Sisters, with as much ground as can be had, and fit it up in fine form, repair the cottage. build a large one-story auditorium, and hold a camp-meeting there once every

Hydesville, in my opinion, is a sacred place, and when the remains of those neglected Fox women are put in a vault and carefully laid away in the grounds that are sacred to the memory of those three children, whose early days were passed in joy and childish play, they will never be forgotten. Even now what a pleasure it, will be to them and will gather there in memory of those little ones that first informed us that life was immortal, and under certain conditions our loved ones could return to earth and inform us that they still oved us, and more dearly than ever, be-

Let us ornament these grounds and make them useful, and posterity will bless us and be thankful for the privilege of worshiping on the grounds made holy by the angels.

Let us put the ball in motion by asking all Spiritualists in the land to donate all they can spare, so that we can spring to huild, and repair the cottage and the grounds, and remove the remains of those whose memory will be more revered by those in the coming

It will be the pride of every man, wo-man and child that gives a dime or a dollar to this cause of sacred memory of those we neglected in the day when they were suffering and in want. Let us do honor to them, and rebuke the Catholic priests who took advantage of their necessities and betrayed them for a short time.

The tricks of Christianity avail them not when they undertake to undo that which the angels have accomplished. Since the death of Jesus and St. Paul, the two most wonderful mediums in the days in which they lived, none have ever created such a great sensation and done more to enlighten the world than those three lovely children that the angels have called home.

Let us do honor to ourselves and to posterity by creating a fund and applying it in immortalizing these children who were the means of instructing us that the so-called dead could and did return and inform us that life was not only immortal, but we must live right, and do right, if we ever expect to live

The truth of immortality, as was demonstrated through those little ones, is worth more to humanity than all the credal religions that the priesthood have ever invented; therefore, let us do honor to them, for they still live and will bless us all when we meet them in the spirit-world.

Remember, dear friends, that Spiritualism is a religion yet in its infancy, and our fondest hopes will yet be realized, for through it the world will be re deemed and our new religion will take the place of all the old orthodox creeds

that exist at the present time.

The God of nature is good enough for us. and the religion of Spiritualism will surely make us all happy.

Gold was used by the priesthood for

the purpose of destroying the good effect that had already been accomplished through the good results obtained throug this family of mediums Silver was used in the purchase of a medium, the Christians call a god; but future events proved that he was only a man, as he proclaimed himself on all occa-A beautiful young maiden was sions. hurned at the stake by the order of priests, because she was controlled and sed to restore France to its Statehood. A medium was condomned to be be-headed, by the Pope of Rome, if he did not deny that the world revolved, which

leaders in theology intend to make in order to thwart and destroy, if they can, our beautiful religion handed down to us by the angels.

tage and all the grounds surrounding it, three months every year.

those that first gave us our new relig-DR. WM. CLEVELAND. ion.

Not because I raise myself above something, but because I raise myself to something, do I approve myself .-

Sudden resolutions, like the sudden that without such causal functions, rise of the mercury in the barometer, indicate little else than the changeable-possible. ness of the weather. - Hara.

power and organizes a huge instrumentality of means. - Emerson Whatsoever situation in life you ever wish or propose for yourself, acquire a clear and lucid idea of the inconveni ences attending it.-Shenstone.

A DEEP STUDY.

Thoughts on Man and ⁹Spirit.

TO THE EDITOR:-As THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER, has more in it of thrilling interest to me than, any of the many other papers I take, and as I do not want my subscription to tapse, I inclose the necessary dollar for its extension

while I have the highest regard for all Spiritualists worthy of the name, I am free to codiess that the part of the paper devoted to that philosophy is without interest to me, as I will candldly acknowledge that up evidence whatever has ever come to me, that the animal called "man" has any spirit or personal existence after the electric flame we call "life" has been extinguished; and, consequently, I have and can have no faith or belief in ancient or modern Spiritualism (I use the term in its broadest sense, as indicating a belief in 'spirits" or "ghosts").
I am also just as free to confess that

there is absolutely nothing that could be so cheering and so desirable as to have such trustworthy ovidence as would justify and produce an abiding belief in its verity and truthfulness. who really believe (in its real and true sense) in a future conscious personal existence of eternal vigor, with perpetual immunity from sorrow, sickness, pain and decay, with an environment where one can "be blither and know something" (as the immortal Walt Whitman puts it), it must certainly be not only "full of comfort," but it must be the most cheering and precious "belief" which is possible to the human heart. But as an intelligent and honest man, I cannot have faith or belief without evi-

Thousands of unsoientific and credulous people "believe" in the Edenic myth, the legends of the Bible, the atonement, robes washed white in the blood of Jesus, a personal loving Father God, and a special answer to prayer, as veritable facts and truths; when every thoughtful and rational man is absolute ly certain that they are under a delusion as dark and rayless as the blackest night.
There is just as much proof that the

air which causes our terrible cyclones, and fire which often destroys homes and lives, or the earthquake and the thunderbolt, are kind and loving, and have a fatherly regard for mankind, as has any other causal force or power in all the universe.

Josh Billings once facetiously said: "I will believe in universal salvation if you will let me pick the men." So I might say that I could believe (reasoning from merit and worth) that a small portion of the human animals, have attained that degree of intelligence, goodness and soul upon which one might hypothecate a consistency of intelli-gence and nobility of character, sufficient to form wmebula or nucleus in infant strength of a gemote and perfect spirit man.
But when I consider the various and

graduated planes which the so-called human family occupies, descending from the highest and applest down so the stolid Artic dwellers, the Kathrs and Bushmen, the Digger Indians, the most of whom have less affection, intelligence and soul, than their horses or dogs, I cannot avoid the rational conclusion that if those, lower strata of mankind will be transformed into personal spirits, with possibilities of development and growth; then; by the same argument, you prove the parsonal and spirit life of every animal of equal affection and in-telligence. For surely no real philoso-pher would hinge the contingency of one's spirit life upon the number of legs it possessed, or the amount of the surface of one's body which was covered with hair.

And I might add that in soul development, nobility and goodness of character, I am unable to place the blind and superstitious zealot of dogma, ritualism and ecclesiasticism upon any higher plane than the Kaffirs, etc., above referred to.

No one can actually believe the Bible to be a statement of facts without believing in spirits and communications and manifestations from them. It contains more of these than any other book ever published before or since. So that anyone who says he "believes all the Bible," and then disbelieves in Spirit-ualism, faisifies his faith in the Bible as a book of truth. In fact, he is a down-right "infidel," as he disbelieves the larger part of the Bible; and more and worse than that, as he must disbelieve in the paternity of Jesus by a material ized spirit, which strikes a deathblow to the entire system of Christianity itself. For it is only on his fatherhood by a "ghost" that his divinity is claimed as well as his atoning power and his

power to save, and to become "a propi-tiation for the sins of the world." The spirits of the Bible were often seen in broad daylight, and on the high ways, while they wrestled and overcame the strongest men. They also ate and drank, and begot offspring, et id genus

omne. If orthodox people were honest and desired to know the truth of the Bible statements, they would study "Bible Spiritualism," by Moses Hull. They would then see that Modern Spiritualism, in all its highest claims simply pales into trifling insignificance in comparison with that of the Bible history.

But I need scarcely say that in antagonism to the cheering faith in the eternal progress and felicity promised to all the children of men by Modern Spiritualism, stand the monstrosities of an eternal hell of exquisite torture for the great majority and the incomprehensible absurdities of theology on the remove at once, the desire being to ever be held accountable for the workone hand, and the inflexible skepticism of science on the other. The former, would have us believe

that the soul is but a vapor, or a silly weakling whose eternal pastime will consist in "loafing round the throne," tooting horns or playing on a harp, while the other tells us that the mind is merely the product of the brain; se-creted thereby as the liver secretes bile.

Science contacts that it is only by a careful study of cerebral physiology Let us carry out the plan that Brother that we can understand the mysterious Kates has started, and buy the Fox cotrelations of mind and body. It affirms that the cerebrum is not only the source and make the place memorable by hold-ing a camp-meeting there from one to explain those co-ordinate movements which correspond to, and accompany Please let us hear through THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER what others think elicit mental states and muscular move-of this grand movement of doing justice ments which are mutually responsive. It claims that nervous matter and is so arranged as not only to con-nect the various organs of the body, but at the same time to be the agent or cause of sensation, thought and emotions. As thoughts result from cerebral and nervous conditions, it is claimed

If it can be clearly shown that the There is no thought in any mind, but quickly tends to convert itself into a of the brain and the pervous system, and that there can be intelligence with out brain substance, a stopping-stone is tinued and future existence of man's mind or soul. Respectfully submitted for thought. S. C. ADAMS.

A SPIRIT USES A TYPE-WRITER.

A Judicial Mind Expresses LAWS COVERNING SPIRIT MANIFESTATIONS.

INTERCOMMUNION BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND SPHERES

By Mrs. C. E. Stevens, of San Francisco, Cal.



the truth of divine revelation, or per- ward way to finish some work unhaps more frequently, the immortality done, to repair the wrong which may, explain the operation of the phenom. heart to do so. This being the case, upon them.

The great law of life is that of magnetic attraction. It is the law of the universe. It holds all things in space, and brings together all particles of matter so that they cannot be disin-

force of gravitation and other forces, apparent at a distance under other sidered himself an exception set apart has been demonstrated as in exist- than the usual laws affecting the ma- for the work before him, and acting ence. To what extent it has really terial visual organs. This may or not been distributed through the universe be as supposed, but as other laws are gation of truth. A law unto himself, is by no means realized, as it holds all in question in this matter, we can he had none to help him. Claiming things in space, manipulates the worlds hardly call it into comparison here, little, he saw himself the advance in its embrace, and draws from one to more especially as clairvoyant power guard, as it were, for the protection, another the strength necessary to may exist, without observation of the as well as teacher, of those who were carry on the machinery of the earth lambent condition of the atmosphere, to be his followers of this new truth. in its diurnal rotation, which other-wise would end in the destruction of may be superior sight in the natural work of the same character seems fol-

the lower sphere by the earth's mag-netic aura which surrounds it, through trated matter, from some extraordiable as it may seem, has not power to fore, wherever he is, that he must of the material body has ceased to to realize what has actually hap-

ceased operation. aura which surrounds the earth, understand?" through which, imperceptibly, it passes to those who believed on him.

the spirit is in continued existence, means of reaching them. They would this body being its implement so long gladly assist us, but the effort to as it is useful to it, then thrown aside prove immortality has been so distill other conditions assert their needs, couraging, we no longer dare to hope

farther changes take place, and higher ascensions continue to the entire completion of their work.

This, then, is the law of attraction leading from one point to another, commencing with the lowest with

which human nature has to deal. The second sphere has a development beyond the first, but not much higher, as ordinary culture absorbs more of the material or earthly nature than the spiritual in its slow development, gross particles of matter having to be dealt with, which, in its transition, encounters but little help from all around. "There is no home like our old home" is not confined to earth alone, it would seem, and for some time the longing desire to return to those left behind renders incapable put into action. To avoid prejudice for the most part the soul released even from the tortures of earth, as Spirit manifestations, so-called, have they may be called, to fiee at once owed their first interest, apparently, in from the love left behind to particithe minds of investigators, to idle pate in higher joys, and so even the curiosity, a desire to prove therefrom best prepared may linger on their upof the soul by material proof of an unintentionally perhaps, have been existence beyond the grave. Beyond committed, but which is yet capable the impression on the minds of such this but little effort has been made to of being repaired if desire is in the as have endeavored to understand his ena, or their connection by law with there are those at work always near other forces of the universe. It is the confines of both worlds to assist solutely necessary for its comprehenour desire, to some extent, to elimil in the higher development which is sion. From this mistake on the part nate these forces, and to connect them ever being ealled for in all directions. of the guides of that seer, matters as simply as we can with those of the Is it wonderful, then, that spirits of higher life which are brought to bear all grades are to be met with in the in the unveiling of the New Church development of this great work for the have retarded its progress, and placed uplifting of the human race on our on the character of so-called modern undeveloped planet? Is it surprising Spiritualism a cloud which as yet will that confusion worse confounded has take time to remove. been the result of the sowing of new sceds of truth, and that priest and made it incumbent upon his followers tegrated till some other force is ap- priesthood have denounced it as to avoid all open communication with plied to dissever them, when it attracts evil, knowing not of its value, the spirits of the departed, on the other particles to render itself suffi- but seeing that only those who were ground that evil or undeveloped spirciently powerful to assume a stronger rushing to its embrace were the vicposition, and then goes on again in time of their own credulity, and must highly developed, as they are nearer search of more strength still to carry so continue till their ignorance be- the earth, and can more readily by the on its work in its own fashion to comes enlightened and light shines in law of their own attraction reach to higher results. The law of attraction on the darkness which surrounds it. the lower animal passions. If this is has been brought to bear in spiritual There is no light like that of the sun, so, one justly asks how Swedenborg manifestations in such a way as to be says one, nor like that of the moon, was protected, and why he did not easily comprehended. When once says another. The magnetic light is come under the temptations of which understood, there is no more doubt on more powerful than all, but requires he warned those he himself was leadthe subject than in the most ordinary a delicacy of vision not understood in ing. As a prophet, Swedenborg becase of philosophy applied to well- this life, though extraordinary sight lieved he was under divine protection. known laws, so common in use as to be hardly noticed. Is sometimes given to individuals, which is styled clairvoyant, and by from the things of the world, roam-

The spirit world of this earth has its taken. It may even be that the spirplace above the earth, separated from itual vision may at times be acted which the spirit passes in its flight to nary cause, upon peculiarly constituted such unruly spirits as have yet been the second sphere, the receptive home visual organs not understood. Be able to show their power on earth. for the disembodied spirits who are that as it may, all things in the spirit- This being the case, the more necesconstantly leaving the earth; the ual acted upon by magnetism are sary it would seem that the law which spirits who inhabit these bodies, when seen through magnetic light, which controls the whole phenomena should ready to depart, being uplifted from permeates everything, and which be made plain to those who seek the the lower sphere to the one next above brings to bear upon everything in the light really necessary to guide them in it by a finely attenuated cord, repre- spiritual its own peculiar force to senting the umbilical cord of earth-strengthen, elevate and prepare all obtained must be lost, the work relife, in reality of magnetic life, of at-spiritual beings for their home in the tarded, and the mystery of life and traction between the two bodies, which spirit spheres, which, without prepaseparate only when the spirit body ration, could not exist there, any has reached its perfection as a body, more than a body could exist in this been accepted as illuminations. How and can inhabit the upper sphere. The world till preparation had been made given has never been made clear. Imearth body, having lost its stronger through the germ for it to do so. force, is left, its atoms disintegrating Preparation having been made, the gradually, as the spirit force is with- spirit body, with its atmosphere of been held a necessity, as a beginning drawn from one part and another, till magnetic aura, ascends, as has before must be made somewhere. The comin the end all is lost as a body, but been described, into the magnetic life ing of Christ was upheld by prophecy becomes assimilated with other ele- above it, it being the second sphere also, but the age of miracles, it would ments of earth also disincorporated to which is prepared to receive it. The make again a receptacle for some new atmosphere is changed, though as it not law continue its operations in the formation. This is the process of life leaves the earth it still holds some of present as the past? Most certainly, and death, so-called, between the the earth's electrical atmosphere, and natural and spirit body. When the at first the new ascendant, as we have new life is attained, and spirit finds before said, hardly realizes the change itself in the atmosphere of spirit, it that is wrought. The individual excan at first hardly realize that any- ists, and still realizes his existence. thing important has taken place, but He has not changed his identity, and soon perceives its transformation to still recognizes the fact that one proof be the natural effect of its passage of his immortality is that he would through earth life, which, unaccount- not change it if he could, and, therestill linger on the confines through ing of his own identity. Friends apwhich it has passed till every particle proach him, and at length he begins materialize and the rational faculties pened, and says: "Where am I? What am I? Is this question which Reaching from the earth life, the has never to me as yet been answered spirit in its transition to the second now to be? Will new birth give us sphere crosses the gulf of magnetic advantage over the old, that we may

Familiar taces still gather, faces into the magnetic life of the second long since departed, till we realize at sphere. This aura has a fineness of length our departure, though not till quality superior to that of the earth, more of earth has dropped away, but not as fine as that of the upper, when all is understood and the transi-which has more spiritual strength to tion thoroughly recognized. But the uphold it, and make it helpful to the longing remains to return to those newly-arisen body, which is to con- left behind, vividly conscious of what tinue its work of spiritual elevation, they are suffering. To console them, This body was the one shown by to have them realize we are not dead Christ to his disciples, and constituted but still live, we would draw them its resurrection. The aura of the towards us. So strong is the desire, earth had been crossed, but his knowl- we cannot but feel they must know of edge of the spiritual, as well as the our presence, and calm overtakes spiritual laws governing the change, them, otherwise they turn to their elped him to solve the problem of own avocations, and try, perhaps, to life and death, which he demonstrated forget our very existence. At this we are burt or grieved, and determine Whether in the body or out of it, to find, as soon as possible, some

and realize more fully the glories by which we are surrounded. Friends gather round in still greater numbers, teachers come to our assistance, and we begin to understand the, to us, new law of which we wish to be possessed. But there are obstacles, and such obstacles we can hardly hope to overcome. Practical denial on the part of the world to admit the intercommunion between the worlds assists to disturb the harmony necessary to establish the truth. The fact that the dead have departed to a far distant country, a place called Heaven-worse still, to possible Hell, from which there is no redemption, or Purgatory, an intermediate or resting-place, from which they may be delivered by the prayers of the church or the intervention of saints, has long been re-

ceived; there is little hope for those who are otherwise inclined to make much progress in their desire to aid the procession, both in and out of the body, in their efforts to establish the truth, till the law of life has been so thoroughly understood by investigation it can readily be explained and on the one hand and credulity on the other requires much delicacy of manipulation, especially as the mind. unused to scientific thought, is puzzled often by words that convey but indefinite meaning, as with Swedenborg, in the use of almost idiomatic language, the thought is often obscured to such a degree as to leave "New Church" doctrine, that a finer mind than that of the ordinary is ab. connected with the law of forces used

The doctrine of Swedenborg has its have an advantage over the more

The law of attraction, including the the Scotch second sight, making things ing at large in the spirit life, he conunder divine guidance for the promulof which little cognizance has yet been lowing after as rapidly as predicted Unruly demonstrations of all descriptions have apparently proved his words to be true in regard to the demonstrations, as they are called, of the research, otherwise the good to be

> death in the lower sphere continued. The Old Testament prophecies have agination as a guide has its conjectures as ground of proof. Faith has seem, has exhausted itself, or would

and most certainly it does. [To be continued.]

The Prefix Christian.

The title "Christian," as applied to Spiritualists or Spiritualism, is a misnomer. It is equally a misnomer when applied to any other good or true teaching.

There is not now, and there never has been, a good, rational and true idea taught to the world that is essentially and exclusively Christian. Everything taught in connection

with Christianity that is either good, true or rational, is and has been taught outside of the "Christian" idea, and hence is not "Christian" To settle this question, let anyone

objecting to the above statement present to the readers of THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER a single true or rational thought that is essentially and exclusively Christian.

Spiritualists do not accept the doctrine of the vicarious atonement of the blood of the alleged Christ to save mankind from impending future punishment.

Remove this belief from the Christian mind, and you remove Christianity. The Spiritualist who rejects this absurd dogma cannot be a "Christian Spiritualist, for with it he rejects entirely the Christian idea. There can be no "Christian Spiritualist."

J. R. Doyle. Evansville, Ind.

Phil osophy, when superficially studied excites doubt: when thoroughly expiorea, it dispels it.—Bacon.

THE DEATH GERM ENLARGED.

THE DEATH GERM.

Physician Claims There Are Bacilli Which Feed on Life.

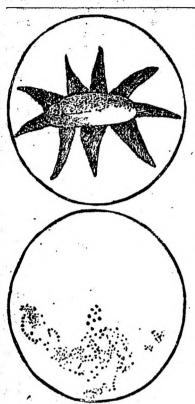
SCOPE, AND THEIR HABITS MAY BE metamorphoses. STUDIED-FEED ON THE RED COR-PUSCLES OF THE BLOOD WHICH CARRY LIFE TO THE BODY-NUMBER AND APPEARANCE OF THE GERMS-NAMED MORTIS BACILLUS.

consumption-of nearly all the dis- corpuscles unite and form a white eases, in a word-have been identi-corpuscle. Over the field of the glass fied and photographed. Measures with an amorboid movement I saw for have been taken to exterminate them the first time a bright reddish cell or to nullify their pernicious activity move away. It was smaller than a in the human system. Now we have single red corpuscle, and with the the bacillus of death itself, according added characteristic of independent to the New York World.

A Brooklyn physician, after close

least keep it at bay.

Dr. Clark is confident of success, He believes that he can kill the death ing the system of the deadly carbonic germ, or at all events so check its rayages that life may be greatly prolonged. He does not go so far as to



THE DEATH GERM WHEN ENLARGED SEV ERAL THOUSAND DIAMETERS.

say that longevity equal to that which prevailed in the days of Methuselah will be attained, but he is confident

for the Sunday World, Dr. Clark makes public for the first time the history and result of his researches:

CAUSES OF DEATH.

"Without resorting to statistical proof, as I have done in the unpublist, and that is the influence of the lished article from which I have condisease germ. It can be found in densed this, it is deduced that death abundance in the blood of all disis due primarily to immorality, squalor and ignorance; secondarily and more directly to disease; thirdly to the mortis bacillus.

human vision there are myriads of living beings, which, not unlike the The vitality is sucked as by a leech, vulture or the carrion crow, hover not only above us and around us, but traveler, stand in need of instant rewithin us, ready to devour the de- lief. The red corpuscles are dimingenerate tissues. These invisible isked; they become white corpuscles. germs have a much greater variety of Oxygen is needed, and the carbonic form and habit than the countless acid gas smothers the victim because number of living things which come the carriers of that noxious gas are within the scope of the human eye. depleted. The patient longs for air; When we by any means, through imthe tongue is parched and dry; the morality, ignorance or violation of fever heightens; the microbe's deadly nature's laws, do anything to deplete work is done, and a human being sucour tissues, these ever-present, always cumbs to the mortis bacilli. vigilant microbes search their way to

be looked upon as the focus or mid- death germ. dle point of all tissue-metamorphosis.'-Wagner.

blood flow the lymph and chyle, which is the emulsified food taken from the thought and patient research into Naintestines. Iron and other chemicals ture's finer forces are here garnered are found in combination. are found in combination.

ACTION OF THE BLOOD.

spaces ramify into every tissue and taining beautiful illustrative plates. bring far from its source the nourishment the body needs. The veins conment the body needs. The veins constant the body needs are the source that t vey back what is not needed, together with the deadly carbonic acid gas, First. The Philosophy of Cure. (Inwhich, by way of the heart, is excluding Methods and Instruments)." By pelled through the lungs. The lungs E. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL.D. A very inare where this fluid is revivified and a new store of oxygen is laid in. In case of disease, when the blood is sent office. Price, 75 cents. gushing through the arteries and "The Watseka Wonder." To the stuchemical changes occur more rapidly, heat is produced by this chemical action, and we have what is known as high temperature. Nature, in her effort to mend herself by increased speed, so that she may renew her sale at this office. Price 15c.

laden globules. Every time we \$1.25, postpaid. For sale at this office.

breathe millions of these corpuscles renew life, throw off the carbonic acid gas and imbibe the oxygen. Then, fresh from nature's sun, both these minute corpuscles, having entered the heart, carry life to the tissues.

"Stop breathing for a moment, and that moment the tissues begin to die. "Here, then, is the vulnerable point THEY MAY BE SEEN THROUGH A MICRO- in life—at 'the focus of all tissue

"This is the point at which we find the mortis bacillus.

FINDS THE NEW BACILLI. "In July, 1893, while examining the blood under a powerful micro-The germs of cholera, diphtheria, scope I observed two or three red motion. The oxygen and other vital

ingredients of the red corpuscles were microscopical research, has discovered gone, the corpuscles united and formed in the corpuscles of human blood the themselves into a white corpuscle. germ whose life is death-the death (It is a well-known fact among physiof mankind. The physician who has clans that sickness is accompanied by made this startling discovery is G. a diminution of the red corpuscles and Fish Clark, of No. 515 Decatur street, an increase of the white corpuscles.) Brooklyn.

Dr. Clark is now studying the upon which it feeds; the mortis becilles purloined the morsel. In a germ's habits with the view to devis- bacillus purloined the morsel. .In a ing means that will destroy it, or at negative way such a change would lessen the carrying powers of the red corpuscles in their function of relievacid gaş, THEIR APPEARANCE AND FORM.

"The mortis bacilli may occur in groups or singly. They are minute globules. They change their shape. Sometimes they appear like minute spiders, extending themselves in every direction; sometimes they shrink up and are almost round; at other times they flatten themselves, and then again they look like canary seeds. They multiply rapidly under the proper circumstances by dividing themselves; they are about 1-5500 of an inch in diameter, though they vary in size. They move by means of protruding a part of their body forward and drawing the other part to it. They are of a fawn to a reddish color. They are numerous in proportion to the condition of the individual. In a case of typhoid fever from which I drew a few drops of blood, I discovered that the red corpuscles did not exceed the white, and that the mortis bacilli were everywhere present. In a healthy cild of healthy parents I searched in vain to find them

"In my observations I have veiled as far as possible the space around the reflector of the microscope, and allowed a strong light to strike it. 1 have usually dropped a drop of water over the specimens to be examined.

"Let me illustrate in conclusion why I have named this the mortis bacillus.

"Life is a correspondence of environments.' All life is dependent upon its surroundings to live. Squalor, that he has a clew to the secret of the remarkable ages which he believes men in remote generations attained.

In the following paper, prepared

The existence of the discovery producer of the discover filth, ignorance, immorality, have prowhich makes it possible for a bacillus mortis to exist.

"While it is a feeder upon oxygen and the other vital forces of the red corpuscles, another influence must exeased individuals. It is more numerous in the old man than in the healthy young. Diseased nature in its effort to repair itself is on the threshold met "In the physical world beyond the with this guardian of the grave. The oxygen which will renew life is stolen.

"It may be possible in the near that degenerate tissue and work future the author will record one or towards its destruction. This is two successful experiments made by him in his efforts to find some means "In general terms the blood may of destroying or keeping at bay this

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PRANKS OF SPIRITS.

Two Weeks.

Precious Instrument Leaves the House Without Warning and Mysteriously Returns After Two Weeks' Absence.

happening, and if test conditions are worth anything—and they are—this violin was taken away by the spirits she was certain.
and returned. As set forth by the Now, what the Wi Times-Herald, any detective who has an eye to fame and the ability to unravel tangled problems can make his everlasting fortune by going out to Ravenswood and solving the mystery of the lost violin. For two weeks Ravenswood worried itself silly over the fate of a lost violin, and when, at the end of two weeks, something occurred which only deepened the mystery, Ravenswood called upon Chicago for help. The Central Station sleuths have taken a turn at it, but the mystery is as inscrutable as ever.

Miss Olive Whiting, who lives at 2619 North Winchester avenue, in Ravenswood, is a violinist of some note. She is one of the former pupils of George Du Moulin, a professor of the violin. The professor is the owner As It is Given in the Church. of an Amati violin, which has been valued at \$1,500. This violin is the apple of the professor's eye, but he often declared it sounded best when played by Miss Whiting. Because of this the professor allowed Miss Whiting to use the violin, and it was usually kept at her house.

One Sunday night Miss Whiting had been playing, and, after returning the instrument to its case, placed it carefully on the top of the piano. The Whiting home is well supplied with big brothers, and there was no fear of burglars. When Miss Whiting came downstairs the next morning the violin was gone. Not a soul in the house could throw any light on its whereabouts, and there was excitement at the Whiting home.

HOUSE IS THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. After all the boys and the rest of the family had solemnly declared they knew nothing of the missing violin. the house was searched. Singly and together the whole household went over the building. Every bed was looked under. The closets were cleared out and the bureau drawers investigated. At the end of a two days' search, everyone who had participated in it was ready to swear that the violin was not in the house.

This exhaustive search was only made after it had been pretty definitely established that the instrument had not been stolen by burglars. Rosie Liepert, the maid who unlocked the house the morning the violin was missed, was sure all the doors and windows were as tightly locked as they were when the family went to bed the night before. Mr. Whiting himself took a last thorough look around the house, and then reluctantly went to tell Professor Du Moulin that his pet violin had been stolen.

When a violin virtuoso r Amati he values it a little higher than a wife and children. Consequently Professor Du Moulin was in a state of mind. He said no amount of money would make up for the loss of that instrument, and he declared it must be found if it took the rest of his life. Mr. Whiting then went to see Lieutenant Haas at the Central Police Station, and a description of the missing instrument was sent around to all stations. Detectives searched all the pawnshops in the city, and the various music houses and repair shops were told to look out for the instrument, but nothing was heard of it.

W. T. WHITING IS ASTONISHED.

Two weeks passed without a word of the violin. In the interim the household goods had all been moved. and the entire house had been swent and cleaned. One night W. T. Whiting, a brother of Miss Whiting, who is a clerk in the city hall, went to his room to change his clothes before going out for the evening. It was dusk, but there was light enough in the room for Mr. Whiting to see to dress. Accidentally he let his watch fall to the floor, and the dial was smashed. Not caring to paddle around with broken glass all over the floor, Mr. Whiting struck a match and

lighted the gas. He found the watch easily. It had not rolled far. It had been prevented from going under the bed by a big leather violin case, and most of the glass lay beside it. Mr. Whiting feel uncanny. He had searched under that bed himself, and so had everythat it startled her.

"Come here," was all he could say. Frightened at her brother's appearance, his sister followed him into the the congregation. bedroom, and saw him lift the violin to her.

"You open it," he said. "I don't

feel like touching the thing." The sister opened the violin case. the Amati. Then there was a shout,

to see the miracle.

talked the deeper the mystery got. the elect. There was no sign on the case to show where it had been hidden. It plainly had not been out of doors, and there was none cf the dust upon it that form his auditors which of these two would have been there had the instrument lain long in one place.

To THE ED: TOR:—Strange things are with one of the children, she had hid-was simply spilled into the blood of den under that yery bed, and there Christ is unknown. As the sinner was no violin case there then. Of this (in the bottle) looked to an unbiased

Now, what the Whitings and Ravenswood in general want to know is the, was it the purity of the blood where the violin was hidden during that was changed by this contact with the two weeks of its disappearance.

There never was a seance held un- and purity that took on such a bloody der better test conditions than the appearance? If the latter, we will above incident, and we will answer the say that the experiment contained a Whitings by saying that the violin has feature that many thinkers will recogprobably been under the supervision nize. of spirits, and that among them is one who is highly mediumistic. Look gested, chemical action and reaction out, I say, for the disappearance in comprise the basis of chemical combidue time of other articles.

AN EXPLAINER. Ravenswood, Ill.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

Presbyterianism and Chemical Physics.

How the Blood of Christ Saves Sinners.

The Christian creeds are full of speculative ideals upon creation, the fall of man, the vicarious atonement, and numberless other concepts, ararranged and compiled to suit the requirements of each creedal sect. Among these modern Presbyterianism holds front rank, not only for the character of its especial dogmas and miraculous platitudes, but for its general popularity as well. But Presbyterianism as a scion of the Catholic Church has been somewhat modified since the time of Calvin, by the introduction of, in their schools and/colleges, the formula of scientific discovery; and there is to-day a growing faction in its pulpits, and a thinking element in its pews, that endorse the general spirit of progression more than the letter of its icreeds, in matters relating to its central dogmas. What-ever may be the individed erudition in its pulpit, its clergy very rarely attempt to introduce object lessons in chemical physics, to a demonstrate "God's love for man," "his hatred of the sinner," or his authorship of evil and the devil as "the creator of all," since these fundamental sophisms depend largely upon that factor of human credulity called 'or faith," for

But in the State of Ohio recently, one of these pulpit representatives, with more courage and forensic zeal human in the automatic character of than is possessed by the rank and file action and reaction, of relation and of the clerical cloth, astonished and co-relation as the basis of every form mystified his audience with an experi- and type of affinity, molecular or ment in "chemical combination" to illustrate how the "blood of Christ" applied to the sinner, washed away his sins, and made him "white and spotless," fitted to occupy a seat at the right hand of the throne in with illogical and untenable analogies,

harp of gold. Now, whether this clergyman had ever been instructed in chemical reactions, and what that term implies, we are not informed; but some of his audience who know something in this department of physical science, entertained grave doubts as to his qualifications, we are told. The chemical compounds selected for this wonderful proof are known as bi-chloride of mercury and iodide of potassium. A weak solution of each compound is made by dissolving in bottles containing three or four ounces of water, a few grains of these crystals, each compound separately. These solutions are colorless when unmixed, and look like water, but when combined form a beautiful pink-red color, and the compound thus evolved is known

as the red iodide of mercury. The clergyman alluded to having prepared his solutions, proceeded to picture to his audience the blackness of sin, and how man, in his fallen state. was unworthy the notice of his heavenly father. But Christ came and gave himself a ransom for all who accepted the Presbyterian faith. Standing with a bottle in each hand, he said: "Now, brethren and sinners at the bar of God,' you will see how knew that violin case well, and the potently and effectually the blood of sight of it at his very feet made him our blessed Redeemer acts upon the heart of the sinner, purifying it from all uncleanliness, washing away all one else. Moreover, he felt he could sin, and fitting the sinner to sit and swear he would have stubbed his toe sup at the right hand of our heavenly against it if it had been there five father." And with this affirmation, minutes before. Mr. Whiting's hair he turned the two solutions together. began to sit up while he thought when, as above described, the red about it. Across the hall one of his iodide of mercury was formed. A sisters was putting a child to bed. He smile of deep satisfaction played over rushed to her with a face so white the faces of the elect, who were "foreordained before the beginning of the world," and something like "Bless God" came from the amen centers of The thinkers present who had been

case from the floor. He held it out instructed in the principles of chemical action and reaction, Tho had learned that in 'all physical co-relations the element or thing acted upon must be as highly tensioned and reand there, just as it had been left that | ceptive, hence as spiritual as the ele-Sunday evening two weeks before, lay ment or thing acting, and having seen the Amati. Then there was a shout. and the rest of the family swarmed up | the element or thing acting must be reciprocal to the reactions at the ele-Of course everybody was glad to ment or thing acted upon-in short, see the precious Amati again, and it that there must exist perfect equality was tenderly examined for possible of spiritual or magnetic tension be-

injury. There wasn't a peratch on it, fore co-relation and combination could but the "E" string had snapped. be demonstrated, failed to see the ap-When the first joy had passed there were questions. The family sat there and talked it over, and the more they restful to those who had the seal of

> And their mental dilemma was increased from the fact that the "learned divine" had omitted to insolutions represented the "blood of Christ," and which the sinner. Then Miss Olive remembered that Whether the blood of Christ was observer to be as clear and pure as the blood of Christ (in the other botsin, or was it the combination of sin In natural physics, as before sug-

> > nation, and this truth is taught in all schools and colleges of civilization, the Presbyterian and ecclesiastic included. But it is a fact to be lamented and sharply criticised that in religious physics (excuse the term) and pulpit formula of thought only action is considered, since matter of whatever character is regarded as "crude," 'dead" and "inert," and can only respond as God or his spirit acts upon it and quickens it. This idea of matter seems all the more strange and untenable to the logical thinker, because if you ask one of these pulpit chemists what is it that made and makes the matter comprising the material world we see and sense, they will tell you invariably that it is God's spirit. Hence we are left to infer that God's spirit is dead, crude and inert when it takes on the form of matter, and has to be re-baptised with the Holy Ghost before it can enter into chemical combination. This is a truthful exposition of the chemical be distributed on the terms stated, at lore and logic that represent civilization in the pulpit, and the candid thinker, who has spent years in a chamical laboratory and who is up chemical laboratory, and who is unfortunate enough to occupy a seat where such stuff is dealt out, goes away with a feeling that the pulpit chemist is woefully ignorant of chemical science, or is willing to play the role of infidel to "nature's divine revelations," and perjure his intelli-

gence in the interest of his religious dogma. If the postulate of "action and reaction comprise the entire order of time and space, the Presbyterian and ecclesiastic will be obliged to search in nature's laboratory in vain for factors to demonstrate their platitudes by chemical physics. If, however, spirit action upon crude matter can be demonstrated to be the real and deeper truth of nature, the basic principles of chemical formation and combinawhich there is no analogy in nature. tion will have to be re-written in all of the schools and colleges of civilization, since all of these instruct the

spiritual. Let all of the clergy in the country consider well these varying postulates of science and speculation before attempting to mystify their auditors heaven, and qualified him to play a or libel nature by the introduction of experiments in chemical science to sustain a claim that takes on the coloring of mental perjury, and which had its inception in the feticisms of a primitive intellect.

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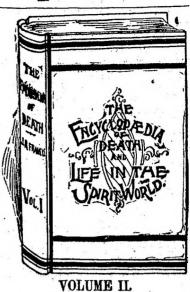
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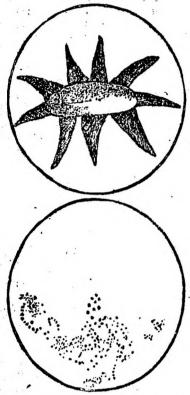
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> THEIR APPEARANCE AND FORM. "The mortis bacilli may occur in groups or singly. They are minute globules. They change their shape. Sometimes they appear like minute spiders, extending themselves in every direction; sometimes they shrink up and are almost round; at other times they flatten themselves, and then again they look like canary seeds.
> They multiply rapidly under the proper circumstances by dividing

> themselves; they are about 1-5500 of an inch in diameter, though they vary in size. They move by means of protrading a part of their body forward and drawing the other part to it. They are of a fawn to a reddish color. They are numerous in proportion to the condition of the individual. In a case of typhoid fever from which I drew a few drops of blood, I discovered that the red corpuscles did not exceed the white, and that the mortis bacilli were everywhere present. In a healthy civild of healthy parents I searched in

vain to find them. "In my observations I have veiled as far as possible the space around the reflector of the microscope, and allowed a strong light to strike it. 1 have usually dropped a drop of water over the specimens to be examined.

"Let me illustrate in conclusion why I have named this the mortis bacillus.

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"It may be possible in the near that degenerate tissue and work future the author will record one or towards its destruction. This is two successful experiments made by him in his efforts to find some means "In general terms the blood may of destroying or keeping at bay this

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PRANKS OF SPIRITS.

Two Weeks.

Precious Instrument Leaves the House Without Warning and Mysteriously Returns After Two Weeks' Absence.

TO THE ED:TOR: -Strange things are happening, and if test conditions are worth anything—and they are—this violin was taken away by the spirits and returned. As set forth by the Times-Herald, any detective who has an eye to fame and the ability to unravel tangled problems can make his everlasting fortune by going out to Ravenswood and solving the mystery of the lost violin. For two weeks Ravenswood worried itself silly over the fate of a lost violin, and when, at the end of two weeks, something occurred which only deepened the mystery, Ravenswood called upon Chicago for help. The Central Station sleuths liave taken a turn at it, but the mystery is as inscrutable as ever.

Miss Olive Whiting, who lives at 2649 North Winchester avenue, in Ravenswood, is a violinist of some note. She is one of the former pupils of George Du Moulin, a professor of the violin. The professor is the owner of an Amati violin, which has been valued at \$1,500. This violin is the apple of the professor's eye, but he often declared it sounded best when played by Miss Whiting. Because of this the professor allowed Miss Whiting to use the violin, and it was usu-

ally kept at her house. One Sunday night Miss Whiting had been playing, and, after returning the instrument to its case, placed it carefully on the top of the piano. The Whiting home is well supplied with big brothers, and there was no fear of burglars. When Miss Whiting came downstairs the next morning the violin was gone. Not a soul in the 'house could throw any light on its whereabouts, and there was excitement at the Whiting home.

HOUSE IS THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. After all the boys and the rest of the family had solemnly declared they knew nothing of the missing violin, the house was searched. Singly aud together the whole household went over the building. Every bed was looked under. The closets were cleared out and the bureau drawers investigated. At the end of a two days' search, everyone who had participated in it was ready to swear that the violin was not in the house.

This exhaustive search was only made after it had been pretty definitely established that the instrument had not been stolen by burglars. Rosie Liepert, the maid who unlocked the house the morning the violin was missed, was sure all the doors and windows were as tightly locked as they were when the family went to bed the night before. Mr. Whiting himself took a last thorough look around the house, and then reluctantly went to tell Professor Du Moulin that his pet violin had been stolen.

When a violin virtuoso possesses Amati he values it a little higher than a wife and children. Consequently Professor Du Moulin was in a state of mind. He said no amount of money would make up for the loss of that instrument, and he declared it must be found if it took the rest of his life. Mr. Whiting then went to see Lieutenant Haas at the Central Police Station, and a description of the missing instrument was sent around to all stations. Detectives searched all the pawnshops in the city, and the various music houses and repair shops were told to look out for the instrument, but nothing was heard of it.

W. T. WHITING IS ASTONISHED.

Two weeks passed without a word of the violin. In the interim the household goods had all been moved, and the entire house had been swept and cleaned. One night W. T. Whiting, a brother of Miss Whiting, who is a clerk in the city hall, went to his room to change his clothes before going out for the evening. It was dusk, but there was light enough in the room for Mr. Whiting to see to as the red iodide of mercury. dress. Accidentally he let his watch fall to the floor, and the dial was smashed. Not caring to paddle around with broken glass all over the floor, Mr. Whiting struck a match and

lighted the gas. that it startled her.

"Come here," was all he could say. Frightened at her brother's appearance, his sister followed him into the bedroom, and saw him lift the violin

"You open it," he said. "I don't

feel like touching the thing."

The sister opened the violin case, the Amati. Then there was a shout,

to see the miracle.

talked the deeper the mystery got. There was no sign on the case to show where it had been hidden. It plainly had not been out of doors, and there was none of the dust upon it that would have been there had the instru-

ment lain long in one place. Then Miss Olive remembered that only the day before, while playing tag with one of the children, she had hidden under that very bed, and there was no violin case there then. Of this she was certain.

Now, what the Whitings and Ravenswood in general want to know is where the violin was hidden during the two weeks of its disappearance.

There never was a seance held under better test conditions than the above incident, and we will answer the Whitings by saying that the violin has probably been under the supervision of spirits, and that among them is one who is highly mediumistic. Look out, I say, for the disappearance in due time of other articles. AN EXPLAINER.

As It is Given in the Church.

Presbyterianism and Chemical Physics.

How the Blood of Christ Saves Sinners.

The Christian creeds are full of speculative ideals upon creation, the fall of man, the vicarious atonement. and numberless other concepts, ararranged and compiled to suit the requirements of each creedal sect. Among these modern Presbyterianism holds front rank, not only for the character of its especial dogmas and miraculous platitudes, but for its general popularity as well. But Presbyterianism as a scion of the Catholic Church has been somewhat modified since the time of Calvin, by the introduction of, in their schools and colleges, the formula of scientific discovery; and there is to-day a growing faction in its pulpits, and a thinking element in its pews, that endorse the general spirit of progression more than the letter of its creeds in matters relating to its central dogmas. Whatever may be the individual erudition in its pulpit, its clergy very rarely at-tempt to introduce object lessons in chemical physics; to a demonstrate God's love for man," "his hatred of the sinner," or his authorship of evil and the devil as "the creator of all," since these fundamental sophisms depend largely upon that factor of human credulity called of faith," for

which there is no analogy in nature. But in the State of Ohio recently, one of these pulpit representatives, with more courage and forensic zeal than is possessed by the rank and file action and reaction, of relation and of the clerical cloth, astonished and co-relation as the basis of every form mystified his audience with an experi- and type of affinity, molecular or ment in "chemical combination" to illustrate how the "blood of Christ" applied to the sinner, washed away his sins, and made him "white and spotless," fitted to occupy a seat at the right hand of the throne in heaven, and qualified him to play a

harp of gold. Now, whether this clergyman had ever been instructed in chemical reactions, and what that term implies, we are not informed; but some of his audience who know something in this department of physical science, entertained grave doubts as to his qualifications, we are told. The chemical compounds selected for this wonderful proof are known as bi-chloride of mercury and iodide of potassium. A Spiritualist and every inquirer into the weak solution of each compound is should have this excellent book. Cloth, made by dissolving in bottles containing three or four ounces of water, a few grains of these crystals, each compound separately. These solutions are colorless when unmixed, and look like water, but when combined form a beautiful pink-red color, and the compound thus evolved is known

The clergyman alluded to having prepared his solutions, proceeded to picture to his audience the blackness of sin, and howman, in his fallen state, was unworthy the notice of his heavenly father. But Christ came He found the watch easily. It had and gave himself a ransom for all who not rolled far. It had been prevented accepted the Presbyterian faith. Standfrom going under the bed by a big ing with a bottle in each hand, he leather violin case, and most of the said: "Now, brethren and sinners at glass lay beside it. Mr. Whiting the bar of God,' you will see how knew that violin case well, and the potently and effectually the blood of sight of it at his very feet made him our blessed Redeemer acts upon the feel uncanny. He had searched un- heart of the sinner, purifying it from der that bed himself, and so had every- all uncleanliness, washing away all one else. Moreover, he felt he could sin, and fitting the sinner to sit and swear he would have stubbed his toe sup at the right hand of our heavenly against it if it had been there five father." And with the affirmation. minutes before. Mr. Whiting's hair he turned the two solutions together. began to sit up while he thought when, as above described, the red about it. Across the hall one of his iodide of mercury was formed. A sisters was putting a child to bed. He smile of deep satisfaction played over rushed to her with a face so white the faces of the elect, who were "foreordained before the beginning of the world," and something like "Bless God" came from the amen centers of the congregation.

The thinkers present who had been case from the floor. He held it out instructed in the principles of chemical action and reaction, Tho had learned that in all physical co-relations the element or thing acted upon must be as highly tensioned and reand there, just as it had been left that ceptive, hence as spiritual as the ele-Sunday evening two weeks before, lay ment or thing acting, and having seen demonstrated hundreds of times that and the rest of the family swarmed up the element or thing acting must be reciprocal to the reactions at the ele-Of course everybody was glad to ment or thing acted upon-in short, see the precious Amati again, and it that there must exist perfect equality was tenderly examined for possible of spiritual or magnetic tension be-

injury. There wasn't a peratch on it, fore co-relation and combination could but the "E" string had snapped. be demonstrated, failed to see the ap-When the first joy had passed there were questions. The family sat there and talked it over, and the more they ment which seemed so comforting and he elect.

And their mental dilemma was increased from the fact that the dearned divine" had omitted to inorm his auditors which of these two solutions represented the "blood of Christ," and which the sinner. Whether the blood of Christ was turned upon the sinner, or the sinner was simply spilled into the blood of Christ is unknown. As the sinner (in the bottle) looked to an unbiased observer to be as clear and pure as the blood of Christ (in the other bottle), was it the purity of the blood that was changed by this contact with sin, or was it the combination of sin and purity that took on such a bloody appearance? If the latter, we will say that the experiment contained a feature that many thinkers will recog-In natural physics, as before suggested, chemical action and reaction

comprise the basis of chemical combination, and this truth is taught in all schools and colleges of civilization, the Presbyterian and ecclesiastic included. But it is a fact to be lamented and sharply criticised that in religious physics (excuse the term) and pulpit formula of thought only action is considered, since matter of whatever character is regarded as "crude," 'dead" and 'inert," and can only respond as God or his spirit acts upon it and quickens it. This idea of matter seems all the more strange and untenable to the logical thinker, because if you ask one of these pulpit chemists what is it that made and makes the matter comprising the material world we see and sense, they will tell you invariably that it is God's spirit. Hence we are left to infer that God's spirit is dead, crude and inert when it takes on the form of matter, and has to be re-baptised with the Holy Ghost before it can enter into chemical combination. This is a truthful exposition of the chemical lore and logic that represent civilization in the pulpit, and the candid thinker, who has spent years in a chemical laboratory, and who is unfortunate enough to occupy a seat where such stuff is dealt out, goes away with a feeling that the pulpit chemist is woefully ignorant of chemical science, or is willing to play the role of infidel to "nature's divine revelations," and perjure his intelligence in the interest of his religious

If the postulate of "action and reaction comprise the entire order of time and space, the Presbyterian and ecclesiastic will be obliged to search in nature's laboratory in vain for factors to demonstrate their platitudes by chemical physics. If, however, spirit action upon crude matter can be demonstrated to be the real and deeper truth of nature, the basic principles of chemical formation and combination will have to be re-written in all of the schools and colleges of civilization, since all of these instruct the human in the automatic character of

spiritual Let all of the clergy in the country consider well these varying postulates of science and speculation before attempting to mystify their auditors with illogical and untenable analogies. or libel nature by the introduction of experiments in chemical science to sustain a claim that takes on the coloring of mental perjury, and which had its inception in the feticisms of a primitive intellect.

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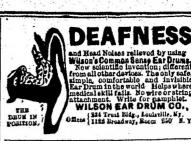
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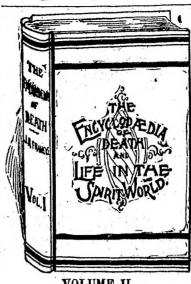
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A. E. Tisdale has open the first two Sundays in December, 1896, the last Sunday in February and the month of May, 1897. Societies wishing his services may address him at 547 Banks street, New London. Conn.

Chas. B. Brockway writes from Boise, daho: "The Spiritualists have formed a society here and are going to charter under the N. S. A. The officers are as follows: Chas. F. Kaufer, president; Miss Emma Lindsey, secretary; Mrs. George, treasurer. The following is the name the society will go under: The First Spiritual Church of Idaho."

T. D. Kayner writes from Des Moines, Iqwa: "Mrs. Kayner wishes me to correct a statement made in THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER a short time ago that a Mrs. Stevens, at one of the east-ern camps, was a sister of Father Wil-She says that the only sister he ever had was Pauline Stevens, of California, and that she passed away before the N. S. A. met in Chicago, and that this Mrs. Stevens is no relative."

Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner will answer calls to lecture in the smaller places within fifty miles of Des Moines, Iowa, during the week, giving tests at every meeting. Address her at 920 Wainnt street. Des Moines, Iowa.

Robert Ward writes from Denver Col., that the Colorado Spiritual Association opened again on October 11th, with Mr. Ricker in the chair. The exercises were participated in by Mrs. Cilbarth, R. Ward, L. J. Rockwell, and others. Great interest was manifested. The society held a business meeting, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing 16 months: J. M. Brick-er, president: Mrs. S. E. Lint, vice-president: Robert Ward, secretary: Mrs. L. J. Bicknell, treasurer: trustees, Mrs and Mr. Maynard, and Miss A. Ricknell. 'We have no regular speaker at present but we are in communication with two or three; and hope to secure one of them soon. We will start our sociables on Wednesday evening, October 21, and hold them every Wednesday evening, with music and dancing. No paper like

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. I would not be without it for anything. Yours for truth and Spiritualism." Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bailey writes from Iowa: "H. Hamilton Lamb, medium for trumpet in light or dark, has just held circles at our home, awakening great interest among investsgators. Not only is Prof. Lamb a good trumpet medium, but in his circles we get several other demonstrations, among them independent slate-writing and portraits on our handkerchiefs, many of which have been recognized. He is now in Webster. City, Iowa, but as the new investigators are so much interested, he will return

We expect great good will result

from his efforts here. To anyone wish-

ing a good trumpet medium we will

recommend Prof. Lamb as an honest and excellent medium.'

F. A. Wiggin is now lecturing very ualist church, it now in his thirty-ninth year, and has been a speaker for the Spiritualists for eight years. Prior to this time, for three years he was editor and proprietor of a daily paper, published in Gloucester, Mass. He is known among the Spiritualists all over the United States. His work has been in the large cities, where he has always had a popular following. Mr. Wiggin has served the society here in this city twice before, and, as at the present time has always drawn intelligent audiences which filled the audience-room where he has spoken. Mr. Wiggin, in his publie utterances, never has any battle with the opinion of those who differ with him, but his plea is that the world may become better."

Owing to the very successful work done by Professor Geo. W. Walrond, the well known clairvoyant and teacher of occult science, from England and Canada, during his stay in Denver, Col., ha has received many pressing demands to postpone his departure for the coast, and has accordingly decided to remain in the Colorado State for the winter. One local paper states that "he gives inimitable personation tests of presence which were convincing to many skeptics." His readings are most impressive and instructive. Address Geo. W. Walrond, Granite building, Denver,

Wm. S. Gray writes from Pennville, Ind.: "The Spiritual Union, of Eastern Indiana, will hold its next quarterly meeting, at West Grove, Saturday. No vember 14, commencing at 2 o'clock, p. m. The meeting will hold over Sun-day the 15th. All liberalists and Spiritualists are cordially invited. A good time is anticipated."

Carrie Fuller Weatherford, trance lecturer and public test medium, has just filled very successful engagements at Augusta, Mich., and other points. Gives inspirational songs from subjects given by the audience. Address 524 Jackson street, Milwaukee, Wis

Dr. Noves writes under date of October 11, at Omaha, Neb.: "Mrs. Noyes , assisted by May Goodrich, held a emall but interesting meeting at Council Bluffs, at 2:30 p. m., and at 8 p. m., at Omaha. The meetings are not large, for the majority of the attendants are new converts to our philosophy, but are earnestly seeking for light and knowl-edge, and there is strong talk of organ-izing societies in Omaha and Council izing societies in Omaha and Council Bluffs. It is encouraging to see the people coming from the church circles into the spiritual ranks. THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER is always on sale at our office, and we will take subscriptions for any length of time. Every subscriber helps our cause. Our address while in Omaha, Neb., is at 607 N. 18th street."

Wm. Oehlstrom, secretary, writes from Cleveland, Ohio: "I am pleased to announce to you that we have this day organized as the Free and Progressive Thought Society of Cleveland, with the following officers: President, Fred Haye; vice president, H. L. Martin; secretary, Wm. Ochlstrom; treasurer, Geo. Ing-ham; trustees, W. I. Frink, R. H. Bates, J. Knight; usher, Thomas Issert; mu-Bical director, Mrs. J. F. Meyer. Mme. Deloux, who is at present stopping in Cleveland, has kept our hall crowded by

till continuing to do so. Mrs. McCaslin writes from Newcastle,

spoioty or regular circles, yet many are hungering for some knowledge of the Francisco, Cal.: "I note 'an error' in truth of spirit return, while others, having had the fact demonstrated to themselves, are anxious their neighbors and your comments and wish to explain friends should share the knowledge, but more fully my views and the sense in have no means of demonstrating it.

There are several partly developed mediums here, but none sufficiently so to was no learning to speak of, books were gold public seances. Lake Brady Camp has been the means if making a number of converts here, increasing year by year. A society might soon be estab-lished if some genuine medium with pioncer qualities would locate permanently, or if a few lectures or seances were given with a view to organization. One lady here has a room with a cabinet, trumpets, musical instruments and everything but a medium for physical manifestations. A few seances were held in the county jail, the medium being a man charged with counterfeiting. He was afterward convicted and his converts are now hard to locate, though known to each other."

A. DeKalb writes speaking favorably of Mrs. Hasenclever's seances at 794 W. Van Buren street. Several spirit forms materialized.

The Spiritualistic church of the Students of Nature have made for their hall, 1052 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, a magnificent banner, which will be unveiled and dedicated on Sunday evening. October 25, by Mrs. M. Summers, the pastor, and several other good lecturers and mediums. Spiritualists from other societies in the city generally invited to attend.

Dr. T. Wilkins, the well-known magnetic healer, is now located at 67 Thirtythird street, near Cottage Grove avenue. We hear favorable reports of his work,

L. H. Warren writes: "I wish to say that I heartily concur with Will C. Hodge in regard to bogus mediums, and I hope that all who appreciate our noble philosophy will take the same stand for truth and honesty. Then will Spiritualism be cleaned from the barnacles and camp followers that now disgrace the fair name of Spiritualism."

S. M. McCoy writes from San Francisco, Cai.: "I had the pleasure of convincing myself of the genuineness of slate-writing through the mediumship of Frank Harland. I sat with him in his seance-room at a small table and held a pair of slates that I had previously screwed together. While we sat phenomena of various kinds occurred. hoard raps on the table, slates and my chair. Mr. Harland, who is also clairvoyant and clairaudient, gave me some very fine tests. When I unscrewed my slates I was agreeably surprised to find one of them covered with w ting in dif-ferent colors; on the other slate was a

Mrs. Ella Woodward, secretary, writes from Toledo, Obio: "On the evening of October 8, a large number of Spiritual- tical in the audience stronger than on ists of Toledo met at the home of the writer, and organized a new spiritual society to be known as the 'First Alliance from the spirit land. Just how Mrs. of Progressive Thought.' Wo have for Scovell does this and by what force or our speaker for the month of October, Dr. M. F. Hammond. We have secured G. A. R. hall for the winter, and are in very encouraging circumstances financially. For November, in connection with the best of speakers, we expect to For November, in connection have with us the well-known materializing medium, 'Farmer Riley,' and a spiritual feast is expected."

us the have obtained marvelous devel- his departure for Philadelphia until opments in mediumship, and after their after I arrive; that it is the idea we Washington, the Doctor will locate in ing before he goes away. I intend to an office in Boston for general practice, reach Massachusetts about the first of

dent; Dr. P. S. George, Lincoln, seeretary; Mrs. A. V. Herman, Lincoln, treasurer; Mr. H. J. Streight, Platts mouth, trustee for three years. After the adjournment Bro. D. W. Hull, of Norton, Kan., took the rostrum, and gave us a few lectures on Bible Spirit-ualism. On last Sunday night he lectured to a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Hull is one of the most able Bible scholars in the West. He holds his audience spellbound with his eloquent spirit of speaking in his lectures. They show an earnest search for truth of holy writ."

Mrs. Mary C. Lyman is now permanently located at 189 Park avenue. The Robey street cars pass the door. She solicits the attention of her former patrons and would announce that the regular Wednesday evening receptions will be at her residence, where an opportunity is offered to all to receive messages from spirit friends, while they add to the funds to further our cause in behalf of humanity.

B. F. Hayden writes favorably of the cause at Indianapolis, Ind. Large audiences assemble at the First Spiritual church and at Masonic hall. He savs: 'In the parlors of Mrs. Mary De Hart, every Friday afternoon, quite a number of the friends assemble to hear her guides give lessons in the way of right living, and in our own home, at 185 Newman street, every Sunday, at 3 p. m., quite a number of the friends and investigators assemble to hear our guides explain the philosophy of life. Much interest is manifested. We will continue these meetings indefinitely, and extend an invitation to one and all to attend. We are open for engagements anywhere and are desirous of correspondence with societies or private parties for engagements to lecture, give tests, magnetic treatments, or attend camp-meetings. We answer calls to go any distance, on reasonable terms; also open for camp-meeting engagements. Terms reasona-ble and satisfaction guaranteed. Address me at 185 Newman street, Indian-

apolis, Ind." Lyman C. Howe is open for engagements for any dates after November. He is rapidly regaining his usual health, we are glad to learn. His permanent address is Fredonia, N. Y.

M. C. Sherwood writes from Coloma, Mich.: "Our cause is growing here nicely and we are gaining new forces with our new members. Dr. H. C. Andrews gave two eloquent inspirational lectures on the 11th inst., followed with improvisations, and with Bro. Belfour gave a joint improvisation which was grand indeed. Dr. Andrews is engaged for the 25th inst., but will answer calls week evenings and Sundays after that date anywhere. He is an earnest and evening. Frank T. Ripley lectured and

faithful worker in every place. His address is at Riverside, Mich." Mr. Youngs writes from Union City, Mich.: "Mr. E. W. Sprague delivered two lectures here September 5th and or-ganized a society, which was named the St. Joseph Valley Spiritualist Society of Union City, with fifty charter members, which has been increased to sixty. They have meetings at private houses for the present, but hope to have a hall

and tests, to the delight of all, and is Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's inspirational addresses, delivered in 1892, was read at the meeting last Sunday, having Ohio: "This beautiful little city of twenty-five thousand population has no speaker. There is a growing intertwenty-five thousand population has no

> few and the education in the hands of priests and preachers. The teachings they gave were perhaps better than none, while the masses were in such a dependent state. Personally I believe the race would be farther advanced had Christianity never been born, and the people left to follow the teachings of the old philosophers, who at least were generally unselfish which is more than can be said for the priests. I believe man should be free, stand alone, do his own thinking, adopt nothing on authority, reason on all things and realize that truth stands at the top of the pyramid."

> B. F. Underwood lectured before the Unitarian Club of Hinsdale, 111., last "Supernormal Phenomena," which elicited an interesting and instructive discussion. Last Sunday evenng he delivered his second lecture at Hobart, Ind., hefore the liberal society in that placs. Mr. Underwood attracts large audiences and he gives them strong intellectual food and plenty of it. Address him at 384 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Maggie Waite is open for engagements as platform test medium for the months of February and March. Address her in care of Banner of Light, Boston, Mass.

The officers of the society known as the "Students of Nature," of Chicago, send the following report of a seance: Trumpet manifestation in the light no cabinet, no curtain; trumpet sus pended on tow string from the ceiling,in the center of the room, and the medium Mrs. Summers, sitting underneath, all being so arranged that there was not the least possible chance for fraud, having five lamps lighted and turned up full plaze. We the undersigned and many investigators, became deeply interested in this spiritual manifestation."

Mrs. G. Partridge, whose psychomet ric readings have given so much satis-isfaction, has located at 67 Thirty-third street, near Cottage Grove avenue.

The Mitchell (S. D.) Daily Republican of October 12, says: "Mrs. S. C. Scovell, the Spiritualist, spoke to a larger audience Sunday evening at the courthouse than has attended any of her meetings since she has been in the city. She was given a subject upon which to speak by a person in the audience, which referred to the 'Divinity of Christ,' and for perhaps twenty minutes she gave beautiful oil painting. wet as if just her version of the subject. It was some-from the painter's brush." thing of a different nature than what one has always heard. Her tests, which came later, seemed to impress the skepprevious occasions, and in each instance the lady gave correct interpretations power, if it is such, she brings into requisition is past understanding. Mrs. Scovell will be here several weeks longer and will give her lectures on Wednesdays and Sundays.'

Mrs. Mattie E. Hull writes: "I am filling a pleasant, and judging from my impressions, a successful engagement with he Church of the Spirit, of which Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Fowler have returned to their home in Lynn, after passing the summer at their cottage at Queen City Park, Vt. The Doctor writes. I learn from him that he will not take return from the National Convention, at | shall jointly conduct a week-night meetdetails of which may appear in these December. My positive engagements columns in due time.

December. My positive engagements are as follows: Manchester, N. H., De-Dr. P. S. George writes from Lincoln, cember 20 and 27; Woroester, Mass., the acceptably at Indianapolis, Ind., to the First Spiritualist Society. The News of that city says of him: "F. A. Wiggin, the present speaker of the First Spiritualist Association of Nebraska has completed its labors and adjourned to meet again in this city, October 8 and 9, 1897. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as followed by the city of the city of the city of the ensuing year are as followed by the city of the city, October 8 and 9, 1897. The officers remaining Sundays of December and a clected for the ensuing year are as follows: H. E. George, Lincoln, president; Mrs. M. R. Stone, Milford, vice-presimilar will forward the same to the papers. In consequence of the Watertown, society being compelled to cancel the engagements for the season, Mr. Hull and myself have the months of April and May open for engagements. We were May open for engagements. We were jointly engaged to lecture in Watertown those months. Notwithstanding the political excitement, the stringency of the times, and all the talk about the 'fakes in Spiritualism,' the cause moves on: meetings are well attended and the pleasant office of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER seems as cheery and businesslike as ever. A correspondent writes concerning Mr. Hull's camp-meeting engagements for '97. I am under the impression that his Sundays are all en-He closed an engagement within a few days with the management of the Mount Pleasant Park Association, (Clinton, Iowa), for two Sundays next season. As far as my work next season is concerned, I desire to make more and shorter engagements at the camps than formerly. I am solicited from different points to make engagements for the in troduction of lyceum work; that will probably be the leading feature of my

work next season." E. C. Gray writes favorably of the Progressive Spiritual Church at Lake-side Hall, southeast corner of Indiana avenue and Thirty-first street, under the auspices of its pastor, G. V. Cordingley. Good work has been done. A free school of Dancing and Ethical Culture has been opened for each Saturday. Harry Miller and Miss Field have taken charge. Mr. Gray says: "Mr. Howard, the inspirational musician furnishes us with music. Mr. Harry Collins, of Boston, Mass., who is a profound student of occultism and spiritual truth, has kindly offered his services as instructor of a Bible class. The congregation of our church has increased so greatly that there is hardly seating capacity. Last month Mr. Cordingley exchanged rostrums with Mr. Perkins, of the North Side. Both were well received and appreciated. We must credit our pastor of being most unselfish in every way, for his platform is always open to any medium and he is always willing to distribtic Seven gave their first entertainment and ball, September 27. It was well attended. This auxiliary will give a dance the last Friday of every month hereafter. We are making great preparations for our Christians. rations for our Christmas entertainment and we are confident of surprising our friends with a great treat."

T. C. Jefferis writes from St. Joseph, "Spiritualists have reason to be proud of the advance our cause is making in this city. Two societies are well attended. The Progressive Society did not have a vacant chair last Sunday gave marvelous tests, with full names, every one being recognized."

A Springfield (Mass.) correspondent writes: "Miss Lizzie Harlow of Badenville, Mass., lectured here Sunday, September 27. Mrs. H. G. Holcomb, of this city, was the speaker October 4 and 11. Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, of Worcester, president of the Massachusetts State Association, gave lectures at Graves' Hall. One of his lectures was upon the

terly convention of the State Association of Spiritualists is to be held at Odd Fellows Hall in this city, Thursday, November 12—ilbining afternoon and evening. The following speakers are engaged: Dr. G. A. Fuller, Carrie F. Loring Mrs. Flaketh Miss Living

Loring, Mrs. Holcomb, Miss Lizzie Harlow and Mrs. Juliette Yeaw." Mrs. Virgining Barrett writes: "Seeing the need, everywhere I go, for a phenomenal medium I would like to correspond with a slate-writing, materializing, trumpet, or other physical medium, lady or gentleman. Please let me hear from apy of those at ouce. Address me at 30 Groten avenue, Cortland,

Lucius Colburn writes: "I commenced my fall and winter's work as follows: The first two Sundays of September I spoke at Bartonsville, Vt., and the last two Sundays at Lincoln: October 6, at Huntington, where the people were hungering for spiritual truth and although the weather was rainy a good audience greeted me. October 11, I commenced a three months engagement with the Barre society. This society is in a growing condition in this, the busy hustling Granite City of America, and many are seeking the truth."

Etta R. Colson writes from Bangor.

Me.: "It gives me pleasure to announce through the columns of your most excellent journal the fact that we have had during the month of October the pleasure of having with us the practical and earnest worker for our cause, Oscar A. Edgerly. This is his first visit to Bangor in four years, although formerly a great favorite in this vicinity. In returning among us he but reawakens the friendship he honestly earned in times past. Our people feel that in listening the utterances. of Mr. guides they have an exemplification of the true talent of trance mediumship. Mr. Edgerly goes from here to New York City where he will speak for the Spiritual Temple Society during No-

A new society is about to be organized at Peoria, Ill., by Dr. Isaac Lee, with a membership of twenty-six. denies most emphatically that he has gone back on Spiritualism, but is more devoted to it than ever before. He has an excellent reputation in Chicago, where he has lived, and where he has many friends. We hope his efforts in Peoria will be attended with success.

vember."

Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, the well known workers in the cause of Spiritualism, start early in November to spend the winter in California. Societies of that State can secure their services for lecture courses, singing, etc., by addressing them early at San Diego, Cal., care of Dr. J. M. Peobles. We take pleasure in recommending Mr. and Mrs. Lillie to the attention of Western Spiritualists.

Mr. Gandhi, of Bombay, India, occupied the platform at Schiller Theatre, on Sunday morning. He gave a fine address on "Occult India," to a crowded house. Mrs. Richmond will return from Washington by Sunday, October 25, to resumo her ministrations.

Seymour Van Bracklin, inspirational speaker and test medium is now located at 706 Tremont streets Boston, Mass., where he can be consulted daily, from 2 to 10 p. m. Mr. Van Bracklin is prepared to accept engagements from societies in New England for the coming season. He had marked success in New York.

Theodore F. Price, of Philadelphia, has engagemente in Beston and violnity, as follows: October 25, in Unity Hall, Boston, Mass.; November 1, Lowell, Mass.: November 8, Payne Memorial Association, Memorial Hall, Boston; November 15 and 22, Haverhill, Mass.; November 19, Stoneham, Mass.: Novemper 21, Lowell Psychic Society; November 30 and December v. Salem. Mass.: December 13, Lowell," Mass.; month of May Buffulo, N. Y. Owing to the discontinuance of societies with which Mr. Price had engagements, he is at liberty for January, February, March and April; and can be secured accordingly by societies desiring his services as speaker and test medium during the time mentioned. Address Theodore F. Price, Boylston

Wm. Gates writes from Ohio, in regard to the work of Lora Holton:
"She delivered a lecture here in Collinwood, upon the subject: 'What is Spirlt-ualism?' followed by psychometric readfollowed by psychometric readings, containing recognized and convinc-ing tests. Her beautiful spiritual songs, with which she accompanies herself upon the piano and autoharp, will long linger in the memory of her listeners. Her parlor musical seances were well attended, and created much inter-

REFERENCE TO VARIOUS CONTRIBU TORS IN THIS ISSUE OF THE PRO-**GRESSIVE THINKER:**

The world is too full of wrong-doing as well as error. It seems to be in every business, in every cult, in every church. in every city-in fact, it is everywhere. Even Theosophy has its share, and Madame Blavatsky was one of its principal actors. Mr. W. H. Burr's article on the first page has some most remarkable incidents, all clouded with pestiferous wrong doing.

Gen. Parsons, ever on the alert for interesting incidents, has something interesting to say about "Spirits in Washington.

If John McCullough's ghost will invade some of the theaters of Chicago, instead of confining his attention exclusively to the one in Washington, he will be able to spread over a wider range his masterly influence.

M. T. C. Flowers is now over 82 years of age, and yet his pen finds expression on our first page. He is spidly nearing the last mile-stone of a well spent life. Read what he says in the last paragraph of his article.

Bishop A. Beals scintillates in a poem on the "Onward Voyage." He lives in Summerland, Cal.

Jewel H. Vaught gives her idea of 'Death." Marion Hellen Bassette has compassion for "The Captive," in verses that

read well. She has a tender heart. "Blessed are They that Lie!" See that sentence in W. H. Burr's article, and read the connections therewith— 'It is the spirit of Elementals." Alasi

A. A. Kimball has another interesting article this week on our second He and his good wife have made page. He and his good wife have made this subject a deep study. They are doing an excellent work, Allie Lindsay Lynch has something to say of materializations in the seances

to say of materializations in the seances given by Wm. Arnold. We are inclined to think him genuine. His charges are so exceedingly moderate that all should visit him, and if they can see how such work can be possibly carried on without the aid of spirits, to speak out—explain! right in his presence.

J. A. H. brings poetical words to bear on "The Mind." He regrets silver and takes to "gold" in next to the last verse. Evidently he intends to vote for Mc-Kinley. "I would like to ask the learned

M. D.'s, how many bottles it would have taken to cure these sick spirits?" Mr. Kimball, they would not attempt to answer you. They only deal with "spirits in a jug."

"It is the ambition of my soul to 'let my light so shine' as to prove to my fellow beings that I love to aid humanity." So says Mrs. Lynch, and she is on the delivering some of her powerful lectures of our own in the near future. One of urgent needs of organization. A quar- right track to the celestial regions.

J. W. Dennis, a general hustler to establish camp meetings, has something suggestive to say of those who don't

know and those who do know, Dr. Cleveland brings the Hydesville house to the front again. Give it an airing.

S. C. Adams has something of special interest and importance to say on our fourth page. He is one of the leading thinkers of the West.

B. R. A. has something to say of "The Subliminal Self"—of which the world knows so little.

"A Spirit Picture," as given by "G" is very striking. Verily, they are to work "over there," trying in various ways to make an impress upon the Eva Linn Calmerton has an important

lesson to communicate in answer to the question, "Why is Spiritualism Unpop-ular with the World?" Her statement should be carefully considered. Read her article with care.

G. C. B. Ewell, M. D., is home again, at Denver. The Doctor is an active worker in the cause of truth. arrival home, he was greeted with a full house. Allie Lindsay Lynch is in favor of establishing a school for mediums. The chief charm to her of Spiritualism has

been the thought of "endless progression"—the final goal never reached, but ver aspired to. Lake Helen (Fla.) Camp-meeting will undoubtedly boom this year. Mrs. Dr. J. A. Hall has a good word to say for it. Spiritualists seem to like camp-meet-

ings. On our fourth page we commence a series of scintillations from the type-writer, by Mrs. C. E. Stevens, of San' Francisco, Cal. The spirits use it skillfully in conveying their thoughts. They will have something good to say on various subjects. Verily, THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER leads in all things.

See the death germs on our fifth page. Why not have an existence, as well as the germ of typhoid fever? But we cannot understand the necessity of prolonging life when in many places the people are growding each other, and he struggle for existence is very hard. "All life is dependent upon its sur-roundings to live," and therefrom under certain conditions, the death germ origi-

"An Explainer" has something interesting to say of a violin that was "spirited" away and then returned. The test conditions seem to have been excellent. Some spirits desiring a little fun, wanted music to go with it, hence appropriated the violin.

Prof. Lockwood, always interesting, whether with voice or pen, has some-thing to say in reference to "An Object Every society in the United States should hear him speak, and will in the course of time. It was amusing, that "chemical com-

bination" to illustrate how the blood of Christ applied to the sinner "washed sins." Prof. Lockwood should be thanked for his article. On our seventh page can be found the

usual answers to questions by Hndson Tuttle. No one on the green carth could give better satisfaction than he has done n that department. Some always have and always will fail to receive the truth. R. F. Langford has had to contend with heaps of "rub-

bish, fraud and puerility" in his investi-gations. He has not yet reached that point where he can believe in Spiritualism. He undoubtedly will sometime. Paul Avenel has something to say or the "Shadowland of Myth"-a "Vision of the Ultimate"-very good indeed.

Corwin Phelps asserts in his poem that "Good deeds and kind actions all find a reward over there"—if—he should have added—they are done unselfishly. On our eighth page is an article illustrating the great mediumistic powers of fourteen-year-old Michigan girl. Before it appeared in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, it was published in the New York Herald, and read probably by a million. Anyone who will glance over THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER page by N. S. A. convention. In a measure the page will see that it leads in everything pertaining to free thought or Spiritual-ism, and the one who doesn't take it is far behind the times.

A Wonderful Young Medium.

TO THE EDITOR:-At the close of the meetings held in this city during the month of September, by the California State Spiritualists' Association, the following resolutions were read and adopted by a rising vote of the large audience assembled on that occasion. I hope you will find space for the same in your valuable paper, as a just and worthy tribute to one of the most promising and wonderful of the many young mediums who are coming to the front in spiritual work at the present time. Mrs. Freitag's work needs no indorsement from any individual or society as it speaks for itself, and is done under conditions precluding the possibility of fraud.

MRS. MAUDE L. FREITAG INDORSED. To the President and Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualists Association:—Having been a constant attendant of the meetings held in Golden Gate Hall during the present month under the auspices of your association, I desire to submit the following resolutions for presentation at the close of

these services.

Resolved, That we, the people who have witnessed the demonstrations of spirit presence and power through the wonderful mediumship of Mrs. Maude L. Freitag during her engagement with the State association, do hereby declare our firm conviction and belief that she is a good and worthy woman, an honest and genuine medium; and that the tests given by her are of a most satisfactory

and convincing nature.

Resolved, That we regret the brief stay of Mrs. Freitag in our midst and hope that arrangements may be made for her early return and the continuation of her ministrations.

Resolved. That we tender our sincere thanks to the officers of the State Spiritualists' Association for having secured the services of this gifted medium and thereby afforded us the many pleasant and profitable opportunities of communicating with our spirit friends through the channel of pure and unadulterated mediumship. - JULIA SCHLESINGER.

The National Spiritualists' Association.

To the Editor:—By a singular coincidence the identical points suggested in my last private note as a subject demanding the immediate attention and energetic action of organized Spiritualism are to be made the subjects of special discussion and consideration by the National Spiritualists' Association, to convene in Washington, D. C., October 20, 21, 22. Among the subjects specially announced in the published programme in our city journals, to be discussed, are: "How can we protect Spiritualism, Spiritualists, honest mediums and the public from the army of fortune-tellers and charm-sellers and impostors who use Spiritualism as a cloak under which they ply a nefarious business?" "How can ordination best be regu-

lated so as to prevent persons not qualified by education or development of spiritual gifts from receiving indorse-ment of this kind?"

The official notification of the above closes with the pertinent and gratifying

officers of the association against charmsellers, fortune-tellers and those who have used Spiritualism as a cloak to rob the unprotected public, has brought to this association many Spiritualists of

wealth and prominence. I know I but express the innermost prayer of the ever watchful guardian of Modern Spiritualism, THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER, when we bid God speed the good work of winnowing the chaff and plucking the tares from the wheat, now choking the seeds of truth.
W. H. PARSONS.

Washington, D. C.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The National Convention of Spiritualists.

Already the capital city looks as if the Spiritualists were determined to do some hard work this week. At the Eb-bitt House every hour we find new arrivals. Evidently from the purport of the conversation among the delegates there are many important matters to come up for consideration. The trouble seems to e, however, that as soon as the convention is over each year and the delegates leave, their enthusiasm oozes out, and the hard work is left to a few for the rest of the year. If every one would do a little-for in

stance, there are enough Spiritualists in each State who care enough for the success of the N. S. A. to help gather statistics, which would be useful to the officers thereof. Instead of that many are content to lean back in their easy chairs, and wait for others to do the work. In Chicago, in '93, the writer made a

motion to have honorary trustees in each State. The idea was to have them do something. In very few instances, however, have they carried out a systematic line of work.

With a little effort the State agents

might secure a census of all Spiritualists in their respective States. They might procure copies of the obnoxious medical aws which militate against the right of Spiritualists and others to employ what physician they desire. Copies might also be made of the laws which are construed against our mediums. Think what a benefit these statistics would be to the ones who are endeavoring to help the work along.

There should be a legislative commit-

tee in each State whose duty it would be to keep watch and notify the Spiritualists of the State, of all bills coming up in the respective legislatures which had any reference to our cause. If a few in each State worked faithfully to this end much would be accomplished. This year my work in behalf of mediums, led me to see if the plan as given above was a practical one. In Pennsylvania, petitions were circulated calling for signatures both for the amendment to the present law in Pennsylvania, under which our mediums were arrested, as well as to census blanks. This was only an experiment, but the result showed that the Spiritualists would take hold of the work if they were asked to do so.

Beside this work, the writer made ar effort to secure copies of all the general State laws under which mediums were liable to arrest. This was a labor which required much perseverance and research, but with persistence it was accomplished and is now to be copyrighted for publication. It is to be hoped that the N. S. A. will act upon the matter in such a way that a committee will be appointed to act in each State with a view to having these laws amended or re-pealed. Later will give more details of this work.

As I write, another suggestion comes to me. Would it not be well to have a a congress of the lecturers, and workers in the cause of Spiritualism? I believe in an honest difference of opinion, but feel that if the suggestion was carried out in convention is such a congress. some one take up this thought and express an opinion upon it. If the representatives of the world's religions could come together and be benefited, surely a congress composed of those who are the instruments of the spirit-world might accomplish much more.

This year will bring many new faces to the convention, which ought to presage good results. Evidently the N. S.

A. has come to stay.

If hard work on the part of the few will make it a success, then a success. As the writer looks back to the convention of 1893, and remembers the opposition from all sides, and remembers how hard and faithfully a few have worked to bring the N. S. A. to its present stage, it does seem as if the progress has been remarkable. Those who are becoming interested in it at the present day, will never be able to appreciate the love borne for the N. S. A. by those who assisted in the memorable convention in Chicago, 1893.

M. E. CADWALLADER.

Spirltualist Meetings in Chicago The Church of the Soul, at Schiller Theater. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, pastor. Services at 10:45 a.m.

The First Spiritual Society of the South Side, New Masonic Temple, 3120 Forest avenue. Services at 2:30 and 7:30. Mrs. Ada Foye lectures and gives tests. Beacon Light Church 617 North Clark street, near Burton Place. Services at 2:30 and 7:45 p. m., conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Perkins.

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enue. Services at 3 and 8 p. m. The Spiritual Endeavor Society meets at 1 South Hoyne avenue, 7:45 p. m. Mrs. Sarah E. Bromwell, pastor.

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street, at 3 and 8. p. m. The Church of the Spirit, Willis Edwards, pastor, meets at 620 North Clark street, at 3.and 8p. m. Lyceum at 2p. m. People's Home Association, Bricklay-

er's Hall, 93 South Peoria street. Serv

ices at 7:30 p. m.
South Side Christian Spiritual Society, Kenwood Hall, 4308 and 4310 Cottage Grove avenue. Conference meeting at 3 p. m. Lecture at 8 p. m.

The Spiritualists Church of the Stulents of Nature meets every Sunday evening at 7 p. m., at Monsen's Hall, 1052, Milwaukee avenue, corner Lincoln street. Mrs. M. Summers, pastor. Church of Malachi meets at 255 West

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streets. Services at 8 p. m. Lecture and tests by Dr. Harry Abbott of Cali-

statement that "the stand taken by the | will meet Sundays at 11 a. m., 3 and 7:30

p. m., in Washington Hall, 490 Washington boulevard, corner of Ogden avenue. Mrs. Mary C. Lyman, speaker.

South Side Christian Spiritualist Society, 4308 Cottage Grove avonue. Services at 3 and 7:30 p. m. -Mrs. Lec Norie Claman, pastor. The Progressive Spiritual Church, Lakeside Hall, southeast corner Indiana avenue and Thirty-first street, G. V. Cordingley, pastor. Services at 3 and 7:30 p. m. Harry W. Miller, soloist.

7:30 p. m. Harry W. Miller, soloist. Children's lyceum at 1:30; Bible class Passed to Spirit-Life.

at 2:30.

Joseph Carter passsed over October 5, at Cattaraugus Station, N. Y. We celebrated the spiritual birth of this good man, who had served the uses of bodily education for seventy-five years, and for thirty-six years he has been a consistent believer in Spiritualism. His wife remains to walk is the valley of loneliness and reach toward the opening sky for the smile of love and recognition from him who preceded her to the Morning Land. There a realso four children left, who appreciate the consola-tions of Spiritualism in the house of trial.

One by one they pass before us, While we grope and weep and wait; Listening for the heavenly chorus, Echoing through the unseen gate, LYMAN C. HOWE.

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croscent upon his breastin! I saw on ev-

ery one a crescent/of brilliant gems.

'They are emblems of the imperishable joys each has won."

his words perplexed me. Finally I asked: "Where do they live?"

He lifted his hand and pointed to where the gleaming stairs disappeared in the azure sky. As he did so, the blue wallt opened again and the stairs disappeared

vault opened again, and two pearly por-

tals swung back, letting out such a ra-

diance as paralyzed my mind; a flood of splendor flowed down and engulfed ev-

ery thought. A magnificent new world was pictured to my sight; cities, plains, hills and streams spread out before me in dazzling beauty, all glowing in the

Mute, motionless and deaf I stood, for

every mortal sense was dashed from me

as I was brought thus face to face with

the unspeakable.

But marvel of marvels! One tran-

effable effulgence streamed down over me, and a happiness was born in my

neart which was only the echo of a ce-

lestial harmony—a harmony whose rav-ishment came pulsing down in the

rhythm of that radiant flood. The ar-cades of heaven poured out their beat-

itude and transligured my enraptured soul. The hosts of the redeemed, the

cholrs of the blest sang somewhere in

that obscure glory, and as one who prays in the full abandonment of faith,

my lips involuntarily sang forth the oracular prophecy of the ancient law: "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard,

neither hath it entered into the mind of

man to conceive the things God bath

prepared for them that love him."

How long it lasted I know not; it might bave been hours or days for

might bave been hours or days for aught I could tell. All idea of time was

swallowed up in that supernal emotion.

I lived ages of experience in that brief glimpse of eternity, and all conscious-ness of transitory conditions was lost in the eternality of scope revealed.

Like one gradually awaking from profound slumber, memory slowly resumed her sway. I saw two ethereal arms stratched toward lime three bankgrant

stretched toward ine, two benignant eyes bent upon mer and the majestic

presence of the stranger was vividly re-

In the sweetests of sweet tones he

said, while a divide smile parted his

lips: 0: 1
"The emblem of the stars is revealed

the unreal is the only real—the be-yond is the reward of the now—death crowns the brow of life plot thy soul un-

erstand."
Then, as though no interruption had

As he spoke he looked downward and

saw the opeque sea roll back from be

low, as it were a mighty, wall, and the dark figures of men and women moved

shadow-like upon the earth. A shud-der ran over me, like one who feels a premonition of impending calamity, and

drew nearer to the stranger, shrinking

from a vague fear.
Still looking down, I saw lurid lights flare out in the dull air like embers of

flame, red and yellow and blue; and the

people ran after them as children chase butterflies in summer fields. Some-

times a hand would catch one, but im-

The red lights were most vivid and shot forth seductive tongues of flame,

Those who caught these, fell down like men dranken with much wine, and

rose staggering, leaving the broken

"Rehold Passion and her votaries."

Still peering down into the abyss be-

low, my gaze followed the yellow sparks to see whither they led. These drifted

about in clouds like insects swarming in

the sun, and the number of those who

ran after them was legion: myriads were

caught and crushed in wild pursuit, but

And the stranger said:
"Behold the deceitfuiness of riches."

And still I peered down into the shad-

owland of earth, and now my fancy ran

in the wake of the blue lights. These

were of all sizes, all shapes, and all tints. They floated hither and you, up

and down, to and fro, bobbing erration

ally, like leaves on a rapid tide; and those who caught them reeled, whirling

about like people treading the mazes of

a dizzy dance; their garments, glittered

for a moment with the hue of the cap-tured sparks, but faded almost at once,

and the wearers sank from sight as leaves sink in the eddy of a surging

And the stranger said:
"Behold the folly of Pleasure."
Then, as gently as one waking falls

into slumber again, the wonderful vis-ion passed. As the sun dissolves mists

at morning when he ascends the east, so these weird scenes dissolved before my

eyes and nothing remained but memory.

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stream.

mediately it flickered and went out.

like waving torches swung about.

brands upon the ground. And the stranger said:

called to mind. in

occurred, I asked: It ne "Whither go they?" 51

derstand.

"Behold."

immortal glory of an immortal sun.

which comprehended all the rest.

More and more the hidden meaning of

through suffering. "Have they known Christ?"



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Eva Cunningham, Chicago: Q. (1) Where cau I obtain a copy of the work of Prof. Robert Hare on Spiritualism?
(2) Did he write more than one work on that subject, and did he write a book

on Theosophy?

A. (1) The work referred to, in which Prof. Have demonstrated spiritual manifestations to be of spiritual origin in a a scientific manner, has been for many years out of print and is difficult to obtain. A digest should be prepared and republished, as it is of exceeding value for the careful methods pursued, and the noble stand taken by the author in defiance of public opinion, and at the sacrifice of his standing with his scientific brethren, marked an era in Spiritualism. He was noted among careful investigators for the soundness of his conclusions and the originality of his research. He invented the oxlydrogen blow-pipe, which at that time furnished the extreme degree of heat, and en-abled investigations to be pushed far the bounds that had been the limit before his time. He had made important researches in many directions and his papers before scientific associations were listened to with profound attention. He thought it would be the same with his researches into the mysteries of spirit. What, then, was the copth of his disappointment when he called the attention of the American Association to the claims of his investigation and proposed to read a paper on the subject belove that body, he was sneeringly refused, and he remarks that after that refusal that learned body gave several hours to the discussion of why roosters crow at 12 o'clock at night! The dial which he invented, for receiving communications, is the original of the dial planchotte or psychograph. In his hands it was used with remarkable results, both in obtaining messages and making them tests of independence of the medium and spirit identity.

(2) He left many manuscripts, but published no other important contribution. He was not a Theosophist, and his wrltings are the antithesis of Theosophical speculation. He dealt in plain facts, and believed with all the carnestness of a lifetime of scientific training that every step should be demonstrated No general ever protected the advance of an army with greater attention than did Prof. Haro his advance into the un-

L.L.M.: Q. Do you not think we ought to feel deep reverence for a God who has so benevolently furnished the earth for man, making for him the horse, ox, dog, domestic fowls: the grains, as wheat and corn; the fruits, as the apple, peach and grape?
A. If it were as this correspondent

affirms, that God made man, and gave him these gifts, it would be impossible for the creature not to feel reverence with profound gratitude for his creator. But is this affirmation true? On close investigation we find that as creation came from the hand of the creator, there was not a horse, ox, sheep, dog, domestic fowl, an apple, peach, pear, grape, a grain of wheat or corn in exist-All these are the creations of The tamed horse of the present is a descendant of the wild animal. It was a wild animal like the quagga that,

selection, at last has created the Jersey. There is not a Jersey, a short horn, an Alderney in nature. These are essentially creations of man.

of the Creator to furnish man with clothing, has no existence in nature.

God made an animal the appearance of the Creator to furnish man with clothing the continuous formula the appearance of the Creator to furnish man with clothing the continuous formula the creator of the Creator to furnish man with clothing the creator of the Creator to furnish man with clothing the creator of the Creator to furnish man with clothing the creator of the Creator to furnish man with clothing the creator of the Creator to furnish man with clothing the creator to furnish man with both sheep and goat. Man found that the rough skin furnished clothing, and selected for finer and longer hair, and in ages possessed a fleece-bearing animal. Under modern scientific methods the wool-bearing qualities have been greatly increased. The merine, Saxon groatly increased. The merino, Saxon and Cotswold, are direct creations of man pursuing selective methods.

God made a wild grass that flaunted its awned head on the hills overlooking the Mediterranean sea. Man cultivated and selected until he created wheat which has since been the "staff of life," and the fundamental element of civiliza

The ancestor of the dog has never been found. God made the wolf and the fox; savage man tamed these and, by slow degrees, evolved the companion the assistant in his hunting, the vigilant The apple as it came from the hand of

God was the sour crab. The hand of man, directed by his intellect, has evolved out of this worthless fruit the golden propin and countless other varieties. God made a shrub on the Persian deserts, bearing a hard nut covered with a poisonous skin. Man evolved out of it the luscious peach. There was a plant growing as it came from the hand of God, in semi-tropical America. There was a small seed at the base of every busk. The aborigines of this country cultivated it until they developed the production—corn. In tropic countries the banana is the all-in-all for the support of life. Its early form, as it came from the hand of God, is lost, but as it grows at present, it is a creation of ages of cultivation. It represents the work of man in pre-historic ages. It is so highly artificial that it is seedless, and entirely dependent on man for reproduction.

This list might be extended to every living being or plant which has felt the influence of man. If he should perish from the earth, if his constant care should be withdrawn, a short time only would clapse before these creations of his would return to their original form or become extinct. The highly artificial grains like wheat and corn cannot continue in a wild state, for they are no match for the weeds and grass, unless man stands between with hoe and culti-

The finest strain of Durham or Jersey would in a few generations become the lean and bony "scrub," approaching the nean and cony "scrue," approaching the ancestral type, which "came from the hand of God.". The pear would become the thorny "choke," the grape, the forgrape that rasps the throat, or the frost-grape that is all seeds and skin.

Only by constant vigilance and care can the desirable qualities of the sheep be preserved. Allowed to run wild it would become clothed with

bony.
It is doubtful, however, if the pam-

makes no allowance for weakness, and she cannot furnish the environments man has given these children of his se-

Man may be thankful for the intelligence which has enabled him to perform such wonders in modifying the plastic forms of living beings to his wishes, but he surely has no cause to feel gratitude for the heritage of the wild into which he came wild into which he came.

Jas. R. Armitage: Q. Why do not spirits give the evidence to convict criminals and warn us of danger?

A. To introduce a true and dignified rationalism is the prime object of Spiritualism. To cut humanity loose from the fetters of superstition, and free reason from the chains of creeds, is a work sufficient to enlist the service of archangels. Not so, however, has our mission been understood. A few visionary minds, at the dawn of the spiritual manifestations, viewed the subject as an easy method of gaining an explanation the phenomena of nature; and they judged of its importance in proportion to its accomplishment of their own selfish and personal ends. The spirits have come and surely we can have an expla-nation of what the philosophers have failed to explain. They expected with easy method to set themselves up as the philosophers of the age. Not a secret in heaven or earth but should be published. And this was the mission of spirits: They have come to stand by a table and rapout answers to selfish questions, and pander to the egotisms of querists. The inhabitants of heaven

have come to earth for the special pur-pose of becoming lackeys and slaves; to stand for hours and submit to a crossquestioning as severe as prisoners at the bar. It was thought they would supersede the telegraph, and convey intelligence ncross continents and oceans much changer. The moving of a table, suitably applied, would be a cheaper locomotive than steam. This class of expectants were disappointed; their hopes utterly blasted, and with the genuine character of disappointed expectants they turned round and began a reviling as low and contemptible as their former vanity. "Why," ask they, "do not the spirits tell us the fate of the lost ship? Why do they not warn their friends of accidents? Why not tell us of Sir John Franklin, and unveil the horrid tale which is attached to his adven-tures in the Northern soa? Why do they not guide our feet from dangers and keep us in the path of success?" Ah! friends, spirits find more profitable em-

ployment than any of those. Are such the pursuits you hope to follow? "Why not warn of danger?" If we reason thus, where shall we find ourselves? We must have a spirit engineer on every train of cars, a spirit conductor and a spirit at every brake. We must have every steamship officered by them, and one at least to each passenger to guard their steps. Then what use is there for human engineer, conductor or brakeman, as long as it can be done so cheaply. They could be dispensed with, and the passengers all being cared for, can stumble as carelessly as they please, for they are in no danger, their foot-steps being watched and guarded. Now, what use is there for man at all? He would become incapable of self-action, his identity lost, the mere instrument in the hands of superior intelligences. Of himself he would be incapable of executing the slightest plan; the spirits would be all-predominant, and he a puppet in their hands. Is not this revolting to coutemplate? Is it not better to have accidents now and then, than this surronder of personality? The angels have not come to perform tricks for the delight of men, nor to use them as puppets: rather their desire is to infuse a stronger personality and valiant self-

reliance.
The spirits do not come to the earth as watchmen or police to gnard a few paltry dollars that the wretched miser may live unprotected, because too penuby thousands of years of breeding, was rious to pay for a safe. "O, never." Then the white path shone like the brought to the desire of man.

God made the fierce aurock, and man, by patient toil, developed from it the domestic ox. Man wanted milk and, by What are money and chattels to us? If taken from thee, art thou less a man? It will teach thee to be careful and the exercise of discrimination. You are of the world, but we are spirits in heaven who

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TO THE EDITOR:-I was much interested in the correspondence between A. E. Mahin and Dr. Sweringen, published in your issue of September 12. my sympathies are naturally with the Doctor, I must, nevertheless, take excention to a very strong clause in one of his letters, which reads as follows:

"Spiritualism is based upon the knowledge of a future state of existence, deived from evidence that has never been successfully controverted; evidence that is now to be secured every day throughout the world; evidence that is to be

had by the mere seeking." If this statement were true there would not be an unbeliever among intelligent people, whereas their name is legion. I have for many years been an enthusias-tic lover of the philosophy of Spiritualism. It appealed successfully both to my reasoning powers and my emotional nature. During the entire time I have been a persistent searcher for the phenomena that would confirm my philosophy; not only in Canada where opportunities for investigation are very rare, but in New England also have sought untiringly for the "evidence I longed to possess, yet never could find."

Among the beaps of rubbish, fraud and pucrility, I have met with some oc-currences that indicate the existence of a force and intelligence unknown to me. but nothing that conclusively or hardly probably pointed to a continuation of conscious, personal identity beyond the grave; nothing to indicate that my loved ones who had passed over still lived or knew aught of or cared for me; not one whisper across the chasm to soothe my yearning heart or confirm my cherished philosophy. If the good doctor would just tell us where this glorious "evidence" is so readily obtained, instead of so flippantly dismissing the doubters, he would confer an enduring favor on many who, like myself, would value such direct "evidence" above all else that life contains.

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If, then, what I shall write can throw any light upon a traditionally obscure subject, whether it be the practical light of fact for the metaphorical light

Back of every myth lies a seed of truth from which it grew; back of super-stition lies the fact of supertruth, and as surely as the constant dropping of water wears its way through the heart of the stone, so surely will these hidden forces discover to human minds the pregnant truths they contain.

Everything is potent in these nine-teenth contury days of evolution, and however whimsical my strange experience may appear, it nevertheless enters repeat it for the benefit or interest of those who enjoy the mystical:

It was winter and very cold, the air was dismal, and the earth sodden with rain; nothing could be more desolate than the aspect of the world. I had thrown myself upon a couch to

rest and contemplate the future, which presented many difficult problems for ny consideration.

Presently I fell into a tranquil state;

a peace stole over my troubled brain, and little by little I ceased to think. I did not sleep, for I saw and heard in a vacant way, what transpired about me. Suddenly, as one who slept and wakes amid unfamillar surroundings, I saw

the room fade and the sky open. A shining path was let down to where I was, and every other object vanished.
There was nothing anywhere but measureless space.

I stood at the foot of the shining path

and it was white like the nebulous clouds of the Milky Way.

A translucent radiance shimmered over it as heat-waves shimmer in the hot summer air, and a great light

streamed down upon it from above.
'I looked with the vision of one who, in bewilderment, reads the mysteries of the unseeer.
The unseeable stood out before my eyes and the Immaculate wrote upon my soul characters that survive the worry

and strain of temporal care. As I gazed out—out into that mysterious radiance, stretching to the uppermost horizon of sight, my heart was glad and the anxietles of time slipped away, leaving my spirit free. The earth was not; men and women faded into phantasmagorlcal memories; the grew into a hazy cloud, and all the sounds of the city streets smote upon my ear like the far away surging of surf. Still grew the air and stiller the

silence in my soul. The deep bosom of the atmosphere throbbed as, phantom-like, I seemed to rise and float out upon the shining path. Never could lips speak what I saw; never could mind conceive the wonders

that met my senses.
On either side of the path spread a fathomiess sea of impenetrable light, a-light less brilliant than the gleaming path, an opaque like the mist at dawn. The breast of this vast sea shook with the rhythmic beat of melody which

sprang from everywhere.

Above my head hung the blue sky, so clear and sparkling It dazzled my eyes until a filmy veil was drawn over them— I know not how.

break in ripples upon the bosom of the opaque sea, which trembles as a lake trembles when a pebble is cast into it. And more wonderful still, a spray was cast into the air like the spray from a breaker's crest at noon, and the spray glitered like diamonds and was caught in opalescent clouds toward the heavens, where it floated until dissolved in the

diaphanous vapor.

As the wave rolled over me the white path quivered, just as tense telegraphic wires quiver when the wind is high, and æollan sounds as delicate as silver chimes met my ear. The thrill that shook my being was exquisite; I felt as a harp must feel when the dream-like fingers of the breeze arouses the slumber-ing music in its heart. Fluttering sighs escaped my breast and my arms stretched out in a vague, wild desire to drift away on that vanishing wave; it drew me as a whirling leaf is drawn in the wake of a rushing train.

Then, as the scene changes in a play, I saw a gleaming staircase where the shining path had been and radiant forms moved upon it—up and down—far as the eve could reach. One end of the stairs rested on the earth, the other was lost in the perspective of space; high, high, beyond the uttermost horizon of thought. Amazement held me spell bound until a figure stepped from the moving throng, extended his hand toward me and said-answering my unspoken

"This is the way of life." As quick as a startled child is lulled into quietude by the gentle reassurance of affection, so quickly my heart regained composure, and my mind strug-gled to unravel the strange mystery. Words broke the awe upon my lips and in tones unfamiliar to myself, I questioned the stranger.

"Who are these I see?"
"These are they who have compassed
the ascent of knowledge"
As he spoke the air vibrated and a murmur arose, inaudible, yet plainly discernible. My brain seemed to possess a new consciousness which was not hearing, but which carried impressions

vividly to my mind.

The wonder grew, as he continued in ven, musical tones: "They have journeyed hitherward in earch of the All."

His language was strangely unreal, but full of a prophetic significance which my spirit seemed to understand. Eagerly my questions burst forth under the intense curiosity that consumed

"But they shine—why do they shine?"
"It is the soul-light within; it has guided their feet to the upward way." "Whence come they?"
"From drifting to and fro on the streams of Time."

They are beautiful—so beautiful— His voice broke in upon my words:
"The sculptor Pain hath chiseled

their features. "Their eyes are like the eyes of babes," said I, "so limpid and soft, and pure as crystal; they are like deep wells that mirror the love of God. Have they seen God?"
"They have looked upon Sorrow and

carry her image in their hearts."
"They move like the waving grain "They move like the waving grain all time past, is very striking. Keen upon the hills." For they seemed not to analysis, ripe scholarship and fearless walk like men, but to glide with a grace adherence to the right, characterize

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"Are they mono lasked. For their garments were flowing and long and their hair floated over their shoulders in waves of gold. "They are men and women, ransomed through suffering!" SONG OF THE VETERAN.

(Read before the First Spiritual Society of the National Soldier's Home, near Los Angeles, Cal.)

We live amid roses and blossoms, "Suffering is Christ."

A feeble inkling of his meaning flashed upon my brain; but impetuosity A paradise rich in perfume; The orchards, the meadows and gardens nashed upon my brain; but impetuosity swept the fleeting impression away and my questions guslied rapidly on.

"What are those stars that sparkle on their heads?" For behold, each wore a circlet of shining jawels on his brow.

"Those are symbols of their victory over self; for them sense hath merged into soul."

"Why does each wear a sparkling crescent upon his breast?" I saw on every sweet and the saw on every self; it is an on every self.

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Looking out on the rolling Pacific,

Where sky bends to kiss the deep sea,

And finny tribes sport in the ocean, While birds' songs resound from each tree.

We are basking in sunshine and shadow, We are fighting great battles again; We count up the missing and wounded And are decking the graves of the

slain. We are noting the time as it passes, And reading the news of the day; But our number is surely decreasing,

And many are passing away. We have passed through our lives with a struggle: Our high aspirations have flown; We started through life for a mansion

Brought up in a veteran's home. What folly 'tis, comrades, to worry About life on this side of the grave; am sure we are only on trial, Like a ship when she stems her first

wave.

We are pushing right on the ocean— But, behold! 'tis an ocean of thought; Its jewels are priceless in value, And none of them have to be bought. Let us gather the jewels of goodness, And prize them—there's nothing so

bright; With them we will bridge the great And wander in realms of pure light.

scending sense which eclipsed them all -one all-embracing faculty supplanted the lost links of being; I saw, I heard, I t is sad to contemplate a future felt, I knew, with a surpassing intensity That has nothing in store for the poor; We find them pale, sick, brokenhearted, In an instant, in the twinkling of an With trials too hard to endure; eye, my small life capacity was magnified a thousand fold. I seemed endowed with the attributes of a god as that in-Yet they're stemming the waves of mis-

As bravely as ever the rich-We may see them on top, afterwhile, When the millionaire lands in the ditch.

barque's just arrived, I must tell you, From across the great ocean of tho't; t rode on the wavelets of reason, And treasures to intellect brought.

t tells us, though poor in this country, Our experience still has its worth— That its treasures can never be pur-Or inherited ever from birth. t tells us good deeds and kind actions

All find a reward over there; Of good things they have a great plenty, With quite an abundance to spare; They have forests, and prairies, and

mountains, They have villages, cities, and farms; They have homes with an ocean of flow-That add to their wonderful charms.

They have groves full of birds of great beauty, Their songs thrill the air with sweet notes:

Perfume from an ocean of flowers Makes sweet every breath where floats. There ladies and gentlemen ramble

And work in the garden of God— Tis a pleasure to work in a measure, And feel not the millionaire's rod. They have lakes, they have rivers and oceans,
They have fishes and animals, too:

Tis a world sure enough, my dear comrades, Without the least orthodox hue.

Now the name of this ship I must tell you. That brings in this beautiful truth, Is spiritual manifestation; They tell me it's yet in its youth.

It has come to enlighten the nation— The Christian, the Hindoo and Jew; Not one shall be lost is its watchword; Its mission, to save the whole crew. CORWIN PHELPS.

Letter from T. D. Kayner. To THE EDITOR:-Mrs. Kayner and ful capital city of this great State, thinking that we might be able to do some good here. We find a city of some 70,-000 inhabitants, and many who believe more or less in the phenomena of Spiritualism, and have their quiet means of investigating, but who have not the strength of their convictions to come out and say that they have seen and know these things to be true. Mother Grundy would not come to their social gatherings, or let them come to any which she controlled if they had manhood and womanhood enough to stand in the face of opposition and tell the truth as they know it. The society here has allowed itself to become almost dormant, and there are only one or two that have been carrying the burden, and they some-times feel like letting go. We are trying to awaken an interest here so as to get new material that will take hold caught and crushed in wild pursuit, but always a strange thing happened. The captor clasped the yellow bauble to his breast and sat down, hugging it; and the more he cherished the glittering toy. the smaller he grew until he could not be seen for smallness.

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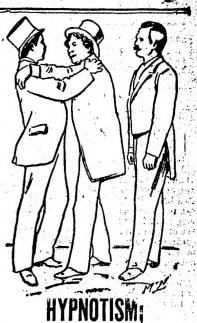
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The people of Galesburg; a little Michigan town, are excited over the wonderful revelations of Alma Gault, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Julius Gault, a well-to-do farmer residing near there. There are four well-attended churches in the village, and up to a year or two ago there were very few families in the place that believed at all in Spiritualism, or who would credit communications from the spirit land, as the believers. in this strange phenomena call it. But the manifestations of this little girl have started the whole community to thinking, and as a result of her spirit writings dozens of families have broken the ties that bound them to the orthodox creeds taught in the churches in which they have held membership for years, and many more are investigating Spiritualism as the result of an hour passed at the Gault.

I recently paid this little girl a visit, and was astonished at the messages she apparently received from the spirit world.

Alma, the medium, is an only child. She is a shy, pretty girl, with large blue eyes, a high forehead and handsome features. For many years Mr. Gault's parents, who were devoted Methodists, lived with him at his home, but the mother died a short time ago, and the father was laid at rest soon afterward. Julius Gault. the son, had always been taught that mediums and persons who received spiritual communications were in graduate of several different through the mediumship of the idel of his heart, it is little wonder that he was set to thinking and investigating the wonders of Spiritualism.

It is also little wonder that, after he had made tests that might convince a wiser man, he was forced to believe in it in spite of his early training. When I made the object of my visit known the father and daughter were loath to talk, Mr. Gault stating that they were yet investigating his daughter's powers, and did not want people to come there and see her, as would be the case if the fact became generally known that she was receiving messages from the departed.

HOW SHE BEGAN.

To a number of questions Mr. Gault | thinking. replied that a short time ago he bought his daughter a planchette to play with. They had a great deal of sport with it winter evenings, receiving a most excellent work at Bradford, Pa. great many messages, but he always A paper published there says: "The held that the minds of the people Free Religious Association, after an around the board controlled the per- existence of about a year, gave up its son who was operating the board and directed the hand to spell out the tion, and at a meeting held at the words. One evening after his mother died, he and his daughter were seated at the table with the planchette, when the First Spiritual Church of Bradhe was surprised to see it spell out his ford, was formed. An organization mother's name. He asked:

"Is that you, mother?" The reply came:

secretary, A. Gaston; treasurer, M. L. "Yes." Then he asked for some more proof | Pomeroy. Samuel Weil will be retained as lecturer or pastor of the that it was his mother. The board told Alma to take a pencil and write. new church. He secured a lead-pencil and paper, tically a continuation of the Free Reand in a moment her hand wrote out these words:

"Go to the pantry shelves and you will find an article on Spiritualism." The tenets of the church will be Mr. Gault was surprised at the largely on the line of thought premessage, and replied aloud in a joking sented in Mr. Weil's book, 'The Re-

"Well, I'll go to-morrow." In an instant the girl's hand society are believers more or less in twitched, and she wrote:

"No; go now." The man was half dazed, but went spiritualistic phenomena and philosoto the pantry and found several pa- phy. The church will have no creed, pers there, but could find no article but will endeavor to promote freedom on Spiritualism. He returned, and, of religious thought.

giving the daughter the pencil again,

"I cannot find it." In a moment the girl wrote:

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"On the pantry shelf."

On the shelf was an old paper that He is a man of scholarly attainments, had been used for a cover, and the and will give his best efforts to the astonished man, securing it, returned new church." to the parlor where his daughter was, and, senting himself opposite her. asked if it was the right one. He received the reply "Yes," and then varied moods, "from grave to gay, from asked if it was on page one. The relively to severe." It is a book to be play came in the negative, and also treasured and richly enjoyed by all who ceived the reply "Yes," and then play came in the negative, and also love genuine poetry, and especially by when he asked if it was on page two. Spiritualists. The volume is tastily but the pencil in the hand of the girl printed and bound. Price \$1.

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has not the least idea of what her hand He would also instance cases, he said. where men in great bodily dan-While under this apparent control | ger, or just before death, had been her hand and arm become as cold as enabled to either impress upon distant ice, while the rest of her body is in a friends the absolute knowledge of normal condition. Many times she their danger or else to present to those talks with those around her, but her friends mind pictures of the events father says she does not receive as good going on at a distance. This, Dr. results as when the room is quiet. Sprecher maintained showed plainly She sometimes uses her right hand, that the medium of the body was not and sometimes her left, and many essential to the transmission of thought. times when there are a great many | He also expected to demonstrate in neighbors in the room all anxious for his lectures that intabnormal condimessages, she takes a pencil in each tions where the brain was actually hand and readily writes off a message destroyed by disease, thought and feeling was not dependent upon the with each for two persons in the room on entirely different subjects. Such, brain, as had always been supposed. at least, is the story her father tells. These psychic facts had been learned In many instances the writing of one to be positively true, and now their hand will be the hand of a lady, and significance was to be learned. Dr. Sprecher said it was clearly capable The neighbors claim that they have of demonstration that they proved the received many messages from friends, existence of a future state.

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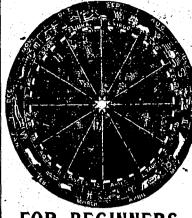
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