

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

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GONSGIOUSNESS. TRIPLE

TRINITIES IN THE HUMAN OR- feetly the circumstance, and told what GANISM-INSTANCES OF THREE they had handled and what done. SELFHOODS IN ONE PERSON, "THE NEARLY UNIVERSAL LAW FACH ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF THE OTHERS-INNER VOICE OF THE HIDDENSELF-ITSMOST HELPFUL DISPOSITION-INCI-HELPFUL DISPOSITION-INCI-DENTS.

tural phenomena," said Dr. Grace in the deeper trance, as stated at our previous Cincinnati Enquirer, at a subsequent meeting of investigators. "I have briefly discussed a few phases of consciousness as involving deeper mysteries than the human mind has yet comprehended, and it seems probable that we may safely conclude that they will remain inexplicable for all time, beyond human understanding, and not to be read till the veil between the finite is cries in a great fright which she had finally lifted. I have not yet attempted when a child on a day when certain to go into the minute details of any men, hidden behind the curtains, had ense quoted, and most of the wonderful jumped out upon her. She told how she phenomena in the experience of M. went through this scene again in all her Janet were omitted in my description cries of her sleep-walking fits through for the reason that I feared them too the house when a child, and how for unaccountable to elicit belief. But the several months she had been shut in a Prench scientist is one of the most dark room because of sore eys. All eminent specialists of his day, and it is these were things of which she recol-

PROTOPLASM.

"In all discussions of this kind it must be remembered that the human animal knows next to nothing about himself. There is no subject upon which he is more densely ignorant. What is really his origin? It cannot be explained, for we cannot go back to original causes. We find a little mass of living matter and call it protoplasm. It it is tremalous with self-endowed motion. It is practically structureless, containing only some little shapeless granules. When analyzed in the chemist's labor- the age of 3 years, and her life record atory it is found to be composed of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen, Then we say we know something about of 16 she has been almost constantly it, but how are these elements grouped together that out of their dead atoms should spring molecules endowed with normal life developed in one way, in the the greatest power of all-the power of midst of her poor country surroundings, knowing? Do we know? Really, do we know, when none of us, can explain rooms and doctors' offices, and unturally his beginning or end?

We can go back far enough to find that which we suppose to be the beginning of a man-a formless speck of protoplasm. One such little mess is to us indistinguishable from its fellows, yet within each are the records of generations yet to come. Out of one shall be developed an idiot, out of another a man shall fill the world with fame of his intellectual greatness, or possibly with the noise and carnage and misery of eyes closed, but the acuteness of her war; out of one shall come forth a mon- other senses supplies their place. ster of wickedness, out of another a Savior or "To our limited intelligence, however, all these beginnings are precisely alike. If with the rude and blundering tools we call the microscope and the retort we cannot make out any difference in these simple little masses of protoplasm, which are yet so different, how can we ever tell the story of the waves of ruin, distress and change which sween to and fro through the human brain? If we cannot fathom the mere speck of germ-Ingl upotoplasm how can we ever hope to translate back to sanity the changes of the most complicated nervous pro tonlasm gone.mad? How shall we gain the ability to ever understand the cause of its mournful eccentricities? Heartlly do I hope and pray that this under standing may come through some source, and I have faith that hypnotism

quently breaches in the association of

ideas. Certain of M. Janet's hysterics "Science is still far in the rear of na- regained complete sensibility in their conference. The result was such an enhave largement of their power of recollecting that they could then go back and explain the origin of many of their pecullarities which would else remain inexplicable. For instance, when the tactile sensibilities came back to Lucie III., as described in our former conversation, she explained the origin of her hysteric certain that he publishes nothing in lects nothing when awake because they which he lacks faith. are records of experiences mainly of motion and of touch, and when awake her feelings of touch and movement disappeared-forgotten like any phantasmagoria of a dream.

NATURAL SOMNAMBULISM. "Really the most interesting case re-ported by M. Janet is that of the patient designated as Leonie, which furnishes an intensely interesting illustration of how the memories and character will change with the sensibilities and motor impulses. This woman has had attacks of natural somnambulism since reads more like an extravagant romance than genuine history. From the age hypnotized by all sorts of persons, and now she is more than 50. While her her second life was passed in drawing took an entirely different direction. When in her normal state this woman is a serious and rather sad person, calm and slow, very mild with every-

one and extremely timid. To look at her, says our author, one would never suspect the personage which she contains. Hardly is she put to sleep hypnotically, however, than a metamor phosis occurs. Her face is no longer the same. It is true that she keeps her

SHE IS GAY, NOISY, RESTLESS,

Says Janet: SURPRISES IN THE TRANCESTATE. "This resurrection of a somnambulic personage who had been extinct for twenty years is curious enough, and in speaking to Leonie III. I naturally now adopt the name of Leonore, which was given her by her first master.' It is readily seen what surprises the trance state may prepare for not only the sub-

ject, but for the operator as well.

SOME CURIOUS PERPLEXITIES. "For the subject the surprises are, often inconvenient enough, especially when the trance comes and goes spontaneously. Thus Leonie I, is overwhelmed with embarrassment when on the street Leonie II.'s gentlemen friends, -who are not hers-accost her. Leonie II. spontaneously writes letters which Leonie 1., not understanding, destroys when she finds them. Leonie 11, proceeds to thereupon hide them in a photograph album, into which she knows Leonle 1. will never look because it contains the portrait of her former magnetizer, the sight of whom may put her to: sleep again, which she dislikes. Leonie . finds herself in places known only to Leonie II., to which the latter has led her and then taken flight. These different personalities are proved by M. Janet to not only exist in the successive forms in which he has already disclosed them, but to coexist or exist simultaneously -in such wise that while Lucie I., for example, is apparently the only Lucie, anesthetic, helpless, yet absorbed in conversation, that other Lucie, identi-

fied as Lucie III., is all the time ALIVE AND KICKING inside of the same woman, fully sensible and wide awake, occupied by her own quite different concerns. This co-

existence of the different personages into which one human being may be split is the greatest thesis of M. Janet's book. Edmund Gurney, Birnheim, Binet and three or four others have had the same idea and proved it for certain cases, but M. Janet has emphasized and generalized it and shown it to be true universally. He has been enabled to do this

by tapping the submerged consciousness and making it respond in certain pecullar ways. He found in several subjects that when the ordinary or primary consciousness was fully absorbed in conversation with a visitor-and I need not recall how absolutely these hysterics then lapse into oblivion of surround ing things--that the submerged self would hear his voice if he came up and addressed the subject in a whisper, and would respond either by obeying such orders as he gave, or by gestures, or by pencil writing on a sheet of paper placed under the hand. The ostensible

consciousness meanwhile would go on with the conversation, entirely unaware

had M. Janet, in seeking by means of my medicine. How fortunate. But who passes to deepen the sleep of Leonie II. brought it? "Nobody could answer. Not a person had left the room, and the invisible messenger is still hidden from mortal sight. But he, she or it brought the desired medicine, and it must have proved effective, for he who desired and

took it may be seen daily upon our streets in robust health." T. P. MISSIONARIES FOR THE NATION-

AL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor:-Our recent National Convention directed the Trustees to put some active missionaries into the filld at the earliest possible moment. This has not been done because of the lack of funds. The necessity for missionary work in

every section has grown stronger since October, and the Executive Committee of the N.S. A. decided to act immediately in the matter; therefore, the services of Mr. E. W. Sprague of Jaimestown New York, have been secured for a brief period for this important work. During the month of March he will labor exclusively in the State of New York in the interest of the State Association to be organized there in early April. He will visit all the societies now in existence in that State and will organize as many new ones as possible. Parties residing along the several railroads in the Empire State are requested to correspond with Mr. Sprague, 520 Chatham street, Philadelphia, or with Mr. Frank Walker, State Agent of the N. S. A., Hamburg, New York.

The friends in New York State will be asked to entertain. Mr. Sprague while in their respective communities, giving him the privilege of soliciting donations, and of receiving the pro-ceeds of the collections taken at the meetings, and the payment of his traveling expenses, one way, from the place where he last spoke, His railway expenses will be light because he will arrange dates in places as close together as possible in order to do the work required.

He will be expected to speak twice every Sunday, and once" every night each week during the entire month, and wishes dates made accordingly. Friends in other States, especially Ohio and Wisconsin, wishing Mr. Sprague's ser-vices after the month of March, will please correspond with Secretary Woodbury in Washington. ..

In this connection it is well to have it understood that other missionaries will be employed as soon as funds will warrant the N. S. A. in doing so. In the present case the expenses will be met by one or two individuals who recognize the necessity for prompt action in the case of organization, feeling that Mr. Sprague's well known ability will rally the people around him, and that he will be able to secure from generous

and appreciative audiences mone enough to pay his salary in full and r ng. These acts or writ

LIFE AFTER DEATH.

STRANGE BELIEFS HELD BY THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS - ORIGIN OF THE FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF THE SOUL-GODS AND DE-MONS INNUMERABLE DISTRIB-UTE REWARDS AND PUNISH-MENTS HEREAFTER.

Gods and demons of the ancient Egyptians and the influence they had on the popular belief in a hereafter formed the subject of an interesting lecture recently by Dr. James II. Breasted, says the Inter Ocean. After maintaining that "Westward Ho," has its counterpart in veneration for the East, "even to the present cult of reviving Oriental religions in our midst," the speaker added in part: "We must have historical sympathy,

conceiving of the time when to every tree and stone was assigned uncanny power, when the whole universe was one vast chamber of mystery, and peoto the proper magical charm. The bodles of the Egyptian dead, from the earliest recorded time, were laboriously embalmed, in order that the unseen but surviving other self might possess still that tangible link which connected it with the material world, and by means of which it alone could exist. This double of the body, with which it is indissolubly connected, must now possess an imperishable dwelling place, and hence the construction of indestructible rock tombs, and the greatest buildings of the world, the pyramids. One hundred feet down, at the bottom of a shaft, is placed the mummy, and above ground is the chapel of solid masonry perhaps hewn out of rock, and here. in the house of the double, said double dwells, coming forth at morning and night to greet the sun and the cool north wind

COSTLY, EGYPTIAN TOMBS.

"Since with the destruction of the mummy the personality of the dead is extinguished, there is provided a substitute, a statue of stone, and this is walled up with the masonry of the tomb. And thus have been preserved to us the noble portrait statues of an-cient. Egypt, The rich left endow-ments of land to support these chapels, but changing times have diverted the On the tomb of the great incomes. Prince Rahuf is still seen the richly sculptured prayer: 'Oh, ye who love life and hate death, repeat a thousand loaves of bread and jars of drink, a thousand oxen and a thousand geese. and then follows the name of the person buried. In the case of a soldier a pictured platoon of his favorite troop money d on the tomb, that he may view them whenever he pleases. Herodotus tells how the Scythians at funerals of the great slew a victim or two, that the deceased might have companions. Utensils of all kinds and pictures of the most obscene kind were depos ited by Rahut's funeral couch. It was this method that has preserved for us so many examples of the Egyptian industrial arts. The walls of Rahut's chapel from cornice to base are covered responses should be many and prompt with scenes depicting his life, especial-In closing do not forget Mr. Sprague' ly the outdoor employments in which ing.' address. Nor that of Mr Walker. See the noblemen of Egypt took especial to it that Mr. Sprague is kept busy delight. Thus is preserved the most throughout the month of March among authentic delineation of antique Egypour people in the State of New York. tian life. Contributions are respectfully solic "The opinion of the hereafter thus far ted for missionary work. All donations considered -confines the future life of should be sent to Francis B. Woodbury, the deceased to the tomb and its imme-600 Pennsylvania avenue; S. E. Wash diate vicinity. We shall now discuss a H. D. BARRETT. second view of the hereafter. The friends of Rahut-would have said that CAN'T STOP HIS PAPER! he was not to abide there forever. One To the Editory-I received a card say would say that in the form of a human ing that my subscription was up and bird he had gone far into the west into threatening to stop my paper, or your paper rather, if I did not come to time. a twilight existence; another would say that in flowery meads he was plowing Thou cutst my head off with a golden and reaping; another, that he had gone ax, and smilst upon the stroke that murders me." Better stop my breath to take his place among the stars, with Osiris and Isis: but a priest would say than my paper! I have stopped tea, that Rahut had gone to sail the heavens coffee and tobacco all at once; and now with the sun god, crossing the zenith you would stop my paper! You send a daily, himself one of the sun gods. nighty interesting No. and a notice to law. IDEAS OF AFTER LIFE. "nay up or get out" in the same mail: is "Underlying this series of views reor is not this cruelty to animals? Stop garding departure to some distant place, The Progressive Thinker" from coming there was recognized among an early to or from reaching my house; the most and native people no contradiction, and palpable evidence of respectability and are there not among ourselves as varysanity that enters it in the guise of jouring views regarding the post-resurre nalism; and there are not a few. Stop my paper, forsooth! Now! on tion life? Local in origin, the different opinions gradually spread all over the very eve of our celebration of Egypt and circulated side by side, reemancipation from heterodoxy, orthogardless of their contrarieties, which at the never troubled the ordinary Egyptian, life. ratification ir who would pray for all these destinies this sombre city of churches; at the same time on the same tomb-Brooklyn, the boarding house of New stone. Thus, on the Egyptian lady's tomb in the Field Museum there are Suppose some one should say to me prayers for two of these estates, while "What spiritual paper do you take? and do you take The Progressive Thinker?" And I should reply, "No, on the tombstone of the priest in the Field Museum there are prayers for all And I should "reply, four destinies in the hereafter which they cut me off because I was too mean to renew!" My questioner would say, moral law. have been mentioned, and had he several doubles he could not have received "You are an acephalous" polliwog!" "Had I as many mouths as Hydra, such all of the benefits. Magic chants writan answer would stop them al." I can't stop life by leaving it; nor love by grieving it. Nor hope by deceiving it. nor would I if I could. Nor your paper ten on the pyramid tomb walls, and hence called pyramid texts, were un-covered in 1881, cut into stone 2,000 years before the decalogue of Moses was written. The buried priest is rep-The earth will turn when I'm no resented as receiving the homage due to Osiris. more; time's waves will leave the sand life's shore does gird, when I am dust, Dust? Before this, body's dust, my "In the race of the great military emnire in the sixteenth century before eager snirit free: shall pass the bounds Christ there is observed a series of dangers encountered by the passing soul. of blue immensity, and revel in the To reach the happy fields of Yarrow in the West there are hideous regions to be passed, inhabited by frightful mon-Would downward, drop/ like, leaded sters. A potent charm is afforded to meet each peril. In the eleventh dy-Not worth as much as prayer of tinker If I should let you stop my "Thinker." nasty, 2,300 years before Christ, thes right, charms were written on the coffin, but As I said, or meant to say: "I am in the eighteenth dynasty the incantaglad that no one, two of three persons can shut off the "Thinker's" wind by tions had become so numerous that a fight,

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the dead, as the Egyptians called it. Thus all the future depended ou purely mechanical means. Any man, irre spective of good or bad qualities of character, could command the best in the hereafter if he commanded the me-

chanical means. GROTESQUE MESSENGERS DEATH. "But 3,000 years before Christ there

are traces of demands on character in the deceased for the highest futurity. This suggestion is first found in an address to the ferryman crossing the river of death, and but for its appearance in a magical text would carry a great deal with it. The mummy is given a new heart, cut out of stone, in the shape of

a scarabeus, and there is the apostrophe: 'Oh, my heart, rise not up against me as a witness.' An evil life was considered to be a bad passport on the eternal journey. The dead is led into the place of judgment, in the presence shapes and terrifying serpents, -while ing sacred cattle, not committing adultery with the wife of another man, etc.

There is, in short, in some instances, a standard of morality as high as that of the Decalogue. These are the best expressions of a purely moral life which have survived from so ancient a people. The knowledge that a man would be expected at death to enter such a plea as this must have had a great re-straining force during life. Each plea

was preceded by a magical address to each particular god. In the sixteenth century before Christ there is generally evinced a high moral ideal, and the de stroyer at the last, composed in part of a crocodile and hippopotamus, is terrific indeed. However, certificates of moral rectitude were freely sold, to accompany the mummies, and were great ly depended on.

"Holders of a certain view of the atonement, based all on belief, whatever the character, and also the church of Rome in the sale of her indulgences, as based on her mechanical power of forgiving sin, might have been equally instructed had they learned the final outcome of the ancient Egyptian machinery for escaping the practical consequences of sin.

MORALITY IN THEIR BELIEFS. "We might show by numerous exam ples in ancient Egyptian writings that there are ethical and literay excellences which entitle them to an honorable place alongside our own Scriptures; but as regards the motive of life hereafter the influence of this motive was counteracted upon mundane existence by the great power of magic. Little figures-respondents-were put in the tombs of nobles, and these were ex-pected to plow in the future in place of their lords. I have just received at Haskell Museum no less than 196 respondents intended for one person. In he case of a passing soul, with much to conceal, this simple device of a respondent suggests the pure mechanics of the Roman confessional. Very eloquent are the addresses on some of these ancient Theban tombs, the dominant note a miserere. Joy for us, that the shadow has fled away forever be fore the brightness of the Easter morn The "machinery for escaping the practical consequences of sin," it may be noted, is far from being the exclu sive possession of the ancient Egyp tians; it is also the main part of the stock-in-trade of the modern church-Protestant and Catholic alike-with varied modifications. The evangelical atonement idea-whereby an innocent person suffers as a substitute to cancel the penalty for another's sins, is but ma hinery for escaping the practical conequences of sin. Jesus paid it all-all the debt I owe, is the song of the "believer," who is taught to believe that by casting all his sins on Jesus, he shall escape the natural consequences of his sins and iniouities-his transgressions of moral The moral (immoral) result of such teachings and beliefs can hardly be other than evil-as affording the transgressor encouragement to hope that hough he continue in the paths of sin all his life, he may at the last moment 'repent." take refuge in the "atoning blood" and be forever "saved" in heaven of immortal joy and never-end-ing bliss-escaping the just consequenres of his vicious and sinful mortal Whether this escape is (believed to be) accomplished according to the Catholic formula, or by the evangelical Protestant method, the effect of such teach ings can but be to encourage the evillisposed with the hope and expectation of final escape from the proper individual consequences of transgressions of Modern Christians have no proper right to cast critical reflections upon he ancient Egyptians' views, for they themselves embody the same machin-ery-in modified form-in their own teachings and creeds, to-day. X-RAY. TRUTH TRIUMPHANT. There are trials and troubles in this world of wrong, Like iron annealed grows firmer and strong. And bides its day though the time seems long, For the good that is surely due. If you dare defend the cause that is In spite of the popular way. Dark as may seem the struggle and

CELEBRATION IN 1898 SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING CELE.

BRATION IN 1898-HINTS THROWN OUT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF SPIRITUALISTS. To the Editor:-I cannot fully express

all my impulses to present some of my many views relating to our life and times, to the readers of your incomparable paper. One movement which seems to be looming up to the front, claiming attention of liberals, is the proposed semi-centennial memorial meeting at Rochester, N. Y., about the 31st of March, 1898, in connection with suitable action relative to some special and permanent memorial of the advent of so-called modern Spiritualism to be fixed and maintained at the Hydesville home of the Fox sisters. These objects of Oslris, with grotesque creatures if attained seem to demand prompt and about, him, animals of impossible energetic action on the part of all those energetic action on the part of all those interested in order to insure commendranged about are forty-two demons in able and satisfactory results. Space ple believed the physical world to be all, to each of whom he addresses a here does not allow of any discussion subject to the caprice of innumerable plea of not guilty of a certain sin, as of matters, or of measures, and modes gods and demons, all abjectly obedient of not plundering grave stores, not slay- in detail, and suggestions in relation to them seem now to be in order.

It is notable to say, the writer was recently in Rochester and at a meeting of the First Spiritual Society, leading members expressed much interest, and they will co-operate with zeal in the work. They refer to the shortness of the time as demanding that immediate and vigorous efforts be made.

Do Spiritualists need anything more than a mention of such movements to incite them to action? Need they to be reminded of their emancipation from the thrall of ignorance and the chains of religious despotism in order to enthuse them in a local rally of forces which is of vital importance, and which promises a rich fruitage of spiritual illumination for all futurity? It has been said of the elder Napoleon that he, more than any other man, "Comprehended his Epoch" and took advantage of the situations, and shall not the illuminated minds of to-day awake and arise, and comprehending humanity's true situation, put forth efforts that will comport with our marvelous era. In regard to ability and resources, the

situation favors. There is no absolute necessity for any great outlay for discalling for large financial outlays, and all outlays should be graduated ac-cording to means-either in the building accommodations, or in publishing and speaking departments. In the latter named lines, no fear of failure need be felt, for our speaking talents, prosaic and poetic, trance, inspirational and even normal, outvie the world's greatest scholars-are unapproachable in power and excellence, by the most tutored of secular and religious graduates—this is beyond all question. Were it necessary the liberal writers of to-day, could show a library of publications, more at-tractive, truthful, and more profoundly scientific in facts, than all the mosscovered collections, of History, The-ology, Governmental and Cosmological platitudes of all the schools of the past, now stored in antiquated halls-and destined to be fit relies of the past. The nucleus of a living library of Truth is yet to made. (Some of) The published productions of so-called "spirit mediums" have stood the crucial tests of the masters of science, archeology,

WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

"Please understand that all the state ments 1 make here are intended to be in the interest of truth-not to provoke controversy, but rather to stimulate investigation. M. Janet does not present

his discoveries in an ultra-theoretical sense: although generally they had their origin in theory. He has proved most of his positions conclusively, and he does not assume as a fact anything not proved to be the truth beyond the least question. Great physicians ques- and knits them together to make the tion one of M. Janet's conclusions, to history of her already long life. On the associative processes and the fact comparatively few experiences are stored up in one form of sensibility alone would be sufficient to defeat such a re sult. Complete illustrations of this law

are found in the privileged subjects of Janet's experiments, and yet he seems to have found no exceptions to it, but other physicians shake their heads in doubt "M. Janet declares that if he were to

awake some morning with no muscular or tactile feeling; if, like one of his patients, he should suddenly lose his sens of color and distinguish nothing in the universe but black and white, he would be terrified, and instantly appeal for On the contrary, the patients find their state so natural that they never even complain. After several trials, when he proved to one that she could perceive no color, she was found to be ignorant of the fact. When he showed first trance state forms a different per another that she could feel neither pain nor contact, she answered, 'All the betsonality was not broken. But it is the same with her second state of trance When made conscious that she After the renewed passes, syncope and never knew where her arms were till other requisities to reach the condition she saw them, and that she lost her legs when in bed, she replied: "That is of Leonie III., she is another person stil -a third, individuality, Serious and natural, as long as I don't see them; grave, instead of being like a restless every one is like that.' The scientist hild, she speaks slowly and moves but concludes that, being incapable of comlittle. Again she separates herself from paring their present state of sensibility the awaking Leonie I. with a former one of which all memory "'A good and rather studid woman." is lost, they suffer no more than normal she says, 'but not me.' And she also

ndividuals by missing a better harmonseparates herself from Leonie II, 'How ized life. can you see anything of me in that

ANESTHESIA.

crazy creature? she asks. 'Fortunately ani nothing for her?' "Leonie I. knows only of herself; eonie II. of herself and Leonie I.; afflicted by the grippe, stated that he "Their tactile sense was restored temporarily by means of electric currents and magnetic passes, and then they were made to handle various obconic III. knows of herself and both jects, such as keys, knives and pencils. and make particular movements like visual and auditory; in Leonie III. it is it must be taken every half hobr. the sign of the cross. When the anes the sign returned they found it impossible at once visual, auditory and tactile. M. was persuaded, however, to remain for to recollect the objects or the acts. They said they had nothing in their hands and had done nothing. Next day, how- that she had frequently been in that the sick man asked: condition before. Dr. Perrier, a former ever. sensibility being again restored by imilar processes, they remembered per- magnetizer, had hit upon her just as hand? Why, what is it? I believe it is

sometimes insupportably so. Good-natured she remains, but has acquired a singular tendency to irony and sharp jesting. Nothing is more curious than to hear her after a sitting, when she has received a visit from strangers who wished to see her asleep. She gives a verbal portrait of them, apes their manners, pretends to know their little ridiculous aspects and passions, and for each invents a romance greatly resemsubject. bling prophecy, for many of their little stories eventuate with more or less exactitude in the after life of their sub-

ects. To this character must be added the possession of an enormous number of recollections whose existence she loes not even suspect when awake, for then her amnesia is complete. TOO STUPID.

"In her secondary state she refuses to inswer to the name of Leonie, and takes that of Leontine (Leonie 11.), to which her first magnetizers had accus-

tomed her. "' That good woman is not myself,' she says; 'she is too stupid.'

LEONTINE AND LEONIE.

"To herself, Leontine, she attributes all the sensations and all the actions, in a word, all the conscious experiences she has undergone in somnambulism wit: That anesthesias invariably carry other hand, to Leonie I. she exclusively amnesias-total lapses of memory--with ascribes the events lived through in them, holding that the intricacy of the waking hours. M. Janet was at first surprised by an important exception to this rule, and was disposed to think here might be something arbitrary in this partition of recollections. In the normal state Leonie has a husband and children, but Leonie II., the somuambu list, while acknowledging the children as her own, attributes the husband to 'the other.'

HER FIRST ACCOUCHEMENTS. "This choice followed no rule, but, erhaps it was explicable. It was not until later that M. Janet learned that Leonie's magnetizers in early days-as audacious as certain hypnotizers of recent date-had somnambulized her for her first accouchements, and that she had laused into that state spontaneously in her later ones! Leonie II. was, there fore, quite right in ascribing to herself speaks? the children, since it was she who had given them birth, and the rule that her

'And you believed him?' believed him. Better that way than go helping hand to the extent of its powers

> similar case, to which I may refer here after. "Another incident relates to the conregance of a material object by some mysterious power. At a sitting in the

would be compelled to excuse himself the others. Leonie I. has a visual con- as he had left his medicine at home ciousness; Leonie II. has one both and according to the doctor's directions Janet at first thought that he was Le- a while. The dark seance soon came on onie III.'s discoverer, but she told him and it-was only fairly under way when

"Who has put something into my

latter, in turn, appeared quite as little turn a revenue to the N. S. A. under chose auspices he is sent out. disturbed by the upper consciousness conferns. This proof by automatic If one hundred persons will kindly writing of the secondary consciousness unite in giving \$10,00 each to the N.S. existence is the most cogent and strik-A., this missionary work can be proing one, but a crowd of other facts vided for, and each community desiring brought forward by M. Janet prove the spiritual food, thereby supplied. The same thing. These I must defer menpresident of the National Association offers to be one of the hundred, but up tioning for the time being, while I turn to a local illustration bearing on the to date less than twenty have joined i this contribution to the good cause. The

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À VOICE FROM WITHIN.

"A few years ago a manufacturer of artificial limbs in Cincinnati had a customer who came frequently to the city to have a leg fitted, repaired or readjusted, and on the earlier occasions of this sort he notified the manufacturer and requested that he might be met at the train. On one occasion, however, he came unexpectedly and without notice. The fabricator of limbs was sitting at his desk at about 10 o'clock that morning, when he heard a voice which

seemed to proceed from within himself. saying: 'Jacob's train will be at the station as soon as you can get there.' "Although greatly startled, he managed to reply: 'Jacobs is not coming today, for I received no letter.'

'He is coming,' responded the inner voice, 'but left home in haste and neglected to notify you. Don't fail to meet him."

"The gentleman, sorely affrighted, hastened to the station, scarcely believing the strange message he had received in such an unusual way, and was just in time to assist his customer in alighting from the train. The disabled man had sickened by the way, and was in immediate need of help.

"You were told to come?" marked, interrogatively. 'Yes, but I cannot understand how.'

replied the minufacturer. "'I'll tell you. When I took sick I

didn't know what to do. I thought aloud and wished I had notified you as York City. usual of my intended visit. Then some thing inside of me-a curious thing that has done me a favor on odd occasionstold me not to worry, for you should have due notice. I knew you would be here to meet me on my arrival when I heard the promise from that voice.' "Don't you know what it is that

"'Not really, but a ghost-raiser told me a while ago that it was a spirit.'

"'And what harm's in it? I may have by-the-way.

crazy by pestering over the subject. If t's a spirit he's all right. I'm sure." "I believe that Jacobs had a tractable hidden self, which, when normal man became practically helpless, lent him a

sweet infinity. and that these powers were materially strengthened by use. M. Janet cites a My soul, as hard as any clinker,

withdrawing their subscriptions, any nore than the march of Truth can b stayed by one, two or three lies: for he Thinker is one of Truth's exponents Stop my paper! Never! Yours Fralernally,

Different minds incline to different biects; one pursues the vast alone, the wonderful, the wild; another sighs for harmony and grace, and gentlest beauty.-Arkanside.

CHAS. NEVINS.

sinker.

large roll of papyrus-the book of the dead-was needed to receive them. Finally a canonical collection was reached

-some 165 in number. In the beautiful nauvrus of the Lady Istev in the Field Museum is a very perfect specimen. The book of the dead is simply a col lection of mythical incantations and the

like. It is a misconception to call it the hible of the Egyptians. At entombments there was an elaborate ceremony of opening the eyes and the mouth of

But the heart that is natient and true

God gives to the arm a power and might And vict'ry in coming day.

This world means well, though it go astray-

From the golden rule of duty; All great truths that come in our way

Have had their trials and work-a-day, To bring us its wealth of beauty BISHOP A. BEALS. Summerland, Cal.

philosophy and metaphysics, of both continents—and the wisest of them are appalled by each new unfoldment.

As a memorial of mediumship let but a tithe of our hosts meet for such work and the scribe who aims to record the "acts" would be unable to do justice to the occasion by any of the arts of Edison or modern Photographers. It would be an unreported Pentecost. It is not practicable to here name the sixty or seventy well defined phases of mediumship besides still others now occult to us, which would no doubt be in exercise on such an occasion, for the powers of earth and air would be assembled there.

Germane to a memorial convocation, would be a fair exhibit, and record of books, literature, works of spirit art, pictures produced by spirit agency, landscape and portraiture, and the medium's mode of production, sketch of locality of scenes or life of the subject of all portrait photogravures of spiritphotography, with evidence of their verity and unquestionable, verified proofs, etc. A very large collection of these could be gathered from the wide world; also fac-similes of psychographic messages, with proof of authorship and exactness in signatures and tests, proving claims, etc. The special life size of portraits of the "Ancient Band" of G. W. P. Anderson would be a great attraction. And further to gratify a laudable curiosity and instruct the people on the occasion, a collection or samples of each mechanical device used by spirits

in giving communications—such as Planchettes, dials, typewriters, and musical instruments used, by spiritscould be easily collected, and accounts of their uses, and manner of invention. In this connection, also, brief accounts of some such of the hundreds of useful inventions of the time as were given by spirits in various ways might be pre sented.

Such collection of nictures, works of spirit art, publications and books for a library would need some commodious building or structure for examination by visitors-needing, liberal contributions in case the management signify their acquiescence in such action. Such or simllar collection, if effected, might also need a permanent institution or place of resort and preservation. Doubtless, Rochester or other locality, perhaps Hydesville, would afford desirable location. It is hoped that all friends of truth will look favorably on these matters and besides giving expression of their sentiments, give also liberally in nurse and person in aid of such a much needed demonstration.

Freesville, N. Y. FRANCIS RICE.

Every man has his chain and clog, only it is looser and lighter to one than to another; and he is more at ease who takes it up and carries it than he who drags it.-Seneca.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

TRYING TO DEFEAT AN ODIOUS MEASURE.

AND A MEDICAL MONOPOLY WILL BE profession. ISTITUTED AND THE RIGHTS ingly misstate or faisely state, any-mat-

ABRIDGED. Spiritualists must fally to aid those

vho are fighting for your liberties. Money must be sent to the secretary of State society, to get out petitions and ished by a fine of not more than one fundred dollars or by imprisonment in rights of Spiritualists, never in all the history of the past, were ever menaced than ninety days, or both such fine or as they are now. If success crowns the efforts of these combined forces it will extend to other states unfil every Spiritualist medium, clairvoyant, and mag-netic healer, will be arrested, fined or imprisoned, or both To rout this combination of forces a committee has prepared a bill which was read and disussed before the medical committee of the House and Senate in the Capitol' last night, and will be introduced into the Senate to-day. The bill protects the liberties of all; purifies our own ranks of frauds, dishonest men and women It also protects the Doctors in their rights and the people from imposition. It gives equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

1.-'This bill protects the people from ignorant, disreputable and dishonest doctors, nurses, electricians, givers of baths, massauguers, magnetic healers clairvoyants, spiritual mediums, mental and Christian scientists.

2.-This bill gives people their liberties to choose who and such means as they mny desire to aid them and cure them when sick unless said persons are criminals or insane.

3.-This bill protects the local physicians and the people from strangers and traveling men and women whose methods are dishonorable and dangerous to both; and have been driven out of other States. Below you will find a copy of the Bill.

Send your funds to Mrs. Mary Ayres, 129 River street, Lansing, Mich., secre tary of State Society of Spiritualists', or to M. A. Root, 1209 5th street, Bay City, Mich., who is chairman of medical committee.

Friends of liberty and progress, rally and act. So far as I am concerned personally, no monopoly bill can hurt me or mine, but would be a blessing to all of my household. But I or you have no right to live for our own selves and our selfish interests. Progress alone comes through the right to investigate and apply all means that can aid or bless humanity. The spirit-world cries out for progress, liberty, honesty and down with monopoly and class legislation. A. B. SPINNEY, M. D.

Proprietor, Reed City Sanitarium. Reed City, Mich.

THE BILL INTRODUCED INTO THE

SENATE.

An act to regulate the practice of Michigan and to provide for the registration of all persons engaged in the practice thereof or the profession or art of heating the slok by any means, and to repeal an act entiled "an act to promote public health," approved June 6th, 1883, and the act approved June 27th, 1887. amendatory thereof, being chapter 72 B of the 3rd volume of Howell's Annotated Statutes.

Sec. 1.-The people of the State of Michigan enact, that from and after this act shall take effect, every man or woman who shall prefix or affix to his or her name, "Dr., M. D. or M. B.," or who shall under any circumstances make examinations of persons for medical treatment, or give medical opinion or advice, or shall give medical opinion medicine of any kind to any person, or shall advertise so to do, or in any way hold himself or herself out to the pub lie as a physician or surgeon, shall

register as hereinafter prescribed. Sec. II.-Every man or woman who

THE FIGHT IS ON IN MICHIGAN, the county clerk of each county where EVERY SPIRIPUALIST he or she maintains an office or place STOULD BE ON THE ALERT, OR of business for the practice of his or her Sec. IV .- Any person who shall know-

THE PEOPLE GREATLY ter or thing required by this act to be incorporated in such statement, shall be

deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be pun-Tangler, in the empire of Morocco, is the county jail for a period of not more imprisonment in the discretion of the court. Any person may be tried and convicted in every county where such false statements shall be filled. The filing of such false statement in more than one county shall be deemed a separate offense. It shall be the duty of the respective prosecuting attornies of the counties in this State to prosecute all violations of the provisions of this act upon being informed thereof.

to send missionaries and money Sec. V .- It shall be the duty of the secretary of state immediately upon the passage of this act, to prepare and have sal humbug! suitable blanks for the personal statement or history provided for in Section III. of this act, and to furnish the same a tribute of respect to the memory of to all persons desiring such blanks at a

cost of ten cents each. Sec. VI.-Any person who shall desire to enter upon the practice of any of the professions, arts or callings mentioned in this act, more than thirty days after the same has taken effect, shall before entering upon the practice thereof, make and file the statement required by Section III. of this act and as provided in this act.

See, VII .-- All persons who do not reside in this State, but who come within the State for the purpose of practicing the profession of a physician or surgeon in any of its branches, or holds himself or herself out to the public as qualified ensily to treat sick persons in the capacity of a nurse, magnétic healer, spirit medium, clairvoyant, christian scientist, mental scientist, divine healer, massauguer, medical electrician, or by giving medthe government is administered 'upon icated Turkish or vapor baths, shall file the statement and history required of this act with the county clerk of each and pity 'tis, 'tis true." county where he or she shall practice

their profession. VIII.-This act shall not apply Sec. to the commisioned surgeons of the January 28, a prize fight for \$5,000 be-United States army, navy or marine hospital service in actual constitution with physicians in this State, nor the interns studying in regularly incorporated hospitals, nor the temporary assistants in case of emergency, nor to the domestic administrations of family

remedies. Sec. 1N,-An act entitled, "An act to promote the public health" approved June 6th, 1883, and an act approved June 27th, 1887, amendatory thereof, being Chapter 72 B of the 3rd volume of Howell's Annotated Statutes, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with medicine and surgery in the State of this act, are hereby repealed, except as Michigan and to provide for the registion to the penalties which have accrued

THE OTHER WORLD.

It lies around us like a cloud, The world we do not see; Yet the sweet closing of an eye May bring us there to be.

thereunder.

Its gentle breezes fan our cheek Amid our worldly cares; Its gentle voices whisper love. And mingle with our prayers. Sweet hearts around us throb and beat Sweet helping hands are stirred, And palpitates the veil between, With breathings almost heard. The silence, awful, sweet, and calm, They have no power to break; For mortal words are not for them,

To utter or partake. So thin, so soft, so sweet they glide, So near to press they seem,

PEN-FLASHES FROM OHI PEN-FLASHES FROM OHIO. BY C. H. MATHEWS

pelled by a gasofine motor, is to be one COLOSSAL HUMBUG, "The world is governed too much." of the religious hovelties of New York This was the motio of a great nows. City. The Rer's D. E. Knapp, of the paper at Washington, D. C., half a cen-tury are to be one of the religious form the church. A dispensation of Divine Providence. tury ago. It is as true now as then.

BEGGING LETTERS. now pronounced "The whetedest city" Mr. Labouchers editor of the London in the whole world. Cutthroats from all orputh a world string of Possible

"Truth," exposes the "King of Begging over Christendom, renegade Moors, and Letter Writers," an industry that flourmore progressive future, teach the Soudanese slaves; slavery and polyishes in England. The "King" was gamy exist under the rule of a council formerly a Methodist parson who, beof the Christian Powers," Under the coming discontented with his small benign rule of the Sultan and the sanstipend, took to the more lucrative pro-fession of begging, He studied the ltary council whereof the British Minister Nicholson is president, all these weaknesses of public men, going into "first class nuisances exist in this wicked and picturesque city," we are their political and religious views. His prey consisted of peers, bishops, cabtold. Of course this state of affairs is inet ministers, generals, admirals, and the incentive to our goody-good people at least one American millionaire, Walto it-it's my creed. dorf Astor. It is alleged that he act-"save their souls alive." What a colosually got \$1,000 from Queen Victoria.

The newspaper exposed the rogue and shut off his traffic, He brought suit against the newspaper for libel, but lost the suit and had the costs to pay. Served him right. mong the drifting, fleeting clouds.

THE SOLID TRUTH.

a fellow-member of the House, closed with the words: "Fare you well. Charles F. Crisp. We shall see you no more on the shores of time. We say to I have often uttered strictures more or less severe on the Christian religion you a last and sad farewell." Nearly and its pompous expounders, of the all the speakers, we are told, referred to the Christian Religion as affording present day; but I find my views voiced so truthfully by Rev. George D. Herron. the only substantial hope of a blessed D. D., that I cannot refrain from quotimmortality. "What that country is, or whether any," said Mr. Dalzell, "to ing them: "Much of what we call Christianity is no less than an aristowhich we are all bound, no man shall cratic and shameless pauperism, thrivknow save the emigrant thereto. From ing on the wealth of sacrifice inherited him no answer comes, and philosophy from the past, resting in high-priced and speculation are in vain." If these pews and fashionable residences, cuncongressmen would read but a tithe of ningly someging a luxurious living out the spiritualistic literature extant, and of humanity, and superciliously labelattainable, they would not exing as charity the appeals made to hibit such dense ignorance on a vital serve the humanity that supports it." question when they approach the That is a very clear statement of the mournful duty of passing euology upon frozen truth a deceased member. But, as long as

SUPERSTITION.

Chambers' Journal truthfully says: so-called Christian(!) principles, we need not look for any reform. "'Tis true, "All the teaching of Christian ministers and school-masters for fifty years has

LACK OF SENSE. stitions brought over with the cargoes of slaves from the African coast during the previous two centuries." And yet the Christianized African is a controlling factor in American politics, Curious, isn't it?

MUSCULAR RELIGION

The golored brother seems to be imbued with muscular religion of the early days: There is a bitter fight between the trustees and members of the Second Baptist colored church, of Monongahela, Pa, Both sets of trustees got possession of the church on December 4. and held the fort, day and night. Prayer service was held Sunday morning, December with, but it passed off quietly and there was nobody hurt. Several arrests were expected. The black sheep are in dead earnest.

RUNS A RISK.

and tells tales out of school, he runs a risk of losing his life. A few months Who taught this doctrine—honorable and says a disputch from Laporte, in-diana, to the Pittsburg, Pa., Post, Rev. men! Father Sovelski delfvered a number of

lectures in this country in alleged exsense." posure of the Catholic church. A dis-

STRAIGHT TO HEAVEN:

Sovelski has been mysteriously missing for several weeks, and it is feared has Gentlemen, I am going straight to vania. He had the offrontery to get been a good Christian man, or he prudence! would not have believed that there is

TERRIBLE INFLICTION. t heaven. Hemurdered John Patterson, shooting him down on the street with-Phe Rev. A. Robbins, the chaplain-in-

CHILDRENS CORNER. wise enough to know "whom to spare and when to strike?" The trouble with us all is, we like our own way too well, forgetting those who

THE PETTED AND SPOILED PLAYare older and wiser than we, and know MATE, AND HIS SAD END. nfinitely better than we. Before we shall proceed,' I will try and answer the questions put in the

fingers everytime, if you wish to reach

them, but most of all, if we wish a

mother showed no partiality,

until spoiled.

But I feel sure none of our little readers belong to the "know-it-alls." many letters written by so many of the but will listen to older and wiser parents of the dear children whom I council. im trying to interest. But now I must say good-by for a

Question. Why are you so interested time, when I will tell you some more of in the children, while so many send my eventful life, for I promised our stories should not be fiction, but exthem to Sunday-School, or simply leave them out of the subject altogether? tracts from my own life. Yours with love. MADAME PARCELLS. Reply. First feel for the heartstrings of the parents, with the slender baby

THE HIGHER FORCES.

children progressive ideas, and coax them into larger temples of thoughts HOW BEAUTIFUL IS THIS WORLD year by year, and the future will How beautiful is this world when we take care of itself. Then, again, I love realize that we are in the morning of the work among the little ones, for as yet their little minds are unbiased. The in age of higher forces-the dawning of the active, the more potent, the more seed planted in the heart of a child will vivid. The world just beyond this is not only bud in youth, but blossom in reflecting its rays of light to lead us to riper years and bear fruit. I take an inthe heights beyond. We feel the imterest in children because I can't help portance of more, greater, wider activties, and it is of these that we catch I first opened my eyes in old New York State, with its beautiful landcertain reflections and suggestions, as the great movements of inventions are projected from that plane to this. The center of real life in its far-reaching, active forces, is indeed the real life; this present age feels the deeper realscapes, and beautiful hills that rear their lofty heads, ther after ther above the surrounding country, till they fairly pierce the blue heavens and are lost

this present age feels the deeper real ities as it treads across the stage. A few days earlier, there was ushered Now the capacity to receive impresinto this expression of life, and into the sions is of liself a more than valuable home of our esteemed neighbor, a tiny quality. To be acted upon by a higher baby-boy. With pardonable pride, our exalted something, is to be fond mothers often magnified our good very near he world of advancement. So the age qualities (as all fond mothers will advances, its capacity becomes more So as we grew older, Jimmie, the baby keen, and intimations of a more exboy, and I, became fast friends, for we tended order are caught by the active had played together, ever since the day brain of man and utilized to advance we had come out of the cradle. My a larger scale of being. The transforbut nation of thought to a higher plane will treated each new addition to the famnot take place except through active ily group alike; but not so with my growth in many lives, through incarnalittle friend Jimmie's mother, for he was tion and progression. Some advanced a king, her only boy, and no wish of transformations have already taken his was ever denied. He was petted place, and have been acted upon-tele-

graph, telephone, thought-transference, etc. The highest on the scale is thought-But as I look back upon his golden locks that clustered in soft ringlets ransference, for that is on the upward above his broad, white brow, and grade of communication with the world again those great luminous, soulful, beyond our mortal sight. Thoughtblue eyes, my own mother heart finds transference is psychic telegraphy, and a ready excuse for her over-indulgence the more rapidly it is extended the more The scarlet fever was raging in the satisfactory the interchange. neighborhood. It had visited almost

Every progression that man has availed himself of, is in the lines that every home and plucked from the family bouquet a bud or a blossom—somelie within the possibilities of a direct times selected the choicest of all. In path to and communication with those our own family circle two had been across the boundary line called death. taken, the one six hours later than the The unseen world is advancing light other. Both had been carried out, in a that cannot be gainsaid-cannot be turned aside for the older theories of double coffin, and lain away in a double grave. As I had been the first to come the cruder age. The wide down with the dreaded disease, 1 felt range topics, and the ability with which the that I in some way was responsible for can be presented to the man (ignorant the calamity that had befailen the peoof these growths) lie in the great ple. So when I got better, so I could nificance and value of the practical united with spiritual and occult forces. go out, I often visited those that were sick and dying; and 1 often went over All members of organizations which and visited my little friend and playcouncil together for the benefit of hufellow Jimmie. One day as I neared manity should invoke the higher, the the house I heard piteous sobs and divine afflatus for aid, it matters not in wails, and as I entered the house, there

what branch they find their interest to prone upon the floor lay his poor mother mankind, for it is in grand works that writhing in agony, wringing her hands, developments lead to perfection and the pleading with God to spare the life of light of all life, when evolution and exher only boy-for the doctors had told perience will make us fit for the Father's mansion, to there be one with here there was no longer hope, for he had only a few more hours to live.

Him. Kindly hands of neighbors tried to "And when the stream which over assuage her grief, but she only beat flowed the soul was passed away, a conthem all wildly back, and more franticsciousness remained that it had left deally than ever, tossed herself to and fro. posited upon the silent shore of memtearing her hair and vowing she would ory, images and precious thoughts that wreak her vengeance upon Almighty God shall not die, and cannot be destroyed." if he took from her herdarling and pride ROSE L. BUSHNELL. -ber only boy. If He must take one

Somehow, through some miraculous change, the boy recovered, but only to be petted and spoiled all the more, for poor mother did not soon forget LIGHT IS A SENSATION-SO SAYS how near she had come to losing her PROFESSOR DOLBEAR. precious, only boy. So as he grew older, and more exacting, he went from bad

From a magazine article by Professor Dolbear of Tufft college, the following to worse, until at the time I was maris taken:

HARRISON D. BARRETT. With portraits representing Mrs. Richmond is 1857, in 1876, and in 1894.

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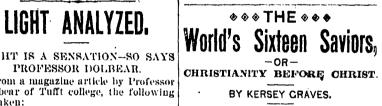
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At Birmingham (Christian) England, tween two bruisers, was declared a draw on the 11th round. The account says the fight was of the most terrific character. One of the men became ap-parently insane as the result of the fight. One had his head terribly battered by the sledge-hammer blows on his head and face; yet he was able to remark that he hoped his Boston, Mass.,

friends will understand that it was a "great battle." It was the lookers-on that finally became ashamed and stopped the fight. America is not the only country that is disgraced by the P. R. The lion and the lamb do not lie down together as the result of much Christian teaching, even in "the mother

It is not the result of "false philosophy" And faise Theology combined-

Philosophy that knew not what it did: When a Catholic leaves the church Theology that did not what it knew? And yet they were all "honorable men"

Whose failing was a lack of common

Adolfo Rodriguez, a Cuban insurgent

country.'

WHAT A РИТҮ.

Mr. Morse, M. C., of Massi, in paying

patch from Crown Point says that James B. Inks was executed by hang-

ing on the scaffold, at Oregon, Holt Co.; Missouri, on the 30th January. He been foully defilt with. He was a walked to the gallows with a firm step: priest in the coal regions of Pennsylheaven!" Then the drop fell and his married after he renounced the Catholic neck was broken by the fall. He must religion. What impudence! Or, im-

out a word of warning, on account of ordinary of Queon Victoria at Windsor,

not been able to destroy the dark super-

in any way or by any methods shall hold himself or herself out to the public as qualified to treat sick persons, or shall by any method attempt to relieve the sick, either as nurse, magnetic healer, spirit medium, clairvoyant, christian scientists, mental scientist, di vine healer, massauguer, or medical electricity, or give medicated Turkish or vapor baths, shall be registered as reination prescribed.

Sec. 111 .- Within thirty days after this act shall take effect, every man or woman engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in any of its branches in this State and all who wish to begin the same in this State, and all persons mentionca in Section I. and II. of this act shall prepare a careful statement of his or her history, and shall therein state when and where he or she was born, when or where he or she began the study of medicine and surgery or the heating art which he or she pro fesses, also what preparatory studies he or she pursued, also the place of places, institutions or colleges where h or she has pursued his or her studies in medicine or surgery, or in what other manner he or she became qualified to practice medicine and surgery or the profession or art of healing; also when or where he or she began the practice of medicine and surgery or the healing art or profession; also all places where he or she has practiced medicine and surgery or any healing art or profession prior therete, also the colleges or college or institutions of learning of any and all kinds from which he or she has received a diploma or certificate of graduation; also at what age he or she commenced the study of medicine and surgery or the profession and art of healing in any of its branches, and also any and all other occupations and business which he or she has followed other than the practice of medicine and surgery or the profession or art of healing; also all medical societies or associations to which he or she belongs or at any time belonged. The person making such a statement or history, shall also give the names of three reputable citizen residing in each place, town, village or city in which he or she has resided and practiced medicine and surgery in any of its branches or the healing art or profession for six months. Such statement or history shall always contain a statement of the school or system of medicine and, surgery or the healing art or profession which the person making the same professes to prac-tice at the time of the making thereof. and also what means and agencies or she cumbored in the healing of the sick. Such statement or history shall be subscribed by the person making the same in the presence of two reputable citizens who shall be free-holders and "Spiritual Unfoldment" and "The who shall also sign their names to said Dwellings of the Dead." You should statement or history as attesting witnesses. The person making such statement, shall prepare as many of them as the exigencies of this act may require, in the manner aforesaid provided, and he or she shall deliver to the Clerk of the township, village or city, where he or she resides, such statement, together with twenty-five cents, and thereupon Clerk shall file and preserve the same in his office. He or she shall also

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They hall us gently to our rest, They melt into our dream. And, in the hush of rest they bring, TTis easy now to see. How lovely and how sweet a pass The hour of death may be-To close the eye and close the ear, Wrapped in a trance of bliss, And, gently drawn in loving arms, To swoon from that to this-

Scarce knowing if we wake or sleep, Scarce asking where we are, To feel all evil sink away. All sorrow and all care! Sweet souls around us, watch us still Press nearer to our side: Into our thoughts, into our prayers, With gentle helping glide Let'death between us be as naught, A dried and vanished stream; Your joy be the reality, Our suffering life the dream.

-HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

SUNSETS NEVER COLD.

go the common way of all: The sunset fires will burn, The flowers will blow, the river flow. When I no more return, to whisper from the mountain pine, Nor lapsing stream shall tell The stranger, treading where I tread, Of him who loved them well. But beauty seen is never lost, God's colors are all fast; The glory of this sunset heaven Into my soul has passed-A sense of gladness uncoufined To mortal date or clime: As the soul liveth, it shall live Beyond the years of time. Beside the mystic asphodels Shall bloom the home-born flowers, And new horizons flush and glow With sunset hues of ours. Farewell! These smiling hills must

wear Too soon their wintry frown, And snow-cold winds from off them

shake The maple's red leaves down. But I shall see a summer sun-Still setting broad and low; The mountain slopes shall blush and blow.

The golden water flow. A lover's claim is mine and all I'see to have and hold--The rose-light of perfetual hills, And sunsets never cold -J. G. WHITTIER.

WHY REMAIN IN IGNORANCE. You should read Col. Ingersoli's mastrly address. You should read Mrs. crly address. 100 shows lectures on Cora L. Y. Richmond's two lectures on Unfoldment" and "The read about the' Roman Octopus and "The Night the Light Went Out," and above all you should read -President Barrett's Address before the National

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a fancied insult. "Salvation is free to has just preached his 5000th sermon. ill," from the orthodox stand-point. So So says a news item. If her gracious majesty had to listen to all these ser-James will get there. mons, she will indeed deserve the sym-CHRISTIAN SPAIN.

pathy of all her subjects. HOLY FILCHING.

etc., from Madagascar-a sentiment

that elicited cheers. Thus it will be

seen that the English as well as the

American missionaries are getting in their work; and "raising Cain," so to

speak. The spread of the Christian re-

ligion in foreign lands seems to be at-

come not to bring

tended with a great deal of expense

who was fighting for the freedom of the The court of appeals, Albany, N. Y. sland, and was the only son of a Cuban farmer, was taken prisoner about the has decided against Archbishop Corri-1st of December, 1896, and was tried by gan, of N. Y., in a suit by Maria T. Upa drum-head court martial and conpington, whereby she gets possession of thirty-lwo lots in New York City, demned to be shot on the next day. January 19. Two Catholic priests valued at over \$60,000. The property were present to let the young man kiss the was deeded to the late Archbishop crucifix, before his death. He died like Hughes in 1801, with the proviso that a hero. Spain is not a notable Chrisland should be consecrated and a tian (!) country; but the fiendish out- Catholic church built on it within a rages that have been perpetrated on reasonable time. No church was built helpless women and children, who were innocent of any wrong, except of being until 1891; so Catholicism will be sixty thousand dollars short. But they are a thrifty people, and managed to get many thousand of dollars' worth of born under Spanish rule, have been so flagrant as to justify, long ago, interference by the rest of Christendom to property from the city 25 or 30 years end the war and stop the further shed ago that never cost them a cent; was dipg of innocent blood. The Spanish simply filched from the tax-payers. outrages leave Turkey entirely in the NOT PEACE, BUT A SWORD. shade. How long will the Christians

In the French chamber of deputies. look ou with composure? December 7, 1896, a little bit of hatred

SUCH IS LIFE. for England was manifest. M. Guisse Suicides have been very numerous of remarked that M. Mickelin had spoken late: Two prominent bankers of Chi- of British gold, and pointed out that the cago; Mr. Hammond, vice-president of English missionaries had been the first a private bank; also Mr. Geo. B. Wil-kins, vice-president of the Commercial maintained that M. Laroche had obeyed bank of Salma, Alabama who shot "the Bible societies who had protected himself at the altar rail in the St. Paul's him." "These societies." he added, Episcopal church. Other suicides from Baltimore, etc. These suicides are and stealing our possessions." He mostly rich men, who have been steal-ing the bank's money, and are found in influences of the English Methodists." high standing in Sungay-school and M. Rounet moved that the government church circles. Such is life. expel the Jesuits, Marists, Methodists.

and trouble.

peace, but a sword."

THE DRINK MABIT.

Episcopal Bishop Doaye, of Albany, N. Y., addressing the ministers of his diocese recently, said that the use of stimulants (intoxicants) "cannot be universally condemned or forbidden with out reflecting upon both the creation and the revelation of God, and upon the character and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ." The world may thank Jesus Christ."

New Philaglelphia, Ohio. Bishop Doane for nothing, for the drink habit will spread fast enough among believers without the sanction of God, the Bible, Jesus Christ, or the Episcopal church.-Truth Seeker.

VERY RELIGIOUS!

The New York Sun says of the Span ish people: "They are a high-minded. spirited, valorous, generous, thoughtful, and very religious people.' Ta which "The Truth Secker" responds: "But for their genius in this direction, stimulated by their religion, the world might have been without such a thing in its history as the Spanish Inquisi-sale at this office; Price 25 cents.

tion." Ah, there! GOSPEL AND COFFEE.

The gospel swagon on wheels, pro-

Baptist Church of the Reddemer, will Dr. Phelon's "Three Sevens," and other be the driver. When the weather is too works descriptive of or alluding to the cold to preach, 200 or 300 cups of hot various occult societies, which seem to

MYSTERIOUS DISPENSATION. At the close of Thanksgiving services and pointed letter to Bishop Hortsmann. At the First Baptist church, Chatta-It is good reading, and should be widely distributed, that people may be enlight-

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Mr. G. W. Nelson, an officer of the ened concerning the ways and methods church and member of the choir, fell of Rome and its priesthood. Price 15c. forward on his face and died before he For sale at this office.

stripling youth of fifteen, he was a poor drunken sot.

of the family, take a girl, but spare her

boy.

Years flew by, and I had nearly forgotten my little playfellow, until, one fall I went home to visit my parents and the scenes of my childhood, and roam once more through the sweetscented flower garden, and live over again the pleasant scenes of childhood days. But almost the first news that was told me was, "Jimmie Russel hangs tomorrow." He, to satisfy his over indulged desires, had robbed a wealthy neighbor; the man had awoke, recognized him, and he thrust a dagger to his heart.

A few years ago, while in New York ity, I visited the Chamber of Horrors. see a ring of light with great distinct-Here all the figures in the scenes, were ness. An electric shock, a bump upon done in wax, life size, and they looked the head, will also give one the sensaalmost as if they could speak, as their tion of light, and in the absence of other eyes rolled in their sockets, while their aids to a judgment, no one could tell breasts would rise and fall with false what was the antecedent of given light respiration. A familiar face attracted sensation. my attention and I stepped across the Radiations from a luminous body. hall, and to my amazement, I stood and reflections from a non-luminous face to face with what represented my one, were not long ago thought to conchildhood companion and his mother, sist of three different kinds of raysfor here, done in wax, were the scenes heat, light and actinic rays. It has been I have just related. discovered that there is no such dis-

First came the robbery and murder tinction in fact. What a ray will do depends upon what it falls upon. The scene; following this the capture, then the felon's cell, then came the trial, same ray that falls upon the eye and and the poor mother pleading for the produces the sensation of light would life of her boy, while the tears trickled heat another body or do photographic work. The only difference in rays is down her cheeks and dripped at her in their longer or shorter wave lengths. feet. This was the scene that had attracted my attention, for the woman's and the energy of a wave does not deface had changed very little indeed, pend upon its length. From this follows that there is no such thing as save to have grown a degree older and a shade sadder; but the boy I never light as distinguished among forces or would have recognized as the playfelforms of energy. Light is a sensation. low and companion of my childhood. and in the absence of eves no such dis-Then followed the execution, and I tinction could possibly be discovered. turned away sick, for it brought vivid-Light, then, as a particular kind of ly back to my recollection how only a agency, takes no part in phenomena few short years ago, I had seen this outside of the eye. The eye of man is same woman prone upon the floor, adapted to respond to certain wavetearing her hair, and vowing to wreak lengths, and the eyes of other animals her vengeance upon Almighty God, if are adapted to respond to other wavehe took from her this same boy-the joy lengths. If our eyes were adapted to perceive all wave-lengths, the whole and hope of her future, this boy of whom she had expected so much comuniverse would be always light about fort-but this was her reward. us, and every object, whatever its temperature, could always be seen as easily She had forgotten (or never learned)

as we now see objects when the sun that true happiness is a perfect blend-"The Molecular Hypothesis of Naing of our finite wills, with the great infinite will Divine. She forgot that shines. ture." By Prof. Win. M. Lockwood. Prof. Lockwood is recognized as one of the ablest lectury so the spiritual ros-trum. In this little volume he presents in succinct form the substance of his l'ctures on the Molecular Hypothesis even though that infinite intelligence should see fit to visit our homes and pluck our fondest and dearest, this in-Boston for the purpose of distinguishelligence is far wiser than we, and ing mushrooms from toadstools. knows best what is for our good. Then of Nature; 'and presents his views as many Spiritualists continue to desire a an intelligence that is able to swing in-'society. to stellar space, planet after planet, world upon world, constellations and systems, is able to care for a few of usmushroom (usually our societies grow a ligudful of his children that inhabit that way awhile): but if it kills the par-A new edition of "Three Sevens," by

this small planet earth, for we are only a small part of the great systems of the Phelons, is just issued. The May Arena says: "The gist of such books as worlds, that are inhabited like ours. Think of it, dear children; in the

Milky Way alone there are eighteen millions of suns, with their systems of inhabited worlds, and by looking have a bakery in the chapel and will bake home-made pies, cakes, bread, doughnuis, and other delicacies. It through instruments we may see eighteen billions of suns with their systems of worlds, all revolving alound these seems we cauhave both a "church" and a suns, their common centers; and the thereby we can form a useful society. end is not yet, for when we have scaled Prof. Geo. P. Rudolph, Ph. D., ex-priest of the diocese of Cleveland, O. A sharp Is any further argument needed? Fra-The highest pinnacle of the furtherest ternally, sun and leveled our instruments, we may behold even a greater number studding the fathomless depths of the "Origin and Antiquity of Man," By

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is taken: To one who has not paid any attention to what has been done in molecular sci-ence within the past fifteen or twenty years, the phenomena of light may and probably do seem to be due to a unique agency, as much as hent or electricity; therefore he looks upon light as he looks upon the others in the hierarchy of the physical sciences, and expects that in its absence a potent agency or kind-or energy is lacking. That this idea and propholo are all wrong will be ap-parent when it is recognized that what we call "light" is a particular sensation in the eye, and that to produce the sen-sation there is no one antergetus that in the eye, and that to produce the sen-sation there is no one antergetus that an in the eye, and that to produce the sen-sation there is no one antergetus that in the eye, and that to produce the sen-sation there is no one antergetus that in the eye, and that to produce the sen-sation there is no one antergetus that prove states on the subsence and cargument to the close and infracture and cargument of an anter collation of the surface and hard cortexitor and an anter product of a charge. For sale at there on the part is no one antergetus that in the eye, and that to produce the sen-sation there is no one antergetus that the sale of created and corrected. With portrait of a unor. Price \$1.60. Postage 16 cents. For sale at ried and left home, although but a sation there is no one antecedent that is essential. Press the eye with the finger in the darkest night, and one will

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selves. Michigan State Spiritual Asso-

clation at its recent mass-meeting at

Lansing appointed a committee to take

this matter in charge, with M. A. Root.

The committee has also drafted a sub-

stitute bill which will be introduced and

them,

THE ALARM.

Endeavor Union.

RELIGIOUS FANATICISM AND CHI- or editor who reaches for a handful of CANERY - QUEER CLIPPINGS | mud whenever a brother pastor's head appears too prominently across the sec-tarian fence is a public infliction. FROM CALIFORNIA COLUMNS.

Omaha, Neb.:-A startling theological Dr. Rader is honored by Endeavorers, ditions, Rey, Charles Savage was He will be deservedly honored at the It demands that worshiping must be 1897 convention. He a is courageous, done only in the nude. uractical, devoted friend of all that the Rev. John Morrow has started a re

CON MILLION

ligious creed of his own which is said to have a very extensive following among the women of Omaha. He is the only man who takes part. Once he was a Presbyterian in good standing. Outsiders becoming aware of the con-ditions, Rec. Charles Savage was sent to call on Morrow and demand an explanation. Morrow admitted that he preached that it was lawful to worship ligious creed of his own which is said preached that it was lawful to worship fulness in the presence of suffering and perfectly nude, and said that he pracneed does not depend upon his estimate of the capacity of a whale or the Mosaic ticedit. He said that he found authority for it all through the Bible, and referred authorship of the Pentateuch. especially to John xill. He said this doctrine would prove that shame and induced to follow the Occident in its fear and passion were dead, and there un-Christian attack upon Dr. Rader. were other benefits that God alone We shall be proud of his co-operation at the 1897 convention. We are not goknew, He didn't. Rev. Savage later stated to a lady who attended Morrow's ing to hend ourselves to the religious meetings the questions and replies. persecution that has been so long a blot upon denominationalism. We recognize She said she had believed the doctrine

and had practiced it. The latest dispatches record a big church row in Tacoma, Wash. Many families are broken up by a religious graze. A preacher almost insane. Result of the preaching of a California missionary en route to China, Rev. Peter Robinson, who advocates the doc tripe of personal sanctification. Ten days ago this missionary began

preaching this doctrine of "bodily sanetification in the First Baptist church of Facoma. Those who have accepted this doctrine style themselves the "Comeonters," and number over a score. Hali of them are women who have left their husbands because of this belief.

Two weeks ago Rev. Harriman, the pastor, concluded that the Holy spirit had left him and to regain it he has fasted and prayed for two weeks; then he joined the "comeouters" and decared the would not preach there again "The mills of the Gods grind slow but antil the "demon" was driven out of the sure." Liberalism which is developed church members. The trustees tried to get him to go away and rest. They fear dermining the church as slowly and

that brain fever will result. These "comeouters" have become so worked up that both men and women uppermost." have given way to hysteria. Social in the church, owing to the prominence of the persons and the strong objections of the humbhands of the many difference of a many of a many in which the many of a many in which the of the husbands of the "sanctified" women. One of these women became so hysterical that she had to be taken home and locked up in her room under a physician's care. Verily the works of the howling dervishes in the January

revivals are bearing fruit. Joseph C. Rodriques has liberally them, provided for his soul. By the terms of To see themselves as others see them." the decree of distribution of the estate MARY E. VAN LUVEN. of the above deceased he paid out \$900 for masses as follows: Rev. Gloria \$500; Rev. J. J. Pimentel \$50; Rev. E. F. Fernandez \$150; Rev. A. M. Santos \$50; Rev. Gabriel Soares \$150. Thus you see that this devout Catholic was deter-

mined to escape purgatory. In the face of the hard times the churches collected a larger sum for missions than in any former year, being \$434,868,00. In addition to the sales of the American Bible Society it needs \$250,000 a year to maintain its work and it is surpassed by seven other misisionary societies of the United States. Great appeals are rising everywhere for all Christendom to contribute liberally to its support.

An orthodox war is waxing warm in San Francisco over a series of sermons leader of the Christian Endeavor, Soof that city. The wrath of the local Presbyterian organ, the Occident neau.

REPORT BY SECRETARY WOOD BURY-ENTHUSIASTIC MASS-MRETINGS HELD, ATTENDED WITH GREAT SUCCESS--LIBER-AL DONATIONS MADE AND AN IMPETUS GIVEN TO THE CAUSE OF TRUTH.

The past three months the business at his office has been such as to demand the almost constant attention of three Endeavor movement means to the church persons. Balance in treasury N. S. A. January

st. \$1, 328.77. Membership, 163 societies Purchased recently library of Prof Worthen, formerly State Geologist of Illinois; also list of books now out of print from Colby & Rich. One thousand Annual Reports printed, same edited by President Barrett, State Agents appointed and certificates issued. Missionaries 1897 appointed and certificates issued. Correspondence opened with all camp-meetings in this The Endeavorers are not going to be country applying for a day for the N.S.

A. during the camp season. Sunday law measures opposed in Con-gress: Public meetings held in Washngton, D. C., addressed by President Barrett, Secretary Woodbury, Hon. L. V. Moulton, Dr. G. A. Fuller, on "God in the Constitution, Taxation of church in Dr. Rader a man of true Christian property and Sunday laws.

spirit, whose faith and loyalty to Jesus January 7th, mass-meeting at Balti-Christ as the Divine Redeemer and more, Md. Addresses by President Barrett, Mrs. C. L. V. Richmond, Hon. whose passion for true service to his fellowman no man has questioned. L. V. Moulton, Dr. Geo, A. Fuller, Rev. The so-called heretic is to-day doing Mrs. Walcott, Secretary Woodbury, Mr less to subvert faith and repel intelli-F. A. Wiggin and Mrs. Powers. Tests gent young men and women than those by Mr. Wiggin and Mr. H. Altimus few who rebel at free inquiry and seek Music, Mrs. M. Wheeler Brown and Mi to stiffe investigation. These are turn-Altimus. ing young men and women away from

February 2nd, mass-meeting in Bos on, Mass., Spiritual Temple, addressed by President Barrett and o host of tal ent as reported already in papers. February 3rd and 4th, mass-meeting

in Brooklyn, N. Y., Historical Hall, This meeting was up to date the most successful yet held by the N. S. A. A committee from the Brooklyn Societies with Hon. A. H. Daily as president, W. Wines Sargent, secretary, completed and carried out a magnificent program Audiences large, representative and enthusia stie.

through the mighty public schools is un-\$800 in each and pledges were raised to back New York State Association surely as the earth follows its orbit about to be organized under the superaround the sun. "Truth must come vision of Frank Walker, Esq., State Representative of the N. S. A. He will The Presbyterian Occident is evident be assisted in this work by E. W Sprague, Esq., Missionary of the N. S ., who will devote the month of March pant of a room in which an explosion took place. It blew her through the o reviving the work in New York State. Messrs, Walker, Sprague and Woodbars of her cage and she was found bury, after the eloquence of President divested of the most of her plumage Barrett, Mrs. Russeque and Mrs. Carrie clinging to a broken frame on the wall Twing, created much enthusiasm by their appeals with the result above "Oh, would some power the gift gie mentioned. During the meetings learned and able addresses were delivered by Hon. A. H. Daily, of Brooklyn, of "Why am I a Spiritualist," Clark Bell, Esq. and Albert Bach, Esq. of the New MARY E. VAN LUVEN. Oakland, Cal., Jan. 7, 1897. York Bar. Mr, Bell's subject was "Psychological Studies:" Mr. Bach's, "Spirt ualism and Insanity." Rev. Frank E. Mason, an independent preacher also delivered an eloquent speech ou "The THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Possibilities of Man." Able addresses were also given by Mrs. Tillie U. Reyn-TRYING TO ESTABLISH A MEDolds, Mrs. Lizzie Harlow, Mrs. E. A. ICAL MONOPOLY IN MICHIGAN, Cutting, Thos. Grimshaw, Esq., and W. AND THEY WILL DO IT UNLESS I. Colville (the latter speaking on "Lib-THE SPIRITUALISTS IN THAT eral Spiritualism and Spiritual Liberalism"), W. Wines Sargent, Dr. J. C. Wy-STATE GO TO WORK AT ONCE, HON. I. V. MOULTON SOUNDS man, Mrs. B. R. Plum, J. W. Kenyon, munications, Mrs. May Pepper, Mrs. T.

To all whom it may concern: A bill U. Reynolds, Mrs. E. W. Sprague, all is now pending in the Michigan Legis-lature designed to establish medical were good and recognized. The musical program was of the finest and the commonopoly in this State. It provides for mittee deserves especial uraise for their san francisco over a series of sormons a board of examiners composed of the given by Rev. Wm. Rader, pastor of the Third Congregational Church and a board of examiners composed of the four "pathles" specified and appointed bitt, Mrs. F. K. Sieber and Miss Lillie by the Governor; and all persons not Chapman were the artists selected for licensed by this board will be prohibited this important part of the program, under pains and penalties from prac-and won for themselves storms of ap-



THE INDIAN FAMINE. RELIEVING STARVING NATIVES AT A RESIDENCY. [From the Illustrated London News.]

A SAD PICTURE OF THE PRESENT, they sleep in the sun, the feast that has DISTRESS IN INDIA-ITS PEOPLE been brought them.

STARVING AND DYING FROM AN SCENES IN THE HOSPITALS. EPIDEMIC DISEASE-LIFE ON "One day I went with Mr. Snow, the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay, to THIS EARTH HAS NOT YET REACHED THE ANGELIC STAGE, visit the hospital at Parel, a suburb, where patients stricken with the 'tchon-Prince Bogidar Karageorgevitch, a great traveler, hunter and linguist, is ma' are treated. It is a large frame

now in India studying the ravages of matting, which is burned when it bework of Iron, roofed and walled with the famine and plague. In a letter from comes impregnated with microbes. Bombay to the Paris Figaro the Prince

writes: "In the Hindoo quarter, among the little shops, the natives are burning sandalwood and incense, and the air is heavy with the pungent odor of phenol. Before a stricken house from which a body is being borne away are large sheets. Then it was noticed that there ple of India are "in conflict with a plaques of a roseate hue. All around the soil seems stained with a yellowish the groins. liquid.

"In the native quarter, along the sea, more frequent. Colaba, a semi-English quarter, is almost deserted. "The Bourse and most of the manu-

that 250,000 workmen have fled from the city.

"Every evening there is a crowd of excited people at the station who have successively missed all the trains dur-ing the day. A mobiof white and red coolies hustle each galar around the ticket office, as they extend their money and murmur their, prayers. The poor cry aloud, push frantically, are thrown down and back, but return to the charge again and again. In the center of the station groups of women and children await the welcome ticket which will permit them to flee. Then the last train goes, and the huge crowd throws itself mon the ground, to sleep

scientists, healers, and every form of E. F. Kurth, Mr. Barber, Dr. Wyman, the dates, threw the grain into remedies of a Hindoo doctor will allow practice except such as may be per- and all the committee of the arrange- the sea, but the scourge re- to die tomorrow. the scat, but the scourge re-mained and grew from day to day. One morning the people found a lot of dead rats, then some pigeons and chick-In the blue air of the night that was cus; then a dead man, then others. "In the hospitals, thanks to inoculation, more than two thirds of those were rising that slowly spread them-

THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE THERE-A VALUABLE CONTRI-BUTION BY AN OFFICER IN THE INDIAN SERVICE.

multiprogrammed with microbes. "Upon low slatted beds, covered with dia, regarding whom Hudson Tuttle re-

offer a few remarks about the condi-

BY ELEANOR KIRK.

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Drs. Maybe

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Because you don't want to en-

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reed mats, the unfortunates lie groan-plies to a correspondent in The Progres ing. The doctor who treats them took sive Thinker of January 30. No doubt us from one to another. They were un- the great principles governing the solucovered for us and at first sight nothing tion and progress of races and peoples

unusual was discerned upon their are being clearly and lucidly stated by bronze bodies, all naked under the him, but it is not the case that the peowere swellings under the arms and at superior race-the English."

White races cannot sottle in the In-"in one of the wards are the conva- dian climate, and therefore no colonizescents and light cases. At the very ing of India by the English or any "In the native quarter, along the sea, rescents and right cases. At the total ing of risking by the English of any the plague seems to flourish unre-strained, and the houses, odorous with chlorine and phenol; become more and of the beds. He was a refugee from the of the Indian people, who under our famine district and came here only to government have increased very greatly fall a victim to another pest. The at-

tendants awaken him and he opens his and intelligence. factories are closed.¹⁰ It is estimated great superb eyes and smiles like a Left to themselves, the Indian people happy street urchin and then goes to are entirely non-progressive andhad resleep again. He is improving and, after mained stationary until our advent into having braved the famine and the the country, Also, not possessing the "tchouma' will probably live to tell of power of self-government which the an experience that few have passed Anglo-Saxon methas developed, the ln-

through. dian population were at the mercy of "In bamboo cottages covered with matting are isolated the Hindoos who will only allow themselves to be treated will only allow themselves to be treated with simple remedies by Hindoo physland and perpetually fought among icians. An old man is there. The doc-tor is applying a white paste to his order; there was no peace, law, or order; the roads (such as they wereneck. He is delirious and regards us mere trucks) were infested with gangs with a vacant stare.

of thugs and robbers so that traveler "Another case is that of a Hindoo wo-"Another case is that of a trinkov we had to join together in armed parties man who was brought here with her husband yesterday; he died this norn-ling. She is very beautiful, for the dis-he would ever reap his crop unmolested. had to join together in armed parties

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Then it is no wonder they oppose Biblical criticism. A champion for Rader appears in the urged by it, providing for equal rights

person of Seymour W. Condon, president for all kinds of practice, and guarding of Almeda Co., Christian Endeavor against fraud or false pretense on the Union, whose article is so full of beliefs part of any. startling to the clergy that I send the We hereby call upon, and urge

stariling to the clergy that I send the all who are interested in this work, to send in funds. They will be judicious-The demand made by the Occident, the local Presbyterian organ, that Rev. ly and legitimately used and fully accounted for by the committee. This Dr. Radertake no part in the 1897 Chrismatter is urgent, and need be responded

tian Endeavor Convention on account to promptly, to enable the committee of his alleged unorthodox views, has o do its work. brought forth this reply: All remittances should be sent to May Editor "Chronicle:" Since the Occident F. Ayres, secretary, 129 River street

has arrogated to itself the right to read Dr. Rader out of the Endeavor move-ment and more especially out of the '97 Lansing, Mich., or to M. A. Root, 1209 5th avenue, Bay City, Mich. L. V. MOULTON, convention, as reported in the columns of the "Chronicle," it becomes entirely appropriate for Endeavorers to decide

for themselves whether their members THE NEXT WORLD INTERVIEWED and leaders are to be tested by the 1 have just finished reading for the second time that grand. work entitled standard of any denominational creed "The Next World Interviewed." inst or dogma.

If the editor of the Occident, who has issued from the press by that enterprisnut so much spleen into his criticism of ing journal. The Progressive Thinker. Dr. Rader, hopes to stay the tendency always foremost in every noble enteramong intelligent young men and woprise calculated to advance that glorious men to think for themselves, it will not cause we all so dearly love. I have debe accomplished by vindictive criticism rived much pleasure and great profit in or un-Christian and unbrotherly treatperusing its interesting pages all glow ment of a man generally admired and ing with rich thoughts from such loved by Endeavorers for his moral refined and cultured spirits, as Lincoin, courage and high Christian character. Greeley, Judge Edmunds, Seward, Long-The tendency of Christian young men fellow, Dickens, Emerson, Robert Bruce

and women to do their thinking and re-Lord Beaconsfield, Thomas Carlyle fuse to follow in the spiritual calf paths made by the wanderings of their fore-fathers is not measured by the relative others. They give us their experience numerical strength of the more liberal in the other life, tell us of their lovely denominations. homes over there, their varied occupa-4 Any one in touch with the young peo-ple of any denomination may, if he will, ure and profit. If you have any de-

find that its young people do not get sire, my dear friends, to learn some-out of their church when they differ the-thing of your future home, procure ologically with their pastor. We ven without delay a copy of that wonderful ture the assertion that if any strictly gift of the angels to mortals here below; orthodox Protestant pastor in the city whereby you will soon acquire a thor-San Francisco or Oakland knew the ough knowledge of that beautiful home real convictions of his flock upon mat- beyond the grave.

ters of belief he would be surprised In conclusion I would say that these and startled. The younger element in wonderful communications contained in the churches is fired with a more prac- the book come through the superior fical zeal than that which centers about mediumship of Mrs. Horn. one of the the preservation of the story of Jonah queens of earth, whose gentle and lovand the whale or Noah's disembarka- ing nature attracts splits of a like chartion on Ararat. acter.' She is entirely destitute of every

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ered branches fall. As truth goes marching on.

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holy light on high, And truth goes marching on. 'Tis the business of the little minds to

shrink' at custom's frown. The heart that feels not now, is dead to truth's divine renown 'The times hath found us' asking for

humanity's fair crown, And truth goes marching on." FRANCIS B. WOODBURY. jasmine flowers.

Secretary FRANCIS B. WOODBURY, Sec.

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

It ought to be made a penitentiary offense to point a gun, loaded or unloaded. at another. The number of deaths following such pastime is simply ap palling, the defense always, "I didn't know, the gun was loaded," when the



them for a line and then have them return again. mean a radical cure. I have made the disease of FITS. EPILEPSY or FALLING SUCKNESS a life-long study. I warrant my remedy to cure the worst make a recent of the disease of the disease of not now receiving a cure. Send at once for a treating made a rece Bouthe of my intallible remedy. Give East press and Postoffice address. PIOL W. J. FIERE, F.D., 4 CedarSi., New York Suggish with much feeding, await, as

stricken recover. But the idea of mixing selves over the heavens. the častes, of personal contact with in-feriors drives the Hindoos away from the hospitals: they prefer to remain at visited three days ago. He had died, the hospitals; they prefer to remain at and where his bed had stood incense home, trusting to their native doctors was burning in a copper vase, and an and sorcerers, lost beyond recall—and they die there clinging to their laws of social life and to their superstitions un-"The religion of the Parsees, who Tower of Silence his bones are bleach form a very large part of the population ing, soon to be blown away in dust."

of Bombay, requires all sorts of prac-tices before and after death which are The above illustration represents most pitiful scene in India. In this impossible in a hospital, which is why country, with its freedom from epi the Parsees cling to their houses. "At the home of an ill Parsee whom demic diseases and with an abundance of food, the people can hardly realize

I went to see a woman was washing a the sad condition of the starving, dying white role in which they will dress the millions of that far-off land. It is terdead tomorrow for his last toilet. This rible to contemplate. And while the prosperous inhabitants of the United robe must be washed by some member of the family; and the woman, who States are gazing on this scene of knew that her husband had the plague misery, it will come their turn, somelines, because a great deal of error is and was lost, and who was preparing time to suffer as in some manner the the shrond, betrayed a mute, tearless people of India are suffering to-day, resignation that touched me deeply. The angelic stage of life has not been resignation that touched me deeply. FUNERALS FILL THE STREETS. reached in this civilized nation. When "In the narrow streets funerals are that has been attained, every home will constantly passing. A Hindoo is borne be an asylum to succor some one less government, aided by the railways, enfortunate LUCRETIUS. on litters, the body painted red, the

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face hideous, grinning with a livid smile under the scarlet pigment of his "The Woman's Bible, Part I. The cheeks. The body is covered with gar-Pentateuch. Comments on Genesis, lands of jasmine and Bengal roses. Be-Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deutfore the bier a man walks bearing a The contrast between the eronomy. thoughts of these brave women and the thoughts of the orthodox world during all time past, is very striking. Keen analysis, ripe scholarship and fearless

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vase in which are live coals, with which the pyre will be lighted. Behind march scores of people shaking rattles and beating upon a long drum. "Then follow the friends, each carry adherence to the right, characterize ing a piece of wood, which they will add to the funeral-pile in honor of the dead. "And here are others-Mussulmans.

with a maroon-colored cloth, embroidered in gold. The bearers and those who follow sing a pecular melody that ethics. She illustrates her subject with many brief narratives and anecdotes, is almost gay as they march slowly to-

wards the Moslem cemetery, on the shores of the sea, where the dead will sleep under the great bhuyans and the

jasmine flowers, "Upon a litter covered with white Lyceum. In the bands of mothers and teachers it may be made very useful, draperies, the dead, clothed in white, is Young and old will be benefited by it.

draperies, the usual, grouped in white, is Young and old will be benefited by it. borne along by eight high also in white, 'Cloth \$1. For sale at this office, and gloved in white, 'The Parsee cus-tom demands that the dead shall be shrouded and carried to, the tower of leated to all earnest, souls who desire,

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FAITHFUL TO ITS RECORD. Catholicism is exhibiting its tyrannical hand at this fime quite in keeping with its established character. It has been shown how it is dictating legislation in the Dominion of Canada. No some young man several years Mrs. week passes without some attempt of Nellis's junior. Mrs. Stowell and her aggression on the rights of others, growing more oppressive from year to year as its organization is strengthened and its numbers are augmented by foreign importations. The police force in all our principal cities are servile slaves of that church, ready to rise in revolt at any time, or to do any dirty work at and Gardner, and, taking Maggie Holthe bidding of their priestly masters. The latest demonstration of the pecullaritles of this church coming to our pects. Miss Holbrook testified that she knowledge, occurred in New York on the evening of the 31st ult. The facts are gleaned from a full report appearing the next morning in the New York Herald, kindly sent us by a friend resi-

dent in that city, to whom thanks. Col. Ingersoll had contracted for the Harlem Opera House, where he was to deliver an address on the Bible, on Sunday, the 7th inst. He had placarded the advertising boards with his posters, and displayed his lithographs on the

The Catholics engaged the opera house for a church entertainment on the preceding Sunday evening. Arriving at the entrance and seeing the Colonel's posters, they refused to enter until these wore removed. The more aggressive of these marplots commenced tearing down the bills. Ex-Mayor Gilroy headed a committee to wait on the manager of the theater who consented to the removal of the obnoxious matter. This done, the representatives of the religion of hate entered upon their highly artistic entertainment, first removing Col. Ingersoll's lithographs

bishop of Canterbury, Primate of the Church of England, Most Rev. Edward THE GIRARD POISONING CASE White Benson, was "taken by the As our readers well remember, we Lord" a few weeks ago, while kneeling gave them a full account of the proin prayer. The Rev. Dr. Frederick ceedings connected with the Nellis Temple has been lately elected and inpoisoning case at Girard, Pa. At the time it created a decided sensation among Spiritualists. A few held up their hands in "horror," that The Progressive Thinker should be bold enough to unveil to the public gaze such a lamentable affair. A few Spiritualists said that the proper thing to do was to veil the whole thing, as its publicity would hurt our cause. Then again a

THAT SAD AFFAIR.

few wrote us abusive letters, actuated and inspired by the Cincinnati gang who were engineering the Light of Truth, and whose corrupt practices we had repeatedly shown up. Let me here say that no paper on this

green earth, whether political, a police gazette, or what not, had more rotten or corrupt hangers on than that paper, and yet a few prominent Spiritualists cordially endorsed them, and wrote for the paper until it gradually died, to be resurrected again at Columbus," Ohio: the Bible." Now comes the beginning of the end

of the celebrated Nellis poisoning case. The following is a special dispatch to he Cincinnati Enquirer from Erie, Pa., February 9th:

MRS. NELLIS POISONED HER HUS. Doctor says on p. 206: BAND-SUCH THE VERDICT IN A NOTED CASE-CINCINNATI WO-MAN INDICTED.

Erie, Pa., February 9.-Mrs. Kate M. vellis, the handsome landlady of the Avenue Hotel, in Girard, was convicted this evening under an indictment for administering poison to her husband. Her accomplice, Edward Gardner, will be tried on a similar charge, and his mother, Mrs. C. C. Stowell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a Spiritualistic medium, who is under indictment, has thus far evaded

arrest. This case has been pending for two years, and at the time of the expose created intense excitement in this county. Mrs. Nellis fell under the spell at Lily Dale, where she met Mrs. Stowell and her son, Edward Gardner, a handson became

GUESTS OF MRS. NELLIS

at Girard. After Mrs. Stowell left Gidenly ill with violent attacks of vomit-

ing. Mrs. Dr. J. C. Rogers, of Conneaut, Ohio, became suspicious of her mother brook, the dining-room girl, into her confidence, set a watch upon the sussaw Mrs. Nellis and Gardner place powders in Nellis's coffee cup, and when she (the witness) could not intercept the poisoned cups that Nellis's illness followed.

The contents of several cups which she (Miss Holbrook) secured were an-alyzed by Prof. J. C. Hobbs, of the Western Reserve College, who testified that they contained antimony, tartar emetic and potassium. He also testified that the contents of Nellis's stom-ach contained large

QUANTITIES OF POISON. corresponding to that found in the cups secured by the dining-room girl. Several letters written by Mrs. Stow-ell to Mrs. Nellis contained directions how to use the powders, and these same letters contain sinister references to Nellis. Captain Sullivan, who arrested Mrs. Nellis, found in her posses sion powders corresponding in their contents to those found in the coffee cups which Mrs. Nellis had placed for her husband.

stalled his successor. Now the critical clerics of other denominations are claiming the Rey. Dr. Temple is a heretic, and they are proving it by numerous extracts from his published books. A quotation from his "Essays and Reviews" is given, that smacks strongly of heterodoxy. Here is an excerpt from p. 53: "The Bible is hindered by its form

HERESY IN A HIGH PLACE.

It will be remembered that the Arch-

principle of private judgment which outs conscience between us and the Bible, making conscience the supreme interpreter, whom it may be a duty to enlighten, but whom it can never be a duty to disobey." And again: "When conscience and the Bible appear to differ, the pious Christian immediately concludes he has not really understood

No wonder the Bible-worshiper is distressed when "conscience" is given a supremacy above the inculcations of the "Holy Scriptures." Of the miracles of the Old Testament the Reverend

... "The times are remote; the date and authorship of the books are not estab-

lished with certainty; the mixture of poetry with history is no longer capable of any sure separation into parts." On p.195: "The miraculous healing of the sick may be no miracle in the strictest sense at all. It may be but an instance of the power of mind over body, a power which is undeniably not yet brought within the range of science, and which nevertheless may be really within its

domain. Our Lord's minucles of healing may have been simply the result of his power possessed by other men. Men seem to possess this power over their own bodies, and over the bodies of others in different degrees." On p. 196 is found the following: "It is quite possible our Lord's resurrection may

be found hereafter to be no miracle at all in a scientific sense. . . . When the general resurrection comes we may find t is, after all, the natural issue of physcal laws always at work."

When the Church of England places at its head a gentleman with such advanced and correct views, there is hope for the ultimate triumph of truth among the subordinate clergy, as among the members. The time is sure to come and cannot be far distant, when the churches generally of all sects will occupy the advanced position of The Progressive Thinker on all the great

questions pertaining to the past and man's future. The primal error was the borrowing from heathen mythology the idea of a God incarnate in the flesh, born of a virgin. On this falsehood was built the whole superstructure of the Christian system, and from it has sprung the crimes of the church so de-

structive to human happiness. Every intelligent thinker hails with real delight all evidence of progress. come from what source it may. It prognosticates an era when the false eachings of the church, with its book. shall give place to the truths of sciepce, and the race shall be released from the incubus of a barbarian priesthood whose narrow conceptions of the infinite have been projected down the cen-

> turies even to our own time. THERE IS SENSE. A Kansas newspaper seems to take a common sense view of things when it

discourses as follows: "Religion becomes ridiculous when a

Prior to this arrest Nellis and his wife had not been on good terms, but after congregation of only thirteen people, from the walls, his silent shadow being the arrest they became reconciled, and with only six in condition to pay, takes sufficiently potent to rob them of all Nellis did his best to shield his wife in upon itself the support of a church and

CLEVELAND CHIPS.

AS THEY FLY FROM THE VIGOR-OUS PEN OF LYMAN C. HOWE AS HE HUSTLES SERENELY AROUND IN THE FOREST CITY-SOME OF THE CHIPS SPEAK PLAINLY OF THE ADVANCE OF OUR CAUSE,

In this city are many psychic centers. t's an old fortress for Spiritualism. Here the early battles with dogmatic superstition were vigorously fought and victory won for liberty and light. Here resided Father Lawrence, who first suggested the anniversary celebrations of the birth of modern Spiritualism. He

has been among the shining hosts for from exercising a despotism over the many years. Here, as in very few if human spirit. . . . It does this by the any other cities, the Children' Progressive Lyceum has been kept up, and through it much valuable work has been done for the cause of liberty and truth.

> Thomas and Tillie Lees have been most conspicuously active and persistent in keeping this interest alive. Radiations from the soul-centers at Berlin Heights, in the intellectual flashes and spiritual wisdom, the poetry and science disseminated by Hudson and Emma Tuttle, have made a deep impression on the soul of the city. Conflicts educate.

The battles for bigotry waged in the pulpit fiercely denouncing Spiritualism is the enemy of souls and the poison of civilization, have worked out many problems that are turning the tide favorably towards Spiritualism.

Whatever is, is necessary, The world cannot grow without strug-Old ruts are not filled and new ways Christian faith. opened without bruises and bleeding wounds. Pain is promise.

It is the fire that evolves the energy o propel the engine of progress. Necessity is the mother of invenion," and it is also nature's opportunity, the fulerum of her leverage

Enslaved souls are stirred to conflict in defense of their chains, and the chains melt in the fires of passion and prejudice lighted by the friction of will with the inertia of mental stupor. Hence the pulpit-pounding to exorcise the Devil evoked the slumbering truth o thunder for the right.

Some eight years ago, Rev. Dr. Spreecher, a prominent Presbyterian divine, preached a series of sermons while I was in the city against Spirit-

ualism, stoutly contending that all meeither self-deceived or diums were phatically ought not to be. mendacious impostors. He, could not rest with the live issues of two worlds hallenging him on every hand, and he vigorously charged upon the young inruder into the time-honored sanctity of dogmatic authority, and seemed confident of his ability to slay the young giant with his theological pebble in his Presbyterian sling. But negations did not answer the positive testimony of millions who had seen, felt, and heard, find out precisely what their constituand knew that the Rey, challenger was ents are; and, when once he commences his analysis, he will be greatly surignorant and was battling against High leaven.

Evidently he could not satisfy himpear; his wrathful, jealous God will self, for he could not let the subject vanish: Jesus will become an enthusilone.

Meanwhile, many noted scholars, divines, and disciples of science, have far more reasonable being; and, really added their testimony to the genuine-ness of spiritual phenomena. Not that all that has passed for genuine among Spiritualists was endorsed, but enough to demonstrate the reality of the vari-

ous phases of phenomena. Still the preacher preached and prayed, and "wrestled with the Lord," and could not let his own work rest as the settlement of the problem of life.

Now he shows signs of fruit that has grown from this tree he planted seven of eight years ago. He now declares that whoever denies these facts, such as visions at the door of death, automatic writing, and even independent slatewriting, is ignorant of what is going on

in the world. And now, it is said that he and an SOLON AND MARY. A SEQUEL TO

"Mary Anne Carew," Wife, Mother, Spirit, Angel.

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come!

CHAPTER V. Continued. FIRE CANNOT INJURE A SPIRIT.

rob you of a large portion of your wealth, well knowing that the more we Thus you perceive, my friends, that] the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth do not always work well; if they did, why take, the more there will be to give." "I greatly fear." he said. "that your

do not all the Christians follow them. treasures are already greater and of far Again, Jesus said: "Sell all that thou more value than mine. You have been ast, and follow me." Is there a in this world much longer than I have. Christian to-day who would sell all that he had and follow in the footsteps of been here hundreds of years that might "Yes; but there are those who hav Jesus? make himself a mendicant and sit at your feet and catch the crumbs pauper? clothe himself in sackcloth and which fall from your table the table ashes? Think, for one moment, O, ye of your wisdom and love-Father Abraelegantly clothed Christians! what that ham," means. Imagine yourself clothed in

coarse, rough bagging, your hair filled stretched forth their four hands, and with ashes, roaming about by the seafrom each finger-tip fell pellucid drops, shore, or through other men's cornfields, like tears, and as the tears fell, they be plucking and eating, the farmer's corn came jewels of untold value, and lay and giving to all those who might fol-low you. That farmer would have you outstretched hands outstretched hands. at once arrested for trespass and theft, "Solon," he said, "will you accept

yet he might be as good a Christian as few of our tears? for the bondage and yourself. No, my friends; reason and grief of many souls come up to us in higher laws must take the place of the sighs, groans and tears; wherefore, we are often surcharged, and must rid our-

But there are really no Christians at selves in this way. How many of these all; and there could not be, for if there jewels will you take?" he asked, "for Jesus' example and teaching they would wear one of these tears represents some wrong which must be righted; and each at once he locked up in jail and sent to fewel a talisman to lead you to one prison afterwards. If a man went who shed it in grief and bondage of roaming through the streets to-day, with some kind." a mob or multitude at his heels, as

"But first, Father Abraham, we must Jesus did, overturning the banks and all have wisdom enough to know just how the money-changers of State street, the best to help the sufferer." militia would at once be called out, that "Certainly!" he answered. "I have so

mob would receive a volley, that ringmany jewels-such heaps of them-I leader would be captured, tried and wish I had armies of soldiers to gather perhaps, hanged, or strapped in the them up and go forth with them to the electric chair-in other words, crucified, four quarters of the earth, until every as Jesus was. The reigning authorities tear was traced to its owner. These to-day would do precisely what the tears, as you see, have been transreigning authorities did in Jesus' time. formed, by a natural law of wisdom Although each and all may think they into bright jewels of truth, and can, in ire Christians or true followers of this form, be dropped back into the Jesus and his teachings, they most emsouls of those who shed them. But

this work can only be done by a bright Man will use his reason, whatever he angel of love and wisdom. may pretend to believe. The truth is knowing that thou art one of these anhe does not believe or practice what gels, we greatly desire that you shall he thinks he does, and it is high time join our army, and work with us in the that he analyzed himself, to find out cause of freedom and liberty. Take as what he really does think and believe many of these jewels as thou canst it is high time he analyzed that fearful carry, load yourselves well with them, God he thinks he belleves in; it is high and return for more when thou hast extime he analyzed hell and the Devil, to pended these."

Thereupon we obeyed and took as many as we could carry, and then bade fare well to the angel, Abraham Lincoln. prised at the results of his labors in We now returned, to one of our angelic this direction: His hell fire will disapabodes, to rest and examine our treasures, and after we had refreshed and strengthened ourselves by the inter-changing of love and wisdom, we comasic fanatic, and he will find himself a menced our task; for the jewels must be assorted. We found, as we assorted and laid them in heaps, that by far the

males were under greater bondage than SOLON AND MARY VISIT ABRAHAM LINCOLN WITHIN THE HEAVENLY struck, justice, truth and liberty, cannot appear. The black may be free, but woman is not, and while she is in bondage, her tears, sighs and groans must arise, as did the black man's, to heaven for deliverance from her slavery. Man

Slavery of the black man had now is her master at present, and the master ong since been abolished. Father and his slave cannot stand on equal Abraham, as he was often called on ground. Of course, this applies to the earth, had been within the spiritual mass, and not to particular cases.

sphere for many years and, as all must Many masters were exceedingly kind totheir slaves, but this did not alter the from passion and with a firm, living fact that slavery was a horrible crime faith in the progressive teachings of be as time goes on, was now an angel.

drunkenness of their husbands, father and brothers, would vote for the sale c. intoxicating liquors by license? We believe not one. And thus of many other laws too numerous to mention here. (To be Continued.)

FEB. 20, 1897

FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH. To the Editor :-- Greeting from "The Sunny South." After one month's labor under the direction of the First Spiritual Church of Louisville, Ky., we bade adleu with regret to the land of the Bluegrass, and thoroughbred racers. and entered last week upon a new campalgn in the "Bluff City."

benefit for the sturdy little societ, which has struggled through various ups and downs until recognized footold has finally been maintained. Men: phis is a charming old Southern City. with its picturesque situation and hos-pitable residents. Like other midway places, it has suffered the invasion c nore or less of the "Spiritual trickster"

Hull declares in a recent article in you paper, are made possible by none so much as the sensation-fiend, not uncommon among Spiritualists, so-called, who, not content with reasonable exhibition: of genuine mediumship, must need: noise incessantly a lasty bawl for all

phenomena. We are seeking to organize during our stay in this city-which will be brief-a chartered society, and have met with gratifying success, having completed measures, before the close of a business meeting held in the parlors of the Cochrane Hotel last night, to obtain a charter, elect officers, etc. This movement will afford a protection to honest me diums, who are under the present state of affairs unable to give sittings, heat or in any way practice their medium ship for livelihood, as they stand liable to the penalty of the law.

impossible to obtain recognition with the press, or get the notice of Sunday services published, save the meeting be dubbed with the name of church, etc Not that I believe in opposing the wor . of the church-much is s good in the les sons perpetrated by their practical sys tematization. So much in illustration of what organization can do. Let u adopt suggestion, though we may enlarge on precept. Yours for activity. ELLA GIBSON MAGOON.

No. 42 Exchange st., Memphis, Tenn.

SUFFERERS AND HELPERS.

To the Editor:-I beg a brief spac. in your crowded columns to give a fey words of explanation to many of you. readers who are in the first clasnamed above, who have not heard from me. The scores of letters which cam pouring in from the "sufferers," wer so unexpected, and the stories they tol so painfully sad, that weeks were required to answer a part of them. The proved that The Progressive Thinke irculates in every State in the Union nearly. Those that were not answered either contained no stamp to pay retur. postage, or the cases were such that

could not assuage. The "Helpers" were few-barely on remove the troublesome who could spirits, and she was called to Texas to release a spirit from a young lady who was first possessed by this spirit when the females of the earth! therefore fe-awakened among this army of suffer six years old. The hopes which wer ers, 1 grieve to think, are sorely males, and until a strict balance is crushed. But let me say, dear friends do not be downcast, or discouraged Love and justice live, and they are all powerful for good. Perhaps heaved has given to us, who are afflicted, the innate power to dispel this gloom. i have asked these questions: "Where are we? Are we trespassing on the spheres of darkened spirits? Who call tell what a life, devoted to doing good. with minds free from everything be. noble aspiring thoughts, hearts fre

In the former city, we left many pleasant friends, and gave a farewel come to rob us? Welcome-most wel-

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"Yes, Father Abraham," we replied, with an answering smile, "we wish to

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NOW THE THUMBSCREW.

It is very apparent that Catholicism is-making rapid strides in this country. Continued at the same rate for the next est to diabolism of anything that has fifty-years as in the last fifty, and they will dominate all other sects. The proever occurred in Spiritualism, and it is posed religious amendments to the Conwell that Spiritualists should understitution are just what they will need stand the case throughout. Mrs. to enable them to establish the "Holy Stowell, the wife of the former editor Office," otherwise the Inquisition, in of the Light of Truth, was the chief America.

corner-stone and "spiritual" adviser of News comes from London that the that paper, and is it any wonder that it Catholic bishops of Canada have presunk thousands of dollars in its efforts pared a joint pastoral on the school uestion, at the same time announcing to supersede all other Spiritualist papers that the sacraments will be refused to -especially The Progressive Thinker. Mrs. Stowell has been under indict all Catholics who accept the terms of the government for the settlement of ment, and has been hiding-probably the controversy in Manitoba. Its formal in Canada-in order to avoid arrestwaiting to have the affair blow over. ssuance is contingent on the action of We pity this woman and pity those who the Pone.

That is the way that church has ruled under her inspiration wrote abusive through all the ages. A denial of the letters to us, expecting to intimidate us, and prevent our doing our duty. sacraments, which consist of marriage, of christening of children, of baptism, The of confirmation, the eucharist, penance right in its estimation of persons and things, and particularly was it right in and extreme unction, are terrible weapits estimation of the Light of Truth and ons in the hands of a tyrannical priest hood, and right vigorously are they resome of its depraved hangers-on. The probability is, however, that this sorted to, to compel their dupes to obey case will be continued in court, until their behests.

TRUTH AND ERROR GRAPPLING. cution will fall to the ground. The orthodox press is in great distress over the position of Dr. Lyman Abbott, of Plymouth Church, in regard to the Bible. The New York Observer, as might be expected, is the most bitter in its denunciations of the learned divine. It inquires, substantially: "What York Herall to have said: sort of a verdict would be rendered were the case submitted to an intelligent jury?" The conclusion is: "The Bible would hardly amount to more than Homer, something better than mummy. Shakspeare, and about as much inspired as Milton." It says: "It is not so Lutheran church, while severely ani madverting against Dr. Abbott's posimuch a question as to how much Bible tion, incidentally remarked: may be left, as it is a struggle to decide whether we shall have any Bible at all."

most impudent, colossal and sacrilegi The Progressive Thinker rejoices that ous forgeries ever penned, and the Bible able thinkers and scholars in the church s the most demoralizing agency, espe have come to the rescue of Truth and cially if it be placed in the hands of are disposed to fight its battles, agreeing with Milton: "Let Truth and Error youthful readers." grapple. Who ever knew Truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?"

A FOOLISH LIE. Some ligr started a lie a long time ago, representing that Miss Maud In-

gersoll had joined the Presbyterian church, as a protest against her father's godlessness. It has been denied time and time again, but the original lie is foot-loose and will go on forever. Rev. W. W. Landrum, of Atlanta, Ga., lately repeated the falsehood in his Baptist pulpit, but, unlike the generality of his craft, he retracted his statement on receipt of Miss Maud's letter, from which we make the following extract?

"Neither my sister nor myself has ever been associated with any church. although our father [Col. Ingersoll] has always wished us to study and think for ourselves. We agree with him most heartily in his religious belief. and think he is doing the greatest possible good."

the trial. An effort will be made at once to get Mrs. Nellis a new trial on a writ of error. This Nellis case, so far as it has pro-

churches and too many ministers to support. Hard times have resulted in cutting down the number of amusement ceeded, apparently approaches the nearhalls, the cost of clothes, food, etc., but

have had no effect in cutting down the number of churches to be supported. There are a great many people who imagine they can't go to heaven unless their path is paved with debts incurred in keeping up a church."

A PRIEST THE VICTIM. A Catholic priest's vestments took fire in Patterson, N. J., on the 4th inst. while he was moving through the audience, a lighted torch in hand, conferring blessings on the kneeling worshipers. Says the news dispatch, in substance: Women screamed in horror as the flames crept quickly about him. whilst Father Hangley made frantic efforts to rid himself of his burning garments. His altar boys succeeded in Progressive Thinker is usually

learing the surplice and cassock from the victim, who came near experiencing in a small way, at the hand of fate what innumerable multitudes suffered at priestly hands a little while ago for a slight difference of opinion.

some of the witnesses die, or by some legal quibble or technicality, the prose PLYMOUTH PULPIT THE TARGET. Rev. Lyman Abbott is now coming in

for his full share of abuse from the churches, because of his late declaration that certain books of the Bible may be properly regarded as fiction. Might he not have declared the book of Jonah a Munchausen, out-Heroding that magnificent liar; that Ruth and Esther were vulgar love stories; that the songs Solomon were too obscene for a place in a modern brothel; that the his torical books are wholly mythological

of these may be found ministering in

A RIGHTEOUS JUDGE. Judge Ritchie, of the Putnam county

As The Progressive Thinker is compelled to believe these pretended histo ries are spurious, of course the alterna tive is ours to reject them as imprope literature "to be placed in the hands of routhful readers."

DENOUNCES REVIVALS. A late news dispatch from San Fran

Rev. Dr. Remensnyder, of St. James

cisco says: "David Starr Jordan, president o Stanford University, in a sermon says religious revivals are a species of drunkenness, no more worthy of respect than the drunkenness of the gut

ters. We go the learned gentleman one bet ter. It is a species of insanity, communicable, like any other contagion, by contact. He who is familiar with the dancing mania of the Middle Ages will find its counterpart in the modern revivals, both affections of the mind There can be no question that hypnotic influence is the primal cause for thes abnormal conditions.

other divine have organized a class for this great, grand, beautiful, tendera minister. The instance in Atchison has a parallel in almost every town in the study and development of occult the United States. There are too many phenomena. Verily, the "World do move."

grief in all its various forms-this man who had suffered martyrdom because For years the public platform work of Spiritualism in this city has slumhe believed that all men should be free bered. The cause of this coma I need and as nearly equal as possible: not not report. It is well understood here. only did he believe it, but with all the Seldom has there been so sudden a power of his granite strength had death as that which silenced the voice swayed the whole earth in the right of Spiritualism as a public educator in direction.

Thousand of soldiers had been slain the Forest City, some seven years ago But there have been live men and in the great struggle for truth and women here, who never turn their liberty, to be sure, but not one of them backs to the foe, nor lose faith in the now regretted the loss of his earthly life, for each one found, on coming here truth and its power to conquer. Among them here are Thomas A. Black, H. S. a great reward, such as he had never Powell, Mrs. Henderson, I. W. Pope. dreamed of, awaiting him. We cannot now stop to tell of these and many more who have awaited the time for the sun to again rise on the

SPHERES.

rewards, for our business is with the world and reveal the immortal bloom great father of liberty. of this flower of the sky which no storm can destroy, no winter chill its sweet

the white man?

and healing breath. Now, under the generous and vigorous auspices of Thomas A. Black, a series of meetings have been haugurated, and are to continue for four con secutive months, closing with Mrs. A E. Sheets for May. Hon. O. P. Kellogg is to inspire them next month, and am not able to say who is on the boards for April.

"It thunders all around the sky." The Plain Dealer, is liberal towards

Spiritualism and publishes many helpful reports of phenomena. The Sunday Voice has commenced a series of articles on Spiritism and the occult, and invites correspondence from reliable sources, with accounts of experiences and phenomena of trustworthy char acter, and that is not a small "straw." nor an indifferent means of educating the public. The air is alive with echoes from the unseen world and the cause is advancing all along the line LYMAN C. HOWE.

SAVED BY MURDER.

It is reported. that Will Foley, the murderer of his mother and accused sister, and who is now confined in the Liberty jail, has been converted and is

ed after sending his mother and sister. probably unconverted, to hell. The most sure place to win souls to God is the county jail, on the eve of trial, to make a favorable impression on a pious jury, else after conviction, while stand-ing on the threshold of the gallows. kind.

AN ELDER TURNED ROBBER. A Baptist preacher down in South Carolina, failing to make both ends meet, turned highwayman, and robbed Mark Griffin, a well-to-do farmer who was returning home from Spartanburg. It is a very unfortunate affair, for Rev Mr. Nesbitt had an engagement to preach at Cowpens on the following Sunday, and many souls may be lost for want of his ministration. The poor fellow only got \$35, and that he had to divide with his two pals who are supposed to be members of his church.

WE WANT TO DO MORE GODD ,000,000 new readers. Help us to do it.

Let each subscriber get an additional how to benefit them. subscriber. Read the announcement on fifth page, headed "Fifteen Cents," and then act in our behalf.

We greatly desired to pay a visit to f and stain on the nation or nations hearted soul-this one who had been a wherein it existed or still exists; but the man of sorrow and acquainted with

CHAPTER VI.

FATHER ABRAHAM.

slavery of woman exists in all lands and countries on the face of the earth. Why? Because the spiritual, or spirituality.

is trodden under foot. Love and wis dom do not meet on earth and clasp hands. Woman is a slave so long as she is compelled to obey laws made entirely by man-laws in which she had

no voice whatever-therefore, is she not a slave to man by the laws which he alone has enacted? Has she had an equal voice in making the laws by which she is bound? The slave had no voice in the law which made him a slave, but now the black man may have

a voice in making the laws by which the most intelligent, refined and gifted white lady, shall be bound; the most

About midway of the United States drunken, degraded and vicious of men of America, just above the dense atmay have a voice in constructing laws mosphere, perhaps five miles upwards whereby the most pure, intelligent and from the earth, we espied an immense bautiful woman must be governed dome or crystalline half-sphere, and Truly it is horrible to contemplate. from its center a towering, golden flag-Man, as the earth stands to-day, first staff, from which floated a great white makes woman his slave, and naturally flag bordered with gold, and on it in thereafter his lawful prey. The law large golden letters the word Liberty! which he makes he does not himself The shining rays from this great, obey; they are really made for her, not crystalline half-sphere, appeared to ex- himself. She must be strictly pure tend from one part of the universe to he is not expected to be. Woe-woe un-

the other, piercing every city, village, utterable to her, if she sins against the town and hamlet; aye, the rays seemed laws which he has made for her; while to enter the heart of each man, woman himself drags her down into those very and child within this vast area, minsins, because, otherwise, she mus gling withand animating their very life starve, thus becoming his prev, to be blood, until each and every soul felt thrown aside as worthless, the most the desire strong within for liberty-not wretched of wretched beings, when he only liberty of body, but liberty of soul tires of her. She had no voice in the and spirit; they desired to be free from making of the laws whereby she is thus ervitude of all kinds; they desired free hounded to her destruction and death. dom of thought, freedom of action. Was ever black man half so miserable Ah, but how were they to do this

as an equal number of white women? The black man was free, to be sure But the men who cause all this sorrow that is, so far as his mortal body was and misery, where are they? Sitting in concerned, but how now was it with chairs of state, my lords and gentlemen administering the laws which they have

Sorrowful indeed was the outlook, for made. we had entered this great crystalline Say you: O! no! It is only low, bad dome and were soon near to where the

men who do these things? angel, Abraham Lincoln, was standing Is there a man in the United States which was directly under the golden who can look a pure woman in the face staff and flag. Here a singular sight and tell her truly, that he is as pure as was presented to our view; every ray she is? If you can find him, put him in from the electric sphere; as we now disthe presidential chair.

covered it to be, was revolving like an Now who should make the laws by endless chain, through the hearts of all which the world is governed-the pure the people; and as these rays revolved, or the impure? If woman's goodness they brought hither and deposited the and purity naturally predominate over groans, sighs and tears of all those who

man's, why should she not have an were suffering from bondage of any equal voice in making the laws by hich the world is governed

Abraham Lincoln had been the father Your answer may be, that she repre of liberty to the United States; his missents love and not wisdom. sion and work had not ended with the Our answer is: that love and wisdom

assassination of his body, but his sphere must go hand in hand, equally balanced of action was enlarged a thousand fold; love must not predominate, wisdom he, himself, was set free from all bondmust not predominate, one must not age, and nothing could thwart or hinder weigh a jot more than the other, or

ruth and justice are lost. We approached him. Dear reader Do you think there are any outcast nlease to remember he was an angel among the angels? No; not one! Aud united to his own other self, or female why? Because, none can be an angel half; otherwise he would not have been until the male half is as pure and spot-

an angel; but, of course, the union conless as the female half. If this were stituted the perfect whole or oneness. the case on earth, there would be no therefore, we shall speak of the angel wretched, weeping, outcast women as_him, for earth has no other word bound in awful bondage to which we can use. made laws: man himself would be

He stood, sublimely grand, sublimely, tender, a supreme storehouse of love an equal voice in making the laws And in order to do it, we should reach and wisdom, loving all mankind, desir- whereby he and she are governed. ing all wisdom that he might best know In woman's boudage man is degraded. He allows himself greater license and

He clasped our hand, and his smile liberty, which her voice would at once was joyous and benign as that of a God. expunge. How many wives and mothers "Sol my Solon," he said, "you are who have suffered from the degrading

our philosophy, may do to lift us out o this troublesome sphere? Are we to become our own saviors?

Let us put on the bright armor and try it, friends. Surely it will be bette than to depend upon someone else to de this work for us, for in that case w would get no credit marks, nor makany spiritual advancement. Be ever hopeful and courageous.

Some writers on spiritual themes have an easy way of accounting for spirit possession, by referring all cases to what they call "a great law of lifelike attracts like." Mrs. Cate says sh: has found that those persons who are annoyed by evil spirits are "vibrating in negation"-whatever that meansand that knowledge will remove the evils complained of and make all things right. This information has been given her by intuition. I suspect the source of such information, and respectfully advise everyone to test the origin of their "intuision." There is nothing more unreliable than such supposed know edge.

Now, I want to know when and where this great "law." so glibly talked about, was given to the world? Wher, is it laid down, and by whom? In the transmission of individual and racqualities, we have a well-established "like begets like," but no law that where, either in morals or physics, de we find this oft-repeated phrase laid down as a law, that "like attracts like:" and to declare in a public journal, that the thousands of persons who are tormented by darkened spirits, have, by to themselves is a gross insult, and the assertion is made by those who are ignorant of the first principles of natural aw. The wonderful, mystic platitudes laid down by some writers of longwinded articles, are truly astounding. and they usually come to the wondering world through "intuition."

rather prefer facts, however, and the facts I have in my possession, given as the experience of persons of high, pure, Christian character, who are annoved by demoniacal spirits, themselves, with other cases of innocent children possessed, prove that this "law" of "like attracts like" is a decep-CHAS. BETTS. tion, a delusion. Burr Oak, Mich.

THE MINNESOTA SPIRITUALISTS' STATE CONVENTION.

State Convention of Spiritualists will be held in Minneapolis, February 19, 20, and 21st. Professor Barrett. president of the National Association, Washington, D. C., and other prominent speakers and mediums will be present. All State and local organizations are cordially invited to join and make the meeting a united and harmonious one. S. N. Aspinwall, president; J. F. Raymond, secretary.

VERY SIGNIFICANT.

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The Progressive Thinker leads. It publishes more reading matter than any other dollar Spiritualist paper on this green earth. It was the only Spiritualmade laws: man himself would be a ist paper that had enterprise enough to thousand times happier if woman had publish President Barreit's address be fore the National Convention at Washington. It covered three pages of the paper. It now proposes to send out 1,000,000 copies of the paper containing his address.

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Read the announcement on fifth page, headed "Fifteen Cents," for particulars.

Ohlo, court, in addressing the grand jury recently, is reported to have said: "The grand jurors should disabuse their minds of the idea that Sunday has any connection with the Christian Sabbath, because nothing is farther from the truth. Our Sunday was first adopted A. D. 321 by Constantine, who

borrowed it from Paganism,, and not from Christianity. There is nothing sacred about the observance of the day It is a police regulation merely, and its non-observance incurs no theological penalty."

PRAY IN SECRET. " Judge Baxter, of Minnesota, has just issued an order restraining the teacher of Avon school, in Stearns county, from

saying prayers at the opening and closing of school. The subject is to be fur ther considered at St. Cloud, on the 22d

If teachers have anything to say to God it should be done in private as it is reported Jesus instructed.

JONAH AND THE WHALE. Rev. Dr. Lloyd, of the Central Congregational church, of New York, interviewed in regard to Rev. Abbott's dis-

course on Jonah, is reported in the New "In a hundred years from now he who looks on that story as a fact may be called a first cousin to an Egyptian

and the prophetical were written long after the events transpired which they pretend to predict? Many men, as earned and honest as the assailants of Rev. Abbott, so believe and do not hesitate to so express themselves. Some

"If these teachings and histories are false and fraudulent, then they are the good orthodox pulpits.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

SPIRITUALISM SCIENTIFICALLY DEMONSTRATED.

BY PROF. ROBERT HARE,

His Remarkable Researches Made in the Early Years of Spiritualism.

Directly Edited and Revised by Him, Now in Spirit-Life.

SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS IN could raise tables of eighteen dishes FRANCE AND GERMANY.

The following contribution, under the preceding head, is translated by my much esteemed friend, Pr. Geib, from the work of De Mirville, whence the articles under the designation of Foreign Corroborative Evidence have been obtained through the same able translator;

Toward the end of the year 1852 the gan to oscillate in a frightful manner, enidemic had been imported into the North Scotland by some American mediums; thence it got to London, where, according to the latest accounts, it must have reached, by the present time, a pretty extensive development. Seeing its progress in this way, we were led to say, if it ever reaches Germany, that whole country will be on fire. "The Religious Gazette of Augsburg of

June 18, 1853, contained an article from knowing their possible serious inconwhich we make some extracts:

"'Again the world is presented with various marvelous appearances, which, pire, so much was this pleasure worth Its cost. coming from elevated sources, force themselves on public notice, and which, in every case, throw a very marked particulars, we are disposed to ask ourtion. It may be appropriate to com- this? what will the savans say? Will municate some of those found in the they allow themselves to be carried shadow on our own epoch of civiliza-Gazette Generale; and leaving reflec. away by electric appearances? will tion to the reader, we will give some of their philosophy allow them to seek inthe most striking.

"The Morgen Blatt (Morning Sheet) be imagined to operate, the real agent announces among its novelties from of such a variety of effects? No; they Palatinat Rheenan, the phenomenon of well know, however, that in the sciyoung girl not yet pubescent, who, ences-medicine, for example-every inthey say, is able at will to command a vestigation that stops short of phenomrapping specter, (Klopferle.) The spec- ena, is of very secondary value; we may tre raps as often as the little girl orders be satisfied, for want of better, still we have a strong family likeness, being as suppositions were just, but we say withthe Tribune of New York, printed in menters committed from the first an un-German language, has lately contained various communications on this ing; that is, not to have taken the least subject. But whence come these rapping spectres, and why make their appearance all at once?

"The Gazette of Augsburg then refers to several other facts of the same nature, which, at all times, have caused much embarrassment to the German authorities, either in giving rise to gated even at the place of their birth; lengthy inquests, or in causing the condemnation of persons proved afterward termination. Well! in doing the same to be entirely innocent; but as for those of the present time, it fully underburg Gazette was right in 'telling proclaims and demonstrates stands. them to be of the American affiliation.

them that this animal magnetizing was received direct from America. But The Journal du Magnetisme of the what shall we do? we take no pleasure 10th of March, 1853, had already furin looking at what we do not want to nished us with the reported account given in the course of last January to see. the tribunal of London, by the rapping raine, there is a notice of a circle formed spirit of the house of Sanger; the same in a first story, round a massive table; phenomena, the same stupefaction, the as long as the circle continued nothing same impossibility to discover the jugwas done; but getting tired they all leave for the street, and a few moments glers. However, the subject appeared to rest at this point in Germany, when, afterward the rebellious table begins to in the month of Anril, the first phenomenon of table moving reached Bremen, waltz, as if to bid defiance to the party. What a law of physics, what electricity! and then the Augsburg Gazette in-Behold on the other hand, cities and sisted on its true origin. countries disinherited! Behold the City

"'For eight days previous,' it said, four good town has been in an agitation difficult to describe; it is completely absorbed by a miracle which was not thought of before the arrival of the steamer from New York-the Washington. The new phenomenon is imported from America?

"Now a certain Doctor Andre was the but it is not of that accidental and local kind, the real kind for the occasion, and first to describe this first exhibition of table turning; therefore they called it his discovery. What a discovery! "Having formed a chain,' he says, gods that moved about from place to to arrive back at his home at San Diego,

of seven or eight persons, the right place.

the theory of it: This theory consists,

according to him, in the opposite polar-

ity of the right and left sides of the hu-

man body; hence, having formed a

chain of human beings, the contrary

poles of which, viz. the right and left

touch each other, and this chain, exert-

ing upon any body Chatever a pro-

longed action, conveys to it an electric

current, and converts it into a magnet,

and thus polarization is established in

that body; and in virtue of its tendency

to magnetic orientation, the south pole

of the table impressing it with a move-

ment to the north, the latter commences

a continued rotation, and turns on its

axis as long as the indispensable con-

ditions are continued.'

which was thought to have been gained centuries before. "In a letter of May 24th from M. Seguin, one of our most distinguished engineers, to the Abbe Moigno, who had very ably opposed these experiments in Le Pays, M. Seguin says, When I reason dispassionately on the real and very positive results which I have obtained and seen obtained by others before my eyes, I think myself under the control of an hallucination which causes me to see things differently to what they are so much does my reason refuse to ad-mit them; but when I repeat my experiments, I find it impossible any longer to resist the force of evidence; when indeed it confounds and upsets all my

like a feather? "It is true, too, that M. Rouilly, opinions. "'How can you expect me to accept maitre de pension at Orleans, undertook to give an answer. In the Moniteur due your explanation, when a table touched Loiret, he informs us that 'at his house, very lightly by the ends of the fingers even in the middle of the process, a presses against my hand and against large young man of twenty-six was my legs to such a degree as to repel me and almost break itself? How believe seized with a violent trembling in all his limbs, and that his left forearm bethat the person whose hands touch it could impart to it a force equal to such

making as many as a thousand moveefforts, and especially when that person ments in a minute; being able, he said, is myself? Accept, then, freely and to utter only in broken syllables; stagwith courage, the facts as they are, the facts well seen and satisfactorily progered like an intoxicated man; it was necessary to carry him to bed, and the duced by myself, in whom you have, I next day he still felt some nervous trembling.' M. Rouilly ended in saying think, as much confidence as in yourself. The explanation will come here-'that he felt it his duty to report this after, rest assured. Believe firmly that fact for the benefit of those who may in these phenomena of turning tables enter into these experiments without there is something more than you seea physical reality outside of the imaginveniences.' Little attention was paid to ation and of the faith of those who apthis, so much had fashion asserted empear to make them move.' ' "M. Agenor De Gasparin, one of

our most sedate philosophers, writes in "However, knowing long since all the La Gazette de France:-'I will not insist on this point. The phenomena of selves, What is going to result from all rotation, if alone, would not appear to me entirely satisfactory. I am mis-trustful, though not an academician, and, I admit, that it may be possible (at a pinch) that a mechanical impulsion dependently of the fluids, which may might be communicated. But the rota tion only serves to present other phe nomena, the explanation of which it is inpossible to refer to any kind of mus cular action.

" 'Each of us, in his turn, gave orders to the table, which it promptly obeyed; him, being obedient in the extreme. do not feel ourselves in possession of What is remarkable is, that the spectres the truth; we still seek it. Why in this of the Old World, as well as the New, clise should we do otherwise? These with an externess, with a solemnity and I should succeed with difficulty in that fairly frightened us. "Strike three much alike as two drops of water. And out hesitation our fantastic experi-blows; strike ten blows. Strike with the Tribune of New York, printed in menters committed from the first an unpardonable fault, philosophically speakwith your middle foot. Rise on two of your feet: on only one foot: remain up; prevent those on the side raised from which were beginning to sound in their returning the table to the floor." After ears, from all sides. When we are each command the table obeyed. It visited by the plague, yellow fever, or produced movements that no complicity. cholera, the first care of the faculty is nvoluntary or voluntary, could have into have it studied in Egypt. Spain, and duced; for we should have afterward Poland. These scourges are investitried in vain to place it on one foot, and keep it there by the pressure of the bands, resisting incontestably the efwe notice their origin, development, and forts to press it down. in this case, these gentlemen would (To be Continued.)

DR. J. M. PEEBLES,

A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ARBITRATION LEAGUE-ORGAN-IZING FOR THE RED CROSS MOVEMENT-EN ROUTE AROUND THE WORLD.

A tour round the world even in these days of rapid steam transit, would be to most people a rather a wesome undertaking, but to Dr. J. M. Peebles, A. M. M. D., a gentleman now in his 75th year, it seems but a trival matter. Twice already has Dr. Peebles circled the globe, and he is now in Sydney, having completed a big section of his third round trip. Leaving San Francisco on December 4, he visited Hawail, the Fiji Islands, and New Zealand, arriving chance, the human species has no here from the latter colony on Monday by the R. M. S. Alameda. Hence he will proceed to Ceylon, the East Indies Siam, Malacca, India, Persia, Thibet, which may be therefore denominated Egypt. Palestine, Southern Europe, erratic; as the ancients called those Rome. Paris, and London. He expects

California, before the close of the year

Sydney, New South Wales.

by Stephen H. Barnsdale.

So thou, dear friend, art gone!

And voice with love's rich tone-

Ah! who shall fill thy place?

Gone to the land of flowers.

Of sunlight and of peace!

Where sweetly glide the hours

And pleasures never cease!

In yon blue, starry dome;

home with beauty bright.

Adorned with jewels rare-

Gone to the land of flowers-

Of an earth-life grand and fair.

With work well done on earth;

Farewell to all thy pain and strife-

Thou hast won a heavenly birth.

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ing proves it.-Colton.

For thee our tears will fall-

Some to thy queenly bowers,

Revered and loved by all.

), sister! mother! wife!

That thou hast won thy home

Thou of superb grace,

lad are we for thee.

Above the sod and dew

Results of living right-

SOUTHWORTH COMES FORTH FROM HIS QUIET HOME NOOK WITH ANSWERS TO NUMER-OUS QUESTIONS PROPOUNDED BY JOSEPH SAITH-THE AN-SWERS WERE FURNISHED HIM Vividly Portrayed by a Re-BY A SPIRIT, WHO SEEMS TO THEORIZE PRETTY WELL.

To the Editor;-In your issue of The Progressive Thinker of the February 4th, under the caption of "Some Very PertinentQuestionsSubmitted to South worth," Mr. Joseph Smith quotes and asks questions as follows:

In an article on Materialization in The Progressive Thinker of January 16, 1897, Southworth says:

experience. Such narrations must al- experience. ways be of interest, as explaining what "The vital force of the grabbed form those unfortunate persons who are have had no fear of death since. belongs to the medium, and at all hazburled in the trance state must suffer, ards this must be returned or the phys before death relieves them. ical death of the medium is a certainty That a great many are buried alive is how a great many are buried alive is how; and it is high time that sci-used, and it was only a question of The materialized form is fast in the grasp of personified ignorance, and if ence and law take up the matter and vitality whether I recovered make it impossible that such things One little experience I recovered I r he materializing spirit allows the form to dissipate into its elements while in can occur. But I think "William Gray" the grasp of the grabber, the vital force is mistaken in his idea that he was est stimulants possible had been ad of the medium must also be dissipated at the same time. The physical life of really dead. I think he was in a state ministered; I of suspended animation; and that he mustard to restore the circulation and the medium must not be sacrificed, and suffered its agonies. But he was not every thing possible was done; the invariable course of the guides in dead. these cases is to call the body of the medium to the vital force. So through, all time and under all circumstances the grabber will find the medium in his grasp, and each time the grabber

will cry 'exposed,' and the ignorant public will say 'of course.'" Such positive assertion coming from acknowledged ability and experience awakens a lively line of thought in the it is our friend, not a great black and go to the border with you. minds of doubters; and a volley of in terrogations is fired at the nearest de fender of the assertions, such as:

First-Would it not be easier to re turn the vital force to the medium than to bring the medium to the vital force? ence of my own. This I will give you just as it occurred. To those who do Second-if the vital force of the me dium was in the grabbed form, what force would move the medium?

willing to vouch for my veracity. 1 will not enter into details further than to Third-If the vital force returned to the medium after a form has demate rialized, and no serious results follow to the medium, could not the vital force, by the same law withdraw from the grabbed form and return, as in other cases, to the medium, while the grabbers stand with empty hands as the form vanishes?

Fourth-Could the physical form of the medium, with or without the vital force, but under strict test conditions, be taken from the cabinet, pass through the chrinin, advance to the middle of the room, and repossess the vital force, unobserved by the grabbers or others? Fifth-Could the bony arms or strong garments of the medium be made to mass unobserved into the hands of the grabbers now preoccupied by the materialized form

Sixth—As the materialized form musi remain in the firm grasp of its captors until the physical form of the medium relieves it, have we not solved a prob-lem that all the philosophers of the world have claimed, never could be solved-viz.: to make two solids of equal density occupy the same space at one and the same time? But we must desist, for many of these things seem unphilosophical tq, us, yet they may be clear and comprehensive to others; and while I am a believer in materialization, I acknowledge myself unable to comprehend the philosophy by which it is produced, and I fear friend Southworth has not got the right whistle of it either. He is as far probably from the truth as

Neptune is from earth. Before I had seen that issue of the paper or knew anything of Mr. Smith's article, the materialized form I knew so well, told me while materialized that questions would be asked, and she asked me to hold a pair of slates with her at that time, as she wished to write replies to the queries.

The slates, clean and fastened together, were at hand, and she held them with me for, probably, one minute. I give the replies as they are

MATERIALIZATIONS. ON THE VERGE OF DEATH. FIFTEEN CENTS!

ened in his eyes.

sort-of-queer.

This was fifteen years ago. But

LIFE.

PROF. BARRETT'S ADDRESS. THE GREAT JOURNEY. man before I went to him. He did not answer, and the look of sadness deep-

or not

Other Subjects Treated of Espe Then there was a blank. The next I cial Interest. knew I thought there was a sack full

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of broken bottles that some one was The Progressive Thinker is to be sent rolling. A little later I realized that the sack three months for 15 cents to all New. SHE RELATES HER EXPERIENCE of bottles was myself, and at every roll subscribers. -FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS and slap the ragged glass cut into my

Spiritualists, keep posted in current Spiritual events.

-"O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING?" - "DEATH IS SWAL-LOWED UP IN VICTORY.". Why remain in ignorance? Why LOWED UP IN VICTORY.". In The Progressive Thinker for Febru-and steady attendance put me in condidon't you keep posted in regard to the great Spiritualistic movement? Prof. ary 6, "William Gray" gives his terrible tion that permits me to day to relate my Barrett delivered an address before the National Association of Spiritualists. It was an important one, and should be read by every Spiritualist in this broad The physicians did not consider this land. We have had his address (which covers three pages of 'The-Progressive Thinker) and five other important lectures and articles embodied in one paper, One little experience I recall vividly. which we propose to senā forth to illu-After the physician arrived the strongminate the minds of those who have not had an opportunity to read them.

had been wrapped in The first page of this paper contains helecture by Col. Ingersoll, given in a every thing possible was done; one physician took my wrist, placed his Chicago puipit. It scintillates throughout.

I take up this subject because I feel strongly on what I consider false teach-ings regarding death. I do not believe that death is physical suffering, or men-The second page contains a highly in-I looked my inquiry. His answer was plain: "No. I don't know that you will teresting lecture by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, on the "Dwellings of the tal torture. I helieve death, of itself, is ever wake again, but you must sleep. as sweet as sleep. There may be phys. You cannot live over fifteen minutes if Dead."

ical agony up to the point of death, and you do not. If you skeep there is one The third page has a splendid article from our false beliefs there may be chance in a thousand that you may live, on "Science versus Theology," in review. Now go to sleep. I will hold your hand of Andrew D. White's two superb volumes.

I believe this because I have given the ubject a great deal of thought, have The fourth page has another excellent subject a great deal of thought, have Not a thought of it came up. I had a lecture by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, queer, quizzical little feeling-a desire on "Spiritual Unfoldment."

to smile because the situation was so The fifth page is very suggestive throughout, and is devoted to the "Hin-I wished that I could save my friend: not know me, I think our editor will be their tears, but I knew that I was helpdoo Teachers-They Will Try to Capture the United States;" less. For myself? Well, there was

On the sixth page commonces Prof. Barrett's admirable address, occupying heaven and my boys over on the other three pages.

We will also, in connection with this Since the next waking. I have felt paper, send out another equally as valu-able. The first page contains an excelthat I ought to go out and preach down the dread of death. I have never done lent lecture by Virchand R. Gandhi, a so, but I want to say to "William Gray" learned Hindoo. The remaining seven pages contain the wonderfully thrilling he will feel any molten lead in his narrative (founded on facts) entitled, ROSE EVANGELINE ANGEL. The Night the Light Went Out," exhibiting many of the inside workings of the Catholic Church. Besides the ad-dress by Mr. Ghandi and the remarka-REFLECTIONS ON THE SOUL AND ble narrative, "The Night the Light Went Out," the first page has an excel-During one short instant when the soul lent communication obtained through Ouija. The second page has a startling statement in reference to the "Romish Octopus-It Is Winding Its Poisonous Coils Around Washington." The poem on the same page, "The Sad Picture of a Wrecked Human Life," is wonderfully the "death sweat," and I thought I the sours progress through an inv past, suggestive, indeath of the function in the past is suggestive. The third page data would be would call the nurse. But I found that But certain conditions may be evolved, ing illustration showing how the Romish is under the slightest by deep meditation and introspection. Church treats heretics. This page and the fourth also have a continuation of has that remarkable poem, "St. Peter At the Gate." Every freethinker should read it. It is full of excellent "points." It also contains interesting facts in reference to the Romish Church and offi-The sixth, seventh and eighth ces. pages have the following: "Monasterles and Convents-Where Those Alive Are Entombed." "Rider Haggard and the Immuring of Nuns." This paper

alone is well worth the price of a year's subscription. Every Spiritualist in this broad land should have these two papers. Our regular subscribers have already read

their contents. For Fifteen cents we will send the Progressive Thinker for three months to all New trial subscribers and also send these two valuable papers.

Bear in mind that by New subscriber we mean one who has not been on our list for at least three months. Those of

say that I was very low, although sufside fering from no disease. My baby had And very obediently I slept. been buried during the day, and about ten o'clock at night I told the weary nurse to lie down, as I needed no attention. 1 fell asleep, and was aroused by a sudden lurch of my head forward on that when death comes I don't believe the pillows, I tried to move back, but seemed to have no power. I thought brain. Pain will be past forever. how extremely weak 1 must be. My left arm lay extended outside the

consulted with many thoughtful phys-

icians, and also because of an experi-

turned Traveler.

bed. With an effort 1 drew it up and pushed my head back onto the pillow. As I did so I noticed that my fingers were stiff, and that my forchead was icy cold and very wet. I wondered a

is preparing to desert the temple of little at this, and noticed that my hand clay, and while pausing upon the fell back and I could no longer move it; threshold of a future existence, the also that the perspiration dripped off personality becomes one with the indimy chin and struck the pillow with a vidual and all-knowing Ego; and looksteady pat, pat, pat. This aroused me ing down into the arena of life it is to a sense that it was what is called leaving, beholds the pleture gallery of the "death sweat," and I thought I the soul's progress through all the past.

> particle. whereby the soul, while incarnated in I now noticed the intense cold, al- the earthly form, may draw near to the the "Romish Octopus." The fifth page though it was one of the hottest of July center of its own being, and catch nights. I also felt the perspiration run glimpses of a glory that appears to be lown my arm and heard it drop on the not of this brief life only, but of van-Then I thought: "So this is ished years immunerable. Through the I was a little anxious to gateway of the center, inward, lies the carpet. death." watch the phenomenon, to note it all, kingdom of the soul; and secluded in and notletany phase of it pass unnoticed. the stores of its mystic memory are felt the terrible cold of my feet and treasures of knowledge that has been limbs. The death chill was nearly to molded from the lessons of ages-an the knees and elbows at this time. 1 epitome of generations that have passed thought: "When the chill reaches the away. Does the possession of this vitals, I shall become unconscious." I knowledge necessitate the pre-existence noticed that it came in waves. It of the soul and its former incarnations washed up, as it were, and I said to my-washed up, as it were, and I said to my-washed up, as it were and I said to my-washed up, as it were are cer-self: "This is why people say the 'river' GAL FOURTEEN

of death,' because the chill washes up tain fixed laws governing the reinearlike the rising of an icy tide." nation of the soul, yet those who are I thought then of my family. I was classed with these laws and special consorry that to the loss of the little babe, ditions are comparatively few to those they must also suffer the loss of wife who come under the more general con-and mother. "I would have been glad ditions of that law of human evolution

"No, it is better as it is. Let them sleep sweetly. It will be bad enough for and of which the earth plane is only the first round in the cycle of unfoldment. them to know when it is all over. Then I thought of myself. I realized that I was going out into the unknown. The acorn is an epitome of all the

'No. Science is not to be so deceived: finger of each touching the left one of she is not satisfied with the explanation his neighbor, the table they surround will commence turning, and continue as of the little fingers, but soon perceives hat these little fingers supply here prelong as the chain remains unbroken, risely the part of the famous' mesmeric and stop when an individual leaves it trough, and the chain that was formed

He is also authorized to solicit member "A general burst of pleasantry and in utirely round it. Then, also, the chain ships in the International Congress of credulity first accompanied the revelation of the doctor. But soon experiwas said to be very important; and the Physicians and Surgeons which will be rough, magnet, steel, glass pile all ment begins, and laughter gives place convened at Paris in 1900. Dr Peebles to a sort of dejection. Certain savans, ecessary agents. Very well, what has is also interesting himself in theosophy While in Thibet he will strive to inter now become of all these necessities? professors of the University of Heidel The magnetic effects exceed all those berg, MM. Mittermouner and Zoepfi, M. view a Mahatma. Should he succeed Mohl, brother of the member of the Inof that time, and notwithstanding they his experience will make more intereststitute. Eschenmajer, Ennemoser, and are not made any use of. Much more ing reading than interviews do as a ince the passes have ceased to be the Kerner, attest the same facts; and Docrule tor Loewe of Vienna undertakes to give

have seen as clear as day that the Augs-

"This morning, in a journal of Lor-

of Valence, who labored all in her

power, who followed with angelic pa-

tience all the prescriptions of the new

science; nothing could produce the phe-

nomena. Is it that at Valence, per-

electricity? Mon Dieu! it has electricity,

fashion, the phenomena have doubled. Dr. Peebles is a ubiquitous person In Germany, where people go to the He is president of the College' of Scibottom of things, they have desired to ence. California, and is responsible for look into the heart of it. Each master of the magnet-and they are pretty the publication of a number of bulky volumes. The wide range that his plenty there-has constructed his own works cover can be gathered from the titles: "How to Live a Century," "Witch Poison and its Antidote," "Around the trough. That of Walford consists of an from box, furnished with bottles, iron wire, ground glass, etc. That of Keiser and "Jesus: Myth, Man, or Vorld." was made of beech without bottles, and God?" Among multifarious other matfilled with water: which did not prevent ters in which Dr. Peebles has interested the effects from being precisely the, himself is the international arbitration same in the two cases. Thus it was question. He was appointed in 1881 by said: It is magnetism alone which gives he National Arbitration League of the them this power, and they magnetized United States "representative abroad" their best. But one lucky day it was to meet the International Peace Conthought proper not to magnetize, and gress of Europe. Amongst other things the trough lost none of its power! 'Ah! that he disapproves most strongly of ah!' they say, 'the trough is magnetized are capital punishment, compulsory vaccination, class medical legislation, by the magnetized patients themselves. and intemperance. He supports the

thought

"Unfortunately, the spirits are very soon seen to dispense with these indis- and they put a stout man into it. free pensable conditions. Thus, then, at from all magnetic influence, and besides Bremen, Vienna and Berlin, there was in excellent health. Well, this time! not a table at rest on its legs, and still the magnetic effects exceeded in intensthe French press observed a uniform in- ity all the previous experiments, and explicable silence! never had the phenomena exhibited "We ask, however, what would have themselves so brilliantly."

been said, had we foretold what began "This is the precise account of the to appear unavoidable, that in less than famous report of Baily, of which M. month, table and hat turning would Arago spoke so highly in his last reach Paris. The announcement was memoir; and in one respect he was scarcely known when it appears that right; for these great experimenters did such a thing has always existed; that not allow themselves to be caught by it is a law of nature; and that tables any of these electric seductions, and never had any other destiny! proclaimed physics to be entirely in-

"Again we inquire of all serious nocent of all the effects they witnessed. minds. What is the faculty by which we But at the same time they predict, among other coming events, the proper to refer to the imagination these turning of tables, which, nevertheless, same prodigious effects, which no one do not turn till after the arrival of a could understand even after having vessel and a medium? However, slince seen them: and there was their great becoming impossible, the French press mistake; they were right as savans, as has thought proper to speak. On the philosophers inexcusable. 4th of May, the Journal of the Empire. "Moreover, this absurd explanation Le Pays, happened to inform us that by imagination he renewed under these from the Baltic to the banks of the cicumstances; and that of jugglery is Danube, all Germany was in a fever." not more fortunate. What prejudice! These two words rendered much ser-It became then plainer and plainer that we were going to be infected, and from rice, and covered many retreats! That that time we hastened to prepare our is, however, passed; it will be necessary hereafter, not only to admit them, but batteries.

"It was high time, for about the end o redechn all analogous precedents, of April, the grand mysterious army for these are about to be, at last, exhad this time decidedly crossed the plained. Again, what is to be done? It Rhine, and in all the large cities of will be necessary to proclaim that France-Strasburg, Marseilles, Borthese electric phenomena which are deaux, Toulouse, etc.-the turning epireal as an effect, are not in fact real demic broke out like a discharge of in their cause: that they lie when the muskeiry; and better to impress the wish the contrary to be believed, that only at first attacked stands. mind, it they joke when they act by turns with tables, hats, seats, etc., for all these participated in the demonstration. and without a chain in a particular town, and not in some other, etc. "But on the other, hand to perceive

"At Paris especially, in repeating the experiments, they were made a nastime for a solree. Children were introduced the circles, without considering whether correlative evil might not be coupled with these mysterious amuse-

experiment! But that itself is horrid to "It is true they would not allow the contemplate! Not a face at the Instismallest Leyden jar to come near them; tute can remain uncovered, and that but what troubles might have resulted day will forever be regarded as unlucky from the action of an electricity that for science, as it robs it of a victory

a capricious and lying cause, is almost to perceive *** *** a mind. A mind,

rands dieux! You represent yourself

before the whole Academy Arago as

recognizing spirits, hobgoblins! grand

Dr. Peebles' present mission is partly slates without comment: in connection with the Medical Red "In the coming Progressive Thinker, Cross Commission, a movement with you will find questions directed to yourwhich the name of Clara Barton, now in Armenia, is intimately associated.

self, and may I suggest a few, thoughts to assist you to answer them? To the first question I reply: No! because the antagonistic force of the grabber is in action against the passive force of the materialized form, holding it stationary until the active force of the spirit cab inet control can bring the physical of the medium."

"Second-The spirit force of the cabinet control takes charge of the physical body of the medium, and can and does move it at will; can also render the physical body of the medium invisible a body has materialized and taken the vital force properly belonging to the medium. The physical fly the control is brought in connection with the vital and immediately assimilates or takes it over; then returns the material forces. gathered from the circle, to it again. Material can be so atomized as to become invisible to the human eye."

"Third-The vital force does not re turn to the medium after the form has dematerialized, but before, thus rendering the inaterialization inert, or lifeless as a body, and easily disintegrated."

"Fourth-Yes, many instances have been related and anthenticated, that the physical body of a medium has been taken from a room, when doors and windows were sealed, and found aftermovement having for its object woman ward in an adjoining room, by the cirlood suffrage and full equality with cle.hunting, the medium still being unman for the other sex.-The Telegraph der control, or in charge of the guiding spirit

"Sixth-As the transformation is so GONE TO THE LAND OF FLOWERS. subtile and imperceptible to the human eye, the grabber cannot be cognizant of Written in Memory of Mrs. Anna Orvis one particle and substitution of another instantaneous, and the displacement of one article and substitution of another precludes the idea of two solids occupying the same space at the same time." Let me add that in my article I gave only my experiences, and the deduc tions that seemed true to me. •The de-ductions were approved by the guides. I have here given their thoughts and words. It is "the right whistle" Brother Smith, for these guides have never giv-en me a hint of an uptruth. You may rely on the correctness of the answer Chicago, Ill. 1 SOUTHWORTH.

HUMAN RESPECT.

Don't care what people say, acknowl-edge that which you know to be right: stand up, publicly if necessary, and pro-claim the truth. Use your own senses, and abound in it. Don't try to get anybody to agree with you. Notwonoses are alike, much less souls. I can name a Methodist minister right here in Pitts burgh, who on Sunday will preach to his congregation and tell them what they should do to be saved; and through the week he will go contrary to his sermon on Sunday, such as smoking, so-cial card-playing and, if in a fit of an-We desire to illuminate the minds of ger, which is occasionally the case with every Spiritualist. We will therefore him, he will swear! send The Progressive Thinker to new

Think for yourself, and go according to your own conscience; you then will be on the right road-push on. Our maxim is: "Be sure you are right, and then go ahead." How much that is good and noble in the soul is smothered by unwise restraint! The whole object soon of restraint is to correct that preference riven to a lower good instead of to a higher one. As for the rest-freedom, liberty! J. C. EDWARDS MARKER. loubts the existence of mind, by doubt-Plitsburgh, Pa.

trees of its kind that have preceded it: Was I afraid? I asked myself. And I and with proper conditions of soil, and felt not the shadow of fear. What of rain and wind, will come forth and my faith? I pext thought. I was manifest upon the objective plane the raised in the most cast-iron straight- full measure of its possibility, which is jacket of religion, and from extensive not reached until it has expressed all Bible, and history study, had become a the attributes of the most perfect tree broad-minded Spiritualist. I believed of its predecessors, plus the added adsimply in the "Fatherhood of God, the vantages of its own environment. The brotherhood of man, the progression of acorn has existed in the past in essence the human soul, and the communication but not in individuality. The soul of between spirits out of the body and in." man has always existed in essence, and This was what I had lived by, I that essence is now expressed in indi-thought it over. "It was the best I viduality, endowed with the possibility snew, and am not afraid to die by it," of manifesting all the knowledge and I decided, and mind you. I felt no un-powers of its progenitors, plus the edu-certainty, no fear, just perfect rest, and cation it has gained by self-contact dur-All this time the cold waves ing its earthly existence. ontent. Behold the seed of the plant as it were washing higher.

Then I thought of my life. I saw no falls from the parent stem and is buried eview of it, at all, but I realized that I in the soil of Earth. It has become had often failed to do as well as 1 new center in the organic sea, with the wished to. But as I looked back at my- attributes of its predecessors concenself I saw that my intentions had all trated in its tiny hull. Feebly at first ways been good, and for the little fail- it responds to the impulse of Nature; ings I said: "I know I should fail in and bursting from its narrow confines, lots of ways if I had it all to live over pushes forward with its tiny rootlets again," and somehow I did not blame in search of the food essential for its the woman just dead, for her many growth. The silent and unseen forces little failures. Do you see how gently of nature arouse in the seed an expandeath was dealing with me? sive energy that draws it upward from My mind was perfectly clear, and the somberness and density of its home very quick and comprehensive. I within the soil, and it sends forth its thought "what have I left undone?" and tender shoots into the favorable condi-I remembered that I had not answered tions of light and heat. From certain a late letter from a little nephew, and inherent attributes of force or chemthough "I am sorry I did not answer it ical affinity it combines the elements of while I was living, but he will never matter and forms them into a marvel know that now." ous expression of beauty. The energy

Again I thought of the family, and that was once imprisoned and concenpitied them; and then-then I was walk- trated in the seed now trembles in the ing alone by the side of a wide sea, luxuriant foliage of the full grown Away to the right were beautiful meadplant, and sends forth its essence ows; over there was sunlight and through the fragrant, sun-kissed blosflowers and bird-songs, all the things some

As the impulse of nature causes the that I so love, but here where I walked seed of the plant to grow and expand was the icy sea. The waves washed about me, the tide was coming in, and until it has expressed the inherent atevery wave was higher than the pretributes of its nature, so the breath of ceding. I was cold-deathly cold, life is breathed into the human germ but still I knew that I must pass this way at conception and it becomes a living and I was content to do so. I felt no soul. So, too, may the soul be compared to the plant in its development. mental sensations except that of observation. I saw the gray mist all about Awakening from its dormant beginning. it gropes for a time in darkness, and me, saw the water-it was not like the feels about in an indefinite way. Gradsea, except as it is at night, very dark and no white foam capped the waves. ually it becomes rooted in the basic

no pretty little ripples splashed back principles of human existence and in nourished by the soil of earth condidown the wetsand. It was more solemn and perfectly silent. But still, to th tions; then obeying the higher law of right lay the beautiful meadows. I did aspiration it grows and expands into not fear the water-did not long to be the atmosphere of education, until its in the sunlight. I knew this was my branches are multiplied and perfected by a knowledge that ages of time alone way, and I walked perfectly content. Then, I passed the water, I was have accumulated and placed within its reach. And now the astral vibrations warm, and light, and gloriously happy, stir into being the higher attributes of and coming down the sunny slope the soul; its leaves respond to a few steps in front of me was my little boy, with the baby in his arms. I prophetic instinct of the dawning of a sprang forward crying: "Oh, this is higher life; its branches are swared by heaven! and I have come to my little the wooing breezes of universal truth: boys." I caught them both up in my arms, and as I kissed the baby's facelove, it is thrilled with a spiritual inspiration that buds and blossoms into the he was only five days old-the moist glorious reality of its eternal day. URIEL BUCHANAN. little baby mouth caught at my cheek.

I saw a look in my oldest boy's eyes that I did not understand-a look a though he wished, intensely, that

would stay with him, but that he did We want to reach 1,000,000 new readnot think I would. I was so rejoiced, ers. We want to illuminate the minds and I said: "Oh, Evie! mamma came of those Spiritualists who take no Spirenough to be able to carry both ables, did she not?"

her babies, did she not?" I had worried so much in the years three months for fifteen cents. Read that followed his death-he was only the article on fifth four years old when taken out of my "Fifteen Cents." It will give full pararms, and I feared he would be a young ticulars.

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long reports will not be used. Meetings J. C. F. Grumbine's address for Febare of local interest only. We extend a ruary and March is 309 Green avenue, cerdial invitation to all speakers to send Brooklyn, N. Y. in their appointments to lecture, and

E. J. Bowtell has removed to 900 Ma general movements, which will be read rion street, corner of Cedar, Canton, by at least 40,000. We go to press early Ohlo, where spiritual meetings are held Monday morning, and items must reach at which he lectures on Sunday afterus as early as Friday or Saturday in noons, and on Saturday evenings an order to have immediate insertion. swers questions concerning the spirit-Communications must always be accompanied by the full name and address ual philosophy, and kindred subjects, The association at Massillon, O., for of the writer, or no attention will be which he has been speaking on Sunday paid to them.

evenings for the past four months, has TO CONTRIBUTORS:-It is impossi hle to publish everything that comes to suspended those meetings for the presthe to publish everything that comes to ent, pending arrangements, which they the office, however meritorious it may hope to conclude for the exclusive use biended because his (or her) article does not appear. Our space is limited, and we often decouse the space is limited, but 24, 25, and ar West 1, and and we often deeply regret that certain hear from other camps and societies articles are crowded out. Address as above.

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Levi Wood writes from South Haven

we are meeting every Sunday at 10:3

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treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Dee.'

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the press."

One of the largest and most harmoni-Wm. Ochlstrom, secretary, writes ons conventions ever held by the Spir-"Mrs, Dr. Nellie Mosler, of North Lin iqualists in Boston, occurred in the dale. Ohio, has just closed an engage Spiritual Temple, on the 2nd inst, under ment as test medium before the Cleve the auspices of the N. S. A. Many land Progressive Thought Society prominent workers in the Spiritualistic where she has given public tests since field were present, among them the November 1. The number of tests are president of the Association, II. D. 107, and every one of them was recog-Barrett; Dr. Geo. Fuller, president of the nized, all of them are on record in a Massachusetts State Association; Moses book by me.' Mattie E. Hull, Oscar Edgerly Daniel Fay writes from Bridgeport, Conn.: "I think Spiritualism is progress

Sarah A. Byrnes, Mrs. N. J. Willis, Mrs. Carrie Loring, Dr. T. A. Bland, Mrs ing here this winter. We have some of the best speakers every Sunday morn-Holeomb, Nellie Holt Harding, Kate R. Styles, J. C. F. Grumbine, Dr. Smith of Brandon, Vt., Mrs. Tillie Reynolds, and Hull, Dr. Harding, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. A. E. Tisdale. Excellent music was Reynolds, Tisdale and others. We are furnished at each of three sessions. The leading Boston papers gave good notices of the same.

Mrs. Mattie E. Hull is engaged to leeture in Worcester, Mass., two last Sundays of the present month. In Philadelphia, March 6th and 14th. In Haverhill, Mass., 21, and 28. She has open dates in April; will spend the month of May in Grand Rapids, Mich. She will make engagements if so desired, for week-nights in places adjacent to those points where she delivers Sunday lecinres. Address, Stoneham, Mass., Lock

Box 3 W. T. Greene writes from Unionville Mo., praising the work of Isa Wilson Kayner in that place. Her lectures and fests afforded great satisfaction to Spiritualists, and convinced many of the the the Mother Grundy stands in front reality of spirit-life and spirit return. of all and keeps many away."

At the mass convention in Brooklyn \$800 was raised. Pretty good results Spiritual Unity of Cincinnati, Ohio.from that city of churches.

J. F. Snider writes: "There has been organized in Muncle another society of Spiritualists known as the Church of the Spirit. Officers elected on January and Henry Thorn; vice-presidents, Mrs 31, 1897, for the ensuing year were President, W. A. McDonald; vice-presi dent, A. A. Barker: secretary, J. F. Sulder; treasurer, Lucy J. Thompson trustees, W. J. Thompson, Harry Grifin and Josephine Griffin. The new organization bids fair to be one of the strongest in the State. It starts out with about thirty-five members who are unboastingly. Mrs. Harris has been active and who will push the cause of Sublitualism in every way for its betterment. At present we are meeting in teen years, and hundreds of fallen woa neat little hall, but expect in the near future to start a fund for the purpose of buying a lot and building us a home

of our own." Frank T. Ripley writes: "I have just Hordinge, Britten and Mrs. ('la)

unifize, to build up one great center of is perfectly happy. But somehow this thought, to help the world to something better than it has ever had." She says: I was loth to leave the many beautikeep this one end in view; to harmonize, life, with always a desire to do good and help suffering humanity.

"A Convert" writes from Port Huron, Mich., that "Mr. B. Renwick, is a young worker in the field but is to be ranked with the first. Morally above reproach, a man who works hard every day, a model father and husband, all this tends to win for him in his new work the trust and esteem of all. His circles for materialization are filled with the best people of our city, and attendance is sought weeks ahead. He has been able under strict test conditions to demonstrate his power fully. With Mrs. Anna L. Robinson to fill the large hall to overflowing every Sunday, and Mr. tenwick to build up the work during the week, we know no such word as fail."

B. F. Hayden writes from Indianapolis. Ind.: "Our cause is growing in strength and numbers in Indianapolis, with two societies with good attendance at each. The friends of the South Side feeling they could sustain meetings of their own, have secured a beautiful ballat 184 and 186 Shelby street, and thus the_third meeting has been started with bright prospects of success, The initial meetings were held Sunday morning and evening, February 7, with good attendance. Everyone is made welcome, well as made to feel at home, Carlos Wright, 242 E. 55th street, Jhicago, writes: "My work as inspiraional lecturer and developing medium,

has been mostly in Michigan and Indiana, favorable mention of which has several times appeared in your paper, Having recently located in Chicago, and eing a stranger to the Spiritualists of this section, I will for a short time, answer calls to lecture, once, for my expences only, at any point within 100 miles of Chicago.' H. H. S., a prominent freethinker, writes: "Will you kindly allow space in"

going to have Lizzie Harlow and Oscar readers of The Progressive Thinker to Edgerly. Our managers of this society the meetings in Hygica Hall, corner of Paulina and Washington Boulevard, cause. We have very good attendance Chleago, every Sunday afternoon and We are working under the evening, by Miss Thomas, the colored medium of Chicago. She is a very interesting speaker and among Spiritualists is known as a pronounced Christian, basing all spiritual gift on the teachings of the Bible. The writer has been a frequent attendant at her meet-Mich.: "I have not seen any report from our society in a long time, but will say ings and heard her explain passages of scripture that he has often heard ministers preach from, in an entirely different way, and always bringing out

conducted by the people in the form o a conference, with much interest the spiritual Ego underlying all script-There is a growing interest here to ure, Sunday night last her discourse learn more of our philosophy, among was from II. Kings; 2d chapter, on the all shades of thinkers and isms of be translation of Elijah, and was handled in a masterly way, the burden of which was that Elijah was a medium, as were all the prophets, and that all the "Committee" writes: "The Society of witnesses to his ascension, 50 prophets, besides Elisha, who inherited his man-Rev. Marguerite St. Omer Briggs, pas tle, simply beheld a materialization, and tor; Chas. W. Brown, president; Dr. J incineration, both of Elijah and chariot W. Briggs, secretary; Board of Trustees and horses of fire she scouted the idea Mrs. Eva Glen Keck, Caroline Richter of his bodily ascension as taught and generally believed by the Christian Amelia Eiche and Mrs. E. G. Keck churches for centuries. After the lec-

ture Miss Thomas gave many tests, In the death of Mrs. Louisa Harris some of them very remarkable.' the late Police Matron, of the Central J. C. Patterson writes from New Or-District St. Louis, Mo., the world has leans: "We have been very fortupate lost a splendid exemplication of that in having with us this past month, Mrs. true spirit of that charity, that prompt Dr. Hilligoss, of Anderson, Indiana. The society is highly pleased, and conone to go about the world doing good sidering the very bad weather our audiconnected with the police department ences have been large and attentive. as matron at the Four Courts, for thir-Mrs. Hilligross has organized anew a Ladies' Aid in connection with the somen owe their elevation to a life of use ciety. Tickets are already out for a fulness and purity to her motherly indance and oyster supper to be given on terposition and protection, to say noththe 24th of this month; the proceeds of this little gathering will go to start a fund for the purpose of building a

ing of the many young girls that have been rescued at the threshold of ruin and restored to their parents and read the brave words of Mrs. Emma friends. The experience of her official church or temple. In a communication from II. D. arrett of the N. S. A., we position opened the gate-way for many are informed there will be a spiritual needed reforms and was the means of bringing into existence several charmass meeting held here on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of March. Mrs. Loe F. Prloy itable institutions for the caring for wo has promised to help us in the matter, men and children, all of which were and we are also promised other talented promoted and controlled under the guid speakers and mediums for the occasion. ance of this master spirit. Mrs. Harris Sister Hilligoss will remain with us as was taken sick on December 20th, with our Spiritual Advisor and lecturer durpneumonia and heart failure and died ing February, March, April, and May, one month later. It being her wish that when she will leave for the Tennesse the body be cremated, that wish was Mountains. We have a few local mefulfilled. Mrs. Harris was a member of diums who are giving manifestations a great many societies, none of which and seem to awaken an interest in those however received more of her enthus that visit the seances to the fact of spir asm and attention than did the spiritit return and communication." ualistic circle, to which she had at "The Peoples' Home Spiritual So-ciety's (services, held at/7:30 p. m., Febtached berself. Mrs. Carrie Bean writes from Lincoln, 7, at Bricklayers' Hall, 93 Peoria rnary Neb.; "We have with us that matchless street) were attended by an interested medium for physical demonstrations audience. Dr. D. S. White delivered a Mr. Amae Wheeler. I have attended lecture on "The Decay of Ecclesiastihis scances, both dark and lights also cism." Herbert M. French being called his trampet scances, in which I have upon by President Jenifer, gave many heard five distinct spirit voices at one spirit tests, followed by Mrs. M. Rogers time. I have received communications in a poem. Miss A. D. Jacobi gave from my snirit friends, that I know very fine tests. The meetings some. were genuine, and I have seen marvelclosed by Mrs. Peters giving tests.' ous manifestations in the presence of Clyde Goodrich writes from Marcelthis medium under strict test condilus, Mich.: "Your liberal terms ought to tions. His tests have been grand. His double your list, and would too, if your materializations and independent slate present subscribers would call the atwritings have given good satisfaction tention of their friends to the import-He can be addressed Lincoln, Neb. ance of keeping posted on the events Gen. Del., for engagements and camp that pertain to our philosophy. Mr. meetings this coming season." Frank T. Ripley commenced his E. B. Chamness writes: "I was month's engagement for our society on statement in one of your napers that Sunday, February 7. He lectured in the courts of illinois had decided the the afternoon and evening to audiences Sunday Laws unconstitutional. Please a little larger than we usually have state if this is correct." This decision had reference to the law closing barber here. His tests were very good. This is the first time our society has tried the exshops on Sunday, which was declared periment of employing a speaker for a unconstitutional. nonth at a time. We are well pleased Mrs. Dr. A. F. Clark writes from with the first meeting, and hope to see Metropolis, Ill.: "I desire to say that on account of sickness I will be unable crowds that will tax the capacity of the hall before the meetings are over." o have a term of theCollege in New Or-Ella Gibson Magoon wrtes from leans, La., this season. We would ad-vise our psychle friends all over the Memphis, Tenn.: "We have been here but a fortnight, but have succeeded durworld to live within the circle of coning our brief stay, in bringing Spiritualgenial spirits, guard against antag ism to a more substantial basis in this onistic associations all in spiritual town, in reawakening a germ of interest Write to me at Metrodistress. planted by Brother Barrett in his brief polis. Ill. I will give my time this year sojourn in the town, during his tour through the States; and we have been to those in the spirit, free of charge. I will be in Chattanooga, Tenn., this sumbringing the plant to fruition; in the mer; also at Jackson, Tenn., this spring, organizing and completing of a promisand Psychic Park, Magnolia, Missis ng young society, with much good ippi.' material among its members, and every Marie Trimble writes from Baltimore, augury for the future success and Md.: "Reading the article in The Progrowth. Officers elected were as follows: gressive Thinker, of February 6, on President, Mr. Wilson; treasurer, Mrs. Animal Immortality,' permit me to re-Talbot; vice-president, Mrs. Wolfe: late what came under my observation secretary, Mrs. M. Payne, No. 7 Ranome years ago when I was absociated officially with the Children's Progressive the need of the universal patronage of dolph-Park. Everywhere we go, we see vecum in the large and beautiful City an all around liberal Spiritualist f B. On entering Lyceum Hall one paper, like The Progressive Thinker, bright Sabbath morning, observing Miss Maria Ochord there, 1 went forone thing; also-next apparent point to observation-comes the horrible

feeling of content and happiness does not reach to his bondsmen who have had to pay the anithm the stole. The ful souls in this higher thought, but we other day, several frinnles, including a will meet again. There is no separation minister's wife, held what they called to the spirit. In the meantime, let us religious services in his cell in the jail Another prisoner was in the cell with to unitize, and come into a oneness with Lindley, but the good Christian ladles all that is good, noble and uplifting in paid no attention whatever to him, as he only stole an overcoat valued at \$10."

Mrs. Allie Lindshy Lynch writes; "The evening of January 23, Mrs. Dr. A. Lamon held in refinembrance the an-niversary of her marriage; for though Dr. James Lamon ja in spirit-life he remains to her a guirdian and companion. The evening was stormy outdoors, but very cheery in her home where were a dozen brave hearts who had breasted wind and snow. The hours from 6 to 12 were filled with songs, recitations, discussion on the marriage question, the reincarnation theory, etc. and with elegant refreshments served twice—as strength alds for so weighty topics. The hostess, costumed as Queen Esther, gave us an inspirational song and followed this with words of greet

ing from spirit friends to several pres-ent. Mrs. Prof. W. M. Lockwood gave voice to a very beautiful thought caught from the spirit side of life-from the hrisband." G. W. Eichelberger writes: "The

First Sphritualist Society of Chicago, No. 3120 Forest avenue, have despite the hard times and many opposing factors and elements, succeeded in breast-

ing the storm and have been doing a great and successful work for the great cause of Spiritualism. Mrs. Ada Foye, the veteran medium, and one of the ablest representative of the spirit phenomena the world has yet produced, has become a fixture with us. We find in her the embodiment of all that is truthful, sincere and genuine. The phenomena giyen upon our rostrum éach Sunday to the thinking public is of such a thorough and convincing nature that even the most skeptical person mus pause, study and wonder: names in full, dates, personal characteristics and lovcenturies. ing messages from friends and relatives

long since departed to spirit-life, carry conviction to the hearts of those by Pope Innocent the Third, in 1204, and consolidated by a monk, afterthat receive them. We say to all of our your paper to call the attention of the friends, investigate. Believers and skeptics come and see, hear for yourselves, and our word for it the last vestige of doubt will be swept away. We have also-neranged with Mrs. Jackman who has been giving under the auspices of this society some wonderful and genuine independent slate writing. Mrs. Ada Foye will speak and give her, test seance only Sunday evenings for the presence present. Remember the meeting hours

2:30 and 7:30 p. m. sharp. Farmer Riley passed through this city last week on his way to Montoe, Wis., where he will hold a series of scances. Mrs. Amanda A. Cate favors, as memorial of the Fox Sisters, the building of a home for the needy, rather than the building, of, costly temples-a home whose portals shall every day be open to all who meed uplifting, and where a constant memorial service extermination. shall be conducted, through loving help-

fulness towards humanity. Elmer E. Dunton sends to this office wenty-one subscribers from South Boston, Mass. Clubsynrg coming in from all sections of the country. L. L. Strouse kends the following

minded of the fact. clipped from the St. Louis Republic said this high functionary, "Kill the Lafayette, Ind., Ifeln 9.-Henry Weavwhole lot, God will distinguish His er, of McGrawsvilles reports that reown,' cently Eliza Webb, the fortune-teller,

revealed to him that a treasure was hidden on his farm. A few days ago while hauling fodder, his wagon struck a gate post and broke it down. While replacing the post her uncovered a tea kettle containing \$1,710 in coin, of which \$1,000 was in gold. The fortune-teller demanded \$150 for her service. He gave her \$50."

Virgo writes: "Why is it that Liberdisrespect to the host, or the crucifix, or alists and Spiritualists will sit idly by and not even protest against the unjust and infamous 'medical' bills now before the legislatures of Michigan, Kansas and Indiana? Where are your thou-

From Harbinger of Light, From The Spiritual Review, -London, Eng. Melbourne, Australia. AT A MATERIALIZING SEANCE.

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A DARK SHADOW.

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It is stated on no less an authority On leaving, the spirits scattered flowthau that of Las Casas, Bishop of ers over us, and "Rosetta" sang a beauad tiful hymn, after which the spirit of dressed to the Emperor Charles the Fifth, that in forty years, the Spanlards the cabinet, and then requested us to butchered between twelve and fifteen millions of American "infidels," after effect of spiritualizing the conditions of robbing them of their treasure, and inflicting unspeakable indignities upon manifestations.

their wives and daughters. They not SEVERAL BRIGHT LIGHTS now appeared in different parts of the merely murdered, but they mutilated the miserable victims of their fanatical room, and, suddenly a very large and ferocity. They cut off their noses and brilliant star, almost the size of a hutheir ears, their hands and their feet; man head, floated immediately above they gouged out their eyes and tore out the cabinet, and then remained station-Blood-hounds were ary for several minutes. This was the trained for the express purpose of light of "Cardinal Newman," for again hunting down the poor creatures who the spirit addressed us, and the voice fied from such miscreants. Sometimes proceeded from the brilliant star above as many as thirteen heretics were the cabinet. strung up on a single gallows, and, in

NO SEANCE SEEMS COMPLETE they happened to be so tall that their without an Indian control. It seems feet touched the ground, a fire was kludled under them and they were strange that such spirits form the companionship of men who have been credwrites the Bishon, were done "in honor and reted with vastly superior abilities. It verence of our Redeemer and of his two is so, however, and Mr. Craddock's band of guides are no exception to the Apostles;" Peter being presumably one "Redcrow," a jocular and interof them; as he was the alleged founder rule. of the Church which sanctioned and apesting Indian spirit, now came springing from the cabinet, and gave us proved of these abominable atrocities Indian war-dance and song GOING STRAIGHT TO HELL.

Captain Molison, a gentleman who had Let it not be forgotten that these ived among the Indians, was particutwelve or fifteen million human beings, arly favored by this spirit, with whom dying as heretics in a condition of imhe held a conversation for some time. penitence, were believed to proceed EXQUISITE DRAPERY.

straight to a place of eternal torment It was during the time that this spircalled hell: so that they were not meret was speaking that "Rosetta" was ly deprived of their earthly lives, under ircumstances of hideous cruelty, but walking from one end of the circle to they were-as their assassing joyfully the other, completely enveloping some of the sitters in her exquisite drapery. concluded—consigned to a vast furnace where they would be everlastingly Meanwhile, phenomena of various kinds roasted by unquenchable fires, without were occurring in different parts of the were occurring in different parts of the the faintest hope of ultimate annihilaroom. It is utterly impossible to enumerate all the manifestations that take tion, even after the lapse of millions of place at these seances. The sitters have their own individual experiences, and THE INQUISITION ESTABLISHED

all could, no doubt, tell a different tale MATERIALIZATION,

wards canonized by the Church of however much it may be poolpoolied Rome as Saint Dominic, became a per- by those who are supposed to have manent tribunal in 1229, and received "passed through all that sort of thing" almost plenary powers from Pope Gregis nevertheless the most convincing of all phenomena that spirits have proory the Ninth in 1233. France, Spain and Italy were successively submitted the foundation of the phenomenal asto its infamous authority and bloody prerogative: but England and Germany nects of Spiritualism; it is the gateway escaped the pollution of its murderous. leading to a knowledge of the great truths of the New Dispensation; it is

the physical evidence of spiritual facts that point the way to life eternal. We Wherever its sinister influence was cannot do without physical mediums. felt, a shadow, as of a black pall, fell They should be protected rather than over the land. Fear went before it; the abused; encouraged rather than cast prison, the torture chamber, the axe, down. he gibbet and the stake, followed be

DARK CIRCLES.

hind if. The extirpation of heresy was commenced in the South of France, By some it may be said that "dark where there was a large Protestant vircles" are not at all satisfactory, and community, against whom, Pope Inno-cent the Third preached a crusade of with such nonsense! Spirits require the necessary conditions of darkness, just as much as a photographer requires a A POWERFUL ARMY INVESTED darkened laboratory for the develop the flourishing town of Beziers, sacked ment of his photographs. The arguit, and put to death 60.000 of its inments of these decriers against "dark Some of these were Uath ·ircles," are just as rational or rather olics, and before the assault, Arnold Amalric, the Pope's Legate, was reirrational, as if a man were to expect the sun to stand-still at his command "Never mind,"

WE CANNOT DICTATE what spirits shall do or what they shall not do. They know what they are about. When they have completed a certain development in connection with At the small town of Albi, in the adthese phenomena then we may expect iolning department, 400 heretics were more clear and satisfactory results. What we want is not so much physical

| light, but the light of the Spirit. THE INQUISITION ESTABLISHED a veritable reign of terror. It was only necessary for a main or woman to be denounced as heretical, upon some point From Light, London, Eng. of doctrine, or as having been guilty of CHRISTMAS

some religious symbol, in order to be is the one universal festival of the year, laid by the heels in a dungeon, con- and perhaps no festival was ever kept victed on false testiniony, placed upon in such a variety of ways, and with such most verge, not to escape the vengennee

THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN, and we are even able to draw the inference that these spirit-powers and angelpresences may be always on or near that open way, ministering according to the need, and felt even when not seen. And we venture to repeat that if our friends who will most loudly sing their carols really believed that angel-story as a great world-fact and not as only "Cardinal Newman" addressed us from part of a mere spectacle, they would be much more ready to believe in spirit-acsing "Lead, Kindly Light." This had the tivities and angel-appearances now. We go further. Is it not at least cons

ceivable that one of the reasons why WE DO NOT SEE THE ANGELS is that we have ceased to believe in

them? We do not mean that seeing and not seeing may depend upon faith or no faith in the individual-though there may be something in that;-what we mean is that an age of unbelief, or an age in which the merely physical senses are supremely developed, may be an age in which the more spiritual perceptions may naturally dwindle.

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SINS OF PHYSICAL LIFE. Perhaps some may say: "We hold strongly to the thought that punishment awaits some of those who pass through the change of death?" but we ask you calmly and steadily face the facts of life, and be ready to admit that the great majority of men, and women, and children are more sinned against than sinning; that the so-called sins of physical life are more often than not the result of earthly circumstances; that in the deepest consciousness of most people there is a living desire to be better and truer, and overcome these difficulties of earthly experience, If you dare to draw the yell aside which hangs between you and your inner consciousness, you know that you would be better, that you would show more good and find more good.

BE CAREFUL IN JUDGING.

Then estimate your neighbor by yourself; do not judge those who fail where perhaps you only stumble; those who yield while perhaps you are able to gain the victory! "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." Love is duced through human agencies. It is the mighty force exercised on the other side, and there no stones are cast against the poor, the poor in spirit. What does this mean? "Poor in spirit." Rich in worldly goods, it may happen; rich in store of mind and golden thoughts gathered from those who are rich-in conscious power which comes from intellect well applied; but poor in spirit, poor in the store of love, poor in the power of sympathy, poor in those experiences which prove the power of spiritual wealth.

WEAR SPIRITUAL RAGS.

Passing on to that condition where, under the white light of truth, all is revealed, passing on to that other life. would you not pity those who wear the spiritual rags? Would you not pity those who shroud themselves in the gloom of their own conditions? Would you not pity them, because, if you were wlser than they, you would know they must face the facts of life, must bear the responsibility, must go down, perhaps, into the very depths, where their hearts are tortured with anguish? You would know there comes the bitter weariness concerning "what might have been" if only they had followed the truth, if only they had dared to hear the voice which bade them act in accordance with what they felt to be true.

CONDEMNATION.

There is no need for man's condemnation, there is no need for spirit's condemnation. The condemnation is registered in the bitter consciousness of living experience, which makes some, as we have seen them, strive to go to the ut-

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son, in answer to the letter of Mrs. R 8. Lillie. Now, without the phenomena there is no actual proof of the immortallty of the soul, and for one I am very thankful to these ladles for their brave words. There was a plot on foot to put all phenomenal mediumship (several years ago) off the public platform, and the parties who tried to do this, are now reaping their reward for attempts ing to shut the mouths of test mediums Lam very glad that there are two in our ranks who dare to defend true medjumship through good and evil re-"port."

H. J. Anderson, 50 E. Third street -Slation A. Portland, Oregon, desires the addresses of Mrs. E. Keeler and M. A. Armstrong.

Charles Howell, 58 Monroe street Grand Rapids, Mich., writes: "We have concluded to have an old-fashioned celobration in this city on the Forty-ninth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, to he held the 27th and 28th of March next, and we would be pleased to correspond with some good speaker as well as platform test medium for that occasion, or at least for the Sunday service, and would be pleased to have you give space to this communication that we may get in line with such speaker and medium, and for the further reason of giving publicity to the

secasion that all may come and partake of the good and bountiful things that is in store for all seekers after truth. Arrangements will be made for caring for all who may come from outside the cify, and all are cordially invited. Those corresponding with me as speaker or medium, state terms, experience

and reference, remembering that 'pros perity' has not been this way in very large chunks yet."

Mrs. Nagell, the Spiritualist medium who last Thursday evening delivered an address and gave platform tests be fore the Society for Practical Progress which meets every Thursday evening in Burton's Hall, acquitted herself very creditably on the occasion. The subjects for her address were given by the audience and she spoke impromptu The lady claims to speak under inspiration. Her address was, in the nalii, of a high order, showing a famil-

farity with the subjects handled. At times, however, the speaker appeared to lose her alleged invisible prompters when her remarks and language dropped to the level of the commonplace. the question, "Is death an endless the lady replied with prompt sleen: "No: death is an endless awakenness, ' ing." Mrs. Nagell will entertain the one week from to-night, in the same hall.-Snohomish (Wash) Eye.

'The Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial vard to speak to her. I noticed a beau-Appeal announces Spiritualist services tiful canary bird on her head. After greeting, 1 remarked: 'Maria, I see a at Cochran Hall, by Doctor and Mrs. anary bird on your forchead.' Miss Magoon, and says: "Steps have already been taken to incorporate the Memphis Orchard replied: 'I had a pet cauary bird; it died nine years ago.' Miss society under the laws of the State, and Orchard being a new acquaintance, I also to secure a legal charter from the Mational organization at Washington, knew nothing whatever of her past D. C. It is the design and resolute pur-life's history. I simply give the fact, D. C. It is the design and resolute purnose of the local officers to conduct and as clearly and truly presented on that maintain their society on the lines of occasion.

Mrs. M. A. Reed, who has resided in high order of conduct, and to have regular Sunday services, introducing from Chicago during the past year, writes time to time lecturers and mediums that she has been suddenly called to from the North and East, and only Boston on account of sickness in her hose that bear credentials and the family. She praises Chicago, "because stamp of approval of the National so- of the humanitarianism in the hearts this means the Memphis and souls of the intellectual and spirit-Bv Mety. branch will be able to present and pro- ual classes, whose tendency is to sins have all been forgiven him, and he

result of the knavery of humbug mediums, traveling through the country. A volume should be poured out upon the subject-verily we have learned to know that the name of medium, unless coupled with honesty, is a curse. C. H. Pfindle writes from Humboldt. Iowa: "J. W. S. Lindley was treasurer

of this county, but was found to be a defaulter in the sum of \$20,000 and is now in jail in consequence. He is a meniber, in good standing of the Baptist church, and spends a good share of his time in reading the Bible and praying; and says he never could have stood the trials he has been called upon to endure, if it was not for the love of God he has in his heart; and that his

sands of healers and mediums; what are they doing? Buckle on the power of will! Stand firm for the freedom of humanity) and petition every representative, in well-chosen language, to vote against any change, or at least to prevent a worse condition than now ex-Let a quiet but determined ists. 'thought-wave' be constantly sent out that shall and will conquer the foe, and raise the flag of freedom for humanity." Orvin Merritt writes: "I wish every person now taking The Progressive Thinker would try to get others to sub-scribe for it. I think everybody on

earth should read The Progressive Thinker. I am astonished to see how little people understand the teachings of Spiritualism. The Methodist minister here in Genoa preaches Spiritualism every Sunday, and at the close of his sermon, he tells his audience that he

don't want them to think that he is a Spiritualist." while wisdom seeks to know. Ella Dare, whose excellent poems appear occasionally in The Progressive Thinker, writes: "The Progressive money, make a grievous mistake. Thinker is certainly fulfilling a grand greater wisdom.

mission in serving the soul-needs of awakening multitudes." Thomas Wallace writes: "Perhaps your many readers would be pleased to the wise. The ignorant careth not to be hear from Englewood, that hot-bed of churches, and of the spiritual revival now in progress at the Spiritual Progressive Society, which is being conducted by the genial Dr. W. T. Parker every Sunday at Sigler's Hall, 526 W. reases or decreases. Sixty-third street. His rostrum is open to all new mediums who are desirous

of public work, but especially has the manifestation of spirit presence been of woman. satisfactorily demonstrated through some of his pupils. It is beginning to be generally understood that mediumship, like any other profession, cannot same kind of life. be very well 'picked up' by one's own patural ability, especially the higher

phases, but for certain and sure success one requires a teacher for which pur-pose Dr. Parker appears to be peculiarin patience. ly suited."

Dr. J. C. Phillips, the healer and psy-chometrist, writes from Clinton. Iowas "Ever since your acquaintance I have been more than pleased at the careful manner you always do business, and thereby is the secret of your slow but sure success. Show, did I say? And yet not slow, which we take into consideration the times have been steadily moving to their present condition for the past six or sevent years. Again let me congratulate you on the steady im-provement of your grand and noble paper, and by the way the article in last number by Dr. M. E. Conger has the right ring to it. Hit 'em again, Brother Conger, and please don't lay away that pen, but keep it moving. When looking backward thirty years, I sometimes am led to think we are not making so much headway in the reconstruction of the world as some seem to think.⁴

Mrs. R. Endres writes from Philadelphia: "Sunday evening, February 7, 1897, was a gala night here in Phila-delphia to the Spiritualists who met in Girard hall, 608 Girard avenue-a night to be proud of, and one to be long re membered. Another society has been added to our ranks which will hereafte be known as the Spiritual Fraternity Association of Philadelphia. The meet ing opened with an address by Dr. C.

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might be extorted from him, and then marched to the stake, and burnt allve. Thus perished 31,000 persons in Spain alone, besides 290,000 condemned to minor, though cruel, punishments. At least 75,000 were put to death for their religion in the Netherlands; and the entire property of every heretic was invariably confiscated; unless, indeed, he was betraved by his children; for, in that event, they preserved their inher-

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itance! So that a premium was offered by the Church to filial treachery and From The Mystical World,

really so little grasped. Ignorance always kicks at and con-

THE ANGEL-APPEARANCES,

demns what it does not understand, Those who seek the wise man with flattery with a view of obtaining his The wise man can only be enticed with The learned man who has great powe hateth knowledge, and the fool mocketh

burdened with knowledge and wisdom Modern friendship is a game playe for money, usually between an innocen fool and an ignorant rogue. The gam waxes strong or weak as the stake in

While thy passions are thy master yoman will enslave thee. When master of thy passion thou wilt also be maste As we would criticise the life of an other we mean that we would not have the world think that we would lead the Occult knowledge flees before a crow as birds do before a fowler, Knowl edge dwells in solitude, in silence, and find intensely intellectual person

ar more unreasonable than lunaties They, believing that they can reac seaven through the intellect, find a rest have appeared. ess pleasure in the hallucination.

"Respectability" is the outward cov ring of a decentive life.

1 accept no man as my advisor, for "believe" no man, I believe nothing listen to no one but the God within me, and I am never led astray.

Mau-made laws are in the plural, they are legion; while Natural-Haw is in the ingular. Natural Law is God, and here is but one God. In the race for life, never turn to see

where your competitors are. The moments wasted in turning may prove fatal.

A necessary defense to one may be an offense to another.

All the feasts and fasts taught by the church are ungodly, hence they are gradually working the destruction of the church.

If all the armies of the world were enisted in rebuilding the church, they yould fail. . Its mission is ending. Some people are never happy unless they, are miserable; hence they get a le misery.

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startling contrasts—all the way from the tenderest adoration of a divine child to the grossest gluttony and intemperance; truly a marvelous commemoration!

LEADING FEATURES OF THE DAY. And yet, strange to say, notwithstanding the startling diversity of modes of commemorating this festival, one of the leading features of the fact commemorated will be borne in mind only as part of a mere spectacle--as that which. though real once, has never been repeated, and cannot be. We refer of course, to the spiritual appearances which occupy so prominent and so vital

i place in the story of the advent of the child in whose recorded manner of anpearing the vast majority seem to so streamously believe, but by whom it is

The solid fact which cannot be got

rid of is that from beginning to end, and at every stage, the Gospel story is saturated with the spiritual. The birth is heralded by the victory over it as vitally connected with the angel-appearances to the disciples; and there never seemed to be a time when the angels did not ascend and descend upon this

"Son of Man." At present we do not discuss the question whether these records are strictly historical, and whether everything happened as set down. All we are concerned with, at this stage, is the question-How far is the actual

fact grasped by the very people who profess to believe it most? If the fact, as a fact, were thoroughly grasped. would it be possible to scout every suggestion that angels of God sometime appear now? This is what we meant when we asserted just now that this prominent fact of the spirit-appearances at the birth of Christ will, after all, be borne in mind only as part of a mere spectacle; for the vast majority of those who will sing their carols, telling of the ingel-appearances, would laugh amus ediy or scoff disagreeably if one said. Yes, what you say is true: and I know

because, in our own days, angels

THE REALLY THOUGHTFUL among those who, while believing in

spirit-appearances, say about 1.900 years ago, refuse to believe in them today, would explain that the occasion was exceptional, and so exceptional as to warrant and even compel a super natural influx of spirit-power. We do not think this entirely nonsensical and

arbitrary. It is quite likely there is some-thing in it. All, we ask is that any such GAL ELEVEN exceptional influx of spirit-power shall be connected with the law of cause and

effect. THE ADVENT OF A CHRIST

may have been an event of such in tense spiritual significance as to bring the unseen and the seen into equally intense contact-just as the crucifixion may have been, or the appearance of the spirit-Christ, misleadingly called "The resurrection." But sprely we diminish the significance of these manifesgreat deal of comfort out of a very lit- tations of spirit power-these incursions of angel-mesences--if we think of them

as arbitrary, just as the pageantry of a royal show is: and surely we put these spirit-powers and angel-presences in their true place when we consider them as inevitable and natural, in the circumstances. But, if we do that, we leave an open way between .

(lod but io get away iron themselves, and they never succeed; they carry with them their own judge, their own consciences; they are pelled to bear this bitterness of suffer-

ing, until-remember, there is always the "until!"--until they are aroused with the desire for something true, until the thought is awakened in their consciousness that they abhor evil, that they would escape from their bonds, which they themselves have forgednone other can break those fetters-the good within must grow and burst its bonds, and then the spirit goes on to the life of wider experience.

PERFECTION AND IMPERFECTION But even that cannot erase what has been, cannot entirely blot out the past. for the education will, in its reactive consequences, have been helpful to the spirit. We tell you there is no need to picture to yourselves an angry or of-

fended God, who wreaks his vengeance on the sinner, for a personal Devil who seeks to lead men astray, for, in the living experience of spirit consciousness, it is revealed to what depths men can go, and, thank God, to what heights they can raise themselves: for this is the grand secret of the mighty purpose and the sacred issue of life, to leave behind all imperfections and go on towards perfection, towards that grand fulfilment which can be experienced by those who tread in the path of the right, the good, and the true,

DEATH & DELIVERING ANGEL But though we speak of those who go o the very depths, though we regonize all their sufferings and sorrow, we want you to remember that to the vast maority of those who pass through the change, Death is a delivering angel, who with soft hand touches their brow, smoothes the lines there, rekindles the light in their eyes, who teaches them the meaning of life's lessons they could not see before, and shows them what they can do, what abundant opportunities there are for the exercise of their powers, teaches them that there is no necessity to scheme and contrive to gather the wealth which perishes sooner or later; that there is no longer the

stern necessity to work in uncongenial fashion for food. They learn that many of the thoughts that actuate men's minds here have there no hold because the conditions are changed, and the great Divine law holds that man can only have what is his by right, or can onl to stay where he is fit to enter.

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Edwin P. Woodward: Q. Some six months ago I began sitting, and soon had table-tipping in answer to my questions. I stopped for awhile, and when I sat, I had the life almost taken out of my body, 1 was so violently treated. How shall I avoid this, and is it best to go on?

A. There would appear to be physi-cal conditions, difficult to overcome, and unless the advantages of a well-arranged circle are at hand, it would be better for the time to discontinue your seances.

Jno. W. Hawkins: Q. What is good? A. Jouffroy says that "the particular good of each creature is but an element of universal order," wherein he strange-ly blends physical laws with moral insight, and does not account for the idea of good. Reason may and often does. regard the "universal order" very differently, and ages before such order was recognized, concrete conceptions of good were entertained. If to the idea of universal order be supplemented that of activity for uses related to mind, then would arise the conception of good.

Another school says: "The highest good, the summun bonum, is worthiness of spiritual appropation." (Dr. Hickok, Moral Science, p. 43). Shall we choose, as an ultimate end, that which we must be to make the choice? Equally absurd to suppose the highest good to consist of personal introspection. It would not be a good to stop short ou barren approbation, even of the most spiritual, for activity is put forth for a nurpose, else it is objectless, and the purpose of right activity oversteps approbation to its results.

Dr. Fairchild (Moral Philosophy p. 21) says, good "consists in the satisfaction of that sensibility-satisfaction in every form in which it can exist." This definition places the desires on a level with the highest spiritual perception, and makes the satisfaction of the passions in their lowest estate, a good, This is the position of the optimist, who, af firming all things right, would allow he fire of desires to consume themelves, forgetting that ashes only re nain after the confingration.

Happiness as the supreme good be longs to Paley's Mechanical scheme of Creation, based on a personal God and the selfishness of his adherents. In the scheme of Nature, as happiness is always in great excess of pain, what ever is best must produce the greates nappiness. To say that the conscience decides in favor of happiness is an in version; for its decision is for the right which necessarily yields the supreme happiness.

It will be thus seen that the question s not one to be lightly answered, and has engaged the profoundest thought of moral philosophers; yet viewed in the light of psycho-philosophy, it is simmified and made understandable. Obedience to law is productive of the

greatest pleasure, but most rarely is it or possible for the mind to mactical know that such will be the result of a determined action. The martyrs and heroes of the world felt that expectation of happiness had no part in their determination to right and duty Not for happiness stood Leonidas with his three hundred in the pass of Thermopylae, nor

Joan of Arc at the head of the French army, nor Washington with his bleeding soldiers at Valley Forge. The love of country, the hatred of wrong and the generous emotions o

with the darkness of ignorance, it is a waste of time to answer the question. It is the old custom repeated in weary round, and considered ample reply to advancement in the realm of thought. When Luther lighted the fires of reformation, and Catholicism saw the flerce flames rise high, the priests mounted the summits of their grim towers and shricked in wild refrain: "The Devil!" When England threw off the Catholic yoke and became spiritually free, then came across the wide sea and echoed

along the shores of the channel that portentous growl: "The Devil." When I comet flashed on the evening's sky, and shook out its fiery train, the church sent up prayers to be saved from the irch-fieud, the Devil.

When a rap manifesting intelligence is heard, and a table moved by invisible power; when there are those who fall into unconscious trance and have the secrets of the future state revealed to them, the clergy from their pulpits shrick: "The Devil!" Ah, Satan, you are much abused! You have been the scapegoat for the follies and ignorance of the world.

If evil spirits can communicate, why not the good? Ah, here is an unfortunate dilemma: Can a benevolent God let loose on mankind an innumerable host of demons and allow them to de-

the good and loving ones to hold communion? Dives was an evil spirit, but he could not return to earth, and hence requested Lazarus to bear a message to his brethren. The Bible proves thus that while the evil spirits could not, the good could do so and communicate. "The tree is known by its fruit. The good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit nor the evil tree good fruit."

Spiritualism makes men better, teaches a sublime code of morality. It inculcates virtue, goodness and purity.

It holds forth the most exalted motives for right doing. It destroys oppression It gives assurance of an after life, and the presence of loved ones gone before Can such pure waters flow from a corrupt fountain?

R. Yemcy, Marcellus: Q. I read the the Questions and Answers with deepest interest, and am pleased with the clearness and directness with which the subjects are treated. I would like to know what the intelligences who write think of the awful prophecy in The Progressive Thinker for February 13, by Dr. Miller. He says that the British earthquake was only a beginning; that there are high spirits who have decided to shake the earth from Europe to Aus-

tralia, and millions of people will be swallowed up during February? A. An inquiring brother may retire to his couch in peace of mind, for February will pass and many a year and there will be no such shaking up. The days when wild-eyed madmen could frighten nations by howling destruction like a Jeremiah, happily have passed. Spiritualism is the science of the universe, and has no place for a "high order of messengers" whose business is world-tinkering. To be messengers, there must be somebody to send them, and there is no such God on a throne to dictate; to admit that these messengers have power over planetary laws, is to go back to the night of ignorance, and confess ourselves helpless slaves in their hands.

It is little short of a crime to utter such dismal prophecies. There are always a few at least, who believe there may be something in them. The idea that spirits engage in world-building, or world-destruction is very ancient, and opposed to the government of the universe by law.

It is quite consonant to the ideas formed of an Asiatic despot, seated on a throne and sending out "messengers" to this and that world, to tinker, but it is repugnant to modern thought, and opposed to every line of spiritual science.

England had a slight earthquake, local, and undoubtedly attributable to the disturbance of crust pressure by excavations in mines. The yielding of the crust usually is imperce tibly slo at times the resistance is so great there is accumulation of force, which at last suddenly gains equilibrium. There is no need of calling in "odyllle force"by the way, who knows anything about such a force?--or "high messengers." If such have come with the determination to murder "millions of people," they ought to be arrested as the most atrocious wretches left unhung, and it s a miserable circumstance that by their invisibility they are scot-free from the police! Oh, let us have a prophet of good, standing up and cry-ing out that the sun will gladden the earth, health redden the checks of beauty and of strength; the harvest be alundant, and joy reign! The world has been scared with the wallings of the false prophets of evil. since the old Hebrew wanted his eyes turned to waterspouts to give vent to his tears of anguish over coming misfortune: War in the clouds, comets like flaming swords of destruction; pestilence, famine, plague, volcanic throes and earthquakes opening earth's yawaing abysses to swallow up, the marts of men-what a wall to frighten the slaves of superstition; for the pitying laughter and scorn of the wise!

ESTABMISH THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WITHIN

THE ABUSE OF WEALTH. the anguish of the rich man, for I say unto you, it is by, far easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than for such a due to find a method

AN INSPIRATIONAL LECTURE BY MRS. LEE NORIE CLAMAN, PAS-entire desire, his propensities, his entire TOR FIRST SPIRITUAL SOCIETY, life is set upon gaining possessions, it entreads

I trust that I may have the best thoughts extended at this time, for the instrument that I have to use is very much out of tune, and I fear that the The day is coming, is now, when you music will not be as sweet as it might must come as one of the recruits in this

"In the last day," saith the Lord of Hosts, "I shall pour out my spirit upon all flesh." As long as time itself, the greatest master minds that have ever lived have striven to know of this great power divine, from whence comes life eternal. This great philosophy which from time to time we proclaim unto you is for your betterment—is for the eleva-

tion of conditions, materially speaking. And, if it is to be the truth, which it is, away." it undoubtedly embraces spiritually, lude the children of men, and forbid parts the curtains of the great beyond and lifts you into its arms of truth. that you want to cultivate. If a man We hehold old Mother Earth as a molten mass of lava, with no life at all upon it, cust off into space as far as she could go. Then it began cool, and life began to show itself. We behold a later period when mankind was in a far higher condition than at the present time. The theologian of to-day will rise in remonstrance, and say to me this is not true, the world is unfolding,

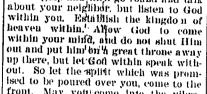
is developing to-day as never before. Let us see. We turn over the pages of life in that day and the age of the world so long penned-up within you shine when life became prevalent upon this old manet. We find that there was a old planet. We find that there was a similarity of character, of nature, but likes and dislikes had not been abused as they are at the present time. Men were not at war with each other as they are to-day. And, behold, a light ap-

pears. The spirit of truth has been poured over this great family of human souls, and because of that, truth is brought to the front. All that man can possibly conceive of,

everything that man needs from the put into practice the God-laws within time of his creation until the dissolution my breast of the body, has been put upon earth for man's use. We go to yonder forest and we find great, huge trees. The smallest limbs of that tree will help to keep mankind warm, The great straight trunk of the tree can be hewed and sawed to build man a house. Down

deep in the earth are all the different mincoals for man's use. And I fear, as I behold the great multitude, that be cause of all these things given to mankind alike, man has made a shameful abuse of the gift, and hence comes that despair that wrings his heart. Individnal ownership of property was insti-tuted by man. The infinite law of life, the law of attraction, or, in other words, God, had nothing whatever to do with it, but man in his avariciousness has assumed equality with God and sought to pen in all he can get for himself of worldly goods, and let his soul starve. Here are millions of souls who only as yesterday were clothed with matter

as you are at the present time, going backward and forward on cars to places of business, thinking of but one, single, solitary thing-thinking of how to make a dollar; thinking of how to draw to yourselves great possessions, and of how to keep A, B and C from getting them. "I want what I make," say you. "I made it, and I thank neither God nor man for it." How often you hear these expressions. In a great city only a few ages ago lived a man in a palace. Servants, houses and lands had he, all that he could want, enjoying the luxuries of life-so he thought. But there was a voice that spoke from within. It is said unto that



Tuttle.

GOLDEN THOUGHT.

edge is through the Portals of Doubt.

front. May you come into the vibrations of truth and love, into an understanding of love, until you dare to be a Daniel, firm and true everlastingly, May the spirit world make you to undestand the great necessity of loving vour fellowmen.

LYCEUM The entrance to the Temple of Knowl-

rich man, "Come unto me." Would it give him rest? Let us see. The time comes when that man is called out of the mortal body. Gaudy plumage decks

A BUSINESS A DJUNCT.

A PROPOSITION FOR THE INAU-GURATION OF A FINANCIAL COMMISSION TO THE N. S. A.-RESOLUTIONS ENDORSED BY THE MICHIGAN MID-WINTER CONVENTION OF SPIRITUALISTS -A PLAN LONG NEEDED INAU GURATED, AND WHICH WILL REDOUND TO THE INTEREST OF SPIRITUALISM.

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Spiritualism has grown from the inof us in truth. Take hold of the banherent soil in the hearts of humanity ner. Unfurl it to the breeze. Take up fanned by the zephyrs of the spirit world, and ripened, a manua the sweet the sweet refrain of truth. Breathe it back to those on the mortal plane, and est known to the human soul. help them to understand how to come

This has been done with meager cul-tivation, and until the last four years, into life eternal. Awaken, then, while it is day; for tomorrow you die and pass without the systematic co-operation of its friends upon this side of the vale of The man who loves his neighbor as life. Its cultivation and development is

himself, the man who goes hungry that as boundless as the spirit-realm, while some one else may be fed, has the spirit its possibilities are only limited by the needs of humanity.

has been upon yonder shore, far away, At its annual convention the National and perhaps has spent weeks and Association laid out a great work for months in pursuit of happiness in for-1897, but finds itself confronted with an eign lands, having turned unto himself a empty treasury, no available resources, great deal of what is called riches here and no systematic method of raising he should say to his poorer neighbor. any. The needs are many, but with the "Take my trip for me. You go across this time, and I will stay at home." exception of a strong spirituality and a store of boundless self-sacrifice on the This is the spirit you want to get hold part of the National officers, the assoof. This is the declaration of truth ciation is practically powerless to meet that I bring unto you. Let the spirit the requirements. The great work of carrying the blessed knowledge of immortality into thesterile fields of infidelity and materialism, now strewn with in a position to do great work, see well the tares of theology, the immunity to it that you wait not until the mornfrom persecution without, and imposiing's sun, but that you give unto your tion from within, the protection of our brother. Help lim along that he may magnetic healers, the care of our superhave some of the luxuries in truth. annuated workers, the building of a Thus will you prepare the great way of tome for the society and the preservatruth. Fling open the doors of selfishtion of its literature; aye, the very perness. Say unto those who have misled petugtion of the beautiful doctrine of you, Get behind me, Satan. I want to Spiritualism seems now dependent upon show you the true and living way, and sustaining our National organization in the wonderful work it has undertaken. It was with a hope of meeting these

requirements so carnestly urged by Brother Barrett at our recent mid-Dear friends, if you would only listen to the truth which I bring from time to time, and help me through the divine winter convention, that the writer inorder of things to put into practice the troduced the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: laws of truth, it will bring relief to mankind, will establish freedom every-Resolved, That the President of the where. May the angel world in glorgy, National Association of Spiritualists be light and life and liberty institute anew requested to immediately appoint a in your souls the desire to do unto your commission of five members subject to fellowmen as you would that they the confirmation of the National Assoshould do unto you. No greater words ciation at its next annual meeting. could I declare—no other sentence could This commision shall take im-mediate steps to incorporate, and I offer would bring such pence of mind as this if put into practice by you. Do devise ways and means for the not try to swallow yonder great library at one gulp and then go round and talk furtherance of the work of home missions. Said commission shall have the care and responsibility under the direction of the National Association in con vention assembled, of securing and protecting endowments and other funds for the furtherance of this branch of the work, make annual and detailed re ports of the annual convention of said society, with such recommendation as

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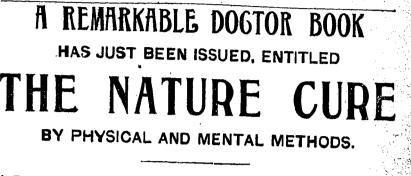
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pronounced universally, for its result is pain and unhappiness.

L. J. B: Q. Over two years ago we organized a home circle for investigating Spiritualism, and very shortly re-ceived what is known as table rappings and by observing certain established rules we received the names of many that we are thoroughly familiar with. and a great many that we did not know. Among those that we did not know was one that gave the name of F. Osborn, and said he was manager of the circle. These raps continued two or three months and all at once vanished as strangely as they came. But after the rappings stopped the sitters saw a white cloud-like vapor that would rise at different parts of the circle and float off, repeating itself ofttimes over and over again, and at the same time the sitters would feel something like the touch of fingers on different parts of the body. One of the members discontinued sitting on account of an ill influence taken on at circle. Can this be explained? and would it be advisable to continue circles?

A. This statement shows what may be accomplished by the home circle. Such a beginning prophesies wonderful results if continued with earnestness; conditions that have been found most advantageous should be complied with, and the places of members that cannot attend supplied, and the circles held in one place at the appointed times. Continue by all means, with assurance that you have surprising manifestations in store for you.

R. R. P., Baldwin, Mo.; Q. Can a medium become so depleted as to lose the power of clairvoyance?

Most assuredly, and not only that but all other forms of mediumship. It is the common experience to lose the capability, and have days and weeks go by without the least perception of spiritual influence.

S. H., Gainsville: Q. What can be said in opposition to the assertion that spiritual manifestations are works of wil spirits, or the Devil?

A. There was a time when this explanation was relevant, but now that the once powerful Satan has passed

Prophecy is possible, for predictions an be made along the well-known lines of law, and have the certainty of mathematics. T hese pretended prophecies, however, are nightmare dreams, and reflect on the sanity of those who utter them.

THOSE VACANT PLACES.

Oh, whither the friends that departed-Those bright, happy faces so dear-Who bowed to this world as they

started In silence? Do they linger near?

Where are our mothers' dear faces.

That always brought peace and good cheer; That filled here so fully their places.

Now vacant? Do they linger near?

Those fathers whose lives were a gladness,

That brushed back full many a tear From eyes of the loved ones in sadness, Now absent? Do they linger near?

That brother who stayed but an hour, To bud and again disappear; That passed as a blighted wee flower

of mind here below.

whither do I go?

earth.

Through earth-mold: Does he linge near?

That sister whose life was a prayer: Whose voice was so tender and clear Whose touch was of love and sweet

care To others: Does she linger near?

Those faces seem present and brighter Those voices we oft seem to hear.

And somebow our burdens are lighter To shoulder-when they linger near.

We know the departed still linger In memory's domicile here; And we feel the soft touch of a finger

That comes from that mystical sphere. But still, there are those vacant

places— Like haunts we can scarcely endure— Where once were the dear, forms and

faces

the hearse. The body is given a sumptu-SUBJECT: IS MAN A FALLEN BEous burial that costs much money. He ING?

passes through a great din of spirit The leaders of the younger groups revoices to the other shore. He beholds, quest the members to relate some per-as he looks just beyond, the man to sonal incident, wherein they have fed a whom he had not allowed even his hungry animal, assisted some sick, aged whom he had not answer even his nungry minut, assisted some sick, aged crumbs to be fed, safe in the harbor of Rest. "Poor as he was," cried the man, "I wish I had been he. Oh, let stow the same on others. Then the me go back to earth again, to tell my leaders relate some illustrative stories, brethren not to do as I have done. I as of the pirate, a cruel, bloodthirsty

took the reins in my own hands and man, who reposed under a tree at noonwas selfish. Alas, and alas, it is now tide and saw two doves in the branches too late. Won't you give me one drop feeding their young. Their affection so of cold water to cool my parching touched him that he left his comrades tongue. This hell of consciousness I and returned to his home, and became almost saintly in his character. The blessed teacher of immortal life

Why do you do good to others: why turns, his face with heavenly light all are you merciful, and benevolent? Because you are good, and hence you aglow, and says to the man in forture beneath, "You must work out for your- cannot be altogether bad. Really you

self that place of rest. You will have have so much goodness, mercy, benevo to begin over, as it were. Ages will lence and gentleness that if you do your come and go, and you in darkness will best, you can become good and pure as have to plod along here below." the angels. That man comes back. He finds a For the older groups: Is man a fallen man in a negative state, a man who being? No. If originally created per-would just as lief steal as look at you, fect, he could not have fallen, for per-

and would just as lief take the bread fection does not admit of temptation. out of the mouths of the poor and eat If he had fallen and thus became toit himself, as not. He finds a victim fally depraved from a state of perfec-like that, and says: "I like this, This tion, total depravity would not admit of is good enough for me. I enjoyed this reform; for the totally depraved could

when I was on earth; this was my not comprehend moral principles any business." He takes hold of that poor more than an ox can comprehend mathnot comprehend moral principles any victim. He loses for the time being ematics, not possessing mathematical his own individual entity, warped, as it facultics, were, by the spirit. He seeks to see The mo The moral faculties are always moral

how many men he can knock the foun- and hence the term "moral depravity" dation from under, and how much is a misnomer. Immorality is the re-money he can draw to himself and sult of the propensities, passions and hoard up for his own use, regardless of appetites overcoming the restraint of the needs and misery of his brothers. It was easy for him to make money. the moral faculties.

Robbers, assassins, murderers and the It came to him from every hand, just criminal class are examples of the con-as it did to Vanderbilt. He has often trol of the animal faculties and abaytrol of the animal faculties and abeysaid, "I could not help making money. ance of the spiritual. It was just as easy for me to make money as it was to eat. But here was

The sages, sayiors, martyrs and all who give self for the welfare of others, are examples of the dominance of the entritual the trouble, and here is the trouble--it is the abuse I gave to my fellowmen. spiritual. Oh, show to me the light, and I will go

Because man should be governed by spiritual laws, to which his animal na-ture should be subject, when this is rewith you anywhere. Just give to me one word of encouragement that I may rid myself of this hell within." versed we may call it depravity, al-Spirits who have a desire to overcome

their desires for wrong are helped into that love and light which brings rest The revelations, of, geology show that of mind and quiet, because they are doing that which they know will give man existed on the earth before the great Ice Age, or at least 2,000,000 years to them rest hereafter, and also peace

ago, and even then had reached a de-gree of civilization. He lived on the earth with the manmoth, and was one So with that man who went out few days ago into that old lake out of the means of its destruction. The pyramids, according to Lepsius, date to within 112 years of the Biblical Crea-tion, and Egypt had been inhabited as recorded in the Nile deposits twelve here. He thought, perhaps, to hide his shame. He thought, perhaps, that if he was swallowed up in the bosom of the lake, houses and lands might be hundred centuries before that time.

saved for those whom he had left upon When first known, man was a sayage, History is a record of his advance-Have you ever thought, dear friends. that, let you own millions, you could out but one meal at a time, you can sleep but one sleep at a time, can wear ment. He is a being of evolution, not retrogression. The Garden of Eden. the Golden Age, is in the Future, not the Past.

but one suit of clothes at a time? Then what is the need of all this wealth? MEMORY GEMS. The infinite Being of life and light has Man has been evolved from the lowthe power to change in the twinkling est form of being, through intermediate of an eye the whole course of all that stages, to his present attainments, by s, and leave you in blank astonishment. fixed and immutable laws of growth. Where am I; whence came I; and Man has never fallen from a state of perfection-never has been, nor can be

Listen to the voices pleading with you from the spirit side of life, saying unto you: "Cling not to that which will destroy both life and body." Cling not of the human heart looking backward estranged from God. That nothing can parry or cure. DR, T. WILKINS: destroy both life and body." Cling not of the human to that which will make you cry out in to the past.

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With adequate stability, and a fund for the protection of our mediums, persecution will cease, and they will be ac-

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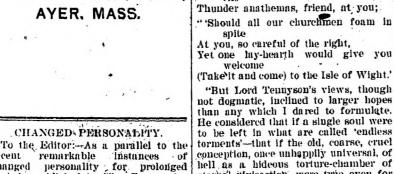
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Mrs, J. A. Chapman of Norwich, Conn., writes: "If a line from the Conn., writes: "If a line from the 'Nutmeg State' will be in order, we sub-mit the following brief notice of the G. E. WATKINS, M. D., mit the following brief notice of the good work the several speakers are doing this senson in Norwich. President H. D. Barrett opened our lecture course. giving two brilliant discourses in the interest of the N. S. A. Dr. George A. Fuller followed with his grand and logical presentation of the spiritual phi-Miss Lizzie Harlan, of Haydenville, Mass., one of our youngest and most promising speakers served the soclety during January, speaking Sundays and Thursday evenings. Her work was heartily appreciated, the audiences increasing from the first to last. Mrs. May S. Pepper, the popular test medium, served us two Sundays? giving, many remarkable tests, with names, messages, etc. Our present speaker is Mr. Oscor A. Edgerly, of Newburyport, Mass. this being his first appearance before a Norwich audience. His lecfures have the genuine ring of solid metal. His steel, although well polished, cuts bigotry and superstition like a twoedged sword. We hope to hear more of him another season. Thursday evening, 11th inst, we had an evening witht one of Mr. Edgerly's guides) John Me Carthy, and the assembled friends were



To the Editor .-- As a parallel to the recent changed personality for prolonged periods, published in The Progressive Phinker, I submit the following Hindoo story of Panch Phul Ranee. The Rajah having set out upon a journey leaving his wife and infant son at home, one day fell in with a traveling company of nautch dancers, and being a very handsome man they became enamored of him' and agreed among themselves that their attractions would be increased by having him for

He considered that if a single soul were to be left in what are called 'endless torments'-that if the old, coarse, cruel conception, once unhappily universal, of hell as a hideous torture-chamber of lid, tenderly cared for by his patient eterhal vivisection, were true even for and loving wife, who has long been a one single soul-it would be a blot upon the universe of God, and the belief in it would be an impugning of His infinite mercy. This he expresses in 'In Memoriam': 'Oh, yet we trust that somehow good

"'For being of that honest few Who, give the Fiend himself his due,

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Shall be the final goal of ill. For faults of nature, sins of will,

Defects of life, and taints of blood. 'That nothing walks with aimless feet, That not one life shall be destroyed. Or cast as rubbish in the void, When God hath made the pile complete.' "And again in the person of the poor ictim in his 'Despair:' When the light of a sun that was coming would scatter the ghosts of the Past. And the coming creed that had maddened the people would vanish at last. And we broke away from the Christ, our human brother and friend, For he spoke, and it seemed that he spoke, of a Hell without belp, without end.' "Amid all his deep seriousness of mind the poet was always sensible to the humorous; and he told me, with much amusement, the ludicrous remark of a farmer who, after hearing a redhot sermon of never-ending fire and brimstone, in the style of Jonathan Edwards or Father Furniss, consoled hiswife quite sincerely with the naive re-mark: 'Never mind, Sally; that must be wrong; no constitooshun couldn't stand. It !' "The impression left by one conversation with him is still vivid in my memory. We were walking alone, up and lown a long walk in the garden at Freshwater, and discoursing on a theme respecting which we were entire ly at one, namely, the very limited nature of our knowledge, and how easily we feceive ourselves into the notion that we know many things of which the reality is entirely hidden from us. 'What we know is little, what we are ignorant of is immense.' While, we easily forgotten. were thus talking he stooped down and plucked one of the garden flowers be-side the path. 'How utterly ignorant William H. Reed, who passed to spirit-life from his home in Lebanon, Ore. we are of all the laws that underlie the January 23, 1897, was born in Des life of even this single flower!' he said. Moines county, Iowa, December 23, This line of thought was exactly the 1836. He came with his parents to Oresame as that which he expressed in the gon in 1852, and settled in Linn county. striking poem: near Albany, and has made this country 'Flower in the crannied wall, his home. He was an Indian war vetpluck you out of the crannies, eran, had-been in metive service in Hold you there, root and all, in my hand, prossing the Indian hostilities in Yaki-Little flower; but if I could understand ma county, Washington Territory, in What you are, root and all, and all in all, the fall and winter of 1855 and 1856. I should know what God and man 'is.' and endured all the hardships of front-"'But yet,' he said, 'this one flower. ier warfare. He wassconvinced of the taken by itself, is quite sufficient to tell truth of Spiritualism about fifteen us all that it is most essential for us to years ago, by Mrs. Amanda Kelso know. It proves to us the love of God." Bruce, an independent slate writing me-But who believes in an eternal brim; dium, who passed to a higher life about stone hell now? Ever since the advent two years ago. Brother Reed's spiritof modern Spiritualism, Universal Sal- ual sight was opened in his last illness vation has grown upon the minds and and he saw and described many spirit onsciences of men until, except in the friends. He was a charter member of hackwoods of Christendom. It is no the A. O. U. W., of this city, and was a

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RETURNED TO CHICAGO.

We are pleased to note that Wm. M. Salter, formerly lecturer for the Chicago Ethical Culture Society, has returned to this city to again take charge of its interests. Mr. Salter is a graduate of Harvard University, a native of lowa, and the son of a Congregational clergyman. He has been located for a year or two in Philadelphia. The Progressive Thinker welcomes his return to the city, and hopes to give place to some of his good, utterances in its columns.

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pany, now a ragged, wild looking outwhose only ambition was to mechanically beat the drum for the low 2 The overjoyed son tried to assure the old drummer that he was by right a

mighty Rajah, and should remember his former wealth and splendor; but the man replied that he remembered nothing, having beaten the tom tom all his life as he was then doing, and displayed his skill with tans and rolls to prove it The son however persuaded him to re turn with him and summoned the wises doctors of the realm to restore him to his former consciousness, but they were not successful for a long time; finally a faint remembrance of former scenes and places returned to him, and gradually as his recollections increased, he admitted that he had a wife and babe; later he recognized his former servants and friends, and his original mental state having fully returned he resumed his throne and government, and his reign progressed as if nothing had ever hap-H. RICE. pened to interrupt it.

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