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### GOD, OR GODS.

SPIRITUALISM A KEY THAT UN-LOCKS THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE-A STENOGRAPHIC RE-PORT OF A LECTURE OF G. H. WALSER BEFORE THE SOCIETY him out of the midst of the COLN, NEB., DELIVERED MARCH | and God are all one and the same per-21, 1897, REPORTED BY J. E. FER-RIS.

I apprehend it is the object of all here this evening, and it should be the object of all persons who live, to ascertain, as far as possible, what truth is. 1.do not stand before you as an exponent of all truths, nor of what I say as being absolutely true, but I do stand before you as an honest person who desizes to know the truth as far as possible, and knowing it, I desire to obtain its blessings.

In looking over the history of the world, as far back as the dawn of civilization we find man in a constant conflict with man. We see disputes and differences of opinion everywhere. Differences of opinion which it seems to me, ought to be solved through the crucial process of the intellect without a dissenting voice, yet the world still asks, who and what is God? I will not embrace the opportunity to-night to attempt to give you a scientific solution of the problem, and I do not wish you to understand by this that I deny the fact of a Supreme Intelligence. I shall simply attempt this evening to explain the Biblical meaning of the word God. This meaning I have obtained through the light of spiritual knowledge; which knowledge has given me the key to the understanding of the Bible in a way I never saw it before I embraced Spir

itualism. There are about one hundred and three thousand ministers in the United States, the majority of them, perhaps this evening, are instructing their hearers as to the powers and beauties of the God of the Bible; and when you follow them with the different readings of the book you find so many different you stand bewildered. ideas that Should a minister ask you if you believe in God, and you should ask him which God he refers to be would likely become indignant at your question and reply by attributing some bad motive to you. But the question still is: Which lod? For there are many. The first chanter of Genesis starts out with God. as the creator of all things, then comes the Lord, the Lord God, Jehovah, Most High God, Almighty God, God of Abra-ham, God of the Children of Israel, the God of Nahor, 1 Am, I Am That I Am, The Lord of Hosts, Jah, Jehovah-Nissi, Jehovah-Tsid-kenu, Jehovah-Shamah Jehovah-Shalom, Jehavah-Jireh and many others. In all there are about three thousand four hundred times the name of God is used in the Bible. The word god is a generic term that was applied by the ancients to the spirits of dead men, in their various manifestations to man and demi-gods, under the general term god. And when it is attempted to harmonize them all as manifestations of one being there arises such an inharmay take the different passages of the Bible as to the description of God, and place them together, and you are confronted with a being with a white woolfire, with smoke issuing out of his nostrils a two-edged sword out of his girdled about the loins with a leathern riville and standing on brass like unto

"there is no god like me." In which concur. For years, before I got the key to the interpretation of the Bible, kept this picture in my office, and God's contradictions of himself before iny eyes, and my very senses revolted idea that such a medley of constradictions and crudities came from the Author of all things. But through the

Jacob had his wrestle with. Ex. 3:1,2,3,4,5,6. "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto Moses in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush." "And the Lord saw that he turned aside to see and God called to bush OF SPIRITUAL TRUTH, OF LIN- Here the angel of the Lord, the Lord sonage, and moreover God said unto him. "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,"

make an altar unto God that appeared

unto thee when thou fleddest from Esau

thy brother." This was the same God

When Moses was instructed to go to the children of Israel and to tell them that God had heard their cry and would deliver them out of the hands Plaraoh, Moses said unto God, "Behold when I come unto the children of Israel and shall say to them the God of your fathers hath sent me unto you, and they shall say, "What is his name?" what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am. and von shall say unto the children of Israel I

Am, hath sent thee. And this shall be my-name forever.' Ex 29:45. "And I will dwell among the children of Israel and be their God." Ex 33:11. "And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh to his friend." John 1:13. "No man has seen God at any time." Reconcile

the two, please. Ex. 15:11. "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods?"

Ex. 20:3. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Ex. 23:38. "I Am, says thou shalt not revile the gods."

Ex. 34:6. "And the Lord passed be fore him (Moses) and proclaimed, the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering and abundant in goodness and truth. Take heed to thyelf lest thou make a covenant with the

inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be a snare in the midst of thee, but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves, for thou shalt worship no other god, for the Lord whose name is Jeal ous, is a jealous God."

That does not comport well with the advice of I Am, above quoted. Now comes a different god with warlike atributes.

Ex. 15: 2. 3. "The Lord is my strength and song and he is become my salvation, he is my God and I will prepare for him an habitation. My father's God. and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war. The Lord is his name." Deut. 10:17. "For the Lord your God is the God of Gods, a mighty and terrible.'

Joshua, 24:14. "Therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood and in Egypt, and serve ye the Lord."

2 Sam. 6:2. "And David arose and went with all the people that were with him from Baale to Judah to bring up from hence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the Lord of Hosts that dwelleth between the cherubim. 1. Sam. 4:4. "So the people sent to Shiloh that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of mony that the thinking mind turns the Lord Of Hosts which dwelleth be-away unsatisfied. For instance, you tween the cherubin."

Psalms 68:16. "Why leap ye, ye high hills? This is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; and the Lord will dwell in it forever." Verse 17. "The ley head, with eyes like unto coals of chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels." Job. 23:16. "For God maketh my heart soft; and mouth, with long horns on his fingers, the Almighty troubleth me." Job. 38:7. 'When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for

> Hosen, 12:6,7. "Therefore turn thou unto thy God, keep mercy and judgment, wait on thy God continually, Psalms 38:18. "That man may know that Thon whose name alone is Jehovah. art the most high over all the earth.'

Psalms, 68:4. "Sing unto God; sing praise unto his name: extol Him that aid of Spiritualism these differences rideth upon the heavens by his name

# THE INVISIBLE REALM.

NEW, STARTLING ATOMIC THE-, this ether is simply matter in its primal ORY – MYSTERY OF THE UNI-VERSAL ETHER PROBABLY that it is the storehouse of matter, and we are one of the the cuentify which exists in a com-SOLVED BY WILLIAM HECKERT, bined or molecular form in the suns and MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

There are two things in modern science which are yet not outside the compared with enormous quantities realm of theory-which are still un- which fill the universe in the form of solved problems, says the Toledo Blade. ether. These are: The ultimate constitution of matter, and the hypothetical "ether."

As to the first, the atomic theory of he gives this primal force the name of Dalton, the eminent English investiga-1"oso." There is no existence outside of tor, affords a working hypothesis; but oso and matter-or force and matter, if it is merely a hypothesis; it has you prefer that statement, not been proved. The question is still The Blade is glad to make public this an open one. The atomic theory may be stated, in tion of the scientific world. The inves-

non-scientific language, as follows: All tigations of Mr. Heckert are too abmatter is composed of infinitely small struse for the columns of a general particles, each incapable of further di- newspaper, but they will no doubt soon vision. These, ultimate particles are be made public through some of the sci-

called atoms. In other words, the atom is the smallest separate particle of mat-ter in existence. entitic journals. The following is a brief statement, by Mr. Heckert him-self, written for the Blade, embodying ter in existence. Dalton stated this theory briefly as his own statement of his theory: "In all of nature's wide universe there follows: First, that all matter consists of indivisible, unchangeable atoms, of ex- is no existence outside of the primates, treme minuteness; second that all the loso and matter. The first is recognized atoms of one kind of matter-for ex-ample, of iron-have the same weight, of all life. The second is a single pri-

but that atoms of different elements mary matter, through which all life and have different weights; third, that these phenomena of pature are made manirelative weights correspond with the fest.

combining numbers, which therefore may be called atomic weights; and fourth, that these different atoms have nutual attractions, and combine to ments. All primary matter is divided form chemical compounds—not by in- into infinitesimal particles or atoms, terpenetration of their substance, but by atomic juxtaposition. A molecule is a combination of two however, have their own distinct geoor more atoms. These atoms may be of metric form, which constitutes different substances, or they may be of seven distinct elements.

"The first state of matter occupies the same substance. To illustrate the distinction between molecules and atoms, take this: The functions attributed to the hypothetical smallest possible particle of water is a ether, and forms nature's great store molecule. Divide this molecule, and it house, from which the elements are splits up into three atoms-one of oxy- drawn for the production of all phenom-

gen and two of hydrogen. The above is a general statement of the atomic theory of Dalton. The readena. "Form is the primary law giving the respective inherent properties to the er will note that he has nothing to say different elements; and so permeates all as to the form of an atom, nor ventures matter, giving to it a universal promisany reason why the atoms of one subcuous oscillation; which energy is constance will combine with those of cer-verted by the elementary forms, or tain other substances to form molecules, properties, into different substances while they will not combine with atoms and angles of motion from which all of other substances. All he ventures phenomena have their origin.

"Every hypothesis must stand or fall with regard to atoms is that they possess weight, and that the weight of the on its relative merits in accounting for atom is the same always for the same different phenomena; and in this con nection it is desirable to impress the substance, but differs with different substances: that is, the atoms of one fact that the new atomic theory rests substance are heavier or lighter than on a comprehensible foundation; an imthe atoms of other substances. portant factor, of which the generally

How do the light and heat of the sun accepted Daltonian theory is void ross the millions of miles between us That refers to atoms and their different and that luminary, to manifest them-1 weights, but fails to state what conselves upon the earth? When it was stitutes an atom or gives one a different discovered that they are not substances, weight or property from any other but forces, which are transmitted by a atom. It says that different atomic motion analogous to that of waves in weights cause the elements to unite in water, only of infinite smallness, it be-fixed ponderable proportions, but fails to tell us what an element is, and all exists in the interplanetary spaces a practical demonstrations prove that substance which can be set in vibration. different weights or specific gravities through which they are transmitted, cause the elements to separate and as-This hypothetical substance is called sume different positions, showing posi the universal ether.

tively that weight does not control the This ether is the material which ex- combination of the elements, and that ists throughout the universe, and in the Daltonian theory is no more than a which the stars are embedded, and is as convenient formula by which passive well the substance which fills in be- results are obtained. "It can be shown that such formula is

tween the molecules of all bodies here on earth. It is finer and thinner than only applicable to the second or molecany other known substance, yet pos- ular state of matter. Prof. Mendeleff, sesses density, rigidity, and elasticity, one of the foremost of living scientists It is simply everywhere and through and chemists, has shown us that the everything. It is the material means elements are divided into six or seven by which light, heat, and electricity are different families; but the laws that ransmitted.

This ether is curious stuff. Vibrations | weight, and combination remain a proin it of one kind are called light, of an- found mystery under present theories. other heat, of a third rate or kind electricity, while still distinct from all are every one of those profound mysteries,

the Roentgen rays. The other carries as well as more than a thousand others, these different vibrations through vari-ous substances differently. Light will from which to make scientific investigo through glass, for instance, but not gations. Under its hypothesis, all

### **BIBLE AND MORALITY.**

ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH TO WARD SCIENCE-A PAGE OF HIS-TORY.

To the Editor:-In your issue of that the quantity, which exists in a com-March 27, was an account of the yearly increase of crime in the United States which plainly showed that notwith tems is but trifling in volume when standing the many conversions being made daily by the church, the morality of the nation is rapidly growing worse. But is it any wonder that such is the Mr. Heckert has also reached the con-clusion that all force is the same and case when hundreds of people will crowd into a church until there is not even standing-room left to hear a man preach such a doctrine as this:

"Here's a man over here," said the preacher, who tells me he is a moral man; obeys the laws, gives liberally to the church and to the missionary cleties. He wants to know if God will count that for anything when he comes to die. I tell you that he will not.

God's first milestone on the road to heaven begins at conversion. You may have traveled a long way on a moral road, but go no closer heaven by it. That don't count at all. Past morals are of no avail. You have to begin by

being a babe in the womb of righteousness. You say, 'I am a moral man., A moral dog's hind foot! Who does a moral man worship? Nobody unless in is himself. I had rather be a Negro in the jungles of Africa worshiping a stump than to worship myself. Don't talk to me about your morality.

matter what you may have done. Let me repeat, God's one starts at conversion and he never begins counting your deeds until you are converted." The above remarks were made in one of our leading churches here some weeks ago by Rev. Culpepper, otherwise known as "the Georgia evangel ist." who has a national reputation.

THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE. This same evangelist had the following to say in regard to the Bible and

science: "Conscience will not do for a guide The Bible is my guide. Some fool suys it contradicts science. Moses knew more by inspiration than the scientists

have ever learned. Science has coneverything taught in firmed Bible. Moses gave facts which could have been known only by science or inspiration. The scientists have only recently learned that he stated facts. The Bible was hundreds of years ahead of the scientists. It was inspired."

Now if the Bible leads science, the ecclesiastics must have known that the earth revolves round the sun, long before the Copernican system was heard of. So it does seem strange that such an authority as the American Cyclopedia should have the following account of how Galileo was persecuted by the church for believing what he knew was

a fact: "With this period (1612) in his life

to have reached the zenith of his prosperity, while at the same time the malice of his enemies began to acquire a dangerous intensity. The Copernican system, which he had long taught in public, afforded a good pretext for at tacking him. The sun's revolution

1616. govern their different volume, heat, "The new atomic theory will remove night sum up all the approximants for and



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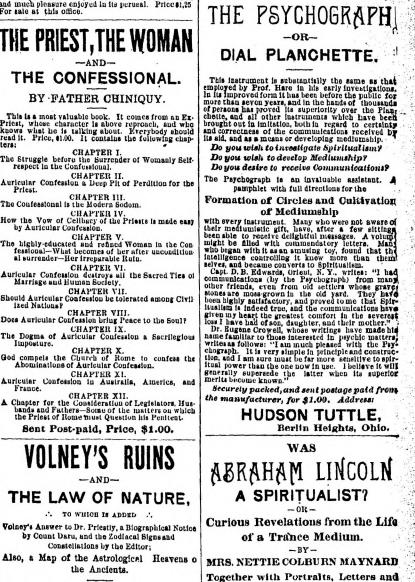
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round the earth was thought to be a truth of Scripture. Certain Tuscan ec clesiastics began to preach against the wickedness of sending our world spinning through space and a sarcastic Dominican hurled a sermon at Galileo from the text: 'Ye men of Galilee, why

stand ye looking up into the heavens? "His case came before the holy office (the Inquisition) in February He was charged with teaching that the sun is the center of the planet ary system and interpreting Scripture to suit his own theory. The qualifier: of the Inquisition pronounced the ob-noxious doctrines formally heretical, because expressly contradictory to Holy Scriptures.' \* \* \* Galileo himself was forbidden ever again to teach the motion of the earth and the stability of the sun. \* \* \* About 1625 he set about composing a work in which he



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consistent with what I know and apmeciate of the manifestations of the unseen powers. I now know that Moses. Aaron, Isaiah and all the old prophets of the Bible were simply spiritual mediums, that each had his own spiritual guide, which they called gods while we call them spirits. Hence the

different manifestations, different instructions, and different attributes all through the Bible. The mistake in try-. ing to make them come from one and the same God, has driven millions and

millions of starved souls into infidelity and skepticism. I come to you this evening with a sincere desire to gleam what little light 1 can into this great whirlpool of darkness and shed a ray of hope to souls in the trammels of

him whom the father hath doubt. In evidence of the plurality of Bible into the world, thou blasphemest gods I will give you some Biblical because I said. I am the son of God. quotations that you may judge for your-Jesus here claimed to be the son iod, on the same principle that the selves.

In the first chapter of Genesis, God lews did in olden times. I think there can be no doubt that the said: "Let us make man. So God created man in his own image, in the writers of the old Bible were living un image of God created he him, male and der the inspiration of spiritual guidance female created he them." Who was and that the enlightenment which they God talking to? After the six days of obtained was in a great measure, from creation was over the Lord God formed the spirits of dead men and that they man out of the dust of the ground and so understood it. With that conception then made a woman out of his rib, from the seeming contradictions of the Bible which sprang the Adamic race. Acrespecting the character, commands and cording to this. Adam was not created personalities of the gods are perfectly but was formed out of materials alconsistent with known spiritual attri ready in existence, and they were the butes and manifestations; but to at work of Lord God. But God had cretempt to harmonize them with the idea ated a pair during his six days labor. of an allwise Being is confounding the In further proofs of the Biblical pluralintellect with such inconsistencies that ity of gods we call your attention to The millions of people are driven into the Bible episode in the garden. When Eve cold and cheerless path of materialism locked upon that beautiful tree in the which sees no hope beyond the grave. center her month watered to taste of Would that the ministers of the land its inviting fruit, but she remembered could throw aside their prejudices for a her instructions "not to eat of it. for in time and preach to the people in the the day that thou eatest thereof, then light and genius of the age in which the your eyes shall be opened and ye shall scriptures were written. If they would only do that the world would sing a be as gods, knowing good and evil." new song; man would see a light where 'And the Lord said, behold the man is as one of us. to know good and evil.' there is now but darkness, a hope in the And he was turned out of the garden face of despair, a joy in the blessings for fear he should eat of the tree of life yet to come, a lamp in the frowning and live forever. When God made the tomb and a smile across the River of remark that "the man is as one of us, Death. he certainly intended that it should be understood in a plure sense and that A STARTLING FACT. he recognized the existence of some one The Progressive Thinker was hesides himself.

When the children of men had jouronly Spiritualist paper that had the neyed to the land of Shinar they under address before the National Association took to build a tower and God said: Convention of Spiritualists We have 'Go to, let us go down there and conhis address, covering three pages, and found their language." I think we have shown enough to convince any one that five other fine addresses and articles out by Col, Ingersoll, grouped in one God himself, recognized the existence paper, and we want to send out 1,000,000 of company.

of them. It is worth ten times its Now in evidence that they went by weight in gold. different names, 1 will call your atten-Read the article on 5th page headed tion to a few passages: Gen. 14:23. "Fifteen Cents." "And Abraham said unto the king of So dom. 1 have lifted up mine hand unto the Lord, the Most High God, the possessor of heaven and earth." Gen. 17:1. "And E. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL. D. A truly great work of a master mind, and one whom Spiritualists should delight to when Abraham was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared unto Abrahonor. The result of years of deep ham and said unto him. I Am The Althought and patient research into Namighty God." Gen. 33:24,29,30. ture's finer forces are here garnered and made amenable to the well-being of Jacob was left alone, and there wrestled a man with him until the break of day," humanity. Medical men especially, and and Jacob's thigh was put out of place; scientists, general readers and students when morning came Jacob asked him: "What is thy name?" and he blest Jacob of occult forces will find instruction of great value and interest. A large, fourand Jacob called the name of the place pound book, strongly bound, and containing beautiful illustrative plates. For sale at this office. Price, postpaid. Peniel, for I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved." Gen. 35:1.

"And God said unto Jacob, arise and \$5. It is a wonderful work and you go up to Bethel and dwell there and will be delighted with it.

have become perfectly harmonious and [ Jah and rejoice before him." Isiah, 30:11 "Get ve out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One Of Israel, to cease from before us." John 4:24. "God is a spirit, and we

should worship him in spirit and in not through glass, and so on. tenth." 2 Cor. 3:17. "Now the Lord is that

spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Jesus seemed to comprehend the meaning of the writers of the Bible, and

defended himeself against the charge of heresy made by the Jews. John 10:34,35,36. "Being a man, maketh himself a god. Jesus answered is it huge blind wall-the problem of the not written in your law, I said, ye are ether. That has got to be surmounted gods? If he called them gods, unto in some way or science will come to a whom the word of God came, and th standstill. Once battered down, heat, scriptures cannot be broken, say ye of

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light, electricity, sound, the problem of sent self, all are within reach of solution. A new atomic theory, and as its corclative, an explanation of the universal

world for consideration by Mr. William Heckert, now of Findlay, O., but formerly of New York City. He is well known as a mechanical engineer, inventor, and scientific investigator.

Mr. Heckert's statements, put in plain language in order to be readily comprehensible, are as follows:

First-That the smallest portions of matter of which we can have cognizance are in reality molecules. Second--That molecules are made up

of atoms; that these atoms, no matter of what substance, are all of equal weight. This contradicts the Daltonian theory, which assumes different weights for the atoms of different substances. Third-That the atoms of different molecules differ only in their geometric form and different molecules are combined to produce different substances, the same as different letters are com

bined to form different words. Fourth-Form is thus the primary law governing the action of matter, and that the combination of different atoms into molecules is because the form of the atoms allows of a perfect joining while if these forms will not join no combination is possible.

Mr. Heckert's investigations, which have been quite extended, lead him to

the belief that the number of forms of primary matter or atoms, is but few He so far is able to recognize but seven; hence it follows that the sixty-five or more substances now considered as ele ments are in reality compound bodies, capable of being separated, by analysis into two or more of the seven (or possi bly more) real elements. Mr. Heckert's theory of the nature of the interplanetary ether follows deductively from his views upon atoms. The

ether is simply matter in the atomic state. The atoms of which it is com posed have not as yet united to form molecules; and, until they so unite, they are not cognizable by our senses. This does not deny nor dispute any

of the facts stated previously in this article concerning the ether. Mr. Hec kert simply offers a theory as to what it is that it is nothing more than matter n an uncombined, or atomic, form. If one will consider the awful abysses of space which the ether occupies-for light comes to us from stars so far distant that the vibrations require centuries to reach the earth-the human mind cannot attempt to realize the immensity of space. Yet all scientists agree thatspace is occupied by the ether. Taking Mr. Heckert's theory, then, that

through rubber. The Roentgen rays atomic matter has the same weight. will go through rubber, but not glass. What we term weight being only the Heat will go through both, but not difference in weights, atomic matter be-wood. Electric waves will go through comes imponderable. This is a wide theory. brick walls and the side of a house, but distinction from the Daltonian Each atom has, however, a distinct geo

And these varying actions of the ether metrical form belonging to one of seven oward different kinds of rays have fur- orders; and such elementary forms pronished a means of studying this un-duce the only known six or seven orders known substance, which has been of crystallization, covering every subeagerly seized by the workers along stance in existence. The respective elepurely scientific lines. In nearly every mentary atomic forms determine the branch of science the trend of modern number of atoms that can unite in the developments have been in a direction different molecules, thereby producing which has at length run up against a different weights, as well as molecules having different geometrical forms, vol-

umes, and capacities for heat. "Thus, by admitting form to be the primary law that governs the action and combination of the elements. Prof. crystallization, the very facts of life it- Mendeleff's profound mysteries are removed, and we are provided with a hypothesis under which the action of nature in the production of all phenomena ether, is now offered to the scientific may come within the comprehension of WILLIAM HECKERT. man.

"Findlay, O."

GETTIN' RELIGION. I ain't much on religion, nor prayer meeting beside, 've never ilned the church as vet, nor

ain't been sanctified; But a tender sort o' feeling draws me nearer to the skies, Since I got a peep of heaven through a

pair of trusting eyes. Time was when nothing moved thoughts above this sinful world No preacher's words could stir me up.

in wrath an' fury hurled; But lately I've been drifting nigher to the better land, And the force that leads me upward is

a little dimpled hand. Seems like the had thoughts sneak away, with that wee chap hard by And cuss-words that were handy onc won't come when he is nigh:

Fact is, it sort o' shames me to see those clear, blue eyes look at me (when I'm gettin' riled) in

pity an' surprise. don't know much of heaven or angels

an' such things; But, somehow, when I picture 'em, ain't with harps and wings; But with yeller curls, all tangled, and tender eyes that shine, An' lips that's soft and loving, like that little chap of mine.

Then when he folds his dimpled hands in his little bed at night, An' whispers "Now I lay me." why

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TRUTH IN FRAGMENTS. The clergy, notwithstanding their constant effort to suppress the truth, make occasional concessions very different from what is the habit of the principal pulpiteers. Here is one, by a Catholic priest, from a Catholic pulpit, a press telegram, which is making a circuit of the secular papers:

"New York, April 10 .- Rev. Dr. Henry R. Brann, rector of St. Agnes' Roman Datholic church, quotes statistics to prove that a majority of Americans are infidels.

"The situation is a grave one,' said Father Brann. 'Of the 70,000,000 peomultiply, numerous observers reach the ple in the United States, but 20,000,000 same conclusion, and the science of geare church communicants according to ology becomes a demonstrated fact. the last census. Of the 20,000,000 there The whole surface of the earth has are 7.000.000 Roman Catholics. How been sometime the bed of a primeval can we call ourselves a Christian nation ocean. It has emerged and left eviwhen confronted by these figures' dences of its early condition. Upheav-Apart from the Roman Catholics there als and submergences have followed in are only about 13,000,000 practical Christians out of the whole 70,000, 000.''

ocean tides. Valleys were scooped out, It may be replied that membership in and plains were covered by debris in the churches has correspondingly inthese mighty convulsions. The only wonder is that antiquated igpreased with the population since the norance is allowed to govern modern census was taken in 1890; but such thought, and that an educated clergy statement is not borne out by facts. It will not rise above demagogism, and is doubtful if the churches in the ageducate churchmen relative to the truths gregate have retained their memberof science, instead of clinging like death ship; for there has been a constant loss in its foul embrace to the errors of an from sundry causes, among which may uncultured age. be mentioned a large mortality, both matural and civil. Of the latter are multitudes of Sunday-school superintendents, convicted of capital offenses who are imprisoned for life, else, like Durant, of California, are a waiting execution. Then come a long list of bank presidents and cashiers, public defaulters, whose long terms of imprisonment are tantamount to a civil death. Scarcegallows to glory for years without aking an inroad on church member The names of these offendersship. mighty host of themselves-still swell the list of members in their respective churches for a name is seldom crosse from the roll save for heresy, the most damnable sin known to sectarianism, formerly punished by burning at the stake. Infants, too, are registered and counted as members as soon as baptized. Very few of these in these last days become pillars in the church. Taking all the facts into consideration It may be gravely questioned if there are 15,000,000 of genuine church memrs to day in the United States, say bne-fifth of the entire population; and f these full two-thirds are women and children. We are told of strategic movements of soldiers in times of war. When very few in number, and wishing to prevent a collision they have been known to keep up a continuous line of march on the brow of a hill, in full sight of the enemy, to magnify their numbers. The same soldiers thus making an exhibit of themselves would make a basty run around the back of the hill from where they were last exposed to sight, quick ly rejoining the rear on the other side The boastful claim that the hill "this is a Christian nation," is manipulated in much the same way.

MYTHS AND THOSE WHO MADE THEM. It is a pleasure to the scholarly thinker to trace the rise of myths. They had their origin way back in the childhood is probably an exaggeration, for w have not not noted any such procedure of the race, and like the mountain rivin the Congressional proceedings. Had ulet leaping from cliff to cliff in its descent to the plane, increasing in size pared a bill to that effect, and were cirand form by the addition of many affluulating petitions, with the view of ents, until it becomes a mighty river nemorializing that body in such direcflowing to the ocean, perchance bearing ion, it would have been in full harmony with other measures they are anxious the commerce of the world on its bosom, so myths, insignificant at first, expandto enact into laws, then we should have ed with the years until they became

given the story full credence. world-wide wonders, and systems of re-MAKING SIN OF THINGS PLEASligion were built on their aggregation. Take the multitude of myths, having their origin when and where no one can says the Boston Globe, that all minisknow, pertaining to the creation of the ters who are spiritually alive must deworld, the peopling of it with inhabitnonnce from their pulpits dancing, cardants, followed by a general deluge, and the destruction of all life, save that of a

playing, theater-going and bicycle riding. This pastor is evidently pained at favored few. Sweep those accumulated myths away, which were attempts to account for the existence of evil, then the sight of seeing others happy. We think it was Macaulay who said that the Puritans abolished bear-baiting in where are those systems of religion England not because it hurt the bears, built on them? They must necessarily but because it pleased the children. disappear when their base is gone. Take the story of a general deluge, THE LIAR STILL AT LARGE. believed in by the aborigines of all countries; how came this universal myth? I never make an effort to impede the progress of a lie in its course, especially Let the reader imagine any observant

people wandering over hills, climbing if it is a good fat one, and I am the subject honored with its notice. I could the highest mountains, or digging in the vales. He finds the crags and pinnacles not stop it if I would; I would not if I water-worn, as if a surging sea had could. Occasionally for the sake of a dashed for ages against them, the softer friend who wants an explanation, I reparts worn away leaving traces of which fer to some of the numerous reports no man ought to mistake the cause. that an ever industrious public keeps in Possibly the rock is a sedimentary foreirculation. mation filled with fossiliferous remains. A note reaches me containing an ex-Everywhere he finds boulders which tract from a Cleveland paper to the effect that "Moses Hull, the great Spirit have been rolled together by the tides of an angry sea, polished on their surface ualist lecturer, has sued his wife, Mat and diminishing in size to pebbles, gravtie E. Hull, who is also a noted lecturer el and sand. May we not suppose a on Spiritualism, for a divorce." bady of men, accompanied by a priest, I believe the above is the latest report who assumes to know all things, and to concerning my affairs that I have seen. magnify his importance, claiming to In reply I will say that Mattie and I have gained his information from God, have somehow managed to worry along accounting to his inquiring associates together for twenty-five years; and in regard to these fossils and abrasions though I claim to be something of an of the rock, on the hypothesis of a uniadept in picking quarrels, I have not, as versal flood? He knew no other way vet been able to pick one with her. She to account for the phenomenon, being is about the only woman I ever tried to ignorant of the upheaval of mountains

quarrel with where I made an absolute and even entire continents by the intefailure. Now I have given the matter rior force, so like the doctor or lawyer, up entirely; and have, after due conwho is presumed to know everything in sideration, made up my mind that if we the line of his profession, he projected both remain in the form we will try his story, which in process of ages, was to close out the century together. At perpetuated by written records and is the end of the next century, if any change should occur in our determinanow received, thousands of years after, as inspiration. tion to remain as we are, I will report Millenniums come and go; the race in-

through The Progressive Thinker. Un creases in knowledge; men dig in the tll then I remain a "Yoke Fellow" with earth, explore the mountains, and make note of their observations. Data accumulate. A theory is formed; the facts

succession, not once but many times.

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### The Nellis Poisoning Case.

SETTLED BY ONE YEAR IN THE PENITENTIARY AND A PARDON FROM THE HUSBAND SHE AT-TEMPTED TO POISON-MRS. NEL-LIS SHOULD FEEL GRATEFUL. Murder is an awful thing to contemplate. The thrusting of a spirit from its rightful tenement by force; the cutting off of a soul's earthly heritage by means of fire-arms of a drug is terrible, even in suicide, but when the All the virtues they possessed, second party comes in with deliberate intent to murder in any manner, one Drop the curtains, crape the door, of his or her fellow-beings, according to | Bar the sunshine from the floor; THE SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHY, they have leftastain upon their own soul that only time and eternity can wipe away. The thought is the act so far as the

real crime is concerned, but the thought remains unexpressed, unexecuted, in this instance, and the human law makes vast distinction. In reality the difference is simply that between permitting the fellowbeing to live to a natural end and gain by the little experiences here that knowledge which is his as a birthright or robbing him of that right; between giving him time and opportunity to improve in this life, whither he came for a few lessons in consciousness, and cutting him down as the reaper cuts the grain.

The laws of our land may fix a pen alty for attempted murder, when there is indication of premeditation, positive intent or malice aforethought, at from one to twenty, and in some States a much greater number of years, but in the laws of nature the basic principle

A smile for a smile, a frown for a frown,

A tear for a tear, a crown for a crown, is the inevitable executioner, and | Harshly come the serving men, eternal justice the judge. Society laws of to-day are founded upon the old Mosaic laws-"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"--and under the eachings of the "end at the grave," at least until the "indement day," the law is interpreted to mean Hauling home that two-ton load, an avengement-murder for murderand some severe infliction of punishment to the physical for an attempt to murder.

In the case of Mrs. Nellis, the wife of Peter Nellis, proprietor of a hotel in Girard. Pa., who with the accessories. Mrs. Stowell, (wife of the former editor of Light of Truth) and her son of Cincinnati. Ohio, the history of which has been given in these columns and does not need repeating, according to a dispatch in the Cincinnati Enquirer, "she vas sentenced to serve one year at hard labor in the Western Penitentiary, at Allegheny, Pa., under a conviction of having administered poison to her husband with intent to kill, etc. "Mrs. Nellis was accompanied by her

son, and the husband whom she had tried to get rid of with antimony, was by her side in Court. Some time before her conviction friends effected a reconcilliation between the couple, who had been estranged for fifteen years, although living under the same roof, and Nellis left nothing undone to secure his wife's acquittal, but the testimony of a daughter and of a dining-room girl convicted the unfaithful wife.

"Mrs. Stowell, a spiritualistic medium whose home is in Cincinnati, is under indictment with Mrs. Nellis on another charge of conspiracy to kill Nellis, but she has not been apprehended yet. Mrs. Stowell's son, Harry Gardner, who was indicted with Mrs. Nellis in the case tried is dving of consumption. Mrs. Vellis is highly connected in Erie. She will be taken to the penitentiary as soon as she recovers from the shock of the sentence.' The Progressive Thinker has been

severely criticised for having menhis sad. sad event, but when so

WHEN & HUMAN BEING DIES-A CONTRAST. light.

When a human being dies, First are planned the obsequies. Who shall order flowers and crape? Put the dead in tasty shape? Who can sing most plaintively? Where shall the interment be? Who shall preach and who shall pray? Who shall bear the corpse away? What were better left unsaid? What would compliment the dead? Is it well to know alway What to say, and not to say-So men's faults are left untold. While are writ in shining gold When they entered heaven's sweet rest. Darkened faces, darkened hearts Barred from use all cheering arts; Sore affliction we have had, So we make the world more sad; Suited to our mournful eyes When a human being dies. While sonorous church belis toll

Heavenward speeds th' immortal soul; Trains of angel escorts come To conduct the spirit home, Where the Father will bestow What was never gained below. Cruel crosses, borne with sighs, Turn to garlands in the skies, When a human being dies. When God's speechless creatures die,

Dowered with true nobility, Loving, serving, clinging, true, Sharing troubles, not a few, Doing just the best they can For their lordly master man, Shall we say, if speak we must,

Earth to earth, and dust to dust? Under the wild cherry tree Lies my dear dead horse Marie. You may laugh because I weep, Laugh that I sad vigil keep.

Nothing but a brute," you say, Oh, I beg you go your way! Leave me here with my stricken friend She has reached her journey's end, Drag her down into the glen, Dlg a hole and roll her over-Spade on dirt her form to cover. Out speaks one most heartlessly

'Curse her hide! She balked with me When she broke that whiffletree Over on the old clay road." Dear Marie, you did not hear.

All your aches are over, dear; 14 But through tears of love, I say You were more refined than they; Finer feelings lit your eyes Full of unvoiced mysteries. Your companionship to me Dearer was than theirs could be. Silken-haired and sensitive, Tis not strange you could not live; Crowded and misunderstood When you did the best you could. Man is such an egotist, Some good truths he may have missed. He is not ordained to say Earth has closed your life for aye.

Noble brutes, or fiendish men, Which are fit to live again? EMMA ROOD TUTTLE. Berlin Heights, Ohio.

### PRESENT EVILS.

#### The Writer Differs from Prof. Buchanan.

In perusing Prof. J. R. Buchanan's article in April 3d, I can but feel that in his gloomy picture of our national outlook, he ascribes, as too many others do, a great share of the blame for these conditions to the grasping disposition of the moneyed power of our land. Let us look around and see if we cannot trace much-yes a large per cent of our sorrows, to other causes. What proportion of the 50,000 farmers who yearly are ejected from their farms, as he puts it, are free from the slavish ap-

SOULS IN BONDAGE. SYMPATHY FOR SOULS IN BOND-, were successfully undertaken to release AND ROBBERY PREVENTED BY

RAMA EXPOSED. Shadows have more use than in generally imagined," continued Mr. Samson in the Cincinnati Enquirer, "especially in an experience like mine, which I am aware is exceptional though by no means exclusive. They have given me hints of great value, coming as premonitions, and have in their way enabled me to avert some dangers. I believe that on a few occasions they have saved my life.

"I was in a city at a considerable distance from my home when the horoscope of fate brought to my eyes the shadow of the house in which I lived, accompanied by tragic events. It was a perfect representation of the residence and its surroundings, as truly as an artist could have painted it, and, although the sun shone brightly at the time, it mirrored a night scene in the home. A solitary lamp cast its reflections upon an upper window-an old and carolled continually, and upon custom of the family to show a light through all the silent watches-but the outlines of the place were as clear-cut and distinct as in broad day.

"I had taken in these particulars withand they seemed to be bent on robbery. I recognized their features, for every one was known to me, and marked their the house, they having first silenced the dog by a blow on the head with a club. The room of my son was the first occupied apartment reached by them, and his athletic qualifications. He knocked down, bound hand and foot

were compactly bundled, ready for rewhich give the understanding larger moval. Two daughters occupied the room and swell the hymn with everroom next entered. They were asleep, growing promise.' and so remained while their jewelry "This is but one phase of the nano-

occupied by myself and wife came next eyes and assures me that in order. I saw the scoundrels rifle my THE PROMISES TO MANKIND

own pockets, break the locks on closets and chests, and almost denude the are ever in process or redemption and apartment of everything worth having, ever made complete. I see in these viswhile my double and his partner ions all my relatives who have gone before and many old friends and acseemed to be sleeping soundly in the bed close by. Naturally this spectacle quiantances who in this life were true aroused my ire, and I felt like going at men and women. Some were active in the church and others were noted for once to the rescue, but a few moments' reflection informed me that I was not the alms deeds which they did and still gazing upon the reality, but only upon others were the beneficiaries of these a reflection of what would occur in the deeds; but now all are upon the same level and actuated by a common purfuture.

"As if disturbed by the unwelcome "It is too sacred a matter to specupresence, which necessarily infused a late upon, for in these inspiring scenes had aura into the atmosphere of the I have recognized my sainted mother, room, my other self awoke and sat up wearing the benignant smile which alin the bed, for a moment dazed and disways reflected from a heart alive to the trait, as any good citizen has a right to best good of her kind; my father, not be under such conditions; then, comprehending the situation, he leaped to the bent with years, as I knew him in the floor and confronted the marauders, in days of his declining strength, but hale and vigorous as I knew him in my boya tussle which ensued HE WAS SHOT DEAD.

hood; my grandfather, equally rejuve-nated; grandmother, blooming like a

And at the sight a faintness came over bride; uncles, aunts and cousins full of ne so subtile and mysterious that the joy; old schoolmates as cheerful as in the haleyon days we thought would shadows vanished, and I went to my hotel greatly distressed. On the follow never end, for they have joined that ing day I hastened home, and in the school where love alone is taught and practiced and where its enjoyment is night succeeding my arrival there a guard I had set for the purpose surcontinual round of most surprising prised the identical persons I had seen variety. There is always something new for me in these pictures, and they are of in shadowy outline, making an attempt intense interest, but too numerous for deto force their way into my home. They were apprehended, tried and punished scription. Only one in recent years has by long terms of imprisonment, events indicated other than happy conditions, which would have been impossible if and this was so peculiar that 1 will de-I had not have been forewarned. scribe it briefly.

"I was upon my own premises one "I had reviewed many happy scenes pleasant day when I saw the repreone day, in which friends and strangers sentation of my brother's house, three were surprisingly commingled, but all miles away, in fierce conflagration, and happy, when the lights changed with startling suddenness, and the panorama the cause of the catastrophe was suficiently apparent. The flames were was covered by a half shade. The sur

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AGE IS THEIR CONSTANT AND the boy from his engagement at An-URGENT DEMAND - MURDER napolis. More readily could I have consoled myself at his death than at his AND ROBBERY FREVENTED DE entrance into the havy attributed to a VISION-ELOQUENT PRESAGES lation. You may say that flogging has in A VARIETY OF SHADOWS-CASE OF FLOGGING-GASOLINE as the men are concerned; but, as a EXPLOSION-A BEATIFIC PANO- healthy discipline for boys, it is retained on the school ships!

"You remember the warning of Lochiel, and the impressive words put into the mouth of the poet, Campbell:

""Tis the sunset of life gives me mystical lore, And coming events cast their shadows

before. "With advancing age the shadow pictures become more frequent, and less larming. If those which predominate foreshadow conditions to be enjoyed in future state of existence, their prom-

ise of happiness is remarkably encour-aging, for they bode forth scenes of bliss and enjoyments too ecstatic for words to describe, where life is roseate and intelligence spontaneously fructifies, and where the very atmosphere is love. What if you were to see an interminable vista arched with a never-ending variety of fruits and flowers, among which brightfeathered birds twinkled whose azure carpet, soft as velvet, countless millions of happy people

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more real and substantial than any of mortal mold, were walking or reclining in the enjoyment of sublime faculties out unusual emotion, when I noticed and that great light of knowledge which that the place was beset by interlopers, is destined to burn forever for the salvation of mankind? By 'salvation' I mean that perfect condition which every son and daughter of God is desgreat tribulation in that intermediate limbo, where purgation will free them from the effects of sin-whence, finally set free, they will be welcomed where

progress in entering and going through tined to ultimately enjoy-some through was ever there.

the young fellow promptly put in use the song of rejoicing is ever new, for-" 'New discoveries are made of God's and gagged. Then all his valuables unbounded wisdom, power and love,

and trinkets were secured. The room rama which almost daily greets my

CHINESE TO LEARN ENGLISH. The advances the English language is making indicate the time is probably not very remote when it will become the tongue of all civilized nations. It is said: "The Pekin government has issued instructions to the various viceroys and governors of provinces and of the empire to establish schools for the teaching of the English language and Westsciences in all of the principal cities of China.

"According to the wording of one clause in the general instructions, the reason for this is that China, in order to keep herself on the terms of equality and in touch with the great powers of Europe, 'must educate the masses and encourage inventive genius and foreign learning among her people, together with that love of country and home and that devoted patriotism so consciously engrained in the hearts of those who have studied such languages and sciences.'

Japan must necessarily follow China In this regard. British India has already made large advances in the same direction. Southern and Central Africa is being rapidly Anglicized.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin has Reclared compulsory vaccination unconstitutional, because it may be objected to as a matter of conscience. To enforce such a law might interfere with religious liberty, they say.

The Constitution of Illinois, and that of Wisconsin relating to the protection not of him who wrote the book, or of religious liberty, are substantially identical; so it is very probable the Supreme Court of this State would arrive at the same conclusion with the Wis consin jurists if a case should reach them. Many physicians greatly ques Hon whether other diseases quite as fa tal as smallpox have not been transaltted to those who have been subjected vaccination.

other matters or things by means of the reer, he would embrace the true, and liseard the false and vile. black arts, magic, cards, clairvoyance, We know this is called "radicalism,"

divination, palmistry or by means of but with us terms of reproach or cen any other alleged or pretended supernatural powers or by means of any sure do not become matters of question other mechanical or other device, shall Is the position correct? If yes, the be deemed and taken to be a common vithout regard to the name by which it swindler, and shall upon conviction may be designated, or its effect on sects or individuals, it should be accepted hereof be fined in any sum not less and taught. Men were forced to accept than twenty-five (25) dollars, nor more the false. A while later the cruelties than one hundred (100) dollars for each employed to indoctrinate a people were and every offense. forgotten; then it became an inherited Section 2. Any person who shall by means of cards or advertisement pub-

error. Instead of continuing to think as our parents did, who had limited means sh in any newspaper circulated or pubof knowing the guile of ancient priestlished within the State of Illinois, or by craft, we should go outside of church any other print, publication, writing, ircles to learn the facts for ourselves. sign, picture or symbol, represent, or To know how the false originated is to hold himself out to be a fortune-teller know the best way to build anew on unor to be able, by means of the powers of questioned data and this must needs be black arts, necromancy, cards, or by any other alleged or pretended super natural or occult powers, or by means

FACTS VERSUS FAITH.

mmortal.

f any mechanical or other devices, to do or perform any of the acts or things The difference between Spiritualism enumerated in section one of this act, and Christianity is the difference behall be guilty of a misdemeanor and tween fact and faith. The former has shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined thousands and probably millions of livin any sum not less than tweny-five (25) ing, intelligent, and truthful witnesses dollars, nor more than one hundred to attest the certainty of spirit com-(100) dollars for each and every offense: Provided. That it shall be a sufficient munion with those yet in the fleshlefense to a prosecution under this act evidences of events coming under their for the accused to show, upon the trial own observation which it seems imposthat he is a person regularly licensed sible to gainsay. This evidence has by some chartered spiritual society in been accumulating year after year for this State, to perform ministerial acts: which license, together with a certifinear two generations by daily incidents, cate of such chartered society, certify while well-sustained traditions carry us ing that the accused is a person of back to the earliest history of the race. good moral character, shall be reshowing that the immortals have the quired to be produced upon the trial. ability to communicate with active.

vital, breathing man, and have been do-The above bill is about the same old ing so through the past as now. 'chestnut' that has appeared at regular Christianity, notwithstanding intervals during the last twelve years.

your faith is also vain.

Holy Ghost. See Matt. 1:18 to 20.

predicated on belief, not knowledge.

See Luke 1:1. The other so-called Gos

pel. "according to Matthew," etc., only

tells who furnished the information,

where, or when it was done.

ments and survive in spirit form.

claims of its adherents, was not a hisand which has in turn been buried in toric religion in its inception, but is oblivion. It undoubtedly originated in wholly a creature of faith. Even the the fertile mind of some one who desires to do a wholesale business in alleged Paul, living when and where "licensing," and should follow other are controverted questions, did more to make the system what it is than any like bills to the grave.

other person, yet he was prolific in the use of that indeterminate, suppositious "Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritualand hypothetical particle "if," which ism: or a Concordance of the Principal leaves a suspicion in the mind when-Passages of the Old and New Testaever read. "If," said he, "Christ be not ment Scriptures which prove or imply risen, then is our preaching vain, and Spiritualism; together with a brief history of the origin of many of the important books of the Bible." By The difference, then, between the two systems, is that between knowledge and

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great a cloud of crime comes down upon us-upon Spiritualism-from those so highly connected with the cause, at least publicly, it falls over us like the phantom of an impending woe, the black, outspreading wings of approaching doom, and the only thing to do for the sake of our loved cause, is merely to place the acts of these people befor the public, against themselves as individuals, working for their own persona aggrandisement and financial gain, and

beat back the arrows of a prejudiced public, hurled at the whole cause-our philosophy, our science, our religion. In spite of all criticism this paper has stood at the front, ever waving the banner of truth over the heads of all the brave defenders-the lecturers, mediums and honorable cotemporariesand has ever had the highest motive for those principles of Spiritualism that we should all endeavor to protect and promote-"with charity for all and malice toward none," and, to-day, none can be more willing than The Progressive Thinker to aid in projecting a bright future for all parties connected with this terrible affair: but at best we can only protect Spiritualism from any blame by exhibiting a readiness to publish the plain, unvarnished facts in the case and our words of exoneration for the cause. If we are cursed for this we shall only know that our motives were for the right and for the good of all concerned, and not to assuage the measurement of justice or to satisfy selfishness, as we are accused.

Peter Nellis has pardoned his erring wife and taken her back to his tender heart; The Progressive Thinker throws the mantle of sympathy upon the ones now in deep sorrow over the wholesale disgrace of a misstep, pulls aside the curtain of Spiritualism that brings to iew the reward for right-thinking and right-doing, and the results of wrongthinking and wrong-doing, and asks the eaders to send out their best thought toward the poor, sad soul of Mrs. Nellis. to whom the law of society has given he lowest limit of punishment, in view

of the reconciliation between the two parties most concerned. No doubt the Governor of the State will be invoked and a pardon granted, but with all this assuagement, there is a higher and more lasting punishment, or rather, reparation, now being inflicted upon that human soul, and that will ever grind until every semblance of that awful intent is condoned by her own conscience.

WHY REMAIN IN IGNORANCE. You should read Col. Ingersoll's mast

erly address. You should read Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's two lectures on "Spiritual Unfoldment" and "The Dwellings of the Dead." You should 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 Convention of Spiritualists. For full particulars read the an

nouncement on the 5th page headed 'Fifteen Cents." "The Gospel of Buddha, According to

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saw a statement in the Farm Journal. April date, that there were spent for intoxicants last year in this country \$1.456,000,000 enough to wine out our national debt. No estimate was given of the amount expended on tobacco, tea, and coffee-probably as much more What sense in it? They are all articles that ought to be dispensed with, the user would be vasily benefitted. One year's abstinence from their use would wipe out every mortgage in our free America and fill our homes with sunshine and happiness. Poverty, rags and destitution would not be seen stalking up and down our fair land. Jails prisons and penitentiaries could be converted into houses of learning where our youth could be taught to grapple with the problems of life and how to make it worth the living. Again, in easy-going times, people too

oft become reckless in expenditures, running into foolish extremes, purchas ing much they had better go without. By and by the day comes when the creditor wants what is his due, he has not the means at hand to meet his obligations and at once he throws the blame on the bloated bond-holders Now I always enjoy Brother Buchan-an's scholarly articles, filled full and running over with love to God and man. but when I see a penny with Caesar's inscription on it, I feel like returning it to Caesar and not to God. Money, with brains, is the life of progress and prosperity; without them we could never girdle the world with railroads, fill our land with literature so cheap that he sight. who runs can read, dot every ocean with the commerce of every clime; convert the barren wastes into an Eden of man-of-war. beauty, measure the distances to distant planets and map out their orbits to duty. Just then as my eyes rested upon mathematical certainty; and it is this picture there came marching along noney and brains, with muscle, that ac-

omplishes these manifold wonders and not the chronic grumblers who are steeped through and through with um and tobacco, spending too great a share of their time at saloons, and the corner grocery, trying to hatch up some evolutionary scheme against capital. Now this is all wrong. We know that many abuses flow from too great a centralization of wealth, backed political intrigues, but through the ballot, not revolution, should we seek to remedy those evils. It will take time to root out long-seated corruption but "Ever will truth come uppermost, and

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started by the explosion of a gasoline roundings were not the same, and out stove. Whether the real event was then from an atmosphere of gloom came a man with well remembered features, in progress or the vision merely premonitory involved a question which slowly walking. I had known him in troubled me, and I hastened to the mortal life as the richest man in our place for the purpose of immediately community, but not as the most liberal. appeasing apprehension. Brother was He and I were but slightly acquainted. bsent, but I found my sister-in-law but he seemed to recognize me gladly had on the day previous employed a and imploringly. I comprehended in a new cook, who already had startled the moment that he looked to me for help of some kind, and when this thought family by some carelessness with gasoine. Stating my apprehension and their had pepetrated my mind he smiled as coundation gave the lady of the house if gratified by the fact that I understood. But what was I to do? When desired excuse for relegating the langerous stove to a shed in the yard, I asked this question there was another and the reinstallation of the faithful smile, followed by a look of intense hough fervid range in its place. eagerness, but no other response. I sug-"For a year or two my son felt a

gested prayer. He shook his head, strong desire, amounting to a passion, Communication through with me to enter the navy, and I finally with- friends? No. Something about propdrew objections, once put forward very erty? Another negative shake and a strongly, to his adoption of such pro- motion of disgust. Every suggestion I fession. Arrangements were in pro-gress for his entry at the Naval Acad-cess, and the beleaguered soul was eviemy at Annapolis, and the boy was ani- dently in sore distress. He remained in mated in anticipation of realizing his this mood for some time, when his atcherished plan to great elation of spir- tention was attracted by something He was so full of the scheme that above his head. Looking up I saw a litnothing else could attract his attention. Itle bow in a cloud of mist, and upon it But one morning a change in him was sparkled the letter S, as if formed of painfully apparent. He asked to talk diamonds. The apparition pointed to it with me alone and when we went to- and smiled radiantly. It twinkled out gether to his room he hinted that he had of sight to make room for the letter Y. to be followed in due order by M. and. been frightened by a dream. "'Nonsense!' 1 exclaimed; 'dreams continuing this process, the word "sym-

pathy' was finally complete. Then my don't count. "'Then this was not a dream,' he re- ghost was satisfied. He wanted sym-

sails set,

with

plied. I do not see how it could have pathy. That night I read upon an il-been, for I was wide awake, and every-luminated scroll stretched across one thing appeared natural to my sense of side of my sleeping room this state-While I was yet in bed there ment: seemed to come through the side of my

"To souls in bondage human sympathy is a balm and potent help to reroom the perfect representation of a guns lieve their suffering. Bestow it always manned and the whole crew alert for without stint.'

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"What man or woman can deny such boon to one who despairs of help the deck a young man, bound, and in without its aid?" T. P.

charge of two midshipmen. He was lashed to a gun, his back bared, and he "The Molecular Hypothesis of Nareceived many blows from a cruel whip ture." By Prof. Win. M. Lockwood, in the hands of a brutal-looking man. Prof. Lockwood is recognized as one of the ablest lecturers on the spiritual ros-Blood flowed freely. In my excitement I had arisen and was sitting on the side trum. In this little volume he presents of the bed when the whipping ceased. in succinct form the substance of his The young man was released from the Letures on the Molecular Hypothesis gun, and he staggered as he stepped of Nature; and presents his views as lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spiraway from it. I had not yet seen his face, but in a few minutes he turned it itualism. The book is commended to toward me, wearing the most depressed all who love to study and think. For and woeful expression, and then I recog- sale at this office. Price 25 cents.

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IT WAS MYSELF. I cannot understand it, but that it has ertain. It was no dream, for I dressed much awake as I now am. When I

nized it!

looked again the whole thing had vanished. What do you think of it? "'Did it appear shadowy or real?" "Not altogether either, but partly

both.

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MARVELOUS CURES.

The Vitalist School of Med-

icine.

REPORT OF A VISIT TO DR. DU-

### PEN-FLASHES FROM OHIO.

#### BY C. H. MATHEWS.

ment, while the Cubans are struggling to suppose circumstances which would for independence and home rule, the produce the conviction in all rational following paragraph from the pen of human beings that there is a "future Thomas Paine in his celebrated book, life," between which and ours there is "Comon Sense," addresses itself to intercommunication." It is to be re-

measure, the cause of all mankind. Prof. Hodgson has not arrived at a Many circumstances have and will cleareridea of the truth in regard to spirarise, which are not local but universal it return and intercommunication. Spirand through which the principles of all it photography has done, and is still do-lovers of mankind are affected, and in ing a great deal, to establish these the event of which their affections are vital truths. "Infidelity" in this regard, interested. The laying of a country I am glad to say is fading away; slowdesolate with fire and sword, declaring ly, but surely. war against the natural right of all mankind and extirnating the defenders thereof from the face of the earth, is the concern of every man to whom nature hath given the power of feeling of which class, regardless of party cen-sure, is. THOMAS PAINE."

The second

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 14, 1796. Note:-The above is respectfully referred to the cabinet of the President, William McKinley.

SPREADS THE LIGHT.

The Fort Wayne, Ind., College of Medicine, at a banquet given March 16, respond to the toast, "What is the Ultimate Destiny of Man?" The Doctor is uniformly happy in his responses; and the banqueters, in this instance, written I have seen a communication probably got more information than they bargained for, in regard to the future life. His eloquent utterances appeared in No. 385 of the "Thinker." Dr. Sweringen does not hide his light under a hushel.

LONG TIME TO LEARN.

In the 16th century the average length of a doctor's life was alleged to be thirty-six years and five months. In the 17th century it was forty-five years and eight months. In the 18th century forty-nine years and eight months; and in the 19th fifty-eight years and seven by a trance medium, and if properly demonths. It thus appears that doctors have been 300 years in learning aut to take their own medicine. What a happy thought-for the doctors.

THE ANGELS CAME.

There were "several remarkable incidents connected with the death of Miss Cecil Cheek, who died near Black Hand, Licking Co., Ohio, April 1st, 1897." She had been told that she had not long to live, and expressed a desire her schoolmates. The school marched to the house, and kissed the girl an affectionate farewell. "Mother, it will not be long now before the angels will come and take me home;" and drue enough it was but a few minutes until the spirit was taken from its home of clay to its higher and better home in spirit land. Of course, there was no Spiritualism in this "remarkable inci-

#### VERILY, WHY NOT?

'At the "City of Brotherly Love," April 4. the "Heathen Chinese" were debarred from entering the cemetery to decorate the graves of their dead with roast pigs, etc., a religious rite; but, it on Saturday; and took a recess at 2:30 a. m. Sunday, until 3 p. m. The good not to be a religious right. seems While the Christian Bible is full of Christians will call it a work of necessacrifices and burnt offerings, I think sity, which knows no law. the Chinese might be allowed to worship their ancestors and propitiate the gods unmolested, and in their own way. Why not? A facetious New York correspondent of the Pittsburg Dispatch says: "A

A FAILURE.

erected on the lot were once stood Tal-Upon the crowned heads of all Europe mage's Brooklyn Tabernacle. Since lies the responsibility for the blood that the church burned down the lot has is shed, in Armenia .- Pittsburg Dis- been vacant. Russel Sage held a \$50, This is the legitimate result of 000 mortgage on the Tabernacle, and as patch. the attempts of the zealots of Chris- this morigage was secured by insurance tianity, so-called, to "regenerate" the on Talmage's life, instead of fire insur-world. What a miserable failure it has ance on the church, it looks as if Uncle Russel has been beaten

MAS, OF PARIS, WHO IS PER-To the Editor :- At this critical mo- number of the Forum, says: "It is easy FORMING WONDERFUL CURES BY A NEW METHOD. Here is what happened, according to Paris newspaper, at the visit of a Paislan journalist to the offices of Dr. every lover of liberty: "The cause of America is, in a great gation, by the aid of "psychic science," Dumas, the head of the Vitalist School of Medicine, and a locally recognized authority on occultism. The home of the new medicine is in a magnificent hotel n the Rue de Lisbonne.

PEARL BRYAN.

"Yes; I fully believe there is," he said. Jackson and Walling, the two young 'And the exteriorization of will power men, who caused the death of Pearl is nothing else but a part of the changes Bryan, near Newport, Ky., in the winundergone by the medium. The medium is a person who has the gift of exte-riorizing her ambient vital force, as ter of 1895, were hung on Saturday, March 20, at 11:40. They agreed to "die game." Therefore a clergyman some have the gift of ventriloquism. was introduced, who prayed and sang But with this difference, understand, songs with them. It was a very agthat the exteriorization of a dynamical gravated case. They cut off the girl's contingent of his being will have but a head before they were certain that she momentary effect on the subject benewas dead. If capital punishment is justifiable in any case, it certainly was fiting by the exteriorization. "It does not follow from this, though,

verbatim.

in this. One of the murderers threatthat magnetism does not cure, but it 1897, called on Dr. H. V. Sweringen to ened a reporter of he printed a certain certainly does not cure always, for the respond to the toast, "What is the Ulti- item, he would "come back" and "haunt reason that the fluid which it possesses him." But we are told they can't come and which it exteriorates, may not back. Nous verrons. Since this was agree with the subject in whose favor this exteriorization is made. I am not from Pearl Bryan corroborating the a medium, but I believe in vital dynamfacts as brought out in the trial. She ism because I can prove its efficacy to you now. I have at the present mostill lives ment twenty patients waiting for me.

#### A TRANCE MEDIUM.

Charles Anderson, "a shock-headed relieve before your eyes, without utter boy of fifteen, whose school days have ing one word or giving them the shadow been limited to three short years," has

of a suggestion. Touching an electric button an atbeen lecturing in San Francisco, upon the different religious systems of the tendant ushered in a mother and child. world, now and in the past. His the latter nervous and complaining of hearers pronounced his discourses deep constant pains in his head. His face and learned. Off the lecture platform he is "illiterate." This boy is evidentwas pale, his eyes bright with fever, and it could be little one could hardly stand. The doctor took up a little instrument, about veloped, may yet do some good, notthe size of a five-franc piece, and apwithstanding he is credited with "woeful ignorance of the commonest rules plied it to the right temple of the sufferof etiquette." Stick a pin there. ing child, talking to the mother all the

#### NO BIBLE AT HAND.

before every manifestation of an allevi-When Washington was inaugurated ation in the child's condition was visible. in 1789, says a correspondent of the and, in fact, when the doctor took his Cleveland Plain Dealer, the Puritans of apparatus away the boy was brighter New England were greatly shocked that not one Bible was to be found in gayer and promised a complete cure, "The child is not cured," said the doc the federal building. The home of the tor, "but he will be in a few weeks." Christian government had no Bible: oh. A second patient was then ushered in horrors! Chancellor Livingston knew but this one was a woman, who had of a Masonic lodge near by, and went come to relate a marvelous cure, not to and got one. Washington kissed the seek medical aid. She told of a friend book and said, "I swear, so help me who had been given up for dead by God." It is suggested that since those doctors, by the priest even, and fo early days this government has become whom another friend, a patient of the Christianized; at least if we may benew school, had hastened to Dr. Dumas lieve the utterances of the outgoing and obtained from him his apparatus, president. Some of the descendants of which she had immediately applied to hose same Puritans were no doubt the apparently dead woman's temple. badly disturbed when they read that

Hardly five minutes after the applica the United States Senate met and transtion signs of life were discernible, and acted business on the Lord's day, Sunat the present moment the supposed day, February 28. By a parliamentary dead woman was on the fair road to refiction, we are told, the session was a covery. "Now, my dear sir," concluded the part of the legislative day, which began doctor, turning to me, "are you enlight-

ened on the value of vitalism? I could show you a score of patients under course of treatment. You could question them, did you so desire. You would see consumptives who have left their beds, cured and with no fear of a relapse. And when they turn to me you may rest assured that they have been given up by official doctors. And you would also discover that paralysis in all

its forms does not long resist the influence of vitalism."

A CHANGE IN THE PROGRAM. The Illinois Spiritualist Camp-meetg for 1897 will begin July 15th, and

plainly seen that the

## MRS. HICHMOND.

IF POSSIBLE.

nouncing that all mediums must

and agreed to depart. The third was a

tentions toward mediums. We were in

and prosecuted, as fast as evidence

could be obtained against them; that

these people were receiving money from

the credulous public without giving its

equivalent, and that it was the intention

the benefit of their experiences thereby

of immortality; while the latter deal in

chance and superstition. And as for

prophecy, all mankind is constantly

predicting the future-all professors as-

medium-he is here, sir;

telling. The first arrested were

### A Token of Appreciation.

IT IS INTERSPERSED WITH PO-ETRY AND GOOD FEELING-THE THE POLICE INTEND TO DRIVE VETERAN WORKER, LYMAN C. HOWE, TAKES A PART.

At the close of Mrs. Cora L. V. Rich-mond's address the last evening of the Syracuse Convention for organizing a State Association in the Empire State, and just before the delivery of an improvised poem, Mrs. M. H. Cowan, of Syracuse, stepped upon the platform an old ordinance prohibiting fortuneand thus addressed Mrs. Richmond. "As a representative of the Spiritual

In answer to Research Society of Syracuse, recognizing in you one of the pioneer workthe question whether he believed that there was any corelation between the ers of our beautiful cause, the cause of agents of vitalism and the magnetic truth, the cause of Spiritualism that we fluid he replied in words which will betin Syracuse love so well, also recognizter express his meaning by being quoted ing the great honor conferred upon us by your presence with us, we desire to

present you with these flowers, these Easter Lilies, a token of the resurrecting life of nature; their beautiful spotless white so emblematic of your pure and true life, also representing that higher life which you represent; their beautiful fragrance so emblematic of your own perfect and still growing soul. We take upon ourselves the honor and it affords us eminent pleasure to present to you this beautiful emblem of your life.

Mrs. Richmond said: "We thank you for this gift and the words of appreciation accompanying it, and with 0111 brother we will try to inweave the beautiful tribute in our poem."

Mrs. Richmond had already requested the development of the psychic power Lyman C. Howe to unite with her in an can commune with the so-called deadnprovised poem, the first subject hav ing been handed her by a representalive of the press, "Easter Morn." The udlence suggested, "Immortality;" and I have eight among them whom I will last but not least the beautiful tribute from the Spiritual Research Society of Syracuse, these Easter Lilies.

Mr. Walker, presiding officer asked Mr. Howe to come forward and assist in the poem. EASTER MORN-IMMORTALITY-

THE EASTER LILIES.

Mrs. Richmond; It sweepeth up from Galilee,

The breath of that wondrous morning; It cometh from out the northern sea,

Where Odin's Halls with light adorntime. Two minutes had hardly elansed ing Whence Friega comes with magic

might To renew on earth her wanted light, Mr. Howe:

It comes from out the silent hearts That wait at Death's pale altar, And in its breath love's hope imparts Where the weeping spirits falter; It rises from the silent tomb,

Clouded with desolution, Unto the morn of hope and bloom Which smiles throughout creation. Mrs. Richmond:

It comes from where Isis (with Hor) re mains,

Near the Lotus in its blooming. t comes across the western plains,

Where storm-clouds brood in gloon ing: It cometh from the hearts now torn With pangs of deepest sorrow, Breathing the life of the glad New

Morn In the message of the morrow.

Mr. Howe:

It comes in the tender songs of love Which sweep from shores immortal; And opens the gates of joy above Earth's cold and darkened portal; It comes with a smile of sweet relief. When the soul is touched with sor row; It touches the heart which strives in

grief, And points to the radiant morrow,

Mrs. Richmond: "There is no death" its message saith.

The great and beloved Teacher Came out from the shadow of pale death To be the immortal Preacher; For where he trode the lilies bloom; There life and love eternal Wakened from out the shadowed tomb As a vision of the Supernal. Mr. Howe: And upon these blessed leaves of light The emblems of the heart impressed By purity divinely white Within the soul of each angel breast; Thus morning sheds its hallowed joy Over the world's dark portal. And we see in the bloom of this world's light

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Spiritual events. Why remain in ignorance? Why

leave the city. or be prosecuted-under don't you keep posted in regard to the great Spiritualistic movement? Prof. two women, who, the papers stated, ac-Barrett delivered an address before the knowledged to being fortune-tellers National Association of Spiritualists. It was an important one, and should be man who is said to be a medium. read by every Spiritualist in this broad Learning of this case, the president of land. We have had his address (which the Unity Society and the writer called covers three pages of The Progressive upon the Chief of Police to learn his in-Thinker) and five other important lectures and articles embodied in one paper, formed that mediums, clairvovants and fortune- tellers-especially all mediums which we propose to send forth to illuholding dark circles- would be classed under one head-humbugs-arrested minate the minds of those who have not had an opportunity to read them,

The first page of this paper contains helecture by Col. Ingersoll, given in a Chicago puipit. It scintillates throughout.

of the authorities to "close out the busi-The second page contains a highly-inness." We were then kindly given a teresting lecture by Mrs. Cora L. V. half-hour of this gentleman's valuable time, in which I said to him in part: Richmond, on the "Dwellings of the Dead." There is the greatest possible distinc

The third page has a splendid article tion to be made between a spiritual me on "Science versus Theology," in review dium and what is known as a fortune teller. The former being one, who, by of Andrew D. White's two superb volumes.

The fourth page has another excellent our fellowman in spirit life-receiving lecture by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, on "Spiritual Unfoldment." assisting us in our search for light on the subject of life, and proving the fact

The fifth page is very suggestive throughout, and is devoted to the "Hindoo Teachers-They Will Try to Capture the United States."

On the sixth page commences Prof. Barrett's admirable address, occupying suring their students of their future success; judges telling the prisoner of what he may expect when next he apthree pages. We will also, in connection with this

pears at the bar of justice; salesmen paper, send out another equally as valu-able. The first page could as valuselling goods by predicting that this or that is to be all the rage the coming The first page contains an excellent lecture by Virchand R. Gandhi, a learned Hindoo. The remaining seven season; speculators prophesying a short crop and the price of grain: the astron pages contain the wonderfully thrilling omer informing us of a coming comet, narrative (founded on facts) entitled the preacher, who, for a salary, tells us of the coming of Christ, the end of The Night the Light Went Out," exlibiting many of the inside workings of the world, the judgment day, the resurthe Catholic Church. Besides the adrection, etc., etc. All prophecies which dress by Mr. Ghandi and the remarka-ble narrative, "The Night the Light Went Out," the first page has an exceltime alone can prove true or false. As for dishonest people, we shall be glad of your assistance in closing up their lent communication obtained through business: and while you are at it, bear Ouija. The second page has a startling in mind there are others who take the statement in reference to the "Romis" Octopus-It Is Winding Its Poisonou: people's money without giving its Colls Around Washington." The poem on the same page, "The Sad Picture of a Wrecked Human Life," is wonderfully equivalent. Go up on Chestnut street and there behold the largest brewery on earth and look over its hundreds of saloons. Think you the wives and suggestive. The third page has a strik-ing illustration showing how the Romish Church treats heretics. This page and children of those who leave their week's earnings in these saloons, feel that they the fourth also have a continuation of the "Romish Octopus." The fifth page have received its equivalent? Were it not for this traffic, Sir, honesty would be contagious and far less frauds on

has that remarkable poem, "St. Peter At the Gate." Every freethinker should every hand in every kind of business. Asforthemediumthe genuine spiritual read it. It is full of excellent "points. It also contains interesting facts in reference to the Romish Church and offi-HE HAS COME TO STAY! ces. The sixth, seventh and eighth pages have the following: "Monaster-In this city-in all cities, he is the student of psychie science, believing it to be his religious duty to develop and practice the spiritual gifts according to the teachings of Paul, the apostle, I. Cor., chap. 12. He is backed by mill-

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respect. respect. I then stated thut, being a missionary from the N. S. A., I should look after the interests of the local mediums who could prove themselves such, and as for myself I was constantly predicting of subscribers have read their contents. the future, in messages from spirit life, and before the public, during religious services; and asked him what he was him interested in the cause. Stamps going to do about it. taken on small orders. He replied that concerning all I had said, he took the position of the agnostic but would proceed to prosecute all who were obtaining money under false pretences. In this, of course, we wished him success, and thanking him that we had been given a respectful hearing, we took our departure. Since then the man make a cent. spoken of as the medium arrested, has had his trial, had a lawyer to represent him, and was dismissed for want of evidence. This morning we read that another medium has been arrested. Now these people arrested may and may not be mediumistic enough to prove themselves such, for good mediumship is a result, a growth, a dovelopment-and how are they to develop without practice? The truth is, there should be schools connected with our societies, where the experienced ones may assist those developing, and all mediums ist naper, and introduced a new era in should be connected with some society the line of Spiritualistic journalism. -that society demanding of each me Others have followed after us, but in dium honesty and sobriety. All so-cieties should be connected with the all candor the only thing in which they have equalled us, is in the price of the National organization-for in union we paper-one dellar. know there is strength. We have succeeded in connecting the Unity society We now have three books which we with the N. S. A. This society send out at a nominal cost to our subis des tined to do a grand work in this city. scribers: The two volumes of the Ency-We have had large audiences during clopaedia of Death, and Life in the our services here and hope to return to Spirit-World, and The Next World Inmeet again with the good people next terviewed. The three volumes will be season. sent out to those who remit a year's Our anniversary services, were all subscription to The Progressive Thinker that could be desired-the stage a peron the following terms: fect bower of palms, pot plants and cut The Encyclopaedia of Death and Life flowers; the walls of the large hall decorated with motto-banners; "Street in the Spirit-World, when ordered Spirit. Hear my Prayer:" beautifully singly, will be sold at 50 cents per copy. rendered by Miss M. Lane, the soloist The Next World Interviewed at 35 cts. for the season. The Daily Sentinel gave us a very good half-column report Those who order the three books at one time will get them as follows: of our lecture, which was listened to by Vol. I. of the Encyclopaedia ..... \$ .45 an audience that filled the spacious Vol. II. of the Encyclopaedia ..... .45 hall. We regret to state that our The Next World Interviewed ..... .35 secretary, Mrs. VanHorn-beloved by all who know her-has been very ill Total .....\$1.25 It is now believed that the angels are NO. OF PAGES IN EACH BOOK. whispering: "She will recover." Vol. I. of the Encyclopaedia ..... 400 Our engagement here closes with Vol. II. of the Encyclopaedia ..... 400 April. Our next point will be a course The Next World Interviewed ..... 250 of five lectures-consecutive nightsin Indiana. Thence to southern Mis-Each of these books is neatly and substantially bound in cloth, and printed SOUT JULIA STEELMAN-MITCHELL. on fine paper, and as prices go, are well worth one dollar per volume. Bear in mind that this Library is be-"Commentaries on Hebrew and Christian Mythology.", By Judge Parish B. Ladd, LL.B., of the San Francisco Bar. ing formed for the exclusive benefit of our subscribers, and all orders for one or more of these books must be accom-This book is of more than ordinary valpanied with a year's subscription to ue, giving the results of much patient The Progressive Thinker. To all others thought and research by a mind well the price will be one dollar per copy. qualified to sift evidence and arrange Just think of the great good that will facts. In compact form it gives just be accomplished by this plan which we have outlined. Tell your neighbors what is needed on the subject. Paper. 75 cents. Cloth, \$1.50. For sale at this about it, and get them to subscribe for office. The Progressive Thinker. "The Religion of the Future." By S. Remember, please, that in order to ob-Weil. This is a work of far more than ordinary power and value, by a bold, tain these three books for \$1.25, you must send along a year's subscription to The Progressive Thinker; the paper untrammeled thinker. Spiritualists who love deep, clear thought, reverent for truth alone, will be pleased with it, and one year, and the three books' costing

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LET US SING.

regular fisticuff took place in the insurance on the Doctor, and-but that McKee M. E. church, Allegheny Co., wouldn't do. either. If Sage is really Pa., March 29, between two members beaten at last, and by a deal with a minister, Wall street will be thrown inof the choir and pillars of the church, as to how a certain piece of music should be sung. An investigation will

now be in order, and the belligerents may be expelled, i.e. unless they rank high among the paying members of the church.

AN APOSTATE INSTITUTION.

was searched by a posse of strong-A few days ago I was expressing my well known opinion of the Christian religion (that we are all unlawfully taxed elephant came crashing down the stairs to help propagate,) when my friend suddenly became offended at my making visible. The account adds; "It is im-such "cutting remarks." In a few possible to be explained by fraud or by minutes I picked up the "Common-wealth" newspaper, of New Philadelphia, and my eye caught the following: The attitude of the dominant churches doings of everyday occurrence. These is at present the strongest bulwark of knockings, in one house that we wot of, existing social and legal iniquity. The deadly hatred and determined opposi- they create no consternation, and are tion of the so-called church to all proposed social and political reforms, together with the fact that the public father's ghost, we bid them welcome. sins and iniquities of the age received

the ballot box sanction of nearly the whole body of this so-called shurch, proves that she is an apostate institu proves that she is an apostate institu-tion. That which opposes the interests Thinker: "I have yet to know that spirof humanity has not the spirit of the its can take on matter in the shape of Son of God."-Rev. William H. Guy, 59 warm flesh and blood. If any material-Rosewood Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, This izing medium will at any time hold a beats my "cutting remarks" all to pieces seance at my residence, and produce a and I felt easier.

A DELUSION AND A LIE.

Then I picked up the March number of the Arena, 1897, and found it replete with interesting matter, as it always is and my eye caught the following "ent ting remarks;" by the editor, entitled. 'Democracy-Its Origins and Pros-"The new era in Europe and pects:" "The new era in Europe and of times. Given the proper conditions, America professes to be Christian. It the manifestations will be made apparprofesses to be intellectual, refined, artistic, poetic, like the Greeks. It pro fesses to possess and to cherish the free dom and independent spirit of the Teu-

tian religion, or to Socrates—will search long or search in vain. \* \* \* Every

écclesiastical organization which is not created and kept in the service of man

After reading these "cutting remarks" The truth is, the whole religious outfit has "been weighed in the balance and found wanting," and our duty to the people; to cry aloud and spare not.

FADING AWAY.

1."

Prof. Richard Hodgson, in the April day.

to a succession of fovous fits." SPIRIT DOINGS.

the church is gone but Talmage is still

here. Now, if he had taken out a fire

WICKED GLEE

handsome apartment house is to be

Paris has developed a haunted house, or rather a haunted girl: Rappings, rumblings and knockings, together with

fantastic phantoms pursue this innocent French girl. When the whole house

nerved men, some huge body like an in the full glare of the light, yet innatural causes." Now it may be that the philosophy of Spiritualism would shed a flood of light on these strange are nearly an everyday occurrence; welcomed as the visits of relatives and friends: and, like Hamlet, with his

WARM FLESH AND BLOOD.

Chas. H. Thompson, Chicago, March materialized spirit, I will not only make a public retraction, but will give the medium a purse containing \$100."

There ought to be plenty of takers. As to the "warm flesh and blood" part of the contract, that might depend on the temperature of the seance-room, or the temperament of the medium. But it can be done; has been done thousands ent. Be not deceived.

ONLY TRANSLATED.

"Jacob Knoblauch, of Trenton, N. J. tonic races. It professes to espouse the March 16, committed suicide on his principles of human equality and to wife's grave, by sending a bullet into promote the democracy of man. But his head. He had been melancholy the modern era knows in its heart that since her death. Had Mr. Knoblauch its profession is a delusion and a lie. had a knowledge of Spiritualism; that

\* \* \* his wife was not "dead," but only The man has become an object of indif-translated to another and a better ference or aversion to every state, and world, he would have bided his time in a measure to every ecclesiastical with the assurance of meeting her establishment in the world. He who again in "that realm where the rainlooks abroad among the nations to find bow never fades; where the stars shall an organic structure under which a be spread out before us like islands residue of genuine democracy is cher- that slumber in the ocean, and where ished—such democracy as would be the beautiful beings, that here pass be agreeable to the founder of the Chris- fore us like shadows, stay in our pres-

RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY.

The Pittsburg Dispatch, March 29, is an inane and baleful portent that de- announces that "Edw. Klotz, Jr., son of serves extinction wherever the rivers the Allegheny Spiritualist, died yester run and the starlight falls."-John Clark Ridpath, L.L.D. day." It was alleged that the boy was incorrigible. But, how many preachers' boys are notoriously bad? And why by Ridpath, in the Arena, I thought it the necessity of announcing that his nnecessary to apologize to my friend. father was a Spiritualist? He was he truth is, the whole religious outfit as "been weighed in the balance and day-school. Had his father been a Methodist, Presbyterian, or even a world enjoins us to keep it before the Catholic, not a word would have been said, as to his religious views. Such is the religious bigotry and intolerance of the so-called Christian world of to-

close September 1st, instead of beginning July 1st and closing August 1st. as previously announced.

The Peoria Fair and Driving Park has been secured by the camp management for this our first camp-meeting. and every indication bespeaks success for the enterprise. This park is well fenced with a high board fence and con-

tains 100 acres, forty of which is a beautiful grove. The grounds also has an amphitheater with seating capacity for 7,000 people, and a mile driving track in connection. The management of this camp expect to hold a Bicycle Tournament five or six days during the season, the prize awarded to be pre sented by the merchants of Peoria The Central City street car line runs direct to the Park gate and the company proposes to issue 200,000 triple coupon tickets to be used during the season. The first coupon will carry the bolder from the depot or any part of the city to the camp-meeting grounds; the second will admit them and the third will pay their return fare. The ticket itself will be a souvenir to the First Annual session of the Illinois Spiritualist Camp-meeting for July 15th to Septem-

chaser as a memento of that event. THE ILLINOIS PSYCHIC SCIENCE

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So do ye unfold to blossom, And all along the shining ways, Upon each angel's bosom.

Mr. Howe: The soul of the Illy smiles to the skies With a face so sweet and tender, ber 1, 1897, and may be kept by the pur-That the Easter Morn of life replies In the lilles' vision of splendor; And the prayers of the soul that brought these flowers.

And the token expressed to our sister. She'll bear to her life in her beautiful bowers.

The souls of all those who cluster At this altar of light and sweetness and bliss

In the light of our sun and heaven's warm kiss.

Mrs. Richmond: (Turning to all the speakers on the platform and motioning them to come forward.)

And these dear friends, who have aided in speech in speech in the To unfold the heavenly treasure,

May heaven bring love and hope's bloom to each

In their own sweet welcome measure; That you as flowers of life may shine In this wonderful garden of heaven, Until each with the message all divine All the Lilies of Life have given.

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THE SPIRITUALISTIC FIELD-ITS WORKERS, DOINGS, ETC., THE WORLD OVER.

W. H. Hawkins writes from Lima, good work for the enlightenment of Oblo: "We are having a Biblical 'feast of reason and flow of Soul' from your Annie Lord Chamberlain writes from friend Moses Hull, and to say that the Pomona, Cal.: "I am here for a few current is strong, puts it mildly. It weeks' stay. Am pleased to say I am seems incredible that creedalists will still improving in strength, and am very persist in fanning themselves into se- grateful to Mrs. Clark and her spirit curity upon the most important issue of doctors for the assistance so cheerfully their existence, 'If a man die shall he given me. I hope to do a little good

he rests: "At Anckland, New

live again,' with an interpretation of a during my stay here. All I meet are foreign language, now dead; by a sub-kidlzed priesthood whom they then per- Dr. J. M. Peeb Dr. J. M. Peebles, the indefatigable mit to expound it for them; but the worker and traveler writes from Melsledge hammer strokes of our friend bourne, Australia, indicating that he has started on this long contemplated compel them to display the consterna tion that proves an awakening to their trip around the world for the purpose of obtaining a much needed rest from insecurity, and we gather them in." overwork, and to recuperate his phys-Mrs. Maggie Waite, platform test me ical condition. Here is a sample of the dium, who created such a furor when

way here two years ago, is to occupy the Zealand, he was received and spoke; at rostrum at Army and Navy Hall, Cleve-Sidney, was given a fine reception and land, Ohio, during May. She will have spoke; at Melbourne, the home of the Harbinger of Light, edited by Mr. W. a warm welcome.

Frank T. Ripley, test medium and H. Terry, was received with instruspeaker, can be engaged for the months mental and vocal music and recitation. of May and June in Ohio, Michigan or Here he spoke to about thirteen hun-Pennsylvania. Address all letters to dred people every Sunday, and sometimes two or three times a day. In fact P. O. Box 331. Oxford, Ohio.

Dr. M. Critchley writes from Leomin he constantly has his harness on, and ster, Mass.: "Enclosed you will find his armor and helmet, with that 15 cents for a trial of your Progressive weapon mightier than the sword. He lectures without money and without Thinker for a friend of mine, I am de sirous of helping you reach your 1,000,- price. According to appointment, about 000 mark. 1 could not get along withthis time he is a guest of Col. J. S. Olcott, the well known Theosophist, at out the Progressive Thinker, and there Madras. From there he goes to Calis not a column in it that is not worth the cutta, then to Darieeling and Thibet. price of the whole paper. I have He proposes to visit Afghanistan and loaned it to this friend of mine, and he Persia, Egypt and to Palestine, and is becoming very much interested."

Simcoe, Ont., April 20.-Professor the world within the year, and promises Ferris, hypnotist, placed a subject in a The Progressive Thinker many comtrance here vesterday afternoon and buried him six feet under ground, there interesting spiritual items justify. to remain three days. Sheriff Jackson A. B. Miller writes: "Mr. C. J and a posse of officers appeared on the Barnes has just closed a week's engagescene as the grave was filled in and ordered Ferris to take the man out or all who attended his seances. Mrs. suffer arrest. The professor refused. Jennie Donnovon is with us now and stating that he is violating no law. will remain for some time, giving slate After consultation with the county atwriting and trance sittings. Much in torney, the sheriff found he could take terest is being taken in our city lately no action. The subject is supplied with and many of our good citizens are be air through a box. His face can be scen. It resembles that of a corpse, but coming interested and anxious to learn the truth. April 4th the Canton Spirit has not the extreme pallor. There is a ual Progressive Club was formed and great deal of excitement over the case. Judge J.M.Underhill elected president, A.

There will be a Grand Indian Council Katsenburg, treasurer and A. B. Miller, at Lakeside Hall, S. E. Cor. 31st. street secretary. The club meets twice each and Indiana avenue, on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, April 29th members.' An excellent program will be prepared consisting of elocution, music and dancing; also speeches from different con-Divine Healer whose name is Law trolling Indians, who will be present with the mediums. The whole will be concluded with a Grand Ball. Admission 25 cents. All mediums who are interested in the workings of the Chiland never fails to make a cure; who dren's Lyceum and the Progressive Church are invited to take part and makes no mistakes and consequent corrections, etc. In his declaration of build their wigwams around the side of the hall, give readings, making a small principles to The Progressive Thinker which space forbids the full publication collection for same, which is to go to the Lyceum. The Progressive Church of, he waxes poetic. His ideas are the holds services every Sunday, at 3:00 same as those repeatedly published, but are his ideas just the same. and 7:30 p. m. Pastor, Rev. G. V. Cordingley. Lyceum at 2 o'oclock. 'I met with a curiosity yesterday in the

Paul Hang writes from little Rock. Ark .: "In January last, Dr. Isaac S. Lee came here and commenced laboring among us. By persistent personal efforts, his eloquent lectures and pure society here. It is now so growing in aumbers that we will be forced to se-ing. He, after perusing it, pronounced honorable life, he has organized a new cure a largerhall. Hehasalso organized it the best spiritual paper he ever saw, and I think will become a subscriber." and I think will become a subscriber." and I think will become a subscriber." the society, and sister Ella Campbell, true,, and it seems strange at first superintendent of the lyceum. Both are glance, but if there are millions of Spir-

Items Suggested by, or Gleaned From, Spiritualist Exchanges. וניידנה גיושא The Banner gives some excellent advise as follows: "In notices of Sunday meetings, especially where the writer

is speaking of himself or herself, we ask that all fulsome flattery be omitted. We wish to give credit to whom credit is due, but we cannot be a party to an imposition upon the public by lauding any one person to the skies, thereby becoming responsible, to a certuin extent, for such engage ments as may result from the reading of the notice. Modesty is commendable in every way, and a little less praise of self in giving accounts of one's own services would be a refreshing change, in-

dicating a return to that innate modesty that is born of true soul worth. To such of our contributors as feel aggrieved because of our elimination of this objectionable flattery of self or of friends, we wish to say that we have obeyed the voice of a long-suffering public, and have no apology to offer for our course. We are anxious to pub lish brief accounts of all meetings but our columns cannot be used to praise any one beyond reason, even if such person has appeared twenty-one hundred times before the same audience A word to the wise is sufficient. When a speaker or medium has done well, we wish to say so, in order that he may receive due credit for his work, and take his true place in the history of Spiritualism, Beyond this we cannot and

will not go." If men would but believe that they are in process of creation, and consent to be made, they would ere long find themselves able to welcome every pressure of the hand upon them, even when it was felt in pain, and so recognize the divine end in view-the bringing of a son into glory. Each mortal has an equal right to

hese two thoughts-right or wrong. He is their master, and can produc them, and they will bring happiness or nisery. The right leading direct to heaven, while the wrong leads one to heaven through the circuitous route of cell-both being a condition only. Memories, in so far as they are dis munications as time will permit and

> ve have made restitution for our errors, How otherwise can one reach heaven? Restitution and reformation go hand in hand. The individual who is depraved in

enter a truly spiritual life, either of locality or condition. Conceded, How could it be otherwise? Spiritualism is infinitely merciful and

as rational as it is merciful. Spiritualism knows absolutely nothing of hopeless condemnation and final nonth at the homes of the different Spiritualism believes in order, and

A. C. Doane writes that he has come therefore in harmony, and therefore in o the conclusion that there is but one progress everywhere. Spiritualism-is compelled to admit that we must all reaphereafter what we who is never absent: whose handwrit ing is upon all organization; to whom sow here: but there is no vengeauce in sickness cannot come; who never deals this solemn law, there is only order: out the wrong medicine to his patients. there is even harmonious mercy.

Hon. L. V. Moulton's daughter, Miss May, is dangerously sick, and not expected to live. Geo. A. Bacon alludes to Geo. A. Shufeldt, who lately passed to spirit life from Oak Park, as follows: "He was

known as an active advocate of Prohibition and other reform questions, in behalf of which he wielded a trenchant and vigorous pen. Becoming deeply interested in the Spiritual Philosophy nearly a third of a century ago, he was ever after a valiant and consistent "defender of the faith"- to him a conscious truth. A man of quick sensibilities, large sympathies and unsparing generosity, his unnumbered practical deeds of goodness must now shine as stars in his crown of rejolcing." Spiritualism is infested with a lot of

parasites, known as tricksters or frauds; they are the legitimate fruit of

### From Two Worlds, London, England.

THE IDEAL LIFE. It will be now apparent that religion

without politics very much akin to plety without practice." Politics is religion in practice, By politics 1 do not mean that system of cunning, sophistry and lying, Illusion and self-aggrandisement, in the further ance of which our public men are so birsy under the euphe-mism of "political duties," but the practice that is prompted by our religious principles, viz., to so arrange society as to approach the ideal life as nearly as possible upon earth.

ANY CONSIDERATION

of religion without an equal consideration of polities is inadequate; it is the false ideal of being good without doing good. It is the natural and inevitable out come of the "save yourself" doc trine; the doctrine of a narrow soul that is undermining the very foundations of the church, so that its collapse as a powerful and authoritative body is well within measurable distance. It is no more-possible for a man

TO BE GOOD AND NOT DO GOOD than for an evil one to do good. One is the natural guarantee of the other. It is only the evil or indifferent who would scorn "politics."

The full, pure religion is that which dowed as to fulfill some very useful and says: Be good and do good. The re-ligious philosophy which is based on are not well informed, and, therefore, that message is the philosophy of the its discussion can only be academical. future.

PERFECTION OF THE RACE. The living, growing doctrine which is the end and aim of all ethical science, has its climax in the perfection of the race, the brotherhood of man. The ethical system or religious philosophy of the future will not merely seek perfection in the individual; for while the majority of mankind are low, debased. greedy, cruel, and treacherous, anything resembling perfection in even a single individual is an impossibility.

OUR ENVIRONMENT

agreeable, come up to trouble us until is a very persistent factor in our condition; by it we are affected in every way -mentally, morally, materially, and therefore spiritually. It is not enough to cry for the brotherhood of man; we must work for it. We shall never instill tendency and taste, who indulges in the a brotherly feeling into men by merely exercise of perverted habits, is unfitted, endeavoring to lift ourselves out of when he passes to the spirit world to poverty and wretchedness; by using our abilities and talents for self-gratification; by looking at success in business or professionas essentially worthy. without regard to the methods by which success was attained; by persistently pointing out our good qualities, and tellthis house. ing the word we are saved; by telling them to walk in our footsteps and they will be saved. That is cant of the worst kind. We must make salvation possible by improved environment; by giving all

he opportunity of heing good, and livng sweet, wholesome, worthy lives. TO-DAY THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE; t is no longer true, in fact, that "there is something within reach" to fill every nouth that is brought into the world. It is true that in the wealthiest city in the world there are a

HUNDRED THOUSAND PAUPERS. different on the subject of their sur Do you, dear render grasp the full significance of that? Can you form ven a hazy notion pof the suffering, aisery and wanton waste of human ife and human energy going on in our midst? But athere aise more to come The number of paupers is rapidly on he increase.

AN APPALLING PICTURE. One in every four of the working classes dies a pauper; one out of every "birds," two who reach the age of sixty-five are buried in pauper graves. More than 50,000 children go- breakfastless to school in London every morning; more than half-a-million children in the seen and described animals, and given United Kingdom attend school with

create a magnetic focus about the most create a magnetic focus about the most sensitive or mediumistic person present, and unless the minds of all present are filled with the one unselfish desire their London, England. emanations will not blend; each one out of harmony detracts from the power and is a source of weakness rather than Coming events cast their shadows be strength, affording an opening for misfore; and the wise will study the events chlevous spirits to operate through. which they not unfrequently avail themselves of. from the shadows and will not waste time offering his "opinion" of what

ACTIVE POSITIVE MIND. There should be only one active, posl-

DO ANIMALS SURVIVE?

THE DONKEY.

cited by Mr. Newton Crosland are also

very interesting, and it is pleasant to

imagine the patient and much abused

"donkey" having a good time on the

other side of the stream. It is amazing

to me that lovers of animals are so in-

vival

the great majority are traveling that tive mind, that of the communicating way. spirit; all others should be negative or Seek the spirit "God" and the spirit passive, and just so far as they are

will find itself in you, while you are otherwise will the communications be seeking. distorted or warped by suggestion. No man has a right to become the critic of another unfil he has proved himself better in respect to that which

he would criticise. From Light, London, Eng. I am never governed in what I write by what other mortals may, or may not, ANIMALS IN SPIRIT LIFE.

say; but I am moved by the power within me, which while I "seek" finds I perceive that Dr. Peebles has apparitself in me, ently made out a strong case against the immortality of animals; but if his Concentrating a person is not in the knowledge given them, but in preparing argument is carefully examined, it will them spiritually so that their be found to be mere rhetoric. No argueyes will be opened to see the wisdom ment in the world will upset a fact, if before them. it is a fact. Dr. Peebles is under the That which is divine never casts impression that if animals have immorshadow, tal souls, then lions, tigers, venomous

reptiles, insects, and other creatures THE DREAM-TOWN SHOW. would retain in the spiritual world their cruel and destructive propensities. This There is an island in Slumber sea inference does not necessarily follow; Where the drollest things are done hey may be so transformed and en-And we will sail there, if the winds are

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those events should have been. The way of destruction is sweet and

fair, Just after the set of the sun. Tis the loveliest place in the whole wide world,

Or, anyway, so it seems; And the folks there play at the end of each day

In reply to your correspondent's ques tion. "Do animals survive?" I can of In a curious show called "Dreams, fer my testimony to the fact, after that We sail right into the evening skies, of others, given in a recent issue of "Light." A few years ago, I was stay-And the very first thing we know We are there at the port and ready for ing with my friend, a clairvoyant lady

sport in Sussex, and while standing talking Where the dream folks give their he first evening by the lighted fire, she show.

stooped down and said. "Here is a dark And what do you think they did last dog lying before the fender. Is it yours? night

I have none in the house." As I could not see the dog, I asked what it was When I crossed their harbor bars? They hoisted a plank on a great cloud like, and she said, "Oh, it is a longbank backed dark dog." Soon after this, and

And teetered among the stars. while we were seated talking. I heard the dog close to me, crooning with the And they sat on the moon and swung sense of comfort that pets do, and when their feet

Like pendulums to and fro: Down Slumber Sea is the sail for me And I wish you were ready to go; For the dream folks there on this curl

Begin their performance at eight; There are no encores, and they close their doors

The sun is sinking behind the hills, The seven o'clock bells chime; know by the chart that we ought to

If we would be there in time, Allow me, through your columns, to O, fair is the trip down Slumber Sea; hank Mr. Joseph Swinburne for his Set sail and away we go;

valuable letter. This is precisely the The anchor is drawn, we are off and kind of evidence we are in need of, and gone his assertion, "I have seen, heard and To the wonderful Dream-Town show felt," is most satisfactory. The facts

-ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

AS THE SUN WENT DOWN. two soldiers lay on the battlefield At night when the sun went down One held a lock of thin gray hair And one held a lock of brown. One thought of his sweetheart back

at home, Happy and young and gay. And one of his mother left alone. Feeble and old and gray.

Each in the thought that a woman cared, Murinured a prayer to God,

Lifting his gaze to the blue above. There on the battle sod. Each in the joy of a woman's love

name, Though with his parting breath.

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To the Editor:-If the many readers

of The Progressive Thinker are half as

much interested in what I experienced

in Chicago during the holidays, as I

was, I will be more than paid for writ-

ing it up. The day after Christmas I called on the Bangs Sisters for a slate-

writing. I tied my slates in a handker

chief and hung them on the gas brack-

et, putting my ring on the slates. The

money my wife had when she passed

out went to pay for the ring. I got a

beautiful slate, all written in gold, the

same shade as the ring. The message

read: "Dearly loved husband, John:-

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world. I do not doubt but that there are large numbers of seers, mediums and psychometrists who can give their testimony as I give mine, to the effect that in the spirit world there are "beasts," and "fishes." I have "seen, felt, and heard" them just as Joseph Swinburne has done, and could give many stories of animal existence "over there." I have scores of times

BIRDS, BEASTS AND FISHES. I notice there is some correspondence in the pages of "Light" touching upon the question of animals in the spirit

Smiled through the pain of death, Murmured the sound of a woman's

their names and cause of death to their Pale grew the dying lips of each, Then as the sun went down.

I moved into the dining-room, he followed me there, yapping with pleasure. I knew the voice and sound to be that of my late dear Dachshund which had died a few years before. All through ous isl my visit I could hear the dog follow me about the house, though I could not see him, and when I returned home I heard the same crooning sound of the dog

On every one who is late. from under the drawing-room sofa, the ext evening; but never since then, in

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enthusiastic in lyceum work, and more noble hearted people live not on the continent. Dr. Lee has also organized a class of Spiritual and Occult Science, that is fairly patronized by our truth seeking people. We have elected Dr. Lee chaplain of our local and also of the State Society, Judging by the increasing numbers at his meetings, he is the attraction of the liberal and orthodox public alike.

Wm. F. Langdon writes from Omaha Neb.: "We have just succeeded in starting a large and interesting meeting here in Omaha, Mrs. Goodrich came here last month from St. Joseph, Mo., spirits of philosophers, scientists, exand finding the Spiritualists in a very unsettled condition, and with no organization whatever, she went to work with their impressions of the life beyond a will and soon succeeded in getting the To the unprejudiced mind, this book is neople together, and now we have a large hall crowded every Sunday evening. She has also been the means of interesting a class of people who have never before taken any interest in Spir-Itualism. Last Sunday she was joined known. in her work by Mrs. Annie Wagner,

who has just returned here from Denver, where she has been working for some time. She was welcomed on her return by many admiring friends. She is a splendid test medium. Mrs. Goodrich intends to be here for one month longer, and has made no engagements ahead, but will go wherever she may be called. Her present address is 207 S. 24th street.

24th. Lectures every day except Sat-urday and Monday. For further infor-A. Millsap writes from Magnet, Mo., "We have had Dr. Rothermel with us mation, address Leon L. Fellows, Lawlately. The manifestations of spirit ton, Mich.

J. C. F. Grumbine will be at Princepower given through him are marvelton, Mo., May 16th and 23d. He Two years ago, when there were but two of us Spiritualists here, it has May 30, open for responsible looked as though they would hoot us people in that vicinity, or any week out of existence; but Spiritualism took evenings from the 16th to 30th. May 2 root here and to-day her head stands and 9 are the only dates oven now exabove their human dogmas. Our incept the Sundays of June. The months tention now is, after we get through of December 1897, January and Febour busy work, to organize so we can ruary 1898 he prefers to be in the west work more harmoniously together, and and are open for western societies or show to the world that there is reality responsible individuals. Address 7820 Hawthorn Ave., (Station P.) Chicago, in Spiritualism." where the school of Metaphysics is now

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A correspondent writes from Springin session. field. Mo.: "The South Side Spiritual Mrs. J. S. B. writes of her own pecu-Society and its friends were most agree liar mediumistic unfoldment from sitably entertained last evening by Mrs ting alone at her home, that she takes H. O. Hawkins, at her residence on W a pencil or crayon and is controlled to Walnut street. The attendance was draw faces, scenes, etc. Also that a The occasion was enlivened large. beautiful pinkish colored matter or oil with fine musical selections, comprising is emitted from her hands and wrists. lucts by Prof. J. Madison Allen and She has had some independent oil Mrs. M. Theresa Allen, vocal and inpaintings, and is very much encouraged strumental pieces by Mrs. Farman, with the success of her development. music teacher, piano selections by Mrs We would advise her to continue to sit Nettie Woodruff, violin solos by Prof. alone, and with the highest aspirations Allen, etc. 'The Classical Parson' was for her beautiful, promising gift. cecited with fine effect by Mrs. Allen, "Sophia" writes that she has heard of and 'The Donkey's Dream' by Prof. people cutting up The Progressive ullen. There were several mediums Thinker for the purpose of making a present, among them Mrs. Lyman, of scrap-book of the select articles, and it. Louis. Spiritual messages of loving says: "But as for me my religious conemembrance were received. Sister science would not be guilty of such a Farman departs in a few days for Engmortal sin, as to mar or take an iota from the divine, holy Progressive and, her native home. A delightful unch of fruits, cake and other deli-Thinker. I give every one of my papers acies, with a magnificent floral accomto others, and I think what large eyes paniment, concluded the entertain-Mr. Francis will have when the veil is nent."

drawn and he views his labor and its F. H. Barnard writes from Jacksoneffect," etc. Thanks for your kindly feeling, but the desire to see The Proville, Fla.: "Dr. C. H. Figuers, the poted trance and test medium, has been gressive Thinker do a greater mission tiving a number of seauces with great ary work in the cause of truth is the natisfaction to skeptics and Spiritualincentive to the energy but forth fosts including many visitors who gather ward making the paper superior to all here from all parts of the United States, others, and not to gain laurels beyond broving to them the truth of Spirit return. The Doctor is certainly doing a

itualists and but forty thousand read- credulity on one hand and dishonesty ers of The Progressive Thinker, it on the other. stands to reason that many have not Spiritualism is a religion and philosoheard of such a paper; which, also, acphy. counts for the size of the subscription Spiritualism is based on the fact that list that is probably larger than the there is intercommunion between the combined lists of all others in this terrestrial and celestial worlds, and its country, but that should be doubled adherents are the most moral people on and redoubled many times. It needs this earth but to be perused to be admired. What s two cents a week for such an advoate of your religion, your philosophy

Marguerite St. Omer-Briggs writes:

shape of a caller, a gentleman who has

been a resident of Denver, Col., New

York, Boston, Baltimore and Washing-

ton, an ardent Spiritualist, but one who

had never seen The Progressive

The Spiritual Medium of St. Louis. Mo., seems to have subsided; at least a number has not come to this office for Emily G. Hort writes of "The Next some time. World Interviewed:" "I have read this The mental or spiritual eye is restricted by no distance, no unitations. volume with deep interest, knowing the lady through whose mediumship the "We understand by God's laws those

laws which govern our being and the plorers, dramatists and millionaires Universe," and of which the wisest have given in characteristic language know but little. The idea, of special intervention in

answer to prayer or the performance of in accord with scriptural teaching, and miracle in answer to prayer, could only tends to substantiate the saying 'Here exist among men who believed that the we see as through a glass darkly:world was governed by caprice.

there shall we behold each other face Joseph Adams says: "It's no use to face, and know, even as we are your kicking for it's true what Shakespeare says, 'There's a Divinity that

The camp-meeting at Bankson Lake, shapes our ends, rough hew them though we may.'" That is sublime Mich., commences June 5th and closes fate, as nearly as the human mind can June 28th 1897. The speakers are as follows: E. W. Sprague, Jamestown, estimate it. That bloated sot and wife-N. Y. lecturer also chairman during the whipper had better been left unhewnmeeting; Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, Port hadn't he?

Huron, Mich., June 6th to 9th; Sunday, No man, says Geo. McDonald, can order his life, for it comes flowing over June 13, Mrs. Abbie E. Sheets, Grand Ledge, Mich., until Thursday 17th; Mrs. him from behind.

Marion Carpenter, Detroit, June 20th to The one secret of life and development is not to devise and plan, but to fall in with the forces at work- to do every moment's duty-that being the

part in process allotted to us; and let come-not what will, for there is no such thing- but what the Eternal Thought wills for us, has intended for each of us from the first.

Chas. A. Campbell, now in Denver, will soon visit Chicago, then on to Lily Dale.

To inquirers and Spiritualists.-The Members of the Spiritualists' International Corresponding Society will be pleased to assist inquirers, and correspond with Spiritualists at home or abroad. For explanatory literature and

list of members, address, J. Allen, Hon. Sec., 115 White Post Lane, Manor Park, Essex, England. It is said that the Rochester Jubilee, 1898, is an assumed success. It is expected that Prof. Alfred Russell Wallace, Prof. Wm. Crookes, Camille Flammarion. Alexander Aksakof and Karl Du Prel will be present. It has an excellent general manager, Mr. Walker.

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half-starved. A HORRIBLE FACT.

Tens of thousands of our sisters can find no better wirr of getting a living than by a life of shame. Thousands of others have to eke out a scanty wage by the same means, I don't want to shock you, dear reader, or I would considerably lengthen this list of horrors. But these things exist, right under our very eyes.

As the ostrich

BURIES ITS HEAD IN THE SAND, so we bury ours in prejudice and platitude, or cover our eyes with our hands, trying to persuade ourselves that the evil is removed, or has never existed salving our conscience with the reflec tion that if it does exist we are not re sponsible; we always do our duty. But all this time the evil is growing and the misery increasing.

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THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY. What we wish to do is to point out difficulties in the way and assist our readers to meet and overcome them. The great essential in medium and circle is passivity: no one should enter a circle where religions or ethical teach-ings are sought of descriptions of spirit life expected, with any desire for the affinity.

endorsement of their opinions, but they should come with minds permeated with the one desire for the acquisition

of truth by the circle, cach giving a quota of influence to make up one har-monious whole whose emanations could be utilized as a channel of communica-tion, and just in accordance with their harmony and purity of aspiration will be the result. 19.11

ALL SPIRITUAL communication is by Law' the results are dependent upon the conditions given.

PRIMARILY there must be the mediumistic aura or

emanation before any manifestation can be given. # SECONDLY, the volume of this aura determines the

strength of the manifestation. THIRDLY,

the harmony of the aura determines the fluency of communication or the steadiness of physical phenomena.

FOURTHLY, the purity of aspiration determines the plane of the response.

A MAGNETIC FOCUS. The object of a circle is by the blend-Burr. ing together of individual auras to office.

earthly owners and friends, who in all One kissed a lock of thin gray hair, cases have been delighted to hear of And one kissed a lock of brown. their lost pets. -Town Talk.

COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION. Some years ago I was traveling SEANCE WITH THE BANGS SISthrough, to me an unknown country, re-

solved to see all there was to be seen. and, to do this, I frequently went out alone, rambling amongst the hills and rocks, and one day it occurred to me to look clairvoyantly at the surrounding country. I seated myself on a huge boulder of rock, and, inducing the clairvoyant state, in a few seconds a new and strange world had opened out before me. There was a complete transformation of the scene. Not a house or sign of man. Dark forests were spread for miles around me. On the hills and rocks about me I saw wild and strange animals, enormous red cattle with huge horns and manes, larger, but exactly like the pictures of buffaloes one sees to-day. Deer, but of immense size, with antlers spreading like the branches of trees from their heads. Small ani-

In lines of gold 1 pen you to-day in comnemoration of the season of festivity. and that you may know that under proper and harmonious conditions almals like the antelope leapt from rock nost everything is possible with the to rock. Serpents glided through the spirit. I am with you each day in the long grass and into crevices in the rock. home, with you always when your thoughts turn to me and with you deep-I saw numbers of animals which were exactly like wolves, but much larger and with more fur. One animal like a ly interested in our loved ones, and that their lives may be more perfect, desirlion, but with a pouch like a kangaroo, ing that they, too, should come to the in which was a young cub, came close light. Life with me is indeed beautiful to me, looked into my face, and slunk and I look forward to your coming. Be away. All these were wild animals. I assured I shall be first to welcome you saw no sign of any of our present-day there, and that in coming all shall be domestic kind. But I had been taking like a sweet, refreshing dream to you a peep into the past, when these were With undivided devotion, your affec the only inhabitants of the island. tionate wife, Cynthia."

They had lived and had died, and In the communication, where she passed into the sphere in the spirit speaks of being deeply interested in our world to which they belonged and oved ones, she means our children We have four. Where she says, "desir

It seems to methat the general opinion ing that they, too, should come to the entertained is that the spirit world exlight," she means to the light of Spirit ists for man alone. All that has life has ualism.

spirit, for the spirit is the life; the spirit I stayed to their materializing seance is the Divine part and never ceases "to in the evening; had good results, four be." When physical existence ceases forms came for me that I knew, and the spirit is free and passes to one of one that I did not. My wife came. She the many spheres with which it is in asked for paper to write; it was fur Then she asked me for my nished. pencil. She wrote a short communica

THE "SPIRIT WORLD," tion. My sister and brother came that have been in the spirit-world forty years, and my little grand-daughter came. If her mother had been there I should not have been surprised to see er; as it was, I was much surprised I knew her the moment I saw her. I said: "Why Beulah! is this you?" She could not or did not talk-she nodded her head twice. I asked: "Did you come with your grandma?" She nodded

I asked: "Can't you and won't twice you kiss me?" She nodded and put up her mouth and kissed me as nice as she ever did in her earth-life. I told her if she was strong enough I wished she would step up in the curtains so the sitters could all see her. She did so. One lady said: "See that little thing."

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suited.

now records of the appearance of domestic animals only have been published, simply because very few persons care to ramble about with a train of wild creatures at their heels, unless, indeed, a good many of us are Lord Seorges in a small way. SPIRIT DOG.

My eldest sister, who never in her life had a pet animal, has, for more than thirty years, seen constantly running by her side, or lying at her feet, a huge dog, which she describes as be ing a black retriever, only very much larger than any dog she ever saw on

earth. It is her constant companion. "Thomas Paine: Was He Junius?"