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A GENERAL REVIEW. The Present Status of the Church and Spiritualism

Examined.

To the Editor -- For some time the columns of some of the secular papers were teening with glowing accounts of the great Anti-Spiritualist mass-meeting held at Anderson, Ind., and which was made a national affair. It is said that a barking dog never bites, but it is always much the safest plan to keep an eye on the dog; and I believe it to be the bounden duty of every person interested in the promulgation of Spiritualism to be wide awake and watch the final results of this meeting with interest, and to thoroughly post themselves on our philosophy and be ready to meet these emissaries of dogmatical theology, the enemies of free thought and free speech, with weapons of their

own kind and calibre. Rev. Covert, of St. Louis, in a tirade to the press sounds the slogan of war against the mediums in this wise: "For A long time back the churches, both Protestant and Catholic, have been looking forward to some united cooperation 'in the name of the Lord' for otection against the terrible delusion of Spiritualism."

That's all right; no one doubts it in the least. The facts in the case are, that the clergy have for a long time back fought nothing else but delusion, in lieu of obeying the commandments of the Nazarene to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and to keep them-selves unspotted from the world; but they are now about to tackle the big-"delusion" they ever run up gest against-the greatest truth ever given to the world-spirit return and communion.

Of course, every one knows that this movement will result in more good than harm to Spiritualism among thinking people, from the fact that the clergy are behind it. To the untutored and unthinking mind false theories and wrong ideas will become affixed, and this is what I contend to be the duty of every Spiritualist, to see that our side of the question is fairly and ably put before the people.

History shows that the clergy have fought every non-orthodox cause, however moral and elevating, from its inception, as antagonistic to society "and the church," and have only partially succeeded in holding their own, alded by the laws of State and Nation. Nobody knows better than they that they are gradually losing their power over the masses, and soon, like in the case of the Anti-Spiritualist movement, must resort to stringent measures to over-come these "terrible delusions," or sink

popular preacher in Kansas City, in a recent sermon said: "Hell should be blotted from the lan guage of human lips, torn root, and branch from the articulate speech of man, damned by every man and by every god in the kindly skies. If the

church cannot exist without hell, then let the church die. (Applause.) If the authority and the sanciity of creed and ritual, of sacrament and symbol, must have hell or perish, then let them all be damned together. Let us save the weak and the unreasoning from this hideous fear. Let us reserve the present from this stain and pollution of the heartless past."

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worthy.

So mote it be, both now and forever, hampered mind educated on a free soil I apprehend that if the Very Rev. Lord High Covert and his gang of nculcates, When a mere child she was left alone "medium exposers" should happen in in the cold world and to the tender mercies of an elderly aunt. This lady at one of Charlie Winan's, Bessie As-pinwall's, or Elsie Reynolds' scances was good as the world ranks goodness for materialization, and witness the She was kind to the child left in her grand demonstrations of spirit return care, but was of a narrow, puritanical and communion, hear the voices and sweet songs of those from the Summerturn of mind, and tried to crush in the child the mirthfulness and freedom of land, they would cry out with joy and spirit that belongs to childhood. Any act of friendliness she showed to gladness, and praise the one who was thus instrumental in demonstrating the schoolmates not her own equal in rank possibilities of the spirit. But they was frowned on, and the child had to lead an isolated life, with the exception won't go to such places as these, and therein lies the trouble. They invaria of a few children for whom she did not bly take advantage of the expose of fake mediums and foist this upon the care and with whom she felt no attracunthinking public as Spiritualism, pure

Thus the child grew up, crushing within herself the lovenature which and simple, and hold up before their congregations these frauds as a "terrihad been freely bestowed upon her. The parents of this child had both ble example of what that old serpent, the Devil, is doing under the cognomen died young; the father in the late war and the mother a few years afterward of a broken heart and loneliness, for Fake mediumship is abroad in the land, and we acknowledge it to be the these two were truly mated and con-

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bane of the Cause, hindering its onward genial. march and progression. But in the lan-As the girl attained womanhood and gauge of the editor of The Progressive was sent off to boarding-school, she was illy equipped for contact with the Thinker, what are we going to do about it? What religious or educational inworld. Brought up in a rural district where she knew all around her, she sttution hasn't its frauds and charlawas transported to a large town where Let the clergy purge and purify their

all were strangers. In her native place the people were, in whole, of a simple, own alleys before commenting on the filthy condition of our back-yards. Of truthful, trustful kind, and the child the 70,000 priests and preachers in the grown up with these surroundings trusted all, believed what was told her, United States, it is sufe to concede at least 20 per cent. are frauds and imnever doubting but what was said was the whole truth and nothing but the postors of the worst type, who are making a bread-and-butter business of the truth. In the new surroundings she found profession; for the clergy is a profes-

sion, as is law or medicine. I believe that if every Spiritualist will what It was to have trust betrayed, hope crushed, and all the joys of youth depart. It did not happen all at once. stand shoulder to shoulder in the fight At first she enjoyed the change, the freedom from the mild restraint her aunt exercised, and plunged into gaieagainst these frauds, that they will soon be driven into oblivion, and if every one would do their duty to the Cause no medium could get a recomties that had long been denied her. In studies she excelled, and was at the mendation from a society or otherwise until they shall have proven themselves head of her class and a general favorite with her fellow students.

A well-known "trumpet and material-izing medium," who operates principal-ly in the North and West, came to Rich Hill a few months ago on recommendations gathered from the general survey of The Progressive Thinker. He

A SAD HISTORY. wished in a city not far on, and for awhile inturderer, and no peace, sleeping of lived on love. Soon, however, the youth got tired of her pretty face and her sighs and tears whenever he lefther if only for a short walk. One day he received a letter for-warded from his parents, telling him it was time to return home from the visit to a friend he had, been making, and he obeyed, leaving the girl alone Experience of a Lady on Earth and in Spirit Life.

TOLD BY JOHN PIERPOINT, THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF LIDA B. BRÖWNE. In this paper I wish to relate the ex-perience of a lady whom I helped to show the way from darkness into light. She was an American by birth, and enlowed with all the graces that an un-

his side, but this was only a subterfuge to get away without a scene. The girl remained till the money

to reap the consequences. These were natural ones. If you take tered on, and realizing she would be re-fused admittance if she did, she began searching for work. She answered ad-vertisements, walked miles around the deed done, either of good or evil, has to deed done, either of good or evil, has to city asking from door to door to help be balanced up. So this lady in taking with the work, if only for a little food, her own life and that of her yet un-If she had been a plain girl she might born had to make reparation by givhave received work at many of the ing nurture to those deprived of it in places, but her beautiful face was earth-life. against her. They did not dure risk Sad as it may seem, there are thous-

her presence in their own households. ands of these tiny lives nipped off at The ladies could see she was born to the bud, and as nothing once combetter things and was not used to

the couple, consented to do as they the river, he knew instantly it was the Vorles and schools being over here, so wished. They went to a small lodging place in a city not far off, and for awhile in underer, and no peace, sleeping or ly crippled, and nurserles to continue the growth of these little lives till they reach perfection. All little children passing out of earth-life while young are cared for over here; by some as an act of love, and by others as an effort

of doing good, thus making their bur den lighter and finally removing it entirely. nature have to be fulfilled. If you put Only those spirits who are free from

earth's conditions, have stoned for all wrong done there, can ascend to a higher plane where they can advance in knowledge and power. All the dross from earthly contact must be burned away or cast off by kindly deeds for others, before any advancement can be

made. This lady was one of my pupils, and in many ways I was able to assist her

in performing her task and making her burden easy. She had sinned through ignorance and not wilfully, and had been more sinned against than sinning. Her nature was open, loving and free, and the work of caring for these little innocents wiped out her sorrow and oneliness.

She was very anxious I should re-late her life, thinking it might be of assistance to some who are now bearing their burden bravely. If the burdens belonging to earth are born there cheerfully, you will be able to leave all of earth's conditions on getting over nere. She wishes to instill in the minds of all the thought to be kind to one in distress, and thus, perhaps, saving them from the deed she did in despera-tion. Very truly, JOHN PIERPOINT.

Practical Mind-Healing A Christian scientist, whose time was fully occupied in thinking about the unreality of disease at \$2 per think, once treated a highly unappreciative man for a chronic nervous affection of a very painful character. After this man had depleted his purse by spending \$40 thus, wi? out any improvement, he de-sired to show when he should begin to

get better. Then the Christian Scientist waxed wroth and said: "O you of little faith! Know that you would already have been cured if you had believed me when I told you that your pain was not

brain. There is no such thing as mat-ter," continued he, with such emphasis that it rattled some silver dollars in his

LITERARY CRITICISM.

A New Study for Common Schools.

We take much time and trouble to teach our children how to detect errors of grammar and to correct them. If half the pains were taken to teach them. the art of literary criticism, the results would be most excellent. Among twothirds of the people there seems to be utter incapacity of detecting absurdities, contradictions, wrong reasons, fal-lacies in general. Credulity is all agog while we read; our reason is quieted. in some schools the theory of Legic is retended to be taught, and so is that of Surveying. But the graduates seem to know as little of the one as of the ther.

Of course, priestcraft is opposed to any study that exercises the reasoning powers. It is not interested that wo should learn to pick out flaws and contradictions-we might read our Bibles too critically. You may read an article full of most glaring contradictions to even the most absurd. Let any one who has the curiosity to test himself in this respect, take up the book to which Chillingworth made his celebrated reply, and read the first chapter carefully, on the lookout for fallacies and contra-dictions of himself by the able dispulant. Read very critically. You are half converted to the writer's view. "Surely, this is reasonable," you will say. Then take up the reply of Chillingworth. You are perfectly as-tounded at the bold, glaring failacies and self-contradictions you have as-sented to. In like manner, read "Macaulay's Essay on Southey's Collo-quies' and on Gladstone's "Church and State." By the way, Gladstone was, when he was thus so roughly handled, a young man. One is reminded, to-day, of this when reading his late weak effort on Genesis. We find he has the same command of "dim, confusing magniloquence, words mystifying thought," of which the immortal essayist accused

him. It is really laughable to read this essay of Macaulay so many years after, considering events. A very little welldirected practice in literary criticism at our schools would prevent such blun-



To the Editor:-- I was just reading the first of the debate of Moses Hull and Elder W. R. Covert, I have had some very amusing experience with

A VALUABLE A Proposition to Engage Moses Hull. A CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR BEING CARRIED ON J. R. FRANCIS Editor of the Progressive Thinker-Dear Sir and Brother: Referring to your article in the Progressive

Ininker of October 23d, relative to employing MOSES HULL for one year, I shall be pleased to be one of ten to give \$100 apiece to retain his services for our cause, and if less than \$1,000 shall be subscribed. I stand ready to reize The school was entirely for young ladles, and the only chance they had to see the town where the school was located was in the daily walks the teacher accompanied them on. In one of these promenades was met one under an avalanche of spiritual truths backed up by fact and data and the entire scientific world. gave one seance, trumpet(?), which was so decidedly yellow as to disgust the sitters, not a single test being given. the ladies. His gaze was riveted, however, on the beautiful countenance of this lady I am telling of, and she, meeting the glance, felt her beau ideal was before her and rejoiced in her subscription to \$200, or even more, if needed. The youth thought he had never seen so beautiful a face before, and deterso beautiful a face before, and deter-mined to make her acquaintance. This be gained by strategy. Knowing some he gained by strategy. Knowing some of the villagers who supplied the school country wake up, and instead of indulging in with provisions, he induced an old man. to take a note to the young lady. The beautiful sentimental talk, which after all amounts to take a note to the young lady. The first, but thinking if he refused some one else would do the errand, he at length consented and received silver as to but very liftle, let us be practical by employing that great giant of intellect, MR. MOSES HULL, as payment. He thought it merely a boyish freak that would wear off in a few lecturer to defend Spiritualism against the thou-Not so, for the lad was deeply stricken and wrote such ardent love to the girl that she was taken by storm. sands of ministers and church members who are She did not reply to his first missive, but as he contrived to be out horseback riding when the ladies were takworking with all their might to destroy our meing their walks, he knew by a nod of the head that she had received his letters. Finally she replied, but only a diums and Spiritualism.

and he obeyed, leaving the girl alone nature have to be fulfilled. If you and forsaken. He parted with her kindly, telling her he would return when he had won his parents over to water you will be drowned; if you t burned; if you place yourself under water you will be drowned; if you tumble from a great height you will be injured. So this girl, by taking the life that had been given her, before her alwhich he had left had given out, and loted time on earth had been spent, had knowing the fruitlessuess of returning to reap the consequences. to her aunt after the life she had en-

menced is to perish without completion

SUGGESTION!

Paul said prove all things, and hold fast to those things only which are good. Isn't this what Spiritualists are doing the world over? Where is the priest or preacher that can prove the Bible to be literally true, or that the only plan of salvation lies in a vicarious atonement? They say they can, but is their bare word good for it without practical demonstration? Yours or mine wouldn't be, and neither is theirs.

This "terrible delusion" spoken of by the dominie is worthy of more than a passing thought, as it typifies the widespread misapprehension and fear within all classes of orthodox churches of to-day at the rapid growth of the light of Spiritualism in all lands. The word is being sent down the line from priest to preacher, and from church to church to fight this delusion of free thought and education, and it must be met by the great army of truth-seekers who wish to see bigotry, arrant superstition and fear superseded by light, knowledge and truth.

The real cause for alarm among the clergy is not that the claims of Spirit-ualists are wrong, but that the church is retrograding beside the onward march of progressive thought and experience, hundreds and thousands of both Protestants and Catholics yearly deserting the chapel and mass for the lecture hail and scance room, growing weary of old forms and ceremonies tale sermons and creed-bound dogmatical theology, which allowed none of its adherents to honestly think for them selves under threats of expulsion and the ban of excommunication. Thous ands, yea, millions of others who wish to throw off the superstitions of the past, to free the mind of ancient mythology and mythical lore are to follow the natural promptings of the mind and heart and grasp out after reasonable and tangible evidence of the mysteries of life and the immortality of the soul Materialism and Christianity down to work. the present time have never gone be wond the grave, while Spiritualism brave, young and defiant, holding out the light of truth and reason, proves to a positive demonstration spirit return and inter-communication and the grand possibilities of life on the bliss ful shores of Immortality. Spiritual ism is fast proving to the world that it alone has solved these problems and h being recompensed by the plaudits of the thinking masses; and the clergy, seeing the drift of the wreckage tow ard the shores of Spiritualism, are to make a tremendous effort to check the on-coming tide by organizing and maintaining a National Prevention Society "in the name of the Lord."

These "medium exposers" are fearful least some might spend a dollar to hear from some loved one on the other side of life, but expect to keep up their nefarious plan of holding their victims over hell and tapping their pocketbooks for all there is in them, giving nothing but dry husks in return.

The Klondyke-rush of people from the old belief in a burning, material hell to the conditional hell as viewed by Spiritualists, is phenomenal, much to the chagrin of the sky-pilot, who finds another "delusion" on his hands fight. The orthodox hell has been abbed in the solar plexus so often that it is quite knocked out of all resuscita-

Dr. J. E. Roberts (Unitarian), the most

The next issue of The Progressive Thinker contained the startling information (sent by the "medium" and signed by a Spiritualist) that "Bro. Soand-So, who was with us last week, heart. gave some grand trumpet and mater-ializing seances." The facts are, that

be gave no materializing seance at all, and could in no way be induced to do so, giving as his reasons that the "couditions were not right." From what I learned about him afterwards, it was who went there with butter and eggs, well for him that they weren't. Why don't I give the name? Because I wish to make no personal fight through the columns of the press, but it will be cheerfully given to any one interested by addressing me.

While at the Northwestern Camp I heard The Progressive Thinker roundly weeks. abused for its stand taken against certain so-called mediums, whose work was found to be of a rather shady order. I sustain you in your position, Bro. Francis, and trust that hereafter you will publish no reports of the 'good work for the Cause" by mediums until to your certain knowledge they are worthy of the support of the Spiritualistic\world at large. My plan for the suppression of fraud-

few lines, telling him the danger she ran of being expelled from the school ulent mediumship is that each medium, if they knew she was getting letters of whatever phase, be examined by a from a young man, and to induce him committee of honorable and thoroughly to cease writing she consented to meet informed Spiritualists, to be named by the National Spiritualists' Association, him just outside the gates at night fall. placed in all cities or capitals of each

These meetings were kept up for State, similar to the Board of Pension some time, she learning the lesson of Examining Physicians. If found worlove with great aptness. After she had thy and of good moral character, a cercontinued these interviews without setificate be issued to them, to be an rious consequences, she grew more conproved by the N. S. A., and a list of fident and remained out longer than these names published occasionally in usual. The words she heard made her the Spiritualist papers. No one not cyclids droop and the color come and holding such certificate would be coungo in her face. Her heart was open to tenanced, and thus tricksters, bogus such an attack, and from affection bephysical mediums and clap-trap clairing denied her so long, she drank in voyants would be shut out and hones freely all these words of protestation. mediums be given a clear field for The lad was sincere, his heart was Then these little theological tender and susceptible, and they were schoolboys, who know so much, will like two children together on the great have less cause to hammer the Bible ocean of love with no helm or rudder and theorize on how to abolish the to guide. They drifted with the tide, and neither realized till too late the "amphibious delusion of Spiritualism," but will have to face actual demonstrat great maelstrom they had entered. The ed facts and fight it out on intelligent awakening came and with no gentle ines. I trust that every Spiritualist hand. will work for a purer mediumship, and One of the teachers had missed the

in his warm embrace.

The youth at last found opportunity

to promptly answer the wail and cry of this new Anti-Society. HARRY OLIPHANT. Rich Hill, Mo.

A Heroic Worker. A. K. Earle, of Inez, Pa., writes: "I have made a journey of fifteen miles from home on purpose to have my spiritual friends and brothers receive your valuable paper into their homes

that they may receive more light and theer of that progressive and higher life that will follow this life in the mortal. I hope other brothers and sisters have caught the spirit of your Dirine Plan and will thus help to spread the spiritual truths as promulgated by your grand and fearless paper into all her own position might be lost through the mad actions of this girl. the homes of our beloved land. I am with you in this conflict to the end." aatng Ga'kill,,

to stay her tongue, by the announce-ment that she was his wife, as such he claimed her, and she should leave the Not a day passes over the earth but school that day; for the teacher to pack men and women of no note do great up her things and send to a neighbordeeds, speak great words and suffer noble sorrows .-- Charles Reade.

THEODORE J. MAYER, Yours truly, Care W. M. Galt & Co. Washington, D. C., Oct. 24, 1897.

On Sunday, Nov. 21st, let every Spiritualist meeting, seance or circle take up a special collection for the purpose set forth above. One thousand dollars could be raised in a single day. Now is the time to act I

drudgery, and, strange as it may seem, either in its original surroundings or her own sex were the first to refuse her under different circumstances, so these

a shelter that they themselves, if put tiny lives have to be rounded out and perfected. All life is inextinguishable. You may change the form, but life is still there under other environments. was a temporary relief, but only added it is a law of nature, and these laws cannot be set aside by puny man. to her bitterness of shirit to be the recipient of charity, she who had been On her awakening to spirit life, she After repeated inguiries for her false Many clustered around her, some wel-

lover, after writing to lim in vain, and coming her and giving the sympathy being conscious that she soon would be that had been denied on earth; others even turned from this little room that with more touch of justice talked with

man had said it was his nicee who was her soul. Realizing her own deficieno occupy the room-the poor girl grew cies, she was willing to be led, and was lesperate. All human aid seemed de glad to do what was in her power to

dure further disgrace, she turned to of all the abortive lives crushed in this he cold, dark river for consolation. She world? What must be the portion hought that would end all her sorrows, dealt out to those who have taken away but alas! little she knew she was only what they cannot again restore as i entering on another life where atone- was? There are millions ignorant of ment must be made. of the youth who had caused somuch not think they are doing any harm by misery, we will only state here that their actions, but ignorance of a law ing village. The teacher, seeing her when he read in the daily paper the does not prevent its accomplishment, best plan for her own sake was to ald description of the young girl found in In my first article I spoke of reforma-

sions, contusions, incipient echymoses and epistaxis were among the phenom-ena presented by his Christian counte-

nance. "There is no real suffering," said the Unappreciative Man, with withering scorn. "The bruises on your head are entirely hypothetical; the choking I gave you was simply an idea of mine, and a devilish good idea, too; the pain which you feel is merely an intellectual phantasy, and your nose bleed is only one of the ideal concentions of the cerewal mass. Believe these things not to xist and they vanish. Good-day, sir.' And the patient departed.-The Medical

CHANGED WITH THE YEARS. A wide difference between the Presbyterians of seventy years ago, when its deacons were generally distillers of of inns where intoxicants were sold, and the preachers were patrons, and that of the late synod in session at Plainfield, N. J., wherein, because Rev. Dr. Charles Woodruff Shields had signed an application for a liquor license for a Princeton inn, that body adopted the following resolution as its voice on the question: The Synod finds occasion to reiterate

the judgment that the renting of property for saloon purposes and signing of liquor licenses is not consistent with Christianity, and that the attention of all presbyteries, sessions, pastors and preachers be brought to bear upon this

matter. All will rejoice at this evidence of progress on the part of Presbyterians. It is in strong contrast with their earlier history, when their church doors were closed to temperance lecturers, and they were counted the greatest obstacle to true temperance reform.

EDUCATIONAL TEST FOR VOTERS The Boston Transcript well says: While it may look to some as though

the educational test which it is proposed to engraft upon the Louisiana constitution is designed to disfranchise the negro, it cannot on general principles be denied that the ability to read and write is no more onerous condition

to insist upon in the pelican state than lt is in Massachusetts. The man who cannot read and write does not know nough to know how to vote aright, and that is the whole of it. No better test than intelligence can be

employed in a free government as a passport to the elective franchise. In some of the states the voter must pos sess a freehold, in others, property of a definite value, and in still others the payment of taxes is the indispensible requisite, but The Progressive Thinker would enfranchise Intelligence, without

regard to sex or color. A wise man should have money in his head, not in his heart.-Swift.

Where a man has a passion for meditating without the capacity of thinking, soon creates a mental disease .-- Goetho, can the reader.

terms himself.

In 1895 I was living in Columbus, O., and through the influence of Elder Co vert, one Caylor filed an' affidavit, and little Bennie Foster, one of our best physical mediums for light seances was arrested. I was employed by Mr. Foster to defend him, and the society employed a Mr. Saveirs to assist. We had a three days' trial by a jury, and

Mr. Covert, with his usual bombast, asserted on the witness stand he could duplicate any phenomena that any spiritual medium gave. We accordingly, when it came our turn to get at Mr. Covert, said to him he must be put under the same test conditions that Mr. Foster was under when he held his seance, and he was to duplicate the phenomena complained of, such as materialized hands, pictures on handkerchiefs, messages in writing, flowers out of the top of the cabinet, etc., to illustrate his power. We got the gentleman just one-half under test conditions, when he admitted on the witness stand that he could not give the phenomena,

and the Pulverizer was taken off the stand by the State, and the case closed, and Mr. Foster was acquitted. It is not strange that such characters should employ innocent boys in behalf of their nefarious work of deceiving the public and backing up their ignorance and bigotry. The great wonder is that in this age of general intelligence and enlightenment such crazy

fellows should get such an audience. Spiritualism must be stirring them up. when it draws out such crowds to hear such blackguards as Covert. J. M. KENNEDY.

Marysville, O.

Strange Phenomena.

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, wife of the celebrated novelist, who died in Sa-moa, is at the Occidental Hotel, in San Francisco, on her way to London. She was interviewed by a representative of the Daily Call, and in course of the interview related the following interesting circumstance:

Mrs. Stevenson, in all seriousness, tells of an occurrence which leads us to stop and think.

"It was only about six weeks ago," she remarked, "during the middle of the night. Every one else about the house was asleen, when suddenly, with-out noise of footstep or sound of any kind, I was lifted violently from my hed and thrown across the room. Twice this was repeated, until. in my despair, I thought I had fallen into the hands of a midnight assassin. Fortunately, I took no harm, and then when I had calmed down. I came to the conclusion that there had been a violent earth-

quake." "Was the house much damaged?"

"That is the curious feature of the whole affair. The doors were fastened, the locks were intact and no one had entered during the night. Burglars were out of the question, and as to the earthquake, nothing about the house was damaged, not even a piece of crockery broken nor a picture thrown down. And no ove else had been dis-

tarbed during the night!"

It proved futile to ask Mrs. Stevenson for an explanation of this strange occurrence. The facts were there and a particular idea fixes itself fast, and I could draw my own conclusions, So

in her own place, might crave of others. girl from her room occasionally, and It was left to a kind, elderly gentle-man to send her to a small hotel and not thinking anything serious about it at first, had at length determined to watch where she went, as she thought

the pupil's actions strange. One evening she saw her take a shawl and throw around her shoulders and go outused to every luxury and convenience. side the gates. She followed and saw the girl meet her lover and be clasped

When faced by her teacher, the poor girl knew not what to say. She was had sheltered her, when her condition her of the sin committed, and the work unable to make any explanation, and could only stand in dumb agony while he teacher poured on her head all-the vials of her wrath. For this pupil had sorrow, and feeling she could not eneen under her charge, and she knew she had been derelict in her duty, and

The Second Address of the Bebate at Angerson, Indiana, Between Meses Hull and Elder W. R. Covert.

thereford a mouse is God, for spirit is God and a mouse has a spirit; and thus you run the whole thing down Chickens have life or spirit, and therefore chickens are God; and thus you have got that miserable Pantheism in

chois, and thus you have got that interance randoms in a definition that he wants to give to the Lord Jesus Christ's statement when he said, "God is a spirit." "And they that worship him must worship him"—how? Oh, he forgot to quote that, for he says, "In spirit and in truth," not with old slates and tin horns and dark cabi-

A DEBATE ON SPIRITUALISM. Universalist church they will tell you differently; if they are infidels they will tell you differently still; and thus there are no two mediums that can call back the spirits of

Held at Anderson, Ind., October 5, 6, 7 and 8. Held at Anderson, Ind., October 5, 6, 7 and 8. The local dead as they refer to and have them tell us anything about the future. Neither do they agree as to the nature of the next world or anything about its conditions. Why, it has no philosophy. The great statement of the Lord Jesus Christ that God is a spirit is not to be changed. To say that spirit is God is a spirit. I understand that. A mouse has a spirit, there are no two mediums that can call back the spirits of the so-celled dead as they refer to and have them tell us anything about the future. Neither do they agree as to the nature of the next world or anything about its conditions. Why, it has no philosophy. The great statement of the Lord Jesus Christ that God is a spirit is not to be changed. To say that spirit is God is a spirit, there are no two mediums that can call back the spirits of the so-celled dead as they refer to and have them tell us anything about the future. Neither do they agree as to the nature of the next world or anything about its conditions. Why, it has no philosophy. The great statement of the Lord Jesus Christ that God is a kind of spiritual participation. I understand that a mouse has a spirit, there are no two mediums that can call back the spirits of the lord for spiritual participation.

Between Moses Hull, the Veteran Spiritualist, and Elder W. R. Covert, the Leading Representative of all the Churches Arrayed Against Spiritualism, with the Intent to Suppress All Phases of Mediumship.

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RESOLVED: That Modern Spiritual-ism, as a so-called Religion or Sci-ence, is a delusion, a fraud, a lie, and that its honest believers are deluded that its honest believers are deluded the same as sincere Mormons.

ELDER COVERT AFFIRMS.

nets and pictures made on slates and the horns and dark cap-nets and pictures made on slates and photographs. No, the heathen always have that kind of truck for the Lord for their worship, but Jesus Christ taught a different doctrine, and he said, "God is a spirit and they that wor-ELDER W. R. COVERT RESPONDS TO MR. HULL. | cause he talks about seeing bodies move through the air-and affirms it is a fact-and because of these little things

which the cause is not obvious. You may see a tree out

Mr. Moderator, Honorable Opponent, Ladies and Gen-tlemen:---The proposition stated and affirmed by my opponent is, that the phenomena and philosophy of Modern Spirit-is, that the phenomena and philosophy of Modern Spirit-

ualism are sustained by history, reason and the Bible. It is one thing to make a proposition, or to affirm it, and it is another matter to prove it. I think I have carefully tree? Suppose a table does move, and suppose there is and candidly listened to the thoughts advanced by my op-ponent, for I am not here simply to contend for victory. I am here to know what is the truth, and I am always logic that we are to accept in this case, it simply drives us the true sense of the word. willing to accept the truth wherever it may be found, pro- to this conclusion, that our belief in the phenomena of vided it will not dissolve in the sunlight of reason, sci-ence, philosophy and the word of God. I have no use for do not know about it. You never saw a single phenomence, philosophy and the word of God. I have no use for that kind of truth that can only be found in the dark sceance, where you are as blind as a bat, where the medium knew how it was produced, that was produced by a spirit. performs some miserable, low trick, and tells you that you must accept that phenomenon as something performed by the spirits of the dead. When you ask them to bring that done. When we do not know, we may ignorantly as-ages of the world perform such miserable caprices as we phenomena into the light, that it may be examined on all sume and affirm that it is performed by a spirit, but are taught by Modern Spiritualism. I am very well

WHAT ARE PHENOMENA? Now, what are phenomena? They are appearances of

tell you than anyone else; they can only tell you like the Irishman, who said his forethought comes afterwards. So, then, to talk about the philosophy of Modern tional Anti-Spiritualistic Association. He arrived in

SPIRITS IN ALL AGES.

Now, as to all nations believing in it, he quoted the opinions of three men. There is the trouble again. An opinion of a man is not history, and I challenge him to



BE CARRIED ON STITUTE AND CLOSE AND ANTI-Spiritualists claim that Spiritualist REPRESENTED—PERSONAL RECORDS OF ALL "CABINET WORKERS" TO BE INQUIRED INTO —EXPOSES ARE PLANNED AND PREACHERS ENUISTED IN THE WORK—SPECIAL CORRE-Divine Revelations of Andrew Jack-son Davis" and was talked off to conve

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 23.—The fight is being taken into every section of the land. We will organize Michigan the last of this month. I think the meeting will be held at Lansing about the 25th. We get hundred at the it was at one place and one another. Why? Why, when a medium don't know where a thing is he can no more but its magnitude overawes even those who took the in-

Spirituaism they should give us a definition of what it is and the facts to sustain it. Let him give a definition to the philosophy of Spiritualism that is endorsed by all mediums, that is endorsed by the spiritual societies of this country and of Europe, if he can. It has no philosophy in the the term of the term of

Continuing, Dr. Becker said: "Spiritualism is to be met and fought in every section with a far greater army of workers than they can summon. I believe their last report showed about 275,000 active workers in the nation. By the time we get our organizations perfected this year, we will have 200,000. I think it a safe statement that letters we have received from individuals, associations and clubs represent fully that number. We are getting out our charters and our rules and constitutions as fast as possible.

ALL CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

"I have been out on the road night and day, and though I have seen many associations of a national charsides, they at once tell you that the conditions are not when we do know, then we know it is not performed by aware of the mythology of the past. I am very well aware acter organized I have never seen any in which the feel-favorable, and thus all phenomena of Modern Spiritual- a spirit, and therefore our belief in Modern Spiritualism of the claim of wizards and of the enchanters and magi- ing was akin to what it is in this movement. The letters,

Then we will probably go east to Net York and Pennsylvania, and then bac to Indiana and Missouri, and then we will try to place Illinois on the right side of the fence.

State Spiritualistic association. Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin are all Spiritualistic strong holds. But we will have a memberainin of workers in Illinois well organized by January 1. California will also be attended to by January 1. She is ready for organization already. We have three men at work in that state nove and are advancing them the necessary funds. California is one of the great three while the iron is hot." TO FIGHT SPIRIT MEDIUMS—ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION RAPIDLY BEING MADE—PRESIDENT BECKER SAYS WAR WILL BE CARRIED ON STERNLY—ALL CHURCHES REPRESENTED—PERSONAL RECORDS OF ALL (MADEW) and are advancing them that Spiritualist claim "Strange to say, Illinois, of all states

son Davis," and was talked off to copy-ists while he was under the mesmeric ing as a special reporter for Horace Greeley in 1849, exposed the famous Fox Sisters at the old Barnum hotel in

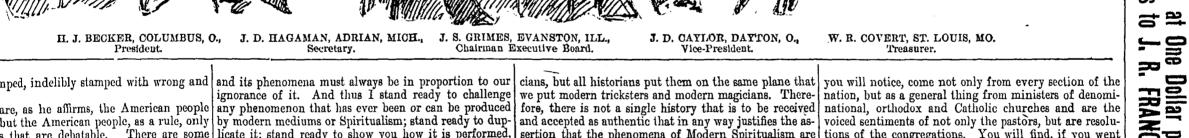
New York. W. R. Covert is the man who is now in national debate with Moses Hull, of Boston. He is known all over the count. try as the "medium killer" for his rec-ord of exposing mediums and driving them out of localities. He is probably the best known anti-Spiritualist in the country to-day. Secretary Hagaman, of Adrian, Mich., was for years one of the best known mediums in the country and holds certificates from the national and state associations showing that he is a good medium." He was converted some years ago. His and Covert's se ances are more mysterious than those produced by a majority of mediums, They are the two men the mediums most fear. They agree to reproduce expose and explain any phenomena that any medium in the world may pro duce or forfeit \$500 cash. Caylor an Becker are also well known. They are deep thinkers and organizers of extra ordinary ability.-Chicago Chronicle.



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ism becomes stamped, indelibly stamped with wrong and and its phenomena must always be in proportion to our fraud.

strated, the American people are generally practical enough to ask for the demonstration.

If it is a fact-and that is the real issue now-if it is a fact that the spirits of our loved ones come back and manifest themselves, the greatest and the final argument, and the most complete, would be, just bring one of them back. Let's see it. Yes, I admit the American people are a people ready to discuss reasonable questions, but it does seem to my mind it is unreasonable to keep asserting that so many things are facts, when these facts cannot be produced even in the presence of an intelligent audience like this.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST-TRICKS.

As to the argument that my opponent has made, that we are all interested in this Modern Spiritualism, that is simply an assumption upon his part—pure and simple. The doctrine of immortality, and the doctrine that men shall live again, has been settled by the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted by every true child of God, and therefore I do not depend for my immortality, neither does my faith in immortality rest upon the miserable fake tricks of Modern Spiritualism. If I had no other foundation than slates and old tin horns and black rags, and such miserable paraphernalia as that, as the foundation of my faith. I would think I had a miserable foundation to stand that men exist after death, but that God the Father of all that may call himself a medium.

As a Christian I stand upon higher ground than any for his assumption is, if we do not accept Modern Spiritafter death except that produced by Modern Spiritualism, of it. I must confess we have a shaky foundation upon which to rest our faith, and I would much prefer to have no faith at all in the immortality of the soul than to be forced to believe that the soul is immortal because some forced to believe that the soul is immortal because some who cried out, "Glory!" When the minister asked him who cried out, "Glory!" When the minister asked him message upon some slate. "What do you mean by 'Glory?" "Well," says he, message upon some slate.

SPIRITUALISTIC PHENOMENA.

As to the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism, he tells what it is. As I understand him it is raps and tipping of ing of sounds. Well, now, all that can be accomplished Why, Modern Spiritualism does not have any philosophy, by animals. A pheasant can rap with his wings. Is that that is why. Every medium has his own philosophy. a sign it is the spirit of the dead? An elephant can move | Some will tell you there is a heaven beyond; some will log. Is that a sign he is a spirit of the dead? Be- tell you there is a hell beyond; and if they belong to the that would be giving as the angels give - G. Macdonald. cember 1. Ohio will be organized a week after Michigan.

ignorance of it. And thus I stand ready to challenge I am well aware, as he affirms, the American people any phenomenon that has ever been or can be produced love discussion; but the American people, as a rule, only by modern mediums or Spiritualism; stand ready to dupdiscuss questions that are debatable. There are some licate it; stand ready to show you how it is performed questions that are not debatable, that is, the real truth and thus show it is not performed by the spirits of the cannot be determined by debate. The theories advanced dead, but by the trickery of the medium. And if my concerning the inventions that have been made in steam worthy opponent at any time during this discussion-and and electricity had to be demonstrated; and thus when here is a medium upon the platform with us-if he can the truth cannot be established fully until it is demon- use him, or any other such medium, and demonstrate or produce a single phenomenon we cannot prove and demonstrate to be a fraud-that is if they claim it is pro-

duced by the spirit of the dead-if he can, then I will concede that he has the best of the argument. This mis- law. erable clap-trap! Why, it is disgusting in the extreme!

PAINTS A BLACK PICTURE.

What does he tell us the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism are? Why, rappings and tappings and battings and rantings and pantings and moanings and hauntings Where? In the dark. Now, is not that a miserable lot of stuff for an American to believe? If he would claim and say that the mighty stars and planets that move through the universe, that these have been produced by spirits; if he would tell us the beautiful sunlight and the lovely clouds and all the beautics of nature were the phenomena produced by spirits, I would have a little respect at least for his phenomena even if I doubted his position. But here he comes with this miserable clap-trap again; this low, vulgar, downright stupid sleight-of-hard performance and tells us that it is the real evidence of immortality and of intelligence and solves the great problem that I shall live again. I am here to say I don't want to live again if I cannot do any more than talk through a tin horn, or write on a slate, or tip a table after I am dead. If that is the most that I can accomplish, do you upon. I do not care what may be affirmed of Modern think I would come back from the other world, if I could Spiritualism by my opponent, nor how great it may seem no nothing more than write a little miserable communicato his mind, I am here to say that the great mass of Chris- tion on a miserable slate. Why should a man like Bacon tian people believe in the immortality of the soul, and or like Newton; why should such poets as Milton and others: why should such scientists that have made such has them under his control, and thus they are not a herd wonderful discoveries and who have manifested such high of capricious spirits subject to the call of every quack intelligence while in the flesh here, why, in the name of common sense should they come back to this world to

teach us that we shall live hereafter and only be able to he has advanced so far to sustain Modern Spiritualism; make a little insignificant rapping on a table-something like this: Listen! Tap! Tap! Oh, they're here! Now is ualism we have no evidence that men shall live after | that any evidence of immortality? If it is, I am here to death. Well, if we have no evidence that we shall live say I have no desire for immortality, if that is the fruits

SPIRITUALISTIC PHILOSOPHY.

As to the philosophy of Spiritualism-well, my good brother's definition was like a good brother at church

"what I mean by 'Glory, is this: I mean by 'Glory'—that is, when I say 'Glory, I mean by that 'Glory'-'Glory is

glory, that is what I mean by it?" Now, when he comes to tell us what the philosophy of modern Spiritualism is, tables and the moving of ponderous bodies, and the hear- it is similar to that definition of "Glory." And why f

cians, but all historians put them on the same plane that you will notice, come not only from every section of the we put modern tricksters and modern magicians. There- nation, but as a general thing from ministers of denomifore, there is not a single history that is to be received national, orthodox and Catholic churches and are the and accepted as authentic that in any way justifies the assertion that the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism are tions of the congregations. You will find, if you went sustained by history. If it was a fact that the dead came over the mail, that almost every known church is repreback, and was so well known in all ages of the world, why did Job ask the question, "If a man die shall he live fast. Secretary Hagaman has completed his arrange-again?" How does it come the Lord Jesus Christ solved ments at Adrian, Mich., his home, and will go out on the the great problem and brought life and immortality to road with myself. Covert, Caylor and the organizers will light, if life and immortality were always known. Oh, also get to work just as soon as we can get our work in mark you! he has introduced the Word of God to prove his position, and he cannot contradict his own witness in lanche of mail matter. We will not be able to get our pa-

-|-|-| TO MY CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS.

I send you my picture, 'tis not very good, But truly the best that I had; l tried to look pleasant, as well as I could With the cast of a countenance sad.

This face was once young, was cheerful and gay, But now it is careworn and pale; The head is now crowned with a mantle of gray, And time tells a wonderful tale.

The cold snows of winter are falling around, And the life-pulse is beating more slow; The faltering footsteps are nearing the ground Where all weary travelers go.

But the heart is yet warm, and this token I send. Of the fondest affection for you, It comes from the hand of a father and friend, And a heart that is tender and true.

'Tis Christmas; while thousands are happy and gay, No footsteps I hear in my hall, No prattling voices to greet the glad day Or respond to the sound of my call.

I'm a tree, and the wild wind has scattered my leaves; Left the trunk bending, aged and bare, And the moaning winds sigh like a child when it grieves Then is lost in the hush of the air.

They are gone, but methinks I can hear Their voices again at their play; I start and look up through a gathering tear, And the vision is vanished away.

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Courtesy of temper, when it is used to veil churlishness of deed, is but a knight's girdle around the breast of a base clown.—Walter Scott.

He scatters enjoyment who enjoys much.-Lavater. Present fears are less than horrible imaginings .- Shakspeare.

Life has no blessing like a prudent friend.-Euripides. Love not with the eyes, but with the mind .- Shak-SDeare.

voiced sentiments of not only the pastors, but are resolusented. We are filing these away, but they come in too hand. We are at present simply lost under this avaper started before the first of the year. It will probably be mailed from Chicago, and it is not improbable that we will make Chicago or St. Louis our permanent headquar ters. I confidently expect to see 1,000,000 active members of this association within a year. Funds? Yes, we have plenty of funds. Every cent that is coming in is being receipted for and placed in bank. We will issue BY E. D. BABBITT, M. D., LL. D. regular reports accounting for every penny. I thing we have Spiritualists on the go. In the past there have been plenty of organizations of a local and state nature, but there was lacking that one great essential for stamping out Spiritualism-that is, national concerted action. We have got it now.

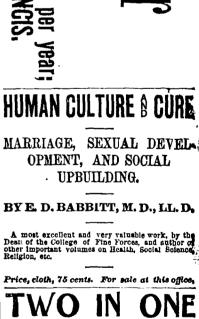
AFTER THE MEDIUMS.

"We will have every medium listed within six months We will be able to tell whether they have a shady past, whether they have ever been exposed; whether, in fact, their antecedents are good. There are many mediums who are living apparently good lives whose past lives are black as the ace of spades. We will post our \$1,500 for feit to all mediums to reproduce satisfactorily and expose any phenomena they produce, and it will be posted so publicly that it will nail them to the cross.

"In the past they have laughed at us when we wanted to debate with their leading orators, but now they send out Moses Hull, their brainest and best man, to meet the advancing army. The debate held in Anderson this week has started the ball rolling. Debates will convince no one. The Spiritualist will still be a Spiritualist, the anti-Spiritualist will still be an anti. We will have to strike at the roots of this great curse to wipe it out. We will have to show the believers that they are deluded, that Spiritualism is a lie and a fraud. We can do this now. We can show up their mediums-their preachers; we can expose them, we can reproduce their phenomena. We have already secured thirty or forty old mediums who hold certificates of membership from all of the state associations as well as the National Association to do this work. We have papers and letters which will combat every thing they may do or advance. In fact, I feel safe in saying that we are prepared to wipe the ism from the face of the earth.

LETTERS FROM THE OLD WORLD.

"We have received letters from England, Germany and France, and the letters are full of pedigrees of mediums. These points are being looked up and recorded. Nothpeare. If, instead of a gem, or even a flower, we could cast pated for organization. Michigan will be the first. I the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, think we will have 50,000 workers in that state by De-



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bly has appropriated to himself a diploma from the creator, and has denied it to others.

PROCESSES OF GETTING WELL.

Travelers tell us wondrous stories of healing by holy dervishes, and picture the crowd of sick who lie down upon the ground, that the venerable chief dervish may step upon them, one by one, with his whole weight. Old and young, babies and maidens, as well as the time-worn mussulman, all lie side by side, waiting for the holy tread. No account of any one being hurt reaches us, and many are either healed at once, or feel better for the rough treatment. All alike believe in miracle, so when there is a wonderful cure they shout "Glory to Allah!" And if there is no blessing, then that is the will of Allah, too. But ihe one fact for us to keep in mind is that sick men, women and children are healed by this process.

Among savages and the uncivilized, the world over, we find medicine men and women, one of whose chief occupations is to treat the sick. We smile and grow disgusted as we read of the heating of the "tom-toms," and watch the process by which the evil spirit, that makes man sick, is to be driven away. It seems to be a system of torture for the patient, yet all the same, many get well. Usually the medicinc man is obliged either to cure, or find a good reason for his failure, under penalty of losing his practice or his life.

Under all treatments, civilized or uncivilized, there are more cures than deaths, for Nature has her own idea as to how many years we are each entitled to. Give her reasonable opportunity, and she will oil the machine so that it may run to its limit. There is no sickness, as we have seen, without a cause. In most cases if you give the stomach a little rest from food-let the muscles cease from long hours of weary toil-and lay aside some of the cares and worries of daily life, you will find the human machine able to run a few years more.

SEARCHING FOR CAUSES.

This is an age of search for causes. The "first cause" is out of our mortal reach; but the second, and third, and the millionth, if you choose, have nothing sacred She Has Cone Over to the Theosophists about them to the man of science. So we have wiped out all that our grandfathers believed about an angry God FORMERLY A SPIRITUALIST AND STATES making His children sick; or that the devil and his imps are having a little preliminary fun with the patient; but

all the same, in most cases, we find a cause or causes well within our reach. We now know there are laws for health, and laws for disease that stand as our master every time.

It is said that a Roman emperor had his new laws duly lettered and spelled for the use of his subjects, but placed at such a height that they could not be read. You were then at his mercy for breaking a law you had not known. Nature has adopted much the same plan. Her laws have been away out of our sight. Yet if you break one you suffer the same consequences as if you had known all about it. Very cruel from our standpoint, but the only remedy is to read the law and obey it. So the nincteenth century has been at work with spectroscope and microscope, making the small larger, and bringing the larger down to the size of our senses. Man has already discovered that, for the most part, disease is really life feeding upon life; something that was born hungry, and now getting his dinner that is making you and me sick. The

We have in the former articles seen something of the | oil. If it is God's will, that sick man will get well. If he process by which man the mortal becomes sick. We will dies, it is because God did not want him to live. Even now notice a few of his attempts to get well again. For in this ninetcenth century there are plenty of ignorant wherever humanity has gathered sickness has followed; followers of that ignorant apostle who have the same igand the one who was able to effect a cure almost invaria- norant conception of sickness and health. But other men and women who belong to this age, and have broken-loose from that ignorant past, now hunt for the foul drain-

the unclean house-the unhealthy food or the gorged stomach. They find nerves shattered by overwork, or by dissipation; by nights turned into day, and midnight orgies burning up health. They discover plenty of causes for the myriad effects we call sickness, and premature death.

THE BASIS OF CURE.

At this point we get a glimpse of the other side of the question. If there are plenty of causes for sickness there are many roads by which a patient may be carried back into harmony with Nature's rules for health. One road may be labeled "faith cure." Another "miracle," as the result of prayer. The savage medicine man will show you lots of eured patients. The fakeer who is an adept,

will heal wounds almost instantly, provided patient and adept are in harmony. The doctor who boasts a college diploma makes his success by getting into harmony with laws of Nature, of which, for the most part, he is profoundly ignorant. But through it all, and the basis of every cure, is the fact that life is motion of atoms that aggregate into form. What we call "death" is only life changing its form of manifestation. When the force that is the source of this movement of the atom flows on regularly day by day, like the trade wind, you call it

"health." Presently a wild tempest of motion will pro-duce what we call "fever and death." To measurably control this force is man's privilege, and belongs to his nature. He may go to work ignorantly on the old "hitor-miss" style, with sometimes cures, and oftimes death; or he may begin to carefully study causes and effects, and by so much get into harmony with Nature. We should remember it is the ignorant man who says, "O God;" the intelligent thinker says, "O man" every time.



PRISON CONVICT, SHE WILL NOW MAKE THINGS LIVELY FOR THE THEOSOPHISTS. The New York Journal of October 17 contains the following:

Ann Odelia Diss DeBar, high priestess of Theosophy, is now declared to be in Boston. Her purpose, she says, is to join hands with Henry B. Foulke, of Onset, in lead ing a new Theosophist movement throughout the world This is Mme. Diss Debar's first appearance before the public since, under the name of Vera Ava, she sank from view in the Illinois State Prison at Joliet.

Some years ago it was alleged that Mme. Diss Debar had committed suicide, and it seems this was actually contemplated, and it was Mr. Foulke himself who saved her in this dilemma. By his influence and tact, she says, she was led to Chicago, where she subsequently married again. As she states it herself, she then obeyed the voice of the Master and left her home to go forth again and battle for spiritual truth and liberty in the world.

In her quiet sanctum, on one of Boston's busiest thoroughfares, Alme. Diss Debar has been as retired as a air, the water, the earth teem with life. Living beings are inhaled and exhaled, swallowed and excreted, and in Nymph in a cave. She has assumed the appearance of an Oriental savant, garbed in flowing black robes over which the process we grow happy or miserable as the case may be; and for the most part, taking a gambler's chance of are thrown long white silken draperies. In her private drawing a health prize or a blank in Nature's lottery. room, closely curtained, is a large, life-size painting of herself in a reclining position on an Oriental divan and

SPIRITUALISM THE SUM OF TRUTH. The Finer Forces as Applied to the Cure of Disease.

Cas Shansel States and Starling

The theory of the correlation of forces is rapidly gain ing wide acceptance. Formerly scientists talked of heat, light, electricity and magnetism as distinct. Now, the wiscst of them opine that they are different modes of motion. Formerly, music and color were regarded as

totally unlike. Now they are thought to be simply effects of differing rates of vibration of that imponderable substance called ether, supposed till very recently to be the ne plus ultra of matter. Now scientists talk of argon, a substance as much finer than ether as ether is finer than air. This newly discovered substance is, by the more philosophic scientists believed to be the connecting link between matter and mind. The materialistic scientists can go no further in their investigations, without danger of discovering that which they have persistently asserted does not exist, namely, spirit. Spiritualistic scientists enter, not only bravely, but gladly this new and grand field of discovery.

THOUGHT IS SUBSTANCE.

Plato said, "Ideas are the only things that have real existence, permanence, indestructibility; phenomenal things are but representative of ideas, and have no permanence of existence, being in a constant state of flux or change." Plato was a prophet. His philosophy of ideas, so long rejected by the theologian and the scientist, is now coming into general acceptance, being sustained by the latest discoveries in science, and the most reasonable deductions of philosophy.

A thought is an idea, a substance, a real thing. The planets are simply concreted thoughts of the Infinite Being we call God. On this grand truth rest the science and the philosophy of Spiritualism—for Spiritualism is both a science and a philosophy. It is the sum of science, and the ultima thule of philosophy. It is the correlated facts and truths of the universe in one harmonious whole. It is the ne plus ultra of science, philosophy and religion. It is the solvent of all the problems that demand solution. It furnishes a scientific and philosophic basis for religion, sociology and medicine. It strips from religion the garb of superstition it has worn so long, and clothes it in the robes of rationalism. It asserts the brotherhood of man, and lifts humanity to the common level of equal rights in one grand family. And it rescues medicine from the jargon of learned ignorance, which from Hippocrates to Pasteur, has enshrouded it, growing more and more dense as the ages reeled off the spool of time. Spiritualism puts pathology in the catalogue of absurdities, alongside of total depravity, and lifts the science of healing to a physiological basis. Spiritualism is the only thing that can rescue the people from the grip of the priest with his terrible dogma of total depravity, and his infantous quack remedy, vicarious atonement; or from the doctor with his equally monstrous dogma of pathology, and his long and constantly growing list of deadly poisons, which he pours down the throat, or injects into the veins of the sick, as remedies for the various forms of disease to which flesh under the dominion of ignorance is subject. Spiritualism teaches that ignorance of moral law is the cause of sin, and ignorance of physical law the cause of sickness. Knowledge is the sole remedy in either case. Spiritualism is in its infancy, but it is rapidly growing in numbers and in a knowledge of truth. It is destined to fulfill the prophecy of the ancient seer, who prelicted that wisdom should cover the earth, as the waters cover the great deep, and when all shall know the truth from the least to the greatest. When that day comes, sin and sorrow, sickness and death will be no more.

That glorious day has dayned. The sun of Spiritual-ism has arisen above the horizon, and its bright beams are shooting athwart this old earth and bringing into view the dismal fogs of superstition, which have so long enshrouded it, and already those fogs are dissolving in the clear light of universal truth, before which they will ultimately disappear, as the mists of a summer morning vanish before the rising orb of day.

TEMPLE OF SPIRITUALISM.

The iconoclastic work of Spiritualism has been chiefly aimed at theologic superstitions. It has torn down the great is your mount to the final boy ou not feel how Skeleton Keys to Sacerdotal old temple founded on the dogma of innate depravity. and in its place it is building a new temple upon the doctrine of innate goodness. It is beginning to demolish the old temple of medicine, founded upon the superstition that disease is a mysterious and terrible thing, a protean monster, which can be killed and dislodged from the human system by deadly poisons, and by deadly poisons only. And on the ruins of the old system of pathological and toxicological quackery, a new system of healing is being built, a system founded upon physiology, instead of pathology; upon the doctrine that health is natural. disease unnatural, and that disease is a condition, not a thing. It is simply a departure from the standard of health. That able medical writer; C. W. Cram, M. D., says: "The noraml body of man is more than a living machine; it is a self-feeding, self-making, self-repairing, self-propelling, self-regulating and self-directing machine." Spiritualism says: The normal body of man is an instrument of the spirit, the real man, and it is built, kept in repair, regulated and directed by the spirit. The body being a physical machine, it is built of physical elements, food and it can be kept in repair by physical elements. It needs no medicine if kept in a normal condition; but when it gets out of a normal or natural condition, medicines will help to restore it to the normal condition. A medicine is anything that will help to restore a sick person to health. A physician is a person who uses medical cines to cure the sick.

schools or colleges, kings or popes, to make physicians. ANGELL PRIZE CONTEST They can only cause a man who is not a physician to appear as though he were one." Spiritualism is destined to give to the world what it has never had, a religion, based on sound philosophy, a social science founded in justice, and a medical system in harmony with the laws of life, T. A. BLAND, M. D. T. A. BLAND, M. D.

STAND FOR TRUTH.

Angels Speed Radical Spiritualism.

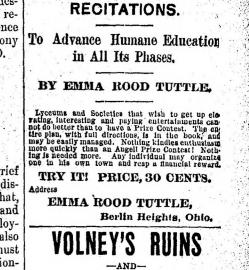
"Confession is good for the soul." It was a little grief to me that Mr. Howe took up my little article, and, dis-secting, pronounced it "rabid." But now I rejoice that, because of his criticism, I have learned of worthy and wise friends who hastened to give evidence they will loy-ally "hold up my hands." By this means I have also learned of the existence of a man who henceforth must be recognized as Moses Hull's rival for the championship as the world's Biblical scholar. I refer to L. Ormsby, of Deerfield, Mich., and cite the many readers of The Progressive Thinker to his pamphlet, entitled "Astounding Revelations." This most excellent and logical showing of "Bible history" facts!

With Mr. Ormsby's treatise, Keeler's "Short History of the Bible," and Tom Paine's "Age of Reason" to instruct my mind, I feel quite sure I shall not ever care to allude to my own mediumship as "Christianity," though Moses Hull (whose friendship I have and prize most highly) shall succeed in classing the two words as one. And it seems to me that, instead of seeking to unite these opposing religions (if this word "religion" can be applied to Spiritualism), it were wisest to show up the origin of the orthodox religion, as Mr. Ormsby has so ably done. Neither do I see the sense of trying to prove to these followers of myth "Gods" that Spiritualism is a fact, because it has always been possible for spirits, or angels, to return, "since this is shown in the Bible to have often occurred in ancient times."

I have heard some Spiritualists advocate the need of gentle handling when we seek to instruct Christians that we have facts; and this policy move is the great cause for our grand philosophy having fewer by half of the avowed followers that should to-day rally to unfurl and display the flag of Immortality that alone belongs to Spiritual ism. They remain with the Church-and remaining thus half-and-half friends they lend their aid to the bitter foe to free thought, and free speech, and our mediums find little favor from Uncle Sam.

We find a new order worked out of the now fifty-yearold order of Modern Spiritualism. In truth, we need radical Spiritualism organized and earnestly pushed forward. In the Chicago Chronicle of October 24 is a lengthy communication, wherein the President of the National Anti-Spiritualistic Association is reported as having said: "Spiritualism is to be met and fought in every section with a far greater army of workers than they can summon. * * * The letters you will notice come not only from every section of the nation, but as a general thing from ministers of denominational, orthodox and Catholic churches, and are the voiced sentiments of not only the pastors, but are resolutions of the congregations. Almost every known church is repre-sented. * * * I think we have Spiritualists on the go. * * * We will have every medium listed within six months. * * * We will have to strike at the roots of this great curse to wipe it out. We will have to show the believers that they are deluded, and that Spiritualism is a lie and a fraud. We can do this now. We can show up their mediums-their preachers; we can expose them, we can reproduce their phenomena. We have papers and letters that will combat everything that they may do or advance. In fact, I feel safe in saying that we are prepared to wipe the ism from the face of the earth.

Oh, you who know of spirit return, is it not time that you turn your back upon the churches that are the bitter enemics of Spiritualism, that now propose to "wipe the ism from the face of the earth?" Do you not see how, in their aim to overthrow that which is in advance of their creeds, they in their hatred, are willing to band together-these enemics-and try to wipe out the nine-



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aowadays he cares much more about the air you breathe, the food you cat, and the clothes you wear, than he does about dosing you with the old-fashioned drug; or bleeding you in the old-fashioned style. The fact that most sickness is really the growth of living beings in the human organism is now an established truth, so it has come to pass there is eager search for microbes. We have a Pasteur discovering the bacillus of hydrophobia. A Koch declares he has found the spore of cholera. The germ of yellow fever grows merrily in the soil where there is nothing left but a few bones and a little hair to tell us it is the grave of a victim of that giant pestilence. You can wrap up scarlet fever in a lady's handkerchief, or a scented glove, and presently the modern Rachel sits mourning because her darlings have vanished.

The preacher's talk about resignation to God's will is an insult to the nineteenth century. There are laws for sickness, and laws for health. But Nature's laws are not for the blind to read or the deaf to hear. And this talk about God's will and man's resignation means blind ignorance and deaf superstition every time. These are so far surface truths, but there is a lesson to these facts that all should note. The monad, the microbe, the spore are simply man's limits. A grander microscope would bring more profound truths. A more outreaching telescope would find more brother and sister stars, and suns, and planet worlds. The spectroscope and the X-ray are already opening grand vistas of the invisible. So we perceive that the seeds of disease discovered by the scientist

SPIRIT, MATTER AND LIFE.

Spirit is simply matter too refined for mortal sense; but all matter is composed of particles far too minute even for imagination to compass. There is no matter without life; and life in every particle is supported by life in some other particle. Eating and being eaten extend as a process right out into the infinite. In other words, the processes we call health and disease are not limited by our instruments and discoveries. Back of the microbe and spore stands the life upon which they feed, and which makes their life possible, and by so much they lead you nearer to the "first cause" than discoveries by dissection and analysis. The crucible and the scalpel are after all fifty years ago, claims to be the daughter of the King of only making scratches on Nature's surface, like the Bavafia by Lola Montez. She was educated in a convent crooked stick with which the early man did his plowing. in France, is a thorough linguist, and has had interviews When the dervish walks upon human bodies, and the sick recover, the cause is not to be explained by a new word She even went to the Pope, but is said to have been abor a Latin name, but it is there just the same. But ruptly dismissed from the Vatican. whether we explain it, or even know of its existence, that cause is all powerful. The attraction of matter we call gravitation is an unexplained truth to-day, but it is used knew she had the gift of occult power. She left him and with success by the ignorant man who never heard of its he afterward died. She came to this country about existence, and who would not understand you if you tried twenty years ago and lived with General J. H. Diss Debar to explain what it meant. And the use of Nature's force to heal the sick has been practiced in every clime, and by her connection with the famous Luther Marsh affair. among every race, though it has been shrouded in mystery, and counted as a miraculous power.

cause and effect are the rule of the universe. If you are sick it is the effect of a cause. If you are well, it means that you are obeying the causes that produce health. The lendency of ignorance is to stand in awe before a mystery, and mold it into a religious shape. The pains and groans, the weakness and wastings, that tell you manhood is sick and likely to die, are a mystery to the ignorant of every. cge. Thus it came to pass that an ignorant apostle tells us to pray over the patient, and rub him with a little mind is both a great and a happy mind .-- Secker.

The doctor has been studying some of these laws, and in the background the shadowy form of the Temple of the Unknown Name. It is said to be by the celebrated French artist Meissonier, done in Paris in 1892.

Henry B. Foulke, of Onset, Mass., the well-known Theosophist, is with her, he says, in response to a command from the Mystic Inner Circle, sent through his sacred idol, which, though recently stolen, still speaks to

Theosophy, Mr. Foulke says, is now to be concentrated at Onset Bay for the whole world. The late headquarters at Odyar, India, are about to be closed by Colonel Henry Steele Olcott on account of his declining health. Owing to the more powerful adepts among the cult now residing in the Occident, the sceptre of occult power is about to leave the Orient and pass into their hands.

Mme. Diss Debar, Mr. Foulke explains, now acting under a spiritual hierarchy, has been led to Boston to make this important move.

Mr. Foulke exhibits a curiously inscribed manuscript purporting to be a spirit message precipitated through Mme. Diss Debar for him, declaring him the Theosophist leader of the world. It is as follows:

Sphere of Eternal Wisdom.

Beloved Son:-The Sacred Council and Inner Circle elect thee as the true and only representative of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. We, comprising the most ancient and advanced Inner Circle, demand thy consecration and roval instant recognition as the only true head of the Theosophical movement in both hemispheres. Let the are only milestones on his journey to the realm of truth. [hie-long associate and fully tested daughter, Diss Debar) set life-long associate and teacher and psychic (our well-

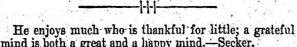
about thy immediate usurpation of the fatal and false organism of the Tingley woman, who has sown the seeds of error broadcast sufficiently long. We demand of thee, most worshipful master and right royal brother, that this truth be given to the multitude without longer delay. Wrong shall no longer triumph; might shall no longer constitute right without its sacred obligations. Arise to the sacredness of thy mission, that the black night of dense ignorance may give place to the dawn of divine. SOPHIA.

We, the divinely inspired, have spoken by Morio. Mme. Editha Lotela Diss Debar, born in Paris about

with more prominent people than any other medium.

She has had a checkered and adventurous career. She was married to Paul Messant, in Munich, before she for about fourteen years. Their intimacy was broken up That was ten years ago. After her flight to Philadelphia she is said to have been housed and fed by Mr. Foulke, As thinking men and women, let us to day realize that He then removed her to his apartments, No. 1037 Walnut street, Philadelphia, where she gave seances to some of the most prominent people of that city.

Since then Mr. Foulke and she, it is said, have not met until now.



PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL MEDICINES.

Medicines are of two sorts, physical and spiritual. At present, physicians know more about the nature and use of physical remedies than they do about the nature and use of spiritual. This is but natural. The physical is first. then the spiritual, in the evolution of the true science of healing. But the system is the same. When, in 1852, Prof. Alva Curtis abandoned the ranks of allopathy and founded a system of medicine upon the science of physiology, and christened it "Physio-Medical," he did it under the inspiration of Dr. John Brown, Dr. Benjamin Rush and other great men, who had in this life become imbued with advanced ideas on the art of healing. Dr. Curtis was then a Spiritualist, and he recognized the inspirational aid of those eminent men. I know whereof I write, for I was a student in the pioncer Physio-Medical College of Ohio, as far back as 1854, and the first lecture I ever heard on Spiritualism was delivered by Prof. Curtis, in the leature hall of his college, in April, 1854.

In the science of healing by physical remedies, Dr. Curtis was a master. But the science of healing by the finer spiritual forces had not been developed to any considerable degree. It is making great progress now. I know quite a number of physicians who diagnose (read) disease by the aid of psychometry, or clairvoyance, and some who depend chiefly upon spiritual influences in treating their patients; and with marvelous success.

I made the acquaintance at Onset, in the summer of 1896, of a physician, Dr. J. S. Loucks, of Shirleyville, Mass., of this type, and only a few days ago I met him in Boston, and had a long and exceedingly interesting talk with him.

Dr. Loucks confirms the statement made to me by another eminent clairvoyant physician, that spiritual physicians can, and at times do, collect medicines from the atmosphere, which have wonderful potency. The world is destined to learn through Spiritualism that Paracelsus was right when he said, "It is not in the power of when we succeed, it betrays us .- Cotton.

you fawn upon these bigots, who hate you none the less, but all the more, because that you seek to adopt their titles and ways of carrying on worship?" Their songs are theirs; their changeable Gods are theirs. Let them retain these. What need has this advanced movement, which needs no faith or fear to govern its followers, with any of their methods of worship?

Rally your wits and band against these our foes, and let us lend our assistance to the publications that make strenuous efforts against this concentrated movement which is headed by Becker, Hagaman, Grimes, Caylor and Covert. Read what is being said and done by Christianity, and take yourself to task if in any manner you are aping this gigantic foe.

Through courtesy, I have occasionally tolerated grace" at my table, but I now foreswear this for all time, where Christians are concerned. And I further feel that I must consider it a personal insult if at any time at a circle, seance, or sociable, held in my home, any person shall sing a song that makes reference to the Christian's teachings, known by me to be false and to be doing an njury to humanity. Erroneous teachings, embodied in song or instructions from the rostrum or print, have a tendency to blind the mind against truths. If we know truths and do not uphold and defend these, we retard the unfoldment of our own soul. Can we be honest and in any manner lend aid to the foe to Spiritualism?

Again I feel to raise my voice in a call for radical Spiritualists, and to repeat: Angels speed Radical Spiritualism. How many will send their names to me, to be listed as Anti-Christian Spiritualists?

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That is the most perfect government under which wrong to the humblest is an affront to all.-Seneca.

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THE COST OF BEING WISE.

in the struggle.

Epictetus was a wise old stoic philosopher, once a slave in Phrygia. He was contemporary with Marcus Aurelius, the noblest and best of the Roman emperors. The latter showed his appreciation of the wise old sage, by thanking the gods for giving the world so worthy a character, from whose collected sayings there can be gleaned wherewith to conduct life with honor to himself and advantage to his coun-

In book 2, chap. 27, sec. 6, of the Teachings of Epictetus, we find the following, as applicable now as 1800 years ago:

"Think you, you can be a sage, and continue to eat and drink and be wrathfirst united in an effort to convert out ful and take offense just as you were wout? Nay, but you must watch and

ist paper. They should bear this fact in mind, that unless they assist in this struggle against the members of the Anti-Spiritualist Convention they may find themselves in the future abridged of their rights. They should subscribe for The Progressive Thinker at once, as it is leading in this conflict. See the fine premium offered. Trial subscription 25

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Take the Christian history of the Crusades, false in nearly every feature. vet it was a war, according to the churches' own showing, wherein more than six millions of lives were sacrificed, to wrest an empty sepulchre from the Saracens. The assailed people were at home, pursuing the arts of peace, worshiping one God, whom they served faithfully. Their assailants were brutal barbarians, led on by a cowardly priest, valiant when he had no opposition, but the veriest poltroon when surrounded by real danger. That a substantial good grew out of the Crusades all admit, for it resulted in the civilization of Europe; but it was at the expense of millions of lives, and the waste of boundless wealth.

The Crusades were followed by the religious wars in Spain, in which the Moors and Jews were the sufferers. What a terrible history! An entire people expatriated, or reduced to slavery. Princes, learned and refined, were converted into scullions for the kitchens by their Christian masters. Their lands, and cities and castles were confiscated by the Christian victors, their libraries were burned, and the Inquisition was called into service to silence those who would complain.

The bloody Massacre of St. Bartholomew, with all its terrible horrors, wherein some 70,000 Huguenots were shot down on the 24th and 25th of August, 1570, is shocking beyond descrip-tion, and we can only think of the event without heaping curses on that vile system of religion which incited to the at Rome to celebrate the event by a grand procession to the church of St. Louis, the singing of a joyous Te Deum, and the proclamation of a year of jubilee; but this was trifling in its consequences compared with the Christian wars on the Netherlands which lasted for years and almost desolated the country. Executions filled the land with blood. The inhabitants fied in error before the Spanish, Italian and

German forces, who were obeying the orders of the Pope. Thousands took refuge in England, Germany and Denmark. Those who remained were slaughtered, until, says the history, no neretics remained. These are only a tithe of the outrages perpetrated by Christianity while proselyting for the church. Instead of

facts and logic opposition was silenced by extermination. But a new era dawned upon the world. Christianity divided into many sects. Each sect was a restraint on the others. The spirit of persecution was stayed for a time, though its ty-rannical nature was ever visible. It

republican government into a hierarchy. Finding they had not the strength to wont? Nay, but you must which and labor, and withdraw yourself from Finding they had not the strength to your household, and be despised by any pour household, and be despised by any been organizing leagues, alliances, and been organizing leagues, alliances, and neighbors, and take the lower place associations, so as to unite all in a everywhere, in honors, in authority, in common work. This done they have cast about to find their strongest oppocourts of justice, in dealings of every nent. They have found it in Spiritualkind. The old sage concluded his lecture by lem. Having no faith in a continued life, may. discrediting the ability of the spirit to exist independently of the body, look-Since we have Epictetus in hand let ing forward to a general resurrection us copy book 3, chap 4, sec 2, quite equal to the Golden Rule of Confucius, and reanimation of the decayed and wasted clay element, they determined and better than anything touching hu-man liberty credited to Jesus: to make war on the new faith, and have taken measures to organize the "That which thou wouldst not suffer churches of every denomination to aid in putting it down. Is it not a strange anomaly that the first union of the discordant sects since the separation from the parent church, three and a half centuries ago, was formed to suppress that faith which they claim their Jesus came to reveal? instead of resting belief on what is ery. said was proved by the resurrection of a dead God. Spiritualists insist they WOMEN IN THE SIXTH CENTURY. have communication with living spir "Are women human beings?" was the its, survivals of departed friends, who give evidences that they lately lived in the flesh, and now survive in spirit form. In place of faith they have substituted knowledge. And though con-

in Which the Churches Are Trying, to Strangle Mediumship.

SPIRITUALISTS. MEET YOUR ENEMIES HALFroll in the dollar. WAY_RISE FROM YOUR LETHARGY, OH! ME. DIUMS, AND STEP TO THE FRONT, AND AID IN DEFENDING YOURSELVES.

We are no alarnuist, nor are we a straggler in the rear Shall he be Sent Forth as a Ceneral Missionary to Deof this great army of spiritual reform; only sanguine of an impending danger to our cause. An unusually formidable foe has arisen for the avowed purpose of making war on our mediums, war to the extermination; therefore The Progressive Thinker has thrown itself into the front of the battle, leading on the host of tried and true soldiers and will stay just as long as there is necessity for dore F. Mayer. He is the second one be defense of its cause. Some there are and always will be, who pull back and "If of them so it, then will do us no horm" the defense of its cause.

say, "Let them go it; they will do us no harm."

To those we must say, If they do us no harm it will be because their effort to put down the cause will arouse an opposition able to cope with them upon the field. Laggards must lag, but the cause must be protected from its enemies, from the army of an angry personal God-a relic of the Dark Ages-and it can only be done by meeting their advance, by assuming the defensive.

OUR CAUSE

is a religious reformation and an inspirer of science; it is the cause of blind, ignorant, priestridden humanity against tyranny, bigotry and superstition; a cause to inspire to patriotism every son and daughter of freedom, a cause to infuse energy, bravery and spiritual upliftment into every human being capable of expressing a thought for themselves or aiding those who can so express.

THE ENEMY

are concentrating their forces for a mighty effort and therefore our strength to meet every issue must be developed. This is an instance where we must fight or sneak like cowards to the rear. Let us meet them face to face with sharpened faber, and wisdom and wit-wisdom in our modes of warfare, and wit to perceive their every move and the battle shall be to a finish.

Again, the laggards say: "Truth is mighty and will

prevail." True, but truth has always had warriors at its side; has always had leaders, flag-bearers and soldiers; has always had unswerving eloquence and magnetic powers by its side in its battle to prevail, and left the laggards in the rear. And so in this, the battle of the true religion, the foundation of science and the basic principle of the universe we must push forward with every means at hand for its aid in overthrowing error and ignorance. How-

WITH SUCH LEADERS

as Moses Hull, Prof. Lockwood, Lyman C. Howe, Prof. Loveland, J. Clegg Wright, Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Luther, Hudson Tuttle, Hon. L. V. Moulton, Hon A. B. Richmond and a host of other lecturers and mediums that are genuine and true we have no fear but that the course of The Progressive Thinker will succeed in bringing forward all the best material in the cause to defend it from

every source, and on every side. When the war-cry first began in The Progressive Thinker, no doubt many concluded it was only a boom the immortality of the spirit?" Shelley for the paper; but instead it was a move for the whole cause, and from the influx of letters since it first began, LETTERS OF SANCTION.

the war-cry struck the keynote. Now let us keep the bat-tle hot; not by abuse and slander, not by cruelty, a la mortality, and that at best was hearsay passing down through sixty genera Were Shelley living to-day, with philosophy, and to win is ours, let the glory go where it the facts in his possession which any honest investigator of Spiritualism has tions. access to, he would be as earnest a be-liever as any one.

Thire--fire at the enemy!! That is what we are doing! shall fire facts at them. That is what our Moses did at Anderson, Ind. Every shot took

Progressive Thinker in the strugeffect, too, doing a most excellent gle by at least sending to this office work, and those shots will appear in 25 cents for a three months' subscription. But we would prefer that you The Progressive Thinker, having been secured at great expense. You should see them. The battle has only commenced. Roll in your dollars for The Progressive Thinker, ONE HUN-DRED THOUSAND or more. Spirit-

ualists and mediums who now shirk their sacred duty are only fit to be slaves.

A DYING FAITH. We call the attention of our readers The New York Independent recently to the letter on our first page from that eminent Spiritualist and philan-thropist of Washington, D. C., Mr. Theosaid: "Three thousand churches in the United States reported not a single conversion during 1896." Had they declared war on Spiritualism a little earlier in the year there would have been six thousand in a similar condition for 1897.

A DELUSION.

Leo D. Weil, a young photographer of Chicago, has just gone insane on the subject of Christian Science. He was sent to the detention hospital a few days ago, and was locked up to prevent

The Hull-Covert Debate, hundred will be received at this office.

Let Sunday, November 21. be set aside and then every meeting in the United States in hardiony with the movement take up a collection for this special Do you know a good thing when you see it? Do you ever realize the fact purpose. Every medium in the United States should, too, on that day, or on some other, if more convenient, hold a that to even hear of a good thing often proves advantageous? Are you aware of this grand truth that to even taste circle and aid in raising the amount rea good thing has its pleasure? If so, quired. To falter now is criminal. Every medium should awaken at once we wish to refer you to a pre-eminently and assist in this struggle. good thing-something invaluable! We AMOUNT THUS FAR RAISED. desire to introduce you to The Progressive. Thinker for at least three

> months. We have just entered on a new cycle, and we desire you to be with 1 00 us. We want your quarters, and in re-1 00 turn therefor we propose to give you The Progressive Thinker for three months. You will find therein, reported

Now we have news that Chicago is to be evangelized. The American Chriswork is to be under the special charge Dr. John Henry Barrows seems to have been an important factor in the conven-

that already 1,000,000 converts had been made in that country, but he did not tell of the many hundreds of millions who reject the faith, their men of education insisting that their system of religion is better adapted to those people than is Christianity.

"WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE."

The poet Shelley was asked by his friend Trelawney, "Do you believe in replied: "Certainly not. How can I? We know nothing; we have no evidence."

First Lecture: "Sorrow and Evil Was not that position of Shelley cor--Their Cause and Cure." Second Lecture: "Clairvoyance

SPIRITUALISM A POLAR STAR,

Illustrated With Some Personal Experience.

To the Editor :-- It is some satisfaction to know that all truly progressive clergymen recognize the great principles of the Spiritual philosophy. They are daily mul-tiplying, while they are represented by such men as M. J. Savage, of New York; Dr. Thomas of Chicago, and others who have the courage of their convictions, regardless of the frowns of Mrs. Grundy and "what will people sav?"

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But the conservatives who preach more for the 'loaves and fishes" than for principle and truth, still grope in the dark, in total ignorance of Spiritualism, and all that is implied in mediumship organization. They had better take a good look into the delicate and subtle laws and principles of mediumship, and inform themselves upon the spiritual philosophy.

Rev. Theodore Parker was a true reformer, a man of great intellect and great culture; in fact he was the hero of the pulpit! But did he attempt to form an Anti-Spiritual organization? Let us see what this indefatigable brain worker said concerning Spiritualism, some forty years ago: "This party has an idea wider and deeper than that of the Catholic or Protestant, namely, that God still inspires man as much as ever; that he is immanent in spirit as in space.

"This doctrine may be called Spiritualism. This relies on no church tradition, nor Scripture, as the last ground and infallible rule. It counts these things teachers, if they teach, not masters; helps, if they help, not authorities. It relies on the divine presence in the soul of man-the eternal word of God, which is truth, as it speaks through the faculties he has given. It believes God is near the soul as matter is to the sense; thinks the canon of revelation not yet closed, nor God exhausted. It sees him in nature's perfect work; hears him in all scriptures, Jewish and Phoenician; feels him in the inspiration of the heart; it lays down no creed, asks no symbol,

ration of the heart; it lays down no crock, and therefore reverences exclusively no time nor place, and therefore can use all time and every place. It reckons forms useful to such as they help. Its temple is all space, its shrine the good heart, its creed all truth, its ritual works of love and utility; its profession of faith a divine life."

Thus spake the ethical thinker-that grand man, Thedore Parker.

Regarding mediumship, I have somewhere and at some ime read a very plausible theory of how a medium is controlled, though I cannot remember the author of the theory, but will reproduce the idea from memory: It is, that a medium is a person whose physical body manufactures a superabundance of what is called the nervo-vital fluid. This substance seems to be the connecting link between mind and matter, or mind and the body, and responds to our will-power when we move a hand or foot; this fluid acts at once upon the subordinate muscle and nerves, while under the control of the individual will and action is the simple result.

And so it is in mediumship, an outside will, or the conthat Spiritualism is true, and the latter rolling spiritual intelligence throws a psychological inattempting to show that it is false. fluence upon the medium, and with his positive will-power gathers up a portion of this same nervo-vital force, and moves the medium's hand to write, or the vocal organs to speak.

Both clergymen and ultra materialists have demonstrated the facts of mediumship and spiritual communication, with out leaving their own families to find an instrument of communication. Let others do likewise.

Clairaudience cheers the heart and robs death of its ting, and the grave of its victory.

I frequently hear clairaudiently the representation of most brilliant minds of England. Those prass bands, first at a distance, and then approaching lectures were listened to by crowded houses in this city, and though the nearer, and still nearer, until the music seems complete Spiritualists will not by any means enand perfect.

dorse all that she says in them, yet Only the last week I heard what purported to be Gen. they will find them full of suggestive Fom Thumb, and little Commodore Nutt playing and thought. They are submitted to our singing "Yankee Doodle, Dandy;" their music was teemreaders as specimens of the views of ing with mirth, and carried me back to other days. one of England's leading minds (and not to beget controversy), and in that

On several occasions have I listened to a band of singers, giving the name—Asa Hutchinson, and reproducing the words: "We have come from the mountain of the Old Granito Siate," etc.

Upon one occasion, I heard clairaudiently, fine music and singing, at the conclusion of which came in a deep bass voice the name "Babcock." Hence I concluded that I had doubtless been listening to some of the "Highland

Eolianders," hired by Mr. Babcock, and who so delighted

Let me say, the voice that brought me this simple, yet

Again, while writing my letter of condolence to this

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"And they that tell us of these glorious things

The blessed visitants of happier spheres,

Whose presence felt on gently wafting wings

For they unseal the eyes that long have been

To melt the shadow of this vast eclipse;

It rolls away, and lo! from those long dumb.

Hosannas rise, and praise is on their lips;

It brings a day the earth may not forget,

Of that glad sun, that rises not to set."

Its airy streamers flow beneath the feet

The purple morning breaketh grand and sweet,

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Look Out for an Impostor.

To the Editor :-- Would you kindly draw the attention

of the Spiritualist public, and especially the friends at

E. T. DICKINSON.

MRS. MAGGIE WAITE.

And are proclaiming to the sons of men,

Is known more frequent in these later years;

That God is love, and that there is no death.

"Oh. God! we thank thee that the time has come

Shut out from truth by what the preacher saith,

Progressive Thinker\$100 00 Theo. F. Mayer..... 100 00 Mrs. H. G. Waterman 1 00 Mrs. D. Breslock..... Jane Polson THE HULL-COVERT DEBATE. It will be furnished to each subin full, the debate held at Anderson. criber complete. Ind., between Moses Hull, on the part TO BE EVANGELIZED. of Spiritualists, and Elder Covert, in behalf of the various orthodox churches; the former demonstrating

tian Missionary Society, late in National Convention at Indianapolis, took up the subject, and determined that Chicago should be the principal field of action during the next few years. The of the Home Missionary Department.

This debate has been reported especially for The Progressive Thinker, at great expense, in order to spread a new intellectual table for Spiritualists. If you have the least conception of a good thing, you will subscribe for the paper

at once. tion. He addressed that body, his sub-But that is not all you will get. We ject, "The Christian Conflict and Con-quest in Asia." It was stated by him will surprise you still further, by sending you four lectures delivered in this city by Mrs. Annie Besant, one of the

Spiritualists all over the United States to the dangers that threaten them in the combination of all the churches to suppress mediumship and destroy Spir-itualism. The article that appears on his doing violence. degree what the Church Octopus pro-poses to do with mediums. Read it. Now, Spiritutlists, raise at once the THOUSAND DOLLARS! Read and

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members of the Anti-Spirituual-ist Convention are trying to sup-

press Spiritualism. Assist The

MOSES HULL.

fend our Cause?

25 GENTS. re-read Mr. Mayer's ringing letter. See what he proposes to do, and then let the dollars roll from your pockets. Sums ranging from one dollar to one

telling his friends that they must either hold a place among the wise, else among the vulgar.

thyself, seek not to lay upon others. Thou wouldst not be a slave-look to it, that others be not slaves to thee For if thou endure to have slaves, it seems that thou thy self art first of all a slave. For virtue hath no commun ion with vice nor freedom with slav

woman question as formulated in the sixth century. This startling inquiry was proposed by a bishop at the Council of Macon, and the reverend fathers were so amiable and so liberal as to devote several sessions to the consideration of the subject. They did not disdain the question as useless or frivolous, but gravely undertook the task of assigning to woman her proper place in creation.

With all her faults, they loved her still, and, moved partly, no doubt, by affection, they generously decided that she did not belong to the world of "muttons, beeves or goats," but was, in truth, a human being - Pearson's

Weekly. We don't know anything about any Council of Macon, or of its doings, but many years ago the writer listened to a very animated discussion between two church deacons, one of whom maintained that women have no souls. He challenged his opponent to produce one word of Bible proof establishing the contrary position, and quoted several texts which he insisted sustained his hypothesis that woman is not im-

Demember that the debate between Moses Hull and Elder Covert will be published in full in The Progressive Thinker. It alone will be worth a year's subscription. Every medium or Spiritualist in the United States should read it. The struggle has commenced. The members of the Anti-Spiritualist Convention, held at Anderson, Ind., are determined to suppress mediumship. The Progressive Thinker will lead in this conflict. Send in your subscription at once. Get all your Spiritualist friends to subscribe. No one but a traitor will refuse to aid in this struggle for our rights. We need 100.000 additional ubscribers.

the contagion of falsehood from Paul, who inquired. Rom. iii:7:--"If the truth of God hath more abounded through my LIE unto his glory; why yet am I also judged a sin-

scious there are those who have caught

Yet they propose to suppress all lies and every form of fraud within their ranks; but they will not give the lie to their own senses because despicable and worthless humbugs are fraudulent ly trying to imitate genuine spiritual communications; neither will they go back on Truth because Error combine to work its destruction.

USEFULLY EMPLOYED.

J. C. Hull, once a preacher in St Paul, Minn., and now an inmate of the state prison at Stillwater, under convic viction of attempting to poison his wife, has been assigned to the duty of catching rats that infest the cells and corridors, and is reported to be becoming quite efficient in the task. When here are no rats that require catching he is kept busy with odd jobs about the vard.-Ex.

It is said every one will reach his true level sometime in life. It is probable Rev. Hull has found his in rat catching.

fow is the time to subscribe for The Progressive Thinker. The war against Spiritualism has commenced. The members of the Anti-Spiritualist Convention, held at Anderson, Ind., have resolved to suppress mediumship. They must be met in this conflict at once. Every Spiritualist should aid The Progressive Thinker in this struggle. Send in your subscription at once. Tell all your Spiritual friends to subscribe. If you can't send one dollar, send 25 cents for a trial subscription. Try, however, and send the dollar.

Weyler, but by meeting them in public debate, with wit, there was not a particle of proof of imwisdom, logic and perfect composure, as best becomes the greater spirituality of Spiritualism, the profundity of our

INFLUENCE LEGISLATION.

To say that they cannot hurt Spiritualism by such an organization as the one formed at Anderson, of men who are among the leaders of the popular religions of to-day, men who can easily influence politics and the legislatures against our cause, by applying the whip of prejudice, is to acknowledge that we are immovable, immutable and even impervious.

In our philosophy indubitably lies a great truth, a truth sought by all religions and both the envy and target of science. Christianity claims the right, title and interest to immortality upon the grounds of faith in Holy Writ, but Spiritualism comes in with evidence and proves

up on the claim through the right of discovery. These ideas have been ground out week after week in The Progressive Thinker, ever since the first issue, editorially and through the multifarious communications that have appeared, and without farther comment all know who are our foes, who have brought on the war.

It is unnecessary to enter into any great laudation of The Progressive Thinker's course in the campaign against these enemies of Spiritualism; we will let the readers do that or condemn, as they choose; our course is already being sanctioned by an enormous number of readers and our subscription

LIST IS SWELLING

beyond all precedent, and that is the best kind of sanction of our course; it is all the sanction that tells of the backing we have; actions speak loudly, and instead of any laudation, instead of palaver, let everyone who sanctions the course of The Progressive Thinker get right out and hustle for subscribers and we will know we are sanctioned in our course of battle for truth against fraud, superstition and ignorance.

If ever a well organized and equipped army was needed t was after the first battle, after the first gun was fired, and if ever Spiritualists needed unanimity, concentration of all their forces it is just now. It is time to bury all trivial matters; time to let petty differences of opinion regarding this phase and that phase, this question and that question, have an end, 'and every man and woman fall in line for the contest that is upon the cause they

espouse. If you believe that immortality is demonstrable, and

being demonstrated through Spiritualism, be noble and brave enough to step out and say so, not only in words, but in the support and substantial encouragement of everv worker, every fighter, every genuine medium and eve

ery able lecturer in the ranks; and every creditable Spiritualistic newspaper that has the courage of its convictions, that will stand firmly and squarely in front of the enemy and pour such volumes of evidence and philosophy into them as their editorial calibre will permit.

Not an opportunity should be lost to gain a point, honorably and kindly, over our bitter enemies, and this can | leads in the fight against them. Have | scription at once. Tell all your Spirbe done in the more copious circulation of our best papers and other literature, in connection with the labor of | it at once, to assist in the great con- gressive Thinker. If they cannot send our able lecturers and true mediums. Let everyone flict at hand. Tell them of the mag- a dollar, send 25 cents to assist us in shoulder a personal responsibility in this matter and the | nificent premium we offer. They can | this conflict. Don't delay. In order victory is ours. Send in your quarters! Roll in your | send at least a trial subscription, three | to fight this battle successfully we dollars for The Progressive Thinker, which first stepped months for 25 cents. But the dollar should have 100,000 additional subto the front in this great battle.

A STAB AT CHRISTIANITY. Lord Dufferin, one of the most prominent of England's nobility, generally an ambassador to some foreign power to either formulate a new treaty else settle a dispute concerning one, at a banquet lately given him at Belfast, is

reported to have said: "In spite of Christianity and humanitarian principles, no nation's possessions are safe, unless she can guard them with her own right arm."

And it is other Christian nations from which the danger comes! Is not that a painful reflection, inadvertently expressed, on that system of religion which is eternally prating about "brotherhood and peace?"

AN INERRANT BIBLE.

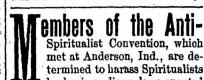
John Ruskin, the learned English artist and author, in one of his "Letters to the Clergy," says: "I have read the New Testament through in the earliest Greek manuscript-eleventh century-which I could get hold of. I examined every syllable of it, and have made more notes of various readings and on the

real meanings than you could get through in a year's work." Is not that rather rough on an iner rant Bible, every chapter, paragraph, word and syllable inspired by God? and yet filled with conflicting statements.

A CONGRESS OF RELIGIONS.

A Congress of Religions was in session at Nashville, Tenn., on the 22d ult. Hindoolsm, Parseelsm, Buddhism and Mohammedanism were represented

as was the Christian. Dr. Janes, of the Cambridge school of comparative religions, addressed the body, and maintained the heart of all religions is the same the world over. Each of the sev-eral religions had its defender. We We notice Dr. H. W. Thomas, of this city, was there to voice Liberal Christianity.



by having odious laws enacted in every State and city to suppress astound the world! Assist in this mediumship. The Progressive Thinker great struggle by sending in your subitualist friends to send for The Proyour Spiritualist friends subscribe for

scribers. Roll in the dollars. will help us most.

and Mental Healing.' Third Lecture: "Proofs of the Existence of the Soul."

respect they will prove invaluable, and

will keep our readers posted in the cur-rent thought of the day. The lectures

mbrace the following subjects:

New England audiences with the bards of musical attain-Fourth Lecture: "Seen by the ment. Mr. B.'s favorite bass solo was "Rocked in the Occult Eye." Cradle of the Deep." It is said he could sound the scale Those lectures alone are worth more

as low as double G, and do it with the greatest case and than a year's subscription. But the distinctness. above is not all that we promise you for In conclusion, and for the benefit of the Anti-Spiritual 25 cents. Realizing the fact that your organization, I will briefly describe an incident that ocintellectual stomachs may be capacious, curred quite lately: we offer you-no doubt to your great At day-break the morning of the 19th of August, this surprise-still other attractions. We was pronounced several times in my ear: "Your cousin, give you one of Col. Ingersoll's masterly addresses on "TRUTH." It is J. D. A.--- (giving full name) is in the spirit land." This circumstance I mentioned to my family at the breakchockful of grand, soul-elevating statements. Five thousand paid 50 cents fast table. Four days later I received a letter from a lady in Galesburg, Ill (first cousin of mine) telling me in paeach to hear that lecture in Chicago. lhetic words of the death of her only brother, $J. D. \Lambda$ -You can read it monthly for one year. and enjoy it each time. But don't be which occurred August 13, 1897.

startled, we offer you still more. We offer you an address by Charles Dawbeautiful prophecy, was indeed the familiar voice of my barn, the Oalifornia philosopher, who father. who passed to spirit-life, January 16, 1849. gives "Thoughts Illustrating the Status of Spiritualism, and the Dangers that aged cousin (now in her eighty-first year) the sweet voice Beset the Honest Investigator." It of my mother, who passed to spirit-life, February 15, should be read by every thinking mind 1854, was singing in my ear until the missive was comin the United States.

Don't become excited over the great offer we are making to every subscriber for three months. You will get still more than the above. You will have an opportunity of reading an able address by Col. Dohoney, of Texas, on "The Philosophy and Phenomena of Spiritualism as shown from the Bible and History."

What we have offered in connection with every yearly or three months' subscription ought to bring us 100,000 subscribers. Had you been in this city you would have had to pay \$2 to hear Mrs. Besant's four lectures, and 50 cents for hearing Col. Ingersoll, and yet you are offered this (and much more) with every three months' or yearly subscription to The Progressive Thinker. We should have on these terms 1.000.000 new subscribers to The Progressive Thinker. Every Spiritualist should now awaken, if ever, and roll in the subscriptions; roll in the quarters; roll in the dollars!

> Dear in mind that a conflict is at hand. The Progressive Thinker has employed twentyfive experts, residents of Chicago

corruption among church members and ministers of the gospel. Their report will follow the publication of the great debate between Moses Hull and Elder

-told me I was not the lady he met in Fort Wayne, and what is worse, told me I was an impostor. It is to be hoped the Spiritualists will look out for her. Covert, at Anderson, Ind., and it will Chicago, Ill. ----

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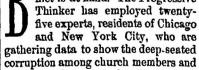
pleted.

Fear nothing so much as sin and your moral heroism is complete.-C. Simmons.

- Prodigality is the vice of a weak nature, as avarice is of a strong one.-H. Taylor.

Lie in the lap of sin and not mean harm? It is hypocrisy against the devil. They that mean virtuously, and vet do so, the devil their virtue tempts, and they tempt heaven .- Shakspeare.

Fort Wayne, Ind., to the fact that there is a woman traveling as a medium under the nom de plume of Mrs. Maggie Waite, of San Francisco, Cal. The woman is tall and slender, hair and eyes very dark. I never was in Fort and New York City, who are Wayne, but a gentleman who came to my parlors last week to see Mrs. Maggie Waite, was surprised to meet me



GHASTIANITY VS. ASTROLOGY.

Lessons Drawn From the History of the Past Concerning Religion,

During my late sojourn in London, a friend, knowing my deep interest in the various religions, ancient and modern, called my attention to a work entitled, "The Faiths, Facts and Frauds of Religious History," by Emma Hardinge Britten.

The author takes the broad ground that Christianity drew the material for its construction from the religious theories and beliefs of remote antiquity, that every form of theological belief has been derived from the impersonation of astronomical signs and the movements of the heavenly bodies. In a word, "Theology with all its rites and mysteries, is astronomy in action, and ecclesiasti-cism is the play, composed of its legends and myths personified."

Mrs. Britten handles the subject in a masterly manner, quoting from many well-known authorities concerning ancient religions to sustain her position.

The above work is one of the most concise and direct expositions, drawn from the history of the past, concerning the world's religions, that has come to my notice. The author lays bare the fraud and deception practiced by the so-called Christian Fathers, in combining the religions based upon astrology, with the inspired words of the seers and sages of old. These are so adroitly mixed by priest and monk, that the mind is mystified and unable to solve the problem.

Godfrey Higgins in his "Anacalypsis" (page 245) says: "The adventures of Jesus are all depicted in the constellations-that the fortunes of Jacob's family were read in the stars, and that Isaiah regarded the heavens as a book." All of which is very suggestive to the thinker. Higgins further says that from the celebrated Buddha and Chrishna of India were supplied most of the superstitions which became engrafted into the religion of Jesus Christ.

CHINESE SACRED TEACHINGS.

Mrs. Britten asserts that the doctrines taught by Confucius must not be taken as samples of Mongolian theology. Confucius gave to his country a pure and beautiful code of morality, though it did not originate with him, but was taken from certain Chinese sacred books. edited or compiled by him from manuscripts which were quite ancient in his time. In these writings were found all the traditions concerning Paradise, the Fall, the doctrines of Divine Incarnation, the story of the God-man being born through the maternity of a pure virgin and the Vicarious Atonement for sin. She also pointedly refers to a certain mandarin who reproved M. Le Huc. the eminent French missionary in this wise: "You are a man of prayer. Why do you steal our Buddha and offer him back to us as your Christ? Go to school and learn that Buddha was old enough to be grandfather to an age of Christs before yours was born." The reader is referred to the antiquities which are becoming more numerous every year, through the various excavations. Upon these are written or engraved unmistakable evidences of the truth, Mrs. Britten weaving all in combination with her own thought into a mass of testimony so conclusive that it cannot fail to carry conviction to all unprejudiced minds.

TEACHINGS OF SPIRITS.

While much evidence is presented from the mortal plane of life, proving that Christianity and all other religions originated in the starry firmament, as read and understoood by the ancients, I do not understand that any testimony is offered from spirit life in the work referred to. However, no statement is made in "The Faiths, Facts and Frauds of Religious History" which does not correspond with the testimony of the ancient spirits whose communications are compiled in "Antiquity Unveiled." Indeed, these spirits go further and give more direct and comprehensive evidence as to these matters. from the fact that they ived at the period when these astrological religions ruled. Their testimony has not thus far been refuted. They also inform us that if we will investigate even at this late day, proof positive will be found that all religions are the outgrowth of as-

made it very plain, even at the period of the Christian era, that the history of Jesus Christ was symbole id among the stars, thousands of years before the all red period of his birth. The record of this fact has been engraved upon the stone pages of temple and monument, all through the

ages of antiquity. THE SACRED STAR.

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While at Cologne recently the writer saw at the Roman Catholic cathedral of that ancient city a relic of great importance, bearing upon this subject, called "The Sa-cred Star." It was in the form of a design, inlaid in you ever think of this-that balky driv-Mosaic upon the stone floor in the centre of the cathedral, and in front of the main altar. This remarkable symbol occupies a space of about twenty feet square, portraying the astronomical and astrological representation of the very starry legend described by Deva Bodhisatoua. The entire figure is done in Mosaic and in the highest know what it is to have the finger of style of the art. In the centre is represented the Sun, scorn pointed towards me, and be os-around the Sun are the twelve signs of the zodiac, and tracised from good society because I around these signs the four seasons of the year are symbolized, the whole forming a beautiful and artistic design. Notwithstanding that I am aware that the Roman Catholic religion, as well as the pagan religions from which it sprung, had its origin in astrology, I was not a little surprised to find the fact made so evident by what I saw in this cathedral, and still more surprised when I found that permission would not be given to photograph the same, though I succeeded in taking a rough pencil sketch. The question naturally arises: Why should this symbol be executed in that place, and in that manner, and permission refused to photograph it, although anything else

in the cathedral is allowed to be photographed? We might also ask: Why do Christian churches have stained glass windows representing characters drawn from Bible traditions? Why do we find in the only real Christian churches (the Roman Catholic) the symbolic images and painted scenes, executed by the best artists, representing alleged events in which the people profess to believe, and which form a part of their religion? Because these symbolic representations have to the devotees a meaning. The reader may safely conclude that the "Sacred Star," so prominently and artistically laid in the floor of the

ologne Cathedral, has a significant meaning, which is fully set forth in the foregoing digest. Now, if this symbol, or emblem, does not mean that the Christian religion had its origin in astrology, as set forth by Deva Bodhisatoua, Mrs. Britten, and many other

able writers, thinkers and independent scholars, what does it mean? Again, why is the emblem of the sun repesented upon the garb of priesthood and in the churches, the Christian religion did not have its origin in sunorship?

Why are the temples, monuments and tombs of aniquity covered with indelible characters, proving the pagan astrological origin of the Christian religion, unless it is true? Many object lessons in proof of this truth may be drawn from a visit to the great collection of celebrated antiquities found in the British Museum, which the writer has had a recent opportunity to examine. Every year new pages written or engraved upon stone are being discovered amidst ancient ruins. They compose volumes which cannot be burned by religious bigots, volumes which expose the tremendous frauds practiced upon unsuspecting people.

In view of the knowledge that is within the reach of even the ordinary student in these days, there seems to be no valid reason why Spiritualists or the teachers of Spiritualism, should still hug the dogmas and doctrines

of the dark ages, thus placing a barrier between them-selves and the light of truth, and still continue to lead their hearers astray.

Is it not high time for the teachers of Spiritualism to discard these religious barnacles? Many who stand upon our rostrum in the capacity of teachers are following the methods of the church, in their efforts to reconcile Spiritualism with the teachings of the Bible, as though that was a necessary preliminary to progress. We realize that all there is in the Bible records that is of value reached our world through the sensitive oracles and sages of old, but these valuable records are so blended with the worthless products of mythology, that even the intellectual giants who are struggling with these problems in Biblical lore, are unable to separate the wheat from the chaff, but are affirm that the ethical teachings of India and Egypt have been utilized, as well as similar teachings from other lands, to formulate the Christian religion: also that tratronomical and astrological myths and legends. They forced to yield and acknowledge the unreliability of Bible and I deeply regret that the advance of Spiritualism is retarded by such clogs. The religion of the stars was doubtless suited to the time and condition of mankind when it prevailed. However, Modern Spiritualism and careful research have proved all such religions to be relics of mythological tra-ditions. B. B. HILL.

SCRIPTURE RE-STATED, A Believing Infidel's View of the Bible.

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Are you a Christian? Are you an In-fidel? Are you a skeptic? Did you ever have any difficulty in understand-ing the Bible? If any of these ques-tions you can answer in the affirmative, ers make balky horses? Did you ever think that some horses cannot be forced to do that which they cannot understand? Did you ever see a good horse abused? I think I have. I do not know everything, but I do know could not understand the Bible as some ignoramus explained it. I know what it is to be treated like a cur dog because I could not believe that Eve was made from the rib of Adam, or that Jonah was a man and was swallowed by a whale and vomited forth in just three days. I know the feelings of a man when he is called insane by a lunatic, when he could not believe that Jesus Christ was once a babe, born of the Virgin Mary, without a father, and his mother still a virgin. I never could quite understand why it was that a man was obliged to renounce all reason and sense in order to become a true Christian. It always appeared to me that the true religion could be enjoyed by a person of sense, as well as by a drivelling idiot. If not, why not? I never could quite understand why it was that the more zealous a person became for the so-called Ohristianity of to-day, the less honor he or she pos-sessed, but such seems to be the case,

and many of the business men of the country know it to be a fact-some of them by sad experience. A man may be a loving husband, a good father, an upright citizen and a good neighbor, still if he does not say he believes the many unreasonable things certified to

by the church, the church treats him like a dog while living, and sends him to hell when dead. This has always been the policy of the church, to either rule or ruin, and the reason why church and State are not united to-day is because the churches are jealous of each other and because there is not true Christianity enough in any church to entitle it to be entrusted with the affairs of government.

I believe these statements to be solid, cold, hard facts. Now the object of this article is to explain many of the seeming hard passages in the Holy Bible and demonstrate to you that it is not as bad a book as the preachers would represent to us.

And I think I will show before I get through where the trouble is and why there are skeptics, infidels and agnostics in as well as out of the church of to-day. I believe I know whereof I speak. I have been there. I have had lunatics call me crazy. I have had hypocrites call me an infidel, and I think I know where the trouble is. We will see.

THE BIBLE IS ALLEGORY, NOT FACT.

I will simply start with this proposition, that the Bible has been represent-ed as a history of facts; that the acword to say about King Solomon Neither Herodotus, Xenophon, Plato nor Diodorus has a word to say about that wonderful man whose glory is counts given there of Jonah and the whale, of Eve made from the rib of Adam, of Baulam's talking ass, and Jesus Christ bord of the Virgin Mary, have been taught as though they were said to have filled the whole earth. Herodotus visited Syria twice during the time Solomon was said to be in all real occurrences, when they were not. And I now come forth with this starthis glory, but he evidently never heard of the man Solomon. Good reason enough-for he never lived as a man; ling proposition, that the Holy Bible is not a history of facts, as usually reprehe was said to have been the son of sented, and that the principle charac-David, but nowhere on the face ters, such as Moses, Melchisedec, Abra-ham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon, of the earth is there a history of any such man. Good reason enough, the Virgin Mary, St. Peter, the twelve he never lived. These are only personifications of the sun, nothapostles, and Jesus Christ, were not real personages, but on the contrary ing more. When I take an algebraical problem and work it geometrically, that is called demonstration; and also when I take the terms of an admitted alle-Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, It is a grand, sublime allegory, filled with type, metaphor, symbol, emblem and nature, then that, too, is demonstration. There are twelve manslons in the house of David because there are twelve of David, because there are twelve Progress; and that the principal charsigns of the Zodiac. There were twelve acters mentioned therein are no more patriarchs (or shining ones), because there are twelve signs of the Zodiac. The reason why Elisha plowed with twelve yoke of oxen, and there were twelve disciples, and twelve apostles, real characters than Greatheart. Faintheart or Charity in the Pilgrim's Progress. Now, reader, turn to the book of the and twelve foundations to the throne Bible called Galatians, the 4th chapter and the 22d verse, and read four verses. of God, and twelve stones, and the and you will see that It there states number twelve is so prominent, is because there are twelve signs of the that the two covenants or two testaments are allegories. These verses-22d, 23d, 24th and 25th-are the key to Zodiac, and that is the only reason. Sol is the Sun, and Solomon's temple the whole matter. This whole affair is is the temple of the sun., destroyed every year in three days and reared allegorical, not fact at all. The Bible itself supports me in the position I take, namely, that the whole of the Old and again In the last chapter of Revelations New Testaments is an allegory, and I Christ is made to say, "I am the bright and Morning Star." Peter calls him can now understand why there are in-fidels, infidels to what? Not to the the day star from on high. Of course, truth, but to some fool's idea of the Bible. that is the sun-sun worship. In the Bible is mentioned a character called Melchisedec, the Kenite King of Right-WHAT IS RELIGION? eousness-Priest of the Most High God-King of Salem. In the anony-mous book of the Bible called the "Epistie to the Hebrews," it says that Melohisedee was without father, with-The Bible tells us in one verse all there is to pure and undefiled religion. It says: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their out mother, having neither beginning of days nor end of life. He certainly affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Charity and Purity. How grand! "Humanity is the only true religion." When we are charitawas not a personality. He was not a man; he could not have been. The Bible also says that Christ was a ble and pure in heart, then we are priest forever after the order of Mel-Christians. That is reason. That is sense. All the essentials of pure religchisedec, telling us that he also was no more a man than Melchisedec, nor ion are embodied in this one verse. Morality is all there is to it. The rest was he. No Roman history gives any account of the existence of such a personage as Jesus Ohrist. The pasis Paganism, carried down to our time, first appearing in the Roman Catholic church, then, after Martin Luther's sage concerning Christ is referred to in the book of Josephus, but it is time divided up into hundreds of difknown to be an interpolation, a forgery ferent denominations, all fighting over and did not appear in Josephus' works what? Nothing essential, just wind, till Josephus had been dead 200 years. froth and nonsense. The church has taught the Bible as history when it says Gibbon, the historian; Dr. Lardner, Dr. Farrar and others regarded it as a forin plain language it is not, that it is al-legory, fiction and mythology. It is grand and sublime when taught as gery, and the church knows it to be so. but those who preach tell us yet about Josephus, when, if they know anything an allegory, but when taught as fact it is full of absurdities; contradictions, obabout it, they know it is a forgery, wicked and malicious. So there is no scenities and enormous yarns, outdoing history on the face of the earth of Sol-Gulliver. mon, David, Christ, the Twelve Apos-tles, and I make the statement right WHO WROTE THE BIBLE? here, and defy the theologians of the world to successfully controvert it, that The Bible is a very old book; no one knows how old; but it is safe to say the the Bible is a fable, an allegory, a ficbook of Luke was written over 4,000 tion, and no more real history than Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" nor vears ago. Luke never wrote it: no one knows who did. The books of the Bible 'Aesop's Fables," and that the princiare anonymous; no one knows who pal characters were not real characters wrote them. Some guess, and one man's any more than Spring or Death or guess is as much entitled to credence Charity are ideas, and only ideas. as another's. The Bible, as we have it is very evidently a copy of some an-All books were gotten up by men, and are men's ideas. There were men becient diegesis of religions. Euseblus is the acknowledged historian of the early history of the church, and he says that fore there were books. Come! Let us reason together. There is nothing un reasonable in the Bible when regarded the epistles and gospels of the Chris-tians were formerly the sacred writings and scriptures of the ancient sect called as an allegory, for the very absurdities of an allegory make it all the more valuable, but the absurdities and contra-dictions of an alleged fact makes of it the Essenes of Egypt; that their sacred writings, which they taught allegorically, were afterwards our epistles and gospels. It seems that our gospels and a falsehood. Do you see? PROMETHEUS BOUND. consistence of the second of t 500 years B. C., in the theaters of Athens, was played the tragedy of "Prometheus Bound." This drama was Jerome said there were four of our goswritten by Aeschylus, and was repels because there were four seasons of garded as the grandest and most sub the year, and he was undoubtedly right. lime tragedy ever put upon the boards. It was called the "Passion Play." The The Bible says: "Come, let us reason together." "Prove all things; hold fast

tradiction, that everything is founded on reason, and when we read such enormous stories as the resurrection of Lazarus, the birth of Jesus Christ by the Virgin Mary, Jonah and the whale, Samson's exploits, Buaiam's talking ass, and the many other egregious ac-

ass, and the many other egregious ac-counts, we can know they are not facts, but fables, allegories, types and fig-ures. If the Bible could only speak, it would say: "Oh, my God, deliver me from my fool friends." If ever there was a burning shame, it is the practice of taking the money from the poor and deluded provide non-tensiting them forch deluded people and teaching them such false doctrines, just for the almighty dollar. The almighty dollar is at the bottom of all creeds; were it not for the money there is in it there would be no preaching. When we see a preacher who claims a call from God to preach at a lower salary than he has been getting, then we shall at the same time see white blackbirds. When any man of intelligence will be so lost to all sense of honor and righteousness that he will, for the sake of a few paltry dollars teach for facts things which are sim-ply palpable fictions, fables and allegories, he is in a fair way to commit any crime. This may account to a cer-tain degree for the prevalence of crime among the ministerial class. There is no occurrence not founded on reason and common sense; although we may not understand many things, we can know that they are founded on natural causes. Everything is natural; noth-ing is supernatural. If we will keep this thought in our mind, we shall be in a fair way to arrive at the truth in re-gard to the Bible, as well as every other book written by man. There were men before there were books. All books were written by men and are the end bodiment of their ideas. As the Bible says, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

BIBLE AND SCIENCE-CHURCH AND PAGANISM.

When taken literally it contradicts science, and is as absurd and ridicu-lous as "Aesop's Fables;" but when understood as it really is, as an allegorical representation of the phenomena of Nature, all is grand and sublime and the great trouble with the churches and Bible teachers is that they run off with the fable and leave the moral behind. How grand is science! Her paths are paths of peace. The only reason why lesus Christ was said to be born Christmas is because the sun changes then, or it is the time of the beginning in the northern hemisphere of the crea-tion by the sun of everything on the earth, or apparently so. The only reason why Easter is kept is because the sun seems to cross the Equator at the time, and the sign of March being the Ram, the Pagan ate the cross-over lamb, the Jew the passover lamb, and

the Christian eats plenty of eggs because the egg is a symbol of the new creation, and spring commences. So with all the festivals of the Catholic and Protestant churches; they are all dependent on the sun, as those churches are simply a continuation of the Pagan church, whose basis was sun-worship. So we find that there is not one rite, ceremony, dogma, or thought even, in the Catholic or Protestant churches today which was not derived from the Pagan church, the basis of which was the ancient and beautiful worship of the sun. No Grecian, Roman, Chaldenn, nor Egyptian historian has a

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lands, to formulate the Christian religion; also that tradition and the manipulation of religious history have been employed to cover up their real meaning, but nevertheless it was still possible for the unprejudiced student to unravel these mysteries.

Here allow me to state that such researches as I was enabled to make during my recent visit to the old world ditions. has so confirmed the statements of these spirits, that I am more than ever convinced of their truth. From what source could we expect to obtain more direct and valuable testimony upon this important subject, than from those witnesses who could read and understand the starry gospels, displayed upon the blue dome above. I wish just here to call the attention of the reader to the remarkable testimony of Spirit Deva Bodhisatoua. He was of a line of prophets from Buddha down. He says: "It was I who first taught in India long before the Christian era, the metaphysical-allegorical style, claimed after my time, to have come from one who never existed, Jesus of Nazareth. These gospele vere transferred to Singapore, where they afterward came into the possession of Apollonius of Tyana. Their original names in your modern tongue would represent the four seasons of the year, but were afterwards used, or misused, to typify the Savior of mankind. Their real meaning as understood by the Hindoos were as follows: First, the preparation of the groundthe planting of the seed-the harvest time or the gathering in, and the feast time or the harvest home. This is what these books meant, when interpreted by the aid of certain stars, in what is now termed the zodiac. the "Star of the East." being simply a signal for seeding or planting time. These writings were first given to me in a trance, and did not originate with me. They were the reflex of spirits upon my receptive organism. In an allegorical sense, these writings could injure no one, but when used by priests to gain power, they holding the secret key, it ended in enslaving the intellects of their fellow-men. These gospels that were taken from India by Apollonius were modified by him to suit his spiritual nature, though much of the force and sublimity of their language was lost in translation through so many tongues. 'As near as I can give their name, they would be called in your language the "Code of the Initiated." Thus ends the important testimony of this ancient Hindoo prophet. In the early part of the first century there was in Rome a society known as the "Initiated." It comprised the learned men of the then civilized world. The secret name of that society was "The Sons of the Sun," and its members understood that their religious teachings related to the sun, the planets, and especially to the signs of the rodiac, and out of these religious traditions it is evident that Christianity has been developed.

SYMBOLS OF SUN-WORSHIP.

Before as well as at the beginning of the Christian era were found upon the ancient temples and tombs symbols of the religion of sun-worship. In Phoenicia and in the Palmyrean Desert, also in Sicily, Egypt, the Isle of Cyprus and Greece, as well as throughout the then civilized world, all religions could be unlocked by one key, and that consisted of the signs of the zodiac. We are informed that the mitre had originally twelve points, representing the twelve signs of the zodiac, but as Catholicism advanced it became necessary to conceal this fact in such a manner that its astrological significance would not be too apparent to the public eye. We are also told that the zodiac, as understood by the ancients belonging to the society of the initiated, explains the story or legend of the sign of the virgin, and in fact that all these signs the City of Sheboygan .-- Chicago Record.

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WARNED BY A VOICE.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Rescue of a Crew of Eight of the Schooner Gifford.

CAPTAIN KRONHERT, MYSTEBIOUSLY AWAK-ENED, FINDS THE SHIP SINKING.

Amid the snorting of tugs, the groaning of hoarse whistles and under clouds of dense black smoke eight hardy seamen climbed over the rail of the schooner City of Sheboygan last night, seized a slippery rope and slid toward the surface of the Chicago river. One by one they landed in the bottom of a yawl-boat, a fragile craft that, hours before, had saved them from the fate of the vessel they had manned—a place at the bottom of Lake Michigan.

Once in the yawl the men pulled at four pairs of oars. A few minutes later they scrambled upon the Dunham dock, then hurried off to their homes to tell of the wildest night they had ever seen at sea and how their safety was due to a supernatural voice.

WARNED BY A VOICE.

This is the story they told: The schooner F. W. Gifford, Capt. Charles Kronhert, laden with iron ore, was riding a heavy sea. Twentyfive miles off the east coast of the lake it bore toward Fruitport, Mich., having left Escanaba behind. It was 9 o'clock Thursday night, October 21. Capt. Kronhert had been sleeping in his stateroom for an hour. The mate was in charge of the vessel. A strong wind was blowing-a wind that came in gusts, with now and then a sheet of rain. The night was as dark as a "stack of black cats." There was not a light discernible except that at the masthead of the Gifford.

The mate and his crew of six men watched closely that neither wind nor wave got the better of the schooner. Everything seemed safe and they were talking of a prosperous trip. Unexpectedly Capt. Kronhert walked among the men. No one could see him; it was too dark. But they knew he was there for above the howling of the wind and the beating of the waves they heard him shout:

"What is it, mate?" "What is what, sir?" inquired the mate. "Didn't you call me?" roared the captain. "I did not, sir," replied the mate.

"That's strange," said the captain. "I was asleep in

my bunk. I heard your voice as plain as day. It said: 'Captain, we want you on deck, sir.' It woke me up and here I am. There's something wrong. Have you taken the soundings to see if the schooner is dry?"

"Not since you turned in, sir," said the mate in reply. The captain ordered the soundings taken. The line came up wet. The hold was two-thirds full of water. The ship was sinking and the captain ordered the men into the boats. With a compass, a fog horn, a few provisions and a can of oil they deserted the schooner. the house of Bethlehem, or the house of corn, as well as After three hours' hard pulling they were rescued by

agony of the god Prometheus, while that which is good." So I say I, and I state, without fear of successful con-

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J. W. Mackie writes from Tulare,

ter was presented to me by the gifted

and esteemed Mrs. Britten. I was one

of the members of her occult classes

which met in the parlors of Mrs. Rose

L. Bushnell in San Francisco. It

might, perhaps, be interesting to some

of your readers that she-Mrs. Britten -showed to me and a few of the class

the likeness of 'Louis.' I think some of

us expressed a difficulty in believing

much that was said of and in 'Ghos

Land,' and she took special pains to as

W. E. Bonney writes from Webster

City, Iowa: "I am holding meetings and

circles in this city at the present time. I gave a lecture Tuesday evening in the

Universalist church; subject, 'Religion,

Past, Present and Future,' I expect to

give other lectures here before I leave

and would like to hear from points near

by where my services may be needed.

Address, General Delivery, Webster

churches in Fort Wayne are most vehe-

mently rampant, some clergymen most

openly denunciatory of both Spiritual-

ism and Spiritualists. The different de-

nominations have instituted special

meetings, wherein are ominous out-

pourings of wrath, and outspoken

warnings against attending the 'Baxter'

neetings,' or heeding the calls of the

these things, or others, is it that our

evening audiences are so large and

surprisingly noticeable by those who

are acquainted, especially astonlshing

to our opponents, and that is, that at

least one third of the attendants are

from the churches, and are earnestly

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That is the way I think and feel."

Whether because of

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J. Frank Baxter writes:

City, Iowa."

Spiritualists.

sure us of their utmost veracity.'

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E, W. Sprague, the well-known lecture and test medium, is open for lec-ture engagements for the months of December and Jaunary. He is serving the First Spiritualist Society of Rochester, Ind., for the month of November. Parties in that vicinity may secure his services for week evenings during the month. Tests and communications fol-low his lecture. Address him for November at Rochester, Ind. Home address 416 Newland, Ave., Jamestown,

Dr. Noyes writes: "The Liberal Spiritualists have rented the O'Donnell's College Hall, 107 South Paulina street, corner of West Madison street, for the winter and will hold meetings every Sunday at 2:30 p. m., and on November 14 and after will conduct meetings every Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Commencing November 14, the conference meeting at 2:30 will be for ten-minute talks by any one, Christian or Spiritualist. At the 7:30 meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Noyes, assisted by others, will address the meeting."

Doctor and Mrs. Ella Gibson Magoon are at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the purpose of organizing the Spiritualists of that city into a legally constituted body. They are lecturers and missionaries-at-large for the National Spiritualists' Association. They are worthy workers, who merit the confidence and favor of all genuine Spiritualists, and investigators as well.

Will the secretaries of all children's lyceums please send me their names and addresses at once. I have something of importance to communicate to them. C. H. Figuers, M. D., 394 Franklin avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

ruit' their pastors would deny them. C. G. Brundige writes that although Great interest is aroused, and general he knew but very little about Spiritualliscussion is incited, and our meetings ism until recently, he finds that he has re booming, notwithstanding it is conbeen a believer in its doctrines ever tested and uphill work all the way since he was a small boy. He thinks Eve must have been bolder than her Your paper, as its intentions are put, is loing royal service, and not only that, female descendants, or she would have screamed and fled when she saw a snake coming toward her, erect on his

D, S. Maynard writes from the Na-tional Military Home, Ohio: "You are doing nobly in a glorious cause, and can never fail of success so long as you pur-sue the same fair, liberal and impartial course that has ever marked the feartess Progressive Thinker. 1 wish to thank Mrs. Besant and Brother A. B. Richmond for their very able and instructive contributions."

Mrs. Maggie Walte has left Chicago. having received a sudden call to go to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mary J. Bonney is doing effi-cient missionary work in the cause of J. W. Dennis is lecturing for the Buf-Spiritualism at Kincaid, Kansas. falo Spiritual Society, Buffalo, N. Y. The executive board of the State Mrs. M. Kline, of Van Wert, Ohio, Camp Association of Missouri for the writes: "The Van Wert First Society of ensuing year is composed as follows: Christian Spiritualists opened its reg-J. Madison Allen, president; Mrs. M. ular meetings September 5, with the Theresa Allen, corresponding and reusual interest, and is, as a society, in cording secretary; Isaac D. Sperry, of a healthy condition."

St. Louis, treasurer; Mrs. Alice P. Thompson, of St. Louis, B. G. Sweet, of Owing to the popularity of Professor Walrond's occult lectures and tests at Galena, Kans., and Prof. Hans Mettke, Denver, Colo., a larger hall has been of Centenary College, Cleveland, Tenn., engaged for the winter, a hall capable vice-presidents. of holding nearly a thousand persons,

avenue.

Dr. G. F. Scofield, of California. at 1545 Champa street, where Mr. Walwrites: "I have read 'Ghost Land,' and consider it one of the most valuable seek demonstration, partake of the na-works ever written. No seeker after ture of a barbarism more than of the roud hopes to meet the hundreds of truth seekers and Spiritualists of Dener. Services every Sunday evening at spiritual facts can afford to be without

After Mrs. Fields' surprise had worn off, one of her controls responded in a fitting manner. Other exercises consisted of an address by Sister Carpenter and tests by her and Sister Fields, reading by Mrs. Shay, and a representation of materializing seance in the home circle by Mr. and Mrs. Shay and little May Wayne, the whole being in-terspersed with music by the Purcell

string band." The Port Huron Times speaks as follows of Mrs. Anna L. Robinson's work there: "Mrs. Anna L. Robinson delivered her first lecture of the season before the Spiritualist society, at Society hall, on Sunday evening, after an ab-sence of three months. The large congregation gave her a warm and hearty velcome, and when chairman James B. White and Mrs. Robinson stepped on the platform they were given a loud and hearty ovation. As a preliminary

Mr. White, in his usual clear and graphic manner, briefly outlined the details for the services and ministrations of the coming year by Mrs. Robinson. The opening lecture was appropriate and as usual most brilliant and quent. The themes were various and all calculated to impress with deep and solemn reflection. The themes were mainly the flight of time, the depths of past eternity, human responsibility, the future eternity, the necessity of moral power and good works and deeds. But who shall describe the graceful elo-quence of diction, the force of logic,

he forceful eloquence rising higher and higher and now and then falling into the most melting pathos. It was a hundred sermons in one. To all lovers of true eloquence, to all seekers of intellectual and progressive thought, we would cordially invite such not to lose any opportunity to hear this most elo-

quent and accomplished lady." Dr. J. C. Phillips, superintendent of the Clinton Camp grounds, writes: "I am pleased to see the grand Progressive Thinker improving seemingly with every number. I fully agree with many of its able contributors that we as a religious body must stand by your paper and trust in the spirit world and keep our powder dry. It may become nec essary for us as a body to boycott all in our trade, that do not come out squarely in favor of religious liberty in its fullest sense, but I hope not." October 29, Mrs. Sarah Bromwell had a pleasant surprise from her friends. who visited her, bringing refreshments. eager, I cannot say; but one thing is She is pastor of the Spiritual Endeavor

Society, which meets at No. 1 Hovne avenue. This surprise meeting was in commemoration of her control, French chemist, whom she claims has given her an excellent remedy for the asthma. Mrs. Bromwell returned thanks to the friends for their attendance. Sunday evening meetings. Tuesday and Friday evening, developing circles. G. W. Kates and wife will serve the Spiritualists of Titusville, Pa., during November. Address them there.

but needful service to every community Mrs. J. W. Kratz, lecturer and test for the cause of Spiritualism. In all medium, is at present in Akron, Ohio. communities where a Spiritualist exists Her services can be engaged, both for the Progressive Thinker should be the present and winter season, by ad-dressing her at 802 East Exchange found; and is there a Spiritualist not a subscriber, or with his armor not street, Akron, Ohio, or at her home adbuckled on and ready for the fray which will surely reach him, he is redress, No. 244 Cherry street, Evansville,

Indiana. miss in duty and loyalty to our cause. Prof. Lockwood's New Work We have in the city all this week the well-known materializing medium, Farmer Riley. He is giving seances at An excellent pamphlet of fifty-five pages entitled "The Infidelity of Eecle-

the home of J. R. Arnold, 3607 Indiana sinsticism, a Menace to American Civil-ization," from the pen of Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood, of Chicago, Ill., has been received at this office. Its perusal can but benefit every earnest seeker for truth. It is dedicated "to the statesmen, to the philosophers and to the thinkers of America," with the assurance that America must be free, that the rights of man may be respected. Prof. Lockwood premises "that all conceptions of a religious nature that do not conform to the formulas of in-

ductive reasoning and scientific verifiention, those that depend upon a sentiment of credulity and faith rather than apon analysis and common sense, those that invite superstition rather than

formula of civilization: since they ren-

HOW THE SENSES CAN BE TRICKED.

Chopping Machine." Will you permit me to draw attention to the remark-The psychological laboratories of the United States will probably discover something in time. They are taking plenty of pains and conducting no end of experiments! The researches at Yale, for instance, have succeeded in proving that among provinary healthy Spiritualists? acute students, who are therefore over the average of outsiders in education and in intelligence, the senses are almost useless as a test of the truth of any observations. Science thus summarizes the result of the experiments of the professors:

HALLUCINATION OF SOUND. A typical case of the application of the method is found in measuring hallucinations of sounds. The person experimented upon was placed in a quiet room, and was told that when a telegraph-sounder clicked a very faint tone all mechanical appliances. would be turned on, and that this tone would be slowly increased in intensity. As soon as he heard it, he was to press a telegraph key. The experimenter in a distant room had a means of producing tone of any intensity in the quiet room

PURE HALLUCINATION. made concerning it. In the first few experiments a tone would be actually produced every time the sounder clicked, but after that the tone was not necessary. It was sufficient to click the sounder in order to produce a pure hallucination.

DID NOT KNOW THEY WERE DE-CEIVED.

The persons experimented on did not know they were deceived, and said that all tones were of the same intensity. The real tone could be measured in its intensity, and since the hallucination was of the same intensity it was also indirectly measured. Similar experiments were

MADE ON OTHER SENSES. For example, in regard to touch, a above. light pith-ball would be dropped regularly on the back of the hand to the sound of the metronome. After a few times it was not necessary to drop the ball. The person would feel the touch by pure hallucination.

SIMILAR EXPERIMENTS were made on taste. Of six bottles two contained pure water and the other four a series of solutions of pure sugar cane-the first one-half per cent., the second ten per cent., the third two per cent., and the fourth four per cent. sugar, according to weight. A block was placed in front of them so that the observer could not see them, although he was aware that they stood near him because he saw them when he received

his instructions. It was required of him to tell how weak a solution of sugar he could possibly detect. THE EXPERIMENTER

a glass-dropper and deposited

took drops on his tongue, drawing from the two water-bottles, and then from the sugar solutions, in order of increasing strength. The sugar in the solutions was detected in the first trial. Proposing to repeat the test, the experimenter proceeded as before, but drew from the first water-bottle every time. The result was that when the pure water had been tasted from two to ten times the observer, almost without exception, thought he detented sugar.

A TEST ON OLFACTORY ballucinations was conducted similarly, with the result that about three-fourths of the persons experimented upon perceived the smell of oil of cloves from a pure water-bottle.





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IMPORTANT STATEMENTS RE THE FOX SISTERS.

able circumstances attending the inven Sometime ago we printed an article tion of this machine, since, as illustrat-ing the fact that mediumship may be re the Fox sisters, with especial reference to Kate (Mrs. Jencken), and made made to further the practical uses of certain statements therein with regard every-day life, the matter should be of to the recantation of a confession which interest both to Spiritualists and nont was said she made some little time before her decease. The statements therein made were noted, and a desire

MYSTERIES OF MEDIUMSHIP. expressed in Light to get at the bottom Some time ago, under the head of "Mysteries of Medlumship," you pubof the unfortunate business. Although our statements were made on the aulished an account of the way in which Mrs. Graddon received the design of thority of a gentleman who assured us this machine, so that I need not do he had been present at the meeting in more than briefly refer to the fact that Boston at which Kate had appeared it is one of several inventions, the diawe were not in the position to produce documentary evidence, and in conse grams of which have been communicated to her by automatic drawing quence we addressed a letter of inuiry to our friend, Judge Dailey, of while under the control of her late hus Brooklyn, N. W., who, we thought, would be likely to know the facts, or band, who, during his life in this world, was an inventor, keenly interested in be able to get them for us. In the course of a kindly letter in reply, Mr. ON VISITING MRS. GRADDON

Dailey says: ecently she kindly afforded me an op-My Dear Friend Wallis:-With refer portunity of seeing the machine at work, and from a personal inspection ence to the Fox sisters, I knew them all, and wish they had been all as good as can testify to the fact that the machine supports all the claims that are Leah, who was a true woman, and fortunately fell under the influence of, and married, a noble man, and whose testimony has been given to the world A journal devoted to inventions, in from her own hand. Nothing that has

a notice of the machine, describes it been done, or ever will be done, will impair its force or integrity. You as being "totally different from all other so-called chopping machines, its action being a direct chop and turning know that these young girls, Kate and Margaret, were sensitives-were simply over of materials. It is the only malittle children. The people had not the hine that imitates the action of the wisdom in those days that many of ands, and it chops meat, suet, green them have now, and did not know how herbs, and all materials perfectly, and easily they could be beset by temptain a mere fraction of the time required tions.

to do so by hand." It is interesting to THEY WERE FEASTED observe that the journal from which

and made to drink wines, and were visquote alluded to the circumstances ited by a large number of persons. under which Mrs. Graddon states that Traveled around the country, and the she received the invention, and reproduces the account given in Light some result was, they, like other human beings under similar circumstances, months ago, to which I have referred formed bad habits, and became pov erty stricken as soon as the new re-MRS. GRADDON TELLS ME THAT ligion and strange manifestations be-

the interest taken by her unseenfriends came unpopular, and were assailed by in the invention has been actively mainhe churches. tained throughout. Every attempt which has been made to vary or con-MARGARET.

However, it is not a fact that Margaret had anything to do with the acts of Kate, and never made any recantation, as I am informed, and Kate said that she never did, but she did this: she made an engagement with a traveling company some years before her death, to go around the country, and by the company was advertised to make an expose of Spiritualism.

KATE WAS TO GO

upon the platform and show how she performed the alleged tricks. She says that her agreement was that she should go upon the platform for such manifes tations as came, but that she would neither say one thing nor the other, and that the manager could say what he pleased. In order to get this as nearly correct as possible, I saw Mr. La Fu-mee, in whose "lot" both of these sisters, Margaret and Kate, are buried and asked him to give me a statement of what Kate said to him regarding the matter, and here is his letter to me: MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT.

Hon. A. H. Dailey .-- Dear Sir:-- In answer to your question relative to Margaret Fox Kane, as to her engage ment with a traveling company some years ago to go on the stage and have the raps produced that might be heard by the audience, it had been reported that she had publicly denounced the idea that spirits had anything to do with the sounds that were heard, and that she produced them with her toes Sometime after her return, she came to our house, and remained over night. During this visit, I asked her about this report. She stated that it was not true. She had made no public statement or From The Freethinker, Lonthe stage.

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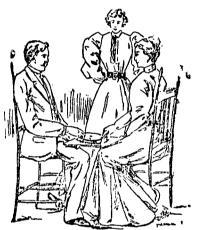
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BOOKS.

them, although the clergy had all their

wn way. The late Minister of Instruc-

tion at Earl's Court, and the Exhibition Guide Book contains a special notice of it, in which it is described as a "stran gely ingenious" invention. Mrs. Graddon has temporarily suspended her professional work as a medium in order to devote herself to the business

MRS. GRADDON'S PATENT.

I observe that you publish an adver

tisement of Mrs. Graddon's "Universal

TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

sole rights, the machine being now registered under both British and foreign

Incidentally, I may be allowed to add that Mrs. Graddon has several other domestic patents in the background (all of which have been received through her mediumship), but she and her friends are at present very wisely confining themselves to the work of placing the principal one (the chopping machine) in mercantile channels before taking any of the others in hand.

don. England.

of placing the machine in an established position on the market. Perhaps the best testimony to its value and util-

THE MACHINE IS NOW on view at the Victorian Era Exhibi-

capitalists, who have offered large sums (in one instance £10,000) for the

travene the plans projected by them for popularizing the machine has been persistently brought to nothing. Suggested alterations or improvements in the design have been proved on experiment to be useless, and persons introduced into the scheme, whose co-operation has been deemed undesirable

7:30. All the Spiritualist papers on sale this book; but what surprises me is at each meeting.

your more than liberal offer, the send-Mr. J. Frank Baxter is at present lecing of your paper for a year and giving turing with good results in Fort Wayne, this book all for \$1.30. Either one is Ind., on Sundays, the evening audiences being very large and intensely intermuch more valuable than twice \$1.30, n my opinion."

ested. Last week he lectured before the Harlan Society of Spiritualists, and Mrs. H. L. Bigelow writes from San ose, Cal.: "The First Spiritual Union at Maysville, Ind. This week he is an have Dr. Muchlenbruch to speak for nounced to lecture in Southern Michlhem this month. His tests and readgan, Tuesday evening, November 2, in ings give good satisfaction. His wife Batavia, and Wednesday, Thursday also assists by vocal music. She has a and Friday evenings, November 3, 4 fine voice. Mrs. Cowell, of Oakland, and 5, in the Opera House at Union will be with us the entire month of No-City, Next week on Thursday and Friday evenings November 11 and 12. ember, and we expect Mrs. Drew, of San Francisco, for the month of Dehe will lecture in Defiance, Ohio. Mr. cember. Baxter will lecture Sundays in Fort

Prof. Silas W. Edmunds writes: "I Wayne until January, 1898, and for am lecturing and giving psychometric week evening engagements in the vireadings for the New Orleans Associacinity, during that time, he can be adtion of Spiritualists, at 321 Camp street. dressed at 156 East Wayne street, that There is increasing interest every Suncity.

day night. I have occupied the ros-Geo. W. Eichelberger writes: "The trum during October, and will continue First Spiritualist Society of the South probably through November. The Spirit of Truth broods over us, and we November. The Side at Unity Hall, No 77 31st street, in order to present to the public as it alare striving to obtain a better underways has, the very best exponents of standing of the divine in man. Our spiritual phenomena and philosophy subject for Sunday night, October 31, that can be secured, have engaged the is Jesus of Nazareth and his Mission services of the gifted inspirational on Earth.' speaker and test medium. Mrs. Georgia

Dr. C. H. Figuers writes from Cleve-G. Cooley, of California for the winter land, Ohio, extolling the National Asseason. This lady has more than sussociation. He says: "On my return to Cleveland a warm welcome was given fained the reputation as a medium and speaker which had preceded her, and has merited the good opinion formed of me by the West Side Society, as well as her by those capable of judging of good by many others, and as I related as best I could many things that occurred spiritual work. Her audiences have been large and enthusiastic, and in the convention, much interest was manifested, and when I reached the though they who attend the meetings point and told them that a mass meetgiven by this society have been quite ing had been arranged for Cleveland in critical, yet she has presented to them such truthful and honest evidences of December, a round of applause greeted me, and when the names of the medithe truth of spirit return that it has not left them a single doubt to stand ums who volunteered to come were upon. To those of our believers and inmentioned, the applause was greater. The following well-known mediums vestigators of the grand cause of Spirwill be with us: Mrs. Loe F. Prior, Mrs. Itualism, we invite you to come, see and hear for yourselves. We can present Carrie E. S. Twing, Mrs. Ida P. Whitlock, and Mrs. May S. Pepper. This you with something which we know is insures success from the beginning. genuine and good. Help us to sustain Others will be invited. Moses and it, for it is worthy of your earnest support and confidence. Meetings every Sunday afternoon and evening at 2:30 Mattie Hull will be here at the same time, and Cleveland will have a spirit and 7:30. Mrs. Cooley will give mesual revival such as it has never had. sages and communications from the and which is badly needed here. I will world of spirits at both the afternoon remain here until after the mass meeting, if health permits. I will stay if it and evening meeting. Those living out loes not, am bound to have that meetand at a distance from the city will and now ample accommodations in the ng if it is at all possible."

Dr. V. Fell, of Nashville, Tenn., writes: "I love The Progressive Thinkway of transportation for getting in and out of the city, to attend these Sunday meetings." er. It not only addresses my reason,

but has food for my soul hungerings, and makes me a better man. Long may it lead in its grand work." R. Champion, of Sterling, Ill., writes: 'Mrs. Tripp, of Chicago, was in this city last week and gave a number of J. M. White is now at Grinnell, Iowa. scances, both in dark and lighted room. If spirits exist after the death of the After November 10, he can be ad-dressed at Avoca, Iowa, for engagebody, they were there in great numbers and the manifestations were beautiful. ments to lecture in Iowa or Nebraska. Phose present readily recognized their Thos. S. Kizer, of Decatur, Ill., writes: October 21, at the residence of Volney triends who came to them. In the dark seance we had an intellectual treat. Barber, the friends of Mrs. Alice Fields assembled to the number of about forty The conversational part was fine."

Mirs. L. H. Gurley writes: "I hardly for the purpose of presenting her with teel I could do without The Progressive a well-filled purse to in part remunerate Phinker, as it has been my weekly vis- her for the work she has done for our tor (and a dearly prized one) since its cause the past year and a balf, she be-arst issue, which I started as a sub- ing a fine trance speaker and test as scriber, and would deny myself mate-ical food before I would the mental Carpenter, of Hannibal, Mo., who was nourishment I get in your valuable visiting my family and other friends in mper. I read with much interest 'Ghost the city, made the presentation speech.

resent no data consonant with human reason, knowledge or truth. If, then, a true civilization depends upon the mental unfoldment of its units in keeping

with data capable of analysis upon the known truth, it will follow that any system of thought or instruction not conformatory to this progression is sub-versive to knowledge and man's mental and moral development." From these premises, I'rof. Lockwood presents an able and thoroughly logical argument, proving that the Orthodox Christians are the only real infidels, because of hir bigoted refusal to recognize scientific truths. He says: "Civilization knows no greater infidel than he who is unfaithful to a demonstrated truth." "The Fall of Man," "What Is an Alle-

"The Deluge," "The March into gory ?" the Ark," and "The Bible Era of the Annihilation of the Soul," are the atchy titles to the several chapters or divisions of the work, in each of which the reader will find many sparkling gems of thought. The careful perusal of this work will make the average reader do some original thinking, and will present to his mind many facts with which he has been unacquainted hitherto. It is a valuable work, and every progressive thinker should have a cony. For sale at the office of The Progressive Thinker, 40 Loomis street, Chicago, Ill.-Banner of Light.

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The dream of the year is ended, The roses in slumber lie, The grass on the hills, The ferns by the rills. Are waving a saddened good-bye;

And into their sleep, So dreamless and deep. Will pass with a breath and a sigh.

Oh! hearts have you conned your lessons That are taught by bird and bee-

How true to their own, In strength have they grown, And roamed in the world so free? We pass the truth by, And lazily lie

While our boats drift out on life's sea But life with its spring and summer

Gathers the jewels of time; False heart or true, Daring to do, To enter the heights sublime: The waters once past In ice are locked fast,

Thus endeth life's prose or its rhyme. Moline, Ill. ABBIE W. GOULD.

LOUS BLUNDER.

To the Editor:-In reading over the report of the N. S. A., at Washington, D. C., I noticed that one "Col. Freeman, of Illinois," wrote a letter which was read in said convention. Among other things written by the gentleman there is one that "urges the N. S. A. to organize an Illinois State Association." This would be a capital idea to act upon, were it not that there has been an Ininois State Association chartered since 1892, and possibly before that year. At all events, there has been a new charter granted by the Secretary of State, bear ing date of July 16, 1896.

The business of the present association is conducted by seven directors. was absolutely unknown. Charters and ordination papers of neat designs are issued to applicants who pass the investigation of the board. Copies of the constitution and

laws can be had of the secretary, D. G Hill,, or of G. L. S. Jenifer, 358 W. Congress street, Chicago. Some of as good and worthy speakers and mediums as there is in the country have reaped benefit from their ordination papers from this association. There has been some grand work done in the past by members of this quiet I. S. S. A. Perhaps Mr. Freeman and many oth

ers do not read the Spiritualist papers, hence do not know that this organization was recognized by the State officials and also by the railroad officers long before the N. S. A. was born. It occurs to me, that there are many becoming wonderfully interested in the N. S. A., who ought to have been financially interested in our local societies a long time ago, and who now, that the N. S. A. is becoming popular, are apt to "See what a big fish we caught." say, I have been recognized as a legally appointed or ordained teacher of the eligion of Spiritualism since the fall of 1892 by carrying my papers with me from the Pacific coast to the East ern shore and in all States and cities. do not propose to ignore the bridge that was good enough to carry me over the stream years ago. The State laws rec-ognize and uphold our State organization, and would if the N. S. A. should become extinct. I am not casting any reflections upon

Mr. Freeman, as I suppose he is entire-It is contained to the effective of sentine a state society. "GFF. PERKINS. 587 N. Clark street, Chicago.

DANA'S RELIGIOUS BELIEF. Speaking of his religious beliefs or non-beliefs, the late Charles A. Dana is

credited with this remark a few days before he died: "I was brought up a Calvinist; then I became a Unitarian, then a Swedenborgian, Now I don't belong to any church. Many of my best friends are Catholics. I believe in the religion of humanity."

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MOSLEM WOMEN.

should have nothing to say, but to come Even in the matter of morality, Madout when called upon, and the manager ame Loyson says that the Moslem might say what he pleased when introwomen have no very high opinion of ducing her.

the Christians. The Moslem women SHE SAID THE RAPS WERE MADE are chaste, and their homes are sacred

very loudly at times, and some of them Polygamy is rarely practiced, and when it is it is far superior to prostituon the opposite side of the stage from where she stood, and when she came off tion and adultery. The Moslem wom-en say: "We have a legal and limited the stage, the manager would fine polygamy; with you it is illicit and pro-miscuous." Madame Loyson found fault with her for allowing the sounds Madame Loyson found to be made so far from her. She anmaterial devotion and domestic happiswered that she had nothing to do with that, the sounds came where they ness everywhere. The youths were as shy and chaste as maidens; there pleased.

were not two codes of morals, one for YOU KNOW THAT MARGARET

men and one for women; and flirtation passed away in the house of Mrs. Em-Madame ly Ruggles, and her remains, with Loyson still believes in Christian civil-ization "as it should be," but as matthose of Katie, her sister, were in the vault in Greenwood Cemetery for sevters stand she denics that Christian naeral months, and the Fox Memorial So tions can claim moral superiority over ciefy endeavored to raise money to pay

their indebtedness, and buy a burial lot. DECENTFULNESS OF RICHES. But after making some endeavors in Almost at the same time, Archbishop New York and Brooklyn, I finally of Temple was holding forth at the Church Congress on the deceitfulness fered them a grave, which was accepted, in my lot at Cypress Hills Cemof riches. He doesn't propose to unetery, in Section No. 3, Contemplation load either. At least he doesn't make any sign. What he does is this: he Fath, Lot No. 335. This was done about three years ago, and nothing tells us that "genuine self-denying Christians" seldom fall into poverty more has been done since. It is hoped that some sort of a stone will be placed at the head of the graves some time. and trouble. Very likely. There aren't Yours truly. J. LA FUMEE. 335 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Sep-EXPURGATION OF SCHOOL

tember 19, 1897.

In closing, I will say that if I can The other evening the Westminster gather any further information in re Gazette published a statement, summagard to this matter, I will communirized from the Australian Review of cate it to you, but I remember myself at the time of hearing that the raps Reviews, concerning the expurgation of school books in Victoria, in which it produced at the time Kate was on the was stated that "even the name of platform giving this alleged exposure Christ was blotted out as an evilthing," were heard in various parts -of the and that classic pieces of literature by room, and confounded and dumbfound Burns, Longfellow, and other writers, ed the audience and investigators, and were mutilated in this way to fit them know that she afterward denied that for the palate of the Victorian children. she had ever recanted or taken back a he next evening the Westminster pubword that she had ever said in regard lished a correction by a correspondent. to the genuineness of the manifesta who put the case as follows: "Before tions that had come through her and the schools were taken over hy the the Fox family generally . State, religion was hardly taught in A. H. DAILEY.

tion, Dr. Pierson, believed firmly in the CHINA TO BE CHRISTIANIZED. eligious education of children, but the The American Missionary Associadifficulties were very great in compultion, in session at Minneapolis, made sory education for all denominations; the startling announcement that in the and he did not approve of a master teaching what he probably disbelieved last three years it had made 500 conhimself. The denominations could not versions in China.

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shall relapse.

ARBITRATION.

Ex-President Cleveland, by special request, discoursed on international arhitration at Princeton University, on the occasion of the 151st anniversary of that institution a few days ago. All

the literary institutions of the country should keep this question alive unti arbitration of national disputes shall be the law of the world. War has held sway long enough.

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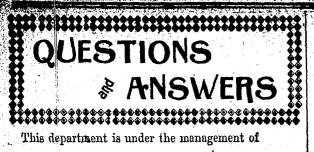
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F. G.: Q. (1) Who were the Phoenicians? (2) Were the Jews a branch?

(3) Has not Catholicism brought down many of the ideas and customs of the ancient pagan religions?

(4) Is not Christianity passing through a similar process of change at present, adapting itself to the change of thought founded on the scientific methods?

A. Little is known of the mighty empire of the Phoenicians which at one time led in civilization. Tyre and Sidon were the last remains of its glory. They were Semitic, like the Hebrews, and hence traders. They held the commerce of their time. Yet mighty as was their civilization and influential in shaping the destinies of the empires which followed, their literature, whatever it was, became merged into that of the nations which followed and their religion which was phallic, nature worship, and the generative principles, appears even in the purest Christian worship.

(2) The Jews were Semitic, as were the Arabs. When as a "shepherd tribe," they invaded Egypt, their condi tion was exactly like that of the Bedouins of the present They were a horde of skin-clad robbers, whose only wealth was in their herds. They came from the desert without recorded lineage, and from whatever family stock is absolutely unknown, and apparently impossible, to de termine.

(3) Catholicism under different names, absorbed al the chief observances, rites and customs of the pagan world.

(4) The leaders of Christianity are making desperate efforts to keep abreast of the spirit of the age. With devious turnings and twistings, with surgings ahead, and masterly retreats; with brave acceptance of the interpretations of science, and redhot denunciations of its conclusions; reception of the higher criticism, and goings back to literal acceptance of the word as inspired, word and letter; rampant skepticism, and fierce heresy contests. what is called Christianity of to-day is as different from that of one hundred years ago, as an educated man is from a savage. The reverence for the priest is gone; the "sanctity of the cloth" has disappeared; the dogmas on the belief in which eternal salvation was taught to depend have fled in shame to the uttermost bounds; the fires of hell have been extinguished; the Devil has passed like the monster of a dream, the tyrant fancy placed on the throne of the universe has vanished like a fog bank in the rays of the sun, yet Christianity claims to be unohanged, ever the same, and presents itself to the world for recognition, as the one only eternal system. It adds to, and eliminates the demands of each passing generation, being truly "all things to all men." It has constantly fought to the death every new thought until that thought had won its way to popular acceptance, and then claimed it as its own. Yet the clergy stand in their pulpits and preach the old doctrines knowing them to be false, and the laity listen, with an incredulous smile, pretending to believe. It is a pretty game of mutual deception. It was said in the later days of the old pagan religion of Rome, that it was surprising how two augurs (priests) could look each other in the face without laugh-

THE PARSON'S MISTAKE.

A quiet reigned through the little town While the church bells tolled for Deacon Brown, And the church was filled, all the space within, With neighbors and friends, and many kin; And the parson rose with stately mien, And gazed around on the solemn scene, And told how the church could never find Another saint with more saintly mind; For the Deacon's wealth was often given That sinners might learn the way to heaven. He walked in the road his parents trod And tried to mark out the way to God; He went to church on the Lord's own day,

And in his family oft did pray; He was a bright and shining light Who never feared to do the right. But there were those in that little town Who knew yet more of Deacon Brown: They knew his love of church and creed Never surpassed his worldly greed. He gave the church of wealth he had made,

And took it back in his next sharp trade; And turned the needy from his gate, And pinched and scrimped early and late, And when an erring mortal fell, He was always swift the tale to tell; And charity for human kind Was something the Deacon couldn't find.

But the parson told them how, afar, Beyond the realm of sun and star, In a wondrous world of bliss untold, Where gates are pearls and streets of gold, The Deacon had joined the blood-washed throng And lifted his voice in holy song. But little knew he of a realm of bliss, For the truth is plain and it is this: The Deacon's soul was so mean and small, That it did not leave this world at all! ASTRA.

-|-|-|-|-YO'S BEN A GOOD OLE MUDDEH.

Hold heah, my deah ole honey, whut makes yo' han' BO COLS

I guess youse gittin' feeble now, orlong wid gittin' ole; Youse ben a deah ole padnah, and' I hate ter hab yer go, But I know de Lawd will take yo' up ter hebben, an' I know

De angels all will welcum dat ar blessed soul ob yourn, While yo' padnah, bowed in sorrer, will be left ter weep

an' mourn. Youse stuck ter me, my honey, throo de thick an' throo

de thin, An' I doan belieb yo' conshens hit hez ebber knowed a

sin. Ner I doan belieb er woman, wheddah white er wheddah

black, Could have ben a better muddah to dese chilluns fer er fac':

An' de naybahs allers knowed yer when dey wanted er good frien',

Fer dey knowed when yer hed plenty yer wuz willin' fer ter len'.

But yo' eyes hab los' der lustah an' yo' bones am stickin' throo

An' dars no mo' laboh 'roun' heah fer dem han's ob yourn ter do;

But I specks youse mouty tickled fer ter lay yo' body down, When hits got so weak an' tott'ry frum de toe-tip to de

crown,

An' I know dat ole Saint Petah will jist fling dat do' clar back,

An' de angels dey'll invite yer fer ter take de seat yer lak. An' dey'll hang er 'roun' yo' sperit lak de bees er 'roun' de queen.

Kase youse ben de bestest muddah dat de angels ebber seen:

An' de Sabyah will be waitin' wid de book ob jedgment dar,

An' he'll fasten to yo' fo'head a bright an' shinin' star.

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

CAUSE AND CURE. The Apostate; act 4, scene 1.

ABOVE THE LAW.

A friend in Crete,"Nebritska, who has been reading "Pen Flashes from Ohio," in The Progressive Thinker, writes me as follows: "The reforms sought by all the religious and pelitical reformers of manity. Every effort is put forth from a wrong basis-the selfish basis of some sectarian or party political idea. Hence those efforts are opproved by sectarian and political parties on both sides of life, and stupendous failure has been the result for centuries, and will con-tinue that result until the effort is made public schools maintained by the taxes of the public. The Catholic hierarchy repudlates this statutory law, and recommends that their children be educated solely at Catholic schools. Chilfrom the right basis. You inquire what dren so trained cannot be expected to is the right basis? It is the idea that God and humanity are one. That is, a make good citizens, because their first allegiance is to the Pope of Rome. human being is a center between the material and ethereal worlds, in whom all the essences and elements of the These are facts worthy of consideration.

two worlds unite. God being the prin-ciple of "Justice in the universe, any violation of that principle is sin against God. In the formation of our government the principle of justice is recognized in the constitutional guarantee of "equal privileges to all, and special privileges to none. Now, when we be hold the statute laws and court decis-lons that knock this fundamental constitutional law all into "pi," it is no trick whatever to see where the wrong lies. These laws and decisions breed antagonism in the body politic, by which the interest of classes feed upon the fire before the eyes of good reputable few and impoverishing the many." [generally is thoroughly aroused and exfew and impoverishing the many." This was written two years ago, and is more applicable now than then. The remedy resides with the people. Let fifty fires were discovered at different them apply it.

SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED. SPIRITUALLY DISCHARD. The Christian clergy are slowly Falls, or, perhaps, some of the crazy The Christian clergy are signing the second second

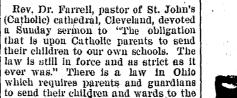
1800 years ago he "would not have them ignorant." Rev. George Thomas Dowling, rector of Trinity church, To-ledo, Ohio, (at Emanuel Episcopal church, Cleveland, October 1,) among other things, said: "One of the fundamental assumptions of modern unbelief is, that we can only know that which we can see or touch, or actually demon strate.....The deepest truths in life, my friends, are not such as can be

proved with mathematical precision; they are felt....Our spiritual beliefs rest primarily on an inward sense, a consciousness,.... There was wisdom in the old term which designated the prophets as seers; for spiritual truths are primarily discerned, not reasoned out." There is nothing said here of the redeemer's blood "which cleanseth from all sin," etc. " Such sermons as these; directed against the unbelief, so positive and unyielding, particularly in "church circles," in negard to the great spiritual phenomena of the present glides on."

century, is an encouraging sign of progress in that conservative old institution the orthodox churchy In the language of one of their old songs of fifty years ago, I say: "Fight an, tight on, we're gaining ground! Glory, in hallelujah!!" The true religion of the present and the future can be "demonstrated."

SPIRIT PHENOMENA.

A Methodist camp-meeting, at Donaldson, Georgia, what electrified one Sunday recently, by the capers of a chair. Rev. Robert Kerr had just arisen to begin his sermon, when the chair upon which he had been sitting arose to a height above the heads of those present and moved sowly around in zigzag fashion, finally returning to its place. The preacher paused in his remarks to witness the curious sight. One of the pillars of the church, E. C. Mosely, arose and declared with much unction that this was one of the signs foretold





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became a widower by the death of his wife fourteen months ago, says the Press. Now, after a courtship of six weeks, he marries Miss Cole, a young lady of Van Wert, Ohio. Nothing strange about that; but the strange part comes when the Doctor says that he had heard from his dead wife through a medium, and that she had told him that Miss Cole loved him sincerely. The dead Mrs. Hyer advised the doctor to

remarry, which he did. Some skeptical people may laugh at the above; but I have no doubt that there is more truth than poetry in the premises; and, although a stranger to the twain, I congratulate the Doctor and his young bride. All's well that ends well. "Still the holy stream of human happiness

WHEREFORE?

HEARD FROM HIS WIFE.

If Spiritualism is the fraud and delusion that some pious hypocrites would have us believe, why the necessity for an anti-Spiritualistic convention, Auderson, Ind., I respectfully refer them to Acts v:38, 39,

MADE INSANE.

Agatha Wilker, a slip of a German girl, 17 years old, a recent emigrant, ou her way to Sandusky, Ohio, was as-saulted in Cleveland. Her assailant, a man, was released on bail. She was detained as a witness, thrown into jail and kept there forty-two days. Guilty of no crime except being a stranger in the "land of the free." She broke down under that treatment, and is now in au insane asylum. She would have died in jail had it not been for the Plain Dealer's exposure, directing public at-tention to the matter. "Missionary work" flourishes in Cleveland. and

The old orthodox saying, that "fools

rush in where angels fear to tread."

the same time. These fires have oc-curred in daytime, says the report. "A towel which had been taken from a bureau, was hung in the kitchen, and took cited over the mysterious occurrences, which remain unexplained." At least

times on the first floor of the building. It would be a pious notion to call upon

ing. It is yet more astonishing how two Christian min isters can meet without laughing each other in the face! Christianity is passing through a change, but the end will not be the grafting of the scientific methods unto its stem. The existence of the Christian religion depends on man's ignorance of science, and when knowledge comes this religion of fear disappears.

"Mother:" Q. I have a little girl, very nervous and fearful of the dark. We have tried almost every means to overcome her excitable temper. Can you recommend any method?

A. Children with highly wrought imaginations often imstake their fancies for realities, and the creations thus brought before them frighten them. When in their beds they think of strange beings, and these come before them, and are mistaken for living beings. Especially is this true when their minds have been filled with horrible stories, of hell and the Devil, rooted as these are in ages of heredity. To illustrate, take the instance of a little girl who was left alone with her nurse one evening, and being wakeful annoyed her guardian.

"Yer'd better git ter sleep, quick," commanded the nurse.

"I don't want to," replied the child.

"Yer don't! Den I'se gwine out an' call in de black Debbil, wid big sharp horns an' a long tail. When he finds yer awake, he'll bite yer head right off, er maybe carry yer off to de hot place. Nothin' could suit him better. He cotched a little gal jest t'other day, an' nobody haint heard ob her sence."

The child covered her head with a counterpane, scarcely daring to breathe; she was so still the nurse thought she slept. Her wakefulness presagen a fever, which was heightened by her fright, and the n; ming found her delirious. The end rapidly approacheon and in a paroxysm of fear, calling on her dear mamma and papa to hold her fast and not let her be carried away, she died. A glory came to her pale face, with the sweetness of a flower, repleted by her departing spirit after it had met the angels and knew the real, but the stricken ones could not look through the mists of their tears, nor find a solace for their broken hearts.

Mankind has been treated like the child, but it has survived to outgrow its age of terrors. Our ancestors were credulous as children, and believed the voice of the priest to be the voice of God. If they did not believe and act as the pricst commanded, they were threatened with the Devil, a monster roaming up and down the earth, seeking whom he might devour; and a hell of molten fire, wherein sinners burned forever. They were frightened into a delirium which began in the age of Constantine the Great, and lasted without intermission until late in the seventeenth century. The fever from the Devil scare lasted fifteen hundred years, during which humanity from its bed of torture cried for the pure waters of truth and received at the hands of priests narcotizing draughts distilled from the dead past.

Give your child pleasant ideas to shape her fancies. Tell her of the good and lovely angels who watch over her. Show her pleasant pictures, and allow no domestic or nurse to distort her imagination.

He is a fool who cannot be angry; but he is a wise man who will not.-Old Proverb. and the second second second

If we try to obtain perpetual change, change itself will ecome monotonous.—Ruskin. It is a great sin to swear unto a sin, but greater sin to become monotonous.—Ruskin.

keep a sinful oath.-Shakspeare.

An' he'll setc yer on er cushion whar yo' bones'll not go throo.

Kase youse ben so good er muddah, an' a naybah kin' an' DR. T. WILKINS. true.

THE APPEAL OF A FALLEN SISTER.

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Father of the faithful daughter, Brother of the sister dear, Think, but for the grace of heaven, Those you love may wander here.

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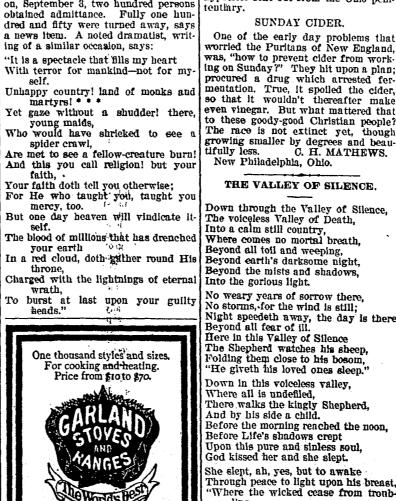
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the ministers of an offended God were milling him by the hands and feet to Mt. Cancesns, was something awful and awe-inspiring. In the catastropho of the plot Peter, or Petrues, his near disciple, after in value plending with this (lod to throw up the idea of dying for a world, forsook him and fled, leaving him to his fate. This was 500 years B. C., and the idea was musty with age at that time. All the religions of the world were alike, all had their Saviors, born of Virgins, all born on Christmas day, all crucified at Easter, all had just twelve disciples, all were crucified, all roso from the dead in three days. In fact, we enmot find a single rite, coremony or dogina which is not honry with age.

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grand Trinity. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the Trinity-but not three separate persons. Reason says this is true. "Come, let us reason together," says the Bible. The Bible agrees with science when taken ns an allegory, but when taught as fact, it does not. It is contradictory, absurd and frivolous, like "Acsop's Fa-bles," "Humanity is the only true religion." We have no need of priests; the way to flod is open to all allke. flod hus no middlemen out for Him, P. T. Barnum said: "The American people love to be humbugged." Ho was right, it seems. Of all the nightmares, that of so-called Christianity is the When people use reason in WOrst. regard to religion, then there will be reason and purity in polities---not till then. How can we expect purity in politics, when there is no sense in re-ligion? O.

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