The Ninth Address of the Debate at Anderson, Indiana, Between Moses Hull and Elder W. R. Covert.

DEBATE ON SPIRITUALISM.

Held at Anderson, Ind., October 5, 6, 7 and 8.

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.

ism as a so-called Religion or Science is a Fraud, a Delusion, a Lie, and its physiology of the nervous organism, illustrating each lecture with experiments in mesmerism." Honest Believers are Deluded the same as Care Mormons.

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Gentlemen Moderators, Worthy Opponent, Ladies and Gentlemen:—The proposition that I affirm to-night is, that Modern Spiriualism as a system of so-called science, religion or philosophy is a delusion, a fraud and a lie, and its honest believers are deluded the same as sincere Mormons. According to Hedge's Rules of Logic, which govern in this discussion, the first thing is to have a definite understanding of the proposition and of the terms employed, and everyone who affirms a proposition has the right to give the definition that he intends to be used to express the meaning of the words employed. I therefore proceed to define the terms of this proposition:

By "Modern Spiritualism" I mean a modern system of professed communications and manifestations from the unseen world of departed spirits, or, of those who have

"Science so-called" as used in the proposition I define Science means to know-what is known of a subject systematically arranged. The so-called science of Spiritualism is the pretended knowledge that mediums claim to have of the future, of the spirits of the dead, the hws of nature, life, spirit and the future existence.

"Religion," I define as a form of belief, teaching a worship of a being, or object, or something recognized as superior to the worshiper.

"Philosophy" I define as the general laws, principles and teachings of a system.

"Fraud," false pretense-pretending to be what it is

"Lie," as used in the proposition, a wilful, a malicious misstatement of facts with the intention to deceive.

"Sincere," one who thinks he is right and conscientiously believes that whe he believes is true. One hon-

est in belief and practice.
"Mormon," a deluded believer in the Book of Mormon,
Joe Smith, Brigham Young, Sidney Rigdon, et al., that
originated the system of religion and the Mormon Bible

and Book of Covenants. Thus I define my position, so that my opponent, and you, the jury, may understand now what I mean when I use the terms of the proposition.

MOTHER ANN LEE AND THE SHAKERS.

Every age of the world has produced impostors and delusions, the "Jannes and Jambres" against the truth. There have been more than twenty-four pretended and false Christs since the appearing of the only begotten Son of God, who gathered together and surrounded themselves with a multitude of deceived believers, who have come to naught in the past. Thus we have had the delusion known as the Shakers, originated by Ann Lee, perlaps in 1774. She claimed to speak seventy-two tongues and dialects. What a grand trumpet medium she would have made! Then she introduced what would have suited the Chesterfield camp-meeting, and I guess they copied after it—what was known as the sacred dance, and also the fantastic songs, and also the consecrated shiverings, and also the swoonings, faintings, or, in other words, simply the ordinary phenomena of mesmerism. They also pretended to converse with the dead, the same as modern spiritual mediums claim to converse with them. They were deluded, the followers of that woman were simply deluded as the followers of Kate Fox, and the followers of Kate Fox are just as much deluded as the followers of

PROF. J. STANLEY GRIMES' BOOK.

Then we have the delusion of the "Barkers," a monomania started and which seemed to run as a disease, and everyone seemed to catch it, and they would bark like dogs. It was known as the "Barking" delusion. Then we had also the muttering delusion, and then we had also the jumpers. Then we have the Mormon delusion, which started in New York at about the same place where Modern Spiritualism began, and the history of the United States seems to be that New York has a patent right on humbugs in general and Mormonism and Spiritualism in particular. This thing of "conversing with the dead," and the "originating of Mormonism" in New York were really the foundation and basis for Modern Spiritualism. Modern Spiritualism as a system of so-called science, religion and philosophy originated in September, 1843, at nounced most of the technical terms and unusual words, Poughkeepsie, New York, at the time Prof. J. Stanley and manifested the utmost contempt for the rules of Eng-Grimes was there delivering a source of lectures upon what was then known, or what he termed animal magnetism, which he afterward discovered or called mesmerism, and which he afterward discovered was simply an
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RESOLVED: That Modern Spiritual- ture and the Nerves," published in 1856, on page 346 he states:

On page 350 he says:

"Andrew Jackson Davis, one of the persons affected on this occasion, was an apprentice boy. He had never previously made his appearance in public, and, although I noticed that he manifested some slight indications of clairvoyance, he was not otherwise as good a subject for experiments as several others whom I selected for that

"Another individual who attended the lectures and became interested in the subject, was Mr. Wm. Livingstone, a merchant tailor. One day during the time the course of lectures were proceeding, Davis went into Living-stone's shop and proposed to try the experiment which I had described. Livingstone consented and proceeded to the trial. In a few minutes Davis declared he could see through the back of his head, and Mr. Livingstone has assured me that Davis actually read a newspaper which was held up behind him, while his eyes were closed, as readily as if he had been looking at it with his eyes. The rumor that young Davis was an extraordinary clairvoyant soon spread through the town, and naturally created a great sensation. Hundreds flocked to Livingstone's store to test the wonderful powers of the clairvoyant, and Livingstone soon learned to make medical prescriptions and to charge a fee for each.

"When the clairvoyant business grew dull in Pough-keepsie, Livingstone took Davis with him on a tour through Connecticut, curing diseases wherever he went At length they arrived in the city of Bridgeport, where they made the acquaintance of a Universalist clergyman, the Rev. S. B. Brittan, who has, from that time to the present, been the principal manager of the spirit medium business, and is now one of the editors of the Spiritual Telegraph. Davis and Livingstone were both Universalists; the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Poughkeepsie was their pastor, and visited Bridgeport with them. It was therefore natural that they should make the acquaintance of the Universalist clergyman of Bridgeport, and that he should become interested in their proceedings. Living in the same house with Mr. Brittan was his brother-in-law, Dr. Lyon, a botanic physician, who took a still deeper interest in the clairvoyant; for when Livingstone and Davis prescribed medicines, Dr. Lyons was employed to put up the prescriptions, for which he, of course, received a small share of the sum paid by the patient. Livingstone was the magnetizer, Davis was the clairvoyant, or instrument of perception, and Lyon enacted the subordinate part of apothecary, and received the smallest share of the profits. Why could not Dr. Lyon unite the functions of magnetizer and apothecary, and thus dispense with the services of Mr. Livingstone, and send him home to attend to his other avocations? Could not the business be better managed in more skillful hands? These were the suggestions which were frequently made to Davis by his Bridgeport friend. To these delicate hints were added promises of large profits-of going to New York, opening an office and doing the clairvoyant business on a large scale; of getting out a wonderful book, becoming famous, and making a fortune for the whole clique.

"Dr. Lyon solicited, and obtained permission occasionally to mesmerize Davis, and used him as a kind of patheoscope, by means of which to ascertain the condition of his patients and the best remedies with which to cure them, and thus he soon succeeded in obtaining a decided ascendancy over his mind.

"Poor-Livingstone began to perceive that his magnetic scepter was passing from his feeble hands into the more powerful grasp of Lyon, Brittan & Co. At length Liv- dollar." ingstone found himself under the necessity of making a formal abdication, and A. J. Davis passed under the dominion and became the special subject of Dr. Lyon. I happened to be on board of the steamboat with Livingstone when he was on his way home, and received from him a particular account of his misfortune, accompanied with bitter complaints against the conduct of Messrs. Lyon and Brittan. *

"Davis was notoriously ignorant and illiterate. He could not pronounce his words as correctly as ordinary young men of his age, nor could he converse without grossly violating the rules of grammar. How, then, was he to write a superior book? Would the spirits who were to utter through him such wonderful ideas assist him also in a sheet of tinfoil and inclosed in an envelope, which to clothe those ideas in good language? It was certainly was gummed and sealed. This Professor Grasset inclosed natural to expect that they would do this; nor can any reason be perceived why they might not inspire his mind with good notions of grammar as easily as of philosophy, chemistry or astronomy. But, alas! the spirits proved capricious, and uttered their great thoughts through Davis in mean language and bad grammar; misprolish composition. Those who heard Davis utter his Divine Revelations,' all agreed that the language and pronunciation were his own, but the ideas evidently pro-

I now turn to the Revelations by A. J. Davis, the clair-voyant. In the introduction on p. 10 I read: "In the autumn of 1843 Mr. Grimes delivered in Poughkeepsie a number of lectures on 'Animal Magnetism,' performing during his course a number of illustrative experiments. Among the persons upon whom Mr. Grimes essayed to operate was young Davis, but in this instance his most powerful efforts failed to produce any apparent effect. By his lectures and successful experiments accompanying them, however, considerable excitement was created in the village concerning this important branch of psychological science. Among others who were induced to test their own powers in producing magnetic phenomena was William Livingstone." On p. 11 I read: "The reader is now requested to observe that according to the foregoing statements the first magnetic experiments performed on Mr. Davis by Mr. Livingstone were manifestly suggested by the prevailing excitement growing out of Mr. Grimes' lectures and experiments, and as to the witnesses to the speech of Andrew Jackson Davis, he stood upon the platform and we find there was Isaac and H. C-Bell and Wright and Horner and Lipmann and Johnston and Rev. T. L. Harris, and many more that I might mention, as you will find on p. 2 of his book. These listened to Davis repeat what he had committed and repeated in a mesmeric state." And this Davis was the first inspirational medium, trance medium and test medium in this country. They wrote this book called "Nature's Divine Revelations"

ORIGIN OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

And here we have, then, the origin of Modern Spiritualism in the United States, and I will show you the picture. Here is Andrew Vackson Davis' picture. (Holding up picture.) There is the man that mesmerized him, and thus you have the two that started this miserable delusion. J. Stunley Grimes performing scientific experiments, and Davis, Livingstone, Brittan and Lyon taking those beautiful scientific experiments and turning them into a delusion. The cessation of the blood in the brain, the change of the circulation, the seeing of visions in the mind, were produced, not by the spirits of the dead but by pure physiological laws, by the mind acting down upon the heart through the involuntary nerve system. That is the real science of mesmerism. Yet Davis and his clique pretended he was mesmerized by spirits, and thus was started the delusion of Modern Spiritualism, which has been imitated from that day down to the present time by the so-called clairvoyants or test speakers and inspirational speakers, as we like at the present time. There are some mediums who can mesmerize themselves and thus put themselves into a trance or mesmeric condition mesmerism, and it was not then understood. is no man outside of J. Stanley Grimes and those who have studied his system that understands and knows what

THE YOX GIRLS.

In 1847, at Hydesville, N. Y., the Fox girls began their rappings and they soon excited the community, and these made their rappings with their toe joints, and thus it spread far and wide, the spiritual rappings, and in Grimes' rapping furor was then at its height in that place. Capron and Barron, the authors of the first book published on the subject of the Rochester Knockings, were then residing there. Capron was a kind of clairvoyant doctor, and a female relative was his mesmeric subject and rapping medium. Barron seemed to be a disciple of Capron, young, zealous and inexperienced. By their invitation I had the honor of being admitted into the circle; various questions were asked, but the answers were such as to satisfy me that the medium was merely guessing, and that the rapping was done with the hands and feet of the persons sitting at the table. Once, when I happened to turn my eyes without thinking of detecting deception, I saw one of the gentlemen cap the table leg with his finger."
Also, on p. 373: "The flox girls came to New York about a year after this. The Fox family exhibited themselves in New York City, at Barnum's hotel; admission, one

Strange Clairvoyance Case in France.

An extraordinary case of a clairvoyant, in which the woman medium, who was vouched for by Dr. Ferroul, ex-deputy of Narbonne, was been commissioned to the Mont-pelier medical faculty. In the latter city Dr. Ferroul became acquainted with a clairvoyant, whose praises he sang to Professor Grasset. It was arranged to test her power of reading through opaque bodies.

The doctor wrote a couple of verses in French, three words in Russian, Greek and German on a half sheet of paper, which he doubled, with the writing inside, wrapped with a note on a visiting card and posted to Dr. Ferroul. making the following statement:

When your envelope reached me I opened it, found your card and inclosed envelope, which I left on my desk. When I went out on my round of visits I called on the subject, and proposed to call later with the sealed envelope. She suggested that the letter, which was on my desk, 800 yards away, be read at once.

Dr. Ferroul went on to state what the clairvoyant told him in regard to the contents of the sealed envelope which he returned unopened. With a few trifling details the description tallied exactly with the contents.

The Montpelier Academy has appointed a commission to repeat the experiment. Professor Grasset avows himself unable to explain the affair.

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ASTOUNDING! ASTOUNDING! An Instructive Slate-Writing

The Sequel to the Hull-Covert Debate, which will appear in our regular issue at the close of the present discussion, will be one of the most remarkable papers ever issued from the press of this country. Statisticians The husband of the medium, Mr. Ephraim Kelgwin, had seen such strong evidence of the power of his gifted wife, will then see that there is a new thus put themselves into a trance or mesmeric condition the same as the Shakers; but they are not put into that condition by the spirits of the dead, but are put into that condition by the laws and forces of their own mind and the laws of that mind operate down upon the function of the heart. This was the origin of Modern Spiritualism and all that part known as the mesmeric or the inspirational part. It has deceived a great many honest people, for they really believe that there is something wonderful in mesmerism and it was not then understood and there danger-field to explore. It will exsuppress Spiritualism and Freethought, and will create a decided the slate containing a bit of pencil, she thought, and will create a decided sensation everywhere. The showing will shock this entire nation! It will then to take and hold the slate in the usual way, the "control" to duplicate the words on the slate within, a specified time, as the test. This looked like a very simple and easy test, so far as conditions went, but Eph found it not so simple as it seemed and the skewige. rappings and they soon excited the community, and these made their rappings with their toe joints, and thus it spread far and wide, the spiritual rappings, and in Grimes' book to which I have referred, he says: "About the same time the rappings commenced in Rochester, they also becountry. A copy will be sent to the gan in Auburn. One of the Fox girls made a visit to Auburn and astonished the good people of that city with the manifestations; whereupon, several of the women who had been intimate with the visiting medium, became themelves rapping mediums, as if by a species of spiritual imitation." We also read in the same book: "In 1849 the rapping furor was then at its height in that place. Capbe circulated. Three cents for a single copy. When five or more copies are ordered, price two cents per copy. When one hundred or more copies are ordered, price one cent per copy. Now is the time to roll in the dollar sub-

MELANCHOLY.

In idleness awaiting Its message for the eyes of men, Grows dry, is dipt, grows dry again: My heart and she, debating, In turn control the listless brain, The heart for joy and she for pain. "What mortal gain," the heart inquires, "Shall come of moody drifting?"

Behold how Hope's far star inspires Through all the years the sweetest lyres, The souls of men uplifting." "Behold," the mournful shade replies, "How man perceives, desires-and dies." "And dies? Not so! He does not die. Existence has no ending. Life's pilgrim hails and passes by-Beyond the view of human eye, To nobler fortunes tending.

Courage awake! arise; toil on." I turn and lo! the shade is gone. -Frank Putnam.

A Just Compliment to Women.

Women in their nature are much more gay and joyous than men; whether it be that their blood is more re-land a copy of the paper and Ghort. fined, their fibres more delicate and their animal spirits club. more light and volatile; or whether, as some have im-agined, there may not be a kind of sex in the very soul. elegantly bound and printed; and I shall not pretend to determine. As vivacity is the gift prices are at the present time, is well of women cravity is that of men."—Addison. worth \$2. If you don't secure it, you miss a valuable book for your library.

THE OTHER SIDE,

To the Editor:—Your sledge-hammed paper is so noted for its fairness in giving all sides of a question a hearing, that Dr. Bland in your issue of December 11 recalls to my mind an incident connected with the slate medium, Mrs. Kelgwin, whom he names, and which goes to show that slate-writing won't do to bet on, however good the medium. The writer was living in Louisville, Ky., at the time referred to by the Doctor and it was about that time or a little later, that the following incident occurred:

that he became over-confident of her that he became over-confident of her prowess with her slate, and posted a challenge of \$150 that she could produce independent slate-writing under any reasonable test conditions. His challenge was accepted by a little coterie of Louisville skeptics, who toted away, Eph's pelf, very much to his astonishment.

on, and when opened, there were the words re-written correctly, which, if it else present saw, but he could forget them with equal or greater facility; and whether it was that a disembodied spirit, or the mind of the medium, sought by telepathy to learn the words from his mind, then the quest would be truit-less, as one might as well plow a river sandbar for corn as to go to that mind for an idea. In two ways, the skeptics might have lost their money; if a spirit wrote on the slate, it could (clairvoy antly) perceive and copy those words; or, the medium, if an independent clair. voyant, could perceive and copy the words, for while the skeptics denied spirit agency, they admitted clairvoy-ance and telepathy; they sought to evade the latter, and take chances on the former contingency. But when the skeptics learned how nearly they had lost their money, they as well as their opponent, saw that to wager money upon given results upon a medium's slate within a given time, was one of the most uncertain operations to be found in the realm of psychic investigation, and that it is always the unex-pected that happens. A. M. B.

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bare the secrets of the soul. Thought to handle the talisman. takes definite shape, and man may read the disciples of this strange cult, as tiny of it and had explained the history clearly as he sees his material body re- of crystals, he poised it on the top of an reading is a new fad, if so flippant a word may be used in speaking of a word may be used in speaking of a Some one wanted to know why.

matter so startling. I have attended two of the "readings," and was much magnetism of my body passing into the ments, but in studying the persons who gree of seriousness which commanded that always follows touch. certain amount of respect.

But first I must attempt to make clear about it.

The crystal, as its name implies, is a piece of clear rock crystal, polished perfectly translucent, and in the shape of a sphere. As this polishing process, even for a single crystal, takes up the lifetime of the polisher in many instances, these crystals are not only Miss Helen Gould bought a short time ago and which is said to be one of the most beautiful and perfect in the world is worth about \$15,000. It is eight inches in diameter. Miss Gould has a special circular room in her Irvington home where she keeps this curious ob-She is a close student of the oc-

UNCANNY PICTURES SHOWN.

In these crystals, which are carefully mounted, usually on pedestals of black, and placed beneath a strong light, all sorts of uncanny pictures are said to present themselves. A year ago the English Society of Psychical Research spent a great deal of time in trying to account for these crystal pictures. tures. Professor James B. Hyslop, in see. They are marching through the whose charge was the investigation, streets, for I behold a tall background concluded that the images were due to self-hypnotism. These pictures which are often pro-

duced in symbols and which can only be interpreted by an experienced crystal reader, represent scenes in the spirit-world as readily as incidents of everyday life. Believers in the crystal or-I am frank to admit that my efforts to power, is the one in the possession of Dr. J. B. Street, well known as a lecture is moving. Are you a writer?" turer on the philosophy of the East. The victim, who was painfully con Dr. Street is possibly better posted on cism than any one else in New York. He has spent years in study in the East. and is a member of certain societies devoted to occult study and of whose ex-

One of these is the famous society of the Rosicrucians, familiar to all who have read Bulwer Lytton's "Zanoni." Another is the equally celebrated society of the Illuminati, of which some "Consuelo" and the "Countess of Rudolstadt.

istence few people are aware.

QUEER SOCIETIES THESE.

Sanyassin, a like society of India, and three persons in America who have succeeded in gaining admission to these secret societies. It is through his connection with the Society of the Illumimagic crystal. It came from Japan, or identify the region. I am quite unpriests as an oracle. It is in Japan, Incrystal oracle had its origin. They have been in use there for purposes of divination from the earliest ages.

This crystal is the property of the Society of the Illuminati, and as the head of that mystic order in America Dr. street has come into temporary posses pictures. sion of it. It may be recalled at any time, however.

The first reading was held at the home of Dr. A. B. Jamison, and was attended by about twenty invited friends. It is claimed by those who were present that at least a month before election as it is turned away. He is a tall, well the crystal predicted the death of Henry George and the election of Judge fore its occurrence the weird globe foretold the disaster on the New York Cen- which he takes off, he throws to anoth tral Railroad at Garrison.

ileged to attend were in the apartments | much like yours. The man says to th Countess Ella Norraikow, in Life Building. At the first among others ence of mind; proclaim it as your mis present were John Emory McLain, editor of Mind, the new metaphysical magazine; Dr. Wiseman, Dr. Jamison, had come in late and had not been pre Julian Hawthorne, the novelist; several musicians, an artist and a number of business men. Women predominated at the second reading. Most of them were elderly, plain, severe looking women. Some were writers, some minded indeed.

THE ORACLE OF THE CRYSTAL. tongue and a caressing, purring sort of careful of your health." roice. A small round table was placed

As the greater part of the remainder
in the centre of the room to accommoof the talk was of a purely personal in-

NEW YORK IS THREATENED pernatural. There is nothing supernat-WITH A NEW CULT-INTRO- ural in the universe. What the crystal shows is nothing but another demon stration of that mysterious quality mind, which science is doing more and more every day to explain. Whether IN THE CLEAR DEPTHS OF THE | these crystal pictures are the result of CRYSTAL SPHERE-PAST, PRES- the mind incarnate in the persons gath ered about this table or whether due to manifestation of other unembodied

mind matters little." While he talked he unrolled from a Would you care to have your innermost lightly bound black handkerchief a ball enclosed in a vellow silk handkerchief. have the secrets of your life laid Yellow is a favorite occult color. When bare? Would you come face to face the crystal appeared a murmur of admi-with your own inner consciousness? ration passed around the circle. Clearer Then you should become a member of than the clearest spring water it caugh a new cult just forming in New York. in the electric light glints of color that You should worship at the shrine of the made it sparkle with the ethereal tints of a giant bubble. It was about five inches in diameter.

The crystal, it was said, was once a form of occultism as old as the temples of Buddha themselves. In New without a flaw, but when in use before it was accidentally dropped by a lady peer into the depths of a solid crystal who had taken it into her hand to ex amine and was startled to see in it the face of her dead husband. chipped a small piece from the side of the crystal where it struck the floor. the Crystal, says the New York Herald. | Since then Dr. Street has an aversion to New York has a new "ism." It lays permitting ladies, particularly widows,

After he had held up the crystal so his inner consciousness, according to that everyone had an exhaustive scruflected in a mirror. Spiritualism and inverted goblet in the centre of the ta-Theosophy are outdistanced in the race ble and directly under the chandelier. for knowledge of mysticism. Crystal All the time he carefully avoided touch

interested, not only in the develop- crystal by direct contact clouds its surwere assembled there, and who took magnetism goes out again, or so at least themselves and each other with a de- I explain the clouding of the crystal

When the crystal was adjusted he drew from the satchel a second piece of to you just what I mean by crystal glass, a reflector shaped like a bell and reading. Probably you are as ignorant highly iridescent. This was suspended of the existence of such a thing as I from the chandeller. Attached to the was two weeks ago. Indeed, very few bell-shaped glass was an insulated wire persons, aside from the students of oc- with a finger piece. This was to be cult and mystical lore, know anything held in the hand to induce a sympathetic current between the mind of the person consulting the crystal, and is based on the same idea that induces the with infinite care and skill until it is mind reader to believe that he is assisted by holding the hand or touching the forehead of his subject. The nex stage in these rather elaborate preparations consisted in turning down all but a single jet of light and the throwing but very expensive. One which over the crystal of the dark handker chief.

During the preparations Dr. Street explained that all thought has form. The thoughts transferred to the crystal and reflected therein are just as clear to the student of the occult as is the reflection of the body seen in a mirror.

Placing a black cloth back of the crys tal, Dr. Street peered into its depths at tentively. "Ah, the soldiers!" he exclaimed. "They are marching still. "Ah, the soldiers!" he ex-I was told that at the last reading Dr Street had seen in crystal regiment af ter regiment of soldiers. One of these persons asked if they were the same soldiers.

"They are the same," replied Dr. treet. "They are American troops, but what their marching signifies I do not of houses.'

RUMORS OF WAR.

Chance directed the attention of the Doctor to me, whom he had never seen before, and of whose identity he must have been ignorant. "Will you take the wire in your land?" he asked. "Ah, acle will tell you that the future is as thank you. Now! In the crystal I see an open book to their eyes, while the a strange country, very much further past and present are reflected in the north, I should say, and I see your fig. sphere in the form of tangible thoughts, ure at a rude wooden table. You are writing by candle light and with fever pierce the mysteries resulted only in my ish excitement. The picture changes. own inverted image reflected in the Again I see those marching troops. I crystal. But my eyes were untutored. don't see what you can have to do with Of the half dozen crystals in New them. I will place the handkerchief York, the most curious one, not only on over the crystal. They come back. Let account of its beauty and history, but us see what they will do. Now they are by reason of its apparently uncanny gone, and I see great stone fortresses and prisons, and through them your fig-

scious of the gaze of nineteen pairs of the history and development of mysti-strange eyes, admitted the charge and the Doctor proceeded. "That must be your connection with

the scenes, for wherever I see you you are writing as if it were a matter of life and death. Now the troops come back I think we are all tired of them. I will cover the crystal."

The next thing this mysterious agent indicated was a disaster. "Some time ago," commented Dr. Street, "I called idea is given in George Sand's novels attention to a great railroad wreck on the New York Central road. This has since taken place. Now the crystal calls attention to another threatened wreck This time it seems to be one of the ele-Dr. Street is also a member of the vated roads and is a very disastrous one. It comes from a weakness some of another order known as the Gray where in the structure over which the Monks of Egypt. He is one of two or trains pass. One of the things to which the crystal has most insistently called attention is some great seismic disaster which threatens the coast of North America. It will include an unnati that he came into possession of the expected tidal wave. No, I cannot tell where it had stood for centuries in a familiar with it. It might be Southern native temple and was consulted by the California, but that is mere guesswork priests as an oracle. It is in Japan, Inon my part. Anyone else that likes dia and other Eastern countries that the may look and see if he recognizes it." Nobody volunteered to look. The tidal wave seemed of small interest. Several persons took the wire, and in answer to lescriptions identified friends.

Julian Hawthorne brought out one of the most interesting of the so-called

A PICTURE FOR HAWTHORNE. "I see." said the crystal reader, "a great treeless plain, stretching far as I can see. Across this plain comes a man to me, a man whose face I cannot see built man, and now that he looks to-ward me I see that his eyes are large an Wyck, and that some weeks be- and deep. About his coat or cloak is border of fur, and this coat, or mantle. er figure, which is also tall and broad-The two readings which I was priv. shouldered. In fact, the figure is very other, Give to the world the new sci-

> sion.' Do you write?"
> The son of Nathaniel Hawthorne, who sented to Dr. Street, modestly admitted that he had done a few little things in that line, and the Doctor went on.

"Then this figure appears for you. It says that you are about to give to the world a work which is the result of were lecturers, and all were very strong years of study along a peculiar line—the psychic, I should judge and that this book will give you a very great celeb rity, more than anything you have done. Dr. Street I found to be an elderly, I should, in closing, from something I well-preserved gentleman, with a glib see in the crystal, advise you to be more

date the crystal. As they entered the terest, and as I had no means of know guests were introduced to Dr. Street, ing how nearly true some of it was, and most of whom were strangers to him, each one saw fit to indulge in mental "I want to tell you before I begin," questions directed at the crystal and to said Dr. Street, seating himself before greet the answers with inscrutable the table with a little leather satchel, smiles, only their own friends would what you will see or hear nothing sulknow how apropos were the replies.

investigator. Dr. Street explained that there were too many persons in the room, and that so many minds at work had a tendency to cloud the crystal.

THE CRYSTAL IS OBSTINATE. When it came my turn to grasp the Wire the crystal informed its reader that I was shortly to make a change, or, as he expressed it, to "occupy a new chair, in which I should be very suc-cessful." While this was naturally gratifying to me, there was another matter which was even of greater moment. That day I had lost a pocket-book containing a sum of money. Respecting this the oracle was distress ingly obstinate. It referated that the object was not really lost, but had been mislaid. When I asked if I should find

it, the crystal refused to answer.
The soldiers again appeared, and once more the wreck on the elevated road and peared in the crystal. "For several days the oracle has warned me against riding on the elevated trains," said Dr. "It has even shown me the loeality of the weak spot, due to insecure girders with the background of houses. It has qualified the prediction, however, by saying the accident would happen inless the girders were strengthened. I have defied the warning and ridden over all the roads, in hopes of locating the spot or seeing men at work repair ing the structure. But I have been unsuccessful."

"Oh, I've seen workmen repairing the iron-work on Sixth avenue," broke in countess Norraikow.

"Then I dare say the danger is averted," remarked Dr. Street. EUROPEAN UPHEAVAL.

The crystal next predicted a division of Europe, which would be brought about by Turkey, and into which France would be drawn to such an extent that her boundaries would under go a change. This picture appeared while a young foreigner, who had just landed in New York that day, had hold of the wire. He was advised to refrain from any speculations or business enterprises until such time as the disruption shall begin.

Some one wanted to know how soon that would be. The Doctor peered cau-tiously into the crystal. "I am told," he said, "that it has already begun, or is about to begin, unless Turkey shall t once take some decisive action. This I think she will do, for she is usually very well advised.'

Again the Doctor turned his attention to the sphere. After a short silence he announced the appearance of a gentleman from the spirit world, who answered to the name of Benjamin. Invive. They crowded around the crystal, at the Doctor's invitation, to get a look at Benjamin. Some were frank and said they couldn't see a thing, while others fancied they could see a dim outline. For my own part, every time I attempted to look into the crystal the Doctor would blandly remark, "Ah, it fades away!" But Benjamin created a great stir. It

eemed as though every woman in the room had a Benjamin of some sort in the spirit world, and all were eager to grasp the wire. One by one, as the Doctor read and interpreted the symbols in the crystal, they were sorrowfully forced to admit that he was not their Benjamin. It was pretty tough on Ben, after coming so far, to find that he had gotten into the wrong set. EDITOR McLAIN'S VIEWS.

During a luil in the proceedings I asked Mr. McLain if he had written anything for "Mind" on the subject of crystal reading. "No," he replied, "I have not done so yet, I feel that I have not pursued my investigations suffi-ciently. I am satisfied, however, that there is some strange communication between the mind and the crystal.. I can bear witness to the predictions which Dr. Street has spoken of. These manifestations usually come in the form of symbols, and require one experienced in mystic lore to interpret them. Many things might appear in the cryswhich would be perfectly unintelligible to you or me, but to Dr. Street, they are perfectly clear.

"When the crystal predicted the election of Van Wyck, in reply to a question by a stanch Low man, a tiger appeared. Of course this stood for Tammany. That was easy enough. I merely cite it as an illustration of how many of the manifestations come. Sometimes, though there are genuine scenes depicted, and sometimes names appear. I myself have not been very successful as yet in detecting objects in the crys-

It is just as well to state, should you covet this remarkable medium between thought and matter, that a crystal is not always a desirable possession. A strange fatality followed this particular one. Some years ago Dr. Street made frequent use of it in his lectures in Boston. He read in the crystal the story of all sorts of disasters, mainly fires. In many cases the predictions were so accurate that the people to whom he predicted began to grow suspicious, and an insurance company even went so far as to put detectives on his track to see whether or not he was responsible for the fires himself. Dr. Street promptly consigned the

crystal to a safe deposit vault, and there it has remained until this winter, when, at the urgent request of some curious friends, he brought it out, and once more the oracle is at work.

THE LAST INVESTMENT.

Four little bits of bables, The oldest only five, Huddled in a corner. More dead than they were alive; No bread in mother's cupboard, No money in father's purse. No work, and no hope of any-Things went from bad to worse.

The mother looked thin and weary, For the hunger pain was sore, And all around was dreary, Where brightness reigned before: A step upon the threshold—

Averted her downcast eye-What tidings of work, my husband; She said, with a deep drawn sigh. 'It is the same old story-

No work, no hope, no trust: See, this is my last investment, The babies must have a crust. The water-rent is called for, The gas-bill is overdue,
The house-rent is past all counting, Whatever shall we do?

They looked at one another

In loving, mute surprise Each had a thought unspoken That leaped out through the eyes. The children would be happy Away on the golden street. And they set free from burdens Of bills they could not meet. Next day a neighbor found them Beyond the tide of woe:

And the gas bill counted higher, But that would have to go. wonder if God Almighty. Who knew their cares and woe, Will judge them too hard for moving From a world that served them so?

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IMPORTANT CASE.

Spiritualism and Sanity Considered.

THEIR RELATION DISCUSSED IN AN OPINION BY THE APPEL-LATE DIVISION-CASE OF HAR-RIET E. BEACH.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday, in an opinion written by Justice Ingraham, reversed the order of Justice Lawrence, in special term, denying an application of Frederick C. Beach and Jennie Beach Gasper, children of Harrlet E. Beach, for a commission to inquire into Mrs. Beach's apparent lunacy and incompetency, and ordered the motion to be

The petition of Mrs. Beach's children when it was presented to the court in June last, attracted wide attention by the statements it contained. Beach, who is nearly seventy years old was the wife of Alfred E. Beach, who died in this city January 1, 1896. Upon his death she went to Europe, where, it is alleged, she fell under the influence of Henry Rogers, a Spiritualist, whom she married at Alexandria, Egypt.
Several letters written by Mrs. Beach

or Rogers to her children and others were made public, in which she said she was guided in her conduct by her deceased parents, husband and others. It was shown that she had twice been in an asylum for the insane-in 1855 at Hartford, Conn., and in 1890-1 in Bloomingdale.

AFFIDAVITS SUBMITTED.

Affidavits from Rogers and others were submitted in proof of Mrs. Beach's sanity. Justice Lawrence, in denying the application, stated that he was satisfled that, upon the strong preponderance of the evidence, "the respondent should not be subjected either to the appointment of a committee of her estate or the humiliation of a proceeding to inquire into her mental soundnes before a jury."
In the decision handed down yester-

day, Justice Ingraham cites the law governing in this case and quotes at length from the testimony on both sides, especially from the letters of Mrs. Beach, and says:

"No one can read these letters without being impressed with the fact that this woman was not acting upon her own intelligent judgment, but under what she assumed or was induced to believe was the advice of the spirits of those who had been near her; that she received messages from her husband, father and mother as to the disposition that she should make of her person and property, and was apparently doing her utmost to carry out these directions under the belief that this man whom had married had been chosen for her by her deceased parents and husband, and that in marrying him and acting as she had acted she was carrying out the wishes of those whom death had vested with supreme intelligence

BELIEF IN SPIRITUALISM. "It is true that a belief in Spiritual-

ism may be consistent with good busi ness instincts and sound judgment; and the mere fact that a person is a believer in Spiritualism would not of itself justify an inference that such person was incompetent to manage him-self or his affairs. When, however, it appears that, in addition to a belief in Spiritualism oa person has become so convinced of the reality of communica tions from the dead that the control of his person and the disposition of his property are governed by the advice and directions in these communications from deceased persons and that a person under such influence is about to dispose of his property or to contract a marriage or other relations which appear to be unwise or unusual according to the accepted standards, and that the assumed communications from such de ceased persons have come through the mediumship of a person who is to bendisposition of property, it seems to me that a case is presented which calls for an investigation of the competency of such person.

"It is not the abstract belief in Spiritualism that raises the presumption of incompetency, but the fact that such a person has surrendered his will to the control of such influences rather than to the exercise of sound judgment. And when it appears that those influences are being used to procure a disposition of property to others than her children or those to whom it would naturally go, a case is presented which, at least, requires an investigation by the tribunal provided to determine questions of this character."

The attorneys for the petitioners appellants are Booraem, Hamilton, Beckett & Ransom.—New York Times, Dec. 11, 1807.

Oneida Lake Camp-Meeting

The board of trustees of the Oneida Lake Camp-meeting Association of Spiritualists met at Durhamville, N. Y., on Friday, December 3. Much enthusiasm was manifested over the progress being made to create a successful camp. Brother Peter Pfeifer, acting for the association, has purchased ninety-nine acres of land situated immediately upon Oneida Lake, in the township of Verona, county of Oneida, state of New York. The site is upon a branch of the Lehigh Valley railroad, a few miles from Canastota, N. Y., midway between South Bay and Sylvan Beach, popular summer resorts. From all points a summer rate is always made to these resorts. No more accessible place could be selected. And amidst a populous territory this new camp starts with a

great promise. The grounds have been platted into parks, building lots, streets, spaces for hotel, auditorium and depot. An open space has been reserved for a children's play ground, ball games and amusements. Building lots are priced at from \$50 to 250—the major part being the lowest in price. All are good sites and equally accessible to the auditorium. The lake will afford all lovers of bathing, boating and fishing all the sport they desire. It is a five place to spend an entire summer. No pains will be spared to improve the grounds. They will be cleared during this winter, and the streets) cut, and graded. Cottage building will commence in the spring. It is also hoped to see the early erection of a good hotel. Ample room for public accommodation will be builded for the camp of 1898. The camp will be held during the entire month of August. Stock sales are being made at \$5 per share. Subscribers to the capital stock are solicited-and a goodly amount is already taken. The camp association will be incorporated, and the management will be watchful of every public interest, and hope to advance the cause of Spiritualism. G. W. KATES.
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Spirits Return.

I wish to give you a little experience of spirit return that a friend of mine had a few years ago. He will not allow me to use his name for publication, so I'll give the first name only, and add that I am ready to swear to the truth of his statement, for he is one of the best men I ever met.

George — , my friend, had a friend Tom, who was a Spiritualist, and tried to convince him (George) of that truth, but without success, so at last Tom said: "If I die before you do, I'll come back to you." They lived then in towns fifty miles

apart, but Tom's brother Ed. lived in the same town as George. Five years later, when George had almost forgotten this conversation, he was working in his yard, about 10:30 in the morning. when he saw this friend Tom come around the corner of his house, and, taking a few steps toward him, said: "George, I'm dead," and dissolved into the air. George went into the house and nearly fainted away. About two hours later Ed. came up with a tele-gram, saying: "Tom arrived home from Kansas at 10 to-day. At 10:10 he had a hemorrhage and died almost immediately." Upon inquiry he was found to be dressed in exactly the same clothes as he appeared to George, and arrived at about the same instant he died, as near as they could tell.

It made me a believer in spirit return. A dear friend of mine died less than a year ago, and since that time I have seen her, received letters from her, spoken to her and felt her touch.

Minds as Open Books.

Harith, the son of Chaldah, a dreamer of dreams, and withal a good-looking chap, held the hand of a beautiful wo man in the music-room of the Hotel Majestic, recently, while a hundred others looked on and waited for some deliverance from the oracle, the latest society fad, who promises to become a worthy successor of the late Professor Bishop, mind-reader.

To the young lady he said: "You were born on May 17 in the year 1872. And your name is Gertrude." He was

"Now," he said, "I shall go among you and write down the days on which all were born. From these I shall tell your names." The dates recorded, he began:
"A woman, born on June 2. You are

of Spanish descent, is it not so? Yes, I thought so. Why, her name is Dolores, That was her name, and he told most of the others as quickly. "I do not ask the year in which you were born. Some of the ladles migh

object." All then laughed. "Oh, it is so in all countries.' "Come, some one," he continued, "and think of a well-known person and I will

tell you who it is." Several volunteered readily to play a thinking part, and, holding their hands, he traced on a blackboard ontline

sketches of President McKinley, Richard Croker, Chauncey M. Depew and A large man asked harshly if "the Egyptian could tell his name.'

"What is it?" the aged person asked gratingly.
"Tom," said the soothsayer quickly, while the audience laughed. The victim sulkily acknowledged that it was

'Easily," said Harith.

Gazing into the busy mind of one young woman the entertainer traced on the blackboard a nose and forehead and then cried: "He is dead."

"Who?" she asked, startled. "The man of whom you think. Yes, dead." The chalk moved rapidly until Na

poleon Bonaparte scowled upon her. ' she said softly and fled. The Egyptian is either a wonder in his line or the most clever faker that has imposed upon the public in years.

Mediumistic Incident.

To the Editor:—The incident I am am about to relate is not manufactured for the occasion, but an actual fact Once I was as bitterly opposed to the spiritual philosophy as the Rev. W. R. lovert. Then there was living a young lady near me whose mediumistic power would cause raps to sound on the table by which we would occasionally sit. Whatever that intelligence or power was, it informed me it could and would answer any question written by any person in the neighborhood, enclosed in sealed envelope or a number of envelopes all scaled. A neighbor who is Frenchman wrote a question in French. The medium and myself knew nothing of the language. One evening ve took our seats in the circle, in good light, when soon the power manifested its presence. From my pocket I took the sealed question and by repeating the alphabet got every letter correctly that made the question. I asked first for the answer to the question in the

negative or affirmative. "Oui." was rapped out; neither of us knew what that meant. Then every word, letter by letter, was rapped without one mistake, I keeping a record of the same.

The next day I called on my neigh-

or, handed him his sealed package. The question was satisfactorily answered, "Oul" being yes in his language, and all the letters were embraced in his question in regular order, we not being able to put them into words.

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REALIZATION.

wished one day, with Burns, some power'd gie The gift by means of which myself I'd As to the watching world I seemed to

be.

And, as it chanced, some fairy came my Way And granted me the wish I'd made that

And O! it filled my soul with blank dis-

mayi For as I looked—ah, how my pride did Aghast I staggered back against the wall:

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PART NINE.

If the reader will now carefully review the preceding articles, he will be ready to make a personal and practical every change of condition is a change of vibration; and that, in the past, he has been unconsciously inducing such changes by the power of his own thought. When flushed with anger, his beating heart and throbbing brain proclaim him perilously near the rate of vibration that renders the mortal form impossible for the spirit; and if possible to mortal man.

RULE FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT.

When the student has recognized this as the action of thought, he will see that by making an effort to think just the opposite he is vibrating towards the highest possible in earth-life. Let him now set apart an hour every day as sacred to his own soul, and proceed to compel self-He does not pray to a devil when he thinks himself into a brute, but just follows the law of thought vibration until he "gets there." His object now is to think himself learn the entire secret. away from the brute, and just as far in the other direction as his thought can travel. He may commence by a silent thought utterance such as the following, remembering this is no formula, but an illustration to be applied by himself in his own way. The friend of whom I wrote a few months ago in The Progressive Thinker has discovered, he tells me, that he reaches this north pole of his aspiration most rapidly by sitting alone, quietly and comfortable as possible, when he mentally declares "by my own will power I now pass to the vibration of universal human being; and declare that I live in love to all alike."

possibilities of "thought creations" of which he has never dreamed. He has now taken the first step; and the stuaspiration is indispensable. It is possible, under some great excitement, to reach this mental state for a moment or an hour; and even that experience will be memorable for a lifetime. Frenzied prayer at a shrine—the hypnotic influence of a revival—even the excitement of love to love, may at some favored moment have flashed the possibility of the ethereal vibration to the human soul. But it was lightning in the dark. A flash and gone again, with the progress lost in the returning gloom.

thought is really the same; the vibration is gained; and its work at a distance. he will have learned that he can now by daily practice enter this domain of his higher consciousness by the exercise of his own thought power, and at any suitable gained a lost Eden, and for a time feast in the conscious- ment" to a neighbor who was suffering. Only those on the same plane of vibratory thought are that conditions will permit. harmonious, and all on that plane are harmonious by natural law. He is working in the vibrations where love reigns supreme. On that plane all are in harmony, as a matter of cause and effect. But that includes invisible men and women, as well as those in mortal form; and excludes all, whether visible or invisible, on the lower level. So the student has won all the association he needs. He commands it as the law of his new life, and need not go a step out of his way to ask mortals to help him; nor need he subscribe to any association promising to help him into

My friend soon realized this, and found that although he had gained his step he must do his climbing alone, as much as ever; and that there was positively nothing for him, of any real value, in any of the world's beliefs or systems of theology. He recognized that all along human history the world's Messiahs had sought to induce or compel belief by practicing as healers; and that the cure of disease had been the foundation of Christianity. He saw that the various "thought cure" systems of to-day were decidedly theological, so he proceeded to investigate the of all religious association.

EXPERIMENTATION. .

Taking advantage of a wakeful hour in the night he placed himself amidst the ethereal vibrations by the procould concentrate the "thrill" at any desired portion of his organism. This meant that, for the time being, he Commencing from the foot he slowly passed upward, lingering for a time at each organ, until he had reached the experiment had occupied several hours of practical thought concentration, and watchfulness of the effect. The student will have no difficulty in understanding what trated force to each organ in his mortal body. Harmony is health. Disharmony means sickness, suffering and disease. So he was thus expelling the foe and welcoming the true friend. It so happened that almost all his life M. D., in a class open to every student whose earnest dehe had had to do battle with a torpid liver, which had had been conscious of an attempt at rebellion by that industrious organ he had fought back, by methods more or less orthodox. Just at this time his liver had given him warning to "look out." He now proceeded to turn on Mother Nature's battery with the utmost power he could wield. For several minutes the fractious organ became the center of his experiment. The result was that for Excellent for every family. Cloth, \$1.50. For sale at months he has remained unconscious of its aviatores. It this office.

seems to have been encouraged to continue in healthy activity, as becomes a liver, moving amidst the vibrations of congenial society. So his experiment had become to him a demonstrated success. He had learned, and application, knowing at each step just what he is himself call, by day and night; holding, as it were, a free clinic for his perpetual benefit.

This was good, and intensely practical. It had proved to him that the basis of every system of mental healing, whether prayer miracle-shrine cure-or the vaunted Christian Science, is an outreaching into the vibrations of Ether, and no more belongs to "Wonderland," than he has lived on cherishing thought of revenge or clutching greed he has been practically at the lowest vibration silver and gold. But be it noticed that Mother Nature, M. D., presents no bill for her service. My friend next noticed that in most of the so-called "treatments" which had resulted in cure, the patient was not specially interested in the process until he found his trouble gone. Then he wanted to know all about it. For lack of any better explanation the credit of the shrine cure was given to the Holy Virgin or some venerated saint. The prayer day as sacred to his own soul, and proceed to compete the development by an intelligent use of the laws he has been direct understanding that the recipient was to go to church, or something worse might happen. The patient who had been blessed with Christian Science was encourted. cure was called a miracle perpetrated by God, with the aged to take a number of lessons—usually a dozen—from some graduate, by which he was violently supposed to

ETHEREAL VIBRATION.

Since there was thus no question that natural law was at work, whether at the shrine miracle-by orthodox prayer—by presence of the silent doctor—or by the active drug of the professional physician, my friend asked himself how far these ethereal vibrations could be projected into and through space? He instantly noticed that such vibrations must be in existence everywhere, and, like the X-ray, can be lured into activity alike at the love. I put from me every unkind thought towards any human being; and declare that I live in love to all alike." North pole, South pole or the Equator. So that settled the question of projection, once for all. No one, neither The student may extend this, and repeat the sentiment | God, angel nor man projects any healing power. But viin such words as he fire seeking utterance. Sooner or later he will become cious of a "thrill," which will tell him that by his thought he is placing himself above the vibrations of his daily life, and rising into the ethereal | bility. So the patient is vibrating harmoniously, and vibrations of an altogether higher existence, containing Nature is fighting a hard battle to restore harmony. The evil conditions have perhaps permitted and encouraged certain forms of life which the scientific physician has dent must remember that progress is impossible until it labeled as "spores," if vegetable, and as "bacteria," if anihas been taken. It is based on truth. No man can play mal. As soon as the foe has been discovered and recogthe hypocrite to his own soul. If he cling to his old his old nized the scientist of to-day commences his attack on the thought, and perhaps his old "bad habit," he cannot same principle as that of the successful fruit grower. If talk or think himself on to this step in progress. Pure a certain bug infests orchards and destroys trees the sagacious entomologist finds another kind of bug, and starts them to fighting it out in their own prize ring. The scientist, varying the play, usually catches bacterial bugs in some victim, and by a careful system of interbreeding conducted in a harmless rabbit or horse evolves a race that fights the first settler, and captures his domain. The disease vanishes Diphtheria is defeated. Small pox disappears. Some may remember when sparrows were introduced into America to fight bugs. They did their work well, but the American citizen would much prefer the HARMONY THE KEY. bug of yesterday to the sparrow of to-day. And while The careful student will now see that he cannot only the small pox and diphtheria have been defeated and climb, but retain all that he gains, for he knows the law driven back by the new foc, it is already a serious question of his own progress. If it be that he can take this step best by picturing to himself some ideal being, as representing to him all love and power, he need not fear. The

A "THOUGHT ATTACHMENT."

By waiting until he was himself conscious of the ethetime. He may now, like my friend, feel as if he had re- real vibration, he proceeded to make a "thought attach-The student will ness of soul life into which this vibration has admitted remember that the effect on my friend's own organism him. Progress is a function of soul life, and will not be was the result of a concentrated thought; first, itself lifted denied, but the student will see that, as a logical conse- into higher vibrations, and then directed to a desired end. quence of his own experience, it can only be gained by And this experiment soon proved to him that this concenthe use of his own thought power advancing steadily into tration can carry the health vibration to the diseased orthis realm of vibration. Some day even the ethereal may gan of another as readily as to any portion of his own be outranked for him by the celestial. So he will not frame. This is assuming not only his own power of mensettle down into any system of prayer or praise. If he tal concentration, but the general susceptibility of the has been a careful student he will have learned that no patient. He thus learns that the piteous prayer before expenditure of dollars for lessons by adepts, will help the shrine—the fervent appeal of faith—the affirmations him to another step. Of course associated effort, when and denials of Mrs. Eddy and her school, are merely "harmonious" is far more powerful than he can exert methods of attaining the necessary concentration, when alone. But that word "harmonious" unlocks the secret. Mother Nature, M. D., steps in and does the best work

RICH DISCOVERIES.

As soon as my friend had learned this lesson he left the entire field of healing to those whose taste leads them to stop there. He could now understand the laws at work, and perceive that rich and poor alike are children of the same Mother Nature, with the same privilege of attending her daily and hourly free clinics. He next began to watch for the effects of this scale of vibration upon the details of his daily life, and soon discovered they were very marked. There seemed to be none of the "hitches" in any direction. Whatever he undertook, whether for business or pleasure, seemed to begin and end in a harmony which affected all concerned, thus opening a vast field of possibilities for the student who seeks to infuse the harmonies of the higher life into his daily occupation. Enough was here outwrought in but a brief experience to show that true "occultism" does not demand that a man crawl into a hole and think for a score of years in a fanatical attempt to become a mahatma. If he but acquire the delightful habit of using each vacant minute to extent of this thought power upon himself, when divested send his will power into the higher vibration, he har monizes both himself and his surroundings, and is thus on the true path to success and happiness. There comes yet another and most cheering effect upon his inner life. If like my friend he has discovered a proved immortality, with its various grades of progressive or retrogressive so cess already described, and found, by experiment, that he ciety, he finds himself able to measurably choose and hold spirit friends on his own level and higher. Such privilleges are personal and private, for each to discover on his his organism. This meant that, for the time being, he was altering the vibration at the point of concentration, be evolved are as sacred as the privilege.

These various experiments all prove the absurdity of the theological dream of a millennium, which is to be of the succeeding states and conditions of life alleviates brain. To his surprise he discovered that the pleasing heaven-sent, and last for a thousand years. Everything possible to man is in Nature's storehouse now, and all ready for use. If he want a millennium he can have one. all to himself, whenever he learns and uses the creative power of harmonious vibration by applying it in concen-

Such is the satisfactory knowledge gained by those he had had to do battle with a torpid liver, which had sire for knowledge is counted as qualifying him for macome to him as an ancestral legacy. And whenever he bad have conscious of an etternat at reballion by that in

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THE COMING NEW FAITH.

Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon, the pastor of the "New Old South" church, on Copley square, Boston, made a very notable address at Plymouth church on the Beecher anniversary, pleading for a new body of ideas for the new faith. Everywhere there is the instinct of turning to a larger and truer interpretation of the spiritual laws. A great scientist has recently said:

"The spirit-world is the normal, primitive, eternal world, pre-existent to and surviving everything else. The physical world is only secondary. It might cease to exist without changing the essentiality of the spiritual world* * * Man has two natures; by his body he participates in the nature of the animals; by his soul he participates in the nature of spirits.

"Death is the destruction of the material body, but the spirit preserves its other envelope, the ethereal body, invisible to us in its normal state, but which can occasionally be rendered visible, and even tangible, as in the case with apparitions.

"A spirit, therefore, is not an abstract, undefined being only to be conceived by thought; but is real, and, under certain conditions, appreciable to the sight, hearing and

Science, which has measured space in the heavens, which has weighed the stars, which has found a way to speak over a distance of a thousand miles, which has invented the means for extracting the iron scattered through tons of rock, buried deep in the everlasting hills, and has discovered the Roentgen ray, that shines through solid substance—science has now, with the sublimest assertion of all, pushed its knowledge out beyond the limits of the physical life, and discovers the nature and the processes of the change called death, and the conditions beyond on which the soul enters.

Death is the process of liberating the psychical (which is the real) body from the physical. Already the higher researchers in physiology have found nerve fibres branching out that have no discernible use. They are sporadic, and not merged in those nerves that center in ganglia and carry the sensations to or from the brain. The psychic investigation may form a hypothesis for these-one that shall see in them the connecting link between the physical and the ethereal bodies. It is already proven that the ethereal body is affected by the food and habits of the physical, and it has long been realized through vague and unformulated experiences that sensations affect both bodies. This new discovery may offer the physical basis of the spiritual body, and thus of immortality.

WHERE IS THE SPIRITUAL WORLD?

Dr. Elmer Gates has discovered that, after exhausting the atmosphere in a tube of his invention (of a stronger power than the Crookes tube), something yet remains; and what is it? The finer ether. And what is the purpose of this finer ether? b It is the atmosphere of the ethereal body. The spiritual world is-where? In the atmosphere, in this finer ether, which fills all space. Now, if there is another world, corresponding to our own, all fact that is! What an important truth confronts us if ate future. The unusual commotion in the material life, ever at hand is this extension of a finer counterpart of all | which has for some time been rife, portends great changes this realm; and if this, too, is not the shadow, but the sub- soon, and the greater the commotion the more desirable stance, not the dream, but the reality. "For the things | shall be the outcome. that are seen are temporal, but those that are not seen are eternal." All results of research in art or science pale nature far from its unfoldment. I had immediately to

The animal, the vegetable, and the mineral kingdoms, have their ethereal correspondences. Interpenetrated with this universe—as the psychical body is interpene-trated with the physical body—is the ethereal universe, and, when liberated from the physical body and the physical world, man enters on what seems to him a counterpart-only far more beautiful-of the world and the life he has left. There is no violent and extraordinary change. Indeed, the first feeling is of wonder that the change is so little, the aspect of the "undiscovered country" so natural.

"Now there is a perfect form," writes an authority from the other side of life," composed of magnetism and electricity, and the magnetic form and the electric form bear the soul within them. The soul is the guiding principle of the spiritual body, and it clothes itself with magnetism | thing better, more satisfying, more lasting-for condiand electricity. Now, when the soul leaves the material | tions which shall seemingly make life better worth the body it takes the magnetic and electric body with it, for these are inseparable. Magnetism is invisible, except under certain conditions, and if man did not have a magnetic and an electric body there would be no heat within him, for it is the uniting of magnetism and electricity that causes all light and heat. When the magnetism and electricity are withdrawn, the physical body decays, for its animating principle, all that could think, see, and hear, has left it. All that thinks, sees, or feels the spiritual body retains, for these are of the soul, and not of the material body. The soul is the animating principle of this electric and magnetic body, and it can move with the | Is Nature to-day in her very worst mood? swiftness of electricity, or gently float, or remain quies-

It is more than suspected by scientists that the ether is electric in all its properties. The magnetic waves of the atmosphere have long been known to science, and there are undoubtedly in the atmosphere itself all the combined qualities of the two worlds, interpenetrated.

LIEE IS ONE.

The first state after death is no more a final one than is this present one. It is a condition of growth, of progress, of hope, and of faith. Truth and love are its forces, and there is no reason why these forces should not be the factors of life here, as well. The acceptance of the great fundamental truth that life is one and indivisible is the basis of hope and of happiness and offers the true incentive to progress. The acceptance of the true philosophy and will, in the end, conquer the pain and sorrow now caused by death. This one reason alone, aside from its potent aid to progress, would be sufficient to commend it to the minds of all... The poet's insight proclaims the truth in the lines:

The spirit-world around the world of sense Floats like an atmosphere.

"Yes, "Life is one." The thought is common that the present life and the life after death are in some way separable and different, disconnected from each other, and of different quality. The orthodox "believer" expects to be translated to a heavenly state of existence, something totally different from this life—a distinct break in his chain of continuity, physical and spiritual. Such views are unphilosophic, contrary to reason, unnatural and not in accord with the great laws of growth, evolution and development.

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from Maine to California, or from one's residence to the street, from one's fireside to the open air and the park, will miraculously make will miraculously make one a changed being in mental

moral and spiritual character. No; moral and spiritual change and growth are no thus effected; such change, varying as it may in degree of quickness, is always connected, continuous-not marked with or divided by chasms or breaks.

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound; But we build the ladder by which we rise From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies, And we mount to its summit round by round." Hammond, Ind. JAS. C. UNDERHILL.

"I WANT A REST."

So the Weary Spirit Called on the Theological Student.

SPOOK MADE FIVE VISITS-IN A DEEP SEPUL-CHRAL TONE IT BEGGED TINGLER TO GO

Lancaster, Pa.,-Victor J. Tingler, a student in the heological seminary of the Reformed Church in this city, the leading theological institution of that creed in the United States, has startled his fellow seminarians and the faculty, as well as the student body and faculty of Frank-

lin and Marshal College, by a grewsome story of ghostly visitations which he has had during the past week at his boarding house, which is located within easy distance of the classic halls of learning.

Tingler says the family and other boarders in the house fled the place a few days ago on account of nightly manifestations of a supernatural order which quite upset them, but it remained for him to come in contact with the ghostly wanderer. During the past week, he to-day informed the wrofessers and the supernatural order with the ghostly wanderer. During the past week, he to-day informed the wrofessers and the supernatural order with the ghostly wanderer. ghostly wanderer. During the past week, he to-day informed the professors and students of the seminary, he has had no less than five visits from the unearthly being, and has seen and talked with it, the ghost insisting every time that it wanted rest, and asking Tingler to accompany it from the house.

Tingler describes the apparition as being in the form of a man of shadowy substance and with a deep sepulchral voice. When the last visit occurred, Tingler says a student of Thought, and what it can Accompany to the professor of Thought, and what it can Accompany to the professor of Thought, and what it can Accompany to the professor of Thought, and what it can Accompany to the professor of Thought, and what it can Accompany to the professor of Thought, and what it can Accompany to the professor of Thought, and what it can Accompany to the professor of Thought, and what it can Accompany to the professor of Thought, and what it can Accompany to the professor of the Science, Rational Psychology to Practical Payence of Psychology to Practical Payence of Psychology to Practical Education.

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dent of Franklin and Marshall College, Ralph Zimmerdent of Franklin and Marshall College, Ralph Zimmerman, was calling upon him. The latter was standing in the doorway of Tingler's room when the light suddenly went out. Zimmerman says he heard a strange sort of conversation for a few minutes, which he was unable to distinguish, when the lamp's flame appeared as mysteriously as it had disappeared.

Tingley told his friend he had received a call from his ghostly guest, who desired his presence upstairs. The two students followed the mysterious apparition, which then supplicated Tingler to accompany him to some point where it said, "I may be at rest." Zimmerman prevailed

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Neither dead nor sleeping, but thoroughly awake to the exigencies of the times. The fact has revealed itself, that the time has arrived for new expression from the point of view from which now, with us, everything is regarded. In the old familiar hymn of long ago we heard that "God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."Yet to but few had the thought reached that this mysterious movement was the wonderful power of evolution, destined, later on, to bring forth revelations of most THREE-FOLD POWER OF SEX significant import, with a clearing of the deep mysteries by which the human race has been so affected. In the hidden recesses of the human mind, incrusted with layer upon layer of inbred peculiarities, has commenced a work, a seething of the waters, which is to bear fruit of a most man and woman. Price, 50 cents. For sale at this one of the author's most useful and instructive books. This work should be read by every man and woman. Price, 50 cents. For sale at this true and perfect quality. Nothing has been, or is now, about us, and within this inner ether, what a tremendous | which can compare with what is at hand for the immedi-

For myself, I have passed out with my true spiritual before the importance of clearly discerning the truth regarding this corresponding sphere, which is the realm of causes, while this one is the realm of effects.

Internal truth its difficult. I had immediately to set to work, like a schoolboy, to learn the alphabet for spiritual upbuilding. Apt teachers of rare experience were ready at my call to assist my too-backward mind. But for the most part I was left to my own devices to obtain the necessary knowledge.

Not a great while was I in clearing my mind of longindulged prejudices and in imbibing ideas which, like an elixir, opened to my vision vistas, of such beauty and extent as to produce the most ecstatic and reverential feelings. And I had dreaded the change, which was to crown me with a climax so far beyond human comprehension, so divinely perfect, so comprehensive of all to be de-

Not that I have as yet attained all this, for thus far I am only working towards it. But the goal can be reached and many are striving for it. As I have hinted all that seems confusing and tending towards dissolution on earth is but an expression of the unconscious in man, for some- MRS. NETTIE COLBURN MAYNARD living, by advancing the world on higher lines of thought and of action. OLIVER W. HOLMES.

HARMONY.

The waves beat high 'gainst the rock-bound shore, The lightnings flash and the thunders roar, All nature seems on some mischief bent-Destruction, at times, seems her intent.

Can this be harmony not understood? Who knoweth best, let her now tell. Listen: Our laws blend in harmony well,

Our forces are mighty, explain as we will, Combined they may be for good or for ill. Quiet and calm give a dearth to the mind, And Nature has forces and laws undefined;

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cers in charge have made a rule requir-

ing all inmates to attend Sunday wor-

ship, else go hungry. Apparently con-

scious of the pernicious teaching which

made them criminal; the prisoners

spurn a continuance of church stuffing.

It would seem the statistics of State

prisons ought to teach wardens, and

those in charge of penal institutions,

that the inculcation of creeds does not

reform offenders. The trouble is, a per-

son priest-led will not learn by observa-

tion. The preacher, in the practice of

his calling, is ever boasting of the su-

periority of his wares, and of the re-formatory character of his work. And

the thoughtless never stop to reflec

that belief contributes no part in mak-

ing men moral. The thief was none the

less a thief even if Jesus did tell him

for simply believing he was the Christ

To-day thou shalt be with me in para-

Every person reared in the church has

been taught that repentance and an ap-

peal to Jesus for mercy, however greathis sins, even at the last hour of life

will insure the offender forgiveness and

a reserved seat in the Father's man-

sions. The preacher in his desk pan-

ders to this horrible faith by begging

the unregenerate to "Come forward

now; lay aside your sins; accept the

mercy of the Saylor's atoning blood

and enter into the joys of the Lord. Defer for one hour and it may be ever-

lastingly too late, yea, for one minute

for life is uncertain and moments are

are condoned, and he joins his fellows

in begging his late associates to flee the

wrath to come, to discard their unbe-

lieving hearts, accept the faith and be

In this manner the church becomes the receptacle if the most hardened.

But rarely if ever is there any attempt at restitution for past offenses. They

are the same at heart as before the con

version, save they have become hypo

crites, and conceal under their church

This is no fancy picture. It is faithful to life, as all know who will stop to

think and investigate the subject free

INTOLERANT.

This has always been a world of dis

cord and strife. Elemental contentions

find their parallels in the social world

and in church circles. The Baptist

church at Fairview, Indiana, is terribly

agitated over the character of its mu-

sic. One party wanted an organ. If

sweet sounds delight the ears of the In-

finite, why not aid the voice of the song-

ster with artificial melody? But Deacon

Cobble entertained antique views. He

said he would rather see the space an

organ would fill in the church occupied

by a dealer licensed to sell whisky.

The organ was bought and Deacon Cob

ble, with his crazy notions, withdrew

from the church. He would not be re

an organ in aid of the human voice im

Brother Cobble was actuated by prin

ciple, as was proved a few days later,

when his sister died. She had re

quested during her last hours, that

'Nearer, My God, to Thee," should be

sung, accompanied by the organ, at her

funeral exercises. Brother Cobble could

not endure such desecration, hence he

alone and think damn. At the grave

The Progressive Thinker would be

in the society has incurred their dis-

pleasure? He who aids in fighting our

battles is entitled to our thanks, how

ever greatly we may differ on all other

of spirits. Why incumber the cause

HANDS OFF.

Governor Desha, of Kentucky, more

than a haif century ago, had a son who

was convicted of murder in that state

The governor promptly pardoned his

son and he disappeared. That son is

now the most eloquent preacher in the

Hawaiian islands. He knows the lan-guage perfectly and his greatest ser-

mons are preached in it.-News item.

And such are the leaders of the Dole

government in the Sandwich Islands,

who number about 3,000. They

usurped the machinery of government

denosed the native ruler, and are now

extremely ambitious to transfer the

islands to the United States, to the end

that they may be protected in the pos-

The subject of annexation to the

United States should be submitted to a

fair and impartial vote of every resi

dent of the islands, without regard to

color or race, who are to suffer or be

benefited by such annexation; then, if

a majority favor it Congress could

justly consider whether the United

States would be the gainer. But with

out such fair submission to the people

the true policy for a Republic is,

EFFECT OF PERNICIOUS BELIEF.

Rev. B. Breakfell, of Oskaloosa, Kan.

convicted of horse-stealing, has been

sent to the penitentiary for one year.

Rev. C. L. Berry, Presbyterian pas

tor at Pawnee, Oklahoma, has just been sent to the penitentiary for three

years for wholesale fraud and swin-

dling. Rev. Charles Green, pastor of a Bap-

tist church at Quincy, III., has been found guilty of unseemly conduct on the street and was fined \$75.

Let ex-Brother Covert continue to

bawl "Thief, thief, stop, thief," for the

ANXIOUS TO PLEASE.

"Is there no balm in Gilead?" cried

The druggist in the front pew moved

uneasily and rubbed his eyes.

"All out of it, at present," he murmured, gently; "but I can give you

Afterward he slept more peacefully.

CHARLES DAWBARN.

He closes this week an intensely in

teresting series of articles. They alone

are worth more than a year's subscrip-

tion to The Progressive Thinker, and

every reader of the paper will devoutly

bogies are on his track.

something just as good."

thank him for them.

the preacher.

-Puck.

"Hands off."

session of their stolen plunder.

sponsible for the insult to God which

cloak their former guilt.

from sectarian bias.

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POOR SHOW FOR COVERT & CO. Several letters are to hand from widely separated places in Michigan, showing the Antis are being repulsed wherever they go in that state, in attempts at organization. The movement is not of the people. There was no demand for it. It was a device of the agitators to get up an organization, wherein they would be leaders, hoping to gain employment and a large reward for their labors. They knew of the gullibility of the church. Lacking the requisite mental caliber to succeed in the ordinary way of pulpit oratory, and hell getting unpopular, they thought to set up a national organization wherein they would be at the head, to fight an almost wholly unorganized sentiment, which in fifty years has taken root and grown into mammoth proportions, bidding fair to supersede the ancient myths, which during the last thousand years have grown into Christianity.

Persecution never accomplished its end. It never will. It attempted to crush the Mormons. That Christian sect has grown stronger by the opposition employed to crush it. It will be so with Spiritualism. It has been difficult to organize the new faith into a body. because its believers have come out from all the churches, millions still remaining inside for social purposes; but pressure from without forces them into organization, that they may stand shoulder to shoulder to resist the aggressions of the enemy.

Were our counsels heeded but one bond of union would be taken into consideration in forming societies, and that a belief in a future life, and in the communion of spirits. All else is secondary, unimportant, and sources of discord. A helief in the Bible, in Jesus as the son of God, an endless hell, are secondary matters on which Spiritualists are divided, each being at full liberty and each tolerant of conflicting opinions. The Progressive Thinker has no use for these old-time teachings, neither has it an inclination to quarrel with those who entertain faith in them.

Unless we mistake the signs of the times, Messrs, Covert, Becker, Hagaman & Co. will find their own henchmen violently opposed to their guerilla methods, and will take measures to silence them, at least they will be allowed to die of inanition.

SACRED MUSIC.

Dr. Atchison, of Illinois, in the recent Methodist Congress in session in Pitts

"Sacred song in certain branches of the Methodist church has degenerated into a caricature."

The Washington Post says, "The Doctor spoke a truth which has unfortunately been self-evident for several years. The trouble is that this Sunday school music is machine-made. It is ground out to meet a demand. There are some exceptions, of course, but these are few, too few. They are oases in a dreary desert of pure balderdash and rot."

And is not very much of the church music, and the accompanying hymns, so frequently aped by Spiritualist socleties, liable to the same charge of "balderdash and rot?" Brigham Young never uttered a better thing than when he said his people could not afford to let the Devil have all the good music. He acted wisely in abandoning the dronish airs of three hundred years ago, and substituting modern secular music. Spiritual societies can borrow this idea with profit from the Mormous, and they will do so when they cease to be led by Mrs. Grundy.

MONKISH DISCLOSURE.

Joseph McCabe, who entered on monastic life in Ireland when but sixteen years of age, and who spent twelve years in that country, else in London or the English provinces under monastic discipline, has just published a work entitled "Twelve Years in a Monastery. It is said to have failen like a bomb shell in Catholic circles. The most en lightening chapter is reported to be that on the "Vocation of Monasticism.' Convinced of the falsity, the cruelty the degradation and the horror of the system, he renounced it, and the Roman church which makes such institutions possible, at the same time. A London reviewer congratulates Mr. McCabe that he is living in the Victorian age, and adds:

"If this were the age of Mary Tudor, or if the Roman Catholic church were as powerful now as then, most of us would be trooping to see McCabe fried at Smithfield."

FIRST SPIRITUAL WORK TO BE TRANSLATED INTO JAPANESE.

"What Is Spiritualism," an 8-page tract by Hudson Tuttle, of which thirty-two thousand have been circulated, is being translated by an interested Japenese scholar, and will be published in that language. We believe this is the arst spiritual work issued in that

PUSH TO THE FRONTA : One of the Southern penitentiaries is reported in rebellion because the offi-

Make the Battle Sharp; Make the Victory Decisive.

The war is on; the battle is joined; the conflict is raging; and it will yet rage more and more before it is finally

The enemy is unscrupulous, and aggressive. Our foes mean destruction to Spiritualism. Some of them are perhaps animated by sincere though mistaken reason of heir own, believing that Spiritualism is a huge fraud and delusion, based upon trickery and fraudulent manifestations. Others, just as sincere, believe there are genuine spiritual manifestations, but of evil spirits only—the vorks of the Devil; and to them the Devil is as real a personage as God is—and the Devil's power is so great and far reaching that he is approximately—so far, at least, as man on earth is concerned—omnipresent and all-know-

Another class is composed of those who aforetime practiced fraudulent "mediumship," those who deliberately and continuously practiced fraud in the name of Spiritualism—for the sake of the pitiful pelf of which they swindled people, according to their own admissions and confessions, and are now operating as exposers, etc., for the same reason—pelf.

The first two of these classes are entitled to a degree of respect, according to their honesty—and ignorance; yet with more or less abatement of that respect, in degree as their ignorance is willful and self-imposed. The third class is entitled only to our contempt and pity.

In Michigan, in Ohio, in Indiana, in other states the Anti-Spiritualists have their agents and representatives at work, endeavoring to incite organized opposition to Spir-

itualism and especially to mediums. It is a notable fact, from the accounts we hear, from the press and other sources, that the strength (and weakness) of these parties consists in persistent misrepresentation of Spiritualists and Spiritualism, and attempts to incite prejudice and animosity by playing upon the correlated religious bias and ignorance of their auditors.

MISERABLE, MORE MISERABLE, MOST MISER-ABLE.

It cannot have failed to attract the notice of any observant reader that in all the writings and speeches of the Anti-Spiritualists, there is nothing to be discovered but overflowings of theological prejudice and hate, set forth in terms of aspersion and vituperative bitterness, in which the views of Spiritualists are misrepresented, caricatured-and theologically damned. With that class. Spiritualism and fraud are synonymous terms—every medium is a dishonest trickster, and every Spiritualist a knave or a fool—on the highroad to hell; or, if not tricks, the phenomena are "the works of the Devil."

Not even a mental microscope with clairvoyant properties could espy an "argument" in their utterances. There are "miscrable" attempts at sarcasm, "miscrable" lings at Spiritualism, "miserable" epithets applied to mediums, etc., "miserable" aspersions and assertions in plenty, and a most "miserable" failure to present anyhing bearing a semblance to real argument.

Meanwhile Spiritualism, though slain by the prowess of such opposers, continues to be a very lively cadaver, and like Banquo's ghost, it "will not down."

A GREAT, GLAD TRUTH.

Spiritualism has so many good and sweet things to commend it to the judgment and the hearts of mankind, ts philosophy so commends itself to the reason as in consonance with justice, righteousness and the reasonableness of things; its doctrine (or knowledge) of the communion between the living and those who have passed beyond the veil is so consonant to the longings of loving numan hearts, it is no wonder that it is received by millions as a glad truth; and it would be received by millions more were it not for the strong hold of churchly teachings playing upon the prejudices and fears of "believers."

left the house of mourning to weep The sweet things of Spiritualism appeal to the reason, the judgment, and the longing wants of the great heart floral offerings brought to decorate the casket had to be removed to prevent a

The bigots of the church realize this, and sense the great danger to their craft, if the overflowing tide of Spirgrieved if any Spiritualist should deitualism is not checked in its course. Hence their hysmean himself as did Brother Cobble on terical efforts to "down" this rising and spreading efflux fortitude, and perished without a murthese occasions. But how much short of it do they come when they decline to
of spirit power threatening the engulfment of the apostais one of the enrilest recorded instances

The sweet reasonableness of the philosophy of Spiritualism, and its facts and phenomena demonstrating spirit continuity and return are winning hundreds and thouissues. Our bond of union is a belief in sands of church-members, and not a few ministers accept an immortal life, and the ministrations the same, quietly or openly. The churches are being with other issues? These are enough leavened by it-though many shrink from openly acwhile the enemy is gnawing at our knowledging what they know to be the truth.

LAMBS AND SHEPHERDS.

And indeed it is no wonder that the guileless lambs of he churches' flocks gambol into our green pastures; nay, more, it is no wonder that the shepherds of the flocks are straying over outside the domain of their creeds and dogmas; and tiring of the mephitic odors of orthodox toadstools, they climb over their church walls, and pluck the sweet flowers, cull fragrant nosegays, and gather beautiful cheerful bouquets from the lavish abundance growing in the garden of Spiritualism.

All these things of beauty and sweetness are so different from the things of orthodoxy-the change is like a transition from hell to heaven! The reasonableness and beauty of the Spiritual philosophy makes more apparent the unreasonableness and deformity of the orthodox theories and dogmas. The contrast is as the contrast between the radiant light of the sun at midday and the murky darkness of a slimy underground cavern, the abode of serpents, bats, toads and lizards. Among all the things peculiar to orthodoxy there is nothing lovely, sweet or reasonable, when viewed by a mind normally

free and unwarped by hideous theological teachings. We must meet and overcome the darkness and enmity of orthodoxy by spreading the heavenly light, the benign, loving influence of Spiritualism. This is the power by which we will conquer, aided as we will be by the forces of the spirit-world.

A GREAT TRUTH.

And we want to impress upon Spiritualists this great ruth: Activity on the part of Spiritualists is ever reinforced and supplemented by activity on the part of our friends and helpers in the spirit-life.

Therefore, let there be earnest effort; let Spirifualists everywhere awake and work, hold meetings and stir up a spirit of inquiry in people's minds and engage public at tention. Now, as never before—thanks to our friends, the Anti-Spiritualists-may an interest be excited in the public mind that will draw crowds eager to see, hear, and know for themselves.

Now is a time for the putting forth of special effort, to excite new interest in the public mind, to incite desire to learn, investigate, and know the real truth and facts about the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism.

And never forget that the chief auxiliary in all effort to educate the people, to spread the light, to strengthen and upbuild the cause, is an enlightened and vigorous sniritual press. Silent but effective is its work, carrying the truth to many minds unreached by the public speaker and the medium.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Though the Day Originated with Pagan Mythology

ORIGIN OF OHRISTMAS-IT WAS plous in their happiest moods. The only DIOCLETIAN BURNED CHRIS- tion altogether. TIANS IN THEIR TEMPLE-RE- ROMAN CATHOLIC OBSERVANCE JECTED BY SOME RELIGIONS.

It is too bad to destroy a popular be-lief that has long existed in the minds than in any other religious body. The day, but it is of interest to know that | istic of the Catholic festivities. Three the world is making a great festival masses are performed, one at midnight neous so far as the date of the matter is concerned.

According to the chronicler of Bible times, it was while the shepherds were cial service of song is arranged, the watching their flocks in the night that communion service is prefaced with a the good news was brought to them that in a manger at Bethlehem there creed is said or sung. had been born the babe who was to be on Dec. 25, the shepherds were in an | ures. Among these may be mentioned unenviable position, for at that time occurs the rainy season in Judea, and friends and employes, an evil that the the shepherds must have been thoroughly wet through, while the sheep were more in need of the ministering which it sprung. So much of a nuiscare of a veterinary surgeon than of the watchfulness of their keepers.

It is not to be wondered at, however, that in all these centuries there has in the dates. Some of the orthodox re-ligious people who celebrate Christmas are the survival of old pagan dirges ents, the adorning of the family Christmas tree with toys, and the illumination tivity of Christ, but must have got into of it with candles and lanterns. The bad company in its career, for the church in the early days did its best to combat the tendency to amalgamate pa-gan customs with the pure ceremonies last it became so bad that the clergy gan customs with the pure ceremonies of the church, but they would not be in a sort of Christianized form, and in all without regard to their origin. CHANGED TO SUIT CHRISTIANITY

The church has changed the songs which the heathen used at their feasts into the grand liturgy of the Christmas | been written to commemorate. feasts that were in vogue with the pa-gans have substituted the Christmas during the time of the Puritans. The church entertainments and the carols, festivity had lost altogether its religious that partake partly of the character of religion and partly of a worldy charac-

ter.
To trace the origin of the Christmas modus, who presided over the destinies gramme of the Roman court, he conceived the idea that it would be great tion. sport to shut the Christians up in their temple, close the doors on them, and then fire the place, while the court gathered around to see the fun and hear the dying screams of the martyrs. They were disappointed as to the screaming, for the Christians met their fate with of the day having been celebrated by a general festival among the Christians, and the story of their fate stands out as one of the first Christmas incident in the history of the church.

It became the fashion later to hav

Ohristian festivals, among them the feast of the Virgin, and various feasts some new, some old pagan festivals Christianized and rechristened, but under a new name, deprived of their wickedness and rehabilitated so as to make them respectable festivities, magnificent in their display, but free from the awful horrors of the heathen celebrations.

understanding in the early ages of the church as to the date when the birth of the Savior should be observed. I was left to the discretion of the leader of the various congregations. Some held the festival in May or April, while others decided that January was the

day on Dec. 25.

December had always been a popular month for such celebrations, even dur-ing the heathen age. The pagans had been in favor of the month as the best for festive purposes, because it was a "between seasons" period of the year, when it was about time to begin activ preparations for the coming season's labors, and to say good-by to the parting year with a glorious time of hilarity and a feast to the gods, who were to be propitiated so that the ensuing year gans in selecting this time as the fittes for the Christmas celebration, the great est feast of the new religion. It ha been the chief time of feasting with the Celts and Germans of the North of the known world-as then known. The great Yule feast was held during the twelve nights from Dec. 25 to Jan. 26 in commemoration of the return of the flery sun wheel. It was believed that during these dates the Germans cou trace the personal movements of their great deities, Odin and Berchta. Hence they gave up the time to thinking o their gods and flattering them wit feasts fit for gods, but partaken of b

largely upon these old German custom everything that is a survival of the old heathen customs and there will be a tremendous weeding out of what adds essentially to the enjoyment of the day. Some churches have done this. In th country that is acknowledged to be the strictest as regards the observance of the letter of religion in the world—Scot land—the stern Presbyterians refuse to accept Christmas at all as a religious festival. They are supported in this by the English dissenters, who reject Christmas as a human invention and as "savoring of papistical will-worship."

THE FAVORITE SEASON FOR Concession they will make is to regard the day as a holiday when every one should enjoy himself to the best of his ability, leaving religion out of the ques-

In the Roman Catholic Church the day is observed with more strictness of the people, but the cold historical church begins its celebration at mid-facts remain that Dec. 25 was not the night of Christmas eve, and keeps it birthday of Christ. It need make no up until the following morning with all difference to the merry-making of the the magnificent ceremonies characterout of an idea that is altogether erro- one at daybreak on Christmas day, and another in the morning. In the Anglo-Catholic Church the day is also strictly observed in its religious phase. A spe special feature, and the Athanasian

The handing down of old pagan custhe Savior of the world. If this was toms is not without its unpleasant featthe custom of giving presents to casual impecunious ones would gladly see conance has become the demand in London of the domestic servants, public servants, letter-carriers, street sweepers, and others for presents at the Christ been a considerable mixing of dates and mas time, that it has been seriously a large amount of commingling of fact considered whether or not it would be with sentiment. It has been so in the advisable to invoke the aid of Parliamanner of the celebrations as well as ment to make the giving of such pres ents an illegal act. The nuisance is not so deep-rooted in this country, but it is with sacred songs and carols will be growing and is likely to continue to shocked to learn that many of these grow so long as human nature remains unchanged.

that were the accompaniment of The singing of carols on Christmas heathen feasts. It is so with many of is another of the antique features of the the customs pertaining peculiarly to festival that has its queer side. It be-Christmas, such as the giving of pres- gan with a legitimate purpose of singing sougs in commemoration of the na-Christmas carol sank lower and lower found it necessary to forbid the singing kept out, and so they have come down of carols altogether. The merry monarchs of England combined merriment that shape receive the indorsement of and plety in such an injudicious manner as to make the carol-singing savor too much of profamity to please the pre-lates, and many of the old-time carois show a lamentable ignorance of the subject that they are supposed to have

The most dangerous period in the aspect, and was little more than a big national jollification. The Puritans squelched the whole thing by abolishing Christmas. Had the Puritans refestival to its inception is a difficult mained a power in England the Christmatter, but so far as this has been done mas festival might have succumbed it would appear that the Emperor Com- and been buried forever, but with the modus, who presided over the destinies restoration came another succession of Rome during the years 180 to 192 the jovial monarchs, and it is not to be A. D., was the first to establish a feast supposed that such a thoroughly whole-on this day. A hundred years later souled festival as Christmas would be on this day. A hundred years later bouled festival as Christmas would be Diocletian, an anti-Christian ruler of allowed to remain in oblivion. It was the Romans, while keeping court at resurrected from the obscurity into Nicomedia, heard that the Christians which the Puritans had cast it, and has were assembled in one of their churches come down to the present day with its for the celebration of their annual festival in commemoration of the birth of so closely allied that it is difficult to Christ, and, as he and his court were separate them. But Christmas has be somewhat in need of amusement that come too deep-rooted a festival of feastwould prove a variation of the highly- ing and song for any damage to be done flavored but somewhat monotonous pro- to it by reminiscent light from the dark ages regarding the origin of the celebra

> The above from the Chicago Tribune, contains important facts about Christmas which should be known to all. It will not, however, prevent the readers of The Progressive Thinker from having a good time.

THE HULL-COVERT DEBATE is sent to each subscriber. All the addresses, with the exception of the one in this issue, that have been pub-NO DATE WAS FIXED.
There seems to have been no uniform lished up to date, are contained in one paper, bearing the date on first proper month for the celebration, without particular regard to the exact date page of October 30, and of the month. A variety of causes eventually led to the celebration of the numbered in the order in which they occur. We cannot furnish to any extent back numbers of the paper, but can supply the should be as prosperous as the dying one. The Christians followed the paabove. The debate, when bye." completed, sometime in February, 1898, will be contained in two numbers of The Progressive Thinkordinary men.
The Christian church has drawn er, which will be sold for for its present day usages. Separate from the Christian festivals of Dec. 25 read the discussion. The debate comprises sixteen speeches.

"The Religion of Humanity, a Philosophy of Life." By J. Leon Benwell. casting away entirely the idea of its An interesting and thoughtful pamphbeing a time when religious fervor let. Price 15 cents. For sale at this should be at its height and the deeply office.

GUARDIAN SPIRITS.

Do They Suffer the Tortures of the Damned

Some questions from Brother Geo. F. Kittridge, in The Progressive Thinker of December 11, deserve attention. He asks, "What is the use of a guardian or watch." er, unless the subject guarded and watched is within the pale of the influence of such guardian?" etc.

I think it is evidenced in many ways, that all, or nearly all, are "within the pale" of guardian influences. It is not always necessary that the subject should be conscious of the presence and influence, to be within the pale of influence from heavenly watchers. There are many ways that mortals may be aided, protected, guided and directly or indirectly led to the light, and inspired with high incentives, by guardian angels, while they plod along unconscious of the gentle guidance of the unseen. I think there are very few, if any, who are not at times susceptible to the influence of their guardians, by direct impression, and when they cannot be so reached there are many ways by which danger may be averted and wise direction secured through associate afforts applied indirectly. It is not necessary here to detail the modus operandi of such circumstantial help, for a little observation and reason will make it apparent. There are thousands of incidents on record, and millions-no doubt-that are not recorded, illustrating this fact. The case recited of the troubled spirit, whose influence caused the medium to sob and weep, does not affect the general law as accepted in spiritual philosophy, and sustained by a "cloud of witnesses." We should always allow something for the mental influence of the medium, prepossessions, suggestions, and for the aura of the circle, or sitter, and for the imperfection of the language by which the chasm is partly bridged.

The assertion that, "I am still at home as I always was: I sit in the same old arm chair and watch them go about the house and try to have them notice me," etc., is probably incomplete. That she may do this at times and feel a struggle when realizing the distance between the two states of being, is likely; but this does not imply that she stays there continually, a silent observer, unobserved, having no companionship, and no employment for years. wasting the weary hours in helpless, hopeless efforts to make her presence known. This, if true, would make a sorry picture of the next life. But it is not true, unless it be in some rare and extreme case, involving psychic problems growing out of conditions developed on earth, by which the spirit is held a prisoner for needed discipline. Again Brother Kittridge's estimate of the relative

proportion of mediums or sensitives, (only one in one hundred thousand) is not sustained by facts, or any teachings in spiritual philosophy that have come to my knowledge. On the contrary, the evidence is abundant that at least every fourth person is in some degree a medium; and I think it may be proven that ninety-nine per cent of the human race are in some degree susceptible to these influences that modify and mould the course of human life, by the silent power of thought, will, love, suggestion, and the potential aura with which our guardian angels surround us. Of course they are not omnipotent. They cannot set at defiance the laws that govern the relations of mind and matter; nor is it claimed by the best authorities in spiritual philosophy that they are always perfectly happy. There is much evidence that they are anxious to make the way more easy and plain for correct interchange of thought and sentiment between the spiritual and mortal states of being. That they suffer much sympathetic struggle when closely allied to the old habitance, may be allowed; and even when far removed from earth it is not probable that only perpetual streams of joy flow through the Eden aisles, and baptisms of unalloyed bliss pour ceaseless music of heavenly rapture into the ecstatic consciousness forever. Some effort, some struggles must lead the way to conquests and attainments in the spiritual as in the physical life; and this is not an evil, but a blessing. No more repulsive conception of heaven can be suggested than that of eternal repose, inglorious ease, lazy "loafing around the throne," every desire satisfied; every incentive to progress paralyzed; and the sanctified spirit without a tender emotion of painful pity, or a thrill of that sweet inspiring love that moves to active effort to reach the long-imprisoned outcast, benumbed by the evil psychology of a selfish and cruel social order, and open to the shivering victim the door to the eternal dawn. There is positive happiness in struggleand the sure reward it yields. The criminal classes are victims of our social systems, barbarous governments, revengeful dogmatism, religious ignorance and intolerance, and diseased selfishness in all civil codes. They are susceptible to psychic influences from both worlds. It requires no "expert or adept in the laws governing spirit control" to enable the unfleshed to impress their presence and moral or immoral sympathics upon the denizens of earth. To produce intelligent manifestations, and messages to be understood, is another question; but the influe ence acts without any expert knowledge, or direct effort if the sympathy of spheres be established.

Crime is related to its own and is contagious. So is morality. Health is as contagious as disease. Two tuning forks having the same pitch, reciprocate motions and echo each other. It requires no expert skill to influence the second by simply striking the first. As the one vibrates so will the other. A child two years of age can produce the phenomenon as well as a skilled musician. The whole life of a criminal must vibrate in accordance with its moral pitch; and that vibration communicates by simple contact, with all who are keyed to it. If "like attracts like," the criminal freed from the body by a pious rope, or electric chair, would naturally gravitate to the same order of life, and seek the sphere of persons easily acted upon by his mental status; and even without effort. or intent, his bare presence might stimulate weak persons morally negative, to carry out the dominant tendencies of his own nature. I do not, however, share the common notion that murderers are so often the victims of obsession, except by the evil influences that inhere with our diseased social system, and the criminal aura that pervades so many haunts of perverted human nature.

But the silent help of guardian angels is, I believe, one of the most important provisions in the economy of nature, and the laws of God for the protection and uplifting helpfulness of all who grope in the valley of sense, and Subscriber, as set forth famish for the sweet bread of life and love, so abundant in the secret reserves of the human heart, and the kingfamish for the sweet bread of life and love, so abundant dom of heaven that awaits us all in "the sweet bye and LYMAN C. HOWE.

--|-|-|-|-Jesuits and Germany.

Confirmatory news has been obtained of the report that the Reichstag, when it reconvenes, will receive the naval bill and the military reform trial bill. In regard to the naval bill, however, the government will encounter strong opposition from the Center party. Through its leader, Herr Lieber, it was sought to effect an understanding with the Chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe; but the effort failed. The Center wished for a promise that the Jesuit expulsion law would be repealed, in exchange for which the Center engaged to support the naval bill. But Prince Hohenlohe flatly refused, and the naval bill can-One, at a nominal Cost, to Prince Hohenlohe flatly refused, and the nava not pass without the vote of the Center party.

The refusal of Prince Hohenlohe to agree to the demands of the Centrists was solely due to the instructions of the Emperor, who feels highly indignant at the Pope's encyclical, in which the Reformation is represented as having been an "unholy rebellion," and in which the Prussian kings are roughly handled. Severe comments on these passages have been made by many Protestant clergymen and leaders in Prussia.

"Karezza. Ethics of Marriage." By Alice B. Stock ham, M. D. Price, \$1. For sale at this office.

Daily Age: "Two thugs attacked Dr. J. C. Philips, who lives at Mt. Pleasant Park, while he was on his way home Monday night. Near Sixth street and First aveone he met two men who immediately drew revolvers, one dealing him a vicious blow with a club. Dr. Phillips grappled with them, throwing one down and making for the other, when both ran. They failed to secure any valubles from his person. The police are captured, as in the dim light their features were not recognizable.

That the Doctor "saw stars" as a re Buit of the blow with a club, is probably true, and certain that, like Saul of Tarsus, when on his way to Damascus, he saw a great light" which wrought a sudden, if not miraculous conversion. Whereupon, with the true zeal of a new convert, he forthwith proceeds to pen the following epistle:

Mt. Pleasant Park,

Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 14, 1897. Have had a change of heart since last we met. Have always been opposed to hanging in any form, but after my holdup the other night I have about made up my mind that any class of night robber that makes it unsafe for honest people to walk on the street at half-past eight p. m., or even later, the sooner the world is rid of that class I say the better for those remaining, and perhaps they if brought to a sudden stand-still in their career will look around and commence to develop their better faculties. Have just received to-day's Chicago Record, and the first is Dr. Thomas' article, "Shotgun for Robbers." which I also inclose. I fully agree with Dr. Thomas as to the manner of treatment of that class of men. With best wishes, DR. J. C. PHILLIPS.

Following is the Record's account, referred to by Dr. Phillips: Dr. Hiram W. Thomas, pastor of the

People's church, has decided views on the treatment to be accorded to the "hold-up men" of the west side. Plain shooting or hanging, he believes, would answer every purpose. Dr. Thomas himself has not been

compelled to elevate his hands while men of varying stature went through his clerical garments, but he has known people personally who have had this experience, and he has heard of others. In consequence he does not like to go ative. Then he does so the more or less misgivings and take diddle of the road by preference. The occasion, he says, he carried blver in a rear pocket of his trousers, and that he should have been compelled to carry around a death-dealing, self-cocking instrument of this character gave the pastor pain and aroused his indigna-

DR. THOMAS WANTS A SHOTGUN. Thumping his armchair to give emphasis to his words, Dr. Thomas said

last night: "There will no improvement in the condition of things until a dozen or two of the footnads are shot or hanged That is the only way. The police are not to blame, but there are not enough of them; they have their long beats to travel, and after one has rung up once at the patrol box the "hold-up man" Aknows that it will be quite a little while before he returns. If only a dozen robbers were killed there would be a big difference. It would make a big difference if they knew that citizens were armed and ready for them. they will allow me to carry around a shotgun I won't ask for police protec-

"Of course that sounds harsh, and we don't like to carry around shotguns; we would prefer to have the robbers imprisoned; but something has to be done, "When I was in western Colorado twenty-five years ago with a party of clergymen we got a little nervous about the money and jewelry we were carrying. We stopped at a cabin one night. and we spoke of this to our host. needn't be skeered,' he said, 'you can leave anything around loose and promiscuous. A man only steals once here. That is the point, you see. If some of them were strung up there wouldn't be so much of this business.

Though the writer of these lines is a man of peace, opposed to war and bloodshed, inclined to look upon hunging, etc., as a sort of legalized murder and lingering remnant of the primitive days of savagery, yet he is by no means sure that a rough experience with gentlemen of the thug persuasion would not suffice to soundly convert him to the "faith" as held by Dr. Thomas and Dr. Phillips. Notwithstanding, extenuating consid-

erations of training, environments, hereditary influence, and all the category of things that result in the formation of such thug characters, and the evil result of sending them in all their devilhishness to people the lower regions of he spirit-world, if they cannot be corralled and effectually curbed in their murderous career on earth-it is a ques tion whether it may not be best for the welfare of society that they be given an exit by any means that may prove most speedy and certain.

The graduated thug of to-day goergy his work with murder in his heart; he has no mercy nor feeling of humanity toward his victims, nor his fellow-men and by his own disregard of the rights and lives of others, he forfeits his own claim to rights and life. It is quite apropos to note in this

connection, that one of the thug gentry who was recently fatally shot by a Chicago policeman, a most desperate and hardened character who not only tried to rob but to kill, when his end drew near asked that a priest be sent for to grant him "absolution," A church that grants "absolution" to

such persons encourages thuggery: and this may account for the fact that so large a number, proportionately, of thugs, are individuals born and bred under the influences of the Romish church.

The question is, what is the best thing to be done with the thug, the can be done?

It would almost seem that the only "sudden conversion" for such characters is by the persuasive powers of a well-aimed shotgun.
Chicago, Ili. HUMANITARIAN.

"The Molecular Hypothesis of Na-By Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood. Prof. Lockwood is recognized as one of the ablest lecturers on the spiritual rostrum. In this little volume he presents in succinct form the substance of his lectures on the Molecular Hypothesis of Nature; and presents his views as demonstrating a scientific basis of Spir give to visitors. demonstrating a scientific dash of Spiritualism. The book is commended to
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SPIRIT WORK.

How Shall We Deal with A Striking Incident in Spirit Photography.

I have seen many incidents related

in our valuable paper lately in regard to "spirit photography," so maybe the little incident I am about to relate will be of interest to you. Severeal years ago I was visiting sheet after sheet in the same strain in with a family in Connecticut who had never even heard of Spiritualism, but one day we were talking about the many strange happenings in this world, when my friend arose, and, going to the bureau drawer, unwrapped a photo and handed it to me. The instant I took the card in my hand, I commenced to shake and chatter my teeth as if in an ague. "Why," I said, "what does this mean, and why do I feel so strangely?" This is what I saw: A working on the case though there is fine picture of my friend, but just back little prospect that the offenders will be of him with a hand on his shoulder,

steed a most levely looking old lady, her face wreathed in smiles; by her side stood a tall, stalwart-looking man in uniform, while perched on his shoulder was a little girl apparently about two years of age.
"Well," my friend replied to my ques

tion, "that lady in the group is a fine picture of my saint mother. She would never have a picture taken when on this earth, and when she left us we all felt very badly to think we had none. That man is my oldest brother. The last time I ever saw him we drank our coffee together one morning before a hard battle. I never saw nor heard of him afterward. The little girl sitting on his shoulder is my little one that died two years ago."

"But," said I, in much surprise, "then how came you in possession of such a remarkable picture as this?"

"That question," replied he, "calls for a story, and I think even you will acknowledge it to be one of this world's mysteries. About a year since, I went to Bosion, Mass., to visit my sister. One day when passing a studio I felt some one take me by the arm and pull me into the door and up two flights of stairs. I could not see any one, nor could I apparently help myself, but was pulled through a door into the studio. The artist came forward and asked if I wanted some pictures taken. Now, that idea had not entered my mind before, but some one seemed to answer for me, 'Certainly.'

"Soon as the artist had developed the plate, he turned to me, quite excitedly, and exclaimed: 'For God's sake, who are you? A Spiritualist?

"No,' I replied, 'why do you ask that foolish question? What is the matter?"
"Just look at that negative,' said he, and tell me who those are back of your picture, and what can it mean? "One glance was sufficient. 'Why,' those are my mother, my

brother and child.' "I was thunder-struck, but, oh, so pleased to have their picture, and all the relatives and friends must have one too, and all considered them unusually fine portraits. Now, what it means I am unable to say, but it does seem as if they must have been there in order to have their pictures taken; it also shows that they are in each other's company over there, and they must have known our desire to have their pictures; but who was it that led me into that picture gallery, if it was not some spirit power? I do not understand it, but I surely have proof that the denizens of the spirit world can return and have their pictures taken.

MRS. L. M. DARLING. Eustis, Fla.

Michigan Christian Advocate

To the Editor:-A short time ago Brother C. S. Tisdale wrote to the Michigan Christian Advocate, asking a few questions which were answered in the next number of said paper, and which I copy for publication in The Progressive Thinker for the edification of its read-

1. Do you endorse the policy pursued by Rev. W. R. Covert, of St. Louis, Mo.,

A. We could not answer without knowing very particularly about the association's work, and we know little or nothing concerning it. 2. Do you approve of the religious

persecution of your brothers that differ from you? A. Certainly not.
3. If Spiritualists are an immoral

class of people, would it not be best for Christians to set them a good and worthy example by refusing in any manner to patronize the tobacco and liquor trades? A. They should, and in multitudes of

cases they do, furnish a worthy example not only in this respect, but in others as well. 4. Is it right for Christians to sell

quilts, watches, bicycles, etc., by means of ticket-selling lottery? A. No-it is gambling.

We see from the above that the Christian church as a whole is not in close sympathy with the Covert-Hagaman twaddle. It is certainly in some cases very conservative in the matter, and I don't believe the Antis are receiving very substantial aid from the churches.

I have not been able to sit down and at one sitting read the arguments presented by Mr. Covert, if any were pre-sented, contained in The Progressive Thinker, without feeling utterly M. M. COMSTOCK. Wheatland, Mich.

The Lyceum.

It is with pleasure we are able to announce the appearance of a paper especially devoted to the interests the Lyceum. It has been a long-felt want by those engaged in Lyceum work, but the demand has not warranted the publication, and there has been no fund devoted or subscribed for its sustenance, as is the case with the churches, who have made it their first business to supply papers for their Sunday-schools. It is not expected by the publisher of the Lyceum that it will be self-sustaining for a long time. He is a practical printer, owns his own printing house, and engages in the work as a labor of love. He has seen its neces sity and taken it up.
It has always been the fact in the

spiritual field that every journal has been launched and sustained by individual enterprise and sacrifice. Those that have depended on other aid have perished. To Mr. Thomas Clifford, Cleveland, O., the Lyceum cause owes the publication, and he promises to send out the newspaper for a year, at least, whatever may be the support it recelves.

There has been a constant inquiry for a paper, lesson leaves, etc., from Lyceum worders, who felt the need of help in the labors as supplementary to the Lyce n Guide and Manual. The newspaper i oposes to supply this want and become horgan of communication between the various societies. Now, that Mr. Clifferd has come forward generously to furnish the publication, the Lyceums should respond by taking one copy for each member and a few to

SEARCH AFTER GOD. When They Find Him, He is Not There.

When I notice that there are so many thinking men in search after God, it reminds me of the solemn past in the "auld lang syne," when Brother Francis, a young ex-Kansas editor, wrote sheet after sheet in the same strain in of a century has passed since then, and or a century has passed since then, and still the old warriors in the Spiritualistic field are claiming that "God is spirit," "Spirit is God," "God dwells in man," "God is an infinite spirit," "God is the creator of all things," etc.; while these man would not wich to be called these men would not wish to be called superstitious, but what are they? If we go beyond the knowable, we are on superstitious ground. The astro-theologians and ancient mythologians were less superstitions than our modern idealists and metaphysicians, in this, that they worshiped only the knowable; they worshiped the planetary bodies, the seasons, the attributes, etc.; now if these old students of modern times are sure what God is, let them prove it, and affix a sworn statement to this effect; and if need be, present their proof be fore any legalized tribunal of the land, and obtain a patent on their new-found

If we ever needed a god, we need him right now in this restless age; and in these last democratic times, we needed him badly. Not the Olympian God of Sports, nor flie warring god of the Northmen, nor the revengeful god of the Israelites, nor the geographicallyignorant god of the other Semilic races, nor the jealous God of the Christians, nor the Presbyterian God who predestines some of his children to everlasting fire, nor do we even want the Methodist God of love, but we need a god that can make man more manly and women purer and nobler-men and women who can stand on their own feet without leaning on policy here and society and church there; men and women who dare to do right, who will be natural and aspiring in their thoughts and acts; who defy the world with its fashions and follies, and who will cheerfully lend a hand and heart to elevate a fellow-mortal. We need the inspiration from such a god; and we need books which teach the A B C of a true life, until the ones who were born within a creedal cowl can understand logical ideas of a higher philosophy.

Now with reference to an all-pervad ing God-idea, where are we? As far from its solution as ever. Man must first cultivate a clear brain in a healthy body, then he can reason clearly, and inwrought superstitions will drop, one at the time. This is far more necessary than to speculate whom God is, and what he is doing this cold December night. The Christians believe that God is everywhere-in heaven, in hell, in the United States Congress and in jail; among the assemblages of the brightes and ablest men of the world, and in the lowest hovels; in the houses where they worship him, and in among every gang of criminal miscreants; in fact, it is nature itself, but the theologians wouldn't swap their God for forty-nine

Now the God-idea is undoubtedly a self-created identity, for ever since the dawn of intellect, man meditates about the grand forces around him, and in earlier stages of human lives, if made an impression of fear; later, the deification of attributes and Nature's forces culminated in the worship of one, and fear of another of presumably dual forces; which undoubtedly was caused by the seemingly dual aspect or appearances; such as light and darkness. heat and cold, goodness and badness, summer and winter, etc., till at this age, amongst the most advanced worshipers, a unit has been decided upon by common consent, although their books contain the old form of dual exstences. I do not here wish to mention their savior, as the unthinking ones in all ages have believed in saviors, and his colleagues in the Anti-Spiritual-ist Association? beliefs in this respect; but I desire to trace the birth of the God-idea, and with this purpose in view, I will mount he crest of these grand old Rocky Mountains, and view the world at large see this earth with its striving breadwinners, aboriginal drones, and men of ease, revolving with regularity around itself and its central sun. I see other and larger planets in our solar system do the same. I see the causes of rain and of drought. I see no accidents-all things so termed have their causes. I see waves of war and waves of peace; waves of discontent and waves of harmony, while the causes to it all have just preceded. I see how harmoniously every orb is earnestly pursuing its regular course, and how grandly all are developing with age, from the molecu lar atom to worlds advanced far beyoud the status of our earth. Looking out beyond our solar system, I see myr iads of suns, of whom each undoubtedly has its solar system, judging by our own, and find harmony, growth and death everywhere. Certain causes produce certain effects, and said effects in time become causes for other effects; and thus the world moves, if viewed finitely or as a grand universal whole One stands in holy awe and wonder when meditating this grand universe, and the mighty Nature's forces which eternally are at work. We cannot fathom the eternal law of motion, the consequent electric forces, nor even the ultima of a single planet amongst the myriads of constellations. Eternity seems pictured on every form, and one feels in his soul, "In the Grand Eternal there can be no First Cause." Order and law is everywhere present, and the harmonious beauty permeating every motion makes man stand in sacred admiration and adoration, and the utterances of feeble words in prayers and praise would be a holy mockery, for words are inadequate to express the sublimity of this universal grandeur, while he feels like worshipping these grand forces-happy in being one atom in this universal whole; and thus the God-idea was formed in an age of rea-

> gods, as they deemed the tumult of the elements caused by some personality, not understanding the electrical causes of thunder, and the storms caused by motion, forms of hd and temperatures. Now it is but one step from the sublime to the ridiculous, and but one step from the knowable to the supposable. The Exquimaux have a man and a woman god; but who rules the universe none pretend to know; and we must be content to judge by actual experience, each for himself. The Christians have god on a sapphire-studded throne, while his opponent is running a furnace in the basement; and as they did not show their reports for the last fiscal yeaf, I am in doubt who had the most customers, and who did the most business. The Buddhists don't fear their god nor death, as their mediators take care of that end of the string, and will rule them there as they did here. The Brahmins, like the Mormons, are laying

such one of a different stelpe. The Liberal thinks that his god, is the great First Cause. When he sads him, he may report for the information of anxloui inquirers

Well, in fact, I wouldn't be a god or Jehovah in these days, even if I were elected by a great plurality, for they would use my name in swearing, in praying, in begging, and blame me for everything which established laws of Nature were the main cause of. The Nebraskan would blame me for the drought, and the Chinese for their flood, and all would, blame, me for mismanagement.
Pocatello, Idaho.

GOOD RESULTS.

We extract the following from a communication by J. A. Newcomb, of Ko-The town of Kokomo, Ind., has

number of citizens who are avowed Spiritualists, and many more who are investigating in an earnest, honest and intelligent manner. At my home on Sunday evening Nov. 28, there were gathered sixteen people. A circle was formed, composed of three

mediums, a few believers and the others seekers after the truth. Mrs. Maggie Vestal, a trumpet medium, of Anderson, Ind., was the presiding genius. The conditions were good and the results extremely satis-

factory. The materialization took place in a room scarcely darkened and the forms were easily distinguishable, while nearly all of the members of the circle

received tests. A materialized spirit representing himself as John Harter, and a millwright, refused the aid or assistance of the trumpet; placed it in the hands of one of the party present, and in a loud and clear voice gave a description of the different conditions which a spirit passes through after it leaves the body, stating emphatically that at last it becomes so etherealized that it never re turns to the the earth. He also gave the name of the woman whom he mar ried and said that years ago he lived in Kokomo.

On the evening of the 80th, a circle was held at the residence of Mr. S. W. Hart. I was unable to be present, but he reports very satisfactory results. Again on the 31st a seance was held at the home of Mr. J. W. Whittaker, an investigator, and here, as before, the results were convincing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cripe joins in an en-

dorsement of Mrs. Vestal. Any society needing a medium, would do well to secure this lady.

The field in Kokomo is unworked. Good inspirational and test mediums would be received with open arms.

PSYCHOGRAPHY.

Experiment Under Full Light Without a Table.

On December 8, there gathered at the rooms of Prof. Fred P. Kvans, No. 42 W. Newton street, twelve adults who sat in a haif circle. After a discourse by the professor, Mrs. Evans gave de scriptions that corresponded perfectly with the excarnate friends of those

The Professor then took four slutes, cleaned them, and wrote the following in chalk across the surfaces: Berry, Searls, Whitney and Andrews on one pair and handed them to Mr. Whitney. He held them vertically, standing under the lights in the center. On the other pair were written the letters A B C and D. These were handed to Mrs. Berry who also stood in the center with Mr Whitney. Prof. Evans then took a sent beside F. F. H. In about ten minutes, Prof. Evans asked Mr. Whitney and Mrs. Berry to show the slates. Eleven of us had fine messages, all signed by the names of our excarnate friends and relatives, and incidents establishing truth and purport. Some of the writings were in colors, and one, that of Francis Harding, in seven tints. These writings were so finely executed that a glass was necessary to read easily. The writing came over (not under) the chalk name of Berry on one pair, and C on the other, thus proving the identity of

We were all pleased, as this was the last of a series of similar phenomena that we have attended during his stay in Boston. Prof. Fred P. Evans as an able exponent of psychography demands the esteem and respect of the thinking world.

F. F. HARDING. Somerville, Mass.

Fiftleth Wedding Anniversary.

To the Editor:-Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shepardson, of Marlow, N. H., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day, December 7. They have been earnest and zealous Spiritualists from the "Rochester rappings" to the present. They were converted to Spiritualism through Mr. Shepardson's mediumship, who was an automatic writing medium. Through their efforts spiritual meetings were held in their town. Many of the old pioneers will recall the happy hours spent in their home, while teaching the glorious truths of Spirit-ualism to the people. They were subscribers to the Univercoelum, and the various spiritual journals and books are found in their parlors. There were more than fifty children, grand-children and relatives present at the celebration, several of whom were in the eighties.

The following poem: was composed

and read by their daughter, Mrs. J. W.

Kenyon, of Cambridgeport: Hail, all hail the happy day, Golden be each sunset ray, Golden, too, the beams of light Which at morn dispels the night; Golden be each passing hour As if laden with rich dower, Golden gifts in bright array, Crown your golden wedding day. son, while the ancients feared their Fifty years of married life, Years of countless blessings rife, Years of peace and sweet content, Years with little to lament. Many sorrows have you seen, Many trials there have been, But what sweetness they have lent To the blessings God hath sent. Silver locks crown furrowed brow. Steps once quick are slower now, Yet how like the whitening grain Ripening on the furrowed plain; Never have ye seemed so fair. Never such a goodly pair As to-day; though youth hath fled, Glorious crown is hoary head. Children, friends and kindred dear. Children's children gathered here, All give thanks in grateful song, That your days on earth are long. Thanks we give to those above, God the Father, for his love,

> "After the Sex Struck?" By George

And dear ones in their home of light,

We welcome you all to-night.

A Dead Father's Face. James Stewart, of Saginaw, Mich. relates a strange story in connection with the death of his father, Duncan

Stewart, at Detroit. He says:

was startled by a bright light overhead and looking up, the face of my depart-ed mother appeared before me. I was about to say 'mother' to her when I noticed the face of my father close to hers. My mother's face looked bright while my father's appeared very pale and wore a grave expression. I felt at once that he had passed away and a moment after the dear faces grew in distinct and I watched them until they faded away. I lay quiet for a moment, dazed at what I had seen and knew that it was no hallucination, as I was wide awake at the time. I asked my wife if she had observed a light in the room and she replied 'No.' I then related what I had seen and she said, they are reunited at last.' I got a light and looked at the clock to note the time, and said it was a few minutes after five. Shortly before 6 o'clock I was called to the 'phone and the first words I heard were: 'Is that you, Brother James?' I answered and my brother Duncan, of Detroit, said: 'Father is dead; he died a few minutes after five.' I said: 'I knew it,' and he asked, 'How did you know it?' I then related what I had seen and he said, 'It is very strange.' I don't pretend to account for this, for I am no believer in Spiritualism and am not superstitious, but the occurrence has produced a strong impression on my mind that there is some connection between this world and the next when dear ones will thus reappear to us."

SLIGHTLY JEALOUS.

They Feel Slighted because the Antis Have Coldly Passed Them By.

Grand Ledge, Mich., is comparatively safe from the attacks of the Antis so long as the Devil's headquarters (camp) is located here. They came near enough to smell the sulphurous fumes, and like all vermin that have a horror of disinfectants, came just "close enough to be comfortable." We feel here, as though We feel here, as though we had been slighted after hearing and seeing some of the greatest exposers of spirit phenomena. Every exposer who exposes here, leaves the situation as to spiritual phenomena in far better condition than before the attempt, and Port land, our neighboring city, twelve miles distant, is to be congratulated in having a genuine expose, right from the fount-ain head of "pure, undefiled, sanctinu-nious faith," and we are feeling somewhat jealous over the matter as to why they should go to a little town like Portland, with only one railroad, while we have two railroads and withal, a great big stamping-ground whereon all the big and little devils do congregate and do all manner of profane tricks to fool the eye, ear and general sensibilities, as seems to them best, and to the discomfiture of all "ye goode and sanctified of

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Inasmuch as organizing societies is a very important feature at the present, and all the time for that matter, I would like to state to all those who contemplate organizing, and wish for a speaker or medium to arouse interest to that end, they can do no better than to call upon Mr. A. A. Finney, trumpet medium, of 642 Lafayette street, Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Finney is far above the average in this particular phase, and I do not hesitate to say, the best medium in our state for satisfactory results. Many people are misled in regard to this line of mediumship, as being a dark seance with no results but the strumming of musical instruments and a discordant pandemonium of noise, lights, touches, etc., but whoever has the good fortune to sit in his scance, if honest themselves, will never regret the time or money spent in so doing. Mr. Finney will sit under any test condi tions imposed, that are reasonable.

Mr. Finney held seances here during the week November 29 to December 3, and all who had the pleasure of his se ances were very pronounced in their gratification of results. He invariably chooses some strange lady or gentleman to hold his hands while the manifestations continue, and while from two to five distinct spirit voices, independent of trumpet are talking to that many friends and giving undoubtable tests of their existence and presence. It would require too much space to give in de-tail the grandeur of these scances; they are simply immense, and through his efforts, a great many societies have been organized in Michigan and Indiana. Mr. Finney is very reasonable in charge for services, and whoever em-ploys him will make no mistake in the perfect gentleman and A-No. 1 medium. will not say as do a great many, When I find an honest medium, I like to let others know of him or her," because this conveys the idea to the uninitiated that honest mediums are a very rare commodity. I shall prefer to say When I know a medium who is fully developed and able to go before the public to be investigated, it is a very great pleasure to recommend him. J. P. RUSSELL.

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We take pleasure in stating that Mrs. Adeline M. Glading's work in Wikesbarre, Pa., during the mouth of Novemher was so phenomenally successful that the Wyoming Valley Psychic Society have unanimously elected her as Mrs. Mary Arnold Wilson, and Mrs. their pastor. She returns to them next November. Her dates are full up to June 1899.

Della B. Platt writes from Battle Creek, Mich.: "Mrs. Marian Carpenter, of Detroit, gave a very instructive lecture last Monday evening to a crowded house. Her tests were fine and all rec-

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more things required in life than eat- she will speak upon "Sealed Orders." ing, and one of them for me is The Progressive Thinker, where each page and every column is full of good things of winter.—Lansing, Mich., paper. great importance."

H. A. Budington writes that Mrs. Helen Palmer Russegue, of Hartford, Ct., delivered two fine addresses before the Church of the Spirit, Springfield, Mass., December 12. She will speak there again on Sunday, the 26th. Mrs. Carrie F. Loring, of East Braintree, Mass., will speak for this society, December 19.

Paul Alexander Johnstone, the mind same time he is going to try to beat the record for globe-trotters. "I have made arrangements for the trip," said Johnstone, at his hotel in Kansas City. "A great many of my friends have tried to persuade me to give up the idea, but I do not think I shall. Of course it will be a great strain on me mentally and physically. So far my plan is to have the President or some high official in Washington start a packet of letters around the world, and after it has been rone about three weeks I will be blindfolded and start to follow it. The blindfold will not be removed from my eyes during the entire trip, and I will Mich.: "The First Society of Spiritual follow the packet and try to overtake it. ists has elected new officers, and we I think I can do this."

Geo. Campbell writes: "There is work for missionaries in British Columbia. There should be associations in every city, and all working under the N. S. A. In union there is strength. Only by our united efforts can we gain national in-Great work ahead for the true, faithful and enthusiastic workers in the cause. There should be no fall-ing back into cool indifference until every city and township in the United States and Canada has an organization; again united with state and provincial associations. We have towns and cities in British Columbia with a population from 1,000 to 20,000. Missionaries wanted now; the way will be open for the honest resident mediums who could make their homes here. A good circuit could be established here at present between our four largest cities. Populaion as follows: Nanaimo, from 4,000 to 5,000; New Westminster, from 6,000 to Vancouver and Victoria, about 20,000 each. Very mild winters and cool summers. Steamships going to Alaska and the Yukon country call here for coal, and gold miners get their supplies in three of these cities. Big traffic expected next spring. A great rush of eople going to the gold fields, therefore the poulation and the trade will increase in these cities."

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> Jennie Hagan Jackson writes that the State Convention of Spiritualists of Texas was well attended and a fine success. Mr. Allen F. Brown, president; Mr. Kneeshaw, the regular speaker at Houston; Mr. John Ring, of Galveston; convention for lectures, poems, psychometric exepriments, etc. The singing and music were very fine, under the dimuch with her singing, and her lecture was a beautiful production. Mrs. Jack-son lectured and improvised as usual; the audience was well pleased with her inspired utterances. Judge Locke Mc-Daniel, of Houston, gave greetings of welcome to the delegates. Mr. Saunders

Den skandinaviske Spiritualisten, has gave a fine talk, and is an earnest work-changed its name to Nya Tiden (The Rev. All the societies have lyceum work. New Era). experience it was no case of imagination when his grandfather appeared to him in full form materialized, in the daytime, also at another time in lamp-Their services can be secured to object its and charter societies in any part of light. He has also seen other spirit the sinte. They have May and June forms, and cannot doubt that spirits

can and do return and manifest. T. J. Warren writes from Belding, Mich.; "We have just organized and will elect officers on the 16th. It is our purpose to engage in the work for the benefit and advancement of all seekers after truth. We will start in with a membership of 25 or 30, while there are great many anxious to investigate. L. P. Mitchell, of Wheeler, Mich., has given several materializing seances here, which have been very satisfactory, from 18 to 32 forms coming from Mrs. Sprague for a few lectures, and the cabinet, shaking hands and talking during that time, December 3, they or with their earthly friends. The writganized an association to be known as er's sister, who went out eight years the First Spiritualist Association of ago, appeared and shook hands, talked Winchester. The following officers with me, and was so perfect in every rewere elected: President, Tyre Puckett; spect that Spiritualism is no longer a

Mrs. L. M. Hoffman suggests that Col. Ingersoll should be able to discern the ments in the world, animate and inan-

Mrs. J. W. Kenyon writes from Cambridgeport, Mass.: "Mrs. J. W. Kenyon has been very busy lecturing and giving tests in Haverhill, Lowell, Fitchburg, Lynn, Plymouth, Boston and many other places. She is called one of the best test mediums in New England. have spoken in all the above cities. We have calls in Attleboro, Fitchburg, Pawtucket, Bell River and other places. Societies desirous of our services can address us at 265 Prospect street, Cambridgeport, Mass."

The old city hall has been very nicely remodeled for the Spiritualist society of the city, and was, last evening, dedicated with appropriate exercises, a large number of interested persons being present. Through the courtesy of Fitzsimmons and Mrs. H. J. Downey the hall was elaborately decorated with pouquets and the mantel and platform were banked with potted plants and flowers Mrs. Anna Robinson, of Port Huron, was the speaker of the evening and de livered an excellent address upon "True Spiritualism and Its Benefits to Humanity." Meetings will also be held at 7 o'clock this and to-morrow evenings and will be addressed by Mrs. Robiln son. This evening her subject will be Wheels," after which she will give spir Mrs. R. R. Jones writes: "There are it descriptions. To-morrow She has been engaged to deliver one address a month in this city during the

Mrs. Loe F. Prior commenced her sec ond engagement with the Society of Spiritual Science, in Atlanta, Ga., in November. Large audiences of our best people attend her very eloquent and instructive lectures every Sunday evening. She also gives excellent tests at the hall every Thursday evening, and i creating an intense interest in the grand truths of Spiritualism. Many of our most prominent citizens, professional reader, says he is going to take a trip men and students are manifesting great around the world blindfolded. At the interest in Mrs. Priors's wonderful psr-

chical powers. The First Spiritual Church of Roch ester, N. Y., has elected the following officers to serve the ensuing year: A. K. Sisson, president; Mrs. R. H. Joslyn, rice-president; L. Dustin, treasurer; Geo. A. Ferris, secretary. The Young People's Spiritual Institute has elected an active corps of officers, with Geo A Ferris, president, and Fred W. Harwood as the secretary. The Y. P. S. I. in Rochester is doing a good work for the local cause.

C. J. Harris writes from Lansing have a gem of a hall. Any good speak er out of employment, can speak in our Temple on Sundays for the collections."

Major Bitters writes: "Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, of Jamestown, N. Y. attracted large audiences at the Spiritualist church in Rochester, Ind., during November. Mr. Sprague is one of the most forceful and successful advocates on the spiritual rostrum and he is accomplishing much for the glorious cause. Mrs. C. D. Greenamyer, of Cincinnati, is with us this month, and the church people hear her with gladness.' Prof. N. H. Eddy writes: "Lyman C.

Howe is occupying the rostrum of the First Spiritual Church of Buffalo, N. Y., for December. He is a true and nole worker in behalf of Spiritualism. His inspirers clearly elucidate its principles and truths, also inspire and awaken an interest in the minds of his hearers that leads them into the deeper channels of its philosophy. The subject Sunday evening was 'Theories and Facts Relative to the Phenomena and Philosophy of Spiritualism,' giving a very interesting discourse concerning same His inspirers clearly demon strated their ability to set forth an explanation of the theories and facts pertaining to Spiritualism in a manner that interested his audience and impregnated he minds of same with the facts that Spiritualism is not all theory, but that

there are demonstrated facts to prove

lead all scarchers for this knowledge into those principles, which by their adherance to same, directs them into channels of understanding and higher unfoldment with possibilities of eternal progress. Mr. Howe previous to the lecture, gave a very interesting account of obtaining a picture of his daughter in spirit. It is a treasure of priceless value o him, a soul comfort."

B. Chapel writes from Waverly, N. Y. that Albert Sawin has been doing some good work there as lecturer and me-

J. W. Dennis writes: "Mrs. S. Augus ta Armstrong, of Buffalo, N. Y., will go to Washington, D. C., in February, 1898, and would like engagements en route. She has done well in her series

of lectures here in Buffalo." Mrs. E. Cutler, trance and test me dium, says she will be in Wakefield Mass., some time in January. She would like to make engagements with socie Will go on liberal terms and help build up the weak by giving benefits. Readings from flowers brought by the audience. Faces and names form in the flowers. Address her at 208 Northampton street, Easton, Pa.

Sallie B. Higgins writes: "The fair pages of The Progressive Thinker must still be a welcome visitor, made so by the power it conveys through its colmans, and the hope it brings into the homes of our truth-loving people."

Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, who is entertaining the Spiritualists of the South Side very acceptably, writes: "Glad to see such an interest taken in the report of the Hull-Covert debate. Many call were made for your valuable paper last Sunday after the last num-ber had been sold, and I anticipate the number sent to the hall hereafter will be increased. We need not fear the enemy, although they may cause some annoyance. I fear no serious results. My guides prophesied this movement some three years ago, and many times urged the Spiritualists to band together, as the theosophists had done, and send their workers to every city, village and town, thereby forming a "belt of truth" around the entire universe. Our society at 77 Thirty-first street continues to flourish, having full houses every Sunday and Friday evenings. More names have been added to the roll of membership, and from the interest taken we feel that the soldiers of truth are increasing daily, and that the "Puffball Anti-Spiritualist Society" will soon be a thing of the past, having been stamped out of existence by the firm foot of Justice. I sincerely rejoice at your increase of subscribers, and hope the dol lars will continue to roll in, for no Spiritualist, or even disbeliever, can afford to be without The Progressive Thinker. wish to inform my many friends through your valuable paper that I have re-engaged with the society for January, 1898, and until further notice will be located at 3001 Vernon avenue, Chicago, Ill."

T. H. Peck writes; "I see the Spiritualism exterminators are on the defensive. I am no prophet, but I will make the prediction that they will become self-exterminators before they get through. Their movement will be the beginning of the end of the orthodox religion in all the enlightened parts of the world. The Bible did pretty well as long as the people were kept in ignorance, but since Moses Hull has thrown his great search light upon it the old book of ages will soon fade into nothingness. With Robert G. Ingersoll to clear away the orthodox rubbish. Spiritualism will sweep the enlightened

Mrs. W. A. Lindsey writes: "The Sun-light Centre Band" held a business neeting at 1413 N. Artesian avenue. De cember 16, which was largely attended by the officers and members. Much good work was accomplished. Twentytwo new members were enrolled and welcomed by the society, as a result of the effectual work of the committee an pointed at our meeting June 1, to solicit new members for the Sunlight Center Band. It was also decided that the headquarters or the place of meeting should be at the home of the general secretary, Mrs. W. A. Lindsey, 1413 N. Artesian avenue, until a hall should be procured in which to transact business The meeting adjourned to meet again January 15, 1898, at 8 p. m. All are invited to join this band and assist in this good work, as it is the purpose of this society to strengthen the bonds of love and power between this mortal sphere and the spirit world, which must be done through the unison of souls here below as well as by those on high."

Mrs. Nellie Barnes, an excellent me dium now residing in New York, writes "While Spiritualism is not in such flourishing condition in New York as should be expected of the largest municipality in the United States, still the mediums and workers generally are striving to keep the movement ever in the upward direction, and hope to yet friumph over the obstacles which seem to have little rational reason for exist ence. Much of the anathy and indifference unfortunately prevalent might be dissipated were there a larger number of mediums here to present our grand truths in the varied phases; but to accomplish much speedily would require the strenuous efforts of more exponents of the various phases of mediumship than could find the means of subsist ence. Proselyting on an empty stomach is an arduous and discouraging labor. I have been holding materializing se ances here, No. 210 West 21st street just two years, and I hope to continue, to the very best of my ability, this beau tiful demonstration of spirit return Please find enclosed one dollar, sub scription for The Progressive Thinker Your splendid paper puts me in close touch with my earthly friends, even hose of the farthest West whom I hope o meet personally before so very many

moons shall have passed." Mr. Thomas, secretary, writes: "The First Spiritual Society of Horton, Mich. opened services in October, with Mrs Emily P. Beebe as speaker. They oc cupy the Horton church, promulgating the truths of Spiritualism and the facof spirit return, from the same pulpid where Prof. Hagaman denounced Spir itualism last spring and called mediums all sorts of vile names. The good Meth odist friends have been very kind; they get kindness in return. The world doe

move, thanks to the heavenly force." Mrs. S. C. Scovell, speaker for the Spiritual Science Society of Peoria ends intelligence to her family of the death of her father, Judge Wm. Cave, of Galena, Kansas. Mrs. Scovell wa called to the bedside of her father two weeks ago, and has been in constant at tendance until his death, which took place on Thursday at 9:30 p. m. In the absence of Mrs. Scovell, her pulpit at Spiritual Science Hall, 205 Glendale avenue, will be occupied next Sunday night by Mr. Jacob Rummell.-Evening

Star. Farmer Coates has been holding se ances at Urbana, Ill. The Courier of that city, says: "Voices were heard speaking through the trumpets, some of them being, or claiming to be, deceased relatives of many jersons present A large music box, playing a tune. floated around the room above the heads of the auditors, as did likewise a guitar on which 'thrumming' was made but no time was played. Faint lights (Continued on page 8.)

Melbourne, Australia.

SPIRITUALISM WOULD BE

untrue to its divine origin, if it failed to exhibit its obedience to the universal law of development. It is, indeed, the product of development; because it is the crown and consummation of all science, of all art, of all literature, of all

philosophy, and of all religion. FIRST AS REGARDS SCIENCE. Ever since man began to investigate the laws of nature, he has occupied himself almost exclusively with her external phenomena—with visible things, and with their causes and effects. But Spiritualism teaches him that matter is only a manifestation of the Infinite Mind; that everything we behold is a thought of God, clothed upon with a material form: that what we suppose to be substantial is merely a fugitive appearance or symbol of the essential that there is an invisible and eternal life in the atom of gas, in the grain of

sand, in the seed of a flower.

NATURE IS VITAL in every portion of her magnificent domain; and what we mistake for death, in the plant, the animal, or the human being, is simply transformation, and a sign of evolution from a lower to a higher form of life, Spiritualism further teaches us, that everything we behold in the material world has pre-existed in the spiritual world; this being the world of causes, while our own is the world of effects. Here, we are surrounded by fugitive shadows. There, we shall be in the presence of the en-during realities. So that there is a profound truth in the words of Paul, that "the invisible things of God, from the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made."

AND THUS, NATURE is a great lesson-book; on the ever open pages of which ,we may read the descriptive forecast of the innumerable objects of beauty, grandeur, majesty and loveliness, which will move us to admiration, rapture and gratitude in the after life. These are all prefigured, although only faintly prefigured, upon earth. Everything that excites our wonder: that kindles within us the perception of beauty, and at the same time provides for its exquisite gratification, while we are sojourners here, is but the dim forshadowing of the glorious and eternal landscapes by which we shall find ourselves surrounded in the magnificent hereafter.

THE ANCIENT GREEKS

entertained much saner and truer conceptions of the future world, than the modern Christian. For they believed that the souls of the virtuous proceeded, after death, to the Elysian Fields; where, amidst bowers of unfailing verdure, purling streams, musical waterand flowery mendows, they passed a life of eternal happiness, enveloped in a soft, balmy and fragrant atmosphere, surrounded by those who had been most endeared to them on earth; and delighting in the society of the wisest and best men and women of all the ages. In this enchanting region, the spirits of the blessed pursue whatever innocent and beneficent occupations they had followed upon earth: and the mental activity of the lower tate of being, is perpetuated, ennobled, elevated, and refined upon, in the

HOMER AND VIRGIL.

I cannot doubt that both Homer and Virgil were inspired, when they penned their descriptions of the Elysian Fields; the accuracy of which has been confirmed, in our own times, by the testimony of thousands of visitors who come to us from thence; and whose trustworthiness is established by the fact of their perfect agreement upon all essential points; differences of detail being satisfactorily explained, by the difference of the plane upon which they stand; as determined by the nature of their spiritual growth on earth. SECONDLY AS REGARDS ART.

Its spiritual development in modern times, cannot be said to have commenced until the beginning of the fifteenth century, in Italy, and to have reached its culmination, for a time about 200 years later, when a whole cluster of beautiful spirits were incarnated almost simultaneously; and the works of Michael Angelo, Raffaelle, Da Vinci, Andrea del Sarto, Titian, Tintoretto, Donatello, Sansovini, and fifty others, became the wonder of Europe and the despair of posterity. These are all coming to the earth again, I have reason to believe, in the early years of the next century; when art will be spiritualized to a degree hitherto unattainable: and the morning twilight of this splendid Renaissance, is already discernible in Gustave Dore's "Christ leaving the Pretorium;" in many of the paintings of Holman Hunt, G. F. Watts. and Burne-Jones; but more especially in those remarkable illustrations of the Life of Christ, which were painted in the Holy Land, under impression, by James Tissot, the French artist; and have created such a feeling of religious fervor wherever they have been exhib-

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From Harbinger of Light, From Light, London, Eng. THE VITAL FORCES OF MAN.

The Parls correspondent of the London Standard supplies the following no tice of a meeting of the Society of Psychie Science: After some preliminary, business, a paper on the vital forces of man was read by Dr. Baraduc. With an instrument of his own invention which he has named the blometre, he has shown that the vital forces do not depend on the laws of either heat or electricity. He constructed his oblimetre on the principle of Fortin's dyanometre, absolutely adjathermic and adj nelectric. A pointer like the hand of a watch is supported over a dial inside a glass vessel isolated by three compact layers of mica, alumen, linen cloth and collodion.

DR. BARADUC SAYS

if a person touches the instrument the hand indicates the vital forces. Experiments have demonstrated to the inventor that the movements of the hand of his bilmetre correspond with the state of mind of the person. Thus the hand is attracted by a person feeling happy, but is pushed backwards by a person suffering grief. Dr. Baraduc contends that he has achieved even more, and that he has succeeded in photographing the human vital forces. HE DECLARED,

that, by force of will, a person seated in a completely durk room in front of a photographic camera, had succeeded in producing a clear impression on a photographic plate. Moreover, by placing photographic plates on a human corpse in a completely dark room, they received an impression from the vital forces three hours after death, DR. BARADUC CONCLUDES

that there exists in a living man a vapor of life which is the quintessence of movement. He cannot determine the cause of it. In his opinion that movement must be connected with the vibrations of the soul, and be palpable inteligence. Dr. Baraduc concluded by calling the attention of his hearers to the similarity between the solar photosphere and the vital atmosphere of

THROUGH THE OUIJA BOARD should like to say, that although I have never yet had experience of a mes-sage through the board from those still in the body, I have had numberless ones from those who have passed over. Some styles are so marked that members of my family, while the communication is in progress, and without a word from me, say at once, "Oh! that is so and so." One happy little child spirit, a frequent and welcome visitor, announces his presence by whirling the board round and round, to commence with, as if in such joyous spirits that he can hardly "steady down" to spell out his message; even then he cuts short the words, and dances about in between. I can describe the move-ments in no other way. This child has often been seen by clairvoyants, standing at my side while talking to us through the board, full of galety and eagerness to give his news.

ANOTHER SPIRIT FRIEND.

who was of a very vigorous personality in earth-life, raps on the letters with the decision and force which mark his character. The idlers, who merely come to while away the time, ramble about aimlessly, as if with no set purpose in view, until told politely firmly to withdraw, if they do not desire help. One peculiarity I have noticed occasionally, and that is, that when some friendly spirit is in possession of the board, if some other passing spirit tries to step in and interrupt, the first communicant rushes up to the letter of his name and sticks there as if glued to the board, until the intruder has gone. It is really amusing: meanwhile, my hand on the small table seems to thrill with the pressure which is used to keep it in place, and I sense that a battle of wills is going on in which, of course, I am aiding my

ON ONE OCCASION.

some months ago, a young man, giving the name of Ashton, came for help and advice; he said he had been sent to me, that he wished to progress, but was always being pulled back by those around him. Our clairvoyant member of the family described him as not wicked but weak and easily led away. He suddenwrote rapidly, "Hold me here." the same time a band of dark spirit forms entered the room and surrounded him, trying to forcibly drag him away, our clairvoyant watching the scene We all exerted our will power to keep him here, and desired earnestly for help from our trusted guides.

ONE CAME AND STOOD beside me and the unhappy stranger. felt conscious that a struggle was going

on; my arm tingled, and I was force to use both hands to prevent the Ouija table being tipped away from under them, and the air became very cold around the board. I said to our friend, "Tell me if I may remove my hand The single word from the Ouija." "Wait," was written in pencil through my daughter's hand, and after a minuto "Now" Our clairvoyant looked around; the black spirits had disappeared, and the man Ashton was leaning back in a swooning attitude, with his garments torn, and supported by our friend, who shortly afterwards wrote: "This man is safe now; they have gone, and can never touch him again. He was just on the borderland of good and bad, and they would have dragged him back. If you had not held him till I came I could not have helped him; I only just came in time."

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because most often misused, of any in common use among Spiritualists. It is plural, not sincular to the common use among Spiritualists. plural, not singular. To see a table rise from the floor with three men upon it, A List of His Noted Works. while the medium merely touches the surface, or dips his hands into tumblers, is a most startling phenomenon; For Sale at the Office of The Proand when one has witnessed the varied manifestations of spirit presence and power through strong mediums, especially where the identity of the spirit is established by messages spelled out by raps or tilts, or by clear impersonations and communications through entranced mediums (such as Mrs. Piper, tranced mediums (such as Mrs. Piper, cially where the identity of the spirit is for instance), then the phenomena are The Spiritual Alps clear evidences of continued existence after death, and phenomenal Spiritualism, merging as it does of necessity
into the mental and personal phases of
mediumship, necessarily leads up to the
philosophical, ethical, and religious asphilosophical, ethical, and religious aspects of the great science-religion of hu- New Thought. manity. Hence, therefore, the phenomena are the basis of the science of the intercourse between the two worlds. It is wrong to say "the phenomena is," and attention to this fact would save many a speaker from criticism.

Spiritualism stands for spirit. Many scious entity, the ego, the real man. The Real Issue. But man is a trinity—animal body, spirit-body (or body of the spirit), and spirit. Or body, soul and spirit. The term "soul" here meaning the spirit's body. The word "soul" is used fre-body. The word "soul" is used fre-body. The word "soul" is used fre-body. But man is a trinity-animal body, body. The word "soul" is used frequently to mean the duality that survives when the animal body has died viz.. the spirit-body and the spirit, People speak of "departed souls" and "departed spirits," whereas they do not of necessity depart. They frequently linger round the old homes, the old haunts. Further, after the body's death man is still a trinity, for the spir-ti-body (really soul), which is then the outermost organism, is pervaded by a more subtile effered organism, which more subtile effered organism, which is require to say; and that the conditions of modern mediumelity. It also shows that all the manifestations throughout the Old and New Testamore subtile effered organism, which is the require to say; and that the coming of Christ is the require to say; and that the coming of Christ is the require to say; and that the coming of Christ is the require to say; and that the coming of Christ is the require to say; and that the coming of Christ is the require to say; and that the coming of Christ is the requirement. of necessity depart. They frequently serves the purpose of the intermediate between the spirit and the body. God s spirit. Life is spirit. Man is spiritgrown self-conscious and bodied forth through soul and body. But since the word soul has a theological flavor and significance, let us stick to our own nomenclature of body, spirit-body, and The Quarantine Raised.

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The Mediumical. a friends, described as Mr. A., an occultist. Mr. Glendinning assures us that this will be his last contribution to pages. Price, 50 cents. the literature of psychic photography, The Devil and the Adventists. but we venture to believe that his work in this direction is not yet finished. So far, the results of the general run of such experiments have been made the subject of much controversy, but we still hope that the subject may be placed upon a definite and satisfactory basis. Should such a desirable con summation be reached, it is much to say that the researches and records of Mr. Glendinning, as, perhaps, the principal authority on now living, will have contributed materially to the result.

The following is the summarized ac count of the experiments referred to: EXPERIMENT NO. ONE.

Prepared dry plates were obtained by Mr. Glendinning direct from a manufacturer, who guaranteed that the whole were made from new sheets of glass. Each plate was put by the manufacturer in a black paper envelope and gummed.

Mr. Glendinning put six of these in one of his pockets, and Mr. A. under took to get a picture on one of them by occult means, without seeing the plates or their envelopes. This was done in about two seconds. Mr. Glendinning then removed the six from his pocket, and Mr. A., by holding each to his fore head, picked out the plate on which he said the "astral ray" had acted. Mr Glendinning went alone to the dark room, tore off the black envelope, and on development found a portrait on the

EXPERIMENT NO. TWO.

Mr. Glendinning procured from the Eastman Company a dozen X-ray sensitized sheets, each of them in a closed black envelope. He took three sheets out of a parcel for certain experiments with animal magnetism, then closed the parcel, and put it on a table in front of him. Mr. A., who was sitting apart, undertook to get a picture on one of the sheets. In about two seconds he said it was done; Mr. Glendinning opened the parcel, and Mr. A. picked out the sheet on which he said a picture would be found. He described it as a horse, on which was seated a rider holding s spear, and a wild animal attacking the horse. Again, Mr. Glendinning went alone to the dark room, and on developing the sheet found a picture, as described by the seer, Mr. A.

It has been supposed by those who have no practical experience in psychic photography that defects on psychic forms, appearing identically with different sitters, is proof of fraud. Mr. Glendinning states it is not so, as Mr. Traill Taylor and himself have had experiences of that kind under strict test conditions. And now the same thing has happened in his recent experiments with Mr. A., the occultist.

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L. G. Comparet: Q. Will you, if you can, tell me where I may procure that beautiful poem entitled "There Is No Death," and also the true author, as there appears to be a difference of opinion who the true author is? A. In answer the poem is here introduced, with the real author's name:

THERE IS NO DEATH.

There is no death! The stars go down To rise upon some fairer shore; And bright in heaven's jeweled crown They shine for evermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread Shall change beneath the summer showers To golden grain or mellowed fruit Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize, And feed the hungry moss they bear; The forest leaves drink daily life, From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall, And flowers may fade and pass away; They only wait, through wintry hours, The coming of the May.

Where'er he sees a smile too bright, Or heart too pure for taint and vice, He bears it to that world of light, To dwell in Paradise.

There is no death! An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread; He bears our best loved things away; And then we call them "dead." He leaves our hearts all desolate,

He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers; Transplanted into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers. Born unto that undying life,

They leave us but to come again; With joy we welcome them the same Except their sin and pain. . The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones,

Made glad these scenes of sin and strife, Sings now an everlasting song Around the tree of life.

And ever near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread; For all the boundless universe-Is life—there are no dead.

-J. L. McCreery.

William Curran, 1 Harrison Terrace, Truro, Eng.: Q (1) We read in books on astronomy that the earth's axis is inclined 23½ degrees; may this ever increase, say to 50 degrees, or diminish, say to 10 degrees, or in other words, do they ever change; and if so, in which direction are they moving now.

(2) Taking the whole volume of water now on the

face of the earth, is it increasing or decreasing? The axial diameter of the earth is and one half miles less than its equatorial. In other words it is flattened at the poles into an oblate spheroid. This is the result of its rotation on its axis, and was produced when the earth was a yielding fluid, and is in exact ratio to the velocity of rotation. This axis is inclined 231 degrees to the eliptic, or the plane of the earth's orbit. Uninfluenced these relations would continue absolutely unchanged, but this form of the earth presents disturbing conditions to the sun's and moon's attraction, and the result is that the equinoctial points slowly retrograde on the zodiac from east to west, completing the circle in 25,000 years. There is a slight "wobbling" of the axis, like that of a spinning top, which also returns after definite periods to the point from which it started. This. however, is confined to narrow limits and there never has been, nor can there be a radical change in the axis of the earth. Its form prevents. All bodies move in the groove of least resistance, and a spheroid can no more change, than a balance wheel could revolve parallel to its shaft. It follows that any attempt to account for changes of climate by the theory of polar changes must be er-

(2) Water is formed by the union of the gases oxygen and hydrogen, a process constantly going on in the mineral realm by heat, electric currents, and in the living tissues of plants and animals. Its decomposition is equally active, so that on the whole the quantity remains quite the same. It is probable that vast aggregations of minerals have been created by the processes of life, as the mountains of limestone, of iron, the phosphates, etc. Every particle of these has been formed in living tissues. Of the vast oceans which lave the continents, the waters may not be referred as exclusively to this source, for life cannot begin nor flourish without water, yet it is a large contributor thereto.

C. C. Williams: Q. (1) How explain the wonderful mirage recently seen in Alaska, said to be of a silent city? (2) Do spirits actually materialize?

(1) The story of the "silent city" in Alaska is

without foundation in truth. (2) That spirits have the power to make themselves visible, is among the well determined facts of Spiritualism. That they are able to gather material garments that remain after they have disappeared; to press down the scales by wights as heavy as average mortals, or as-tonish the spectators with their warmth, and fetid breath are among the passing frauds of that cause.

Harriet E. Perror: Q. Do you know if the statement is true that Prof. Huxley once said that every scientific explorer and investigator ought to die at the age of sixty, as thereafter they were too slow and incapable of discerning scientific problems?

A. Huxley probably said the above as a joke, and yet it has the cogency of truth. It has been said that no physician over forty years of age accepted Harvey's theory of the circulation of the blood. By that age the mind of most men becomes fixed in its habits of thought, and does not take kindly to change. Such become dead weights and obstructions to the car of progress.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the Rev. Dr. Becker, President of the National Anti-Spiritualist Association.

Dr. E. D. Babbitt has already forwarded the following letter to Dr. Becker:

253 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7, 1897. Rev. Mr. Becker:

Dear Sir:—As you are the president of the Anti-Spirtualist Association, and have shown more fairness than the most of the other members seem to have done, I have concluded to send you my work called "Religion," so that you may know what position is taken by the philosophical Spiritualist. The Anti-Spiritualist convention at Anderson seems almost totally unaware of what Spiritualism is, or else they have indulged in falsehood and calumny of the most wicked kind. If Mr. Covert had been better acquainted with the position of the Spiritualists, he might not have got so fearfully used up by Moses Hull. As he found himself cornered up and headed off in all directions, he acted like a madman in his blackguardism. I was formerly a great worker in Sunday-schools and church causes, but the Bible and the church were almost entirely ignorant of human destiny and of man's real future. After fighting the Spiritualists for twenty years as foolishly as the Antis are fighting them now, I became overwhelmingly convinced of the truth of the possibility of spirit communion, and after many tears, prayers and struggles against the new philosophy, I was conquered, for a diviner universe in harmony with all nature opened up before me, my mind became kindled by the higher inspirations. I perceived ineffable glories, and I was enabled to make those great underlying discoveries which have already blessed several nations besides our own, I can say that my aspirations became nobler, my mind broader and wiser and my life better and happier.

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I welcome the Anti-Spiritualist Association so far as

they will give us a truthful and upright opposition, as they may prove to be valuable auxiliaries in helping us to expose the fraudulent elements that sometimes creep in among us, just as the same kind of elements attended early Christianity. If your policy, however, is to crush us out by main force, without reference to the many grand reforms and sublime principles which we are giving to the world, you will prove yourselves both unfair and wicked and the missiles you hurl against us will be boomerangs which shall smite yourselves. Much better would it be if your brethren could be converted to Christianity, for then they would become more loving, more truthful and more ready to annul some of those monstrous dogmas which blaspheme the Divine Father. E. D. BABBITT, M. D.

AS WE MAKE IT WE WILL FIND IT.

They say there's a land much fairer than this, Where the saints will eternally reign; And also a land where eternal bliss Excludes every semblance of pain.

They say there's a land that is fairer than day, Which by faith we can see from afar. Oh, is there more joy just over the way, And pleasure, than just where we are?

Is there no place on this earth that is fair, For those who are noble and true; For those who their comforts unselfishly share,

To help some distressful one through? Is there no place where the harps can be played, And sweet songs be sung on this plane For the loving and kind whom nature delayed

To finish with sorrow and pain? Are there no angels of love over here, This side of the dark, gloomy grave? No spirits of mercy to whisper good cheer

To the noble, but down-trodden slave? Is there no sweetness in beauteous spring: No soul-love in fragrance of flowers;

No pleasure in seeing and touching some thing Produced by earth's life-giving powers? In perfumes of autumn, and winter's pure air, And pureness of fresh-fallen snow,

Are there no inklings on earth anywhere That we may have heaven below?

Is there no heaven in home harmony: No joy in the coo of a child; No sunlight in smiles and wife's company; No bliss on this earth undefiled?

Away with such visions! There's sunlight and bliss As we make them, our pathway all o'er; The Spirit-land beauty but duplicates this. As we make it we'll find it—no more.

DR. T. WILKINS.

UNREALITY.

Not all the beauty of the summer sea, Not all the splendor of the summer sky, Can bring content to lodge an hour with me; For summer time goes by.

Not all your kisses, all your beauty bright Which is my sun, your voice which is my song, Can cage for me the pinions of delight; You will not love me long.

For all good things go by-and joy is brief. And life is very long and and very cold; So my dreams mourn the death of love and leaf Ere yet their year grows old.

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PEN-FLASHES FROM OHIO.

BY C. H. MATHEWS.

A Ohicago literary lady, in The Progressive Thinker of Oct. 9, expresses her doubts and belief as follows: Whether there ever has been a genu ine case of materialization under guise of the common conditions prescribed by the cabinet and the dark seance room, college. In order to add to the fun(t) I very much doubts however, it is the privilege of each individual to settle the truth of the matter either according to the operator's conscience or the gullibility or credulity of the investigator or patron." In this doubt of the truth of materialization our literary lady puts herself in antagonism to tens of thousands of experienced Spiritualists, many of whom have been patient investigators of spirit phenomena under test conditions for upwards of forty-five years. These people include such scientists as Prof. William Crookes, of London, Eng., Prof. A. R. Wallace; Camille Flammarion; to say nothing of the experiments of the writer under crucial test conditions. True, our literary lady modifies her first assertion and says: "I do not say that no one ever saw true materialization at a seance; but I do say that I never witnessed anything whatever that I could call a genuine manifestation, and I have been a constant visitor and a careful, conscientious investigator for more than ten years." If our lady friend will pursue er investigations for five, ten, or even fifteen years longer, I have no doubt rend the following clear-cut sentence: she will come to a knowledge of the "Man as a perfect organism cannot truth and change her mind. I have witnessed full form materializations, in must perish, in order that the soul may my own parlors, by two noted mediums, go free. The envelope, or magnetic and one equally good at Lake Brady, body that binds body and soul together, Ohio, where several members of my is formed of force and elementary spirown family were recognized, beyond it; hence this stays for a time with the the shadow of a doubt. Mrs. Annie soul after death, and enables it to return Besant, in a lecture, "Immortality Established," published in the same paper, (Oct. 9), refers to Prof. Crookes, who purified from sin; but even this at had a materialized form present under his eyes at the time that he saw the medium. Prof. Crookes invented a pargleriously bright, radiantly happy ticular kind of a lamp, which, suddenly opened, would touch a preparation of phosphorus, giving a light that would such souls are his angels." Besant expresses it tersely, when she says: "So it is true that there are certain combinations of matter which do of this truly interesting volume. \$1.30 not hold together under the vibrations pays for the paper and the book. Send of ether set up by certain kinds of at once. C. H. light. That is all it is. It is merely New Philadelphia, O. certain wave motions breaking up these aggregations of ethereal matter." Prof. Crookes being a chemist and an electrician, it is hardly probable that he was imposed upon. There are plenty of re-liable mediums who can be depended upon. My advice to those who would investigate this interesting phase of in California and Other Lands. By R. Spiritualism, is to read the experience of such men as Prof. Crookes and others, and thus prepare their minds for Article on Church and State, by his son, the realization of truths which the av- R. P. Wilcox. Wilcox Print. Price, \$1. erage man is incapable of appreciating,

materialism in the church. AN INFERNAL BULLET.

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ANOTHER GONE ASTRAY.

W. E. Shank, of Cincipnati, O., teacher of a Bible class, and constant attendant at the U. B. church in that city, was arrested in Denver, Colo., October 9, charged with embezzling five or six thousand dollars of his employor six thousand dollars of his employer's cash. A divorce from his wife, caused by his love for another married woman in the church, tends to complicate the case. A thousand dollars all-mony due his wife, was forgotten in his haste to get away. Religion had struck him very hard.

O., a couple of ladies allowed an oculist to examine their eyes. He proved to be an expert hypnotist, and before they attempted to make a home in the Goldcover from the spen. They no longer pronounce hypnotism (mesmerism) a plete and satisfactory description of humbur, to be sneered at, but a science that country has not been given. humbug, to be sneered at, but a science to be understood and 'handled with

CHANGED HIS RELIGION.

Alleged spirit rappings have caused Thomas Tallman, of Malone, N. Y., to change his religion from Protestant to Catholic, and it has created considerable excitement. The strange noises occurred in the room where Tallman's son lay sick in bed. Tallman was a Protestant and married a Roman Catholic wife. He had promised his wife the reader's mind into a vacuity of to comply with her wishes and become thought, to while away hours of a Catholic, but had failed to do so. He dreamy, vapid inanity productive only thought that to comply now might possibly exorcise his "unwelcome and un- books written with a purpose, manifestseen guests." The rappings, however, continue with unabated liveliness. The best way out of this muddle is to send plied to the consideration of problems for the priest, and let him perform some affecting individual and social life and of his genufiexions, and that, with a the welfare of humanity. These latter few Latin prayers, may persuade them are the books most interesting to earnto vacate the premises. A better way est, thoughtful minds, interested in hu-would be to do as Hamlet did to his man progress and welfare. father's ghost, "bid him welcome." Ignorance of such matters in this enlightened (I) age is little short of criminal We have had the "raps" (intermit tent), in the Mathews mansion for lo. these twenty years and always gree them cordially. We never go back on tive of realities pertaining to spiritual our friends. While I write to-day they activities and conditions of the spiritmanifest their prescrice in a lively man

SOMNAMBULISM.

Miss Susie Sterling, of near Sedalia, Mo., is remarkable as a somnambulist One night recently she was heard get ting up about 11 p. mi Investigation disclosed that Missi Sterling was in a sound sleep, but she had written a very intelligible letter while asleep, addressed to a music teacher, apprising her of having gained her mother's consent to continue her musical studies Here is a case for the Psychical Re search Society to wrestle with.

SINFUL PLEASURES. Milledgeville, Ga., has had the most extensive religious revival in its his-

tory. Frenzy reached its height in the attempts of many converts to destroy their property, which they considered had given them sinful pleasure." One convert burned 500 packs of cards purchased for sale. They will cool off when cold weather strikes them. MORE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.

Rev. Arthur S. Peck, state secretary of the Missionary Alliance, in a sermon at Youngstown, O., denounced the Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Populist, Woman's Suffragist and all other political and all religious sects as works of the devil. He said he had floundered around from one belief to another and had finally come to the conclusion that the church is in the body. He is a typical preacher, "Roasting" every-

MATERIALIZATION DOUBTED. body, he will wind up by being roasted

GHASTLY FUN.

About forty students of the Cleveland, Ohio, Homeopathic Medical College got on a "tear" recently and stole a corpse from the pickling vats of the they dressed it up in white trousers, coat and hat and paraded through the streets, stopping at the saloons on their route, drinking themselves and pouring liquor into the cadaver, while they held it up to the bar. Many good people were horrified at the ghoulish proceeding. The Plain Dealer, which devoted over a column to this devillsh doing, said the students visited the "tenderloin." trict. The corpse was finally dumped into an empty barrel. It might not be improper to remark that this is the kind of timber that many physicians are made of. This is a Christian country, and don't you forget it. A friend at my elbow suggests that if the spirit of this "poor bartender, (who was a regular good fellow in his day)" it is alleged, takes cognizance of this execrable performance, he may give the students a peck of trouble for interfering with his "GHOST LAND."

Since the foregoing was written, I have been glancing at your wonderful book, "Ghost Land." On page 45 I die. The mould in which he is formed to, or linger around the earth for providential purposes until it has become length drops off, and then the soul

C. H. MATHEWS.

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He has taken interest in Lake Helen Camp, in Florida, and spared neither time nor pains in investigation. For a time he assisted his son, then a mere lad, in publishing "The Review," a spiritual paper which gained considerable circulation. He began life on a farm in Connecti-

him very hard.

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HUDSON TUTTLE.

L. G. Comparet: Q. Will you, if you can, tell me where I may procure that beautiful poem entitled "There Is No Death," and also the true author, as there appears to be a difference of opinion who the true author is?

A. In answer the poem is here introduced, with the real author's name:

THERE IS NO DEATH.

There is no death! The stars go down To rise upon some fairer shore; And bright in heaven's jeweled crown They shine for evermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread Shall change beneath the summer showers To golden grain or mellowed fruit Or rainbow-tinted flowers. The granite rocks disorganize,

And feed the hungry moss they bear; The forest leaves drink daily life, From out the viewless air. There is no death! The leaves may fall,

And flowers may fade and pass away: They only wait, through wintry hours, The coming of the May. Where'er he sees a smile too bright,

Or heart too pure for taint and vice, He bears it to that world of light, To dwell in Paradise. There is no death! An angel form

Walks o'er the earth with silent tread; He bears our best loved things away; And then we call them "dead." He leaves our hearts all desolate, He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;

Transplanted into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers. Born unto that undying life,

They leave us but to come again; With joy we welcome them the same Except their sin and pain. The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones,

Made glad these scenes of sin and strife, Sings now an everlasting song Around the tree of life.

And ever near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread; For all the boundless universe Is life—there are no dead.

-J. L. McCreery.

William Curran, 1 Harrison Terrace, Truro, Eng.: Q. (1) We read in books on astronomy that the earth's axis is inclined 23½ degrees; may this ever increase, say to 50 degrees, or diminish, say to 10 degrees, or in other words, do they ever change; and if so, in which direction are they moving now.

(2) Taking the whole volume of water now on the

face of the earth, is it increasing or decreasing? The axial diameter of the earth i and one half miles less than its equatorial. In other words it is flattened at the poles into an oblate spheroid. This is the result of its rotation on its axis, and was produced when the earth was a yielding fluid, and is in exact ratio to the velocity of rotation. This axis is inclined 231 degrees to the eliptic, or the plane of the earth's orbit. Uninfluenced these relations would continue absolutely unchanged, but this form of the earth presents disturbing conditions to the sun's and moon's attraction. and the result is that the equinoctial points slowly retrograde on the zodiac from east to west, completing the circle in 25,000 years. There is a slight "wobbling" of the axis, like that of a spinning top, which also returns after definite periods to the point from which it started. This, however, is confined to narrow limits and there never has been, nor can there be a radical change in the axis of the earth. Its form prevents. All bodies move in the groove of least resistance, and a spheroid can no more change, than a balance wheel could revolve parallel to its shaft. It follows that any attempt to account for changes of climate by the theory of polar changes must be erroneous.

(2) Water is formed by the union of the gases oxygen and hydrogen, a process constantly going on in the mineral realm by heat, electric currents, and in the living tissues of plants and animals. Its decomposition is equally active, so that on the whole the quantity remains quite the same. It is probable that vast aggregations of minerals have been created by the processes of life, as the mountains of limestone, of iron, the phosphates, etc. Every particle of these has been formed in living tissues. Of the vast oceans which lave the continents, the waters may not be referred as exclusively to this source, for life cannot begin nor flourish without water, yet it is a large contributor thereto.

C. C. Williams: Q. (1) How explain the wonderful mirage recently seen in Alaska, said to be of a silent city? Do spirits actually materialize?

(1) The story of the "silent city" in Alaska is

without foundation in truth. (2) That spirits have the power to make themselves visible, is among the well determined facts of Spiritualism. That they are able to gather material garments that remain after they have disappeared; to press down the scales by weights as heavy as average mortals, or astonish the spectators with their warmth, and fetid breath are among the passing frauds of that cause.

Harriet E. Perror: Q. Do you know if the statement is true that Prof. Huxley once said that every scientific explorer and investigator ought to die at the age of sixty, as thereafter they were too slow and incapable of discerning scientific problems?

. A. Huxley probably said the above as a joke, and yet it has the cogency of truth. It has been said that no Told by Paul Carus. This book is heartily recommended physician over forty years of age accepted Harvey's the- to students of the science of religions, and to all who ory of the circulation of the blood. By that age the mind of most men becomes fixed in its habits of thought, and does not take kindly to change. Such become dead weights and obstructions to the car of progress.

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AN OPEN LETTER

To the Rev. Dr. Becker, President of the National Anti-Spiritualist Association.

Dr. E. D. Babbitt has already forwarded the following letter to Dr. Becker: 253 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal., Decl 7, 1897. Rev. Mr. Becker:

Dear Sir:—As you are the president of the Anti-Spir itualist Association, and have shown more fairness than the most of the other members seem to have done, I have concluded to send you my work called "Religion," so that you may know what position is taken by the philosophical Spiritualist. The Anti-Spiritualist convention at Anderson seems almost totally unaware of what Spiritualism is, or else they have indulged in falsehood and calumny of the most wicked kind. If Mr. Covert had been better acquainted with the position of the Spiritualists, he might not have got so fearfully used up by Moses Hull. As he found himself cornered up and headed off in all directions, he acted like a madman in his blackguardism. I was formerly a great worker in Sunday-schools and church causes, but the Bible and the church were almost | don, Eng., Prof. A. R. Wallace; Camille entirely ignorant of human destiny and of man's real future. After fighting the Spiritualists for twenty years as foolishly as the Antis are fighting them now, I became

overwhelmingly convinced of the truth of the possibility of spirit communion, and after many tears, prayers and struggles against the new philosophy, I was conquered, for a diviner universe in harmony with all nature opened up before me, my mind became kindled by the higher inspirations. I perceived ineffable glories, and I was enabled to make those great underlying discoveries which have already blessed several nations besides our own. I can say that my aspirations became nobler, my mind

In this work, "Religion," whatever may be its imperfections, you will see how easily is explained the philosophy of moral evil, which orthodoxy, even of Dr. Taylor, of Yale College, has never been able to explain rationally. On p. 375 you will see the forms of the celestial realms, of which the church is so ignorant, and in chapter xv you will see an array of wonderful facts in favor of Spiritualism, including also a list of a large number of the great names of the world who are Spiritualists. In the light of such facts, does it not sound pusillanimous to call mediums and Spiritualist generally, "fools and knaves?"

I welcome the Anti-Spiritualist Association so far as

broader and wiser and my life better and happier.

they will give us a truthful and upright opposition, as they may prove to be valuable auxiliaries in helping us to expose the fraudulent elements that sometimes creep in among us, just as the same kind of elements attended early Christianity. If your policy, however, is to crush us out by main force, without reference to the many grand reforms and sublime principles which we are giving to the world, you will prove yourselves both unfair and wicked and the missiles you hurl against us will be boomerangs which shall smite yourselves. Much better would it be if your brethren could be converted to Christianity, for then they would become more loving, more truthful and more ready to annul some of those monstrous dogmas which blaspheme the Divine Father. E. D. BABBITT, M. D.

-|-|-|-AS WE MAKE IT WE WILL FIND IT.

They say there's a land much fairer than this, Where the saints will eternally reign; . And also a land where eternal bliss Excludes every semblance of pain.

They say there's a land that is fairer than day. Which by faith we can see from afar. Oh, is there more joy just over the way, And pleasure, than just where we are?

Is there no place on this earth that is fair, For those who are noble and true; For those who their comforts unselfishly share, To help some distressful one through?

Is there no place where the harps can be played, And sweet songs be sung on this plane For the loving and kind whom nature delayed To finish with sorrow and pain?

Are there no angels of love over here, This side of the dark, gloomy grave? No spirits of mercy to whisper good cheer To the noble, but down-trodden slave?

Is there no sweetness in beauteous spring; No soul-love in fragrance of flowers; No pleasure in seeing and touching some thing Produced by earth's life-giving powers?

In perfumes of autumn, and winter's pure air, And pureness of fresh-fallen snow, Are there no inklings on earth anywhere That we may have heaven below?

Is there no heaven in home harmony; No joy in the coo of a child; No sunlight in smiles and wife's company;

No bliss on this earth undefiled? Away with such visions! There's sunlight and bliss As we make them, our pathway all o'er; The Spirit-land beauty but duplicates this.

As we make it we'll find it—no more. DR. T. WILKINS.

UNREALITY.

Not all the beauty of the summer sea, Not all the splendor of the summer sky, Can bring content to lodge an hour with me; For summer time goes by.

Not all your kisses, all your beauty bright Which is my sun, your voice which is my song, Can cage for me the pinions of delight; You will not love me long.

For all good things go by-and joy is brief, And life is very long and and very cold; So my dreams mourn the death of love and leaf Ere yet their year grows old.

But when the winter comes and you are gone, The flowers all faded and the songs all sung, My dreams will keep the crown the years put on When love and time were young. -From the Pall Mall Gazette.

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PEN-FLASHES FROM OHIO.

BY O. H. MATHEWS.

A Chicago literary lady, in The Progressive Thinker of Oct. 9, expresses her doubts and belief as follows:
"Whether there ever has been a genuland. Oh ine case of materialization under guise of the common conditions prescribed by a corpse from the pickling vats of the the cabinet and the dark seence room, college. In order to add to the fun(!) of the common conditions prescribed by I very much doubts however, it is the privilege of each individual to settle the truth of the matter either according to the operator's conscience or the gullibility or credulity of the investigator or liquor into the cadaver, while they held patron." In this doubt of the truth of materialization our literary lady puts herself in antagonism to tens of thousands of experienced Spiritualists, many of whom have been patient investigators of spirit phenomena under test conditions for upwards of forty-five years. These people include such scientists as Prof. William Crookes, of Lon-

Flammarion; to say nothing of the ex-periments of the writer under crucial test conditions. True, our literary lady modifies her first assertion and says: "I do not say that no one ever saw true materialization at a seance; but I do say that I never witnessed anything whatever that I could call a genuine manifestation, and I have been a constant visitor and a careful, conscien-tious investigator for more than ten years." If our lady friend will pursue her investigations for five, ten, or even fifteen years longer, I have no doubt she will come to a knowledge of the truth and change her mind. I have wit nessed full form materializations, in must perish, in order that the soul may my own parlors, by two noted mediums, go free. The envelope, or magnetic and one equally good at Lake Brady, Ohio, where several members of my own family were recognized, beyond the shadow of a doubt. Mrs. Annie soul after death, and enables it to return Besant, in a lecture, "Immortality Esto, or linger around the earth for provtablished," published in the same paper, idential purposes until it has become (Oct. 9), refers to Prof. Crookes, who had a materialized form present under his eyes at the time that he saw the medium. Prof. Crookes invented a particular kind of a lamp, which, suddenly strong, powerful, eternal, infinite. That opened, would touch a preparation of is heaven; that it is to dwell with God; phosphorus, giving a light that would such souls are his angels." not disturb the conditions. Madame Besant expresses if tersely, when she says: "So it is true that there are certain combinations of matter which do of this truly interesting volume. \$1.30 not hold together under the vibrations pays for the paper and the book. Send of ether set up by certain kinds of light. That is all it is. It is merely certain wave motions breaking up these aggregations of ethereal matter." Prof. Crookes being a chemist and an electri cian, it is hardly probable that he was imposed upon. There are plenty of re-liable mediums who can be depended upon. My advice to those who would investigate this interesting phase of Spiritualism, is to read the experience of such men as Prof. Crookes and oth ers, and thus prepare their minds for

especially in these days of increasing materialism in the church. AN INFERNAL BULLET.

the realization of truths which the av

erage man is incapable of appreciating

An "infernal bullet" has been in vented in Rirmingliam, Eng., for the use of the British army., It expands af-ter entering the flesh and produces a jagged hole. It is said to be the most terrible wound-producer lever known. Of course, none but modern Christian warfare could ever think of using such a "devilish" device.

ANOTHER GONE ASTRAY.

W. E. Shank, of Cincipnati, O. teacher of a Bible class, and constant attendant at the U. B. church in that city, was arrested in Denver, Colo., October 9, charged with embezzling five or six thousand dollars of his employer's cash. A divorce from his wife caused by his love for another married woman in the church, tends to complimony due his wife, was forgotten in his haste to get away. Religion had struck him very hard.

HYPNOTISM.

In Perry township, Geauga county O., a couple of ladies allowed an oculist to examine their eyes. He proved to be an expert hypnotist, and before they knew it, had got \$57 of their cash. It took twenty-four hours for them to recover from the spell. They no longer pronounce hypnotism (mesmerism) a humbug, to be sneered at, but a science to be understood and 'handled with

CHANGED HIS RELIGION.

Alleged spirit rappings have caused Thomas Tallman, of Malone, N. Y., to change his religion from Protestant to Catholic, and it has created considerable excitement. The strange noises occurred in the room where Tallman's son lay sick in bed. Tallman was a Protestant and married a Roman Catholic wife. He had promised his wife to comply with her wishes and become thought, to while away hours of a Catholic, but had failed to do so. He thought that to comply now might pos- of mental inertia. There are other sibly exorcise his "unwelcome and unseen guests." The rappings, however, continue with unabated liveliness. The best way out of this muddle is to send plied to the consideration of problems for the priest, and let him perform some affecting individual and social life and of his genufications, and that, with a the welfare of humanity. These latter few Latin prayers, may persuade them to vacate the premises. A better way est, thoughtful minds, interested in huto vacate the premises. A better way would be to do as Hamlet did to his father's ghost, "bid lim welcome." norance of such matters in this enlight ened (i) age is little short of criminal ity. We have had the "raps" (intermittent), in the Mathews mansion for lo these twenty years and always greet them cordially. We never go back on our friends. While I write to-day they manifest their presence in a lively man-

SOMNAMBULISM.

Miss Susie Sterling, of near Sedalla Mo., is remarkable as a somnambulist. One night recently she was heard get ting up about 11 p. mi Investigation disclosed that MissiSterling was in a sound sleep, but shethad written a very intelligible letter while asleep, addressed to a music teacher, apprising her of having gained her mother's con sent to continue her musical studies. Here is a case for the Psychical Re search Society to wrestlei with. SINFUL PLEASURES.

Milledgeville, Ga., has had the most extensive religious gevival in its history. Frenzy reached its height in the attempts of many converts to destroy their property, which they considered had given them"sinful pleasure." One convert burned 500 packs of cards purchased for sale. They will cool off when cold weather strikes them.

MORE WORKS OF THE DEVIL. Rev. Arthur S. Peck. state secretary of the Missionary Alliance, in a sermon at Youngstown, O., denounced the Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Populist, Woman's Suffragist and all other political and all religious sects as works of the devil. He said he had floundered around from one belief to another

MATERIALIZATION DOUBTED. body, he will wind up by being roasted

GHASTLY FUN.

About forty students of the Cleve land, Ohio, Homeopathic Medical College got on a "tear" recently and stole they dressed it up in white trousers, coat and hat and paraded through the streets, stopping at the saloons on their route, drinking themselves and pouring it up to the bar. Many good people were horrified at the ghoulish proceeding. The Plain Dealer, which devoted over column to this devilish doing, said the students visited the "tenderloin." trict. The corpse was finally dumped into an empty barrel. It might not be improper to remark that this is the kind of timber that many physicians are made of. This is a Christian country, and don't you forget it. A friend at my elbow suggests that if the spirit of this "poor bartender, (who was a regular good fellow in his day)" it is alleged, takes cognizance of this execrable per formance, he may give the students a peck of trouble for interfering with his

"GHOST LAND." Since the foregoing was written, I have been glancing at your wonderful book, "Ghost Land." On page 45 I rend the following clear-cut sentence:
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