

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

that he breathed unto them.

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He was the one who had to be We have said here there is power in tractive. It is this life that gives us have not learned them there, and have same color appear on the field of the strong and patient, even though he had store for us in the future when we power to sway the minds of those we been theorizing, as many mortals do, Why He Loved the Universspiritual vision when different feelings so lately passed through death and bit- shall have cast aside this body, but the meet. Let us look at a famous orator. according to fancy instead of according or natures are manifested on the spiralists. tersuffering, for his disciples were skep- message to you this morning is that Let us take Mr. Ingersoll who is proud to fact. itual plane. This is one of the instances tical and doubtful, they were fright- there is power for you now. Immortal- to boast that he is only physical and Great inductions have been made by in which Spiritualists have preceded ened and discouraged and scattered and ity has begun now, and the spirit with- | carnal, who scoffs at the idea of spirit. To the Editor:-As you have bestowed master minds, which were not founded scientists, for clairvoyants recognized that in the face of the fact that he had in you is struggling to be up and doing. How is it that he moves our souls to upon your favored readers the sermon on-particular facts, though the facts certain spirits by the color that apbeen telling them all the time that he This is the Easter message. We are not answering thrills of harmony? Why, on His Satanic Highness, by that great were found to accord with them. These peared, long before scientists discovered would be crucified and would rise in dead; we are not physical, but we are Decause he appeals to the deepest and were intuitions and were drunk in by poet of prose, whose tribute to my rethe connection between the moral napurest things within us. He stands at newness of life to live with them for alive with the life of immortality and vered hero, Roscoe Conkling, is a sacred great souls from the ocean of infinite ture and a color. Dante did the same, ever. They did not comprehend his that life knows neither sickness nor his brother's grave and talks of immortreasure to me, may I relate a little intelligence at moments when the aveand recognized certain exalted spirits tallty, and we thrill over his oratory meaning. Even after the death of his death, nor pain, nor want. That life story Mr. Ingersoll gave me some twennue was open between a finite soul and in his Paradiso by the color of their because the man has unconsciously put body and the beginning of the fulfill- which you possess has the power to the infinite. Among these inductions, ty years ago? light. ment of his prophecy they did not grasp bring you neace. It can make of you As my husband and self were introinto his words the plea of a stunted which are to be distinguished from the I do not say that my mother manithe meaning of his teaching. How spiritual princes and rulers of this life. soul and our spirits go out in reply to deductions of Paul, Linnaeus and Newduced to him, just before his impressive fests to me in a beautiful purple or viocould we expect it of them since we to- It can lift you up and out of sorrow into his vague hope with the promise of certon, are John's statement that God is lecture on "The Mistakes of Moses." let, because she now vibrates at the day do not fully understand and are the light of God's eternal happiness. tainty. He speaks of immortality and laughingly said, "I think. Mr. Ingersoll, love, Goethe's intuition that all the rate of some fifteen billion times a secour souls answer. He pleads for the only beginning to grasp the meaning of Christ lives and because he lives we I could give you some points on Moses' parts of a flower are changed leaves. ond, which is the scale of violet on the home with its purity and love and our shall live also. Lift your glad voices in his spiritual life. and Des Cartes' superb generalization mistakes." mortal plane. But I do say that as viohearts thrill in response for the love of Now we are going to permit those triumph on high for Christ has arisen He was surprised, but when General that it was the action of vortices that let requires the greatest number of vihome and wife and children is next to who will to speak of the bodily resur- and man shall not die. He burst from - explained that I had; married a brought all worlds into form. brations of all the colors that can be the love of God within us. No oratory Moses, he enjoyed the little joke. Theologians are beginning to suspect rection of Christ. The bodily resurrec- the fetters of earth that surrounded seen by the human eye, just so does my that love is indeed "the greatest thing thrills us unless it appeals to the best Asking of my religious views, he said: tion compared with the rise within us him and has risen triumphant to live mother, who is a very advanced spirit, in the world," Goethe's doctrine regard and to save. within us. Unless it touches upon the of new and "Universalist? I like them, for when a vibrate to a degree that manifests a holy and sacred, upon the solemn and ing flowers is taught in the text-books on There is a rising again from a state little boy I got lost in the woods, and GREATER SPIRITUAL POWER, tint that corresponds to violet, and that valued things of life, no oratory thrills bordering on unconsciousness. The botany, and the vortex theory of worldcried and wandered hungry and is recognized by me as violet, through sinks into utter insignificance. We do another soul unless there is an appeal spirit, scratched by thorns and briars, when forming has many adherents to-day, the sensitive visional organs of my own not believe that the physical body from soul to soul, No man rises un-WHILE IT NEVER DIES, and will be taught as the natural basis about sunset I emerged and found a log which we now carry about, will be reknowing from his seat and with the spiritual body. house near a spring, As, I arose from of astronomy by and by. tained after death. We do not see the if often dormant and needs awakening tears streaming down his cheeks goes Let us not deny our spiritual bodies. the refreshing draught of pure cold necessity of its retainment since God The dissolution of the body and spirit When such inductions are presented bravely up to applaud a sentiment or to Let us on the contrary develop them water, a woman with grey eyes and to the world by those who imbibed is so abundantly able to clothe the soul is one step in our progress. It is a great sanction a plea unless he feels through and all their powers while on the morhair, and in a neat blue calico dress, them from the infinite fountain, some with a new and beautiful form not suband important step to be sure. But our | all his being that that sentiment or that tal plane, so that we can use them more called to me from the vine-wreathed souls have known intuitively that they effectually when the cumbersome flesh ject to disease and decay as is this one. living here influences the greatness of plea is the eternal right and cannot be door. were true, but the average human drops away and leaves the soul clad in Then we can scarcely use the word res- that step. It is a beautiful transformamoved. It is the spirit and "I hastened to her, and she gave me urrection since that word implies a ris- tion to look forward to. But it is still mind is not always broad enough to reits more ethereal frame. So doing we THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT ing from the dead. We do not believe more beautiful to think that we are insuch tender sympathy-bathed my torn celve them at first. can realize while here the words we that move and influence and fashion feet, fed me on bread and milk (after a The vibratory theory is accepted by fluencing this transformation; for if we sometimes sing: that the lives of men. generous warm bath), and when my scientists, and Spiritualists whose live a beautiful spiritual life here, THE SPIRIT EVER DIES. "The angels come and walk with me, hunger was appeased and my poor little tastes lead them into similar lines of Cultivate the spiritual within you and striving to develop that life within us, The writers of the synoptical gospels do we may know that the mount of trans-And sweet communion here have we. heart comforted, she went to her bed interest account for natural action by you may hold in your hands the magic not affirm that the spirit of Christ was figuration will become more glorious for They gently lead us by the hand, and withdrew from beneath it the trunthe same law. We go, however, a step wand that with a single wave will turn dead or that it was even controlled by us. True we will be all spirit at that For this is heaven's border-land." further than the ordinary scientist, He dle-bed. Then while I noted tears in hearts unto you and fill your life with any physical power. If, then, the spirit | time, but there is very little spirit to shows that effects are produced here her kind mother eyes she took from ABBY A. JUDSON. all that is most beautiful and inspiring. does not die, there can be no resurrec- some of us. Is it not a blessed privilege the chest of drawers a little white night and now by vibrations. Of course we Arlington, N. J. As your inner and best self speaks tion from the dead. If there is no death that our good' father allows us to live through your outer self so will you robe, and as she put it on me, kissed my agree with him regarding the here and then there is no resurrection. We on awhile longer, giving us one more have power to sway men's minds and forehead and said, 'You must sleep here now, but we also say that effects are grant that there is a death or change of chance to become strong and rich in - A GREAT TRUTH. lead them up to the good which you to-night, in my little Tom's bed and produced there and then by vibrations, the body; and that change is natural personality that we may not be put to night dress; he went away a month ago, the vibrations being much more rapid worship. and inevitable. Not to be dreaded but open shame that day when we are I have been newly impressed by the to his Father in heaven, and we will than on the mortal plane. This is no welcomed as it opens a new life to the called to come forth as spirit alone? take you to your earthly father in the magnitude of the great love that Frannew, theory. It was applied by scien-What I Am Thankful For. spirit, because then the spirit is no What we want to make very clear and ces Willard inspired in the hearts of morning." tific Spiritualists to the spirit side of longer bound by the limitations of the plain is the indisputable fact that with those who met her, A woman came life as soon as it was discovered that "Then she had me say 'Now I lay me," The Rev. M. J. Savage uttered one of flesh. It can rise to newer and grander our physical growth begun the growth into the temple to pray for her husband and all at once it came to me to ask her it applied here. They did it by reason, the greatest truths that ever man ut- | many are seen but few are chosen, but heights unfettered by the natural laws of that soul that will live on in glory and throwing her arms around the cold if she belonged to my orthodox father's and not necessarily because it was sugtered when he said in his Easter serthat desh must obey. The writers of and power long after the body has be clay of the modeled bust of Miss Wilgested to them by spirits. church? the gospels evidently believed that come incorporated into other forms, lard, she pressed her lips to its surface mon published in The Progressive "'Oh, no. indeed,' she said, smiling, A friend in Minneapolis used to say Christ's physical body was incorporated and that as that soul lives with us now and wept and sobbed out her heart's Thinker: "One of the worst enemies of 'Never. I am only a Universalist, my very earnestly. "What I want is to get "his new spiritual form. How that that it is greater than matter and we burden. What was it that inspired Spiritualism is the dishonest practitiondear boy. We believe God so loves the into this vibration." The vibration that was we cannot say since we do not have the power stored within us to live such love? Surely nothing but the world, all will be good and happy someer, the fake medium, or the people who this truly advanced thinker craved was know and have no way of finding out. the life of cover him up through any personal the more spiritual vibration by which over-dwelling, indwelling, abiding spirit. time.' It is more reasonable to believe that favor, or, as they mistakenly think, for "Thus, you see, I've htways felt a tenwe receive impressions from individual of God that strengthened those brave THE SPIRITUAL PRINCE his body was removed and secreted and tireless hands of hers. Is it not derness for those people." decarnate spirits, or drink intuitionally the honor of the cause and to save it from disgrace. If there is any man on | you enter the spiritual you will find while he appeared in a spiritual form to having power over the things of this There was a moisture in the grand from the encompassing ocean of infiworth while to have lived on this earth the face of this earth meaner, more uthis disciples. We say this because world, over others, and over self, and to have brought forth so much love in eyes, and a sweeter note in his wonnite intelligence. Of course the fleshly derful voice, and to me (who had lost a body cannot respond to this higher viterly contemptible than any other man, Christ promised that we should all rise having power to turn the events of this humanity? From her better home I can little boy), this was a poem which I bration; and if we possessed that body it is he who will take money, coined as he did and if there is one thing we life to our own spiritual welfare. This | imagine Miss Willard as looking back sang to my soul and always say: "Rob- only, we should be as shut away from from the broken hearts, from the hope- isfy his own mind with the realities of know more surely than another it is the is the good news, that we are no longer and rejoicing that God gave her so ert G. Ingersoll is a loving father, and the spiritual universe as if we were a less tears of those who long to know life and a future existence. There are fact that our physical bodies pass again to be bound by the galling fetters of our abundant a measure of his love to show-

degree do we become magnetic and at

with different feelings and natures, just placed thereon, there have been frauds, so does something corresponding to this If we take the Bible for our authority, the first man created was a fraud; and so it is at the present time; man's gross nature will develop, and some are so constituted that they are unable to resist the evil influences that surround them, consequently the frauds that are perpetrated on Spiritualism; but, if we will go back a little, we will find that frauds were perpetrated in the days of the Nazarene, even to the sacrifice of life. Nature has endowed all individuals with their own creative power, and a desire to investigate and develop their reasoning faculties to judge for themselves, and to try and work out their own salvation. Some are traveling by one route, and some another, but the destination of all is the same, the world beyond. And I want to say to you, my friends, that many who are journeying so joyously, assured in their own minds that they are in the right path, will find when they pass on, a great surprise awaiting them, and their life-work on earth all for naught, but that they are compellel to begin at the lower rounds of the ladder of success and work out their own individuality. Oh, my friends, be not weary in welldoing; lend a helping hand to those in sorrow or distress, either of mind or body, for in alleviating the sufferings of humanity on earth, you are raising for yourself monuments of your own individuality in the bright beyond. Life on earth is a school of progres-

sion from the cradle to the grave; it is merely a primary department, to develop and prepare one for the next higher grade in the spirit-world. How important then that the teachings and influences in that school be pure and untarnished, that we may be permitted to enjoy the blessing of assisting some one who is in a lower grade than

we. All are, whether consciously, or unconsciously, teaching and being taught. The example of one's life, and the path in which one treads, are merely what one is teaching another. Be careful, then, that you may keep out of the narrow path of orthodoxy, where keep in the broad and open path of liberality where you may go on and on, throughout all eternity, assisting many who may follow after you, casting none aside, but where all may enter and dwell in peace and harmony. Strive to gain a knowledge of the spiritual as well as the material existence, for when that life for you has just begun.

Nature has endowed each individual with faculties to investigate, and satwhether their dead are alive; and take | millions of books printed containing

table growth of another season. That physical but spiritual and as the spirit fluenced another unless they did it by vegetable growth helps to sustain an- is eternal it lifts us above the tempo- a greater strength of spirit. We love other physical life and we are therefore rary and the changing into the calm and cleave to the beautiful and the high sustained and kept alive by the phys- haven of Christ's spirituality. We are ical essence of preceding generations. freed from fear, from sorrow, from It would certainly be an impossibility anxiety and worry about the things of instinctively admire the good. The spirto separate the distinctive elements of this life. We are conscious of freedom it is strong within us, and as it strengthsuch an existence since for centuries within us, no longer slaves to the physthe earth has been enriched by the ical with its attendant horrors of the physical decay of her inhabitants. But gloomy grave and a gloomier after life a more reasonable and in fact the only of terrible pain. Can you realize it, my reasonable belief left to us is that the friends? Ought we not to be indeed a and because there shines from our eyes spirit, the controlling motive power of happy people? Is there any other faith | the secret joy of God's presence. If you our lives, leaves the body and is clothed so beautiful as the one that declares wish to influence the lives of others for upon with a new form adapted to its that God is so good, that he will not purpose as perfectly as this form is cause us needless pain, and that we adapted to the purposes of this life. never die but are clothed upon with a This I believe is what Christ's spirit ac- new form of beauty with added power | there is no surer way or quicker way complished from his own evidence, and joy? O lift up your voices in joy- than to cultivate the spiritual within since he convinced his disciples that he ful thanksgiving that we know such a you. Spirit is eternal; matter is temwas in spiritual form by appearing and God; that we are a part of him; that we porary. Spirit is our possession and vanishing at will, since he forbade are his children and even now know though we cannot see it, it has the pow-Mary Magdalene touching him because what it is to call ourselves immortal! | er to overcome the material and lift us | An emblem of modesty, pleasing to

your veins.

to live as Christ lived in a new and BEAUTIFUL SPIRITUAL FORM,

having cast aside the old husk as the free but free with all the added opporbutterfly casts aside its former shell tunities for happiness and helpfulness. form. Longfellow has beautifully em- future and

hodied this thought when he seeking to comfort his own desolate heart for the No, wonder that all nature sung that loss of his little daughter, says, "There is no death! what seems so is transtion. burb to the fields elysian whose portal due and gladness! We, the chilwe call death." Then if we refuse to recognize death there can be no resurrection from a state which never existed. It is life we must consider. All is that all is life-

THERE IS NO DEATH,

spirit die and not till then.

Well, then you say Easter morning ping and cutting and polishing went on semblance of death. They straightened brings to us no message of good cheer. | continually, until one day the sculptor | his pain drawn limbs and tenderly It means no more to us than does any rested and his face beamed with pleas. wiped the blood-bedewed head and day. Since Christ died not he was not ure. It was a block no longer. He said. I hands and feet; then in cool sweet oint- I American Sentinel.

into the earth and nourish the vege- physical needs alone. That we are not er upon the world. No person ever inand the holy. They appeal to the best within us and influence us because we ens and deepens it carries us along as on an ocean tide and we grow BEAUTIFUL OF COUNTENANCE,

good; if you wish to be a power in the

he said, "I am in spiritual form." And Why, I have been saying it all my life above the sensuous and changing of this I believe will be the fate of us all, and it has just dawned upon me, what this life. It will soothe our sorrows be- | Concealed in the grass and watered by it means. It means that we only drop | cause it whispers that sorrow will be no this body and become free, and not only more. There is no cause for sorrow, "Tis sought for by children when roamtor there will be no separation or mistakes. It whispers to us, fear not, for and emerges into a new form more No wonder that we thank God this the grave has lost its power. The spirit beautiful and more useful than the first morning since he has revealed to us our does not enter the grave. There is Startling the cows that are lying naught to bind it. There is naught to

let us begin to realize it now that we

SUCH A GLORIOUS FUTURE.

morning of Christ's coming forth. No. good rules, not the evil; that wonder that the earth is beautiful and THE NOBLE IS ETERNAL. dren are children of the good and our | not the ignoble: that death and sin and sorrow are servants of life and right end is the joyful and the glorious. There is a beautiful old legend that

and happiness! That we are living, not will help us to realize this that I have | dead; that we do not die; that the time been telling. A great block of rough, will soon come when we will gladly lay life, and if we only realized it, the key- dirty marble was dug up out of the down this mortal body and take up the note of all God's eternal music was earth and taken into a sculptor's work- body that is unchangeable and glorious. struck when human lips say sincerely shop. The sculptor was very happy' But that it will be a change so great in over his marble, though it was only its possibilities that we will scarce

voiceless and formless, void of beauty know ourselves. In tears and sorrow There is change of particles of mat- and grace.' But the sculptor took a the unbelieving disciples laid the body ter to be sure but the spirit within us sharp chisel and began to cut into the of their savior in a tomb. They had always lived and will always live so marble. He cut deeply and often and forgotten that he had told them he long as its creator and sustainer lives. the marble found voice and cried out in | could not die. Their hearts were heavy The spirit within is the spirit of God. pain and begged him to stop. But the within them. For never had man in-When God ceases to exist then will that man still cut and moulded while the spired the love that this man inspired

growing form wept in agony. The chip- | and even that human love shrank at the

he knows God much better than those who attribute to him cruelties so ter- | mausoleum of amber. rible, unrelenting demonism, that would disgrace savages."

"Yes, Ingersoll will (if he does not now) embrace our blessed faith. It will be given this master spirit of poetry, el- | that we can communicate with the deoquence, liberty, and humanity to realcarnate and the decarnate can comize that such love as his great heart has cherished for his wife and children, the slave, the poor, for the deathless creed of "Mercy and love," must be

"Eternal as the hills, the voiceless stars!'

The world of shams, of so-called reworld; if you wish to inspire love for ligious teaching, is moving, and the yourself and for the God you worship dawn of peace, hope and truth cometh. HELEN HINSDALE RICH.

### SWEET VIOLETS.

view. dew. ing around. And when 'tis discovered their shouts

will resound, asleep, dismay it, for it alone is powerful. O, | And green-coated frogs who are crying "go-weep,"

are spiritual, not material; that the While mother at home is feeling at ease.

And sings to herself, while shelling the peas.

It grows an example we should all imitate, If doing good deeds we should not re-

- late. Or blazon them forth like holiday show, As being so good and pious, you know. Act like the flower concealed in the

grass, Help all you can the flerce struggling

mass Of noor humanity, bearing great woes, Concealing yourself, so: that nobody knows.

HENRY M. EDMISTON.

It does not take very much to convince the man who wants legislation to regulate the religion of the country, that he is a successor of the prophets,-

pre-historic insect enclosed in But, most fortunately for us, we are not thus "cabined, cribbed, confined," as we have also a spiritual body, and it is through this and by means of this,

lot conversant with those facts here

municate with us. We declare the existence of the spiritual body, not on the word of any decarnate spirit. We found it on the natural and proved facts here on this mor- posing as mediums who are the basest tal plane. Among these natural facts of frauds and are in it for revenue only. may be named the feeling in an ampu- | If driving such out will kill Spiritualism | tated limb long after it has been sev- it will die easier than I think it will. I ered, the fact that many look down on | know for myself that there is communtheir own fleshly body that they have | ion between the visible and invisible left for a little while; the fact that | worlds, that only a thin veil separates many persons have been seen at a distance from their mortal form; the general facts of mediumship which it is too | than we may think they are, and that late in the day to deny; and all the phenomena of clairvoyance, clairaudience

and clairsentience. When I feel the loving hands of my on some subjects, I am liberal enough mother, whose earth body was buried to say that every one has his particular in 1845. I am not so unscientific as to | work to do, and what will convince and think that I sense them with my fleshly | interest one person will not another. body. I feel her spiritual body caress- and every one should labor to do all the ing me through my own spiritual body which I possess here and now, having | may find it, "on Christian or on heathen attained to some degree the power of ground;" and labor for the betterment effacing if or temporarily leaving my of his fellow-man. Every day of my fleshly one, through the methods delife I thank the spirits for their many scribed in my book, "The Bridge Be- | kindnesses to me, and for their watchtween Two Worlds." ful care in guiding me as best they can

These, and millions of other experi- in my journey through life, and never. ences of truly spiritual persons, har- never shall I abjure anything honest or monize reasonably and naturally with true in spiritual phenomena or its philthe present existence of a spiritual osophy as it may so appear to me. It is body. Of course materialists deny its | my desire to be perfectly sincere and existence because they are materialists. honest in the matter, and not help bring And when persons who call themselves any discredit on the cause. I feel that Spiritualists deny this truth, thereby those who are near and dear to me will denying the well-known and proved wish to help me and I shall labor not to facts of clairvoyance, clairaudience, create any conditions that will hinder and clairsentience, we feel sorry for them. Being thankful for so much to the invisibles for their interest taken in them because the materialism which they have not yet outgrown has blunted my welfare, it is no more than just that their spiritual perception. I protect them from unjust aspersions We claim that what the materialist by those who either cannot or will not comprehend the natural conditions neccalls assumptions are founded on natural facts just as clearly as anything in essary to receive correct and trusty the world about us. He says that we communications from them, for I do not know that physical things exist because | believe that faulty messages would be we apprehend them with our sense or- | so often received if it were not for the

gans, and that we thus know that we | dogmatic, suspicious, too positive attihave a fleshly body. Well in a similar | tude of the investigator in the presence way, we know that spiritual things ex- l of a genuine medium, which is not un-

it, not even for what they believe to be | the belief of some person, each claiming a genuine message from the other side, | to be the true belief, and still as oppobut simply for the sake of the money. site as the two poles of a battery; so, to persons who depend wholly on what when a person will do that I do not bethey read to form a foundation for their lieve there is anything on the face of the wide earth too mean for him to do." belief, it is rather overwhelming and Every true Spiritualist ought to, and unsatisfactory, consequently I say, I believe they will and do, say "amen" each and every one must work out his to the above and say it very loud. The own salvation, and it is deeds, not words that help you. No matter what Spiritualist shark is the meanest of all sharks. There are those in our ranks his belief is, man is known by his works alone, and it is the good qualities a man possesses that work his redemption. A worthless kernel may be found in a finely formed shuck. . That is a fraud that does not cling to Spiritualism, either, it is the individuals that are the frauds and not the beus, and that our departed friends are lief they entertain. So it is that when near us and with us a great deal more they enter the spirit world the belief is left behind, for a certainty is gained. consequently the fraud is left and the they seek to help us and guide us often true individual remains with a desire. when we do not know it. Though I may not agree with many in our ranks for knowledge, and ready to work for the good of themselves and others, and there they find many who have passed to a higher grade, glad to come and assist them to greater achievements in this vast sphere of knowledge, where good he can, seek the truth wherever he we may go on until perfect happiness is attained, and success is gained in that. blissful security and knowledge of a llfe after death.

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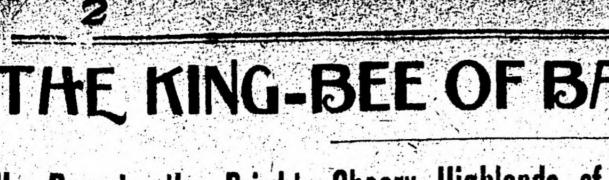
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The chief object of all good governments should be the protection of all the natural rights of their constituent members.-Alexander H. Stephens. Many a man thinks he is looking at truth when he is only looking at the

spectacles he has put on to see it with,

-Drummond.



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THE KING-BEE OF BAGKSLIDERS

He Deserts the Bright, Cheery Highlands of Spiritualism, for the Desolate Realms of Darkness.

W. F. Jamieson Gives an Interesting Account of His Journey from Spiritualism to Materialism.

W. F. JAMIESON, THE MOST Oh, for the day when people will up 1 "parsonage." . Donation parties were BRILLIANT OF ALL MATERIALhold any man or woman in the liberty not overlooked. It was "kingdom come" of proclaiming free thoughts, liberal in every respect, harmony, happiness, ISTS, IS ALLOWED SPACE TO REideas of Truth whether or not labeled success. There I remained, off and on, COUNT THE INCIDENTS CONwith anybody's stamp! for over three years, until, as the say-NECTED WITH HIS TRAVELS When you left the church many of ing went, we had converted everybody THROUGH SPIRITUALISM INTO your former associates looked upon you worth converting. The Spiritualists THE REALMS OF HOPELESS MA- as a "lost soul." Some of my best there were a Quaker-like, earnest peo-TERIALISM-HIS VIEWS WILL friends among the Spiritualists have ple; some of them had been Universallikewise considered me lost, in a sense. ists. The Orthodox Christians tried to BE READ WITH INTEREST, IL-An Indian, as is well known, disdains to establish a Sunday-school and regular LUSTRATING AS THEY DO, THE ever acknowledge himself lost. That preaching to stem the tide of Spiritual-ERRATIC IDIOSYNCRASIES OF may be my condition. On one occasion ism. The sermons were respectfully lissome trappers knew the noble red man | tened to: but as soon as the benediction HUMAN NATURE. was going in an opposite direction from was pronounced, those cheery, well-"What made you a Spiritualist in the his tent, and inquired, "Indian lost?" posted people would gather around the first instance? Striking his breat proudly, he replied, preacher and politely swamp him with

I atended circles, became a conscious

"Was it not the phenomena? "Have you discovered that all these lost!" phenomena are explicable on some other theory than that of Spiritualism? "If so, will you be kind enough to ex-

plain them all in such clear and unambignous terms that we can all understand them?

I cannot but feel a great desire to know by what process you argued yourself out of our ranks.

"FRANK H. SHROCK. "Pueblo, Colorado."

The phenomena and philosophy both made me a Spiritualist.

feast.

rational, and with my "new religion" It is now my duty to give the public a full sketch of my journey- through the earth. Spiritualism into Materialism, in response to the courteous request of Mr. Shrock, a privilege which never was extended to me by any Spiritualistic publication of wide circulation during the twenty-one years I have been a Materialist, until now, when The Progressive shook me from head to foot for half an Naturally I reveled in that atmos-

Thinker offers me the hospitality of its columns.

"Indian not lost, Indian here-wigwam | their questions. The effort to evangel-

ize the Spiritualists was wholly aban-Miss Stone, of Detroit, Michigan, was doned.

the first trance speaker I ever heard, I used to say, I am glad to be among Her speaking was full of charm to me, a class of minds so truly liberal, genial. and I had not a single doubt that the kind, fraternal. Such were the Spirit-"influence" was that of some spirit not ualists among whom I mingled for sevhers. Warren Chase was the first reg- eral years. They were the friends of ular traveling lecturer I ever heard. In my boyhood. Side by side we had his discourse he made Spiritualism so fought the fierce foes of freedom. ] plain that a child could understand, loyed them. They loyed me. They His clear reasoning was an intellectual granted everyone the right to his own thought. I stood a freeman on a free-

man's platform, not a moral coward in trance speaker, or more precisely, inspi- a coward's castle. Away back in the sixtles Spiritualists was as happy a mortal as ever trod in Michigan conventions fearlessly discussed among themselves the right of In 1854 assomething, purporting to be every thinker to change his views upon

an Indian spirit; for, in those days a any question, and they often said, "I medium without an Indian was an can tell you what my convictions are toanomaly, took me from a bed of sick-day, but I cannot tell you what they ness, rushed me down a cellar and will be to-morrow."

hour. At the end of the shaking I re- phere of freedoni. I said, "Here is one ported to mother up stairs, and re- people too broad-minded to persecute

ally change follies and brains several irresistible nower that the incongruous times, the old wearing out to:give place character ascribed to Christ was a to the new. Finally, the complete, tri- moral monstrosity-an impossible charunphant change comes to all, and the acter-that the tenderest and bravest power, the intelligence, the spirit, batfling against death all through earthly life, rises by will-power like an eagle cleaving the upper air.

Turning to juy friend Hull, my domineering Dr. Rush Bigg influence said: My friend asserts' that "the dead know not anything" because their bodles are in the grave, and the Bible says so. That same Bible contradicts him and his theories; for it declares that the woman of Endor, not a "witch" but a

medium, actually communicated with the spirit of Samuel<sup>k</sup> "Samuel said to Saul," and your Bible says, "Now Samuel was dead," so it must have been his spirit. Your Bible abounds in theories of life and death; but there are a few | its authenticity. facts which it relates that gore its theories to death. Which will you take, Scriptural narrative, he would separate

its fact or its theory? Another thing: The demons you have introduced to account for Spirifualism, who are they? Are their bodies sleeping in the grave? Have they bodies and brains? If they are not the spirits of the departed, where did their bodies come from, or are they without bodies? communicate?

Moses and Elias, and other Bible narrations were marshalled to do duty on that occasion. controvert.

There is one thing Mr. Hull is mistaken about. A few years ago, since I became a Materialist, he thought I received too much credit, perhaps, for his conversion, and remarked that after that debate he reasoned about his Adventist argument: That there could be complete, masterly and crushing exno thought without brain, hence, there posure of the corruptions and revolting could be no communications until the mutilations of Primitive Christianity it is scarcely possible to imagine. If Dr. dead were resurrected, was defective, else how did demons, which Adventists | Buchanan had done nothing more than

believe in, communicate? That very objection was shown him in the debate and stated in most emphatic language. Indeed, there was not much Bible Spiritualism overlooked in that famous conbeen presented, he would have con-

flict. While waiting to take the stage, on the last night of the Paw Paw debate, Mr. Hull and myself were invited to the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. George Voke, ardent Spiritualists. Mr. Hull walked the floor, exclaiming: "If this is Spiritualism, I am a Spiritualist."

On his arrival home to Battle Creek, Mrs. Hull gave him the comforting as- | what is called orthodoxy.

just as during life human beings gradu- detect its falsehood. He would say with moral monstrosity-an impossible charvirtues which he appreciates so highly could not possibly be combined with a ferocity surpassing that of Nero, and he

would overwhelm with his ridicule and scorn the monks, the priests and despots who have imposed this monstrous fiction on mankind and employed it to corrupt the minds of innocent children. He would ask their authority for the Pagan fiction which made Jesus a God and sent him to hell three days and nights like other Pagan deities.

I have before me a book entitled "The Day of Doom," by Michael Wiggles. He would trace the Paganism of the whole theology, and ask why the Bible worth, pastor of the church at Malden, appeared mysteriously a hundred years Mass., first published in 1662. The after the apostolic authors were dead author describes the last judgment in a with never a single manuscript to attest poem of 224 stanzas, Cotton Mather, who preached the funeral sermon of Wigglesworth in 1705, said: "The 'Day

Eulogizing the noble portions of the it from its infernalisms and its wild fictions, which have made it an overwhelming calamity to liberty, to science

the epitaph on Wigglesworth's tomb, believed to have been written by and to every virtue that belongs to man. Mather, ends with these words: What Col. Ingersoll might thus have done as a lawyer, has been done in my He to his Paradise is joyful come, history of the first and second century And waits with joy to see his Day of

(called Primitive Christianity), which is If they have no brains how can they a clear and consistent history of the

Who Are the Dead?

folded hands, and let the car of Pro-

adding our strength to assist it? Shall

we continue to wear the discarded gar-

ments of an ancestry who would repu-

diate steam, electricity, and compressed

air; or shall we stand unhampered in

body and mind; strong in our support of

Many among us scout the theory of

evolution; denounce Darwin as a fa-

natic; while the tiger nature even now

lurks in their words; the hyena cruelty

The religious beliefs of to-day stand

was ushered to the attention of this

The disciples of stagnation, stupidity

jealousy and selfishness; they whose

corner-stone is ignorance, who cling to

knowing, nor caring if the world moves

on or halts at the little phantom barrier

their hands have bullded; whose sense

glares in their eyes; the imitative char-

the unfoldment of this glorious age?

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I now quote Wigglesworth's verses on martyred heroes, the priestly knaves infant damnation: and the fierce despots of that tragic

period which no one has yet dared to Then to the Bar all they drew near, Who died in infancy, The pulpit opens the discussion, but a

And never had or good or bad few sincere clergymen honor this reve-Effected pers'nally; lation of historical facts and one of the But from the womb unto the tomb very best men in the English churches Were straightway carried, says in "Light," the leading organ of (Or at the least ere they transgress'd) Spiritualism in London, that "A more Who thus began to plead.

Doom.

The infants protested against being punished for Adam's sin in an argument of considerable length:

Once Popular Beliefs.

sermon, says

l live in."

Then answered the Judge most dread: "God doth such doom forbid, vindicate the character and teaching of | Christ and his apostles, including those | That men should die eternally of Paul, from the falsehoods and the For what they never did, But what you call old Adam's fall, repulsive features in which they have And only his trespass,

ferred a benefit upon the church and You call amiss to call it his. upon the world the full value of which Both his and yours it was." they cannot at present realize."

Further on the Judge says: The benefit is still greater to the Spir Had you been made in Adam's stead itual movement in showing its true You would like things have wrought origin among the martyrs of the first And so into the self-same woe century, in the noblest, purest and most Yourselves and yours have brought rational form of religion that the world has ever seen-the very antithesis of

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My mother was a Methodist, and I be- marked: "I will not be ill any more." for opinion's sake; they are so truth-loylieved in Methodism until my seven. She looked at me as if I were "out of ing they will support the right of everyteenth year, when, after two years in. my head," instead of being "clothed" one to independent views. It will be vestigations of table-tipping, trance and in my "right mind," For a genera- seen that, logically, no such minds could speaking, etc., I accepted the new phil- tion I was never ill for even a day. To condemn anyone for a change of mind osophy.

sixteenth year my father In iny they were, he said, the work of the through my liking for the Spiritual philosophy I converted father and mother to the idea of giving the subject an investigation. They listened to such lecturers as Mrs. Charlotte Russell and Warren Chase and were convinced. Shortly after my seventeenth year father died before he had finished reading "Nature's Divine Revelations," a book which he greatly prized.

As I was already a believer in the immortality of the soul it was but a step from Methodism to Spiritualism-a joyous step, for I left behind the fear of me forty-seven miles further, to Albion. the orthodox devil, a monotonous heav. On my arrival Mr. Wright had passed en, an endlessly uncomfortable hell, a away, and his last words were just as I Edgar Allan Poe. feroclous God, and a shrewd devil. The heard them nearly sixty miles away. "philosophy" of Spiritualism did that for me. Why should I not rejoice? Before leaving Methodism I had imagined perceived numerous flaws in Method. is not so-it is only a dream."

It is always difficult, if not impossible, to satisfy the minds with whom you have associated for a long period. that the reasons for dissenting from laid little stress upon the mental imtheir views are good reasons. Those of pression. But at one time I considered all such dreams and impressions as you, now Spiritualists, who had been for years members of orthodox churches know this to be a fact.

I will endeavor to make it plain why quarter of a century. I became a doubter-not why I argued I am told by many mediums who lismyself out of your ranks, for I never ten to my lectures and debates that I ism; but the ease with which my "indid! I am not out of your ranks except am yet a medium; that they see spirits spirers" answered them, coupled with on one point; a fundamental one, it is helping me. Several years ago Mrs. Lois Waisbrooker and Mrs. Mattie Hull true.

compared notes and kindly vouchsafed As to Christianity, its Jehovah, Devil. the information that I was obsessed! hell, I am no more Infidel than when a Spiritualist. For twenty-five years I Well, it does not hurt; but if I am still debate everywhere I went. Ministers reasoned that inasmuch as Spiritualism a medium I am puzzled to know why of Christianity appeared to think it was is true, Christianity is needless-a les- the Spiritualists ever turned me out of their duty to fight every new thing son which many Spiritualists failed to their synagogues! learn. But the mass of Spiritualists now are about as anti-Christian as the the best speakers of forty years ago,

Materialists.

Many of those who were not, have many times, a live, enthusiastic preach- etc. They were the most unfair oppogone into other movements, such as | er of the "new gospel;" George W. Tarmental science, Christian science, The- lor, the personification of chador; the ined they answered argument by asosophy-or slipped back into the eloquent A. B. French; A. B. Whiting, the wonderful historian, splendid orachurch.

press, in a word, free thought?

my way of thinking that Indian seemed upon any subject-but all Spiritualists to be ever by my side. During my are not logical, as I found when coming begged me to give up table-tippings, as twenty-five years in Spiritualism I was in contact with those of other places "controlled" by some eighty-five differ-| scattered over the Union. Devil. I quit for a year; nevertheless, ent "influences," some of them entirely My mind was thoroughly imbued with distinct from my own personality. I John Milton's splendid sentiment, "Let did not doubt that they were what they truth and error grapple; whoever knew give them every chance. professed to be, spirits of the departed | truth put to the worse in a free and dead. "What they professed to be." 1 open encounter," and heartily endorsed admit there is a great deal in that ex- the principle that "any system which

pression. I am trying to write impar- shuns investigation openly manifests its own error," accepted without reservatial history. One night, in a half-awake condition, tion the announcement of A. J. Davis, I arose, when my wife inquired why I "The agitation of thought is the beginwas dressing. I replied: "Father ning of wisdom."

Wright (my step-father) is calling me; I eagerly read the poetry of T. L. Harhe is dying." I walked ten miles, just ris and Lizzie- Doten. Miss Doten's in time to catch a train which carried "Resurrexi," a gem, every word of which I have in memory, is as good proof as I ever saw of the inspiration of

I listened entranced to the unique elo-Distinctly and repeatedly I have quence of Lockwood (the railroad conductor-not your present Mr. Lockdreamed literal future events. Months before my wife's death I dreamed it, | wood whom I knew in Ripon, Wisconit the only sure route to heaven; but as and in my agitated awakening related sin, before he was identified with the I became familiar with Spiritualism I it to her, remarking; "How glad I am it spiritual movement) and the slow, witty. addresses of Henry C. Wright; enjoyed

Five hundred miles away I knew the the incisive, meaty speeches of Giles B. time to an hour when my mother passed | Stebbins: the philosophic discourses of away; but I had traveled that distance A. J. Davis; the vigorous, womanly to see her a few weeks before; hence, presentations of Mary, his wife. None of those advocates talked like preachers-that is why I liked them so well. proofs of spirit communication, and in to obtain light were great. They were. that frame of mind I continued for a) In those days, when I entered the lecture field. I found the teachers of

Christianity bitterly assailing Spiritualthe fact that I was convinced the answers, quick and pointed, came from

some intelligence superior to my own, prompted me to challenge the clergy for "the good old way" and the "old, old Mine was the privilege of hearing story" were new enough for them, and he "who would climb into heaven any

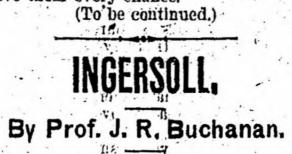
other way was a thief and a robber. nents Spiritualism ever had, and imagsaulting character.

About this time Moses Hull and my Had the Spiritualists been as liberal tor, inspirational musician and im- self had our celebrated battle of six sesas their philosophy I would have been promptu poet. I was intimately ac- sions, twelve hours, in Paw Paw, working with them in the broad human- quainted with this gentleman; had a Michigan, before crowded houses. itarian field; for does not Spiritualism | great liking for him, and acknowledge | was a beardless youth, Hull about three stand for free inquiry, free speech, free that to this day I cannot account for years older, a great Biblical student, a his genius. He baffled thousands. Com- "walking encyclopedia" of Bible texts-Had the Spiritualist societies main- mittees were appointed to test him. fluent, witty, master of the subtile arts

surance that he was "galloping as San Jose, Cal. straight as a string to the Devil!"

Next day he met Rev. J. M. Peebles (now promoted to M. D.) who also resided in Battle Creek, and said of the mate, lacking energy. roll in his hand: "There is my recanta-Who are the dead? tion of Adventism!"

The Adventists refused to publish the recantation, and asserted that Satan had trapped him. They desired to pray possibilities, can we afford to lie back in the easy chair of stagnation, with for him. I wrote Hull: Let them pray.



Probably no one is doing more at this time for the advancement of true Christianity and destruction of the false. than Col. Ingersoll. In his last great address on The Devil he placed the two in a picturesque contrast.

their every-day life. Around us hover The fact that a false Christianity the superstitions and cruelties of cenbased on forgeries and established b turies; wherever our feet tread out in the sword at the very center of the the arena of nature a river of blood world's conception, has been mainmars its beauty; the convlct system of tained by force and bloodshed to the Georgia and Florida, with all its unconpresent time, should not deter any one trolled license on the part of officials; from seeking the real meaning of that the sweat-shop slavery of New York, much abused word and the real history with its life-sapping and close, poisonof its origin, from which it spread to far ous air; the thousands of hungry, unemoff India uncorrupted by the Roman ployed people in our great cities; while Papacy, and maintained its humble exabove all hover's grim starvation with istence for centuries along the Jordan, his gaunt figure. It may be said that my opportunities | simply recognizing Jesus as a wise teacher of religion, with no superhuman character, until all independence was like whited sepulchres along the march crushed by Rome and its forgeries imof Time; lit by the tallow candle of creposed-upon the world. dulity; and when one soul dares cast

I must here quote the admirable stateaside the dry husks of antiquity, and ment of the case by Col. Ingersoll, give voice to some idea not in touch which all good men might endorse, with the dead past; the multitude cry crucify him. Each time a new truth whose minds have not been corrupted or enfeebled by theology.

"I admit (says Ingersoll) there are world, the narrow minds of that era opmany good and beautiful passages in posed it; but what availed this opposithe Old and New Testaments. I admit tion? The child grew, thrived, and was that from the lips of Christ dropped a light in the gloom of that age. many pearls of kindness-of love.

"Every verse that is pure and tender I treasure in my heart. Every thought behind which is the tear of plty I appreciate and love. But I cannot accept it the belief of their, father's, neither all. Many utterances attributed to Christ shock my brain and heart. They are infinitely cruel: they are infinitely absurd. I cannot believe them; I can- of comprehension of justice is so stunt-

not accept them. "Take from the New Testament the infinite savagery, the malevolence of eternal pain, the absurdity of salvation by faith, the ignorant belief in the ex- what, pray tell? Did you eyer attend a istence of devils, the immorality and seance, public or private where the atcruelty of the atonement-how horrible that doctrine! Let me tell you to-night | it is better, far nobler to deserve without receiving than to receive without the meaning of words. deserving. (Great applause.) "Think! Think! Take from the New Testament the doctrine of non-resistance that denies to virtue the right of self-defence-take these things awaythe ignorant miracles-take them away. and how glorious it would be that the remainder is really true. Compared star; since then have defied Christian with this knowledge how everything else in Nature would shrink and shrivel! inspirers to meet so redoubtable a cham-"What ecstasy it would be to know pion as Hull, and thought it best to prethat God really exists, that he is our pare a few notes in case my guides father, and that he loves and cares for would fail me. I knew if they were the children of men; to know that all the tears that grief sheds here will some otherwheres be the pearls of joy; to know that all the haths that human beings travel, turn and wind as they may, whether in the mire of crime or on the heights of lighor, lead at last to the gates of stainless peaced "How the heart would thrill and throb to know fliat Christ was in fact the conqueror. of death, that at his grave the all devouring monster was baffled and beaten forever; to know that from that moment the tomb became the door that opens on eternal life." "And yet it were fall better that all this should be false than that all of the New Testament' should be true; far better to have no heaven than to have heaven and hell; far better to have no God than God and Devil," The pulpits have never said anything so wise. All this is as true as eloquent, but the Colonel fails to carry on his investigation of the question. He has not studied ancient history enough to know that there was in the apostolle age such a Christianity as he admires, so inspiring to its followers that they were not afraid to face imprisonment, mobs and death. If he doubts the materialization of Jesus, why does he not seek the materialization of other men under conditions that admit of no doubt and satisfy the most critical minds. Why does he disregard the testimony of Sir Wm. Crookes, the president of the British Scientific Association, and a hundred others equally convincing. Why does he not examine the sel-| Series 1, 2, and 8, each complete in itentific record as to would if it were | self. Price, cloth, \$1 per volume. For Methodist parson; for self and family a changed according to nature's edict, offered in court, where he would readily | sale at this office.

in these words:

Yet to compare your sin with their Who liv'd a longer time, I do confess yours is much less, Webster defines dead as dull, inani-Though ev'ry sin's a crime. A crime it is; therefore, in bliss You may not hope to dwell. We stand on the threshold of a new But unto you I shall allow century, pregnant with vast, unborn

The easiest room in hell. What that "easiest room" is appea further on:

gression move wearily onward, without But who can tell the plagues of hell And torments exquisite? Who can relate their dismal state And terrors infinite Who fare the best and feel the least Yet feel that punishment

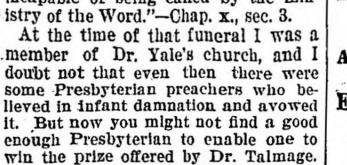
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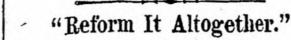
If God did not prevent.

The last degree of misery There felt is incomparable; The highest pain they there sustain Is more than intolerable. acteristics of the monkey are manifest in | But God's own pow'r from hour to hour Upholds them in the fire, That they shall not consume a jot Nor by its force expire.

> This poem was immensely popular for more than a century. Nor did all orthodox preachers repudiate infant damnation in the early part of this century. Fifty years ago elderly persons assured me they had heard it preached from the pulpit, and fifty-seven years ago, at the funeral of my niece, aged seven years, the Rev. Elisha Yale, D. D., of Kingsboro, N. Y., a Presbyterian, expressed doubt of the salvation of the child. That doubt is quite compatible with the

"Confession of Faith," which says: "Elect infants, dying in infancy, are regenerated and saved by Christ, through the Spirit, who worketh when and where and how he pleaseth. So also are other elect persons, who are incapable of being called by the ministry of the Word."-Chap. x., sec. 3. At the time of that funeral I was a member of Dr. Yale's church, and I doubt not that even then there were some Presbyterian preachers who be-





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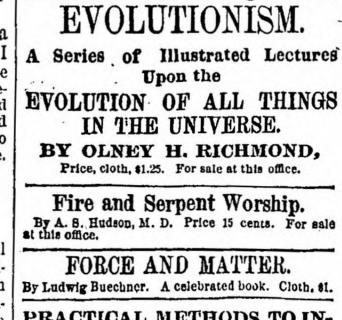
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ble for any assertions or statements he ing Free Masons, and knowing that spiration I feared neither Hull, his God, may make. The editor allows this free- | Whiting was too young to belong to the | nor his devils. I would have offered dom of expression, believing that the order, were confident they had chosen myself on an altar as a living sacrifice cause of truth can be best subserved a subject upon which the boy would for free speech :- that was my polethereby. Many of the sentiments ut- fail to make an impromptu poem, tered in an article may be diametrically | When the subject was called for the mobs. Nevertheless, I distrusted my opposed to his belief, yet that is no rea- | clergyman arose and simply announced, son why they should be suppressed. No so as to give no clew, "Hiram Abiff!" one person has the whole truth, hence kindly feelings should always be entertained for those who differ from you." No Freethinker can surpass that. In-

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tice has been costly to me.

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ety, wrote me au elegant letter, saying

that, so far as he was concerned. I

form; but the majority decided that I

had been engaged as a Spiritualist-and

they canceled the engagement.

Mo., secretary of the Spiritualist soci- doubly welcome.

of the cups.

with whom I had engagements for lec-1 of spiritual beings were around us.

stated to them my change of views, ad- mine, Mr. John S. Brown, was my com-

ding that I would come and deliver lec- panion. At our first regular stopping-

be willing to hear me with my changed | from E. S. Towers; his parents, return-

convictions. Mr. Budlong, Carthage, ing from a visit in the evening, made us

Scarcely were the words uttered when Whiting began: "Hiram Abiff, the widow's son."

the spirituelle Rev. J. M. Peebles,

half as frightened as I was Hull would have no trouble in putting my scalp in That poem electrified the audience. his Adventist belt to dangle beside the others. But those carefully prepared none more so. Should not every Spirit- For several minutes the clergyman apualist society have a platform as broad parently forgot to sit. down. Masons notes proved a hindrance; they were in my way; useless lumber for the most as that? Why not? Is the immortality were dumbfounded. Some intelligence, question a test of membership?. If so, they admitted, gave the history of Ma- part-got badly mixed, and I remember then Spiritualism resolves itself into a sonry correctly, as far as they knew, saying to the audience, "Oh, pshaw, I sect, organized or unorganized. True, I but went far beyond the knowledge of can talk better with my eyes shut!" was not turned out of "church" for my the highest Mason in the house. It Like a flash they were shut and a perheresy; but the Spiritualistic press claimed to come from an Italian spirit. fect torrent of words followed, and they (with the exception of some small, but) At the very beginning of Henry do say I took the multitude by storm; excellent journals of limited circula- Slade's career I sat in many of his cir- and Hull himself testified that he never tion) refused to publish replies to cles; was lifted bodily on a large dining witnessed such a manifestation of misrepresentations of my views. The table in a seance of his, a number of power over an audience, nor felt so platforms of the Spiritualists were also people present. Guests at his house, strong an influence over himself. The closed against me; for I would not con- wife and I, sitting at his table to par- Adventists acknowledged it, but said it sent to address any society unless per- take of a meal, the table, viands and was the devil-"a voluble talker from fectly free to express my own views of all was suspended in broad daylight. the beginning, as well as a liar" (they truth. To this hour I cannot under- We were requested not to look under said).

stand why any society, or any man, the table during the levitation, as it I felt that Hull, with all his bombast should stand in the way of free speech. would interfere with the conditions. | was a mere child in my grasp. I was Much as I loved Spiritualism in my That left me in doubt as to what power seized with a positive feeling that youth I loved truth more. The first ar- raised it. Mrs. Slade addressed the swept everything before me, and made ticle ever printed from my pen was en- mover as Owosso, an Indian spirit, me think that he was merely in the a titled "Duty versus Policy." Its prac- chiding him for spilling the coffee out b c class of Biblical learning. Text after text were flung out before the peo-Some time before, I had entered the ple to show that there is a spirit in nomena I wrote to the Spiritualists lecture field fully satisfied that millions | man; that all through the Bible the undying song is immortal life, a grand On my first lecture tour a friend of destiny for all, no extinction for any. To Hull's Adventist argument that there could be no thought, no intellitures provided the Spiritualists would place we received a cordial welcome gence without brain, and that the dead are in their graves, my "influence"whatever it was-replied:

Granted that there is no intelligence without brain. This is what Spiritual-My first regular engagement, after my ists teach: Spirits are not airy nothings, initial lectures in 1859, was in the Towwould be welcome to occupy their plat- ers' neighborhood, which became a insubstantial ghosts; they are living strong center of Spiritualism. For men, women and children with bodies miles around I had my circuit, like a and brains. The earthly bodies were

tending spirits spoke in terms of reproach of the victims of man's licentiousness? How small your definition

At foot of a vast hill I see crouching a poor abject creature whom you call Charity, while on its apex stands, gloeach of which doubtless bore the impress rious, regal Justice demanding in thunof his conspicuous characteristicsder tones that her sons and daughters frankness and ability; but I question if be judged by the same impartial trihe ever took a book in hand over which bunal: who points her index finger at a he felt to say more and better things beautiful rainbow of light whereon is than the one in question, and yet betraced "Let him who is without sin cast cause of its glaring defects, none which the first stone." more needed the judicious use of the

Who are the dead? Can you guess? FRED L. HILDRETH.

BEFORE THE GATES,

did it effectively and in a proper spirit At heaven's high gates each mortal told his story, shorn of its fair proportions. And one came crowned with gold, and one with glory. manently valuable, pages marred by One said: "I built great temples that flippant and offensive personal referarise ence, unwelcome as unnecessary; pages With spires that point the pathway to. disfigured by concelt and egotism as far the skies." below as contrary to the spirit of true criticism; by incongruous characteriza-And one: "I scattered gold before my tions and grave charges forbidden alike door by good taste and dignified scholarship When rose the rage of all the rabble poor." merit, rich withal in its results of his-

And yet another: "On the heights of Fame, Toiling obscure, I carved a deathless

name." And then came one in meek and lowly

guise; Nor to the angel did he lift his eyes,

"What hast thou done to gain the courts above?"

"Nothing,", he said: "All that I knew was love;

"That love which was-that love which is to be:

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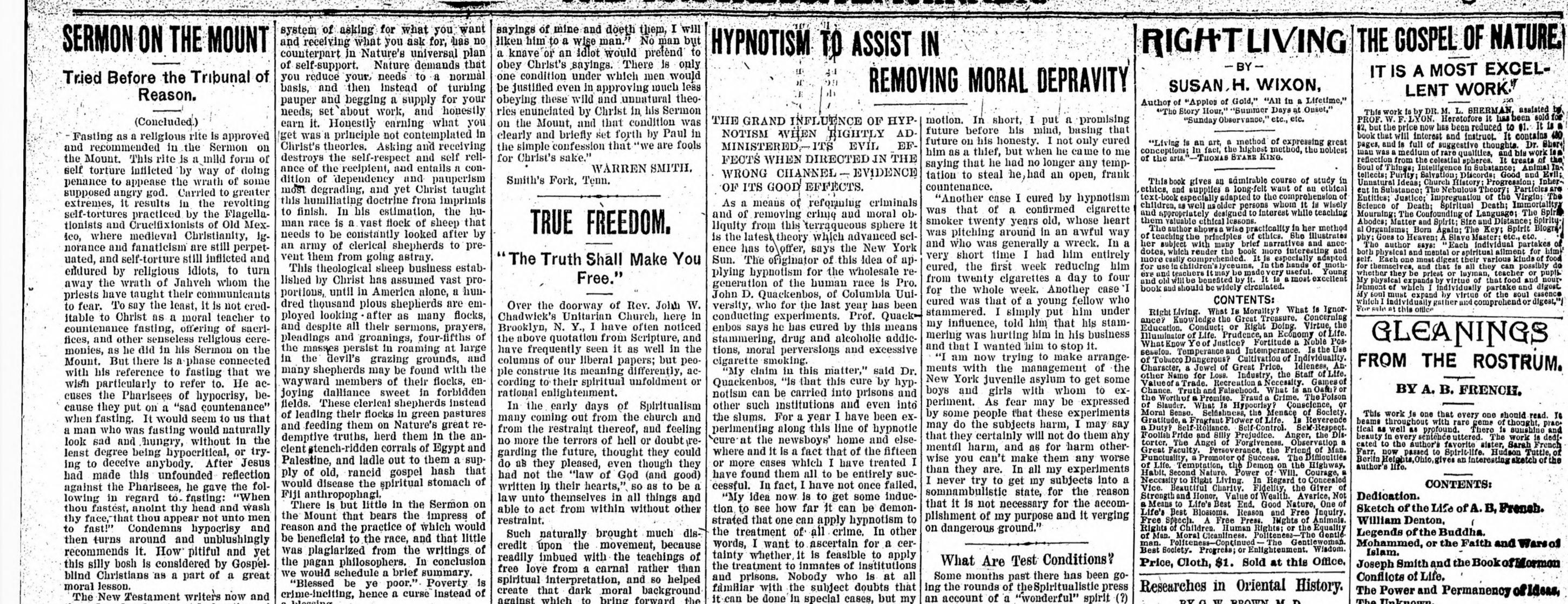
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The New Testament writers now and then floundered onto a declaration of

significant truth. Such was the case with Paul when he wrote to his brethren: "We are fools for Christ's sake," Let us score one truth for Paul!

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth!" This command is not advisory, but strictly mandatory, and yet, how many Christians obey it? The entire life practice of nine-tenths of the Christians of Europe and America, is in direct opposition to the plainest tener and meaning of this Christ-given mandate. What a sham and a shame is the hypocritical profession of the entire Christian world!

Christ next indulges in some animadversions on the eye being the light of the body," and the effect of the "single eye," and of the "evil eye;" and the meaning of which a half-million Bible class and Sunday-School teachers have been trying for fifty years to explain to the satisfaction of their classes, and it still remains an unsolved problem. If the precious time and earnest effort employed in explaining this and other meaningless and inane sayings of. Christ, had been employed in enlightening the rising generations on the principles of political and social economy, and the laws of bodily health and spiritual growth, the people of our nation intellectually and morally, might stand far above the low plane which they now

occupy. "The Great Moral Teacher" next gives some specific instructions on the economy of life-how to make a living. and his theories on the great question of support in life, are as usual, unnatural, absurd and so wildly insane, that the few in our country who have essayed to practice them, have been subject to a writ of lunatico inquirendo, or arrested under our vagrant laws.

He enjoins his hearers to "take no thought for their life, what they shall eat" and refers them to the examples of the birds that "sow not nor reap," and yet their "heavenly father feedeth them," and "ye are of more worth than they." Now if there is any meaning in this injunction and the illustrations given, it advises against sowing and reaping, or any other work to provide food for the body. He also commands that no thought be taken for the clothing of the body, and the lilles are cited as examples for us to imitate and that our heavenly father will "much more clothe" us. Millions of pious idiots, during the Dark Ages in Europe, were reduced by this command to vagrants and vagabonds, and members of the various Christian orders in Italy, Spain. Russia, the Latin Republics and Mexico are in the same offensive catagory today. Christ in this instance positively interdicts all methods of industry and economy to secure the comforts and. conveniences of life. His substitute for labor as a means of livelihood is to set out and seek the "kingdom of God," and all bodily comforts and conventences shall be added thereto. We have known a very few who were senseless enough to take Christ at his word, and as a result ended their days in the poorhouse, or in a home of squalor and misery. The hobos or "weary Willies" of itinerant fame, are the only class that practically obey Christ's command to "take no thought for to-morrow." This class are really practical Christians who meet with a sorry reception when they enter a village of churches. where they are arrested by their professional Christian brethren under the vagrant law, and made to serve on the chain gang as a penalty for obeying Christ's teachings on the Mount. The Universal Consciousness evolving man, stamped indelibly upon him the law of self preservation, one feature of which was a provident nature that renders him mindful of the necessities of the future, and prompts him to make the needed provisions for them. Christ in his sermon on the Mount as well as on other occasions, seems to have had the unhappy faculty of contradicting reason, morality and human experience, and there is no better evidence of this fact than his commands to "Resist not evil" and "Take no thought for to-morrow, as to what ye shall eat or wherewith ye shall be clothed." This is so contradictory to the every-day economy dicant! and necessities of life, that it appears to reasoning men and women as an absurd burlesque on the eternal fitness of things; and still Christians who submit gence! to the humiliating ordeal of being fools for Obrist's sake, approve it as divine truth. The anomaly in this case be-

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"Blessed are they that mourn." Not until bereavement and calamity become future of our cause occasions of rejoicing.

a blessing.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." History proves they did-with a vengeance. "Blessed are the peace-makers." A peace-maker in Christian countries signifies a steel-clad marine monster, equipped with eight sixteen-inch bore rifle cannon, and half a score or rapidfiring guns of smaller caliber, to batter down the works of human industry and perpetrate wholesale destruction of human life.

Let men "see your good works." "Do not your alms to be seen of men." "If you say Raca, you are in danger of the council." If you say "Thou fool," you are in imminent "danger of hell-fire." Will some Sunday-school teacher please explain why?

fulfill it." The infernal, old bloody, Jewish law!

"Bring your gift to the altar to insure | out and harmonious state of mind and the reconciliation of a brother and agree with thine adversary quickly, and escape arrest and imprisonment." It is from within rather than from without. questionable if one Christian ever rendered practical obedience to these commands in the last eighteen hundred | those laws and in harmony with them, years-hence where is the use of them? otherwise we suffer the various ills A man can "put away his wife for | flesh is heir to as the penalty of cause of fornication," but a woman violated law. Self knowledge. physiocannot "put away" her husband for logical and spiritual, will help us any cause. He may be a miserable, toward this end. Self control, poise. whiskey-guzzling, tobacco-eating syph- | and the true balance of the two forcesilitic brute, yet there is no avenue | male and female-in the one individual through which the wife-chattel can es- | are the other factors in the problem. cape from him, except by becoming an adulteress, or by way of the suicide's grave. That is, according to the "Ser-

mon on the Mount. If your eye, foot or hand doesn't act just to suit you, "pluck it out," or "cut them off and cast them from you." This true sons and daughters of God. is recommended by the "Great Teacher" as a heroic treatment to prevent the ramaining portion of the body from being cast into hell. This revelation is quite edifying, though somewhat start-

ling to the ignorant. "Give to him that asketh." And he might have truthfully added, encourage | Some of the Uses to Which vagrancy, discourage industry, and be a pauper yourself. 'Swear not at all." He seems to have

higher and more spiritual life of the in all cases.

As we grow in the spiritual and actual knowledge of our relations to JECTS God and the life beyond, we grow out

of our bondage to dogmatic theology and a too literal conception of Bible teachings; but this should not make us free from the moral law, except in the sense that we are so thoroughly grounded therein that we feel no restraint from outside control.

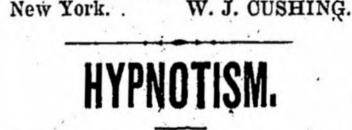
against which to bring forward the

When I am so grown into natural of spontaneous obedience to the moral law that outside restraint or government neither chafes nor disturbs me, then am I "a law unto myself" and free from

the law, though the law itself goes on just the same, anarchistic teachings to the contrary notwithstanding.

No man is free to do as he pleases unless he pleases to do what is right in "I come not to destroy the law-but to | the sight of just law; and the real truth there is in Spiritualism should help men and women to grow into that rounded heart that would make them able to be free in this sense, and to be governed Neither can we be free from the laws of our being except as we live within

These, coupled with a mind consciously open and receptive to the impressions and intentions of the spiritual realm. make or characterize the new man and woman-the product of the spiritual dispensation nowhere in its dawn-the



Applied.

DIFFICULTY IN GETTING SUB-

"I first saw a practical application of spiritual origin and the impossibility of hypnotism as a cure in the Academy of fraud.

Medicine about six years ago, but it To show how careless is the average was only for a limited purpose. Later investigator, (no matter how learned or the matter was further brought to my scientific in material matters), I will ilattention-in fact, certain physicians in | lustrate how, in this case, as in scores this city have for some time used hyp- of similar ones recently reported, there

notism, especially in the treatment of was every opportunity for fraud. nervous diseases. Then I discovered | The conditions, as described by the rethat I possessed the power to hypnotize porter and in the affidavit, were as foland I decided to try it. The most sat- lows: The medium was securely fasisfactory results are obtained where the tened in a mosquito netting, which was patient is old enough to realize not only | tacked to the floor all around; doors and the significance and purpose of the windows were securely fastened, and a treatment, but also is possessed of the circle was formed around the medium, desire to be made better. My chief dif- with the canvas upon which the picture figulty thus far has been in getting a was to be produced in the center of the sufficient number of cases, due to all circle, after which, as the narrative kinds of opposition, including ecclesi- states, every precaution was taken to astical. In one case I was told by a exclude every ray of light, leaving the matron who was in charge of about 100 room in Egyptian darkness. But nothing is said about examining to 200 patients that my suggested hyp-

notic cure was not for an instant to be the floor inside the circle for trap doors. thought of. Yet in the very next breath | Fakirs have been known to cut trap she admitted that several of the cases doors through both floor and carpet, all were being treated by Christian Sci- excepting one side of the carpet, which was used for a hinge; when they tacked entists.

"Not only is hypnotism, properly used, the carpet down to the movable piece of a great force for moral reform, but it floor so that the cut in the cloth would will also elevate the intelligence. When only be visible on the closest examinathe hypnotist physician gets a patient tion, and to prevent the discovery of under his control the patient is for the this a rug is usually thrown over the time being part of himself. He has, in | cut in the carpet. Now, in this particushort, lost his own will and has to act | lar case the seance occurred in the meand think as the hypnotist suggests, dium's own home, on the ground floor, and the result is that if elevated ideals and as in a case I have in mind it would and thoughts are presented to the sub- have been easy for this "medium" to ject he will be elevated accordingly, have had a cellar-room fitted up exwhile if low and debased thoughts are pressly for a confederate artist to work suggested the patient will in proportion | in. This confederate could have extinbe lowered and debased. guished his light, reached through the

"Here I want to speak of legitimate | trap door secured the canvas, closed the and, if I may use the word, illegitimate | trap door, relit his light and proceeded hypnofic treatment. I actually believe with his painting at his leisure. When that a great deal of this illegitimate complete the same modus operandi could hypnotic treatment is resorted to in this have been repeated to replace the piccity, with the result that, to me, it ture. The fact that the picture conseems perfectly reasonable to suppose tained portraits of prominent persons that people so influenced are induced to and fac similes of their writing and sigleave their money and property just as | natures counts for nothing, as models the hypnotist desires and influences. In of these can be obtained anywhere, and fact, I believe that persons have been a good artist would have no difficulty in hypnotized and made to steal-indeed, imitating them.



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forgotten the inspired declaration of the prophets, that "every knee shall bow. and every tongue shall swear." "Resist not evil." A command which if obeyed, would inaugurate a period of

outrage and violence, that would soon reduce the world to a state of successful brigandage wherein evil would triumph, and good become extinct.

If smitten on one cheek turn the other to the smiter also. Practical obedience to this command would result in broken jaws, frightful facial disfiguration, and a general boom in the dentistry business. Where does the benefit

come in? "Love your enemies," in imitation of your heavenly father who sends his sunshine and rain "on the just and unjust." But what about your heavenly father and his earthquake, flood and cyclone business, involving in one common and widespread ruin both the "just and the unjust," faithful mothers and innocent helpless children?

"When ye pray" reduce yourselves to the status of a pauper and beg your heavenly father to give to you dally rations of bread. Also ask him to cancel any debts you may owe, and by the allatoning efficacy of forgiveness, wipe out the black record of your sins and trespasses; and be sure also to earnestly implore your "dear heavenly father"

not to lead you into temptation, or send any lying spirits out of heaven to deceive and ruin you as he did in the case of old Ahab. After you have thus made sure your daily bread without earning it, and secured a cancellation of your debts without paying them, and an absolution of your trespasses, seek thy couch and enjoy the sweet slumbers of the innocent! Selah! This is an honest, faithful transposi-

tion of Christ's instruction in regard toprayer as given by him in the Sermon on the Mount, and how convenient and precious to the knave and indolent men-"Lay not up for yourselves treasures

on earth." And end your days in the poorhouse, as a result of your negli-

"Take no thought for to-morrow, what ye shall eat or where with ye shall be clothed.", And serve thy country on been denied by clergymen and physi- one of exalted, mind, power and in- a few friends on Monday evening at

lines.

In The Progressive Thinker of July 2, 1898, there was an article headed "Cured While We Sleep; Hypnotism Loses Caste."

I hope there will not be any extended attempt to change the name again of the force now called hypnotism. 1 have been a student, and have used hypnotism in many modes during the past twenty-four years, therefore I may

write of what I know on the subject. First, some of the names hypnotism has been known by, are "Power of God," "Holy Ghost," "Holy Spirit," "God," "Witchcraft," "Mesmerism, and "Egyptian Freemasonry." Many

other names may be found for the same force. Ever since a knowledge of spirit as far as history reports, men 'have used hypnotism over other men. A suggestion is made to a hypnotist, and he or she is hypnotized as much as the idea is impressed on his or her mind. Gentle modes of speech are the most powerful to hypnotize nine-tenths of the

people, whether they be children in years or full-grown\_men and women. A person who says to another: "I shall talk to you to-night while you are asleep, and you will answer me without waking; you will also hear me, and understand what I say," has practiced a common mode of using hypnotism. Some new students seem to think you must knock a man down to hypnotize

him, but such a mode is not a success to change a nation's ideas on peaceful The spirits, angels, according to the Bible, came to men in dreams and hypnotized various people. Dreams have been a powerful teacher all along the ages. At church and school people

hypnotized year after year. A person, who has no good influence over a child while the child is awake, should not be allowed to disturb a child while it is

operate or suggest to us.

one of our police captains told me some The methods described above will actime ago that he had such a case. count for a large per cent of the re-"Then, too, take the cases of those markable (?) dark seance phenomena who are hypnotized for cases of ex- we have, recently heard so much about

hibition. A person so repeatedly hyp- as being "positive proof" of public notized is very seriously injured men- physical phenomena in the dark seance. tally. That, of course, I consider crim- No one has sought more earnestly for inal. But no possible harm can come this kind of "positive proof" than I to a mind put under the influence of a have, yet up to date I have sought in reputable physician, say four or five vain.

.But there are other methods of exit times. I would suggest, therefore, in view of this illegitimate hypnotism, and entrance for confederates at the dark seance than the trap door. One is that the power to hypnotize be placed only in the hands of reputable physi- the panel in the door which has been cians. Reputable physicians in Europe previously removed and placed on a

as well as in America are reporting hinge to open out or in. If the panel is cases by the thousands in which hyp- not large enough to admit a person, slates and other paraphernalia for notism has acted as a palliative or cure. fraud may be passed in and out. These cases include not only functional

nervous diseases, but also diseases in which pain is a prominent symptom. The nervous symptoms are controlled, supposed investigators, and in this mathe appetite is improved and sleep is secured by the establishment of functional harmony through the power of suggestion.

"Let me explain to you from the medical standpoint the working of the hypnotic cure: The phenomena of hypnotism are scientifically explicable on | ence is to trust no one where they can the supposition of a double ego, a duplex personality, implying two distinct states of consciousness-one called the primary consciousness, involving the mind's recognition of its own acts;

the other, called the secondary consciousness, holding those mental pro- my visit of a week in Chicago, and cesses and procedures of which we thanks to my many friends, yourself

have no knowledge. That is, each hu- among them, I enjoyed the many adman being is one individual with two vantages a city offers as well as I could. distinct phases of existence. Now, it is Sunday I attended the Church of the this secondary consciousness that is Soul and enjoyed all the exercises from amenable in hypnosis to what is called the discourse of Mrs. Richmond to the suggestion, or the insinuation of a be- sweet singing of the young ladies. The have been hypnotized and are being. lief, impulse or image into the mind of hearty grasp of the hands of so many the subject by emphatic declaration. "Both a Christian Science healer and gave me much satisfaction. I also visa hypnotist seek to alleviate pain by ited Mrs. Cooley's church, and she, with asleep. A dream that a "mother's spirit | arousing in the subject the idea that it | the president, Mr. Druliner, gave me a 'stood by his bedside," most probably does not exist, and each obtains control cordial welcome. I assisted, or tried to,. was so in fact. Spirits are with us of the secondary consciousness to effect at both afternoon and evening services. while we sleep, and their thought is our his purpose. In ordinary hypnotism At the latter meeting Mrs. Cooley gave, thought, if they are powerful enough to there are two distinct conditions-leth- a very able address advocating crema-

argy, or the inactive stage, and som- tion. Please let us stick to the name Hyp- | nambulism, or the alert stage. The first | By the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Carl notism. It has not lost caste. It has is a condition of deep sleep, the second Wickland, I was permitted to receive



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SATURADY, MAY 27, 1899.

GOOD.

A preacher in Quaha has made the pleasing discovery that sleeping in Congregationalism, stands before the members of the Congregational assochurch is a babit as old as Christianity.

MEBITED REPROOF. The editor of The Butherford News, New Jersey, in an editorial in regard to Rev. Parker's profanity, mentioned in these columns two weeks ago, says: "It is a fact which has been cordially testified to by those who have had the pleasure of meeting the Sultan of Turkey and of knowing something of his daily life, that he is one of the mildest, kindest and most lovable of men, and that there is not a ruler living less de-SBYS:

English House of Lords, just after the

"I have seen and known the much

maligned Sultan of Turkey, as few

tians would do well to emulate.'

Turko-Grecian war:

serving of the charge of tyranny, cruelty or intolerance than he. We are aware this assertion is directly at variance with the opinion of the masses of Americans and Europeans, but it is the truth, Unfortunately, the masses have received their information concerning- Abdul Hamid from persons whose religious fanaticism and intolerance have overshadowed all other sax that he was told: consideration. Said a member of the

"Only the ignorant men and women go to church. The thinking people, the reading people, care no more for the priest's pretended power than they care for the man in the moon."

Christlans have ever seen and known him, and in common justice and honesty I am forced to confess that I have been undeceived. I expected to find him a shrewd, crafty, cold blooded tyrant. I found him a modest man of lofty, generous impulses, in whose heart there burns the fire of an exalted love for humanity, justice, mercy and a broad religious tolerance that we Chris- in Constantinople, where Constantine "We confidently believe a comparison and throughout all the provinces o of the moral and mental attributes of Africa where it gained a strong foothold, Mohammedism has become the the Sultan and the eccentric London clergyman who asks the Supreme Being prevailing religion, with its love for to damn him, would place the Sultan

a head and shoulders above his slanand battle cry. derer in the estimation of the fair-

minded portion of the world." The author of the above while traveling in Europe made the personal acquaintance of the Sulfan, and though he details what others knew of him, he was only telling what he knew himself while sojourning in the Turkish capital. IS DR. GUNSAULUS A HERETIC?

to it.

Another heretic has entered the grena and flung down his gauntlet, not ten tatively not timorously but audaciously and nochalantly. Dr. Gunsaulus, reared in Methodism and late the Paladin of

FIFTY YEARS AGO, AND NOW. It seems the declension of faith in the church is not limited to New England, or the United States, or even to English speaking people, but down there in Italy, where many believe Christianity was born, certainly where it was nurtured, and attained its greatest prominence, it is not flourishing. The

London "Literary Guide," for May, "The Rey. Joseph Hocking, in the 'Ohristian World,' on the condition of religion in Italy \* \* \* states, that a high clerical official in Rome informed

him that 'Half a century ago there was comparatively little unbelief in Italy, but now I have no hesitation in saying that a third of the nation is Atheistic.' ' Then Reverend Hocking goes on to

What a terrible revelation! Taking received Christian history for the base: in Palestine, where "our Lord" was born; in Asia Minor, the home of Paul, where most of his ministry was spent in the greater part of ancient Greece, the field of early missionary labor; and made Christianity the state religion;

Allah and his prophet, for watchwords

We are all familiar with the conquests which what the church calls Infidelity has made in Germany, in Great Britain, in America. This church organ now tells us Italy, and Rome itself has gone back on the established faith; that the educated classes, embracing full one-third of the male population, have become Atheists! This seems incredible, and yet it is the revulsion which naturally follows false assumption, and the abuse of power. Spain, in the throes of a political rev-olution, will, doubtless, in the end, ascribe her real misfortunes to the tyrannous usurpations of Catholicism;

then the countless millions of martyrs slain to advance the interests of that

church will have their triumph; then

Ignorance and Superstition, twin sis-

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SNUFFING DANGER FROM AFAR

A new grievance has just been sprung

upon the religious public in England.

Two popular journals, the Daily Mail,

and the Daily Telegraph, of London,

have just come out with Sunday

editions, and both are well received by

the reading public. But the religious

press, and the pulpit have opened their

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pet on the outside of cage and that th THE OTHER SIDE, trumpet rose from the floor and talked and went outside of the circle. And in no way did any member of the commit-E. D. Stark, Hon. A. B. Richmond. tee make any statement to Messrs Hagaman, Caylor and son as to any of the committee assisting the medium,



# Gamp-Meeting Directory.

Inquiries are coming to hand regarding the opening dates of the various camp-meetings. The secretaries will please inform us at once, and thus spread far and wide the names of their respective camps.

Lily Dale Camp.

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Opens July 14 and closes July 25.

Address Paul S. Gillette, 411 N. 19th

Lake Brady, O.

awaiting camp season to open, and ment.

street, Omaha, Neb., for particulars.

#### Maple Dell Park, O.

This favorite place of resort opens Maple Dell Park is located at Mantua July 14 and closes August 7. For Station, Ohio. It opens July 30 and full particulars address the secretary, A. E. Gaston, Meadville, Pa. The fol-lowing intellectual lights will appear on the rostrum: Moses Hull, Mrs. Clara Watson, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, J. C. Rev. A. J. Weaver, F. D. Dunikin, L. M. Wright, Dr. W. W. Hicks, Mrs. Har- Beckwith, L. C. Ellis, Mrs. Marian Carnett, Lyman C. Howe, Chas. Whedon, penter, Mrs. Maggie Stewart, Mrs. J. B. Mrs. Mary E. Lease, Rev. Morgan H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W.

and is to be commended instead of disapproved. We quote:

"No practice is more clearly authenticated as of direct succession from apostolic times than is that of sleeping the spirit of holiness." Proceeding onin church. Therefore no one need hesi the lines of this basic statement, he tate about engaging in this practice through any apprehension that it is a directed the battery of his rhetoric at departure from the example of the the inspiration of the Old Testament Christian fathers. It is a tribute to the and riddled the patriarchs and prophets soundness of the minister on all points with grape and canister. of doctrine that at the time he, is The older ministers of the association elucidating them deacons and other sat speechless with indignation and prominent persons in the congregation the younger ministers breathless with give themselves up to quiet repose." doubt as they were told that the Psalms Most of us who have entered the of David are not so inspired as many of down hill side of life know by practical the productions of the modern poet; that Tennyson's "'In Memoriam' marks experience the somnolent character of church attendance and religious exercises. After listening for an hour to a graphic description of the misery of the damned, and enjoying the positive assurance of the certain doom of the other fellow, then, joy supreme, when the scene-shifter would transport us to an orthodox heaven, filled with bables, credulous women and idiots, each striving to excel in chanting "Glory, glory, glory." Interest then relaxed and a quiet, restful, refreshing sleep would come on. These cat-naps were the most interesting, instructive and profitable part of the exercises, and made ample compensation for the labor of the morning in preparing and getting to church early so as not to lose a word which should fall from the holy man's lips. When will those good old times be revived, when sleeping during divine service will be popular again? Probably not until hell is given back to us in all its original glory.

THE COON DOG PARALLELED. Everybody has heard of the wonderful coon dog, "with no equal in five counties." He was sold to a hunter with the best recommendation possible for tracking and capturing coons. In due time the hunter returned and complained that the dog did not fill the bill; that instead of pursuing the game at

the sight of it he ran the other way. "You don't mean to say that the dog is not a good hunter?"

"That is just what I do mean, unless hunting a safe place to hide in is what you mean by a hunter."

"That is astonishing! I thought him the best coon dog in the world." "Did you ever have any experience with him?

"No, but I have been assured from childhood that (lod never made any-

a much higher and finer wave of invials of wrath, and are threatening the spiration than the Songs of Solomon;" offending publishers with temporal and that Browning's "Death in the Desert" eternal vengeance. The Methodist is "truer in its inspiration," than the Times says, "It is an outrageous Book of Ecclesiastics; and that "the attempt to destroy the Christian Suninspiration with which the soul of Linday." It demands Parliamentary action coln trembled and was yet steauled to suppress the innovation. when he wrote the emancipation proc-Over here in America the Sunday lamation is greater and diviner than paper is a universal favorite. It has the inspiration with which Joshua coma wider reading than any other issue of manded the massacre of a prostrate the week. People remain at home on foe." In a word, Dr. Gunsaulus believes that sacred day, and post themselves in that inspiration is as possible in the regard to the great questions in which present as it was in the past, as possible they are interested. in Chicago as in Galilee, as possible in Alas, there is the rub! They do not any individual as it was in the apostle attend the church; they make no conor the patriarch. It may be inferred tributions for its support. They rest, from the tenor of his address that he and spend their time with their famalso believes modern inspiration is ilies, and endeavor to renew acquaintsuperior to the ancient, and that the ance with the loved ones at home from poets and seers of to-day have reached whom business cares have separated a higher and finer inspiration than them all the week. those of the days of "the sweet singer of Israel." If this belief is the outcome o broader development of orthodoxy; if a terrible botch of it. The press has as Dr. Gunsaulus declares, "the orthoproved to be the greatest civilizer of all doxy of to-day is the result of a long the ages. Let the priest with his book process of evolution and growth, and stand aside for the next twenty-five almost if not everything in its structure years and watch the progress the press which influences the moral life of the and universal education shall make, time has had to make its way against and if he has one grain of intelligence the orthodoxy of yesterday," it would and common honesty left, he will never seem eminently the proper time for the resume his occupation. Good deeds for church to take observations and find humanity tell, not adoration for a day, upon what course it is sailing, and in no respect different from any other whether its rigging and steering gear day in the week.

are not of too antique a pattern for further use. This can easily be done by the Congregational brethren, as their sailing directions are more liberal than

those of some others in the fleet. It may be that Dr. Gunsaulus is all wrong in his diagnosis of inspiration. If so, it should be demonstrated, and David, Solomon, Joshua, Isaiah, and the rest should be rindicated. The

tombs of the kings, identified by hiero-Tribune presumes that even Dr. Gunsaulus as poet will not claim that Browning or Tennyson has ever

ters, will hide from public gaze, and a ciation and unblushingly tells them that | new religion, with truth for its founmodern orthodoxy is so unprogressive | dation, will burst on the world whose that every one of its doctrines may be empire shall be universal, and whose made heterodox by "a life inspired by reign shall be perpetual, and if not

Showing a Victory to Spiritualism.

SPIRITUALISTS EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS OF THE RECENT SEANCE HELD ON THE ASHLEY CAMP GROUND-SIGNED STATEMENTS PRESENTED TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SEANCE WAS ALL IT WAS EXPECTED TO BE. [Special to The Press-Post, Columbus,

Oliio. Ashley, O., May 18.-The efforts of Mr. C. S. Caylor, Mr. C. G. Caylor, of Columbus, and Mr. Hagaman; of Adrian, Mich., to expose Spiritualism here last week and the allegations they have made in The Press-Post that they succeeded in demonstrating' Spiritual ism to be a fraud, have inspired Mr. C.

G. Heverlo, a Spiritualist of this place, buttal: "The report! given ! The Press-Post Monday by Mr. C. S. Caylor and his son is incorrect in almost every particular. In the first place the Spiritualists of

Ashley did not invite those gentlemen to come here to make an expose of Spirstill remain and feel quite jubilant over the outcome. The antis succeeded in creating quite an excitement through-

out the town, but when they produced their goods the public sympathy went The preachers claim to have been enover to the Spiritualists; consequently gaged nineteen hundred years in trying to civilize the world. They have made the Spiritualists feel that it has been a gain to them instead of an injury.

"A great deal of interest was centered in a test seance given in Wooley Park by a trumpet medium of our village, Mr. Lem McLead. The conditions of the test were that he should sit in a dark room in a cage made of four screen doors screwed together from the outside and nailed to the floor in one of the seance rooms in the park.

"The medium" chose six citizens of our village and the antis chose the same pictures of the "howling dervishes" of number, and they then went into the of Mohammedan countries, as if they room. The cage in which the medium were something unique and frightful in sat was six feet eight inches high and their mad orgies.

A late cablegram from Cairo makes placed in the center of the room with the announcement that the Director of the trumpet on the outside of the cage. the Egyptian Museum has made a valuable find in one of the pyramids. It was no less than four mummies in the glyphic inscriptions as the remains of | was when the trumpet fell over on the | the contemplation of God.

W. O. DENNIS, J. GRESHEL, E. M. THOMPSON. J. J. BEARD, FRANK BLAIR, R. C. BIECHELE, H. V. SHOEMAKER, C. F. MEYERS, A. J. ALDRICH. S. L. CRUIKSHANK, S. WORNSTAFF. Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 15th day of May, 1899. GEORGE M. ROSEVELT.

[Seal.] Notary Public. State of Ohio, Delaware county, ss.: Ashley, O., May 15, 1899.

Personally appeared before me, George M. Rosevelt, a notary public in and for said county and state, J. J. Beard and Frank Blair, both of Ashley, to make the following statement in re- O., who make solemn oath they held the hands of Charles Dixon, of Ashley, O., during the seance held in Wooley park, them that he in no way aided the medium during the test, and we did not release him one instant during the seance. And Charles Dixon further stated to us itualism. If is true they were here and | that "you know I did not or could not went away again, but the Spiritualists | aid the medium, as you held my hands during the entire seance."

J. J. BEARD. FRANK BLAIR. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1899.

GEORGE M. ROSEVELT. [Seal.] Notary Public.

"COPLED IN COUNTRIES NOT PAGAN."

Modern travel and observation have done much to correct the false impressions generally entertained in regard to prevailing ideas and practices in what is generally called heathendom. The missionaries have given us terrible

Dervish is a Persian word, signifying Then the committee was placed in the poor, and is applied to a class of persons form of a circle around the trumpet and among the followers of Mahomet cage. By agreement the committee sat almost identical with the monks of holding each other's hands. Only at Christendom. They live in convents times was the circle broken, and that and devote their lives to poverty and

Wood, Swami Abhendanda, Prof. W. M. W. Kates, Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, D. M. Lockwood, Cora L. V. Richmond, J. C. King, Hon. O. P. Kellogg.

F. Grumbine, Anna L. Gillespie, Hon. | On account of the growing demand among all progressive people for the thorough instruction of magnetic healers and mediums in the science of med-The camp-meeting at Briggs' Park, icine and surgery, the management Grand Rapids, Mich., opens July 2, have decided to continue the lessons in

and closes July 30. Thos. J. Haynes, connection with the psychic departsecretary, 182 Gold street, Grand Rap- ment on those subjects. F. Schermerids, Mich. Address him for particulars, horn, a graduate of the University of The following named persons will take Michigan, and a legally registered phypart in the proceedings: Hon. J. M. sician in Ohio, although now practicing Jamison, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, Mr. in Montrose, Colo., will hold his office and Mrs. G. W. Kates, Mrs. A. E. as superintendent, assisted by D. M. Sheets, Martha E. Root, Isa Wilson King and others. Correspondence upon Kayner, Carrie Fuller Weatherford, this subject with interested parties is earnestly solicited. Address D. M. King, Mantua Station, Ohio, or Dr. F. Schermerhorn, Montrose, Colo, The doctor says in a recent letter, "My heart is set upon the establishment of a medical school at Maple Dell as has been planned by the management." All magnetic and medical treatment during Knowing that thousands of the Spir- camp session will be conducted under itualists of the country are anxiously the supervision of the medical depart-

Vicksburg, Mich.

many of them being directly or indirectly interested in Lake Brady, I therefore The Vicksburg (Mich.) Camp will open take this way to say to the Spiritualists August 5 and close August 28. The May 13, 1899, and that he stated to at large that the grounds are rapidly grounds consist of a beautiful oak being put in shape for this season's grove of forty acres, one-half mile from business and that on June 1 both the Vicksburg on the Grand Rapids and Inhotel and grounds will be open for pic- diana road, which crosses the Grand nics and the public in general, and on | Trunk at the village. It is a central lo-July 2 the assembly meetings will begin | cation, easily reached from all points by and continue throughout the summer these two main railroads. No pains or until September 1. The programs are | will be spared to make it one of the now in the hands of the printer and by most attractive and instructive camps or before June 1 will be ready for dis- to be found. A fine corps of speakers tribution. Any one wanting a program and instructors have been engaged can get it by writing to Mrs. C. C. among whom are the following: Oscar Bacon, Lake Brady, via Kent, Ohio. A. Edgerly, A. E. Tisdale, Mrs. Carrie E. R. KIDD. E. S. Twing, W. J. Colville, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, and D. P. Dewey.

Island Lake Camp, Mich.

Classes in psychology will be conducted The Island Lake Camp, Mich., will by W. J. Colville, and in practical medicommence Sunday, July 16, and close cine by Dr. M. E. Conger, of Chicago, August 81. The hotel and grounds will The grounds are being put in fine shape. be open to the public from the first of New cottages will be erected, more barn June. The following persons will take room added for the accommodation of part: D. P. Dewey, Moses Hull, Miss horses, and many other improvements. Maggie Gaule, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, We cordially invite everybody to come John D. Boyle, Anna L. Gillespie, Nellie and have an enjoyable and instructive S. Baade, Mrs. May C. Lincoln, Dr. J. season with us. For information ad-M. Peebles. Mediums of all phases are dress Jeannette Fraser, manager, Vickscordially invited to visit our camp. For | burg, Kalamazoo county, Mich.

further particulars address the secretary, A. G. Brown, 266 21st street. Detroit, Mich.

**Onset Bay, Mass.** 

Onset Bay Camp, Mass., opens July 9 and closes Aug 27. The following list of speakers: Geo. A. Fuller, M. D., Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, Mrs. Kate R. Stiles, Albert P. Blinn, Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, A.

the Pharaohs. One of them proved to | floor, when a match was struck and the | The Chicago Record's correspondent, E. Tisdale, Rev. T. E. Allen, Mrs. Sarah trumpet set up again. Then, they traveling in Europe, while in Conjoined hands-again throughout the se- stantinople visited the mosque and witance.- The trumpet rose from the floor | nessed the performance of those derand floated round the room and touched vishes and listened to their hymns and several of the committeemen and a recitations. He wrote: voice spoke through the trumpet, then it | "The exercises of the howling derwent out of the circle and was found vishes are not as heathen as I had been leaning up against a chair in one cor- led to believe. They are a combination ner of the room resting on the little end of earnest prayer and gymnasium drill. on the floor. The prayer begins slowly and the first "The committee- chosen consisted of gymnastic exercise is a gentle swaying the mayor of Ashley, Rev. R. C. Bie- movement of the body above the hips; chele, of the M. E. church, and the bal- then the prayer becomes louder and the ance were business men and residents | devotee throws himself into jackknife of the village who are recognized as attitudes and then he howls until he has good honorable citizens. a buzzing in the ears and bends himself "In regard to the fact that the antis until he is dizzy and physically ex-

Lake Pleasant, Mass. Opens July 30, and closes August 28. Abram H. Daily, president. Secretary, Albert P. Blinn, 603 Tremont street, Boston, Mass. Address him for circu-

lars. The eloquent orator, Mrs. Mary E. Lease, of Wichita, Kans., well known as the leading woman orator of the world, has been engaged to deliver three lectures on topics of ourning interest. This talented lady delivered more speeches during the last presidential campaign than any other speaker, except William Jennings Bryan. The press has been teeming with accounts of her work in the field of political, social and religious reform. in which she is an acknowledged leader. Mr. John Slater, of San Francisco, Cal., 'known throughout 'Europe and America as a psychic, and unsurpassed as a platform test medium, has arranged to be present at Lake Pleasant during the whole season, and Mrs. May -.S. Pepper, of Providence, R. I., whose popularity as a test medium is unquestioned, has been engaged for the last ten days of the camp and will give proofs of spirit return that will confound the doubter and convince the investigator. The most gifted seers, Bowman to make the 1899 camp one of clairvoyants, trance and physical megreat interest and benefit. Mrs. Cowell diums, for the manifestations of the vais said to be one of the best mediums rious phases of spiritual phenomena known to the world, will be upon the grounds. Skeptics, materialists, agnosworkers at the camp and they will be tics, and persons of all religious persuasions, are cordially invited to come, earnestly investigate, and listen to the teachings to be here given. "Perfect knowledge casteth out fear." The lectures of Prof. W. M. Lockwood, of Chicago, deserve special mention. This eminent lecturer will give a course of illustrated lectures of a strictly scientific character, demonstrating the existence of the soul and its ability to manifest itself to the senses of men. He interests and captivates his audiences, and has received the highest encomiums

thing in vain! I had tried him for everything else, and found him worthless. I placed full confidence in my Sunday school teaching, hence my high recommendation."

We have a parallel to this doubtless true story. A good deacon who always occupied the amen corner at church. wishing to economize the labor of his hens, used an incubator to hatch and brood his chickens. In every setting there were a large number of eggs that failed to produce the desired heulets. These our deacon gathered up, washed carefully, and sent them to market. Caught at it, he had resource to the dog-seller's logic:

"God never made anything in vain; the eggs did not produce chicks, so I presumed they were made to eat, and sent them to market where they could be utilized. I hope there was nothing wrong in that. If there is the fault was

in my early teaching, not in me."

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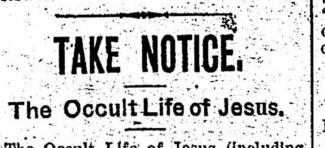
We beg leave to assure our correspondent that he has nothing to fear in the direction he deplores. The publisher has not one gleam of sympathy in common with those who would reconstruct society on what is known as the ancient Christian faith, when they held all things in common; who opposed governments, unless administered by themselves; who wanted to set up a fabled dead hero of their faith as king, and insisted on his worship.

The best government is that government which is best administered. No save in fiction. When we put on immortality, and live to make others happy, self being forgotten, then goveruments will not be required; for each will be a government to himself. But we apprehend a long period will interrene-before the finite, with false conceptions'of duty; inherited from savage ancestors, will attain that perfection when governments to restrain the selfish and the vicious can be dispensed.

with.

reached the sonorous majesty of the Psalms of David or the monologues of Job or the sensuous beauty of Solomon's songs of love, so the investigation need not go beyond the technique of inspiration. It may result in finding that Dr. Gunsaulus is heretic, but no penalty can be attached, for he is now a free lance. Upon his present rostrum he is free to say what he thinks. He is not speaking to Congregationalists but to the people in the People's Church. He appeared before the Illinois Congregational Association evidently not so much as a representative of that denomination, to take part in routine proceedings, as to exhibit to the brethren

the spectacle of a butterfly which has burst the fibres of the chrysalis and is exulting in its freedom. - Chicago .Tribune. . . . . .



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be Thothmes I, of the eighteenth dynasty, who reigned some 1633 years before our era. "The mummies," says the dispatch to the Chicago Record, "were inclosed in four richly ornamented gilt cases, and with them were found many.

valuable antiquities." These records of three and a half thousand years ago, though very incomplete, makes us better acquainted with persons and events of those ancient times than has heretofore been known of them during the long intervening years. Kings died, were entombed, and for want of public records common to these later years, save their. mames, they were forgotten. If preserved for 3.000 years they expected to live again. They do. They have come forth, and the cerements in which their bodies were wrapped tell the story of their being, and with each form is the "Book of the Dead," not excelled in

YES. WONDERFUL.

ethical ideas by any other book sacred or profane. How wonderful! AND STILL THEY COME.

The Associated Press dispatches from Des Moines tells this sad tale:

"The trustees and students of Drake University are in trouble over charges of heresy against Oscar W. Morgan, professor of Biblical languages and literature. Prof. Morgan has been accused of holding heretical views for a long time. He says five years ago his ideas about the inspiration of the Scriptures began to change, and a study of the higher criticism has convinced him that the accepted orthodox views are unreasonable. He does not believe the Bible is a divinely inspired record of Hebrew history, but that it is a human account of the history of a people in many ways divinely guided."

It is not "fools, ignoramuses or lunatics" who deny the inspiration of the Bible, but it is they who know least of

infallible word of God. Professors of our great Universities, whose attention circle was broken and a match was congruities. Price 25c. is directed to the sources of inspiration, are more likely to form a correct opinion on the subject than are those languages very generally in use.

claim that crooked work was done by hausted, and then he is ready for that one of the committeemen, eleven of the state of frenzy which proves that the committee have made affidavit as to the spirit has been visited upon him. The above conditions couly one man refused exercises of the howling dervishes to take his oath and he was chosen by struck me as being idiotic, but I was the side representing the antis. Why compelled to admit that the methods of he refused to make oath is not positive- exciting religious ecstasy were more or ly known as heidid not represent the less copied in other countries, that

side of the Spiritualsts; in fact there are not pagan." were only two Spiritualists on the com-

mittee. The affidavit of the committee-

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led in the following affidavits:

trumpet.

DR. J. M. PEEBLES.

men who sat onceach side of this man During the past winter Dr. Peebles who refused to make oath was taken, has been living at San Diego, Cal. showing it was impossible for him to manipulate the trumpet as they held where he has been exceedingly active in him during the entire seance, also he advancing the cause of liberalism. His was sitting entirely out of reach of the intellect is as clear, his eyes as bright and his step as clastic as in former "The Spiritualists with one accord give Rev. R. C. Biechele, who was at years when he was more closely conthe head of the antis' movement here. nected with Spiritualism as a lecturer. due credit for his honesty and fair deal- | He is contemplating another trip around ing in the active part he has taken." the world, designing new books, and The report of the committee is embodlaying his plans to live at least until he shall have reached the century mark. State of Ohio, Delaware County, ss. He certainly has made a deep impres-Ashley, O., May 13. sion for good on the present age. Last Personally appeared before me. George M. Rosevelt, a notary public in week he passed through Chicago on his and for said county and state, the unway to his home , Battle Creek, Mich.

dersigned committee, who make solemn "The Commandments Analyzed. By

oath that we sat in the seance held in It and of its origin who accept it as the | Wooley park on May 13, 1899, at Ashley, W. H. Bach." The Commandments are Biblical Languages and Literature in until the trumpet fell over when the other Bible passages, showing great in-

struck and the trumpet was set up. "Progression, or How a Spirit Ad. from there to Oregon City, which is burn. This volume meets a public Then we held each other's hand during vances in Spirit-life." "The Evolution about five miles from the camp. Those want. It comprises 258 choice selections the remainder of the test and in no way of Man." Two papers, given in the in. desiring further information, and any of poetry and music, embodying the whose knowledge is limited to the aided the medium who sat in a cage terest of spiritual science, by Micanal fraudulent translations into European 1 made of screen doors screwed together | Faraday. Price 15 cents. For sale at and nalled to the floor, with the trum this office,

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#### New Era. Ore.

The New Era, Orogon, Camp-meeting will this year be in session from July 8 to 24, on the grounds of the First Spiritual Religious Association at New Era. Prof. W. C. Bowman, of South Los Angeles, California, has been engaged as lecturer throughout the season. This "silver-tongued orator" is not without reputation in the northwest, and those who are privileged to hear him will not be disappointed. That well-known and successful test medium, Mrs. S. Cowell, of Oakland, California, will co-operate with Prof. in her line now before the public. This will be the first appearance of these

> heartily welcomed. Local workers will no doubt lend their aid to make the meeting a success, and it is hoped that as many friends as possible throughout the tributary country will either attend in person or lend their moral and financial support to the association. If you cannot attend, perhaps you can send fifty cents for a year's dues, to Mr. E. W. Penman, secretary, Canby, Ore. The hotel needs a new kitchen, and if all the friends would lend a helping hand in the way of paying a year's

dues funds would soon be on hand for that purpose.

The hotel will be in good hands, tents may be had on the grounds, and special highly pleased with its perusal, and rates will be secured by boat and rail- state that every Spiritualist and Freeroad if possible.

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#### NATIONAL IN SCOPE. MARY ANN STARCK. Effort to Be Made to Weed Indiana People Hear Voice of Out Fake Mediums. Murdered Woman.

The mass-meeting of Spiritualist Evansville, Ind.-The ghost of Mrs. managers of Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylva- Mary Ann Starck, who was mysnia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and teriously murdered here several days Kentucky has adjourned. The results ago, has been heard by several persons, of this conference expected to be na- whose veracity is unquestioned, for have an examining committee? Why verdict of the neighbors is that the pational in their scope. Steps were not three nights in succession. only taken at this meeting which will The occupants of Mrs. Starck's home sense and men and women adventurers short of something miraculous is going be the cause of prevention of much declare that they can hear her cries for to prey on the credulity of the public? to satisfy them. I never tell a patient fraud in mediumship, but of far greater help every night. The ghost disappears Why shouldn't they indorse certain me- right out what I think of the case. interest to Spiritualists. Movements whenever approached and refuses to diums, after due investigation, as Sometimes I find a young woman upwere begun which, it is believed, will talk to any one. Many persons say they worthy of confidence, and denounce stairs in a dark room shrieking that result in the next national meeting, to can hear a noise which sounds like foot- others as shams and money getters seven devils are after her. She is in a be held in Chicago the week of October | steps and the voice of the dying woman. | under false pretences? If Spiritualism 20, giving to the people of the country something tangible as a foundation on Mrs. Elizabeth Gray and her daughter, vocates really believe in it; if they have which all Spiritualists may rest. The Mrs. Jessie Rosenthal, moved into the discovered an honest truth, why do they agitation over this point for many years house occupied by her. Neighbors told allow so much dishonest falsehood? has given this proposed foundation the them that they would not live in the They know that fraud exists, they tell name of "A Declaration of Principles." house under any circumstances. But you so in private, but they have taken spirits that may possess the sufferer. I The meeting also resulted in outlining Mrs. Gray laughed at the idea of a no steps to protect themselves or the at once put myself in full communion a plan of missionary work and the pro- dead woman's ghost coming back to people, and until they think enough of motion of the interests of the State earth. The first night Mrs. Gray and their faith to keep it rigidly separate I believe. I hear their story. Every her daughter lived in the house they from lies the fault is their own if seek-The meeting was called, it is alleged, saw and heard nothing strange. The ers get a taste of the counterfeit and by spirit messages delivered to leaders next night Mrs. Rosenthal went out to then sneer at the whole thing. in various States, in which they were a party and did not return until a late

warned that the "great ism" was being hour the next morning. When she did cannot begin this work of reform too injured by false mediumship. These return she found her mother awake soon. They ought to be harder than the communications came from different and greatly excited. ones, through different mediumships- Mrs. Gray told her daughter an un- fact-and therein lies their weaknessslate-writing and trumpets. As the first usual story of hearing strange voices in they are apt to condone it,-New York step toward removing as far as possible the cellar. She said she heard a noise all fake mediums from the ranks of the in the cellar which sounded like a "believers," the different State boards struggle, and then heard distinctly a will require that mediums pass sat-isfactory examinations. It is admitted by many that over half of the mediums I am not prepared to die, and for

And Should Perform It At Its Wonderful Influence with Once.

Then these Spiritualist organizations have a duty to perform which they cannot shirk, and the sooner they go about it the better. They ought to purge themselves of the charge of being accomplices in the crime of deceit and humbug which is being daily committed. Moreover, they ought to denounce the charlatanry which is being practiced everywhere, to the disgust of those who wish to honestly look into the subject. But instead of this they allow a miserable horde of spookmongers to bring their whole system of stupid folly which it is hard to account

If a man wants to practice medicine never been accused of wrongdoing: His he must go before a board of examiners and show that he is properly equipped

The organized body of Spiritualists rest of us on a humbug, but in point of Telegram. - /

# Farmer Riley at Port Angeles.

with private slates with questions now before the public are frauds, and heaven's sake let me live." Mrs. Gray written on them and a small piece of demon that possesses her and that I can that a very large per cent of the others says she next heard a noise which pencil about an inch long; the slates are certainly drive it from her. If she is should be excluded for other reasons. sounded like some one being choked to laid together with the writing face strong enough I take her downstairs Spiritualists say that they should ex- death. The struggle seemed to last for down and the pencil on top, and when pect from their mediums fully as much a minute, when something heavy fell to the slate feature comes on there is the her I may utter some strange sounds or as religious bodies demand of their the floor, and she heard the noise no greatest commotion among the slates preachers-morality, sincerity and ed- more. Mrs. Gray got a light and went and the pencils go ticking away similar to the cellar door, which opens in the to a telegraph instrument and does not bedroom, and cried out at the top of her appear to be writing, and behold a hand and sometimes a form will appear at "What are you doing here, Mrs. the curtain with the slate in hand, and Starck? Is there anything I can do for you may ask if the slate is for you, and if it is the answers will be yes or, no and Mrs. Gray says she waited for a reyou go forward and take your slate. Sometimes the slates are demanded vanished and the house was silent. back, and when handed up they are fre-Mrs. Gray thought some one might be quently snatched away and thrown playing a joke on her, and with the light in her hand went outside to make spirit was angry, but the slate will be an investigation. She found no one, and returned to the house not in the viously been laid and apparently no fuss had been made about it. These The next night at the same time the manifestations last all the way from noise was heard in the cellar, and both half an hour to an hour and a half, but Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Rosenthal heard it. | it is at the dark circle where all the Mrs. Gray says the noise is heard every trouble and excitement occurs. When the light goes out look out forsqualls, if there are any strong doubters in the circle, but usually the spirits are gentle and announce themselves by a feeling of human hands climbing over ones face and gentle taps on the head, then perhaps the banjo, the slate, the tin pan will go traveling around; a star are working on the case .- Ohicago Inter very brilliant will start out apparently from one's bosom, which leaves the person after a slight tug at necktle, lapel of coat or sleeve. This star is supposed Victim of Ghosts. to be a spirit, and you should try to recognize this as the spirit of some de-Newark, N. J.-Strange and hideous parted friend, and should you do so you pranks of ghosts in a haunted house are responsible for the condition of Robert will be the recipient of the most kindly manifestations, but woe betide you ff you persist in not giving the spirit some recognition. One gentleman, after being beaten over the head with a tin pan until it was a wreck, still insisted that he had not gotten enough and wanted When Sherry assumed proprietorship to have more, he was determined to of the hotel, two weeks ago yesterday, know what it was; immediately he said he was told it was haunted. He laughed that he was taken by the force and deliberately thrown upon the table and his clothes disarranged. He has not found out the force, but is for the present satisfied to let the spooks alone,-Port, Angeles (Wash.) News.

# SUGGESTION.

# the Witch Doctor. OBSESSING INFLUENCES DRIVE

AWAY BY ITS AID-THE SUB-TERFUGE OF INCANDATIONS-PLAYING UPON THE MIND AND NERVES.

Reading, Pa.-Thousands of people in East Pennsylvania are familiar with the witch doctor of Reading. No matter where he goes, by day or by night, in carriage or on foot, people look after him and wonder who is his latest patient. Plain as a farmer, methodical, reserved, yet determined, and gifted thought into disrepute. It is a piece of with hard common sense, the witch doctor goes about his business, and in all the thirty years of his practice he has

business thrives.

"They only send for me," said the and qualified. Then he has the in- doctor, "when the usual medical treatdorsement of the board. All others are ment fails. Then they come for miles, quacks, and the community is warned from all directions, principally from the against employing them. The same is country districts. You may be sure that true of lawyers, and even of clergymen. | when I do come to a house the case I This is done in order to keep the dif- find requires strong measures. If the ferent professions on their high level, sufferer is a man or woman, boy or girl, and it is a very necessary thing to do. It requires heroic attention. If the or-Why should not the Spiritualists also dinary medical aid has failed, and the should they allow frauds to peddle non- tient is suffering from witches, nothing and New Testaments faithfully and they implore me to use my power to cast out devils or any other familiar symptom is related to me. For weeks the patient has been acting like one possessed; no sleep, no appetite, frightful imaginations, spasms, wasting away, shrieks, hysteria, epilepsy, lunacy,

whatever it may be. They say she is bewitched. "I agree with them. I go up to the young woman, sit down with her, order. the light of day turned into the room.

take her by the hands, tell her to be calm, command her firmly, yet gently to be quiet. I say I have come to cure At the materializations many come be quiet. I say I have come to cure and experienced of these phenomena, with professional mediums of good repute, but, best of all, I have heard and seen and felt'a good many of the phases of these phenomena in my own home. The matter of rappings, levitation of words as I go; make some odd movements; turn a chair back to the door; lay sticks of wood in her path; do any odd thing that she sees, while I say that for the devil, that for the witch, that for the evil spirit; anything that will strike the patient as a remarkable act or declaration-something that she has never before seen or heard. "I believe in animal magnetism. You see, I am physically strong. I believe in mental control to a certain extent. 1 about like a stone, just as though the and that the unusual, extraordinary, mysterious or heathenish as you may found at the place where it had pre- put it, has a wonderful, effect on such a sufferer. She watches me closely; listens attentively. I want her to do this. I want to distract her, 1 It is wonderful how the patient calms down. I appear terribly in earnest to defeat the witch.

Cliff Dweller Lady Moans for | Mass Meeting of Toledo Spirit-Sepulture,

#### The basement of the capitol building is haunted. Moanings and uncarthly noises emanate from the cliff dwellers' exhibits at intervals during the night, and a real live ghost has been seen stalking through the corridors. The specter is described as having a wealth of flowing black hair, eyes of fire, a fleshless face, the bones being of a ghastly hue so white that they look as short address was also made by Giles if they had been chalked, and teeth that B. Stebbins, of Detroit, who has for glitter and protrude.

The spook is supposed to be the de-

parted spirit of "The Woman Cliff Dweller of Mancos Canon," whose skeleton is now in the State Historical soclety's collection. The head is bare, but the body is wrapped securely in a feather blanket, in which condition it vesterday atternoon, several persons was discovered many years ago among the cliff dweller ruins in Montezuma | rheumatic troubles generally, said they county. It is locked in a glass case, and always attracts attention from its | Freedman, had flourished his hands in remarkable gruesomeness.

The peculiar sounds have been noticed about the basement after nightfall Ellen Lease would come to Milwaukee for six months past. The man who says | shortly to lecture under the auspices of he saw the ghost in the corridor was a | the Unity Society .- Milwaukee Evening visitor at the Historical society's News.

rooms two days previous. He avers that the specter is an exact counterpart of the woman cliff dweller of Mancos canon, with the exception that the perambulating spirit-has eyes of fire. Will iam Gladisfen, a Montclair carpenter, is the ghost-seer. He claims not only to have seen the ghost, but to have been so close to it that he felt its hot breat and was blinded by the flash from its blazing eyes. He told one of the janitors about it. The news has spread all over the building and the story is food for a great deal of talk both among the of Progressive Thinkers issued up to superstitious and those who are not superstitious, coming as it does on top of the queer noises that have been heard from time to time about the basement.

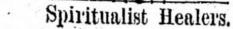
-Denver. (Colo.) Post.

#### Spiritualism a Grand Fact.

Not only have these investigations have made convinced me absolutely of the truth of spirit return, independent. spirit speaking voices, spirit writing, spirit rappings, levitations, matorializations and other of the phenomena claimed for Spiritualism, but they have convinced me absolutely, unalterably, that there is no death, and that what the world calls death is, in fact, not death at all-only transition. Not only have I been convinced of this from what I have seen and heard and felt

ualists. The mass meeting of the Spiritualists of the city was held in Pythian castle. It was presided over by J. W. Harrison. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Jones, while the response and address of the evening were by Harrison D. Barrett, of Boston, editor of the Banner of Light, and president of the National Association of Spiritualists. A

forty years been engaged in this work .---Toledo (Ohio) Bee. ~



At the reunion of the local Spiritualist societies in the Wolcott Post Hall, who were suffering from lumbago and were cured after the operator, Dr. L. H. front of their faces and rubbed their

limbs. It was announced that Mary



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P. S.-My cancer was of five or six years' staud-ing; doctored with various Companies and Doctors, but did no good until I was treated by the Marion Sanitarium Company, of Indianapolis, Ind., and now, in two months to a day, 1 am sound and well. Persons afflicted, or those d ticulars, can get a Free Book by writing to Mar-ion Sanitarium Co., Indianapolis, Ind., Lock Box No. 1,

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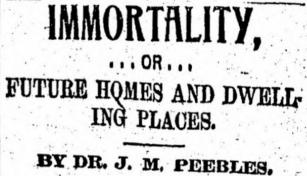
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everything is ruled by nature, and that ply, but no reply came. The noise had nothing is miraculous, and all advocate a high standard of morals, but there are two or three great factions which disagree on the subject of "Deity." Few are inclined to accept a personal God. while some believe that all nature is .God. Because of this difference on the least any wiser.

fundamental subject, together, with the theory advanced by others that Spiritualism is a broadening science, it has been impossible in the past to build a tangible foundation on which Spirit- night between the hours of 11 and 12 ualists may stand united. On the basis o'clock. Sometimes the noise becomes that Spiritualism is a science as well as so loud that it is impossible for Mrs. a religion, it is contended that as all Gray and her daughter to sleep. Mrs. other sciences each day and each month Starck was mysteriously strangled to develop new mysteries and new hidden | death several nights ago and no clew to laws; that progression is constant, and the perpetrators of the deed have yet therefore there can be no fixed stand- been found, although several detectives ards.

At the conference just closed there Ocean. was a general disposition to insist on the crystallization of a code, and this will be the great point of discussion brought up at all of the State meetings and camps this summer. There will be such pressure brought to bear in this way that the national convention which Sherry, who lies at his hotel, at Lillie convenes in October will be forced to street and Seventeenth avenue, dangive the matter more careful con-| gerously wounded, with twenty-two sideration. Spiritualism is strongest stab wounds in his breast close to the just in this part of the country, and the heart. His hair, which two weeks ago action in the camps of these States will | was gray, is white as snow. have effect.

A CAMPAIGN BEGUN.

A campaign on "untouched spots" and said he would keep watch. Instead was also begun. It is what the ortho- of going to bed he slept in a chair in the dox might call a home mission plan. kitchen. Unseen hands, according to Mediums and lecturers will be sent this his own story, pulled him from the chair summer to all of the small towns which and he awoke with a bump on the floor. have not yet had an opportunity to in- There was a great noise down cellar, vestigate Spiritualism. Churches will and, lighting a candle, he ran down to be organized and the new religion will find the beer barrels rolling along the be spread. Every community in In- floor, though propelled by no human diana will be looked after. These new hand. Every third or fourth night -organizations will be connected with something uncanny happened, terrifythe State associations. ing him beyond measure. Preparations for the annual camp-

Last night Sherry fell asleep in his meetings were made. The Indiana chair on one side of the kitchen and camp will open at Camp Chesterfield on awoke in the same chair on the other the 20th of July, and 'nue until side of the room. Soon after he heard the 28th of August. ... many footsteps close by, though nobody was new faces this year on the lecture plat- near. In a frenzy of terror he stabbed forms. Principal among them will be himself again and again to avoid, he earnestly that the Lord pacify Tom medicines for the ailment I think the

Afraid of the Ghost, Hillsboro, Tex .- The negroes, a large proportion of the population of Hillsboro, are in a panic over the expected visit from the ghost of, Tom Robinson, colored, who was hanged last Friday for assault upon Mary Adams, a young colored girl.

Last night there was a strange scene. preacher exhorted and prayed most a number of incantations, but leave

and in this way I have gained the name of witch doctor. Then when I have the patient quieted I proceed to give her medicine to quiet her nerves; I induce

her to eat; I go through various incantations at the door and windows of her room, vowing that every evil influence will forever be barred out, and try with my own strong will to impress it upon the sufferer that she is to be free from

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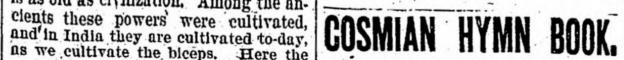
certainly, relieved from the powers of the witches or the devils in them.

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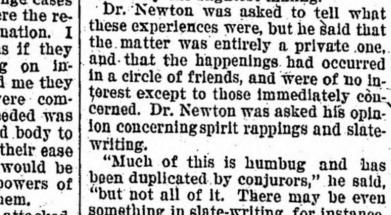
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"There is certainly nothing new in psychical research and phenomena. It is as old as civilization. Among the anas we cultivate the blceps. Here the

ballads of the English, Welsh, Irish and

brought into the ranks in the last few phia (Pa.) Inquirer. years, and has, within the last year, made open confession and decided to go on the lecture platform in behalf of her A Catholic Clergyman on Spiritnew belief. She will make her debut at the Indiana camp early in the session, and will later go to Ohio and Mich-

igan meetings, and will then be heard and the man who says that it does not before the national convention at Chi- is a fool." These are the words of cago. Like Joan of Arc, Mrs. Lease has | Father Lambert, and if his plans do not been listening to the volces from the miscarry, those who will be fortunate

other world, and has from them, she enough to gain entrance to St. Xavier's says, received her commands to go Church next Sunday night will probforth and lead. Her advent into the ably hear one of the most uncon? work is hailed with anticipation by ventional lectures ever delivered from Spiritualists. Mrs. Lease, it is under- a Roman Catholic pulpit. By special stood, intends to give all of her time to request the reverend gentleman has sethis work and to writing. lected the subject of Spiritualism for

The reports from all States indicate his Sunday evening lecture, and those that Spiritualism is on the gain. It is who have attended his previous lectures said that there has been a gain of sev- are best judges of the manner in which eral thousand active workers in Indiana | this interesting subject will be handled during the last year-in fact, more than by him. In a conversation Tuesday, in any other one year. This year there | Father Lambert said: "Spiritualism is are fifty-six State associations, a gain rampant in this country and its deof four over last year. There will be votees are many. This has given rise fourteen State meetings. There are now to the great number of so-called me-640 associations identified with the na- diums, who are smooth enough to tional organization, while over that empty the pockets of the credulous by number are out of it. Dr. Peebles, lee- their exhibitions of slate-writing and turer and traveler, says that there are seances in darkened rooms. This is a 11,000,000 believers in Spiritualism in fraud and ought to be suppressed. But the United- States to-day. It is said I know that feal Spiritualism exists and that 500,000 people in Indiana believe in the man who says that it does not is a it. There are, however, but 276,000 ac- fool. This is, however, demon worship. tive workers in the nation .- E. I. Lewis It acts upon the mind and will eventin Indianapolis News. ually lead to insanity."- Cincinnati Times-Star.

Articles of Incorporation. Mrs. Carrie Loring. The Independent Spiritual Association filed articles of incorporation yes-The meeting of the First Spiritualist terday with the register of deeds. The Ladies' Aid Society of this city yesterincorporation is for a period of 30 years day afternoon and evening ware under and the association's stated purposes the direction of Mrs. Carrie Loring of are "to establish religious societies for Braintree, who spoke in both meetings the promulgation of spiritual truth and and conducted tests after each. She is . philosophy and the investigation of psy- an inspired speaker, as regarded by Arc, believes she has been called to go chic mysteries, and ordain its ministers, people of the faith, and is earnest and to protect its mediums, to keep clear of energetic. Life readings and spirit and expose fraudulent persons, and to messages were delivered by her with raise funds to build a temple."-Detroit great acceptability .- Springfield (Mass.) (Mich.) News. Union.

the scenes he knew in life. ualism.

"I know that real Spiritualism exists, were fervid but not loud. writer would return to earth and haunt them as long as they lived for persecuting him and shedding his innocent.

blood. The negroes subscribed \$1,000 for the prosecution of Robinson, and were. deeply interested in his trial and conviction, and at the banging last Friday they surrounded the scaffold and jeered at the doomed wretch.

ligious consolation under their taunts. and his last words were a passionate threat to return and "haunt" his murpublic church prayer last night followed .- St. Louis (Mo.) Chronicle.

"But After All the Trouble." Western Spiritualists have been holding a convention in Anderson, Ind., in order to organize an interstate board for the examination of mediumis, How

able mediums. But after all the trouble seems to be more with the quality of spirit conjured up by the mediums, rather than the medlums themselves .-Lewiston (Maine) Journal.

### J Her Mission,

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease, like Joan of forth and lead. This time it is Spirit rostrum in Michigan, speaking in De troit and other cities,-Grand Bapide (Mich.) Herald.-

Mary Ellen Lease, who has been says, a more horrible death .- Philadel- Robinson, and keep him quiet and child is afflicted with, and then go away happy and contented, so his restless saying that I had baffled the witch and spirit would not wander and return to giving special instructions about the first old woman who crosses their. The congregation, awed and hushed, threshold. Mind you, I do not say that bowed their heads, and the "amens" | a spell cannot be put on a child or any 2.1. one else. It is safer to tell you that all The negroes are in fear because of such cases are overwrought nervous-

the receipt of a letter yesterday signed ness. But people have been possessed Tom Robinson. The handwriting was | with devils in all ages. The Lord cast not ghostly. The letter stated that the out devils. Familiar spirits are chronicled in all histories. The American Indians had their medicine men who with incantations cast out idevils, or evil

our literature, are full of fairles, ghosts, spirits. We are no better than the peogoblins, witchcraft, and other halfple of a century or ten centuries ago. We are weaker and wiser, bubwe may these old stories never tried to be parbe just as full of evil, and justias much ticularly realistic when they were dealsubject to devils as the people of the ing with such themes, and therein they past were. I don't say we are; but the showed their true artistic feeling. The supposition is that we are, because we

modern author, who tries to mix the atmosphere of the literal, matter-of-"We have keener imaginations, have fact, every-day novel with his imaginmore business, more mentalucapacity, ings about supernatural beings is and our nerves are mote played upon. making bad literature and telling lies. derers. The letter, following so soon Now couple a mental or a nervous dis-There are undoubtedly some pheafter this threat, threw the super- order or disarrangement of any bodily nomena which take place on this earth stitious negroes into a terror, and the function with an imagination of devils, which we as yet do not understand, and witches or devils, and what is the re- some of these belong to the domain of sult? It must not be said that a man psychological science. What it was that who pretends to cast out witches is a caused our forefathers to see ghosts believer in witchcraft. The patients nobody can positively say. But that

generally are the believers, and they there was some reason, either in the want human sympathy first, and then, | undeveloped nature of the human mind having faith, they can be aided, pos- or in actual electrical or psychological sibly, better than in any other way. | conditions, for all this immense litera-But, mind you, I don't say they are ture of the supernatural there can be wrong. I don't say that the casting out no doubt. The laws which govern the of devils in the New-Testament is false things of the mind are less understood doctrine or pernicious teaching. The than those which govern the movegreatest scholars of past history bements of the stars .- Washington (D. C.) lieved in demonology."-San Francisco Times. -Call.

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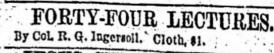
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doctrine, and wished to investigate,

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ested and we hope to continue them." red signals anywhere." G. W. Kates writes from Grand Rap-The Gurley cottage at Mt. Pleasant ids: "Mrs. Kates and self are having ex-Park Camp, Iowa, has been purchased cellent meetings here, and are engaged by Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley. She

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it has been carried. In my office the lits special report on the slums of great

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-will hold forth in the Weston opera

brought the news of the blowing up of house." a saloon in Portland, Ind., by dynamite. The News of Chattanooga, Tenn., speaks of Mrs. Prior's lecture as follows: "The ideas advanced were sonovel and unexpected that many of the thinkers present were taken completely by surprise. This scribe has listened to the utterances of many of the best pulpit orators, and it is only justice to say is all done in light. I am so anxious for captain in the Italian army; and the equaled anything ever heard from the C. F. Cole, a comprehensive thinker,

living at Dowagiac, Mich., would be pleased to establish a line of correspondence with some worthy people who would like to exchange thoughts with portance.

him on subjects of special vital im-Mrs. M. A. Hancox writes from Cliftondale, Mass.: "For the last two years we have been holding meetings at the house and in the grove back on the side hill, getting mediums from Lynn or anywhere we could. Many were inter-

He predicts even that it will be helpful in the treatment of the insane.

terms, 40 Loomis street, Chicago, Ill.

as she would like to be kept busy until

Every item sent to us for publication, son Kayner has just returned from should contain the full name and ad- Martinton, Ill., where she held good dress of the writer. We desire to know meetings, notwithstanding the severe the source of every article or item that storm of Sunday. Saturday, the 20th, appears. This rule will be strictly ad- she leaves for Burr Oak, Mich., for a

We would like to impress upon the It remains only to show that women minds of our correspondents that The were the perpetrators. Keep tab and Progressive Thinker is set up on a see. Next, I see a railroad wreck and Linotype machine that must make great loss of life. This description was

WRITE PLAINLY.

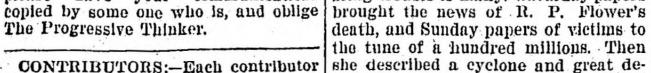
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speed equal to about four compositors. painful to listen to, but it was fulfilled That means rapid work, and it is essen- in Pennsylvania, Wednesday. Now I tial that all copy, to insure insertion in see a mob right here in Chicago, but po the paper, all other requirements being loss of life. We had it at 22d and Blue

... GENERAL SURVEY ...

DOINGS, ETC., THE WORLD OVER.

favorable, should be written with ink Island avenue, Saturday, 13th inst. She on white paper, or with a typewriter, closed by saying she saw the death of former source." and on only one side of the paper. If one of America's prominent citizens C. F. Cole, a you are not a fairly good penman, and politicians, and his death would please have your communications bring trouble to many. Saturday papers



the tune of a hundred millions. Then CONTRIBUTORS :- Each contributor | she described a cyclone and great de-Is alone responsible for any assertions struction of property with loss of life." or statements he may make. The editor Dr. John Duncan Quackenbos, emerallows this freedom of expression, be- itus professor at Columbia university, lieving that the cause of truth can be best subserved thereby. Many of the tentiments uttered in an article may be diametrically opposed to his belief, yet

that is no reason why they should be come convinced that suggestion may be suppressed. No one person has the employed to great advantage in curing whole truth, hence kindly feelings disease, alleviating pain, breaking up should always be entertained for those harmful habits, and educating children.

who differ from you. ITEMS-Bear in mind that items for Will C. Hodge has the following camp the General Survey will in all cases be engagements for the season: June 27 to adjusted to the space we have to occu- July 3, at Ottawa, Kans.; July 15 to 22, py, and in order to do that they will at Lake Brady. Ohio; July 24 to Aug. 7,

generally have to be abridged more or at Franklin, Neb.; Aug 11 to 27, at Delquire.

Henrietta Straub writes from New

hered to.

or less; otherwise many items would be phos, Kans. He has open dates from crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line July 5 to 15, and is open for engage-Item is cut down to ten lines, and ten ments in any locality for the fall and lines to two lines, as occasion may re- winter months. Address for dates and T. D. Kayner writes: "Mrs. Isa Wil-

short time, and would like to hear from be gladly received. Any articles placed ter should and would in the near future other towns in that section of the state,

"Among all the literature I read, The Progressive Thinker stands at the head." Geo. W. Morse writes from Reading, Mass.: "Hoping you may have a boun-

teous yield from your well cultured harvest field, where brambles choked the

New England's shore, and 'round their necks death warrants wore: but now the hills and waves declare, no more

Georgia Gladys Cooley, pastor of the

First Church of the South Side gave an

the bodies. Mrs. Cooley, under May-

the opening of the Grand Rapids(Mich.) flower's control, afterwards delighted state of mind and life-a state of mind What Renan said about it. What T. J. Haynes writes as follows of a brother Constantine?" York: "Art Magic greeted me when lecture delivered by G. W. Kates at her hearers with a number of spirit Camp, the first of July. Address her at and life perfectly pictured in The Beati- | Franklin said about it. What Emerson "Very near it." reaching our destination. Thanks for Burr Oak, Mich." messages with her usual convincing The next day the Countess wrote to tudes. Now, concerning that it is said about it. What Rabbi Wise, A. J. prompt attendance. The few quiet mo-Grand Rapids, Mich.: "It was a master-Mr. Hartman writes from Washing- ly effort, and was highly appreciated. proof of spirit return." her sister-in-law at Nice, to inquire if plainly true that riches do tend to make Davis, W. E. Coleman and others say ments allowed to me so far, were invested in studying this remarkable ton, D. C., "The Progressive Thinker | Mrs. Kates gave some excellent dem-Mrs. A. W. Bloom writes: "The Spiritthe grave of "Tedia" was near or far it hard to enter in, for they induce a about it. Price 15 cents. work, which-to my judgment at least | contains priceless jewels of truth." from that of his uncle Constantine, and state of mind and make easy a kind of Dr. Peebles' Three Jubilee Leconstrations in psychometry. She also ual Fraternal Society gave a bazaar at -bears the stamp of a 'Gospel of Spirit-Belden Hall, Lincoln and Belden avethat lady replied, "Very near it; just a life, that are unfavorable to, or even Virginie Barrett writes from Mondelivered a brilliant lecture in the eventures. nue, the 27th, 28th and 29th of April, | little below it." incompatible with, the higher spiritual alism.' Combining scientific truth treal, Canada: "My labor in this city is ing to a large and attentive audience. with true spirituality, it seems destined done for the present. I came here a They will remain with us until after | which proved a perfect success, both Subsequently the Countess had the life. to disperse the many contradictory or month ago, and found much to interest their engagement at our camp (about socially and financially. The society opportunity of taking part in some in-Riches tend to create wrong estimates dle fancies that cloud the horizon of me. The society is not yet a large one, will give p May porty at Schumacher's teresting phenomena at the Spiritual and standards. In July 15). They have completely won our respect and esteem and I prophesy | Hall, Forty-seventh street and Ashland | Academy in Rome. After one sitting, Spiritualism, and oppose its progress. but we hope that it will grow in the THE SPIRITUAL KINGDOM Hoping, that this generous dispensa- future and become a power here. Mr. they will do a grand work for the cause avenue, Saturday evening, May 27th. at which some direct writing was obspiritual qualities are everything; but tained, the celebrated physiologist, Protion may reach thousands of earnest in- Dawson, the president, with a few oth- in our city." Admission 25 cents, including supper. vestigators and be a staff and blazing ers, keen up the work. This is a A cordial invitation is extended to all. fessor Richet, exclaimed in her presmoney values, as a rule, go in quite a T. Martin Maurice writes: "The dawncents. ence, "I am afraid the great problem of different direction. A proverbial phil-A good time is assured. Cars run past torch to them." church-ridden city. Last Sunday 1 ing of the 20th century is now about to spiritualistic phenomenology cannot be osopher, 2,500 years ago, said, "The the door all night, so there will be no The Constitution of Atlanta, Ga., counted from the journals 104, not proclaim to the World more loudly than. poor man's wisdom is despised, and his solved by science only." trouble getting home. says: "Mr. George Austin and Miss counting the Roman. They claim over ever before the truth of our philosophy, words 'are not heard;" and to-day a At some interesting sittings held with Della May Avera were married by Mrs. 280 churches. One smells them on en- and we as Spiritualists should be on the E. W. Sprague writes: "Camp-meetman's "standing" relates mainly to his Eusapia Paladino, luminous phenomena Loe F. Pryor, the principal medium of tering the city. Church of England alert to let the world see that we are ing dates for the coming season are not wealth. In society, wealth, like charity, were obtained through her own methe Spiritualist church of Atlanta, last comes next after the Roman. I spoke at least in brotherly and sisterly feeling all taken. Parties wishing my services "covers a multitude of sins." Everynight before a large congregation. The on capital punishment, and found a one for another. We as Spiritualists as lecturer and platform test medium, diumship; but more notable still was where it is the man who pays that ceremony was a very pretty and inter- large number against it. Quite a num- should show the waiting world how we please address me at 600 East Second what occurred at Florence in the winter "calls the tune," even in the very esting one, and the enthusiasm shown ber of voters gave me their names, to can be to each other in unity and harstreet, Jamestown, N. Y." of 1896, in the presence of her husband, "House of God." Ask the churchby the audience to see the first cere- be used if I succeeded in organizing mony, and rest assured friends if this is | of General Cugiani and his wife, of the J. C. F. Grumbine's new address wardens and the deacons! The Catholic Baroness Rosenkrantz, and of Dr. mony of the kind ever performed south later an 'Anti.' But I did it more to is done much more good will be accom-17181/2 West Genesee street, Syracuse, Visani-Scozzi, by the light of a small Church elevated marriage into one of of Baltimore was manifest. The mem- start a thought wave; some one may get plished for the cause. We should show N. Y. He will lecture in Chicago at the sacraments; but how horribly it is bers of the congregation stood in chairs it who is stronger. There is need of re- our orthodox friends that to be a Spirit-Steinway Hall in November and possired lamp. profaned! What does the world mean while the ceremony was being per- form work. I shall return home for a | ualist does not imply that we are con- bly December of this year." "The Baroness Rosenkrantz," sh by saying of a man that "he married formed, and so crowded the aisles dur- long-needed rest. Hoping that these versant with the powers of darkness wrote, "who was standing behind me, Jacob Doerr writes: "Art Magic and Price \$1.25. beneath him?" Nine times out of ten i made magnetic passes over my head ing the preliminary talk by Mrs. Pryor months of hard experience have result- (as so many appear to believe), they Occult Life of Jesus to hand. I am simply means that he married a girl A Critical and Crushing Review. and shoulders, when my husband, who and just before the marriage ceremony, ed in some good. When again I take | should be made to believe and see that well pleased with both books. I cannot who was poor. Perhaps she was "only was in front of me, exclaimed, 'My wife that the bridal party could scarcely get the platform, it will be for general re- our conduct and brotherly feeling one is no longer visible!" and General a dressmaker." What a disgrace in the five lectures against Spiritualism. This thank you enough for your kind liberinto the small hall which is the place of form work, with my cause. Any one for another could not possibly have any Cugiani, who was seated by his side, eyes of "good society!" ality for the human race." worship for the sect." desiring me for fall work, can address relation to evil spirits. Mary W. Guest, corresponding secresaid "The Countess has disappeared!" A. A. Kimball writes from Ft. Worth, me at 819 E. 16th street, Indianapolis, Milo R. Smith writes as follows in tary, writes: "The Spiritualists' Home Dr. Visani-Scozzi stated that he could THE TWO WORLDS, MAN-Texas: "We desire to notify you that Ind. I thank the friends who have reference to an article by C. H. Murray: and Aid Association will hold its next not see me, but that there was a dark our dedication will take place on the shown me kindness and justice." "Let me, as one who has been a Spirit-CHESTER, ENG. meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. column in my place. I heard perfectly first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of F. W. DeTray writes from Quincy, ualist since 1855, thank you for your ar-Druliner, 93 Bowen avenue, Tuesday Price 25 cents. well their expressions of surprise, but June, on account of Mrs. Richmond's III.: "W. F. Peck, of St. Louis, was to ticle in The Progressive Thinker. Inevening, May 23, at 7:30 sharp. All are I felt incapable of uttering a word, THE DEVIL IS DEAD. not being able to be with us until that labor in our city during May. He came deed, my friend, Spiritualism is 'healthcordially invited." although I could see the persons prespriests; cry aloud, hang your ful.' I am now 69 and know that Spiritdate. We extend a cordial invitation to and gave his first discourse May 1, to a ent. These continued to ask. 'But how J. C. F. Grumbine, Syracuse, N. Y., pulpits with black; you and all friends of the cause through | small, but appreciative gathering, and ualism-has done so much for me. It has opened his lecture course on Sundid she melt away? When, all of a Let sorrow bow down every head; you to be present with us if possible. Sunday, the 14, afternoon and evening. makes me joyous and so happy. All my days at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., in sudden, I appeared! it was no longer We have reduced rates at one or two His lecture on 'Spiritualism the Coming forces are active, and love and good The good friend who bore all your sins rooms 430-432 University Block, where myself; and my husband, in alarm, of the hotels for lodging and meals and Religion,' was a perfect gem. But, oh! ness have driven out hate, malice and on his back, Price 10 cents. he will serve through May, June and cried out, "This is not my wife!" The will do all we can to make the guests of what an indifferent people we find in bad thoughts generally. Why, our Your best friend, the Devil, is dead. The Soul-Did It Pre-exist? Baroness Rosenkrantz, leaning over me, July. the occasion comfortable and happy. our ranks, who would like to be Spiritblessed philosophy tells us to be good, remarked, 'I recognize Helena Blavatz- | Your church is a corpse; you are Correspondent writes from Louisville, The State Association will in all proba- unlists only for the phenomena they may be noble, do good, and our every-day ky.' She disappeared and I, returning, Ky.: "Anna E. Thomas, lecturer and guarding its tomb; bility meet at the same time and hold | see free; yes, absolutely free! As for experiences tells us that this new life is platform test, medium of Newport, Ky., The soul of your system has fled. was recognized by those around me, to their convention." truth. The future is so bright, hope is taking a paper devoted to Spiritualism. their great satisfaction. That death-knell is tolling your terrible high. We are taught that we make will dedicate the People's Spiritual J. W. Dennis writes from Buffalo, N. that they may keep in touch with prog-"The Baroness now seated herself in ourselves, and that we have the possi-Church of Louisville, Ky., May 21, 1809. doom: Y.: "There are three splendid spiritual ress, they act as though they never bilities to be a god! Were I a writer I and ordain Mrs. Mary Mann (wife of It tells us the Devil is dead. re-embodied? Price 15 cents. front of me, and said, 'Look at me socieites in Buffalo now and all three heard of such an absurd idea as that. attentively.' After a few seconds I 'Twas knowledge gave Satan a terrible would like to tell the whole world of | the secretary, W. C. Mann). She is a are doing well. The First Spiritual We have started a society here which medium of great promise, who has been saw that lady's countenance become church, Moses Hull, speaker, corner will be known as the First Spiritual and about this great religion or philosoblow: very youthful, although she is no longer Prospect and Jersey street, is the oldest Church of Quincy, with officers as folphy. The world should know it. What a faithful worker for the cause for more Poor fellow! he took to his bed. young. It was that of a beautiful Alas! idle priests, that such things and as Mr. Hull and Mattie, his wife, lows: L. Anderson, president; Dr. a relief to get rid of the dark past, and than five years. Mrs. Mann was untirare engaged for the next year, the suc- Franz Bachor, treasurer; F. W. DeTray, oh, how happy we should be, and how ing, in her efforts to raise funds to purwoman of about twenty years of age. should be so; we (as Mrs. Richmond says) should chase the church, and it will be a fit-I thought it must be an hallucination, Your master, the Devil, is dead. cess of this society is assured. The secretary. We have a small, but deting tribute to her sterling worth to beand I turned to Visani-Scozzi to ask Buffalo Spiritual Society holds forth at termined membership which we hope to strive to help others." You're bid to the funeral, ministers all him what he saw, and found him stow this honor upon her on this occacorner Eagle and Cedar streets, with enlarge to such proportions that we will J. Osborn Lunt writes from New We've dug the old gentleman's bed; sion. The People's Spiritual Church motionless, staring at the picture with wide open eyes, as he remarked to me, Your black coats will make a most York: "Yesterday was a delightful May Mr. E. J. Chase, president and his good absorb the orthodox members that are cents. certainly has a most worthy president, wife as test medium. They draw fully worthy to travel under our banner. I Sunday, and in the morning a party of excellent pall Mr. Val Speed, who gave his check for 'It is a young lady whom I knew To cover your friend who is dead. as good audiences as Moses Hull does, am informed by Dr. Bachor that twen- friends and myself went to the Church a very liberal donation, and who does | twenty years ago!"" Spiritualism. all on account of the good tests of spirit ty years ago they could count some of the Messiah to hear Rev. Minot J. [Phenomena of this kind are per- Ay, lower him mournfully into the An elegant pampniet containing an achonor to the position he holds. He is a presence given by Mrs. Chase. The 1,400 people in our city who had been Savage. My friends and myself a veteran Spiritualist, his heart is in his fectly familiar to every gifted claircount of the exercises at Rochester and grave; rived an hour before service, when we Queen City Society meets at the old A. perfectly satisfied with Spiritualism as voyant. The controlling spirit envelops work and he is indeed an example of Let showers of tear-drops be shed; Hydesville, N. Y., at the celebration of O. U. W. hall, corner Court and Main demonstrated by the phenomena, but found the church crowded, many glad true Spirituality. Withal they are a the medium in his or her aura, so that Your business is gone: there are no the Fiftieth Anniversary of Modern streets, with Mrs. Jennie Ehle as pres- where are they now I would like to to find a corner to stand. This only harmonious people. Officers and mem- the control alone is 'visible. Not un-· souls to save; Spiritualism. It contains the addresses shows how hungry people are to hear ident, and Miss Gussie Taylor as lec- know. We invite all who read this, Their tempter, the Devil, is dead. bers working unitedly in one grand en- frequently the spirit of the medium is of some of the most noted speakers turer, and Mrs. Chamberlain as test and who reside in our city to call and something regarding the immortal life, deavor to promulgate the cause they so seen standing by his or her place in the present. It contains the picture of the medium. This combination draws enlist and put their shoulder to the and especially from the lins of a man of Woe comes upon woe; you can ne'er get nobly espouse." room; but sometimes it travels in the Hydesville cottage, wreath, etc., Price well, just as well as the others do, wheel, as we have a load equivalent to Dr. Savage's standing. The subject was your dues. E. W. Sprague writes: "We close our interim and will afterwards describe 'The Work of the Society of Psychical Both the Buffalo and Queen City socie- an eleven-horse load, and only one horse 15 cents. Hell's open; the lost souls have fled: what it has seen or heard during its abmeetings here for the season, May 28. ties hold meetings upon a social basis, to pull it. Let us unite and stand out Research in the Direction of Obtaining DR. PEEBLES' Pamphlets and Books They took to their heels when they Proof of Immortality.' To say it was a | Then go to Mantua for a week; then on | sence. The present writer is not a and many of the audience are invited to for the principles and truth our pheheard the good news,clairvoyant, but twice in his life he has take the platform at times. A good and nomena represents, that we may be to Meadville, Pa., to attend college comgreat discourse would be placing it in Their jailer, the Devil, is dead. substantial supper is served at both more closely in touch with each other, very simple language. In the congregamencement the 8th of June, at which | witnessed this phenomenon. In each FOR SALE BY halls and generally harmony prevails at and accomplish our aim. Our grand, time our daughter will graduate as a instance the medium was a preacher in Camp-meetings\_ henceforth will be tion were many men of science, college The Progressive Thinker. all of our societies. Buffalo is now well solid, universal religion is founded on professors and students of all kinds, Unitarian minister. Spiritualists have the pulpit; but knowing nothing of needed no more: up in the Spiritual ranks. May she hold facts which cannot be torn down, and anxious to learn more regarding that | no schools, so they must not blame me | Spiritualism, the writer concluded that Revivals are knocked on the head: what he saw, not momentarily, but per- The orthodox vessel lies stranded on her own forever." we each and every one will be better home beyond the borderland that we for educating my children in the next sistently, must be a visual delusion.] Spiritualists are sure of, and have tried | best, or the best and most liberal school H. H. Scoville writes in reference to for helping to be instrumental in doing shore. **ANGELL PRIZE CONTEST** Her captain, the Devil, is dead. Miss Thomas: "The writer attended one good thing at least in our short stay | so hard to get these others into our fold. on earth. We go from there to our LIGHT OF THE EAST, CAL-Dr. Savage announced yesterday from home in Jamestown for a vacation. I Miss Thomas' meeting Sunday evening, on this plane. his pulpit that during the coming sum- have only been home four days since May 6, and listened to her lecture on The Reporter of Leadville, Col., con-The National Lyceum. CUITA, INDIA. mer he intended to prepare a book | last July, and shall be glad to rest." **RECITATIONS.** the Opening of the Seals, from Revela- thins the following in reference to the I see so little stir being made for the tion, 6th chapter, and what followed grand work of Charles Brockway: "A which would be published in the fall by THE INTELLIGENCE OF ANIMALS. National Lyceum, that I desire to occathereupon. Concerning a prophecy to very curious exhibition was that given the Putnam's in which he would relate The New York State Association. sionally urge local lyceums to organize To Advance Humane Education In the immense realm of the inverte- and charter. The October convention the end of the world. Quoting verbat- in the city hall last night by the spirit- freely his own personal observations The second annual convention of the brates, the highest physical develop- in Chicago is not very far away, and in All Its' Phases. im the description of the horses, and ual medium, Mr. Brockway. A large and experiences and convictions." those that sat on them, she drew com- and interested audience was present New York State Association of Spiritment is, by general ackniwledgement, local lyceums may soon close for the Mrs. S. C. Le Sieur writes: "The parisons between then and now, saying and the medium certainly surprised met with among the social Hymenop- summer. A good public work can be ualists will be held at Saratoga Springs, fifteenth birthday anniversary of the BY EMMA ROOD TUTTLE. that all John saw was symbolical, and them. Many persons present wrote Band of Harmony was celebrated May in the Town Hall, Friday, Saturday and tera; and the capital representatives of done only by each lyceum obtaining a Sunday, May 26, 27 and 28. The first this group are the ants. To these we charter and then send a delegate. The session will be held on Friday at 10 may confine ourselves, Despite their charter costs only two dollars. The came to him just as it is given to me- questions on a card addressed to some 4, afternoon and evening, at room 608, diums at the present time, and if he dead friend and sealed it in an envelope LeMoyne building, 40 Randolph street. Lyceums and Societies that wish to get up ele-vating, interesting and paying entertainments can-not do better than to have a Prize Contest. The en-tire plan, with full directions, is in the book, and a. m. The annual election of officers tiny size, their brain, particularly secretary says that local lyceums are had had no interpreter he would have with no address on the outside. The me- Greeting from our first president, Mrs. will take place."A fine array of talent among the neuters, is remarkable in asking for lesson leaflets, song sheets will be present in music, speaking and structure-"one of the most marvelous and other helps. These can be secured been where Diogenes was when his dium would pick up an envelope, clasp S. Sherman, also from Mrs. M. Havie, may be easily managed. Nothing kindles enthusiasm light went out-in the dark! Her lec- it tightly in his hand and slowly speak | our last president, and an inspiring admore quickly than an Angeli Prize Contest! Noth-ing is needed more. Any individual may organize one in his own town and reap a financial reward. atoms," says Darwin, "in all matter, only by the National Lyceum being able ture was very interesting, and ended by the answer. He would then throw the dress from our new president, Mrs. C. mediumship. Prof. Harrison D. Barrett will be not excepting even the human brain." to publish; and that can be done only her being entranced, and prophesying a envelope into the audience, for the one L. V. Richmond. A paper was read by number of remarkable things, which I picking it up to open and read, which | Mrs. H. Stone, giving us a history of Injuries to this organ, which are fre- by obtaining local auxiliaries and public present on Friday and Saturday. TRY IT! PRICE, 30 CENTS. jotted down to keep tab upon, for I pre- invariably showed the answer to be All Spiritualists are cordially invited | quent in their sanguinary combats, | contributions. the growth and work of the Band of sume most of the audience, myself pertinent to the question. In some among the number, thought was doubt- cases the question had been written on Address Harmony. The annual election of offito come and join with us in making our cause disorders quite analagous to Personal members at fifty cents each cers was held for the ensuing year: State Association strong and aggressive | those observed in mammals. It is use- | will very materially help-and the many EMMA ROOD TUTTLE, ful to say the least. But, Mr. Editor, a piece of paper, a blank paper being President, Mrs. O. L. V. Richmond; for the right. Individual membership less to recall what every one knows of Spiritualists who love children should Berlin Heights, Ohio. every one of the scenes she saw and deenclosed for the reply. In that case Mr. | vice-president, Mrs. H. F. R. Peet; secis one dollar per year. their habits, their organization of labor, thus join the work. Address the secrescribed have taken place by this 13th Brockway would have some person in varied methods of architecture, their tary. Mrs. Mattie E. Hull, 359 Normal Arrangements have been made with retary Dr. Ellen M. Sawyer; treasurer, inst. The first she saw was a new, the audience hold the envelope with Mrs. H. Bushnell; corresponding secre-"The Watseka Wonder." To the stutwo of the hotels for board at one dollar wars, plundering and rape, practice of avenue, Buffalo, N. Y. Send for a copy per day. The association headquarters | slavery, methods of education, and (in | of the National Lyceum Constitution. large and well-armed army in the Phil- him a minute or two and then direct | tary, Mrs. Lily O. LeSleur." dent of psychic phenomena, this pamippines of natives of which our generals that the contents be read. In such cases certain species) their agricultural laphlet is intensely interesting. It gives Florence Kelley when a girl her eduis at the Washburne House. G. W. KATES. had no knowledge. Monday morning the answer would be found written on detailed accounts of two cases of "double. Address all applications and inquiries | bors, harvesting, construction of granacation at Cornell and Zurich was interconsciousness," namely Mary Lurancy, papers. Sth inst., brought us the news the inclosed blank. In talking to a re- | rupted by a trip on foot with her father | to HERBERT L. WHITNEY, Sec'y, ries, etc. We, on the contrary, must "From Soul to Soul." By Emma Rood Vennum of Watseka, Ill., and Mary of the truth of what this medium saw. porter to-day the medium said: 'When | through the Black Country of England, 953 Madison St., Brooklyn, N. Y. | examine the exceptional cases in which Tuttle. Lovers of poetry will find gems Reynolds of Venango County, Pa. For the ants depart from their general And in this army she saw four women I pick up an envelope and the audience of thought in poetic diction in this hand. where, among other things, they saw habits; for their ability to abstract, to some volume, wherewith to sweeten sale at this office. Price 15 cents. dressed in men's clothes, who are being becomes hushed I hear the voice of the the women chain and nail workers of "Commentaries on Hebrew and Chrisgeneralize, and to reason, can only be "Woman, Church and State." By hours of leisure and enjoyment: Price Dudley and Old Hill. In 1892 she was used for the disaster (I use her lan- spirit behind me, resembling a voice in tian Mythology." By Judge Parish B. established by new adaptations to un- S1. For sale at this office. Matilda Joslyn Gage. A royal volume, guage) of two ships, and I see one of a telephone. When all present are per- employed by the Illinois Bureau of La-Ladd, LL.B., of the San Francisco Bar. "Wedding Chimes. By Delpha Pearl of more than common intrinsic value. accustomed circumstances. The followthe ships blown right in two. (This fectly quiet and interested it is foud and bor Statistics to investigate the sweat-This book is of more than ordinary val-Hughes." A tasty, beautiful and ap- The subject is treated with masterly, ing may serve as examples: ue, giving the results of much patient part of what she saw I haven't seen distinct, and the reverse when they are shops of Chicago, and her disclosures A nest was made near one of our propriate wedding souvenir. Contains ability; showing what the church has published). Continuing she said: Now inattentive. 'With what material do together with the agitation which she thought and research by a mind well tramways, says Mr. Belt, and to get marriage ceremony, marriage certifi- and has not done for woman. It is full I am brought back home, and now I see the answers seem to be written when a afterwards led, resulted in the enactqualified to sift evidence and arrange to the trees, the leaves of which they an explosion of dynamite, and a house blank paper has been enclosed for that | ment of the first Illinois factory act. facts. In compact form it gives just cate, etc., with choice matter in poetry of information on the subject, and should were harvesting, the ants had to cross and prose. Specially designed for the be read by every one. Price \$2, postblown up: giving a vivid description, purpose? he was asked. 'It resembles | About the same time she was employed what is needed on the subject. Paper. the rails, over which the cars were con- use of the Spiritualist and Liberal min. paid. For sale at this office. ending by saying it was done by wo. pencil writing, and is in the color of the by the Department of Labor at Wash- 75 cents, Cloth, \$1.50. For sale at this tinually passing and repassing. Every miry. Price \$1. For sale at this office. men. The Monday morning papers clothing of the person in whose pocket ington to prepare the Ohicago branch of lefter

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Enquirer: Q. (1) What is philosophy, as distinct from science? (2) Does the teachings of Theosophy or reincarnation afford any consolation to the prospective mother?

after death, and possible return, then A. (1) The terms science and philos the members of nearly all Protestant ophy have been vaguely used and even. churches, and the Catholics, are Spiritconfounded. Science is the observation ualists. and classification of facts, and arising If belief in the modern manifestations into the realm of philosophy by impregis required, there is a vast falling off in

-nable deductions therefrom. Philosophy is defined as the "body of higher truth."

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their predecessors and exploitered their own fancies. Philosophy which once attempted to explain everything, and claimed to have done so, has withdrawn from the world of physical sci-

ence, which absolute knowledge has wrested from its assumptive claim, and taken a last refuge in morals and metaphysics. Here speculation as yet is not met by the facts of science, yet it surely will be, and then there will be no place for philosophy, unless its definition he changed, and made to exactly coincide with that given to science when it arises above facts in the vast generalizations it makes therefrom. (2) The prospective mother, if she asks reincarnation for consolation, will be informed by that monstrous doctrine that she may be reincarnating a former child, her father, a Hottentot, a cannibal, the most detestable criminal, any one of the countless possibilities furnished by the infinite number of spirits awaiting an opportunity to again appear on this terrestrial scene of action. Motherhood under such circumstances would become appalling, and unutterably disgusting. Mrs. Ida B. Rhetteplace: Q. 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It is a lie without the least fact in its support, concocted and published by the malice and bigotry of | A drinker of the flowing brook, a child that Christianity which has taught for nearly 2,000 years that it was right and God-serving to lie, and persecute to the death for Christs's sake. N. B. Young, Gainsboro: Q. Why does the magnetic needle of the surveyor's compass vary, so that if a surveyor desires to run a line established some years before, he has to allow for this variation in order to strike the line? A. The variation of the magnetic It talks among the rushes in the flutter- flame only for the seeming wantonness needle appears to be governed by a force extensive as the earth, yet subject to endless local influences. Thus while in some places, as in London, Eng., it has a variation west and east of the meridian of 221/2 degrees, at the Antilles there is scarcely any variation. The variation in a given time also differs, even in the same place, for the dif-And ference is more rapid as the meridian is approached. These changes occur in | And from the hills that knowno plough, cycles, the magnetic needle first oscillating to one side, as more and more to 1 It speaks a language not of men, but the northeast, reaching a maximum. and then year by year returning, to re- By men who love, below, above, all peat the same on the western side. The period of this cycle for London, Eng., The noises blown about the world behas been ascertained to be 320 years,. The surveyor must know the yearly variation for his locality. The cause of the earth's magnetism is the inconceivably strong currents of electricity which circulate around it, and the changing in the direction of these currents, by the oscillation of the earth is shown by magnetic variationas the tides are modified by the coasts they meet, so is the magnetic force by local conditions, until the facts are apparently conflicting. Subscriber: Q. Why have A. B. French, A. J. Davis and other renowned workers left the lecture field? (2) I am told that there is a verse in the Bible which says: "Ye shall die in your sins." Is there such a verse and where? (3) Which was used in Bible times. sprinkling or dipping for baptism? -(1) A. B. French has not retired from the lecture field, but on account of a chronic throat trouble has been unable to speak continuously. His immense nursery business demands his attention. A. J. Davis, aside from his being a great teacher, from the first of his clairvoyance was remarkable in his ability to diagnose disease and prescribe remedies. After fulfilling his mission as a writer, he graduated as a physician. thereby complying with the "doctor's law," and located in Boston, where he bas an extensive practice. (2) The text probably in mind is a composite of Jeremiah 31:30: "But erery one shall die for his own iniquity:" II. Chronicles. 25:4, "But every man shall die for his own sins;" Ezeklel, 18:4: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," and James 1:15: "And sin when it is finished bringeth forth death." (3) Baptism was a rite adopted by the Christians from the sacred Eleusian mysteries of the Greeks. In these sublime mysteries water symbolized purity. and was regarded as the element out of which all created things were born. | continually and getting no response. The novitiate, after passing through the

prescribed fasting, seasons of prayer and sanctification, met his "second birth" through a watery baptism. By this birth it was supposed the sanctity of the gods was conferred and the nature of the votary completely changed. Sprinkling with water was only taken as a faint symbol of this marvelous transformation, but the necessities of the church caused its adoption.

Aaron B. Snyder: Q. I have seen the number of Spiritualists stated at 45,000;

on what authority is this made? A. This is on the authority of the last census, which is as reliable as the report of 1880, which makes the number of spiritual church organizations in the United States 95; number of edifices

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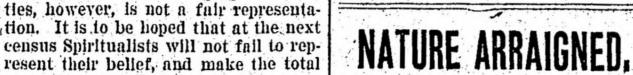
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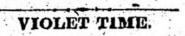
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dead more than 1900 years. I said, vert the world, "Wife, I am going to read, think and

investigate for myself."



The early Munchausen estimate, which has been persistently published, both by believers' and opposers, has been damaging to the cause.



Just in from the old-fushioned dooryard.

And close to my hand as I write, Stands a vase of wild violets fresh blown.

that number do not.

How shall Spiritualists be defined?

numbers, and with the wide and unde-

fined margin, it is difficult to separate

the Spiritualists from those who are

not, The number belonging to socie-

census Spiritualists will not fail to rep-

somewhere near being correct.



Conduct your investigations first in I bought "Philosophy of Phenomena," your home circle. Read "Philosophy of Colville's "Psychology," A. J. Davis' Phenomena." Know what you are do- works, etc. I subscribed for The Proing and what you may expect. Have gressive Thinker, read tArt Magic, some knowledge of the phenomena, Ghost Land, Banner of Light, etc. I Do not be impatient, and expect great went at this investigation in a systematic manner. I visited Campbell manifestations at once.

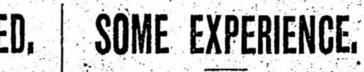
I was under orthodox influence from Brothers while at St.yLouis; got there birth; for years I have heard it late, had no results; was not discourpreached from the pulpit, "The Lord | aged. I pushed on. Came home, sent giveth and the Lord taketh away." I for a medium, kept Ler, at my home a labored hard to accept that kind of a week, formed a home circle, developed god. I joined the M. E. church and a medium of our own, talked to our worshiped at this shrine for some years, spirit friends, met reverses sometimes, yet not satisfied. December 4, 1899, but pushed on. My friend Dr. Gould, of our little Leah was taken from our Argos, Ind., wrote me of Mrs. Herbine, home. I have often been told by the at Indianapolis, and my friend, Mr. good church-members that God called Mark, telephoned me to go to Indianapher for a purpose, and that purpose olis at once. Wife and I went. We was to cause a wicked father to change now began to realize our daughter was his mode of living, come back to that neither dead nor asleep. She came in shripe and pay tribute to a vengeful voice, talked with us and wrote many God. I was told God does all things pleasant messages. We returned home

I asked: Can it be that this all-wise, Last week I was in Chicago, had sitkind and good father has caused diph- ting with the Bangs Sisters-fair, hontheria to come into my family and est people. Received nice letters under cause to sicken and die our little dar- strict test conditions. Last night our ling girl. I said, No! Certainly some- son's hand was controlled by the spirit thing must be wrong. She was too of our daughter and we had pleasant

Now you know the clouds of the or-Why did she leave us? The only rea- thodox have rolled away, and there is one family happy, I can say there is no I began to think for myself. I soon death, I will gladly assist any poor saw I had been following the supposed soul who has not the light. Do not de-

instruction given by men that had been pend on strangers. Do not try to con-G. F. DOUGHERTY, M. D.

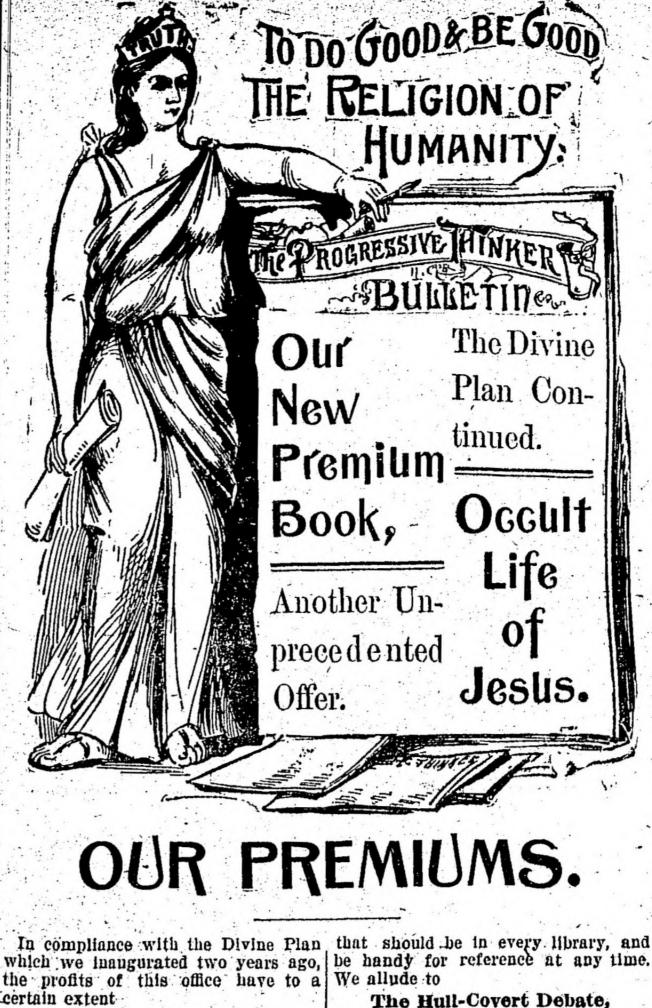
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A Scathing Criticism of Her Very Curious and Perplexing Methods.

I have recently had some experience To the Editor:-In a miner's cabin in which I think will be interesting to the profits of this office have to a We allude to a Montana mining camp, I found a man your many readers as it has to me and certain extent already past the middle stage of life, a few of my friends. Flowed Back Into the Pockets for which there has been an immense

living in the semi-solitude alone. He is I shall begin by the statement of the of our subscribers. Many hundreds of demand. The two combined make a a type of that western product, the ar- fact that while I am penning this I can dollars have been thus expended, and book of nearly 500 pages, and the price gonaut, whose years have been spent in hear a perfect hubbub of voices, male the result has been most gratifying, to the trade will be \$2.00. the quest of gold. He is one of a class and female, sounding as coming from the adjoining room; a large vacant historical, spiritual and occult value now for The Progressive Thinker can Some yellow, some blue, and some he shall have passed away, there will store. I can hear some of them repeat have been sent out at less by far be none left of his kind. The one I ing the sentences I am engaged in writfound is of an individuality more strik- ing. As near as I can make out the ing than usual; he is a reader, a think- whole crowd are saying the same words to enrich the minds of the various former on the premium list now, er, a philosopher. He is also a writer; I am writing. Now, my inquiry is, what does this of their libraries. We have been in- livery until about June 1, and when you have read his words, you will see that he is a doubter. mean? What, if anything, will this ex-strumental in laying the substantial Take Notice of the Terms: I found a hearty welcome in this perience lead up to? Is it anything foundation for spiritualistic libraries in Take Notice of the Terms: will see that he is a doubter. cabin, and the man surrounded by his new in the various phases of spirit phe- thousands of homes, which otherwise books seemed glad to vary the monot- nomena? I think I am pretty well read would never have heard of Ghost Land reth" (and the Hull-Covert Debate) and ony of his silent friends with a comrade up on most that pertains to the subject. or Art Magic, and this has been accom- Art Magic will be furnished until June whose voice he could hear, and to During the last five years I have de- plished by only the expenditure of a 1st for 50 cents, when ordered with a whom he could talk and be heard. Fill- voted much time and study and have few cents on the part of those who de- yearly subscription to The Progressive ing such a want, and bringing a more or been deeply interested in all that-per- sired the premiums. less congenial atmosphere, I was fa- tains to Spiritualism, "but have never vored with confidences. read or heard of anything like this, nouncing a From hidden recesses this silent man Every thought that takes verbal shape brought out for my sympathetic atten- in my brain is immediately published in tion products of his brain that were ex. a loud voice and repeated several times pressions of his real life and thought. over, or until another thought, word, or before, this extraordinary, work will There was poetry and prose, there was sentence is formed in my imind. No fancy and philosophy. In his loneliness | matter how triffing on what its nature this man of parts, of sentiment and with full inflections, fast or slow as science in jotting down his thoughts they are originated. "As Incend I can hear the matter read aloud by one who had run the gamut of life, from romance to religion. all the voices. I have only, to sing a I begged of him a morsel, and with his consent I send it to the readers of song, and behold, it is being sung with full chorus, all parts, with astonishing The Progressive Thinker, for they mayhap may answer his earnest appeal accuracy and distinctness., All the confor light. If the answer come, it must ditions required are for me to place come from such as they; for this man myself in a passive listening state at Ghost Land and Art Magic. This work, will be withdrawn as a premium, to any time, night or day, and the more of deep sympathles and of earnest thought, who has lived close to nature's quiet the better I can hear. 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I am somewhat deaf so piness, or possible spiritual gain? -Why only the mocking echo of the with good hearing. In conclusion, 1 suppliant's voice, as with intensity of desire he appeals for the least faint ray would be very much pleased to hear from any that have had like or similar of spiritual light? experience or from any one who can Why always unresponse to the pray- give me any light or information that erful cry of earnest gentle hearts in will assist me in getting more satisfacsore distress tory results. H. L. BARTLETT. Why unanswered is the mother's Plainville, Conn. frantic appeal for the life of her first born babe; why endow with the sacred



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Her volce was as sweet as a lark's voice

And her soul-that we could not see-But we knew to a mystical certainty It was all that a soul should be.

She took a quick journey to Soul-land With the Angel of Life, the next year, And never came back in the old way, Leastwise, since then has not lived

here. Life was dark as a room with black curtains,

Because of her absence; but, oh! If she missed the illusive earth-pleasures, Earth's sorrows-she missed them also!

take up her sweet woodland darlings, The violets here in her vase,

And, somehow, I almost can see her, And read her old love in her face. She has not grown cold, nor unreal, Since the life in her yesterdays, when She tenderly brought home the rootlets To bloom near the dwellings of men.

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Where any stream can catch the gleam field and plain, dotted with happy of sunlight or of snow. homes, the chosen pathway of the cy-It speaks beside all pathways that wind beneath all trees. shores that circle all the seas, and from the shadeless leas; plainly understood, things and deem them good. neath the scornful stars, The cannon of the captains and the thunder of the wars: The sound that tears the jangled years and all their music mars, Cannot drown down the Wordless Voice that from the silence speaks: Tis blown to men from every glen and floats from all the peaks. Dark for the world would be the day that saw that Voice withdrawn: Then would the day be emptiness, the race of men be spawn: No twilight peace would fall at night - no hope would come with dawn; No dreams would haunt the sky line, no fancies throng the glen, The wretched weight of Iron fate would crush the hearts of men. Up from the deeps of silence the awful mountains rise. And in the deeps of silence are arched the sacred skies. And in the peace of silence sleep the eternities:-And from the soul of silence that, was ere time began. Comes forth the voice that bids rejoice

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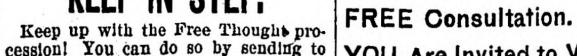
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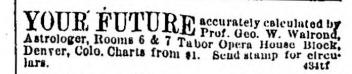
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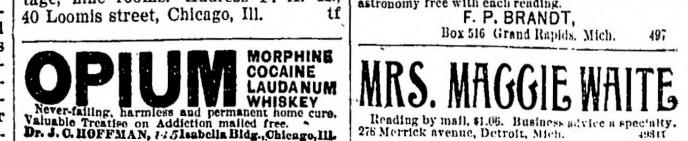


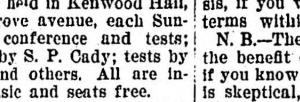


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