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THE RELIGION OF EMERSON'S POEMS

An Interesting Essay in Literary and Spiritual Analysis. by Andrew W. Cross.

"Ever the words of the Gods resound,

Are unsealed, that he may hear."

"Nothing is at last sacred but the in

America's great essayist, "I remember

from below, not from above.' I replied,

The old God set afar off upon a throne

easily conceived by the popular mind.

live and move and have our being,'

whose spirit moves upon the face of the

prompted these lines of Emerson's:

But the Boundless hath no form,

Nor hymn, nor prayer, nor church."

Emerson, as I have said, championed

The poet's optimistic view of Our

Wanting wisdom, void of right,

To hazard all in freedom's fight-

And quit proud homes and youthful

That waft the breath of grace divine

When Duty whispers low, 'thou must,'

And think not that he alone who re-

turns and reaps the laurels and hears

the plaudits of the crowd is the true

victor. Deem not the anthem of the

rabble, the dictum of the Gods, for

Fate hath oft o'erturned the verdict of

the mob, to place the palm of victory

upon the graveless corpse of the con-

Heeds not the darkness and the dread,

And the sweet heaven his deed secures.

Him Duty through the clarion calling

Knowing this-and knows no more-

Break sharply off their folly games,

Forsake their comrades gay,

For famine, toil, and fray?

Yet on the nimble air benign

To hearts in sloth and ease.

The youth replies, 'I can.'"

"Best befriended of the God,

Warned by an inward voice,

Biding his rule and choice,

Feeling only the flery thread,

Leading over heroic ground

Walled with mortal terror round,

To the aim which Him allures

Peril around, all else appalling,

Whoever fights, whoever falls,

And he who battles on her side.

Crowns him victor glorified-

Victor over death and pain,"

God, though he were ten times slain,

But the age of chivalry is past, the

It is here in the elevation of the pro-

And the former called the latter 'Little

"The mountain and the squirrel

Had a quarrel

And I think it no disgrace

If I'm not so large as you,

You are not so small as I

To occupy my place;

Justice conquers evermore—

Justice after, as before-

Cannon in front and leaden rain;

He who, in evil times

Speed nimbler messages,

Who shall nerve heroic boys

"In many forms we try

To utter God's infinity,

And the universal friend

Language falters under it:

Doth as far transcend

An angel as a worm.

waters and sends the flowers forth

But the Immanent God "in whom we

Rut the porches of man's ear

Seldom in this low life's round

About the year 1670, a solitary Jew | The word by seers or sibyls told, occupied a lodging in one of the hum-In groves of oak or fanes of gold; bler districts of The Hague. He had Still floats upon the morning wind, Still whispers to the willing mind. been expelled from the synagogue in disgrace, having been offered a pension of a thousand florins if he would outwardly conform to its ordinances. He declined, and for his honesty he was now an outcast, spurned by the children of Israel. The Sons of Moses, out of a bitter experience, have learned to hate tegrity of your own mind," wrote

Baruch Spinoza, despite persecution, an answer which when quite young I continued to pursue his philosophical was prompted to make to a valued adspeculations until his death in 1677. viser who was wont to importune me Hume's casual reference to "this fa- with the dear old doctrines of the mous Atheist" and "his hideous hypoth- church. On my saying, 'What have I to esis" illustrates the popular regard in do with the sacredness of tradition if I which Spinoza was held for some time live wholly from within?" My friend after his death. Time brought retribution. -

Spinoza wrote the first document in They do not seem to me to be such; the science of the Higher Criticism. To but if I am the Devil's child, I will live Spinoza, the pantheist and pagan, the then from the Devil. No law can be Christian world owes largely its doc- sacred to me but that of my nature. trine of the Immanence of God. Spinoza was the last to be called pagan in the heavens, or walking in the cool and atheist on account of adherence to of Eden, a supernatural man, was

To-day Ralph Waldo Emerson is inevitably recognized, in church and school, as one of the strongest religious influences in American literature.

"No man," says Mr. Lowell, "young from the fertile mould; He is beyond enough to have felt it, can forget, or our comprehension; a stream of tendcease to be grateful for the mental and ency, "a subtle power not ourselves moral nudge which he received from that makes for righteousness." The the writings of his high-minded and multitude take refuge from such imbrave-spirited countryman. He arouses palpable, such spiritual mysteries as in us something which we are the bet- these in the old time cry of the children ter for having awakened....he speaks of Israel, "Up, make us gods which always to what is highest and least shall go before us." It was the lielpselfish in us," Yet "refreshingly pagan" is what the sempiternal plethora of Being that

North American Review, but a few decades ago, termed the doctrine of this

Emerson was the Spinoza of New

The old anchors of faith were dragging; many of the gospel ships were hopelessly drifting over the sens of religious controversy, dismantled and "The Great Idea baffles wit;

Many anxious eyes were turned away It leaves the learned in the lurch, -from the broken hawsers to scan the Nor art, nor power, nor toll can find dark heavens in search of a guiding The measure of the Eternal Mind star to lead them home.

Amid the elusive meteoric flashes that illumined the sky; some the prophets of hooks and eyes whose millennium the eternal revelation of God. The orwould come with the discarding of but- acle upon Mount Zion was not more autons; and some declaiming against thentic or more awe-inspiring than the money, professing to live upon the rev- majestic thunder of Niagara, and natuenues of the spirit, amid innumerable rally he believed that this is as much unsteady lights such as those, one fixed | the age of heroes as was the era of chivstar gleamed brighter and brighter alry. Courage has not died, heroism is upon the horizon in that night of not atrophied, the somnolent spirit will doubt. The genius of Emerson led break forth to meet the emergency, the many a wandering, storm-tossed soul sons of our century are made of sterner back to the harbor of Hope and Peace. stuff than our quiet commercial life

"O my brothers, God exists. There is | would indicate. a soul at the centre of nature and over the will of every man, so that none of Day was vindicated by the soldiers in us can wrong the universe. The whole the Civil war. It has received abundcourse of things goes to teach us faith. ant illustration in the events of the last We need only to obey. There is guid- year. ance for each of us, and by lowly listen- "In an age of fops and toys ing we shall hear the right word."

His idea of God was saturated with the "hideous hypothesis of that atheist" Spinoza. Then, he was a pagan and a pantheist. Now, he is spoken of as a "theistic Christian."

The Higher Pantheism is apparent in nearly all the essays of Emerson. Speaking of nature he says, "It always speaks of spirit. The happiest man is he who learns from nature the lesson of worship. When a man has worshipped him intellectually, the noblest ministry | So nigh is grandeur to our dust, of nature is to stand as the apparition of God. It is the organ through which the universal spirit speaks to the ind! vidual and strives to lead back the individual to itself." The same idea permeates his poetry also:

"Ever fresh the broad creation, A divine improvisation From the heart of God proceeds As the bee through the garden ranges, From world to world the Godhead changes;

As the sheep go feeding in the waste, From form to form he maketh haste; This yault which glows immense with

Is the inn where he lodges for a night.

* * * * * * * * * He is the axis of the star; He is the sparkle of the spar; He is the haunt of every creature: He is the meaning of each feature, And his mind is the sky;

If discerning God's pure autograph upon the lily, if catching glimpses of To the van called not in vain. his divine splendor in the sunset's glow, Stainless soldier on the walls, or hearing the throb of his mighty heart in the roll of the ocean is paganism; it is paganism of a charming sort. To Emerson nature was the harp through whose chords the fingers of the Great Musician strayed, breathing forth Elysian harmony to charm the souls of men into the temple of sweetness and light, a harp whose strings trembled with their soul-thrilling reve-

Than all it holds more deep, more high."

lation of the Infinite. era of romance is dead, the clarion's The voice of the Eternal was not a note has died away into forgetfulness. grand throbbing chord that died away and men murmur like gnats in the in ages past, but a living symphony gloom, "there is nought for us to do." whose streamings of celestial music swell through the acons of perpetual saic duties of the present day, that Emerson becomes in very truth the prophet

"How strong intellects," said-Emer- of the most High God, draping the son, dare not hear God himself, unless smallest tasks with the garments of Inhe speak the phraseology of I know not | finitude. what David or Jeremiah or Paul..... They say with those foolish Israelites. "Let not God speak to us lest we die; speak thou, speak any man with us and

Bun replied: Everywhere I am hindered of meet-You are doubtless very big. ing God in my brother because he has But all sorts of things and weather shut his own temple doors, and recites fables merely of his brothers or his Must be taken in together To make up a year. brother's brother's God. And a sphere;

"Out from the heart of nature rolled The burdens of the Bible old: The word unto the prophet spoken

And not half so spry;
I'll not deny you make
A very pretty squirrel track;
Talents differ; all is well and wisely

If I cannot carry forests on my back, Neither can you crack a nut."

In all times, in all things large or small, from the flutter of a butterfly's wing to the revolving worlds of the solar system-God is there.

> Love works at the center, Heart heaving alway, Forth speed the strong pulses To the borders of day."

Emerson once said: "It has been decided that I cannot write poetry. Others have found it out, but I could have told them so long ago." It is true that he is greatly famous as

an essayist, but despite his modesty he has written enough verse of such a character to entitle him to a niche in the temple of poesy. Ever it is a note of faith, ever it is a clear matin song of the dawn of the perfect day. suggested, 'But these impulses may be

"Step by step lifts bad to good Without halting, without rest, Lifting better up to best, Planting seeds of knowledge pure Through earth to ripen, through heaven

England, to learn with all the noblest sages and seers that have trod this away over the nethermost rim of the world to the golden age whose foresplendors gleam through the gates of the grave, to learn with them

"What rainbows teach and sunsets Verdict which accumulates

From lengthening scroll of human fate. Voice of earth to earth returned. lessness of man's puny mind before the Prayers of saints that inly burned. Saying: What is excellent

As God lives is permanent." ANDREW W. CROSS. Westfield, Mass.

SWEET IS THE THOUGHT.

When the day dawns and the sunbeams

are gleaming, Gilding the billtops and forests with When through the valleys the soft light

is streaming. Sweet is the thought that the angels Refrain:

Angels are near us, ever they're near us, Angels are near us, ever they're near. When the soft shades show the day is

When the mild twilight's frail shad-Hushing the weary heart's cares and

Sweet is the thought that the angels are near.

Why in despondency linger and lan-Pensively fondling the sigh and the

Let the word enter and soften thy an-Sweet is the thought that the angels

Sweet when in Springtime all Nature sings gladness: Sweet when the leaves are all dying

Sweet in life's sunshine, its storms and its sadness-Sweet is the thought that the angels

When the heart offers its purest obla-

and clear. In the glad hour of the heart's aspira-

Sweet is the thought that the angels

When the fair visions of earth are re-When its loved voices no longer we

When the freed spirit seeks kindliest Sweet is the thought that the angels

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Josephus Not Reliable.

The reliability of Josephus, as an historical scribe, has again and again been the Great, running through the monthly pages of the Century since the beginhis subject ever penned.

pertinent just at this time, when popuweighed in the balance and found wanting; when so much that found expression just before and during the Dark Ages and since accepted without verification must be treated as mythicalthis clean-cut statement of Prof. Wheeler, concerning disputed matters, is entitled to the most thoughtful considera-

tion of all students of history: "The Jewish writers, particularly Josephus, report that after the capture of Gaza, Alexander went to Jerusalem, was received by the high priest and offered sacrifice in the temple. The absence of all reference to this in any of the historians of Alexander, as well as of any mention of the Jews either by of our home discipline, and with sad them or by the historians of the next Lhearts have we noted the decline of true century, coupled with the self-contradictions and improbabilities of the narrative, makes it unlikely that the story is anything more than an invention of the Hellenists of the first century B. C., hands of the few means poverty and who sought to establish in this way, as | want for the many; and not only noted | ease and luxury of pope, priest and in others, an early connection with it but have tried in our feeble way with preacher; and the influence of this GEO. A. BACON. Washington, D. C.

Trenchant, Spicy and Inter-

Several articles have appeared in recent numbers of The Progressive Thinker that have especially interested and impressed me, and seemed to set in motion the sluggish waters of my mentality, and obeying the promptings from within I feel to again ask space in the already crowded columns of the "best

Beginning with March 4, I was par-ticularly interested in the writings of Dr. Peebles, especially the closing part. The Doctor tells of his propensity for "fighting" and relates his experience in the vaccination war then on in San Diego. This interested me, for it called to mind a similar conflict in which the writer was engaged some years ago. I am not as old as the pilgrim brother by a good many years, and I am not quite been said that woman cannot fight, con- of thought that here and there shone sequently she must not vote. But, wo- forth resplendent in beauty. pen, and many wordy battles, some of on the Devil, and everybody must have counters was along the vaccination line, | the soul realm, and some of us sensed May it be ours to learn with Emerson, and I have the proud distinction of be- therein the individuality of one well deplored that anyone sailing under the to learn with the prophet-poets of New | ing the first person in my own city to | known in earth life, and admired the | pure white banner of Spiritualism will | to do, and the other ten men must seek publicly protest against the accursed frank admission of his mistaken ideas | so bemean himself or herself as to take practice of polluting the life current of earth of ours and who have looked far I the human body with vaccine virus.

About ten years ago the battle was waged. The evening paper announced | that the board of health had passed resscholar in our high school should be vaccinated. Two members of our famand husband said: "Something must be done. Wife, it is for you to begin the pen and wrote an article, and Mr. W. it might appear in the morning paper, which it did; and there also appeared an editorial calling me a crank of the deepest dye, and stating that no doubt itualist assisted me in writing one arti- and among Spiritualists. cle, but again and again my pen was | Mr. Savage, while saying many good vaccination law was passed, and has

not been to this day.

home papers was written, calling the synod or presbytery. preacher to account, and then a letter was penned and sent to our asser'ly-

I had in the conflict. Cornell University, Prof. Benjamin Ide | system of erroneous teaching that for Wheeler, whose History of Alexander | fifty years Spiritualism has been battling, and the latest thing out in thisline of orthodox theological mimicry is ning of the year, is one of the most | the introduction of the lottery scheme, elaborate and thorough presentations of | on the part of some societies, in their

efforts to raise money? The following quotation from the Test mediums as drawing cards seem they are discerning and discriminating. opening chapter of his seventh paper, to be no longer compatible with true in the Century for May, is especially | Spiritualism, as some view it, but something to "draw" seems to be considered lar historical authorities are being necessary, and the lottery method, no doubt is considered more spiritual than having psychic demonstrations in public, at least it is more fashionably orthodox. Verily, Spiritualism is fast becoming all-inclusive.

> March 18 contained one article that above all others interested me. It was from the pen of that able and veteran Economic Mission of Spiritualism. It was a ringing article, brim full of noble thought. I read and re-read the grand work of Spiritualism therein set forth. For many years the study of social, political and economic questions, as well as spiritual questions has been a part government. We have noted the inand of paupers and tramps on the other; the centralization of wealth in the

herculean task it will be, and the inquiry rises: How shall we go at it? And my thought is to ask our venerable friend whose brain gave us the grand article in question to formulate a plan of action for Spiritualists to work from. A hint is given of a method of work when he queries: "Will Spiritualism assume the leadership of thought, and lead man out of slavery into liberty?" and also when he speaks of living and voting in accord with the principles of human brotherhood, but I am sure some definite plan of action would be helpful. Give us of your storehouse of wisdom, my, brother.

The special issue of April 29 was so replete with good things that it seems invidious to single out any one article for comment. Of course everybody read Ingersoll on the Devil, and laughed at his cute and trite sayings (Ingersoll's, sure that I am a "born fighter," It has | not the Devil's), and enjoyed the gems

by my humble self, and one of these en- | sage from the materialist friend, from when on earth.

Progressive Thinker overlooked. As Spiritualists we are all glad that this olutions recommending that every eminent divine has come into the light, We are glad he had the courage of conviction to proclaim to the world belief ily were then students in the school, in the central truth of Spiritualism. We admire his manliness in admitting that as a minister of the gospel he did battle," and nothing daunted I took my | not know it all. Mr. Savage says he has took it to the office about midnight that | ualist, because, as that word is used popularly in the newspapers it would misrepresent him. Exactly. Newspapers in general do not represent the thought of intelligent Spiritualists, I would be the first one to succumb to either. The newspapers have been, and the dread disease, and the battle was | many of them still are enemies of Spiron, and I was in the midst of the fray, | itualism. Newspapers cater to populararmed to the teeth. The evening papers | ity almost invariably, and ridicule and brought forth articles in defense of the misrepresent questions not in popular practice so long held almost as sacred | favor, and then, there are bigots among | as the worship of God. One other Spir- | editors as there are among preachers

called into action, and, no compulsory things of Spiritualism, offers some criticisms as well, which is his privilege. He says, "Spiritualism as organized has Dr. Peebles says he has fought been its worst enemy." Why, bless his against class legislation in the interest | dear soul, Spiritualism has never been of doctors' trusts. So have I. A few organized. A few Spiritualists have oryears ago the people-no, not the peo- ganized themselves into associations, ple, but the voters of this district—were | societies and churches, but Spiritualism foolish enough to elect a preacher as is unhampered by organization. It has state senator, and what did he do at no creed, no code of laws, no leader duce a bill into the Legislature making | stands the one unique system of thought mediumship, healing and otherwise, a that has no authoritative dictum. It crime, and he was one of the D. Ds., has no person to worship-no Buddha, no Jesus, no Madame Blavatsky, no . And again it was thought in this Mrs. Eddy; it has no pope, no prelate, home that something must needs be no cardinals, no bishops, no high priests. done to counteract or block the nefari- It has its teachers, its instructors, its ous scheme of the Rev. D. D., and again | inspired and uninspired workers and my pen opened fire. An article for the helpers, but no authoritative council,

Again, Mr. Savage is loth to be known as a Spiritualist, because there are credman (a personal friend) calling his at- | ulous people among them, "those who tention to the matter. The Spiritualists | will believe anything that is told them of the State took the matter up, peti- | without investigation or asking even tions were forwarded, and the preach- for evidence." But credulous people are er's dirty scheme was thwarted. The everywhere, and I know of no system no indication that since men appeared not itself believed, and truer prophets bill died and was buried in the commit- of thought that has a greater number of upon the earth any universal and si- outside the church have spoken the livtee room; and a sense of gratification | them than that to which he now adhas been mine ever since for the part | heres-the Christian, and I am safe in | nary a character as to overwhelm the | Until very recently the church has saying that with all the big stories that | highest mountain peaks has ever oc- | held an unsocial attitude. It has cried March 11 contained, among many may have been told by some mediums; curred and so vast an accumulation of from its dingy doorways, "Come in and other good, things, a magnificent ad- with all the absurd theories ever ad- water over all the terrestrial globe be saved," and when the cry has been When the soul soars in pure visions dress from that peerless speaker and vanced by half-fledged Spiritualists or medium, Mrs. Cora Richmond, to the crazy minded mediums seeking noto- ity." Dr. Briggs, in fact, looking upon seek and save the lost, as did its found-Church of the Soul in Chicago, in Feb. riety, nothing one-half as big or absurd | Biblical history as a whole, describes its | er. It has tried to worship God without last. It is not my purpose to review the has been given as has been taught by primitive sources as "mythologies, leg- serving men. lecture, but I was impressed with the Christian leaders. And with all the crecentral thought therein, which seemed dulity of Spiritualists, nothing half as to be that, if Spiritualists would hold idiotic has been believed by them as has the vantage ground already gained; if been swallowed by members of the they would not have the great truths | Christian church; and then, without that have been given them, taken from doubt the credulous Spiritualists are them and given to the world under oth- very many of them those who were er names and labels, then they (we) once Christian and their credulity is a must be on the alert, and make Spirit- kind of second nature. A prominent ualism all-inclusive. And from some part of church teaching has been and recent developments I have queried, still is to accept what is given as aujust how far this all-inclusiveness | thority, without question, and many could be carried and be called true who come out of the church into Spir-Spiritualism? I have wondered if the itualism have not yet outgrown all the all-inclusive idea meant to imitate the old-time instruction, but after all the orthodox church in all things. We Spiritualists' credulity I believe to be in know that the past few years has de- advance of that of the popular religious veloped a tendency on the part of some | kind, and the field of infinite progrescalled in question. The latest scholar | Spiritualists to pattern after forms and | sion is open to them; given time they to do this is the professor of Greek at | rituals and senseless ceremonials of a | will grow into larger unfolding of the reasoning powers. But the intelligent. representative Spiritualists, those who carry forward the movement along intellectual and spiritual lines are not over-credulous. They do not take, or give the froth and scum sometimes given under the name of mediumship; And Mr. Savage would not suffer injury in association with the scholarly and brilliant minds that lead in Spirit-

ualism. Mr. Savage says: "One of the worst enemies of Spiritualism is the dishonest practitioner, the fake medium." This may be true, and there has been a great hue and cry on the part of Spiritualists themselves about fraud, fraud, fraud, and yet fraud on the part of mediums, or fakers comes perfectly natural no worker, Prof. J.-S. Loveland, upon the doubt in imitating the great, popular, pious fraud called Christianity.

I ask, what is the deception in the name of spirit, of a few obscure persons in the line above indicated, compared with the gigantic deception practiced by the Christian priesthood in the and then by a fake medium, compared to the millions on millions of money crease of millionaires on the one hand, wrung from the poor, ignorant, duped tensibly for the glory of God, but really superstition and ignorance. for the glory and power and adulation. the people to impending dangers. Mr. results therefrom appalling beyond com- to it. Carlyle.

Loveland pictures a government which pute. Think of all the bloodshed, cruwill "care for all, protect all and opelty, torture, misery, suffering, degradapress none, nor allow of any oppres- tion, debauchery, poverty, shame; think pression," and thinks it is within the of all the ignorance, superstition, fear province of Spiritualism to institute think of the millions of cramped, such a system of government. This dwarfed, stunted, blinded, enslaved would certainly be a noble work, but a souls—think of all this as the result of fraudulent claims of Christianity. The false claims of the church would fill volumes. One stands aghast at the terrible spectacle, and with all the mars and blemishes that may deface the name of Spiritualism; with all the fakers and freaks of humanity that may attach themselves to Spiritualism, as parnacles to a ship, yet, its record is spotlessly white and pure compared with that of the Christian church.

Mr. Savage declares that fraud in Spiritualism has been a hindrance to its progress; and yet Christianity has thrived and grown fat on the same diet. The more people it can delude and ensnare the greater its prosperity and popularity. "It makes a difference whose ox is gored."

Mr. Savage admits the part he played in the years gone by, in false teaching regarding this great spiritual truth, and I know of no better way for him to atone for the wrong done in misleading those who looked to him for light and men can fight, at least with tongue and Yes, everyone read Ingersoll's speech knowledge, than to espouse the cause that now he believes to be true.

> because of the foregoing, of condoning fraud in Spiritualism. No! It is to be advantage of the credulity of people in And then there was Rev. Savage's their desire to know of a truth, "if a Easter Sermon that no reader of The | man die shall he live again." I am well aware that in speaking the truth regarding the gigantic, gilded fraud handed down from age to age, I shall call down the everlasting condemnation of the tenderfooted Spiritualists, upon my head, but as Mr. Ingersoll says. "Some one ought to tell the truth," and maybe some time in the future I may tell the readers of The Progressive never been able to call himself a Spirit- Thinker why and how I came to dare to be truthful. CLARA WATSON. Jamestown, N. Y.

How He Tinkers the Bible.

FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE The New York Sun has taken the

pains, says the Chicago Tribune, to analyze the latest volume of Dr. Charles A. Briggs, "The Study of Holy Scripture," and catalogue the myths, legonce to distinguish himself but intro- whose word is law. Spiritualism of the Bible are anonymous, others are which could be speedily annulled by a historical and traditional legends.

> adventures of Samson and pure myths. | said: The stories of Ruth, Jonah, Esther, and multaneous inundation of so extraordi- ing word of God to suffering humanity. would in itself be a physical impossibilends, poems, laws, and historical documents, and the use of the historical imagination." The danger line to which such a characterization logically leads him is clearly defined in the following extract:

> The virgin birth of our Lord, and the story of the incarnation as cited in the gospel of the infancy in Matthew and Luke, are more exposed to the mythical hypothesis than any others in the gospels. It is represented that the virgin birth is unknown to the primitive gospels of St. Mark and the logia of St. Matthew; or to the epistles, even when | and the question was would they come they urge the doctrine of incarnation; back and was there hope for the future, or to the gospel of John; that the He said there was hope. The wrongs sources used by our Matthew and Luke are poetic in form and in content, and I themselves cause a reaction. A renaisof unknown origin; that the description sance of faith had already begun. He of the virgin birth as given by them I continued: conflicts with physical science and psychology; and that their story resembles the myths of other ancient religions. That the Presbyterian church should to be used by young people, the freedom have forced out of its communion a

views as these is not remarkable. It is remarkable, however, that he should have secured ordination to the deaconate of the Episcopal church, and that he should be now applying for ordination to the priesthood of the same working through the self-sacrifice of church, with the approval of its most prominent bishops. How can a professedly orthodox church, whose creed is based upon the scriptures, elevate a man to its priesthood who deliberately transforms theology into mythology. and makes the foundation of all churches the work of human hands? The Tribune, being a layman, solely engaged with sublunary affairs, would not presume to affirm or deny the higher and quite distinctive criticism as set forth by the learned professor. He may be right, but, whether right or wrong, name of God? and what is the paltry his place would appear to be outside of sum of a dollar more or less taken now the church. A man with such a sailing chart might be a dangerous pilot. That is, he might pilot the orthodox people into the realms of truth, whereas subjects of Christianity? And this os- I they are now floundering in the mire of

TRUTH SEEKER.

The heart that remained true to itself

DENOUNCES CREEDS.

Reasons for the Paucity of Men's Names.

"Why Men Don't Go to Church" was the topic of a sermon preached by the Rev. Sidney Herbert Cox, in the Lee Avenue Congregational church. He gave as reasons the introduction of machinery, the failure of moral growth to keep pace with the increase in material wealth and the failure of the church to adapt itself readily to new conditions.

"Take the denominational year book as a guide," said Mr. Cox. "In every state, out of every ten communicants only three are men. Less than five per cent of the men of New York are Protestant communicants; and five per cent is considered a very meagre scattering vote at election periods. With even that small percentage it is hard to get out more than half of it at one service. The same is true of church prayer meetings the Sunday-school teaching forces and the religious summer conventions."

CAUSES OF THE DEFECTION.

The introduction of machinery, Mr. Cox said, had produced physical results almost beyond comprehension. It had resulted in the contraction of agricultural employment. Four men could now do the work it once took fourteen a new means of livelihood. Extension of manufactures was a second result, and the railroad had generated a restless spirit. The growth of cities was a result of the growth of manufacturing. In less than a century more than four hundred cities had been built, some of them being among the greatest in the world. These results meant that a revolution was going on in methods of goverment, trade and education, and, because of these, in religious development also. The speaker continued:

The growth of morals has been less than the material increase of wealth. and hence some are fearful of religious degeneracy. The moral simplicity of agricultural life has been exchanged for the fast pressure of city gayety and cosmopolitan character. The competition for social credit has created discontent with simple homes and simple manners. Our furniture is veneered, and so are our manners. Extravagance is no longer a fault, and economy is a BIBLE HAS BEEN TINKERED blue law that should be banished. Debt AND REVISED, AND YET THE is an element of fashionable life, and JOBHAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED. | the spiders of trade are ever canvassing to entangle the flies of society in the deadly meshes of time payment and exorbitant interest.

DECLINE OF MORALITY.

Mr. Cox declared that family moralends, fictions, and narratives of imagin- ity had suffered from the compulsory ation which the professor has discov- influence of city habits. Marriage was ered in its pages. Generally speaking, often a merry gambol, in which the Dr. Briggs finds that many of the books | chances were extremely risky, but pseudonymous, while still others, like rapid divorce. He spoke also of the the Pentateuch, are but compilations of | mania for dress and for shallow amusement, and of the haste of wealth, Coming to particulars, Dr. Briggs de- which was a burning fever, and then clares that the intermarriage of the considered the failure of the church to daughters of men with angels, and the adapt itself to changed conditions. He

Much of its theology is unreal. Men Daniel are works of the imagination. | are told to gaze at the cross, and yet the The reported repentance of Nineveh, he | cross is bare. We have covered the says, is incredible, and the whole book grave of Jesus with flowers, instead of of Daniel was "written as historic fic- burying in it our selfishness and greed. tion in 168-165 B. C., with the use of va- Iron clad creeds have been held up for rious earlier documents." The deluge, | men to accept, and have proved inoperhe says, is "an ancient legend describ- ative, impractical, often hypocritical. ing a prehistoric event," for "there is The pulpit has proclaimed what it has

One thousand lodges exist in Manhattan as a protest against the unsocial. unnatural habits of the five hundred ecclesiastical organizations of the island only some of which are churches. Literature, education and philanthropy, once guided and controlled by the church, have gone outside to a wider and more humane platform.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE.

The preacher said that no one in particular was blamed, but that all were responsible. Men had left the church of one social organism would ultimately

"The awakening of women to their power and privileges, the vast movements and opportunities now beginning of education, the liberty of the pulpit, man holding and uttering publicly such | heresy trials being a farce-these forces are making for a simpler, truer, nobler, more human and more divine church, into which men will again press and through which our social salvation shall be achieved by the power of Jesus men."-New York Herald.

THREE GOLDEN GATES.

If you are tempted to reveal A tale some one to you has told About another, make it pass

Before you speak three gates of gold, Three narrow gates-first, "Is it true?" Then is it needful?" In your mind Give truthful answer, and the next Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?" And if to reach your lips at last

It passes through these gateways Then you may tell the tale, nor fear What the result of speech may be

He who has most of heart knows most of sorrow.—Bailey.

It is by studying little things that we attain the great art of having an voice and pen to rouse the thought of mighty fraud is wide spread, and the never yet found the universe faithless little misery and as much happiness as possible.-Johnson.

Was writ on table yet unbroken;

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

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

ISTS, IS ALLOWED SPACE TO RE-COUNT THE INCIDENTS CON-THE REALMS OF HOPELESS MA-BE READ WITH INTEREST, IL-LUSTRATING AS THEY DO, THE ERRATIC IDIOSYNCRASIES OF HUMAN NATURE.

(Continued from last week.)

first instance? "Was it not the phenomena?

"Have you discovered that all these phenomena are explicable on some oth- person." er theory than that of Spiritualism? "If so, will you be kind enough to ex-

I cannot but feel a great desire to know by what process you argued your-

plain them all in such clear and unam-

self out of our ranks. "FRANK H. SHROCK. "Pueblo, Colorado."

From that day to this I could get no more Michigan Adventist preachers to debate with me, notwithstanding went into their large meetings and kindly invited them to discuss the great mind. questions of life, death and destiny. They averred they were not afraid of me. I did not suppose they were-I am not a savage. They declared I did not and held that debate with me in Paw of his preaching brethren, and so Satan

"Have you not God's influence to help you," I asked.

"Oh, yes." "Is not your God and Elder Waggoner, or Elder Cornell, more than a match for me and my devil?"

They never answered the question. I became a reader of almost every kind of Spiritualistic literature. Studied Prof. Hare's large volume, "Spiritualism Scientifically Demonstrated;" A. J Davis' "Nature's Divine Revelations," and "Harmonias;" Edmonds' and Dexter's revelations; Maria King; Seeress of Prevorst: Peebles' works: Epes Sargent's "Planchette;" P. P. Randolph's writings; Davis' "Magic Staff," "Stellar Key," "Views of our Heavenly Home," "Jets, with New Meanings;" Robert Dale Owen's "Footfalls on the Boundaries of Another World." etc.

Strange as it may appear, Davis' "Views of Our Heavenly Home," opening such a grand prospect for earthly denizens, staggered me. I had, by that time, studied astronomy-Young, Mitchell, Herschell, Taylor, Proctor, Lockyer, Dick, Lardner, and could not reconcile many statements in "Views of Our Heavenly Home" with the hard facts of modern astronomy, and what I had learned in the sciences of physics and

Since I because a Materialist I have had eight departs with Moses Hullbut he is more obstinate than he used to be! In my debate with him in New York City I remember making much of the fact that instead of Moses converting me back to Spiritualism, there was a likelihood that I would convert him to materialism, because he was obliged to admit that he agreed with me in twenty fundamental points out of twenty-one of Materialism. What is Spiritualism, I asked, in its last analysis, but Materialism? Spiritualists do not teach that there is an immaterial soul; nor that heaven, or the spirit-land, is composed of immaterial substance, a contradiction of terms. They teach that the soul is something substantial, matter or energy; either, or both; that the spirit possesses a real body; that the spirit world is a real place; that the spirit land is real land-more real than

"Just so," said the imperturbable Hull. I agree with him on twenty fundamental points, and he is not sure that we are not right in the twenty-first point-individualized existence beyond

"But I happen to know that Brother Jamieson taught those twenty points as Spiritualism when he was a Spiritualist! I am not going over very fast to Materialism. We differ about one point, that is true; but a very important one, namely, he says there is no absolute proof that a man lives after he is dead. We deny that a man ever dies, which is what Brother Jamieson used to teach. We will try to show him and you that there are many positive proofs that there is life after so-called death. The trouble with Brother Jamieson is that he has been debating with orthodox ministers; but the arguments that applied to them will not fit us."

I am aware that it is difficult for opponents to report each other with accu- speech, why not practice it? I came of the deathless nature of man. racy. But this is what I think I have not here to speak, but to visit old! There are many harmonial philosodone substantially with Mr. Hull. The friends and to listen. point he made was well taken. In fact, I may as well admit that, on that score foreman of the jury said: "Your honor, Brown is not here. The first is, he is Jamieson to address the camp-meet- But a quarter of a century ago there dead." "That will do," replied the ing." "you need not mind the other

I am still after Hull's absolute proofies, just one will do.

er; yet neither of us spare the supposed | ualism? No.

errors of the other.

since I met him that October night, a large audience assembled, augmented beautiful; but where can we obtain the 1862, in Paw Paw, five minutes before by delegations from the beautiful city absolute proof that spirits of the dewe began our debate. He is one of the of Battle Creek, who paid admittance ablest, most natural debaters I ever fee, the treasury of the camp was met, and a thorough gentleman. I have | helped, and I was glad of it. stood by him in good and evil report, ive. The wonder is that Spiritualist so- if I am a doubter. cieties which claim to be friends of free the open arena of debate with a Mate- vailed, good nature reigned. rights. They are willing to meet the clergy. I do not think anyone will say ists. As a people they are progressive,

spect and courtesy. knock-down argument in some of for himself judges. these debates, for I am ever ready for If I could have retained my Spiritual-

I ever treated them other than with re-

W. F. JAMIESON, THE MOST | them, and like them. As many medi-, ism I was so well suited with it, and BRILLIANT OF ALL MATERIAL ums now-a-days give tests in public, I with Spiritualists, that I would have re-NECTED WITH HIS TRAVELS New York debate: "What would con- onstrates beyond the possibility of mis- munion. THROUGH SPIRITUALISM INTO vince Brother Jamieson?" My response take, the existence of individual men, TERIALISM-HIS VIEWS WILL appear and give a straightforward ac- dane life, Spiritualists would not have "What made you a Spiritualist in the millions of spiritual creatures within press their doubts of the mass of the easy reach of us I cannot see why they phenomena. I knew that the church

they are natural, legitimate; granting on my Spiritualistic conviction; who are now spiritual beings.

tinues triumphant over death is Mod-doubt of the most delightful conviction ern Spiritualism. Through it is my that ever fascinated the mind of man! convert Moses Hull by argument, but only expectation of ever catching onto I have passed through that purgatory by "Satanic influence;" that he went the hind car of immortality. If I miss of mental anguish. Compared with it but fit themselves to receive it by being Paw without the counsel and consent the extinction of individual life like the nothing. But are Spiritualists reason- It is, however, impossible for the brain tree; the flower; worlds and suns.

> of weak spots, which were exhibited to himself? the gaze of the world by Spiritualists isters began to see them.

free speech. All these things I like.

I think he speaks like a true man when less. he says: "I have not yet learned for what a man preaches at all, unless he that which he believes."

pits and all platforms will be occupied smile of self-sufficiency! by such speakers.

to advocate any set of principles be riences, and that of others; but my spir- | youd all price and often, too, beyond cause some one else believes them, or itual philosophy taught me the lesson their power of expression. They feel because they belong to some particular of charity toward doubters. There is, and know fliat they dwell in God and school of thought. So far as Material- I believe, no happier frame of mind pos- he in them; yea, even the Infinite ism is concerned I accept only what I sible than that produced by the comthink is true; judge for myself. I grant plete conviction that our departed that there are some dogmatic Material- friends continue the charming story of ists. I hope I am not one of them. life after the earth-chapter is finished; There are materialists who declare with that endless progress is the soul's destiall the emphasis of John Calvin on the ny; that the failures and disappoint-"Decrees," that "when a man is dead he ments of this life are schoolmasters for is dead, and death ends all." Logically, a nobler one beyond; that the trivial afno one is justified in saying any such fairs of this existence are but the parthing. When I have asked them to give ticles of dust which illuminate the me the proof, which the most careful mind's endless march to a higher one. scientists have been unable to get, their reply was that I am more than half a without a fragment of spiritual evi-Spiritualist yet. Because my present dence; that I did not positively know wife is a Spiritualist, and a healing me- that spiritual beings exist and commudium, does not make me a Spiritualist, nicate, I made up my mind that I had I recognize her right as equal to mine. no moral nor intellectual right to call She says she knows Spiritualism is myself a Spiritualist another hour, untrue. It is to her a source of happiness, less its philosophy was broad enough to and The Progressive Thinker is her demand complete mental liberty. To best Bible. Her Spiritualism and my me Spiritualism meant mental liberty. Materialism get along harmoniously be- I trusted it implicitly. My confidence

and Mr. Elim Warner and his wife, of gate any subject-never feared to Paw Paw, said to me: "Brother Jamie- | "doubt truth itself." as Descartes son, you converted us to Spiritualism, phrases it, "for the sake of its re-invesand now you have given it up. What ligation." After escaping the thraildom

are you going to do with us?" eternal fact it does not depend upon my cism. That was the schooling I received acceptance or rejection. I always in Spiritualism: yet there were thoutaught, 'Judge for yourselves.' Because sands of Spiritualists thirty years ago

camp-meeting of Spiritualists, near Bat- hazard your Spiritualism. clearer by contrast. You profess free overwhelmingly conclusive in support

the board of managers, stated to the ualists is not affected in the least. A. J. he turned the tables on me. Neverthelother members: "I have had a talk with Davis says that spirits of departed huless, I felt as the judge did when the Jamieson, and I say let us take our man beings rarely communicate. medicine. We claim to be liberal. I Brother Dawbarn's vibrations vibrate I have twenty-one reasons why juror move we prove it by inviting Brother those "gone before" out of their senses.

I was left free to chose my own subject for Sunday forencon.

after we breathe our last in these bod- Were they true to their philosophy? are more critical than in those days, Had I become less a friend to humanity | broader, more truly charitable. Mr. Hull and I do not abuse each oth- by doubting the phenomena of Spirit-

The committee paid me the same as I have always liked the man ever their own speakers for my lecture. As ism. People said: "The philosophy is

At the close of my discourse, which notwithstanding we do not think alike; was on "Universal Mental Liberty." I that we all-live after this life closes. A and we have been close friends all was surrounded by many old friends, medium from New York state seemed to these years. The debates held with many of them Spiritualists, who conhim have been interesting and instruct- gratulated me on my liberalism, even

Since then I have held debates with speech, and afraid of no man's reasons | Spiritualists at their camp-meetings, against their philosophy, seem shy of and, as a rule, the best of feeling pre-

I have no prejudice against Spiritualthat in all my debates with Spiritalists | truth-loving. They admit we are not |

am always willing that they should use mained with the movement to this hour all their powers, or gifts, to kill my ma- rejoicingly. If I could have clung to readily recognized. Here then is a terialism. Moses Hull said to me in the one little undeniable fact, which dem- solvent and explanation for spirit comwas: "If a departed human spirit would women and children after this muncount of himself; would permit me to excluded me from their platforms; for handle him, see and feel for myself, I have known all these years that the take nobody's word for it, however most skeptical class among Spiritualists good, I would then be in a condition to are the mediums themselves, often investigate. To be sure about it I doubting their own "influences"-or, might want to chemically analyze the rather, their nature and source. At the spirit. In other words, if there are present time Spiritualists freely ex-

should not be on 'speaking terms' with looked upon doubt as an enemy of us without the intervention of any third faith; but Spiritualists, as a people. were not afraid of it. "Why should Spiritualists may think my require I we be?" they reasoned, "have we not ments are unreasonable; but I think the facts?" But doubt had this effect biguous terms that we can all under that we are surrounded by dear friends wrecked it. Yet thousands of Spiritualists, especially in Michigan, argued as in the mortal world, who are very dear Mr. Hull said: "I do not think the if I might have avoided the simoon that to them, and it is a comfort and double spirit-world will go to any such trouble engulfed me, and they had not one drop to convert Brother Jamieson." That of sympathy for me in my shipwreck. must be true, because here I am yet, They never stopped to consider that a "In the gall of bitterness." It may be man fighting his own doubts of the their welfare. my destiny to go down to the grave still most pleasing philosophy this world yearning, as I do yearn, for some real ever knew experiences more torture light beyond the tomb. I have, all than all outside assailants can inflict. these years, wished that Spiritualism Those doubts concern everything near might prove itself absolutely true to my and dear to his own personal existence; everything that relates to his progress I think the last hope for humanity to in knowledge and the unending happiretain its conviction that the race con- ness which flows from it. Think of it,

> extinction of the individual plant; the able who condemn anybody for doubting Spiritualism? Do they not teach Concerning life beyond the grave all that it is not a faith; but like science it- first be deposed and ruled out of the the church has is legend. It has no self, knowledge? Have they not de- inner sanctuary of head and heart, "this year's facts." It is losing its hold clared, again and again, with no uncerin spite of its wealth and respectability. I tain sound, that what is evidence to one Distinguished clergymen see and admit mind is not evidence to another? and it, many of whom confess that it is full that each individual must judge for

> Unfortunately, there are Spiritualists and Materialists long before the minis- who live so near the shadow-land of faith that their capacity to swallow For more than twenty years I have spiritual camels opens wide the door of | Will this religion be Spiritualism? We been saying, in public and private, that fraud, which by thousands of intelli-Spiritualism as a philosophy is a thou- gent Spiritualists is felt to be an open sand times more desirable than Chris- shame. If Spiritualism is a verity, my tianity; is more liberal; is committed to doubt, nor all other doubts; can ever harm it any more than a doubt of the | tainly the author of nature. Every true I agree with Rev. M. J. Savage, whom | multiplication table and the law of I consider one of the biggest-brained gravitation can injure them. But such clergymen in the Christian pulpit, and doubts hurt us, even rob us of happi-

> ed with doubts, you can sit in judgment | and makes, practical communication frankly and earnestly proclaims just upon your fellow mortal, like a grim with the citizens of immortal worlds, inquisitor, and render your decision thus conforming to the spiritual law of A glorious day it will be when all pull against the doubter with the sardonic unity or oneness. This grand psychical

I never feel under the least obligation of the spiritual origin of my own expelsense, see and learn truths that are be-

When forced to conclude that I was

cause she is liberal and I am not a was unbounded that it would bear every test. This is why, since my seven-Mr. Hicks, of Rockford, Michigan, teenth year I was not afraid to investiof Christianity I never stood in awe for strength by pure thought and living, by I said to them: "If Spiritualism is an one moment of the spectre of skepti- being honest and upright in all things. I am a worse doubter than Thomas who deemed it a sort of heresy to say Didymus, is nothing against Spiritual- you did not accept dark circle manifestations as proof of spirit communica-I remarked to Mr. Warner at that tion. A word against a fraud was to

tle Creek. Michigan, after a number of At the present time I would have persons inquired if I was not going to been considered an examiner of occult deliver an address: Brother Warner, if phenomena, or a psychic investigator: you Spiritualists have, as you boast, a for I believe I have never been a dogfree platform, why not make it free in- matic Materialist, and have always condeed for the expression of any opinion ceded to the Spiritualists the logical pounder heaven. The opinion you exclude sition which they occupy, that a millmay be the one that is true. If it is not | ion frauds do not disprove one fact. true it may make the truth you have My difficulty has been to get one fact,

phers almost as skeptical as I am to-Mr. Warner, who was a member of day, and their standing among Spiritwere prominent Spiritualists who advocated the necessity for fraud, and were opposed to test conditions—except such A few Spiritualists left the grounds as mediums or their guides prescribed. one incontrovertible fact that we live in great anger because I was engaged. With exceptions, Spiritualists of to-day

> After my first debate with Hull I was more than ever anxious to do what I could to convert the world to Spiritualparted communicate?"

> I determined to engage a powerful physical medium who would demonstrate beyond the shadow of a doubt fill the requirement; but on a more searching investigation of his manifestations. I discovered that he was fraud, pure and simple. That did not shake my confidence in Spiritualism. It did make me a more careful inves-

(To be concluded.)

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mechanical forces in that line, and, on the same principle, no one can teach spiritual truths unless he is attuned to the heavenly influx and has learned these truths and knows whereof he affirms. Sight, taste, smell, hearing and feeling create desires, desire is the father of thought, and to satisfy desire is the aim and end of all human activities. All that mon and women seek to do, to obtain or to avoid, is a sequence to its own antecedent desire. It is the soul and the spirit through the soul that receive and impart the sensations thoughts and messages. This thought exchange between mortals even is very It is the spirit in man which com-

munes with every other spirit it can approach by reason of their souls being congenial and connecting themselves for such thought exchange. This method, extends beyond the mortal realm and is just as natural for the immortal to make use of in his mission to mortals as for the latter to commune with each other. Yes, friends; spirits dwelling in mortal bollies do exchange thought and communicate with spirits decarnate and numbered as residents of immortal climes. This is a grand and comforting fact, for the end of earth life comes to everyone and "after death what?" is a natural question. Every one has friends to meet in the immortal worlds and also leaves friends behind blessing to be able to return and under favorable conditions express that love and continuing interest in them and The key that opens the door to the

Kingdom of Heaven is pure, true love to God and to all mankind. It includes all other virtues and principles and prohibits all selfish thoughts and acts. We who have learned this by seeing, hearing and sensing, know that the soul of the universe pulsates unceasingly; that therefore inspiration is continuous and all may freely partake of this supernal influx of truth if they where selfishness is enthroned, to receive spiritual truths. Selfishness must then, and only then, can the spirit of God become active and soul-life properly expand by this grand and blessed interactivity with immortal souls. Every vibration from the soul world

proclaims that a universal religion is about to be established upon this earth. Every sign of the times points to it. pause for an answer. We are not certain it will be that in name, but we are sure it will be that, in principle.

God the author of all things is cer-

prophet or medium is daily becoming more profoundly impressed with the fact that a feligion of universal accept ance must be established upon earth. Ah, you, who have never been afflict and will be. A religion that recognizes development, has begun and is spread-For many years I had not one doubt ing, and those who are so developed Eternal Spirit unchangeable and allpowerful, felt and manifested as love, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, mercy and truth. This is what all need within themselves in quantity proportioned to their own fitness of receiving, in order to move in rhythmic harmony with universal life and to have their own hearts beat with the heart of God and fully realize all the blessings he the Father has prepared for them. By such reciprocal activity, wisdom, and strength increases and each one receives strength and necessary help

from others and at the same time confers something they need in return. To establish this blessed union of force and soul, is the effort of the Angelic Hosts; but it must be borne in mind that there must be individual effort for soul connections and that such connections are necessary or the induction of these vital forces and intelligence is impossible. It must also be realized by the individual, when it is inducted so as to be used properly, that then it is the office of a psychic to fit himself by soul development for such inductions and to increase his spiritual

This nation is a nation of psychics, and it is therefore urged that all develop these qualities to some extent and thus establish the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth, which would be the establishing of a new earth and heaven also; for the old conceptions and ideas must pass away before the new can be established.

It has been said that the world is a picture painted by the thoughts and force out-put of mortals. Then let us try hard to do such painting as we may be justly proud of even in the presence of the angels.

The world is also a stage where all must render their own numbers as factors of the human family. Then let us prove our quality of thought by the acting and let each act demonstrate the quality of our soul forces thrown out for general blessings, by every breath we breathe, by every thought and word, then we will surely contribute our share to these beneficial changes now being made by the force union of heaven and earth.

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LUTHER AND POLYGAM

Known. Polygamy is the marriage system of the Old Testament, and it is nowhere condemned in the New Testament, save in those passages recommending celibacy, which of course imply the con- above, "that nothing could be refused demnation of polygamy, monogamy, and all forms of marriage. Many of

the advocates of the Reformation were advocates of polygamy, and not a few reduced the system to practice. They wanted to go back to the Bible doctrine. Many of the facts I give in regard to by the other reformers, and even the Luther are not popularly known; in fact, the Luther who is known is an ideal or traditional Luther, not the real Luther, who, far from being a saint, was a coarse and superstitious man-He had strength and audacity, but he was no saint. An English writer, "Saladin," says of him justly: "He had a large share of humanity's worst fail- 425,ings, and I should allow these to rest lightly on his memory if there were no attempt to make him a demi-god. The best that can be said for him is, he was a man-not, like Calvin, a devil."

Some years ago I made these extracts from Sir William Hamilton, who says: "Of the following general facts I hold superfluous proof:

home, I discover that Mr. Robinson "1. That after the religious revolution in Protestant Germany, there began does not take kindly to what I said and long prevailed a fearful dissolution about him and his book. It seems like of morals. The burden of Luther's folly to spend any time on him, as he is or seems to be an able imitator of all lamentation is: 'Under the Papacy we the "medium slayers" and "phenomena were bad, but under the Gospel we are seven-yea, more than seven times exposers" of which I have any knowl-

"2. That of this moral corruption there were two principal foci-Wittem- and they are not there." berg and Hesse. Shortly before his death, Luther, abandoning it, calls adroitly ignores my propositions and Wittemberg 'a Sodom,' and not long after it, Wittemberg is publicly branded osition, as contained in your issue of by Simon Musaen, the Professor of April 8, is this: Theology and Superintendent of Jena,

as 'foetida cloaca Diaboli.' Touching Hesse, the celebrated Waither, writing to Bullinger before the middle of the century, says of its centre of learning same test conditions and show it to be and religious education: 'In Marburg | outside spirit power, I will order and the rule of morals is such as Bacchus would prescribe to his Maenads, and and distribute them among my deluded Venus to her cupids;' while from Mar- | friends." burg and the chief chair of Theology in that university, the immorality of the plains how the writing came between natives had previously determined the plous Lambert of Avignon to fly, his reply in your issue of April 22: flight being only arrested by his sudden death."-Discussion on Philosophy and | cate the test by trickery he will pur-Literature, by Sir Wm. Hamilton. chase 500 copies of my book." "Now Harner & Bros., 1861.

"The sanction of Luther and Melanc- fort to seal and prepare the identical sale at this office. thon to Landgrave's second marriage | slates in exactly the same manner as he was compelled. Prudentially and for a | did for Mr. Morris, send them to me by special purpose which I shall not now express, and in a short time I will reenumerate, they were strongly averse turn them in apparently the same confrom this proceeding on the part of that | dition, and with writing upon interior." Prince: but on principle they unfortunately could not oppose it. They | the thousands of readers of The Prohad both promulgated opinions in favor | gressive Thinker how the writing came of polygamy, to the extent of vindicating to the spiritual minister a never answers a question nor settles a right of private dispensation, and to the | disputed point. I did not ask Mr. Robtemporal magistrate the right of establishing the practice, if he chose, slates and return them to me "appaby public law. They had even tendered | rently" the same, covertly admitting (what is unknown to all English historians) their counsel to Henry VIII., message, reseal and ship back. Where advising him in his own case to a plu- is the test in that condition? The Morrality of wives."-p. 490.

To Philip, Landgrave of Hesse, champion of the Reformation, who having lost, as he pleads, conceit of his wife, with no hyman hand in contact. being touched with scruples of conscience at his adultery, but which he plain just how that writing was done. thrice admits that he "does not wish to | No one acquainted with the subject of abstain from," and "knowing," as he slate-writing disputes the ability of the tells them, "of Luther and Melanchthon having exhorted the King of England not to divorce his first Queen, but to | tion is, is there none genuine? marry a second over and above" who had applied to the leading doctors of this: John Smith moulded a bogus the Reformation for license to have an- | dollar, therefore all dollars are bogus. other wife.

Martin Luther, Phillippus, Melanchdium; that proves nothing. The Rev. thon, Martin Bucer, Dionysius Melander, John Lening, Antonius Corvinus, W. W. Hicks of New York, a stanch Adam Kraft, or of Fulda, Justen Win-Spiritualist, one of the speakers at Casther, and Balthusar Raida in a Consilsadaga for years, has never been able ium drawn up by Luther and Melanch- to get a mark on a slate with the many thon at Wittemberg, Dec. 19, 1539, said: mediums with which he has had sit-"But in certain cases there is room for | tings, and I don't believe be attributes dispensation. If any one (for example) | these failures to his superior ability in detained captive in a foreign country, detecting trickery. Mr. Robinson may should there take unto himself a sec- have a mental grasp on occult matters ond wife for the good of his body and that are so vast and Herculean in their proportions as to cast the opinions of health, * * in these cases, we know not by what reason a man should be Profs. Crookes, Hodgson, Lockwood condemned, who marries an additional and hundreds more who might be men wife, with the advice of his pastor, not | tioned, in the shade, and if so he should for the purpose of introducing a new let his light shine. But the fellow who law, but of satisfying his own necessity | secludes himself in a cave where no * * or fine, if your Highness be ray of sunlight can ever enter, and fully and firmly resolved to marry yet yells himself hoarse that the sun does another wife; we judge that this ought | not shine, to use a street phrase, "cuts to be done secretly, as has been said | no ice." The sun shines just the same. above, in speaking of the dispensation, so that it be known only to your Highguns;" as the only material required for ness, to the lady, and to a few faithful ammunition is wind, he ought to be able persons obliged to silence, under the to load and fire incessantly without in seal of confession; hence no attacks or tury to himself or Spiritualism. scandal of any moment would ensue. For there is nothing unusual in princes keeping concubines; and although the lower orders may not perceive the excuses of the thing, the more intelligent know how to make allowance."-p. 491.

"The nuptials," says Sir Wm. Hamilton, "were performed in the presence of three witnesses-Melanchton, Bacer, Melander (who officiated), with others: and privately, in order, as the contract bears, 'to avoid scandal, seeing that in modern times it has been unusual to have two wives at once, although in this case it be Christian and lawful." Sir Wm. Hamilton says that Luther and Melanchthon did not in the case of the Landgrave make "a sacrifice of eternal principle to temporary expediency." "The reverse of this." he declares. "I am able to prove, in a chrono-

logical series of testimonies by them to the religious legality of polygamy, as a general institution, conscentially downward from their earliest commentaries on the Scriptures and other purely abstract treatises. So far, therefore, was there from being any disgraceful.compromise of principle in the sanction accorded by them to the bigamy of the Landgrave of Hesse, they only in that case carried their speculative doctrine (held, by the way, also by Milton) into practice, although the prudence they had at that time acquired, rendered them on worldly grounds, averse from known."-Ibid, pp. 491-2.

Luther did not have much regard for any system of marriage. He married Catharine Von Bora, who gave birth to a child two weeks after the marriage. He wrote to Spalatin in 1525: "Indeed it is a great matter of surprise that I who write so often about marriage, and who have so much to do with women, have not myself long since become woman enough to blab out the fact that I am in no sense married. Nevertheless if you want my example, you have a most powerful one, for I have had three wives at a time."

"I threw Luther over," writes Erasmus, who was his friend, "from the time that I found his name was a byword in brothels and places of IIIfame."

- Luther was saturated with superstition. Because of his superstition he had contact and influence with the masses. An advanced thinker would have died unappreciated and unknown. Luther declared that he had raised three persons, one of whom was Mei- 15 cents. For sale at this office.

anchthou, from the dead. In giving an I account of the operation. Luther said: "Then and there I made our Lord God to smart for it. For I threw him down [SO-CALLED] WITH OTHER the sack before the door and rubbed his

trigamist prelate Cassel, the wine-blb-

bing Melander, exhorted his clergy to

DISMOUNTS HIS GUNS

To the Editor:-In looking over the

late numbers of The Progressive Think-

er after a three weeks' absence from

edge. They all are like the "Irishman's

flea," you "put your finger on them

Mr. Robinson in his reply very

substitutes some of his own, My prop-

"Now if this great exposer will be

so kind as to tell the readers of The

Progressive Thinker just how it was

done, and produce writing under the

pay for five hundred copies of his book

Here is the way Mr. Robinson ex-

"He states if I will explain or dupli-

Now that makes it "clear as mud" to

between the Morris slates. Subterfuge

inson to produce writing between sealed

that he would open the slates, write his

ris slates were written upon in the pres-

ence of seven reputable witnesses, in

broad daylight, lying upon the table

Now I ask Mr. Robinson again to ex-

trickster to fraudulently produce

writing between slates, but the ques-

Mr. Robinson's logic appears to be

Let Mr. Robinson "stand by his

FLOWERS.

Which wake in answer to the voice of

Spreading the golden plumage of her

Warbling sweet lullabies to Grief and

She tunes the harpstrings of the wan-

And calls sweet Music from her heav-

To breathe o'er silver chords her holiest

And Sorrow lifts her black plumes from

And hoary Winter with his tattered

The beautiful have come; they wake,

The gentle flowers unclose their starry

A veil of glory tremblingly descends

That all Earth's shadows into bright-

The winged seeds in Autumn, rudely

Found here the sheltering bowers:

And, oh, like you, may every hour dis

That dying, we may sanctify the place

And send through distant years the glo

Of Faith triumphant, Youth and Virtue

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How leaps the soul of Mirth

With what delight she sings!

And waking all things fair.

Jov seeks again my heart,

Spring odors track the skies;

Oh, beautiful bright flowers!

May we at last find ours!

And dwelling of our race,

Seminary, Belvidere, N. J.

rious trace

blest-

And o'er the sunny hills.

Along the laughing rills,

ness blends.

tossed.

play

The sullen storms depart

Has glided to his goal.

In joyance at your birth!

W. L. GAGE.

Titusville, Pa.

Care.

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enly cells.

spells.

my soul:

they rise;

stole.

the "Morris slates." I quote from his | Wise, Col. Ingersoll-and what the spire

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In his book Prof. Briggs says: Scholars differ greatly in their views as to the mythical element in the holy wrote the priestly sanction of the Hexscripture. There is a general tendency on the part of most critics to avoid the Their priestly interest determined their term. But, in fact, the term myth means nothing more than a primitive religious story as to the origin of the nation or race, or as the association of its ancestors with the deity. There is nothing essentially polytheistic in the term. If, therefore, we distinguish between polytheistic mythology and monotheistic myths, there is no valid objection to the use of the term myth in con. law, and they idealize Moses and the nection with those stories of the origin entire previous history in the light of of Israel and the communion of the that law. Even the earlier prophets, ancient heroes with the heavenly world. which are so primitive that they are beyond the reach of external history and criticism.

intermarriage of the daughters of men | tinguish between truth and fiction in with angels in Genesis vi., 1-4. If this any of the older legends and historic story were found in any other sacred documents at their disposal. They book but the Bible no one would hes- could not separate the bare fact from itate to regard it as a myth. Vain its mythical, legendary, and poetic efforts have been made in recent times embellishment. Indeed, they preferred to explain away the angels in various it thus embellished, for it was more anways, but no respectable commen- propriate in this form for their purpose tator would countenance such a thing of instruction. Furthermore, it is eviin our days. There can be no doubt whatever that the passage refers to angels. Why, then, should we hesitate to regard it as a myth?

A careful study of the literature of the Old Testament shows that we have higher criticism assisted by historical four prose works of the imagination in the Old Testament, all written in the times of the restoration. These are Ruth, Jonah, Esther, and Daniel."

The book of Ruth is written in prose with two little snatches of poetry. It has appended to it a genealogical table which did not belong to the original document. The story is a simple and graceful domestic story. It is a charming idyll.

The two miracles reported in Jonah Moses, of Elijah, of Elisha, or of Jesus or his apostles.

It is true than there are great sharks in the Mediterranean Sea which are being so, the chief difficulty remains, results, How can we explain the suspended digestion of the fish and the self-consclousness of Jonah as indicated by his prayer? And even if we could overcome this difficulty by an unflinching confidence in the power of God to work any kind of miracle, the most serious objection would still confront us. It is not so much the supernatural power in the miracle that troubles us as the character of the miracle. There is in it, whatever way we interpret it, an element of the extravagant and the grotesque. We feel that there is no sufficient reason for such a miracle, and we instinctively shrink from it. * * For these reasons the story of Jonah is commonly regarded by modern scholars as an ideal story, a work of the imagination.

There is a large use of poetic sources in Luke. Indeed, it gives a series of interpreted as if it were a miracle in books of the Christian religion or the violation of the laws of nature, but institutions of the church can escape

The story of the deluge appears in | will ere long crumble into dust. two poetic narratives interwoven in the no indication that since man appeared upon the earth any universal and simultaneous inundation of so extravagant a character as to overwhelm the highest vast an accumulation of water all over the terrestrial globe would be in itself a that of an ancient legend."

Historical criticism is sifting all this rubbish. It will gather out every miah's time, every critic has to build ern-sciences? ditionalists prefer the modern ruins to are scientific errors in the Bible, errors ison street, Brooklyn, N.-Y. with his weapon in hand; for the trathe ancient city of God, and they battle of astronomy, of geology, of zoology, for every speck of rubbish as if it were and of anthropology. the choicest gold.

miracles and prophecy as the great ology, that the doctrine of the inerrancy of more than common intrinsic value. supernatural features of the Bible. which prove its uniqueness and its divine origin. But it is just these supernatural features of miracles and prophecies that in our day-constitute for scientific and literary scholars the chief obstacle to their faith in the Bible.

-There can be little doubt that there is | whether there are errors in the present | marriage ceremony, marriage certifia stronger mythological element at the accessible texts of the holy scriptures, cate, etc., with choice matter in poetry sale at this office. basis of Biblical history as well as of but whether or not these errors were in and prose. Specially designed for the other ancient histories. The myth is the original autographs. This assembly use of the Spiritualist and Liberal min- C. H. Cornill, of the University of the University of the Indian and I indeed the most primitive historic form attempted to define what were the istry. Price \$1. For sale at this office. Koenigsberg. A scholarly and appreciand mold in which that which is most original autographs: "Scripture as it "Nature Cure." By Drs. M. E. and alive historical review of the prophets phere of exalted spiritual truth. A ancient is transmitted from primitive came from them to whom and through Rosa C. Conger. Excellent for every of Israel and their works. For sale

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Legends constitute the form in which historical material is handed dawn from generation to generation in oral AUTHOR AND FIX HIS STATUS transmission, especially in times prior AS A THEOLOGIAN-THEY ARE to written literature. Holy scripture THE UTTERANCES THAT HAVE uses a great abundance of these GIVEN OFFENSE TO THE MORE legends. The popular imagination embellishes them, changes them in many ways as to time, place, and circumstances, and only preserves the sub stance of the truth and fact.

> After all has been said as to the use of the sources of the Biblical historians, there can be no doubt that they also knowledge. used their historical imagination. This is not a fault. It is an excellence. It historic writing in all ages.

We have to take into account the point of view of those priests who ateuch and the work of the Chronicler. choice of material, the use they made of it, and the colors and shading which their imagination put upon it. There can be no doubt that they idealized the history in the interests of the priesthood and the temple and the Levitical

So the point of view of the Deuteronomic writers in the Deuteronomic who wrote the Ephraimitic and Judaic narratives, wrote in the prophetic interests of their times.

We may say with reference to them Take, for example, the story of the all that they did not and could not disdent that they did not hesitate to indulge themselves in historical fiction where they had not sufficient historical information and the lessons had yet to be taught. Midrashim of this sort are incorporated here and there throughout the history. It is only by the use of the criticism that they can be eliminated. There is no evidence that the divine

spirit guided these historians in their historic investigations so as to keep them from historic errors. * * The evidence is all against such guidance as prevented them from making historic errors. They certainly did record error It is quite true that from this point of

view it is difficult to draw the line between historic fact and historic fiction: and to many minds it is painful to are marvels rather than miracles, transfer that material to the realm of There is nothing at all resembling them action which they had always supposed in the miracle-working of the Old Tes- was safe in the realm of historic fact. tament or the New Testament. They It is still more difficult for some minds are more like the wonders of the to be unable to draw the lines and to alted lessons concerning our home "Arabian Nights" than the miracles of be left in uncertainty. Nevertheless, this is the exact situation in which we are left by the study of Biblical history; and the only thing we can do, so far as the study of that history is concerned said to have swallowed men and horses is faithfully to apply the principles of and afterward cast them up. But, this historical criticism and to abide by the

It is astonishing how many Christian writers have been depreciating the sacred books of the other religions of the world. They seem altogether unconscious of the fact that the same method may be pursued with the holy scriptures. There are many who have pointed to the mistakes of Moses and to the gross immoralities and barbarities of the book of Judges. How can a divine religion countenance such barbaritles as these? These arguments may be used against the Bible with ter-

Another fault has been committed in the study of the sacred books of the East, Christian men who were compelled to recognize that there are some good things in them which cannot be explained away try to explain them as derived from divine revelation by some The historical material contained in indirect subterranean passage from the holy scripture must be tested and veri- Jewish religion, or maintain that Chrisfied just the same as all other historical | tianity, in some secret and undiscovered material. Until this historical criticism paths, has been brought to bear upon has done its work, faithfully, thorough- them. It has been shown clearly that ly, and well, the material may have re- the Jewish religion derived more from ligious value for all who are willing to other ancient religions than it gave accept it on the testimony of the church | them. The Jewish religion derived | Do you pocket a surplus when exor because of its religious influence on much from the Babylonians and Perthemselves or others, but it cannot have | sians, and gave little. The Christian any scientific value; it cannot be used religion has been influenced much more as a reliable part of human knowledge. by Buddhism than Buddhism has been influenced by Christianity.

We are living in a scientific age which beautiful canticles to tell us the story demands that every traditional stateof the forerunners and the birth of ment shall be tested by matient, thor-Jesus, with comments of its own. The ough, and exact criticism. That man virgin-conception of Jesus, as here an- must be lacking in intelligence or in obnounced by the archangel, is not to be servation who imagines that the sacred rather as brought about by God himself | the criticism of this age. It will not do present in theophany. The conception to oppose science with religion, or criti- Do you harry the psychics with of Jesus in the womb of the Virgin cism with faith. Criticism makes it Mary differs from all other conceptions | evident that a faith which shrinks from of children by their mothers in that criticism is a faith so weak and unthere was no human father. The place | certain that it excites suspicion as to its of the human father was taken by God life and reality. Science goes on in its exact and thorough work, confident that every form of religion which resists it

If there is irreconcilable difference book of Genesis. How far is it reliable between the Bible and the results of history? Let Ryle answer: "There is other studies the student is compelled to choose between them. All the world knows the history of the conflict between scientific men and defenders of the thesis that the Bible is infallible in mountain peaks has ever occurred. So all its statements about matters of science. No real student is checked for a moment by any apparent conflict be- Barrett, President N. S. A.; Mrs. Car- tifled in being so by existing conditions. French's experience. physical impossibility. None, at any tween the results of his science and a rie E. S. Twing, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, They are miserable and worry while rate, has taken place in the geological statement of the Old Testament. This W. Wines Sargent, Sarah Comstock others would be happy under similar period to which our race belongs. The is the real situation at the present time, Ellis and Dr. W. B. Mills. language relating to the catastrophe is however uncomfortable it may be for The convention will be held in Su- they are constantly hunting for somefend the inerrancy of the Bible in every | the Washburn House. particular statement. The question | It is hoped all societies will be repre some imaginary evil, or condition in the thus forces itself upon us: Can we sented and that all who can will visit future which they may never have to all who would gain a fair conception of precious stone. Nothing will escape its maintain the truthfulness of the holy this famous watering place at that encounter, as "trying to cross the bridge Buddhism in its spirit and living princikeen eye. Like the builders of Nehe scriptures in the face of all these mod- time.

It is maintained by some modern the-There are some who would point to ologians, of the Princeton school of theof the original autographs of holy scrip- The subject is treated with masterly ture is an essential doctrine of the ability; showing what the church has Christian religion. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the of information on the subject, and should United States of America condemned me for heresy because I declined to say that the original autographs were in-

peoples. There are such myths in the whom God originally communicated his family. Cloth, \$1.50 and \$2.

revelation." The scripture, in their opinion, consisted of the writings as first written down by those to whom God communicated his revelation. We must go back of all the texts till we get to the original autographs of the authors before we have the inerrant scripture. What has the criticism of the canon to say to this astonishing

If inerrancy and certainty are to be found only in this way they never will be found. Certainty has never been found in that way. Such autographs the church and the synagogue have never known. If we could find them in all probability we would see them containing as many errors, if not more. than the present texts.

That there are errors in the present text of our Bible, and inconsistencies, it is vain to deny. There are chronological, geographical, and other circumstantial inconsistencies and errors which we should not hesitate to ac-

The higher criticism shows us the process by which the sacred books were produced; that the most of them were composed by unknown authors; that they have passed through the hands of a considerable number of unknown editors, who have brought together the older material without removing discrepancies, inconsistencies, and errors. Take the Pentateuch, the earliest canon of the Old Testament. It is composed of four great documents, whose authors are unknown to us. These documents were consolidated by an unknown editor in the times of the restoration. Each of these documents is made up of still older documents and sources. These may, within certain limits, be assigned to their times of composition, but not to their authors. In this process of editing, arranging, addition, subtraction, reconstruction, and consolidation, extending through many centuries, what evidence have we that these unknown editors were kept from error in all their work?

Do Spirits Forget?

The clever reviewers of Mr. Dawbarn have afforded us some interesting reading, but I think they will find that the 'possum won't stay killed and that Mr. D. will almost if not quite hold his own. How often spirits say: "I must get into the earthly condition before I can answer such and such questions?" Must put off their spirit robes and put on their shop overalls to do this. What does the oak care for the old acorn? What does the eagle care for the old nest in the mountain crag?

Forget these things?" Yes I want to forget them, and must if I make any progress in the new life. How absurd for me to say+ Mr. F., don't you remember when we were bables we had dolls and marbles and made mud pies, and played with the pup? etc. Not more so than to ask our spirit friends to leave the interior state and regale us with stories of fights, foot races and all the ups and downs of mortal life? I suppose it is true we can draw them into the earth plane and thereby revive these to them childish experiences, but then should we wish to do so? Rather would say, use them to learn more ex-"over there" when the spirit valve opens the material valve necessarily closes. It is perhaps easier for some than others to come into the earthly plane of vibrations; let them be free to do so if they choose but a constant demand that they should is entirely out of C. F. SHORT.

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Are the chickens you eat of the yellow legged kind.

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and the glory of giving the initial im- very truth, "a new heaven and a new pulse to the great movement which has earth" as seen by the enlightened eyes enclicled the world with its vibratory of humanity. For even heaven itself is waves of truth, its wonderful phenom- changed from the old ideal and becomes ena and its grand and beautiful harmo- fashioned after the new, more reasonnial philosophy, never before equaled, able and more truly spiritual ideal picby the scholars, philosophers and sages | tured by the inspired minds of Spiritof all climes and peoples. . 11

human origin, has largely modified the incite Spiritualists to put forth efforts | purchase relief, and has proved so sucthought of the world, and hollified the with and for the children. Their work | cessful in every case that a special arreligious beliefs of christendom. Its did not end with the little family at tendency and influence has been and is Hydesville, nor has it ended with the to make people more humane-and work done in hundreds of other famitherefore more spiritual and Godlike in lies since that initial movement was the best sense of the term.

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degree to love the things they formerly children's lyceum and paper, and there held as most precious though dreadful is little danger that they will ever lapse truths that must be believed in order to into the dreary dens of effete church eternal salvation.

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creeds.

I do believe that the article was needed, a long article, written to prove the ne and calculated to do great good. While cessity of a radical change in the habit on the other hand, I think C. Sev- of our people in the promulgation of the erance's adverse criticism of it is likely great cause of Spiritualism, is not quite to do harm, and encourage people to sufficient to give to those who did not continue fretting and worrying, because | read the article in question, a fair interthey are told that it is natural to worry pretation of the quotation.

very true, hence how important that "He says, spiritual theories and spirmen should think correctly and arrive itual teachings are abundantly estabat wise conclusions. While we may not lished, proven, and accepted, not only stop thinking, our thoughts may be by the churches but scientifically.

The proposition that "every person of the orthodox churches, even, would who lives and breathes wishes to avoid be more than glad to so change and unhappiness" being accepted, it can be | modify their creeds, and overcome their plainly seen how important it is for prejudices, open their doors and receive people to be educated, or actuated to with open arms, any and all Spiritualthink rightly, so as to avoid misery and ists who are worthy members.

that heaven or happiness can be se- effort to advance our cause. I am lookcured only by effort to avoid worry, ing around for a good place to fall, and which is usually attended by wrong for pleasant companionship," etc. thinking. I am reminded of the adage: I regret to know that Brother "Choose that which is best, and habit French's experience is such as to comwill make it most agreeable." Choose pel the conclusion that "there is not cheerfulness, instead of melancholy, for one orthodox church in two hundred in many instances it is just simply a throughout the middle west and the entire Southern Pacific states, where a I know of no greater hell than a con- Spiritual medium would be allowed much less invited, to exercise his or her Man is a creature of habits. How gifts from their pulpits."

I did not state, or intimate that orthoimportant it is then to entertain the ideal condition of composure and de dox, or even liberal churches would inliberation, instead of giving way to vite Spiritual teachers or mediums into hurry, scurry, and worry. Conditions their pulpits. But yet I know, such may make us laugh or cry, but with a courtesies are not unfrequent.

thorough Spiritualists - have left our The folly of worrying is illustrated in ranks and united themselves with other How much have the people warmed up | the case of the young man in Cuba | denominations, to the great disparagewhose hair was made white by worry ment of our cause. And that, too, for also imprisoned and in as great peril, tempted to demonstrate, viz., that if we Castle, did not spend his time in worry, fort to provide for our people, and to_ And approve when you furnish them | but in work, as one of the very best | entertain dur converts, with pleasant and attractive places of worship, with C. Severance says worriment drove Sunday-schools, or lyceums, with good about 6,000 persons to commit suicide choirs of singers, and such harmonious in this country last year. That is a good | conditions as other denominations in argument against the habit of worri- the immediate vicinity supply to their congregations, we could not expect to

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proposition defles contradiction. The er church or society. way to avoid worry is to cultivate a de- But that if we do not use more effort, termination not to practice it. Existing more liberality in maintaining our orconditions alone do not always make ganizations, our people will drift into us rejoice or worry. Many people are the churches, which are only too glad often miserable when they are not just to receive them, notwithstanding Bro.

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"The block was elaborately carved on and below it, and had undoubtedly formed a part of a fine entablature of a building in the older city destroyed by Mummius | Mummius destroyed Corinth 146 years before our era, so if that inscribed lintel was part of a Jewish synagogue it is not very probable Paul passed under it]; but in the synagogue it had been used as the lintel of a door. Its show side, with the elaborate carving, had been turned downward, so that it could be seen by looking up as one passed through the door, while the inscription was cut in the edge now brought to the front, which, being plain, was well fitted for the purpose.

"We have not been able to identify any of the walls found near by with the synagogue from which the block came, although we may subsequently give it such a setting; nor can we say with certainty that the inscription is not later than the time of Paul. But the probability is the other way, and it is at least not unlikely that he passed and repassed under this very block. We could hardly have found anything more closely associated with him."

The great discoverer of that lintel is not sure but the inscription was made later than the time of Paul. He thinks it "probable" it was the other way, and it is no, "nalikely" Paul passed and repassed under that identical stone.

"Great God, on what a feeble thread hang heavenly things." Do we wonder at Christian delight?

THE GREAT UPHEAVAL.

Each day adds to the evidence that this country'is passing through an overwhelming religious revolution. All the dailies teem with accounts of preachers denouncing their creeds, and their parishioners cheering them to the echo, when they proclaim from their pulpits their revolt, and give reasons why they cannot preach such God-dishonoring dogmas any longer.

The Illinois General Congregational Association, late in session at Kewanee, was convulsed by Rev. Dr. Carr, of Stillman Valley, who denounced in severe terms the teaching of the professors in the Chicago Theological Seminary of that denomination. Rev. Dr. Mackenzie replied in a ten minutes' speech in behalf of the Seminary. Says

the report:
"The Doctor defended the professors in stirring language, which was received by the association with stormy applause. Dr. Carr wanted to reply,

but was not given an opportunity."

The grand revulsion against the pagan teachings of orthodoxy is so profound and wide spread, it seems almost monotonous to report the action of even great religious representative bodies. The idea of the gathering ravens in Hiawatha, is in point: "First a speck in the distant horizon, then, a cloud, then the sky is filled with pinions." Such is the progress of Liberal thought in this age of great mental enlighten-

"Religious and Theological Works of Thomas Paine." Contains his celebrated

FREE THINKING EPISCOPALIANS. 'All our readers will be interested to learn that Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D., whilom a professor in Union Theo-

logical Seminary, and a distinguished Presbyterian divine, expelled a few years ago from the ministry for heresy, was ordained a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America, in the Pro-Cathedral, Stanton avenue, New York, on the 14th of May, by Bishop Potter, Though a general invitation was extended to the large audience, many of whom were clergymen, for objections to his ordination, or statement of impediments if any were known, yet all were silent, and the ceremony followed with laying on of hands by Bishop and Presbyters, thus imparting to him the Holy Ghost; then they ate the Lord and drank his blood, just as savages are wont to eat the heart of a powerful enemy that they may partake of the dead man's qualities and become

strong and warlike as he was. Says the report: "A presentation of the Bible, was made to the candidate for ecclesiastical ionors: then the Nicene creed was read to him, which he approved; then an an-

sional, and the ceremonies closed." Prof. Briggs has made no renunciation of the heretical views he promulgated in his book, a "General Introduction to the Study of Holy Scripture." As neither the officiating Bishop, his many assistant clergy, nor a large lay representation who were present at the ordination, took any exception to the professor's inculcations, teachings which had expelled him from a Presbyterian pulpit, it is well enough to see what was offensive to the one, and was welcomed by the other. We can only outline a very small portion of his ideas scattered through his book, and for the sake of brevity shall not confine ourself to his identical language, save where denoted by quotation marks. He

The Bible "is not the word of God, in the sense that every word, sentence, and clause is the word of God."

The Pentateuch is a compilation of poetry, genealogy, history, tradition, law, etc., collected from eastern literature. Ruth, Jonah, Esther and Daniel are works of the imagination, and the exploits of Samson are legendary. Quoting him verbatim:

"The book of Daniel belongs to the "The book of Daniel belongs to group of prose literature which may be called historical fiction. * * * The valleys of Biblical truth have been filled up with the debris of human dogma, ecclesiastical institutions, liturgical formulas, priestly ceremonies, and casuistic practices. Historical criticism is digging through this mass of rubbish.

"The prevalent dogmatic theories of the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible have been undermined in the en-tire range of Biblical study, and it is a question in many minds whether they can ever be so constructed as to give satisfaction to Christian scholars.

'We are obliged to admit there are scientific errors in the Bible, errors of astronomy, of geology, of zoology, of botany, and of anthropology. In all these respects there is no evidence that the authors of these sacred writings had any other knowledge than that possessed by their contemporaries. They were not, in fact, taught by the Holy Spirit any higher knowledge of these

subjects than others of their age.
"We have seen that there are historical mistakes in holy scripture, mistakes of chronology and geography, errors as to historical events and persons, discrepancies and inconsistencies in the histories which cannot be removed by any legitimate methods of interpreta-

"The Christian religion has been inone side, with a row of dentils and higher bands of moldings both above Buddhism has been influenced by Christlanity."

> "The virgin birth of our Lord, and the story of the Incarnation as cited in the Gospel of the Infancy in Matthew and Luke, are more exposed to the mythical hypothesis than any other in the gospels. It is represented that the virgin birth is unknown to the primitive gos-pels of St. Mark and the Logia [word, or account] of St. Matthew; or to the Epistles, even when they urge the doctrine of the Incarnation; or to the Gospel of John; that the sources used by our Matthew or Luke are poetic in form and in content, and of unknown origin; that the description of the virgin birth as given by them conflicts with physical science and physiology; and that their story resembles the myths of other ancient religious."

These are all random and disconnected passages extracted from Prof. Briggs' book, ideas in strict harmony with the positions occupied by The Progressive Thinker, and now substantially indorsed by the Protestant Episcopals of America; for Prof. Briggs' views are well known throughout the world, because they were not uttered in a corner. Such is the trend of religious thought with all thinkers everywhere.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL.

Some years ago we gave a very full account of the ruins of Nippur, situated on an ancient canal, connecting the Euphrates with the Tigris, some one hundred miles north of the Persian Gulf, The explorations were made by Prof. Hilprecht, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania University. Evidence was furnished that ten thousand years have passed since the city was in full life. Researches were suspended a few years ago because of the financial depression. News comes that operations are to be resumed under the direction of Prof. H., on the lowest part of a temple to Bel, with the view of settling some disputed points. Those ruins alone sweep away every remnant of Hebrew myth-

NOT WANTED IN RUSSIA.

Russia seems to have tired of the Armenians, 20,000 of whom fled to that country to escape Turkish tyranny, so a list of these fugitives has been made out, and they have been ordered to take a speedy departure from the Russlan empire. Riots have followed in districts where the Armenians reside. Soon we shall be startled with accounts of violence, destitution and suffering scarcely equalled in Asia Minor when the Kurds were reputed the aggressors. We expect if the truth was known, these Armenians do not make a very desirable population in any country. They rose rebellion against the rule of the Sultan, and got badly punished, just as they will in Christian Russia unless they submit to the constituted au-

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LET THE FIGHT GO ON. OUR NEW CAMPAIGN! Reports from Rome represent Protestantism as making terrible inroads on Catholicism in the city of its birth. Last week we gave the statement of an

eminent divine of England, who said

should be received with great allow-

ance; for fool-preachers don't seem to

distinguish between an Atheist, an Ag-

nostic, and an Infidel. Then there is

another class of those bipeds who can-

believer in one God-and those who re-

"It cannot be denied that a disastrous

future is in preparation, and that the

second decade of the 20th century will

see a large part of the Roman popula-

A Jesuit organ enters into detail, and

"Protestants in England and America

are employing indirect methods to make

converts, even using gold to advance

wealth on the poor, teach the children in their schools, colleges and work-shops, pay their way in boarding

houses, places of recreation, and at

gymnasiums, so as to gain religious control of the youth. The American Meth-

odists have more than twenty resorts

for proselytism in the city. Worse than

all, girls attending boarding schools are

compelled to attend Protestant instruc-

tion and worship, and even read their Bible and hear it explained in a sense

vastly different from the Catholic be-lief. Whole families become apostate

because a boy is kept without charge in those schools."

"A flea has smaller fleas to bite 'em," and so it is realized in all the churches.

They profess to adore the same God, to

worship the same Jesus, and all pretend to eat his flesh and drink his blood, so

as to be like him; they aspire to the

same heaven, and are trying to escape the same hell; but all are engaged in a

general warfare one with another in a

regular Kilkenny cat fight, and the hope

is that the contest will go on until, like

those felines, nothing will be left of

their cruel dogmas but tails and claws.

PRESBYTERIANS AND SUNDAY.

The Sunday question was a cause for

grief and earnest discussion with the

General Assembly of Presbyterians, in

session in Minneapolis as we write.

Sunday newspapers came in for a share

of censure, railroad travel on Sunday in

their estimation is just horrible, sacri-

ficing the souls of three millions of

gress. State courts enforce the laws of

state legislatures. The police courts en-

force the ordinances of municipal cor-

porations. If God enacted a Sunday

code, God is the party injured when his direction is disregarded, and God is the

party to enforce his law and inflict the

It is an outrage, a usurpation of au-

thority, for civil rulers, finite at that,

to attempt to enforce an infinite law;

court to attempt to enforce the laws of

And human legislation in aid of Almighty power is paralleled by the pope's decree, prohibiting the comet from com-

ing nearer the earth, to the injury of

JARRING SECTARIES.

It seems that Banquo's ghost will not

down at any man's bidding. Every at-

tempt in that direction meets with fail-

Garrett Biblical Institute, a Methodist

college at Evanston, is now in the

throes of labor, because of "the higher

criticism." The president of the Insti-

tute. Rev. Dr. Little, seems ambitious

to head off the advanced thought of Rev.

Dr. Cadman, of whose advanced views

we made mention in these columns

quite recently, and which seem to have

taken deep root among the professors

of the Evanston school-where young

men are fitted for the Methodist min-

It was in the Chicago Training School

for City, Home and Foreign Missions,

while the Ministerial Association was

in session. Rev. Dr. Munhall, from

Germantown, Pa., gave a discourse on

"The Integrity of the Scriptures," de-

"The Doctor scored the higher criti-

cism, scolded the Methodists for laxity

in theological teaching, and said he knew of two theological professors who

scoffed at the attitude of implicit faith

in the Bible, and were avowed followers of the modern school of criticism."

To these remarks President Little re-

"I have impressed our professors of Old Testament exegesis with the idea

that they must not be committed to any new view. But the criticism cannot be

overlooked. Even Bishop Merrill, the

visest man in Methodism, directs me so

"Dr. Little declared that any profes-

higher criticism, and Presiding Elder J

without pastors, adding a criticism of a

Such is a surface view of a contro-

far as that.

ship of books."

shall be victor.

signed as a reply to Dr. Cadman's Bib-

lical Criticism. The report says:

penalty for its breach.

Nations or of Congress.

churchmen.

Dean Swift told us that-

says in substance, for we greatly con-

ject Jesus as a part of the Godhead.

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Denver, Colo.

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New Era, Ore.

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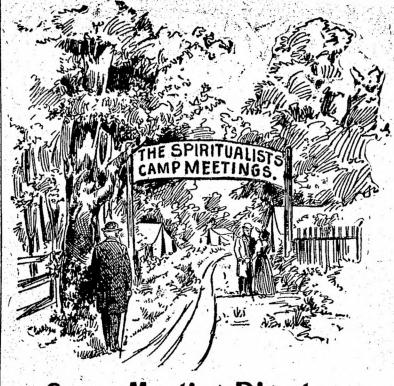
The New Era, Oregon, Camp-meeting will this year be in session from July 8 to 24, on the grounds of the First Spiritual Religious Association at New Era.

Prof. W. C. Bowman, of South Los Angeles, California, has been engaged as and has received the highest encomlums from the secular press.

This book is of more than ordinary value, giving the results of much patient the subject is not without reputation in the northwest, and those who are privileged to hear him will not be disappointed.

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That well-known and successful test Presbyterian divine that 'the young man was as bad as Robert Ingersoll.' And then: "Bishop Merrill declared the Bible, to be a divine work, though imperfections in transcription and translation had crept into it and there was some haziness about the authorversy whose end will be the destruction of the pagan creeds on which the churches are built, and complete eman-



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.

Franklin, Neb.

Please permit us to announce the opening of the Southwest Nebraska and Northwest Kansas Spiritualist campmeeting, at Franklin, Neb., July 21, closing August 6. Speakers engaged are Will C. Hodge, C. H. Moody, Prof. Dunlon and others. Test and slate-writing mediums will also be engaged. Correspondence with those wishing to engage with camps desired. Address
D. L. HAINES, Sec'y. Franklin, Neb.

Forest Park, Kansas.

The Spiritualists will hold a camp-3 inclusive. Board and lodging at reasonable rates in the park. Those wishing can bring bedding and provisions. Admission to the park and lecture hall free. Will C. Hodge, Mrs. Lull and others will lecture and give-tests, during the meeting. All are invited to attend. T. C. Deuel, president, Wallula, Kansas. Mrs. B. Henderson, corresponding secretary, Lawrence, Kans. Indiana Camp.

The Indiana Camp-meeting opens at Chesterfield, July 20 and closes August 28. The speakers engaged are B. F. Underwood, Mrs. Eva Pfuntner, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Mrs. Mary E. Lease, Moses and Mattie Hull, Mrs. Dr. Pierce and Mrs. Mattle Tr. C. Moore. For programs and particulars address Flora Hardin, Sec'y, Anderson, Ind.

Lily Dale Camp.

This favorite place of resort opens July 14 and closes August 7. For full particulars address the secretary, A. E. Gaston, Meadville, Pa. The following intellectual lights will appear on the rostrum: Moses Hull, Mrs. Clara Watson, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, J. C. Wright, Dr. W. W. Hicks, Mrs. Harnett, Lyman C. Howe, Chas. Whedon, Mrs. Mary E. Lease, Rev. Morgan Wood, Swaml Abhendanda, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Cora L. V. Richmond, J. C. F. Grumbine, Anna L. Gillespie, Hon.

Briggs Park Camp.

The camp-meeting at Briggs' Park, Grand Rapids, Mich., opens July 2, and closes July 30. Thos. J. Haynes, secretary, 182 Gold street, Grand Rapids, Mich. Address him for particulars. part in the proceedings: Hon. J. M. Jamison, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates Mrs. Sheets, Martha E. Root, Isa Wilson Kayner, Carrie Fuller Weatherford, Margaret Gaule, Dr. J. C. Batdorf.

Nebraska Camp.

Opens July 14 and closes July 25. Address Paul S. Gillette, 411 N. 19th street, Omaha, Neb., for particulars.

Lake Brady, O.

Knowing that thousands of the Spirawaiting camp season to open, and many of them being directly or indirectly interested in Lake Brady, I therefore take this way to say to the Spiritualists at large that the grounds are rapidly being put in shape for this season's business and that on June 1 both the hotel and grounds will be open for picnics and the public in general, and on July 2 the assembly meetings will begin and continue throughout the summer or until September 1. The programs are now in the hands of the printer and by or before June 1 will be ready for dis tribution. Any one wanting a program can get it by writing to Mrs. C. C. Bacon, Lake Brady, via Kent, Ohio.
E. R. KIDD.

Island Lake Camp, Mich.

The Island Lake Camp, Mich., will commence Sunday, July 16, and close August 31. The hotel and grounds will be open to the public from the first of June. The following persons will take part: D. P. Dewey, Moses Hull, Miss Maggie Gaule, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, John D. Boyle, Anna L. Gillespie, Nellie S. Baade, Mrs. May C. Lincoln, Dr. J. M. Peebles. Mediums of all phases are cordially invited to visit our camp. For further particulars address the secretary, A. G. Brown, 266 21st street, Detroit, Mich.

Onset Bay, Mass.

Onset Bay Camp, Mass., opens July 9 during the whole season, and Mrs. May and closes Aug 27. The following list S. Pepper of Providence, R. I., whose of speakers: Geo. A. Fuller, M. D., Mrs. popularity as a test medium is unques-

medium, Mrs. S. Cowell, of Oakland, California, will co-operate with Prof. Bowman to make the 1899 camp one of great interest and benefit. Mrs. Cowell is said to be one of the best mediums in her line now before the public. This will be the first appearance of these workers at the camp and they will be heartily welcomed.

The grounds are beautifully located on an eminence overlooking the Willam-ette river, and on the line of the Southern Pacific railroad. Portland is eighteen miles north, and trolley cars run from there to Oregon City, which is about five miles from the camp. Those desiring further information, and any mediums who expect to be present, may, address the secretary, as above, or Walter P. Williams, Salem, Ore.

Maple Dell Park, O.

Maple Dell Park is located at Mantua Station, Ohlo. It opens July 30 and closes September 3. Address D. M. King, Mantua Station, for full particulars. The following are among the list of speakers: Moses Hull, Mattie E. Hull, Rev. A. J. Weaver, F. D. Dunikin, L. M. Beckwith, L. C. Ellis, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, Mrs. Maggie Stewart, Mrs. J. B. H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. W. Kates, Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, D. M. King, H. D. O. L. Kalegge. King, Hon. O. P. Kellogg.
On account of the growing demand

among all progressive people for the thorough instruction of magnetic healers and mediums in the science of medicine and surgery, the management have decided to continue the lessons in connection with the psychic depart-ment on those subjects. F. Schermer. horn, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and a legally registered phy-sician in Ohio, although now practicing in Montrose, Colo., will hold his office as superintendent, assisted by D. M. King and others. Correspondence upon 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 nagnetic and medical treatment during camp session will be conducted under the supervision of the medical depart-

Vicksburg, Mich.

The Vicksburg (Mich.) Camp will open diana road, which crosses the Grand Trunk at the village. It is a central location, easily reached from all points by these two main railroads. No pain's will be spared to make it one of the most attractive and instructive camps to be found. A fine corps of speakers and instructors have been engaged among whom are the following: Oscar A. Edgerly, A. E. Tisdale, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, W. J. Colville, Mrs. Maitualists of the country are anxiously rian Carpenter, and D. P. Dewey. Classes in psychology will be conducted by W. J. Colville, and in practical medicine by Dr. M. E. Conger, of Chicago. The grounds are being put in fine shape. New cottages will be erected, more barn room added for the accommodation of horses, and many other improvements. We cordially invite everybody to come and have an enjoyable and instructive season with us. For information address Jeannette Fraser, manager, Vicks-

> Lake Pleasant, Mass. Opens July 30, and closes August 28,

burg, Kalamazoo county, Mich.

Abram H. Dally, president. Secretary, Albert P. Blinn, 603 Tremont street, Boston, Mass. Address him for circu-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 burning 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 tioned, has been engaged. The lec-tures of Prof. W. M. Lockwood, of Chi-cago, 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 mani-fest itself to the senses of men. -He interests and captivates his audiences,

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bed. How did it happen?"

"What date is this?"

doubting answer.

He trembled as he put the question;

could scarcely contain himself.

"What did you do last night?"

young Sterning impatiently.

"Twentieth of what?" The old man

"November, of 'course," exclaimed

"Called on Freda, had supper at the

club and came home. But what's the

actly where he had left off three

DR. DANA EXPLAINS "DUAL

MINDS."

It Had Two Distinct Owners.

CHARLES STERNING, AT TWENTY-FOUR, FORGOT HIS PAST COM-PLETELY AND HAD NO MORE MENTALITY THAN A BABE-THEN WAS EDUCATED, FROM A B C TO RIPER KNOWLEDGE, AND FELL IN LOVE WITH HIS SWEETHEART - FI-NALLY MIND NO. 2 CEASED TO BE ACTIVE AND HE AWOKE TO MEMORIES AND LIFE EXACTLY WHERE MIND NO. 1 HAD | matter?" CEASED.

This is the story of a brain that for original John Sterning, Jr., had come to will. twenty-four years was like the brain of life again, while the second John Sternany healthy young man.

Suddenly its faculties faded. For a brief space of time the man was as a baby. Then the brain tissues, never before active, developed a new and opposite mentality.

Things in which the man had before Freda is Mrs. John Sterning, Jr., and excelled were difficult now; other life is normal and happy for both. things, once to his taste, became repugnant. His father, his sweetheart, were strangers to his eye.

Then, finally, the second mentality months had meantime passed and yet may be stated as follows: it seemed scarcely as many hours. ical journal.

ly-interesting. It is as though you felt in the centre of vision. Then the everything connected with it. called up Fifty-ninth street on the tele- man "sees" that object. phone and the wires would work only as far as Fourteenth street.

connected with the eye by a nerve, nerve fibres to another area of the frame of mind again. When you recognize anything a thrill brain, awakening images of other men goes along that nerve to one infinites- that have been previously stored up. mal brain cell and awakens what is past. But you can receive new ideas, ories of old days and old pleasures, and was her old happy self again. new thoughts, new memories in brain revive old or suggest new ideas. cells never before used. Mend that severed nerve and you can again remember anything that was stored away in the cells previously "cut off."

It was on November 19 that John centre of vision, and Mr. S. "saw" the the face before. Sterning, Jr., was found almost asphyx-

faken to an asylum. The morning fol- awakened. lowing he was quiet and sane. But mentally he was not John Sterning, Jr. An attendant entered and addressed him. The young man looked perplexed. by subconscious memories, they soon He had actually forgotten speech and worked helpfully and quickly, thus the meaning of words.

His parents came to see him. The tions of individuals. But these concepproffered caress of his mother was met | tions were very narrow, as shown by coldly, and he took refuge behind a the fact that Mr. S. could not under-

Miss Freda Nelson, to whom Stern- friends to himself. ing was engaged, was sent to him. It was hoped that the sight of his sweet- eye at A, sends a thrill along the black heart would bring him to his senses. line to the centre of vision, B. From He looked at her inquiringly.

"Don't you remember me?" Miss Nel- marked C' C" and C", which contain son cried. Sterning understood her the old memories acquired in past ex-

and kindergarten methods. Progress a ten-year-old boy. Everything-mar- Mr. S. to acquire a new knowledge. rlage, filial relations, government, sun, first sight of a piano amazed him.

artist. He sang and played on the piano and banjo.

Under his sweetheart's tuition he had become a devout Christian. The new Sterning was an Atheist.

to love her again.

mer mental conditions. So Dr. Dana determined to try hypnotism.

"When I signal," the doctor said, "you will awaken.

"You will then rub your eyes.

"You will then open the door. "You will then greet your mother.

"At eight o'clock in the evening end the dead walls fell away, and compromptly remember your past life."

doctor to the letter.

of eight was looked for with intense fumes have a deleterious effect upon eagerness. As the clock was on the the brain. He has found that children stroke of the hour the patient seemed | brought up in houses with open fires to make a strong effort of memory. His and insufficient draughts are apt to face was tense and his friends watched have defective memories, and Fallot muscles of his face relaxed and he suicide, with charcoal, after which the heavy sigh. "Dr. Dana told me to remember some- New York World.

thing." he said. "but I can't do it." The expedients of taking him to old scenes-his office, his room, his clubfailed to awaken any sign of recognition. He regarded everything with interest-that was all.

There was no reason why he should be confined, and so he was given his liberty.

"It's strange," he said on the evening of February 15, "half my head feels numb and prickling, just like a foot asleep."

Drowsier and drowsier he felt, and finally he had to be carried to bed. He

you doing there. What time is it?" "Eleven o'clock!"

words no more than a baby could have periences. But it is seen that there are gaps in the lines leading from B to Someone handed him a newspaper. C' C" C", and these represent the in-He held it upside down. terruptions in the nerve fibres that The work of developing Sterning's caused the suspension of Mr. S.'s memmind was begun with an A B C primer ory. The points d. d. d represent new

memories acquired after the accident, was very rapid, and soon the young and the lines connecting them with B man could converse with the fluency of are the shorter fibres which enabled

In that diagram the object strikes the

there thrills are sent to the three circles

Similar interruptions occurred elsegracefully bad billiard player. John sound, taste and smell, but the nerve Sterning No. 2 quickly learned to han-fibres leading away from those centres dle a cue like a professional. Before to the memory cells were paralyzed, his mental mix-up he disliked mechan- and Mr. S. could not remember ever ics. Now he had the muscle sense of an having experienced those sensations into a deep hypnotic sleep. She proved on the other. That results for good about the city spending his money and before.

Now draw a thick dark circle line around each letter, and that will represent the dead wall which prevented the nerve thrills from the four sense cen-Now comes a curious feature. Al- tres from stimulating the memory cells though he did not recognize Miss Nel- outside. Now, if another circle is drawn son, his fiancee, yet, after her frequent outside the first it will indicate a second visits to him in the asylum, he learned dead wall, and it will be assumed that this prevented the stimulation of the Though as sane as the physicians who muscular memories, the affections and had him in charge, still there was no the automatic and sub-conscious acprogress toward a recovery of his for- tivities. It must be remembered that the dead walls were not absolutely solid, but that nerve fibres never before much used passed through them, and that by their means new memories were quickly established, connections "You will then walk around the table. with older sub-conscious ones were partly made, and complex mental processes were possible. Suddenly at the

munication was re-established. The signal was given; the patient! It is generally admitted that a mearose and followed the directions of the | chanical shock may suspend the functions of certain parts of the brain, His parents and Miss Nelson were partly or entirely, and the French very hopeful at this point, and the hour | writer, Roulllard, has found that gas him with deep anxiety. Suddenly the has reported a case of attempted dropped back into his chair with a victim's memory for things, both before and after the attempt, was defective.-

> Is it not possible, after all, that Charles Dawbarn's vibratory theories are correct. In the above case, taken from the New York World, John Sterning could not remember from the simple fact that the various brain centres and the associative nerve fibres would not vibrate properly. Supposing John Sterning had passed to spirit life, where would be his brain vibrations then? LUCRETIUS.

"Human Culture and Cure, Marriage, refused to eat anything. About eleven sexual Development, and Social Up o'clock he awoke. His father was in building." By E. D. Babbitt, M. D. LL.D. A most excellent and very valu-"Hello, father," he said. "What are able work, by the Dean of the College of Fine Forces, and author of other important volumes on Health, Social Sci-Sterning. "It was after twelve when I For sale at this office,

tion of Spiritualists.

OVER AN INDIVIDUAL-A LADY FORGETS HER PAST LIFE, HER DISGRACE AND THE MAN WHO WROUGHT HER RUIN-THOUGHTS WORTHY OF THE ATTENTION OF SAVANTS-WILL THE CALIFORNIA PHILOSO-PHER TAKE NOTE.

wrought at Paterson; N. J. By the simple process of hypnotic part of the brain, the unfortunate may suggestion, that mysterious power of understand everything that is said to one mind over another, concerning him, and yet be unable to utter a word which so little is yet known by men of in reply. If his hand center is unimscience, Dr. John H. McCoy, one of the paired, he may write answers to quesforemost physicians of Paterson, has tions as well as ever. No one can be room's changed. This isn't my room at all. This is queer. I go to bed in one

room after midnight and wake up in hopelessly insane. another room an hour before I went to The case is one which will attain a have an absolute forgetfulness, in part world-wide celebrity, for it is a step at least, of her own identity, or indi-A great hope filled the father's breast. forward in hypnosis, and it opens vast | viduality. She no longer felt disgraced; possibilities in the treatment and cure no longer had a brooding sorrow; no of those unhappiest of living beings, longer knew the man who had ruined "Think it's the twentieth," was the the inhabitants of the mad-houses of her character; in fact the one sad mem-

thorities of this city are striving to result of vibration, the brain cells being drive out of business human jackals | keyed differently, the consciousness who are enriching themselves at the | could not recall events which occurred expense of a credulous public by sell- when they existed with an entirely difing fake "cures," based on incantations ferent tension. The same wire differand witchcraft-"Ohristian Science," ently keyed will produce entirely difmind cure, faith cure—call it what you | ferent sounds. Remembering events The matter, of course, was that the

ing was as dead as the first had recently as one of the most remarkable applica- | brain, the various brain centers having tions of hypnotism ever made in this | special duties to perform, it is still a The renascent Sterning began life ex-

months before. The interval was a perfect blank. There were any number of | she brought disgrace on herself and her | from the body. There is undoubtedly a complications, of course, but now Miss to the General Hospital to have the the memory of the new-born spirit. usual State examination by a lunacy commission before being sent to an

Dr. McCoy is one of the visiting phy-Dr. Dana has embodied his theories faded as the first had and the man regarding the Sterning case in an ar- sicians of the General Hospital, one of awoke to his original consciousness. ticle for the Psychological Review, and, the lending doctors of the city, and a known and employed for years in Chiticed it on a limited scale and resolved by suggestion has been tried here with The perception of vision takes place to try its effect on the insane girl.

'All these facts are vouched for by Dr. in the back part of the head, somewhere | First he threw her into a hypnotic | Parkyn, of the Chicago School of Psy-Charles L. Dana, the great New York in the gray matter which forms the sleep. In that condition a subject is chology states that a number of insane alienist and authority in nervous dis- outer part of the brain. This "centre of open to any suggestion made, and will persons have been restored to normal orders, and published by him in a med- vision" is connected with the eye by after repetition obey it implicitly. Dr. | mind by the use of suggestion, two poscertain nerves, and when a man's eye McCoy determined to implant in her litive cures having been accomplished Dr. Dana's explanation of how these sees an object it sends a thrill along mind the suggestion that she forget her within the last few months. strange things happened is marvellous- these nerves, and the thrill makes inself | trouble and the man that caused it and | The theory on which suggestion is ap-

Perhaps it is another man that is cited nerve centres grew calm, reason ceives through his senses is believed to to all appearances in the best mental seen. Then from the centre of vision a resumed its sway, and at the end of The "centre of vision" in the brain is thrill passes through another mass of four days the girl was in a normal in the cells of his brain, a change in the telligently on any topic not connected But there was one astounding change.

The memory of her disgrace and everycalled memory. Interrupt that nerve Then other areas of the brain are set completely blotted out as if it never had and you can remember nothing of the tingling into activity and revive mem- been. She knew nothing about it and She had forgotten, too, the man who

> But in the case of Mr. S., after his had caused her sorrow. His picture was accident, there was an interruption in placed in her hands. She looked at it those nerve currents. When a man curiously, without the slightest show first struck his eye it sent a thrill to the of emotion, and said she had never seen man, but the associate nerve fibres that She met him on the street and passed should have carried the thrill further him as she would any other stranger.

The next day intelligence gradually were paralyzed, and so his memory con- The presents he had given her were left him. Eight days afterward he was cerning that man could not be re- shown her. They aroused no recollection whatever. It was just as if the But there were certain other and days of her sorrow had been cut comshorter nerve fibres which were not pletely out of her life story and the two severed ends brought together by some wholly incapable of action, and, helped wonderful mental operation.

The girl is now at home and her enabling Mr. S. to form new concepfamily is delighted by the results accomplished. Dr. McCoy will not talk of the case

himself, but other doctors are not slow

stand the relation of his parents and to sing his praises. The name of the patient is, of course, kept secret. Production of absolute loss of memory is a phenomenon well known to all students of hypnotism. One explanation of it is that it is due to a contraction of the particular brain cells in which the memory of the event is about by the hypnosis. It has rarely been tried in this country for medical

> It is not absolutely certain that the memory of the girl in the present instance may not return. If it does, however, hypnosis may be used again and

the memory again be eradicated. Dr. McCoy's methods, as told by another physician, who was a witness moon, stars-had to be explained. The where in Mr. S.'s brain. The sound of of the operation, if it may be so called, a word, the taste of a cake, the smell of | were the late scientific ones used for John Sterning No. 1 had been a dis- a flower, sent thrills to the centres of producing "sleep suggestions of forgetfulness." They called for intense and exhausting mental effort on the part of the physician.

> to be an easy subject, her mind being naturally passive and subjective. Having gotten her completely under his control, Dr. McCoy concentrated his mind on the necessities of forgetfulness,

repeating these sentences many times: "Forget your trouble." "Discard all thoughts of evil from your mind." "Cease to worry about anything." After this had been repeated twice the Ocean.

patient became more tranquil. The memory of the events which led to her shame seemed to have grown faint and indistinct. They did not have the same poignant effect on her as before. Then the doctor followed up his ad-

vantage. After employing the suggestions already used he began to enforce on the mind of his sleeping subject the fact that she was all right. "You are quite well." "You have no trouble." "You are going home." These

were the sentences he poured into her unconscious ears, and by the mysterious psychic power forced into her passive For four days these processes were repeated, and the last two days they were tried more than once. Then the

patient was-awakened and the doctors

watched and walted to see what would be the result. They were amazed to find the young woman apparently restored to reason, acting her mental self in all things, but this one, that she had forgotten the excruciating circumstances which made

her mad. Men who have made a study and practice of hypnosis say that Dr. McCoy has discovered no new principle nor brought about new results. What he has accomplished has been to extend the power of hypnotic influence over a greater brain area than ever before done, and to transfer a greater number of suggestions to the brain of the saca de la Palma, in one of the charges subject.

The question of interest now is: ical fraternity will not permit the Paterson practitioner to hide behind his modesty, but will demand reports on the case in the medical journals in the interests of humanity and their great profession.-Chicago Journal.

This is a most remarkable case. illustrating in a marked degree the law | ever since. During this time of mental | lecular or spiritual hypothesis of na-

How does one remember, any way? Many will respond understedly that we remember events that occur through the instrumentality of innate conscious-Facts Demanding the Atten- ness. But from what is that derived? From brain action, vibration of the vibratory action brought Halleck says that "the physical basis INTO REQUISITION, TO MAKE for memory of sight is in the occipital lobe of the brain; of hearing, in the temporal; of smell and taste, probably in the gyrus hippocampus; of touch and general sensibility, in different parts of the brain; of motion, in different areas. When we wish to talk we must inner-

vate a certain portion of the brain. If a person understands what is said to him but is unable to control his organs of speech so as to reply, he is said to be A miracle of curing has just been suffering from motor aphasia. Since the center for hearing lies in a different just brought back to reason the clouded | an intelligent student of memory if he mind of a young woman believed to be | does not know such facts as these."

But in the case of this young lady we

ory of her life had been completely It comes with especial force at this | blotted out, and she lived on an entirely particular time, when the health au- different plane. All this is simply the during earth life through the instru-The case is regarded by medical men | mentality of the cerebral cortex of the question as to how much of earthly ex-The subject was a girl of good family, perience or knowledge one retains after Through her confidence in a young man | the spirit shall have been separated family and her grief unbalanced her great deal of truth underlying. Prof. mind. She was sent, violently insane, Dawbarn's statements in reference to

Suggestion.

The uses of suggestion have been successful results. Dr. Herbert A.

plied to the treatment of the insane is Gradually the idea took root. The ex- simple. Every impression a man resanity results.

effort to reduce the intense activity of one group of cells by stimulating other groups. The physical health and circulation of the patient are first made normal. Then by suggestions, which are merely spoken sentences constantly reiterated in the hearing of the patient. groups of cells different from the ones abnormally excited are stimulated. As fast as rival groups are increased in action the overexelted ones become calm, just as whistling one tune will drive another out of the mind. If this treatment is carried on skillfully and consistently, a normal degree of activity all over the brain results, and the pa-

tient becomes sane. This is really no more than comes within every-day experience. New thoughts and impressions replace old ones, provided the new are made suffilocated. This contraction is brought ciently vivid or are often enough re-

This theory is employed not alone for the cure of insanity. The treatment of most nervous diseases and of habits is been so changed, that a reproduction of active than those which say "I desire acts. I had a case in Boston not long

that thing."

The only result produced through suggestion is this-the vibrations of the brain cells are changed and the soul is fore until the grip poison is eliminated able to play a different tune thereonperhaps a healthful, normal tune. It is possible, no doubt, to so change the vibrations of the brain cells to that degree that all knowledge would be blotted therefrom, and the individual would commence life again by again learning the alphabet? If an individual remembers through the influence exerted on the nerve cells, and modern science demonstrates that such is the case, how does he remember past events when he shuffles off this mortal body? LUCRETIUS.

By a Severe Blow On the Head.

Toledo, O .- Mathias Steinburger, who lives on a farm in Jackson Township, Seneca County, has recovered his intellect after a period of fifty-three years. Mr. Steinburger is a veteran of the Mexican war, and during that war was a member of Payne's regiment of Penn: sylvania cavalry. At the battle of Rein which his regiment took part, his horse stumbled and threw him and in whether the cure will last. The med- falling he struck his head on a pile of stones, causing him to lose consciousness for a time.

He was taken to a hospital, and although he was able to tell the story of how he was hurt, his memory and his A Menace to American Civilization." has been under the care of his relatives chic science. Demonstrator of the mo-"Guess your watch is slow," said ence, Religion, etc. Price, cloth, The of vibration, and showing that human aberration he has said that he was 21 ture. Scholarly, masterly, trenchant form. This little book will be read with intense in nature can in a measure be changed. Fire 25 cents. For sale at this office.

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tion he intended to vote for General Taylor for the Presidency. While he was watching some men saw wood with a buzz-saw near his home he was struck in the back and head with a flying stick and knocked senseless. When he came to he had a curious expression on his face, like a person who had just awakened from long sleep. He completely recovered all fects of the second blow on the head, and to-day made his first visit to Fostoria, despite the fact that he has lived within a mile or two of it all his life. Everything appeared strange to him, tion was most laughable.

As he finally climbed into the wagon to return home he remarked that the -Chicago Tribune.

That memory is stirred up in the nerve | Thinker one year for \$1.25. cells of the brain, there can be no doubt. Paralyze any of the brain centers partially and at once memory becomes modified, or maybe totally lost. Spiritualists everywhere should carefully study the wonderful phenomena produced by the central and peripheral nervous systems, and then they will know more of spirit control. LUCRETIUS.

FORGETS HER NAME.

Remarkable Lapse of Memory.

Evelina Hannah Curran is the name of a young woman who is at the detention hospital unable to recognize the name as her own and unable to recognize her own father.

With the exception of a lapse of memory the girl, who is 18 years old and whose home is at 179 Paulina street, is be stored up in some unknown manner and physical health. She converses intissue, manifested by an increased with herself, but despite her endeavors blood supply, taking place there. Cer. to remember who she is or anything tain cells or sets of cells are thrown into | about her life up to yesterday she is un-Perhaps the man is an old friend, thing connected with it had been as activity by the reception of certain able to recall a single circumstance. ideas, and when excited, in turn give The young woman was identified at rise to the same classes of ideas. If, 8:30 o'clock to-day by her father, John through disease, shock, pressure, low D. Curran, who was at the hospital vitality of the body, or some similar | from 5:45 o'clock begging for a chance cause, the blood supply to the brain is to see whether the young woman was disturbed, so that the action of one or a his daughter. During the time the susfew sets of cells is greatly stimulated pense of the father was continued. his while the others are depressed, then in- wife, the mother of the girl, was in a hysterical state at the home of friends The curative treatment is merely an at 411 West Monroe street, whither she

had been taken last night. Miss Curran was found unconscious in River Forest yesterday by C. A. Wilmeroth, a policeman of that village. She had left her home in the early morning and had wandered to the western suburb until she fell exhausted and unconscious under a tree on the banks of the Des Plaines river.

There was a pathetic scene in ward 3 of the detention hospital when the father entered this morning. "Here is your father," the attendant told the girl, and she looked up pleased

sleeping. Her pleased look turned to one of bewilderment when she saw Mr. Curran. "I don't know you," she said. "You are not my father."-Chicago Baily

This is a very strange case, and is ex-

from the couch where she had been

ceedingly difficult to explain, unless we assume that the brain's vibrations have also based on it. To produce health the a certain thing desired to be rememright sets of cells are stimulated and the | bered is impossible. Dr. Boris wrong quieted. In curing a habit the Sidis says: "People have been brain cells which say "I will not take known to committerime, and the followsuch and such a thing" are made more | ing day have no knowledge of their acts. I had a case in Boston not long taining to human progress that are in opposition to their dogmatic religious teachings. Price is centa ago of a man who had the grlp, and dis-The interest first aroused by the now | appeared from home. Two weeks later discredited stage hypnotist and his he came to himself in New York. He pranks has resulted in great develop- | had no knowledge of what he had done ments in the last few years, showing during those two weeks-absolutely for the light and solace of every sorrowing and the relations between the body and the | none, and yet we from our investiga- | stricken heart. Price 50 cents. For sale at this office. The young woman was first thrown | mind, and the influence that each exerts | tion learned that he had been going which would have been considered mi- performing no extraordinary act to inraculous fifty years ago can be obtained | dicate a peculiar state of mind. For question. Paper, 25 cents, For sale at this office. by suggestion no longer needs to be two weeks he was another individual." demonstrated. Whether or not sugges- This by no means indicates spirit contion is the solution of the problem over | trol. "It is interesting to know how which so many investigators are puz- such a condition of memory can come zling, there can be no question that a about. We will say for illustration that great vital truth somewhere underlies | the bacilli of grip poison invades the its wonderful manifestations.—Inter nerve cells, the connecting processes shrink and the dissociation exists to so thinks of him. Price, 4 cents; twenty-five copies for great extent, that the individual cannot collect his ideas, and in consequence loses knowledge of his identity. Therefrom the nervous system the abnormal mental condition continues. In other cases of a similar nature, the poison comes from the presence of foreign bod- should read it. Price \$1.00. les superinduced by a diseased condition of some sort." As is well known the interior of the brain is a mass of connective nerve fibres. There are three kinds: Projection, Commissural and Associative fibres. Let either class become diseased, and abnormal action will be the result, either insanity, forgetful- Why She Became a Spiritualist. ness, or loss of identity will follow.

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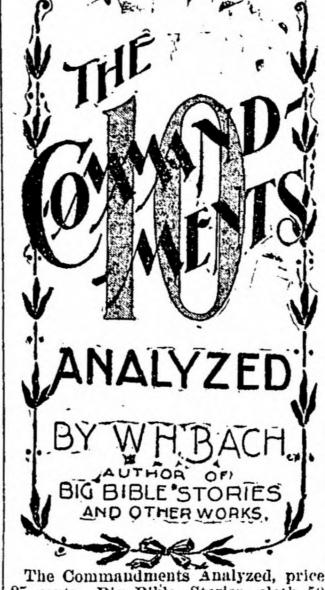
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minds of our correspondents that The spects. Mediums have been tabooed Progressive Thinker is set up on a because they have given tests not true. Linotype machine that must make i'It is not to be wondered at,' said Prof. speed equal to about four compositors. Lockwood. Every minute there are That means rapid work, and it is essen- thirty-seven beings who pass to the othtial that all copy, to insure insertion in er side of life,' said the speaker. 'A liar the paper, all other requirements being | who leaves the flesh is a liar still. He | Society's, at Lake Cora, we have favorable, should be written with ink | does not jump into the truth at once. A on white paper, or with a typewriter, liar, a thief, a rascal here, is the same The Progressive Thinker.

lieving that the cause of truth can be Called Origin of the Soul." best subserved thereby. Many of the Mrs. E. Keigwin, of Jeffersonville, who differ from you.

adjusted to the space we have to occupy, and in order to do that they will J. F. Gerald, of Lockport, N. Y.,

Every item sent to us for publication should contain the full name and address of the writer. We desire to know hered to.

Geo. W. Walrond's Spiritualist serv-Walrond's "stock in trade." The Brock- masses." way Family are still in Denver and doing good work. John Slater, from Caliwith his superior powers for giving

Kewanee, Ill.-Dr. Frank W. Gunprogressive orthodoxy is the worst of never in more excellent condition. heresy. There is not a solitary doctrine of orthodoxy that may not be made heresy itself by a life inspired by the spirit holiness and truth enters into man with ing, May 17, He left our city for his the power of a divine comfort is proved | home in Michigan. He has been with as much in the songs of Wesley as in us since January 5 last, and has made the Psalms of David. The 'In Memoriam' of Tennyson marks a much high. his seances at my house and eight dark er and finer wave of inspiration than circles, where forms came out and Solomon's songs, which it received as part of our sacred scriptures. A man one occasion I sat right in front of the must believe that God has vacated his door, and saw Mr. Riley and the form throne and that the ascended Christ has at the same time. Mr. Riley held se ceased to guide human events and that ances in seven different private houses. the holy spirit is dead if he does not feel within his own inspired nature that the inspiration with which the soul of Lincoln trembled and was yet steadied when he wrote the emancipation procthe inspiration with which Joshua commanded the massacre of a prostrate

E. H. Thomas writes that the friends of Mrs. S. S. Martin, of Boston, Mass., to show their appreciation of her seances, assembled to the number of fifty or more at her home and presented her a \$126 music box and \$25 worth of music. At a seance on the occasion many interesting and striking materialwho know her best.

speaker. Frank Walker, president; Mrs. | 'What Constitutes' True Spirituality, Emma Train, secretary.

June 9, 10 and 11.

lecture for us at Kenwood Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove Avenue, Sunday, June

3 p. m." dium, is located at Hamilton. Ohio.

amount and value of the reading matter such thing. 'The divine principle' you furnish the readers of The Probigots. There is no better weapon than

go on." Charles Carter writes from Lancaster. Ohio: "Can we not get some communications from the spirit world on a great help to the farmer to foreknow the seasons, wet or dry. Ella B. Mitchell, chirvoyant trance medium and magnetic healer, is doing a good business here, and making many converts. It would be well for traveling test mediums to put Lancaster on their lists. We hope to have a society here some day. We are sixteen miles from Summerland Beach camp. We expect

a good time there in August next." A Tepee Social will be held Tuesday Spiritual Endeavor Society, at New- it, wars among nations, death and misman's hall, corner 63d and Stewart avenue. Several well-known mediums will inevitable." be present and give tests. Refreshments will be served and a good time is assured.

Chicago delivered his lecture on 'Comspeaker referred to the disrepute into posing argument, often resulting in anwhich Spiritualism has fallen in the ger and even riotous proceedings.

minds of some because of lying spirits. He declared that there are spirits that We would like to impress upon the not only lie but are wicked in other re-

and on only one side of the paper. If after he has passed into the spirit world you are not a fairly good penman, until he grows out of it by natural proplease have your communications gression. The medium has my sympacopied by some one who is, and oblige thy. A human mentality that opens its doors to spirits seeking the earthly plane runs a terrible fusilade of expe-CONTRIBUTORS:-Each contributor | riences. The speaker thought it not is alone responsible for any assertions strange that mediums are sometimes or statements he may make. The editor | corrupted in that manner. In the evenallows this freedom of expression, be- ing Prof. Lockwood spoke on 'The So-

sentiments uttered in an article may be Ind., is in the city and stopping at 1195 diametrically opposed to his belief, yet Jackson Boul. She is said to be a most that is no reason why they should be remarkable medium, all her manifestasuppressed. No one person has the tions occurring in broad daylight. In whole truth, hence kindly feelings her presence the sitter will receive inshould always be entertained for those | dependent writing, feel the spirit touch, room. All these manifestations occurthe General Survey will in all cases be ring in full light, they cannot fail to be Miller will address the society June 4. satisfactory.

generally have to be abridged more or writes: "I rend Col. Ingersoll's address. or less; otherwise many items would be and on due reflection I consider it by far crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line the best and most instructive delivered lines to two lines, as occasion may re- profound, exhaustive, eloquent and a grand vindication of the claims of reabeen so long travestied by the so-called the source of every article or item that profited so largely by deception and Tests, music and cards. All are cordialappears. This rule will be strictly ad- persistent adherence to the promulga- ly invited." tion of superstition. Long life to R. G. | Secretary writes from Paw Paw, Ingersoll, the Great Counselor at the Bar of Judge Reason. May the mana- craft, Mich., gave two fine addresses in gers of The Progressive Thinker enjoy | the O'Dell Hall, in Paw Paw, Sunday, ices, Opera House Block, Denver Col., a measure of prosperity in the com- May 21. The morning service, a memocontinue to be well attended. Short, mendable work of educating the people | rial one for the members and friends of | sponsible in any way. pithy, scientific lectures, with rock bot- and spreading the light of reason, jus- the P. P. V. S. A. who had passed to

Mme. Calve is becoming a Spiritualist and is now an excellent medium, Evfornia, has also drawn large audiences ery morning at 11 o'clock her carriage drives across to the office of an American Spiritualist, where she follows his treatment carefully. She says he is not saulus of Chicago, in the course of his an impostor and says she owes to this address to the members of the Illinois | new St. Paul her complete restoration | Congregational Association, said: "Un- to health. She adds that her voice was

J. R. McDonald writes from Port Angeles, Wash.: "Farmer Riley bid his of holiness. The fact that the spirit of | many warm friends good-bye this mornmany warm friends. He held two of shook hands with two in the circle. On The forms came out, were recognized and shook hands with their friends."

J. M. White writes from Wichita Kas.: "Every Sunday night the liberal element and the local mediums hold meetlamation was greater and diviner than ings in Library Hall. There are several good mediums here that make this city their home. After June 3, my address will be Beaumont, Kans. Up to June 2, my address will be 120 West William street, this city. Engagements desired along the Santa Fe rounte-to Colorado. Lectures or tests. Correspondence so. | ence as he gave words of welcome and licited with Spiritualists in Western | encouragement to each one in beautiful-Kansas. I wish to stop at convenient | ly improvised poetry." points en route to Caddon. Col."

Katie Smith writes: "Prof. Leo Mil izing and other phenomena occurred, ler's lecture given on Sunday, May 21 the whole going to show that Mrs. Mar- at Kenwood hall, 4308 Cottage Grove tin is a medium of unusual powers, and Avenue, Chicago, was greatly appreci that she is held in high esteem by those ated by the large audience. It put many heads to thinking, and gave The Friends of Human Progress will them something to take home and study hold their annual picnic and election of over. I am sure he will receive a warm officers at Forest Temple. North Collins, | welcome whenever he wishes to give us N. Y., June 3 and 4, 1899. Mrs. Anna | spiritual food again. Mrs. N. L. Gates Robinson-Gillespie will be the principal took the subject from the audience, and rendered an inspirational poem Lyman C. Howe has been engaged to from it; also a Scotch poem was recited. speak at the annual picnic at Lily Dale, The many tests given by H. F. Coates were all recognized. Sunday, June 4 H. F. Coates writes: "Mrs. Jean Orr Mrs. Jean A. Weber. Subject, 'Life's Weber, of Downer's Grove, Ill., will Problems.'" at 8 p. m., a lecture will be given by

At the Eclectic School of Spiritual 4. at 8 p. m. Subject, 'Life's Problems,' Culture, Occidental hall, corner Madi-Mrs. Weber is an able speaker, and it son street and Sacramento avenue, H. is hoped that the hall will be filled as N. Maguire, speaking on Arbitration, usual. Tests and spirit messages will said: "I notice a Chicago minister Is be given. Seats free. Conference at quoted in the daily papers as saying, The basis of peace is war, the final con-Mrs. Ida Tooker, trance and test me- quest of evil by the divine principle." This fine thought needs elaboration. Geo. Heffner writes: "It is the marvel | The statement as put might be conof the age-equal to the so-called mir- strued into a Christian or spiritual jusacles of the primitive Christian-the tification of war. There can be no never at war; it is ever static, ever in items and high grade intelligence." gressive Thinker. You are certainly equipolse, the one thing that is immutstorming the 'coward's castle' and beat- able while all else mutates, passes from ing sense into the thick heads of the one relationship to another in a strug- 17, 1899. gle to get in balance with it as the centhe language of these 'Holy men of tral principle. Human life has been a God.' They convict themselves times continuous tragedy, a ceaseless strugwithout number. Let the good work | gle, to come more in harmony with the divine will, the universal order at the point of direction. The warring is all in the human nature conditions. The fit- ments until July 15. Can be addressed test to survive, the only ones who do or the subject of agriculture. It would be can survive, are they who are within the indrawing influence of God. Outside all is chaos and darkness. The ap- dressed at Oxford, Ohio, Lock Box 77. palling succession of fallures of the institutions of man, with the attendant ignorance of the spiritual laws, 'the dihave had nothing to do with the dark who teaches otherwise is enrolled on the wrong side. Man's creations tumble to pieces because they are not con-Evening, May 30, by the Englewood structed in the spirit of peace and love; dazed spells, and while in one had fol-

G. W. Kates writes from Grand Rap ids, Mich.: "The paper of last week made me say in reference to the cause The Cleveland Plaindealer has . the here: 'The beer garden meetings are not following: "Prof. W. M. Lockwood of permitted, and have too long held the tion, leaning beside a tree. I am satiscause in disrepute.' I wrote: The bearmon Sense Spiritualism' at Army and garden meetings, etc. And I meant | was the cause of his leaving home. He Navy hall yesterday afternoon. It was that disputes and interruptions have one of a series entitled 'The Molecular prevailed in some meetings. Speakers trim.'" Hypothesis of Nature." the course have and mediums have been interrupted ing begun a week ago. Prof. Lockwood and disputed with by auditors—the latconsidered his subject from a scientific ter making liberty of thought a license standpoint principally. Among other to interrupt. Meetings in the East have things, he said that there are 327 differ- been held for disputations, where digent and distinct systems of religion in nified argument by a selected speaker and The Miner, that the grave does not the world, and that Spiritualism is the were not possible owing to freedom to end all." Good for you. You are a natural order of progression. The interject objections, questions, and op-splendid worker; a grand instrument.

These were called bear gardens. I has been here to some extent, the privilege to interrupt in order to questonbut we are employed to present the facts as we see them and will not per- Some mit irregular discussion. We give all the right of opinion, and reserve the same for ourselves. Our meetings must preserve proper dignity."

Farmer Riley writes: "I will be at home for a short time for rest; then come into Illinois and Wisconsin for a few weeks."

Mrs, L. N. Claman is now at Peorla, Ill., 211 North Jefferson avenue, where she can be addressed for camp-meeting or other engagements.

Mrs. Hattie Nesbitt writes: "We wrote you our meeting at Bankson Lake Resort, Mich., would take place the 11th and 18th of June. As that date will conflict with the Paw Paw Valley changed the first date to the 4th. It Lucy Williams, of Schoolcraft. officiat-

N. W. Manning writes: "I received the 100 papers containing Ingersoll's lecture all right, and will place them where they will do the most good in the towns of Lanark, Mt. Carroll and Milledgeville and the country around them western Iowa. It is time that men should understand that the Devil is in them instead of being a personal being outside of them."

Spiritual Society had the pleasure of listening to Dr. D. S. White. Excellent hear the spirit voice, while flowers will tests were given by Mrs. Lora Holton. be carried to different parts of the The society is in a prosperous condition and the attendance is good. Prof. Leo. at 8 p. m. Subject, 'The Good of Evil.' will hold an ice cream social Friday and Mrs. O. M. Ollingham, 7242 Wentorthodox school of hireling clericals worth avenue. Admission 15 cents. who have so long fooled the people and | which includes ice cream and cake.

> Mich.: "Mrs. L. J. Williams, of Schoolganized in 1894. The hall was prettily decorated. Two tables and the desk were cultivated blossoms and foliage. A ones. The service brought us in close touch with our spirit friends and person-4 p. m., the ashes of Dr. W. H. Nelson. whose body was incinerated Feb. 23. were placed in the family lot in the Bangs cemetery. His ashes were decorated with beautiful pansies, the blosson that he most loved. After a few very appropriate remarks by the guides of Mrs. Williams, the ashes were low-

Mrs. Rockhill writes as follows of the lecture by E. W. Sprague at the Independent church: "In the morning E. W. Sprague spoke concerning the dark se ances of ancient and modern Spiritual ism. He said in part that 40 per cent of the spiritual manifestations recorded. in the Bible occurred in the dark, while only 5 per cent of the present day manifestatons required darkness. In the evening he spoke to a large and appre clative audience on the often-asked question, If Spiritualism is true, what good does it do? At the close of the thrillingly inspiring and eloquent lecture he gave the right hand of fellow ship to thirty new memmebrs. The occasion was one long to be remembered by the enthusiasm and elevating influ-

Geo. W. Walrond, the clairvoyant and astrologer of Denver, Colo., was subpoenaed to give evidence in a murder case, the criminal having consulted him on business prior to the murder. There was an attempt to prove the prisoner insane because he went to an astrologer. Judge Allen in his address to the jury, made the following comment: "The fact that he went to an astrologer does not warrant an inference that he was insane. It shows on the contrary that he was sane. I will not say that I believe not believe in it. Astrology is a science and if all who consulted astrologers were declared insane, the asylums of the earth would not hold a hundredth was convicted.

C. Walter Lynn writes from Oakland. on the coast. People can't be narrow Christian Endeavor Society has been here the past week, and that kind of rehave survived the onslaught as yet, away. They are making great endeavors to corral all the 'loose timber,' but people. even the children, are beginning to reason about these things, so it is a hard task for them. The Progressive Think-

The Church of the Soul will suspend its Sunday meetings until September

Prof. J. H. McLean has removed from 615 Center avenue to 1151 West Madison

Mrs. Nore E. Hill. 704 West Lake street .Chicago, is open for engageat above number.

Frank T. Ripley has closed his engagement here, and can now be ad-Mrs. Mary Hill, of Chicago, writes: "There was an item in the Daily News horrors, is wholly attributable to man's last week of a boy who was lost or who wandered away from home. His mothvine principle.' God and his angels er in dire distress, called on Mrs. H. S. Slosson, of 17 Elizabeth street, hoping features of the drama. The clergyman for aid in finding him, but made it known that she did not believe in the philosophy; but after the control told the mother that her son was subject to and until he learns to build in this spir- lowed some music, but she would find him, the mother said, 'If this which I ery as the common experience, will be have been told comes about, I will believe, and also write you. The following is a copy of the letter which Mrs. Slosson received: 'Every word you told me last Monday about my son came true. He was found in a dazed condified. Thank you for your help. Music followed it and got lost.—Mrs. Lin-

> Charles B. Brockway writes from Leadville, Colo.; "I am meeting with grand success here. I have succeeded in convincing the three secular papers, the Herald Democrat, News Reporter

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PLAIN IWORDS. Significant State-

ments.

HON. L. Y. MOULTON HAS SOME-THING TO SAY OF SPECIAL IN-TEREST AND IMPORTANCE.

Dear Sir:-Replying to your inquiry of recent date, I would state that I have | and requested his guides to give me an | not in hell, and enduring its torments. had no connection with the National Spiritualists' Association, or any other Spiritualist society, since last October, and therefore do not know what new ing my fingers on them throughout the If God is the life of all that lives, and rules or other regulations may have seance. Two other slates were laid flat the Devil lives, must not God be the life been adopted. I desire it to be fully undistood that I am entirely out of all active work in connection with Spirit. low them. After conversing with Mr. If, "In him all creatures live and ualism. This is for reasons not now necessary to explain in full. Suffice it to signal was given that the work was above all, in all, and through all," must will be the 4th and 18th of June, Mrs. say that it was financial ruin or quit, i finished. and so I quit. Whatever-I may advise is, therefore,

wholly unofficial, and binds nobody in the N. S. A. I understand that the Railroad Commissioners hold that the concession of Lsage said: half-fare rate to the clergy is not because of any right of the latter to dein Illinois, then I will place some in | mand it, and therefore that the rail-Sheldon, Ashton and Sibley, in North- roads can withhold it at their discrecordance with that theory, decide to refuse to all Spiritualists without distinc-Secretary Olive M. Allingham writes: in favor of persons endorsed or recom-"Last Sunday evening the Englewood | mended by the N. S. A., or its officers. On the other hand, the N. S. A. cannot be compelled to endorse everybody who may apply, and very properly (in my opinion) refuses such endorsement to those who do not endorse it, at least to the extent of registering with it and

contributing a trifle to its support. I do Prof. Miller has won fame as a literary | not understand that there is any atwriter, and is a veteran lecturer for the | tempt to compel any one to do anything cause of Spiritualism. Tests by Mrs. For it if he does not want to. On the Olive M. Allingham and others. A spe- other hand, such person ought not to ex-Item is cut down to ten lines, and ten on the subject that I ever met with: cial musical programme is arranged for pect to compel the N. S. A. to give him the evening. Seats free. The society its endorsement, for it is clearly not bound to do so. If, because of lack of written a big "J" in chalk on this slate son, truth and common sense that have evening, June 2, at the residence of Mr. such endorsement, he falls to get favors before laying it on the table. Every line of the railroads, I cannot see that he of the color writing, except the lowest loses anything which he has a right to one, crossed over this big "J," and the demand of any one.

If the railroads decline to recognize of the "J;" showing that they had been the ordination of any particular local or | placed there subsequently. The writing state association, that is between the was quite different in character from roads on the one hand, and such asso- that on the two other slates, and apciation and its ministers on the other. and I do not see why the N. S. A. should | rather than in crayon. The texture of | Turiello, reading a paper before it, eninterfere in the matter, or be held re. | the colors is loose, and looks as if pre-

You are well aware that short lived | tion. The message reads: tom tests and psychic readings are Mr. tice, truth and honesty among the spirit like since our association was or- and feeble, local and other associations having but little standing, stability or scarlet) informs me that you are desir-volume. This is one of the signs of the filled with bouquets made of wild and ing incompetent and unworthy persons, and that this evil should be bouquet for each of the spirit loved | checked in some way. The railroad of | tangible evidence of spirit (in salmon) | denied the occurrence of psychic pheficials do not propose further to recognize papers issued primarily to secure al messages were given to several. At | clerical rates for such people, and naturally turn to the N. S. A. for its advice (in lake) of direct writing, and trust believe in them or to pretend to do so.

and assistance in the matter. On the other hand, the N. S. A. finds itself beset by a class of people who are little better than adventurers, leeches and dead beats, saying nothing of frauds, who want all sorts of favors and assistance from it, and do nothing for it ered into the receptable prepared for in return. Of course in the unorganized | slate; and is reproduced on the physical state of Spiritualists, some worthy ones will be pinched, but on the whole, the effort to weed out, in my judgment, is a mitted through the medium, who prehealthy and salutary sign.

> not I will not attempt here to predict. I have invested some labor and cash in It, and hope for its success, of course. In conclusion, I would advise that your backing, under the circumstances is the society or association that issues your ordination, and that the controversy in your case is wholly between it and the railroads. I do not see where the N. S. A. is involved in the matter at

I do not understand that the N. S. A. Spiritualist ordination whatever, will spection, secure any one clerical rates, in less than three years thereafter, and it which the Spiritualists might learn something of the advantages of organ-Sincerely yours, ization.

-Banner of Light.

The Illinois Spiritual Camp. The Illinois Spiritual Camp-meeting Association, at Camp Monroe, opens in astrology, neither will I say that I do | July 1, closing in August. Situated on east side of Deep Lake. Lake county. Illinois.

L. V. MOULTON.

Camp Monroe has been established five years; it is situated on a bluff, forty part of them." The prisoner (Brooks) | feet above the lake level on the east side of Deep Lake-one of the most beautiful of the Illinois-Wisconsin Cal.: "Our cause seems to be flourishing | chain-53 miles north of Chicago, on the Wisconsin Central railroad. Waukevery long and live here. The State | gan, Ill., Kenoshu, Wis., and Fox Lake. are 14, 16 and 3 miles distance respectively, and many of the other prominent ligion has been well advertised, but we lakes of the chain are only 4 or 5 miles

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LIGHT, LONDON, ENG.

SLATE-WRITING IN COLORS. color was produced through Mr. Evans, and all-loving? illustration of this phenomenon.

and then laid them on the table, keep- present? on the table close to those I held, a of the Devil, and therefore both God little pencil dust being first placed be- and Devil, or else not all-present?

held was covered with a message in God, and God be both God and Devil? written in ordinary slate pencil, the text of which was continued on one of | Why didn't God kill him? the slates lying close to it. The mes-

you a few lines of greeting. I am glad | Eve good and strong), so that they to see you desirous of sustaining the would have been proof against the tion. They did, I believe, acting in ac- truth of this phenomenon, for I can Devil's charms? tion, but finally agreed to discriminate | manity, by giving to them the tangible | eatest thereof thou shalt surely die?" evidence of an independent spirit ex- when he fore-knew that she would live? Skeleton Keys to Sacerdotal loving father in spirit, James."

father, though the name is his. On lifting up the third slate my fingers tingled as if I were holding the continued for nearly a minute. Its under surface was covered with writing in color, each line being written in a different color. Mr. Evans had colors were superposed over the chalk

vitality have made a practice of ordain- ous (in magenta) of receiving a-message times, for little more than ten years written (in chrome) in various colors to ago, as our own contemporary reminds return and communion. I take (in nomena, and signified their contemptumauve) pleasure in presenting you (in ous compassion for the poor dupes or lake) here with this color phenomenon simpletons who were foolish enough to a pleasing and convincing (in chrome | those who attempt to arrest its progress yellow) memento of this grand truth. by firing paper pellets at it. Guide (in salmon) John Gray (in ELDER DUMAS A SPIRITUALIST. umber)."

The invisible operator affirms that this writing is done by him on a psychic slates by a process similar to wireless telegraphy, the current being transsents the necessary energy whereby to Whether the N. S. A. will survive or act on matter. This claim finds possible confirmation in the discovery of Dr. Ed. Branly, already described in this journal, showing the analogy subsisting between man's nervous energy and that used in wireless telegraphy.

Mr. Evans has been in New York for over a year, and was for many years in San Francisco before that. He has published a book which reproduces many certificates confirming the validity of the phenomena produced through him, including one from Dr. advises the railroad commissioners to Alfred Russel Wallace. Many pictures refuse any one; on the other hand, they have been produced on the slates, sevof their own notion refuse all except eral foreign languages at a time, etc. such as the N. S. A. has become respon- | Some of these interesting facts have sible for. I think that if the aggrieved | been produced at public meetings, and in the matter destroy the N. S. A. no | are attested by the committee of in-

Asked why he did not come to England, Mr. Evans replied that there was would be a good object lesson from a risk of legal interference, and he had been warned by a well-known medium in England that, if any such trouble arose, none of the influential people, who would be glad enough to assist at his seances, would defend him.

THE TWO WORLDS, MAN--CHESTER, ENG.

Modern research has done much to lift us out of and above the mists of superstition and fear. We can now recognize growth as the method of Nature, not Creation. Evolution, of conviction to the minds of numbers organisms and of intelligence, is being that they were in the presence of pheaccepted on all sides. Comparative the ology has traced the development of ideas; and the students of mythology, folk lore, religious faiths, and ancient symbols have been compelled to admit that all ideas had one birthplace, the minds of men. Men have made Gods and Devils innumerable, and in their LIGHT OF THE EAST, CALignorance have endowed them with their own attributes. The first Devil was darkness, both physical and mental." Goblins grim and demons damned" disappear when the searchlight of science is flashed into the caves of antiquity, and the King Devil dies in the rare atmosphere of modern knowl- nearly the same plane as the rings. One edge, scientific and spiritual.

law, there is no home for Satan. Where absolute reason and benevolence reign, penting, can exist.

Where an Absolute Intelligence—the All Good-governs, that government is Absolute, and no rival malignant Intelligence could divide that government, else the Divine Intelligence would not Divine handiwork, as seen from the be Absolute!

and dread. Darkness apparently swallowed the Sun, and winter brought des- sitions, must surpass our highest contitution, suffering, and death, hence the ceptions of material beauty. children of the race conjured up the personal foe to their happiness, and the Saturn are said to be much better than great Dragon of the skies was per- we are. And to say that Saturn, with sonified and brought to earth. .

demonstrated truth. What folly it is for men to speak of same breath declare that a Devik suc- ness of the infinite God.

valuable and immortal souls of his children! If God saw all that he had made, and behold it was very good, then the Devil that is, then he must have made the

cessfully competes with the Omni-

present Delty for possession of the

We ask the following questions in all If with God "all things are possi-

ble," why doesn't he kill the Devil? God must have known that Adam and that is, from east to west.

Eve could not withstand the craft and subtlety of the Evil One! If God made all that is, why did he make the Devil at all? Why did he Having been informed that writing in make hell, if he is all-wise, all-powerful,

I obtained another seance with him, If God is everywhere present, is he if hell exists? or is there a somewhere I held two slates between my hands, where the all-present God is not

Evans for about twenty minutes, the move and have their being," and "He is he not be "in" and "through" the Devil, I found that one of the slates I had and must not the Devil have his being

Who made the Devil, and why?

Why did God make hell, when it would have been so much easier to "My Dear Son:-With the kind aid of have prevented the Devil from getting other spirit friends I am able to send into Eden (or to have made Adam and

assure you, when properly presented, it | Why did God speak falsely to Eve is capable of doing much good for hu- when he said. "In the day that thou istence. May God help you to do right | Why didn't God kill Eve before she is my earnest wish. Conditions are not became a mother, and so prevent the favorable for further manifestation to- curse, and consequences of the fall, beday, so with love to all I remain your ing extended throughout the ages, involving countless souls in the flery fury The handwriting is not that of my of his wrath, from everlasting to everlasting?

If "God is Love," why did he grow angry and entail the results of his wires of a battery, and this sensation jealousy and wrath upon innocent unborn generations? Have we not more cause to fear and hate such a God than we have to love and bless him?

> HARBINGER OF LIGHT, MEL-BOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

SPIRITUALISM AND SCIENCE.

We learn from La Lumiere, that the Royal Academy of Moral and Political Sciences at Naples, has consented to MRS. NETTIE COLBURN MAYNARD pears as if done in heavy body colors one of its members, Signor Pasquale titled "Italian Spiritualism and Scicipitated rather than written by fric- ence;" and that this paper has been published in the Transactions of the "Dear Friend:-Your spirit Father (in Academy, and will be found in the 29th carry home with (in cobalt) you as a us, the Neapolitan newspapers stoutly that (in lavender and blue) it will prove But the world will move on, in spite of

That Alexander Dumas, pere, being a man of genius was a medium, goes without saying; but it is not generally known that he was an avowed Spiritualist. This is what we learn, however, from a memoir of him contributed to the Century Magazine, by Mrs. Emily Crawford, the gifted lady who is so well known in Paris as the correspondent of the Dally News. This is what she writes on the subject: "Dumas believed in apparitions,

spirits and unseen influences, but he respected other worldliness too much to make them agents in his novels. He always believed that his father's spirit came, just after it had quitted the body to say farewell to him in the house of a neighbor, to which he had been sent to pass the night. (What more natural? for father and son were tenderly attached to each other). He felt warm breath on his face and heard a voice say: 'Alexander, I have come to bid you adleu. Be a good boy and love your mother.' When his own strength was sinking (in the last hours of his life), he told Mme. Petel (his married sister), that he felt the presence of both his parents, and that they were anxious for him to be done with life, as he had exhausted everything that was worth living for."

MRS. FEY AND MISS DAVENPORT

Het Toekomstig Leven, of Utrecht, contains a report of some seances given in the hall of the Odeon, in Amsterdam, by Mrs. Homes Fey and Miss Davenport. The room, brilliantly lighted, was thronged by a distinguished audience, amongst whom were many notables. actuated by a serious spirit of inquiry; and the manifestations were such as to astonish the spectators and to carry operation of invisible intelligences, in whose hands the two mediums were merely plastic instruments; these phenomena including materializations.

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MOONS OF SATURN. Out beyond the edge of Saturn's rings

are eight beautiful moons revolving, one straight out beyond the other, on of these moons (Titan) is 3,300 miles in In a universe governed by immutable | diameter-nearly one-half that of the earth. The outer moon (Japetus) is distant from the ball of the planet neither wrath, jealousy, anger, nor re- 2,300,000 miles. So that the whole Saturnian system is nearly 4,500,000 miles in diameter.

SATURNIAN SCENERY.

The sublime magnificence of the surface of Saturn, with its sunlit belt "The Devil" was born of man's fear of rings, and its eight silvery moons of different sizes in ever-changing po-

No wonder that the inhabitants of its supreme beauty and adaptability It sounds strange to hear otherwise was not made for the dwelling place intelligent and well-informed men talk- and enjoyment of intelligent human being the "baby talk" of the ages of lings, who are made in the image and ignorance and superstition, and using likeness of God himself, is equivalent to the scarecrow bogie-the Devil-as if saying that the all-wise Creator exthey were uttering sober scientific and hausted his skill on a useless thing. Nothing can be more absurd. There can be no order of created be the "Almighty and Omnipotent God and ing higher, or superior to, those of us Heavenly Father," and in almost the who finally wear the image and like-

THE PLANET URANUS.

Its diameter is 32,000 miles, four

times that of the earth. Its distance from the sun is nearly 2,000,000,000 miles. Its journey around the sun-its must be very good, for if God made all | year-is about 84 of our years. If that "grand old man," Gladstone, had lived on the planet Uranus he would have been just one year old when he died The speed of this planet in its journey around the sun is but little more than four miles per second. The time of its If God fore-knew everything, why axial revolution is unknown. Uranus is didn't he kill the Devil before he a telescope planet attended by four tempted Eve? An all-fore knowing moons that seem to revolve backward

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Julia A. J. Perkins: Q. Mr. Dawbarn in The Progressive Thinker says he states as a "fact" that "Death changes all vibrations to such an extent cause of the inherent endowment of the that the spirit organism becomes invisible to mortal eye," and also, "Therefore death also destroys all memories of earth life." If this is so, the communications given to Dr. Peebles by Mr. Lynn, and those constantly given, must be great mistakes.

A. Mr. Dawbarn has evolved a remarkable theory, and gave a brilliant elucidation of it. If it is true, everything taught by spirits in the past fifty | find tongue. The man of science has years, or for that matter whatever they skill and faithfulness, but beyond he have taught in all the past is erroneous. The subject scarcely admits of argument, being a matter of fact. The spirits with whom I have communicated tion. There is a sensitiveness of organhave invariably taught that they were | ization which makes the possessor an identically the same as while here. The | instrument, such as it is. This sensisame personality continued right on tiveness by culture becomes receptivity, into the next life. If the change is so the highest form of mediumship. This great that memories are lost, why do | culture may be made, and often is, by they ever return? Would not one place | education, and training the mind to be as pleasing as another; any chance | concentrated efforts in special direcacquaintunce as near as the dearest tions, and the recipient be unconscious

have been so strongly opposed to the speculations of Mr. Dawbarn, that no reconciliation can be hoped for.

Q. L. Davis: Q. Is it possible for an inhabitant of the so-called continent of Atlantis to come and communicate with A. The continent or Island of Atlan-

tis was a myth of the ancients, and received coloring in the ignorance of the Middle Ages. There is not the least evidence that it ever existed, on the contrary there is almost absolute demonstration that it never could have had an existence in the Atlantic Ocean. The shores of that ocean are among the oldest lands on the globe; that is the deep wrinkle in the earth's crust has remained, growing deeper by the contrac- | And makes life replete as mem'ry un-

Admitting, however, that there was such a country, and the spirits of Atlantians of sixteen or twenty thousand years ago exist, they would be too far removed to be able to enter into our mental sphere and converse with us.

S. I. Tenny: Q. (1) The Bible has a great deal to say about the promise of God to the children of Israel of a land flowing with milk and honey. Did they ever occupy that land?

(2) Were the ten tribes of Israel lost? (3) Are the stories of the retreat through the Red Sea, and the captivity true?

A. (1) The land of Canaan was occupied by a people far in advance of the No burdens, no worry, no clouds o'er vagabond tribe of nomads, called the children of Israel. This people had splendid cities, cultivated the earth and the fine arts. God gave the land of this people to the Israelites. He coolly divided it among them, and commanded them to conquer it, murder all the men and women and children, except the virgins, which they were to keep for themselves. This was done.

God divided the waters of the Jordan so that the swarm of murderers could pass over, and made the sun stand still so that the day could be lengthened, that more of this unoffending people | Both speak of my mother and love that might be slain. The butchers held the

The story of the Lost Tribes, of the Red Sea accommodating itself to making a dry road way, are myths coined to support myths. The whole twelve tribes of Israel, and their country were not of sufficient consequence to receive mention outside their own chronicles. A self-conceited, turbulent race they were, as credulous as children, as merciless as red Indians. Yet we are called to believe that these outlaws of the desert, are the ordained bearers of the only revelation God ever made to mankind, and that our welfare here and in eternity depends on our accepting it as | Where mother, still loving, is living absolutely true!

Walter Darrell: Q. Did the Infinite Jehovah create himself before he created the world? "Subscriber:" A Theosophic friend asked me, "Which was first, the hen or the egg?"

A. These widely diverse questions came by the same mail, one from the East, the other from the far West, and involve the same principle. The last question perplexed the "wise men" of the ancient world. They grappled with it after the methods of what they called juggle with them. Evolution answers is a model Spiritualist meeting, alike each other until in the dim past the bird | Spiritualism. faded into the reptile, and again in yet more remote ages, the reptile sinks from higher to lower until at last in the primal age a being is reached, which is a small sack of living matter-protoplasm—and this multiplies by dividing itself through the middle.

Which was first, the one cellular mass or the two after division? Still beyond, and it appears that there are masses of protoplasm, unorganized, that are living, and capable of becoming organized, but not even formed into an individual mass. The one in its obscure form is | their platform clean, and the fact that first. We may facetiously say this one is the hen from whose eggs all living beings have come, or with the ancients say, this one was the primal egg which

has given birth to all. The character of God has called forth the greatest attention, and properly, if it is believed that he has special relations to mankind as represented in the

If, however, it be said that he created the universe six thousand years he doing during the infinite time pregranted that the world, (i. e., cosmos), was created. It was not created, it was evolved. By what power? By that energy or power which is a part of Nature and cannot be separated therefrom. ever changes may have gone before or in Chicago.

will come, there is no division between the material that moves and the force that moves it. The question as presented is not a problem; it is a chimera of

ucation. How do you explain when spirits come and urge the medium to go on, that he does not need education to become a trance speaker?

A. W. B.: Q. You claim that it is

necessary for inspiration to have an ed-

A. The advice of spirits should not be taken unless reasonable, and they may not understand the situation as well as those they seek to benefit.

The correspondent mistakes the meaning in the answer to which he alludes. Education is not necessary to inspiration, but it is to its highest tide. It is not necessary that this education be received in schools or colleges. Education is the training of the mind to clearly receive and perfectly express ideas. Inspiration, or the sensitive state-mediumship-may be made most helpful in education. If the sensitive patiently cultivates his receptivity, and is not eager to exploiter to public before the necessarily long and severe training. He cannot go before the public like a trumpet, to be spoken through: Such attempts have been dismal fallinstruments employed. The great minds of earth have been receptivesensitive-and the wisdom they have displayed has been inspired. They have become so by their organization and training. Having studied statecraft, the great statesman is prepared and does receive his best thoughts from departed statesmen. Through the sensitive preacher, preachers of the past receives impressions from those in the higher sphere who have studied the special subjects then engaging his atten-Of this matter I can speak only as the | it then is possible for it to become when

MOTHER AND THE VOICES.

Sweet voices of children we hear once Sweet springtime and summer, sweet brooklet and glen;

Sweet faces, sweet flowers, sweet woodlands, sweet ferns, In vivid succession each sweetly re-

Sweet roses and illies, sweet violets.

Sweet Williams and daises, return fresh and new, With mother's sweet visage that dwells in our souls

Sad changes have come and have wafted away, New scenes have been noted with each

passing day, But brighter and grander that motherly Grows ever, as over our childhood we

A sweet voice is calling us back to the Back to the home-life, so sweetly sub-

When fairy-like fancies illumined youth's brain With idols and ideals we could not ob-

Nothing but sunlight and brightness, and why:

Oh, why do those voices so haunt us And make us as children; make chil-

Two voices-we hear them-they come o'er and o'er: They speak through the zephyrs and old ocean's roar;

Sweet voice of the future, sweet voice of the past, will last.

The past speaks of mother with soul e'er in tune.

With love only mothers who sweetly With loving small children can ever

And the voice is so sweet of that yes-The voice of the future comes back to

the soul: Comes back as the ages of progress un-Comes back from the land of the living

Comes back from the silent and beauti-The Sphere of The Mothers, where

peace évermore Enchanting with music of love's sweetest tone. Unfolds into perfect-true motherhood's

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This society under the able and instructive ministrations of Mrs. Georgia philosophy, which really was putting Gladys Cooley, is pursuing the even words for ideas and then proceeding to | tenor of its way and in many respects that the hen and egg mutually preceded creditable to its officers, speaker and Their platform is free from the objec-

tionable features often noticed in our public meetings, and there is a harmoniuos blending of fact and philosophy which augurs well for continued success. Mrs. Cooley is not only a pleasing speaker, but as a test medium is surpassed by none, giving her tests in a straightforward manner and reaching the minds and hearts of the people as but few can do. Mr. Druliner, the efficient president, with other officers of the society, are determined to keep Mrs. Cooley has been retained as their regular speaker for the third year. speaks well for herself and the society.

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are heartily welcomed. I have always assumed the position ago, it is at once suggested. What was | that the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism must go hand in hand, and ceding? The trouble here, as with the | that without phenomena we can have hen and egg, is that the problem is erro- no Spiritualism, and I am not in symneously stated. The accepted premises | pathy with a certain class who desire to are false and deluding. It is taken for eliminate phenomena from our public meetings when it can be presented in a creditable manner. I have not been asked to mention this society and their work, and have no desire to institute in-God and the universe are one. What fly wish there were more such meetings WILL C. HODGE.

In Cenuine Spiritualism and Spiritualism Qaining Cround. in Fraud.

income and so my work is gratuitous. It was my fortune to be thoroughly grounded in spiritualism, before I thought it possible to counterfeit in that direction. Living in a quiet, secluded town, I had met only three mediums for several years. Finally, we concluded to go to a camp-meeting. There I saw, to my sorrow, mediums obliged to compete with each other in order to keep the wolf from the door. So I said this can be obviated by people patronizing a medium liberally. Churchmen consider \$20 a small amount to pay as yearly subscription to a minister in order that he may give them spiritual food. How many people expend 20 a year on a medium or mediums? For shame, Spiritualists! You condemn your fellow churchman for his lack of brotherly love. How much do you show to your poor mediums, who minister to your salvation? How much do you contribute for the distribution of your litera-

Mr. ---, a genuine medium, said to me when I privately told him about the Fraud I saw he was practicing: "Well, Mrs. S., I was as honest as you, until 15 years ago when working at -, where Mr. - was also engaged. Everyone went to his public meetings, and to get readings of him, while I was losing prestige and could hardly make my living. Soon, I learned his tricks and began to use the ballot test also, then I drew. I had to help the spirits along in order to make my living. The more 1 helped these spirits, the more I had to. This deception brought deceiving spirits until nothing could be relied upon."

Years ago a materializing medium held seances in our house. To me the work seemed genuine. I remember hearing the spirit say to me, early in the forenoon, the "first person to come out will be your mother and the fifth form will be your sister Julia." I told no one, so I might be convinced of myself, and that evening the first form that came out said, "Mother" and of its possession. What a mighty force | called me up, while the fifth called herself Julia. Years after, Mr. --- conspirits have taught, and their teachings its laws and conditions are understood. fessed to me that it was all fraud and showed me how it was done. I was in- | have in Detroit, yet we have some good | tion; and to their lasting honor and thus to myself: It was the spirits of Mr. | gaged in Philadelphia. At the present | commentary on the Christian religion.

> watched for an opportunity to speak to manner is very convincing and grace- churches, and to think, besides all that me in order to assist their medium in ful; one never tires of listening to her; they have been eating his flesh, and his diabolical work. Furthermore, I before her sennce she answers ques- drinking his blood near nineteen cenhad given predictions for years to people, that had been fulfilled, and this and around the room. No subjective | medium in that particular phase. She frauds and errors in all religions, duced by invisible intelligences.

Instruction in fake materialization:

cabinet, reach under your skirt and ing. As the white cloth or masked face and drapery appears at front opening, ward as though to speak and slightly part the curtains with left hand holding the white cloth against the black; then speak from the corner of your mouth, next to cabinet, in-a childish tone and say "Good evening everybody;" answer her in your natural tone. Draw the cloth back out of sight, let it appear again at front opening. This time stand up and draw aside the curtain slowly with left hand, at same time raise the cloth as high as you can with right hand inside, and this you can do fairly well, since you are standing. You now have a tall form appearing, while you are outside of curtain. If you are examined, you can have a confederate curtain. You can have a manager. stuffed under the back of his coat. standing in front of aperture. While you are behind the curtains in the cabinet, and he is talking as all managers do, you can carefully draw the paraphernalia from under the back of his coat through the front opening of curtain against which he stands. Come out stooped, which drapery will hide, for short people. Come out with black all over you and squat down on the floor. The black makes you invisible in fling this over your head so it will seem like a spirit trying to materialize, then stand up, letting it fall around you. Those mediums who are quick make the best experts at these sleight of hand performances. To dematerialize in sight of all, cover with black cloth

quickly, then retreat to cabinet. Friends, these are a few of the things I have witnessed and said nothing of before. Does it help our cause? No. Many people find out sometime that they have been fooled, and then think the whole thing is a humbug. Besides, I find it hard to sit for one convinced through fraud, for he has received what is impossible for a genuine medium to get. Hence, the dissatisfaction among the masses with Spiritualism.

For two weeks I have been visiting my sister in California and I find the state has become so sick of frauds that it is vomiting them up, and we are losing many from our ranks. What shall we do? Patronize freely the mediums who are honest, if not so wonderful, and circulate our literature. "Freely have ye given, freely shall ye receive." And so shall we receive greater demonstrations. MRS. A. SMITH.

NOW.

I leave with God to-morrows's where and how. And to concern myself with but the

That little word, though half the future's length, Well used, holds twice its meaning and

its strength. Like one blindfolded, grouping out its

I will try to touch beyond to-day, Since all the future is concealed from

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Probably nowhere in the United I am a private medium having a small | States has there been such a leaning towards things perfaining to the occult and mysterious as right here in Detroit, Mich., and nowhere have they been humbugged to the extent that we have. At one time you just simply had to advertise you were a medium, a seventh city would turn out to hear you, but

of the city.

good they have done in removing the in a hornet's nest in his Fast Day Procbarnacles attached to Spiritualism. De- lamation deploring "the decline of retroit is a dangerous place for the fakir ligion." It hit the pulpiteer in a vital now, and yet another thing has brought spot and they rise almost to a man and reproach on our cause in this city, and assert that the Governor is not telling that is undeveloped mediumship, like the truth. the fakir, they bring unjust criticism to How deplorable, that free men, with the cause. Intelligent and refined peo- larger brains than a chimpanzee, will ple hearing the twaddle that comes not believe that three times one is one, from such mediums on the platform, and one time one is three, but must ask and in the circle, become disgusted and and believe what "God's holy anointed" never again care to go further in their choose to tell them. The people of this investigations. Many of these undevel-! State, in their falling away from old oped mediums are brought before the theology, and not attending church, will public for selfish purposes by men and show conculsively to all their thinking women who belong to no society, who brethren between the two oceans, that care nothing for the cause, but only it's not us-but our mountains that are that they might make an easy living, green. holding meetings, charging ten cents at Let me suggest that Gov. Rollins the door, getting such undeveloped me- should at once convene the Legislature diums on their platform to become a of his State and have laws enacted simlaughing stock, paying them nothing liar to those of 1622, which compelled for their services, only encouraging every man to attend the good Puritan them to become conceited and imagine church and help pay the preacher, or he they are great mediums, and probably would be given a free dance in mid air, giving out the medium's address. Me- on a rope, or be banished from the coldiums coming in contact with such con- ony. Good old Roger Williams, one of Science. ditions never amount to anything, all the best men, and the man with the ways being a detriment to the cause, most brains of any in the colony, was, and imagine every medium is a fraud to save his life, compelled to flee from

business and social affairs and as yet would feel exhausted.

and tried medium, permit me to say a the Christian theology. To my mind word in her behalf. The medium to the Christian religion is the greatest Finely Illustrated With Eight Full-Page Engravings. whom I refer is Mrs. M. Kemp, 527 Sco- fraud that was ever perpetrated on a vill avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. On Mon- credulous people. May the angels bless day, May 15, I was in Cleveland, and you, is the wish of your friend, that evening attended Mrs. Kemp's se-ance for full-formed materializations, she being in fact a genuine materializing medium, and honest truthseekers who doubt the fact of spirit return in that condition, can without the shadow telling a story of his trip to the Holy of a doubt be convinced of this truth Land, which he visited after his retirethrough attending one of this worthy ment from public life. He was interinstrument's seances. During a period ested in sacred history and in early to do this and to shove things under of two hours fully forty of the denizens manhood he resolved to go to the counof the spirit world, came to their try where he could see for himself some friends of earth who were there, and a of the things of which he had read. number of whom came out of the cabi- "I was always interested in the charnet and to friends sitting twelve or fif- acter of Moses," he said. "I knew from teen feet from the cabinet. The writer what I read that he was eminent as a was called to the cabinet by Dr. De- lawgiver and I reckon he was a good Ponko, the leading seance control, to man in the definition of that term of or LIFE. meet and converse with three near and that day. But when preachers underdear friends now on the spirit side of took to make me believe that Moses life. After talking with the three alter- was a military man we disagreed. nately he was requested to step into When I was in the Holy Land I went the cabinet where he carried on a con- down to the Red Sea and examined it at versation with three spirit friends, all that point where he is said to have the dark. Have a white cloth which of whom were fully materialized and crossed over with the children of Israel. has been painted with phosphorus in recognized by the writer, while all the I had undisputed authority for the exoots and dried in the air. Suddenly | While he could see the medium, and act place where the crossing occurred who was controlled by a spirit guide. I made a calculation of distances on Later on the writer was again called to land and water. - I made a study of the the cabinet, this time to meet a near topography of the shore lines and the and dear friend who had passed to the country about the Red Sea. I proved to spirit side last August. While I was my own satisfaction, as well as to conversing with this friend the medium others competent to judge, that Moses was led out of the cabinet and in view | could have made time by marching of all in the room. I then requested around the sea from the point where this spirit friend to come out of the cab- he went into it and saved himself a inet and into the middle of the circle, great deal of annoyance. When I told where I introduced him to the ladies a D. D. of my conclusion he said it was and gentlemen. His hair, eyes, hight necessary for Moses to cross where he and general make-up was almost as | did in order that the miracle connected natural as when he lived in the flesh. with the march might be performed. Spiritualists and honest truth-seekers | But I never could understand why a not known to Mrs. Kemp must bring miracle, if one had to be performed, letter of introduction and recommenda- could not have taken place on dry land tion or they will not be admitted. Ow- as well as on the bottom of the Red Sea. ing to Mrs. Kemp's poor health she My opinion is that Moses was hard holds but one seance each week and pressed and he plunged into the stream that one on Monday evening. Mrs. because he realized he was outgen-Kemp, a while back, gave a seance for eraled. With the assistance of the the benefit of a number of reporters on Almighty he succeeded. A military man the secular press and their wives, but | would be excused for fording a creek or had an understanding in advance that river, but nobody but a fool would lead no press notice should be given of the an army into the sea. As a military seance, and the reporters being so well leader Moses would not have had the pleased they complied with her re- rank of corporal in this day."-Chicago quest. A very popular, and learned Chronicle.

Christian minister living not a hundred

MEDIUM'S EXPERIENCE THE CAUSE IMPETROIT, his arisen friends, but for obvious reasons I cannot divulge his name.

VERMONT.

The Decadence of So-Called Christianity.

To the Editor:-I enclose you a clipping from the Burlington (Vt.) Free daughter, a palmist, a fortune teller, or | Press of April 27, 1899, the most widely card reader, and it would seem the whole | circulated paper published in the State. The showing is not very favorable to that day has gone by, bitter expe- the old moss-back theology, nor very rience has taught the people of Detroit appetizing, or easily digested, either, to fight shy of all strange and traveling judging by the frantic efforts the mediums, until they find out who and |"cloth" are making to disprove the what they are. While our home medi- facts, and make sham excuses for the ums were almost starving, though hon- thinking people of the old Green Mounest, the traveling fakir would come and tain State for not attending church and reap a rich harvest, until our local press bowing down and worshiping the old would get after them, exposing their Jewish God that the savage tribes of little confidence game, when the police Israel carried around so many years in would make a raid and clear them out a box, on their murderous, thieving Journeyings in the desert.

Spiritualism here in Detroit owes a! Gov. Rollins, of New Hampshire, in great deal to the local press for the his zeal, unconsciously stepped his foot

Out themselves.

These are some of the conditions we wild savages of the forest for protec-

---- who came and gave me the mes- time we are indeed enjoying a feast in If mankind were taught that they are sage and caused this Mr. - to come | the person of Mrs, Maggle Walte, who | to suffer for their own crimes and shortout and say those names at that time. is drawing very large audiences through comings-instead of making a pack We all have ministering spirits accord- her wonderful powers. Her medium- mule of Jesus-they would be more cauhe was surrounded by lying spirits who on the rostrum commands respect, her all the sins and crimes of the Christian

cannot be accounted as mind-reading. has had not a single denial. Some of I am glad to see that The Progressive Besides, I had heard raps on my table the questions have been of a very deli- Thinker has the moral courage and before which I was sitting, on my chair, cate nature. I have not heard another backbone to stand up and expose all mind could do this. Since only intelli- is a fearless champion of our cause, wherever found. I don't see how you gences could do this and I was alone in | coming here at a time when there was a | can afford to give so much for so little. the room, then it must have been pro- dark cloud over our cause, she has ac- Ingersoll's lecture on the "Devil" was complished a greate work. She has in- worth to me the subscription price of Sit close to a cabinet in a dark room; Many who had begin to lose hope and through the year, every few weeks have some pieces of cloth fastened to remain away are again returning. It is there is one number that is exceptionyour skirts, or in your stocking, open- to be hoped that sho may be spared long ally good that is worth the price for a With your right hand, which is next to have not got any too many of such the United States can afford to be with workers. Vigorous), workers like her out The Progressive Thinker passes my draw out this white cloth so that it and vigorous papers like yours cannot comprehension. I have taken several will come out behind the curtains, then help but convince people of the truth of of the leading Spiritual papers; all good, reach the cloth forward to front open spirit return. WILLIAM HOLTS. but I think The Progressive Thinker is exclaim: "Here is some one," stoop for- Mrs. Kemp as a Materializing Me- lar) than to go without The Progressive Thinker for even half a year. May you long be spared to battle the errors, To the Editor:-In justice to a true frauds, false teachings and crimes of O. M. AMBLER.

Moses Was a Poor Soldier. The late Gov. Oglesby was fond of original.

miles from Cleveland, attends her se- Man is a compound personality, but

ances occasionally and converses with knows little of the ingredients.

The Warfare of Science With Theology.

I have just completed the reading of "The Warfare of Science with Theology," two volumes, by Andrew D. White, and I wish to express my I need but strive to make the next step appreciation of this great work. It is virtually That done, the next, and so on, till I an encyclopedia of the subjects named in the Perchance, some day I am no longer title. No library is complete without it. I would and, looking up, behold a radiant not part with these books for many times their vidious comparison, but do most heart who says: "Rest now, for you have cost if I could not get them again.

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CENERAL SURVEY.

(Continued from page 6.)

The Brockway family has removed from Denver to Pueblo, Colo. They stand in the front ranks of workers. N. C. Westerfield, Secretary, No. 1 B. F. Poole, Clinton, Iowa: Highland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn, would like them to communicate with tinct, easy andirestful to the eye. Address as above."

Important Correction-W. H. Burr gressive Thinker, read thus: The last degree of misery

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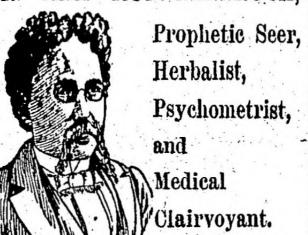
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