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but truth is abiding.

"LATEST LUCUBRATION OF I repeated-and now repeating, I have THE PILGRIM"-THE VACCINA- to say that I abominate this hiding-TION FIGHT IN CALIFORNIA- this moral cowardice that shoots from TION FIGHT IN CALIFORNIA-THE BANGS SISTERS ENDORSED -THE VALUE OF SPIRIT TESTI-'MONIES - MEDIUMS DEFENDED other of this coterie of "unknowables" -WHAT SPIRITS TEACH-ARE out of court. I must know my crific, THEY SHELLS AND DEVILS-A or I will not notice him. If either of MAN WHO LIVES IN TWO WORLDS WHILE IN THE BODY-IMPORTANCE OF CHOICEST MU-SIC IN SPIRITUALIST MEETINGS. Patrons of The Progressive Thinker

will remember that the issue of April 15 contained nearly a page devoted to adverse criticisms of my late book, "The Christ Question Settled, or Jesus, Man, Medium, Martyr," the second edi-tion of which has just been issued by the Banner of Light, Boston, Mass.

It was doubtless further noticed that none of these reviewers grappled with the archaeological references, the Talbetter. The positions taken in this vol-

behind a tree and then skulks off into the jungle out of sight-out of reach! This puts "Zeta" and "Sar'gis" and one the above referred to personages will furnish their proper names, I will as promptly, as pleasantly, turn loose in that direction my ever-ready "pen-gatling." They will find me a foeman

worthy their steel. Truth is fearless. MOSES HULL'S CRITICISM. Richly did I enjoy reading it. It was fair. He had the courage of his convic-tions. He is a man. Here's my hand, friend Moses, for all time, with a warm heart behind it. The praises and com-mendations of this book by Spiritual-ists. Liberalists, Unitarians, and even ists, Liberalists, Unitarians, and even the orthodox "Outlook," had been so profuse and generous, pronouncing it mudic quotations, or the historical the century," to use Brother Hull's own words, that an adverse criticism-a dis-

this-Mr. Shastri, concerning Buddha and Krishna. "Your Christ-God, Jesus, may perhaps have been crucified, but none of our gods were. What strange follies some of you western Secularists and Spiritists exhibit in your books relative to our gods and our religion!" What could I say? And further, many of the Brahmin and Buddhist priests have in their possession the works of

forgotten. Third-"This book, "The Christ Ques- shell, the clothing is not seeing the tion Settled,' introduces spirit testi-mony," etc., says my friend Hull. Emphatically it does. The students of the Talmud, of archaeology, of psychome-try, of history, and of primitive Chrltianity required no spirit messages or "testimonies," but all Spiritualists and multitudes of Liberalists are not graduates from universities, nor have they access to that massive library in the British Museum. And so I gave them | clairvoyance, clairaudlence, trance, visup-to-date testimony upon testimony, ion, and myown conscious mediumship,

but the ever point out any of its monstrous blunders? Not that I ever heard, saw, or read of. W. Emmette Coleman and others did. In India I heard it criticised by an 'Adyar librarian, a Brahmin, until my face crimsoned. Holding it in his hand, "What falsehoods," exclaimed this Mr. Shastri, concerning, Buddha But none would say, "People of New York-nothing more!" Possibly I put fully sing in minor tones, Brother Hull leading— "Hark! from the tombs," spirits—and desire to be set right. I am no bigot—

nothing more." Spirits ever tapping, ever rapping-but

"nothing more." Personally, I have just as much confidence in the messages and testimonies of intelligent and well-identified spirits as I have in the testimonies of Moses Haeckel, Darwin, Tyndall, Huxley, and Hull and others whom I most highly other scientific literature. There are esteem. True, I have never known, fine scholars, thinkers, and logicians in | that is to say, I have never seen-that those Oriental lands. This must not be spirit vestured in mortality, known as Moses Hull. Seeing the face, the there.

man. The physical eye is not the true criterion of knowledge. I know-] judge him by his fruits and by his psy chic aura, just as I know and judge in fluencing spirts. There is a higher tribunal of knowledge than the physical senses, namely, intuition, reason, sub jective insight, and a cultured and ma ture judgment. Relying upon these, in connection with such phenomena as

But did he criticise it adversely? Did spirit messages and spirit testimonies a pauper, a scientist, and a bootblack, "Where dld you get your knowledge of this spiritual philosophy?" I said to more." Thus saith our Moses. Death, a stenographer were present to take him one day. Smiling, he replied, "I got it at the fountain-head-got it where it is lived

and truly practiced, and Spiritualists, as well as everybody else, had better go to practicing it right now and here." It is a very remarkable case-and interests me deeply, as do all these psychie and occult subjects, whether in have no sect to support-no creed to upthis country or in India.

hold; but must say from, my soul's I am just in receipt of an elegantly depths, take from me spiritual phenombound copy of Mr. Longley's beautiful ena-spirit messages and the accompasongs-fourteen or fifteen in number. nying philosophy and I am only com-parable to a rickety old ship, off on a boundless ocean, engulfed in fogs, with How it would delight me to hear him sing them, for they are really soul songs, well designed for our meetings. neither chart nor compass. Rob me of And, by the way, how much we lack whatever else you will, sir, but leave me Spiritualism, its testimonies and music, fine, harmonious, and up-lifting music in our Spiritualist meetings. It messages from the loved ones, over is indispensable to success.

Just as I was leaving San Francisco, W. E. Nevill, formerly a Disciple preacher, handed me his new booklet-"The Car Conductor's Dream." It is What Spiritualist has not heard of them? And by the way, there is just racy, rich, and full of fine thoughts. now a controversy going on in the col-umns of the London Light about the Bangs Sisters' merits and demerits as mediums. It matters little to me what the prejudiced, one-sided John C. Bun-dy said of them, or of many other me-diums ten or fifteen years ago. It mat-ters little to me how many wives Solochapter, and that is admirable. Mr.

mon had many thousand years ago, or

Consideration of Its Idiosyncrasies. AN EARNEST PLEA FOR MORE HONESTY AMONG INVESTIGA-TORS.

MEDIUMSHIP.

To the Editor :- Now that so much is eing said and written about frauds it might be well to consider what conditions are usually afforded mediums through whom messages are transmitted from spirits to mortals. That frauds abound in Spiritualism is not surprising when the very air is full of it. Turn where one may, in every de-partment of business, profession and trade, in creeds and politics. Medicines that cure all human ailments, adulterated food and drinks, everywhere is one constantly confronted by these hideous barnacles. Being that this is a Just a few hours since I received by free country and most of its people, de-mail F. A. Wiggins' new and beautiful- light to run after every new wonder ly bound book entitled "Cubes and and be humbugged, there seems no way Spheres." I have read but the first for Spiritualists to exterminate them from their cause. They might be ren-Wiggins is winning golden opinions all dered less harmful by withdrawing pataround, both as a speaker and a public test medium. No more camp-meeting engagements! numbers of the "dear people" for whom Have been officially invited to fourteen | many are very solicitous subsist on this of them this season-the last two being | chaff, If the ordinary Spiritualists are to say that I am engaged to five and | think they of mediums who have borne persecution and ostracism and poverty that these frauds may now come and reap a rich harvest? These disgusting fakes will continue to exist and prey upon the people as long as there is a demand for them, as long as they are ordained as ministers and employed by organizations. It is not of these I would write but of the honest medium who must bear the odium, and rise above the enervating influences. Mediums must have conditions to enable them faithfully to deliver messages to a bungry world. In the psychic realm it is as impossible to plant thistles and gather figs as it is on a material plane. Many make grave mistakes in seeking spiritual knowledge without the use of their spiritual faculties-seeking to obtain divino things through human energy and self-13-inch lungs on the trembling Spirit- ish motives. Such investigators care and know nothing of spirituality and are generally dissatisfied, leaving the medium spiritually impoverished. It is to the hungry and thirsty soul that much is given. To the earnest lover of truth for truth's sake will good spirits most readily respond. To provide conditions for pure spirits to communicate, In a harangue so thickly studded it is just as needful for the investigator with such beautiful gems as "Spiritual- | to be truthful and honest and spiritual Years ago, in 1875, when we first came to Galveston, there lived here a Colonel ----- who was regarded as a leader in Spiritualistic circles. He was an open and avowed disciple of the cause. A man of high social standing in order for The Progressive Thinker and intellectual ability and a staunch advocate for the purity of both Spiritualists and mediums, but unfortunately he would dictate to the spirits and was usually dissatisfied with both spirits and mediums. He would advertise for mediums, and some came, but none suited. The last of these was an automatic writer. The Colonel kept her in seclusion for his private benefit, but day after day her hand would rapidly scribble and no intelligence could be obtained; his patience gave out and he exclaimed, "Can't you spell?-try-write. house, h-o-u-s-e." At once the hand wrote house, house, and continued writing house during that seance and at every seance held for three weeks after. Monday, May 22, made note of 'the co- at which time the medium was discharged and the Colonel learned that he could not command obedience from dwellers on life's other shore. Others equally egotistic approach mediums thinking their social position and wealth should entitle them to special newspapers were as fair as the Pitts- privileges as investigators. One such writes: "I need some advice on financial

ume are impregnable. While nearly the whole enlightened world-Christian,

Mohammedan, Brahminic and Buddhistic-considers the testimony of the New Testament with the Petrine and Pauline epistles proof sufficient of Jesus' existence, I took upon myself the Herculean task of proving it historically and spiritually, outside of the New Testament and the Epistles-and think I did it-did it, in the estimation probably of everyone educationally qualified to form a sound judgment upon the subject.

Engaged for weeks in a bloodless yot bitter fight both privately and openly with eighty or ninety San Diego doctors upon the subject of compulsory vaccination, lecturing against it, serving on committees, writing for the San Diego dailies, and doing other work devolving upon me as president of the Anti-Vaccination Leage of the city, my mind was and continues to be centered more upon Jenner just now and his poisonous vaccine virus; than upon Jesus' existence, or his ethics.

. California, be it said to her lasting shame, has a compulsory vaccination law. It was passed by a doctor-lobbled legislature ten years ago, but remained a dead letter until last winter. Southern California, and especially Los Angeles and San Diego, knowing no winters, are exceedingly healthy cities. There was not a solitary case of small-

pox in San Diego, a city of iwenty-two thousand, but the doctors were hungry. Their coats were getting threadbare. Their wives wanted new hats and bonnets. Their furniture required retouching. Something must be done. If there was no sowing, there could be no reaping. Ah! here it was-there are lymph farms, 'vaccine trusts, a compulsory vaccination law, and a growing number of lean, light-pursed doctors-a magnificent combine! "Enforce the thrown, and in my honest opinion, they law! Enforce the law!" cried the doctors, one or more of whom were on the health and school boards. And so, the vaccination law was promulgated; demanding that the school children should be vaccinated or be turned out of the public schools-schools for the support

of which their parents had been taxed. The doctors went, therefore, straighway into this vaccination business. It was a bonanza. Lancets and cowpoxlancets and cow putridity-lancets and cowpox-virus, taken from the putrefying sores on heifers' shaven abdomens, was put into hundreds of children's arms and called "pure lymph." As well talk of pure rattlesnake venom, of dulcet damnation, or of painless syph-

Vaccination does not exempt from Echo! smallpox. This every thoroughly intel-

senting, jarring note-was really and message upon message, from those freshing.

exalted spirits peopling the invisible Brother Hull thinks that the title spiritual realms of being; and who nage, "The Christ Question Settled, or neither lost their individualities, nor Jesus, Man, Medium, Martyr," is mismemories, nor moral attainments, nor leading. Here we differ. Christ and interest in the truth, nor all worldly af-Jesus are used interchangeably by fairs, by crossing the crystal river. nearly all writers. In so doing they Death. lead the people astray. My object in My critic thinks that if all these the title page was to correct this very "messages had been relegated to the common blunder. Jesus was not waste-basket, the book would have

Christed-that is, especially, spiritually been much stronger." In this, we diaillumined until the baptism in Jordan, metrically differ; besides, saying nothnor did Gautama become a Buddha-a ing of this involved skepticism, it is Christ-until the spirit descended upon paying a very dubious compliment to him in India's evergreen forests. As the very best mediums of the world, there were in olden times lords many such as Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. and gods many, so were there Christs Richmond, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Piper, many-"Saviors shall come upon Mount Mrs. Freitag, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Carpen-Zion," said the prophet. Jesus became ter, Mrs. Twing, and many others with a Christ-one of the Christs of the whom I am acquainted—a very dismal ages. As I see it, all compliment to the controlling intellitruly good and highly ungences of Wiggins, Colville, Morse, folded and spiritually-minded men and Howe, Edgerly, Fuller, Duguid, M. A. women, whether in Greece, Palestine, Oxon, S. B. Brittan, and Andrew Jackor Persia, were Christs. Such divinely son Davis; for the latter always spoke illumined souls to-day are Christs. In reverently of the inspired man of Nazathis book I was writing mostly of the reth and of the testimonies and mes-Ohrist question of the first century and sages from the heavenly world through adjusting it in accordance with the conthe higher developed intermediariestinuity of history and law to the especially independent clairvoyants; thought of this century. Words change, and yet, all their messages "relegated but principles do not. Symbols vanish, to the waste-basket!" Any such state-

ment, advisory or mandatory, carries Secondly, Brother Hull thinks that in its own refutation, so far as it is allied this "able book," "The Christ Question to wisdom.

Settled," there is a manifest desire on As a fitting climax to this Mosaic critthe part of W. Emmette Coleman and icism, Brother Hull says squarely, "Spirmyself to belittle and abuse those who it testimony proves spirit existencediffer from "us." Another serious misnothing more." This is an appalling take: We dealt mostly with theories. statement to be made by a Spiritualist But touching this charge, Mr. Coleman, lecturer and writer! "Spirit testimony if he so chooses, can answer for himproves spirit existence-nothing.more!" self. He is abundantly able. He is a A Roman Catholic could have said just profound scholar. His articles and esas much and been still a persecuting, says relating to the origin of Christianred-handed Roman Catholic. Catholics ity and the existence of Jesus, have believe in spiritual phenomena and spirnever been met-never been overit obsession and have formulae for casting out "evil spirits." A Mormon cannot be. Gerald Massey in trying it, could have said as much and been a met a fatal Waterloo. And by the way, Utah Mormon still, for they believe in in one of his little pamphlets; Mr. Musspirit return and in spiritual gifts. And sey used language quite as severe and Seventh-day Adventists could have said blter relating to Mr. Coleman as ever as much and been Adventists still. This fell from the latter's lips or pen. But sect believes in the reality of our spiritthat was their business-not mine. Of al phenomena. Elder Urlah Smith, of these two persons, Mr. Ooleman is by Battle Creek, once told me-in his own residence that there were communicat-

When Sir William Crookes wrote a ing spiritual beings all around and most charming note to the International about us; but they were "the spirits of Congress of Spiritualists convening last devils and demons of darkness"-"unyear in London, and when that whiteclean spirits" mentioned in Revelation haired, white-souled compeer of Chas. 16:13. An African Zulu, or an Austra-Darwin, Alfred R. Wallace, cheerfully, lian bushman could have said as much bravely took the chair, delivering a as Brother Hull, for they believe that most masterly address upon the practhe unseen forces of nature are tical of Spiritualism, where-where "spirits." was this much-praised Gerald Massey?

Prof. Buchanan, put down by the these spirits saved, or are they spirits and ancestors, and right here with us,

I know that these invisible intelligences around and above us, are something more than mere "spirits." They are spirits plus intelligence and wisdomspirits once of earth in various states of development-the spirits of our loved ones gone before, the spirits of

friends, of poets, statesmen, martyrs, gods, who coming either personally, or mediatorially through thought and soul-vibration, testify of mansions immortal, of friendships undying, affections imperishable, homes of transcendent beauty, of libraries and art galleries of superior facilities for acquiring knowledge, and of progress undreamedof in this world of mortal blindness and moral darkness. They testify of meetings and greetings over there, not only of familiar friends, but of teachers and travelers and saviors of the ages long ago-Confucius and Jesus, Socrates and Plato-an innumerable company, a trailing cloud of witnesses!these are among the treasures, the messages, and the testimonies of spirits. And, instead of tossing them into the "waste-basket," Li hold them as above all price-all price. Standing as I sometimes do upon the Mountain of Vision, contemplating the glories unspeakable, of that higher-spiritual existence, I long to be there where brightest hopes ne'er perish, fondest loves ne'er vanish, truest friends ne'er falter, brightest stars ne'er fade, where flowers ne'er wither, and where the morning suns of progress and of ecstatic blessedness-know no shadows, no settings. Hallelujah! After fifty years and more of study

of the occult and especially Spiritual ism in North-lands, South-lands and Oriental lands, I have to say that if the teachings and testimonies of sprits through such refined, sensitive organizations as Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs., Brigham, Mrs. Freitag, Mrs. Young, Mr. Wiggin, Morse, Colville, Emerson, Lyman C. Howe, Edgerly, and hundreds upon hundreds of other royal-souled mediums in this and in foreign lands, have not, in connection with our reason and highest judgment, reasonably and satisfactorily settled the following, VIZ.:

1. That man is a spirit now, and that this indwelling spirit is the center of life. consciousness, force, intelligence, will, and purpose.

2. That there is not only an unconscious, but a conscious and continual intercommunion between the visible and the invisible realms of existence. 3. That the spirits, influencing and entrancing mediums, are the spirits of "Spirit testimony proves spirit exist- | human beings once vestured in morence-nothing more!" Well, then, are | tality as we now are-our risen friends

whether Samson chased the foxes or whether the foxes chased Samson. 1 more reasonable. But. what of the Bangs Sisters as they are to-day? What of their mediumship?

THE BANGS SISTERS.

I had never seen these ladies, so upon my return from California to Chicago, and after a delicious and most wholesome dinner at the hospitable table of J. R. Francis, of The Progressive Thinker, accompanied by that solid, sound-headed writer and lecturer, Will C. Hodge, whom frauds fear and genuine mediums honor, I repaired to the Bangs Sisters' residence.

And what of it? Read and you will find out. After glancing at their magnificent spirit pictures painted without hands, something as are Mr. Duguid's, in Glasgow, Scotland, I stepped into the seance room with one of the sisters. She handed me a pad, saying, "Write your questions, put them in an envelope, and seal it." She stepped out of the room. I was now alone, save with the invisibles whose presences I distinctly felt. It was broad daylight, the sun shining into the room. I wrote my questions, carefully sealed the envelope, and tap ping the bell, Miss Bangs came into the room. She handed me several slates, saying, "Put your sealed letter between two of them." I did so, and then put rubber bands around them, then another slate atop of these, and a heavy rubber band around them all While touching them with the tips of our fingers, the sun still shining brightly into the room, she said, "I see the letter L over your head-I see more now, I see the name Leonard"-that was the name of a brother and the one to whom I had written in the sealed envelope. She saw other names and gave me clairvoyant testimonies and messages. They were beautiful. It was bright daylight all this time. "They have answered your questions," she said. And now mark-this

letter was sealed and never out of my hands. I put it between the two slates myself. I -put the bands around the 'slates, and I never took my fingers from the slate until the writing was said to be done. The sun was still shining brightly into the room. I removed the rubber bands, opened the slates. Nothing was written on any of them. I opened the letter, and there were several well-written pages-beautiful messages from ascended friends. They not only answered my questions, but wrote of things that were not at all in my own mind. The advice was grand. Now then, don't you dare tell me or even hint that the Bangs Sisters are not genuine mediums. And yet I pre-

am inclined to believe the latter-as the | Lake Pleasant and Maple Dell. I have | disgusted and sickened by frauds; what cannot make any more engagements. It is useless to write to me. J. M. PEEBLES, M. D. Battle Oreek, Mich.

He Is Not Tolerant.

In The Progressive Thinker of June 10 there appears a quotation from a sermon by the Rev. J. T. McCrory, of Pittsburg, Pa., as reported by the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette, which does that great and good man an injustice in that it places him in a false position before the great world of liberal

thought, of which he is not a part, and in which he does not live, upve nor have his mental being. When, after laborious effort, a great man succeeds in getting his ponderous 'think wheels" to going and turns his ualists, it is rather discouraging to have the impression go out that into his sermon had crept a liberal thought or two. It is hardly doing the square thing by this strictly orthodox gentleman to report his diatribe in such a way as to make it appear that he would compromise with the devil.

ism a conspiracy of crime," "an assault | as it is for the medium. on the morals of humanity," "tramples marriage under foot," "teaches free love," "satanic delusion," "frightful conspiracy," etc., it is not hard to see where the good man stands on this question, and it would seem that it is and the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette to extend apologies to the Rev. J. T. McCrory for having-unwittingly perhaps-accused him of being charitable or tolerant toward those who dissent from his opinions.

By a remarkable coincidence, at the very moment Rev. McCrory was pulverizing the Spiritualists, Mr. John H. Knight, secretary of the First Church of Spiritualists was delivering an eloquent address in its defense before a crowded house. The title of Mr. Knight's discourse was "Objections to Spiritualism Analyzed and Refuted." and the subject was handled in an able manner. The Pittsburg Leader of incidence and alternately printed a paragraph of Mr. McCrory's sermon and one of Mr. Knight's showing how Mr. McCrory's objections to Spiritualism were being analyzed and refuted at the very moment of their utterance. If all sume there are stupid, impudent, egoburg Leader, Spiritualism would soon tistical fools-hold on, Pilgrim-hold!

ligent physician should know to be Arena as one of the world's twelve true. Many do not know it. Vaccine great men is abundantly able to defend virus, however pure, does not modify his symposium portion of the book; smallpox the one-thousandth part as "The Christ Question Settled." Not aumuch as does sanitation. Personally, I thorized, I did not in the editing, should prefer having the smallpox un- change a word of his contribution. der the proper sanitary conditions, to the cowpox of Jenner.

noted for personal liberty and inborn to the milk and water dispensation. I inalienable rights-the very word "com- have no sympathy with any lullaby, pulsory" is repulsive. If my neighbor | "pink tea" words and expressions. In wants his children vaccinated, let him book-making I do not deal in vaporish ing more." Thus saith Moses Hull. vaccinate them; but to compel me to and feathery generalities, nor in fluffy vaccinate mine against my superior in- sentimentalities. Having an idea, I telligence and conscience is un-Amer- write it-or speak it-and if I wish to ing? Shades of our heroes, martyrs, ican, unjust, and absolutely monarch- make it-weightier, I preface it with sages, and foot-weary ploneers; Robert ial.

If compulsory vaccination tends to the language of an old church father, Howitt, Father Pierpont, Wm. Denton, health, as contended, and if such a law once himself a pagan, to a sensitive, S. B. Brittan, Henry Kiddle, Prof. should be enacted and enforced, why thinskinned pagan, he said, "If the Hare, and others of whom the orthodox not enact and enforce a compulsory law | truth offend, be ye offended." (in the interests of health), that people | Highly as I esteem Brother Hull, our names are written in heaven! shall eat graham-bread as a preventive great debater, and much as it would deof constipation. It is surely healthier light me to accommodate him, I cannot than white bread, which is mostly car- conscientiously "expunge" one adject- guides relating to their homes, capacibon and starch; or why not enact and live from the book. I wrote it earnestenforce a law-a compulsory law of cir- ly, conscientiously. I stand by it-stand cumcision? Not only Zulus, Arabians, by such phrases as "scoffing atheists." Jews, and Semitic races generally, but "gall-dipped pen-strokes which uneduprofessors in our medical colleges and cated materialists and a few Spiritists Richmond, Cooley, Colville, Morse, Wigthe more cultured physicians of all who strive to write and talk out of excountries now contend that circumcis- istence, Jesus, Josephus, Mohammed, ion conduces both to cleanliness and Shakspeare, and other regal-souled health; and further, it is certainly a pos- characters, whose ringing, burning itive preventive of phimosis. Then, words have startled and for centuries why not have a legislative law, making moved our world onward and upward." it compulsory, with the proviso that the Yes, I stand by those words; and, if my masculine portion of the health boards | body is not cremated, as I desire when and school boards of each state and cold in death, but lying as it may be, city submit first to this surgical, dis- calmly encoffined amid flowers and ease-preventive operation; and the wreaths of roses, put this book, "The school boys later? But I am wander- Christ Question Settled," upon the cofing. "Out of the abundance of the fin-lid as the last visible testimony of dens, of groves, of evergreen shores, of heart, the mouth speaketh."

Now to my reviewers. Never did I tions of its truth! write an article, essay, or review for | I weary with pessimism-weary with the public press without affixing my illiterate flippancy-weary with those signature thereto. This is the law in pronounced opinions and that much-dis- light, of parliaments and congresses of unitive and harmonious than are the glance-knows them, he says, all too California and in some foreign coun- played intimacy with the more protries, and if there were not the moral found scholars, archaeologists, and sa- planning in love divine as angels use, law, the higher law of open-handed vants of the ages; when said parties are for the education of those unmeasured Philipinos of the Orient, their origin, justice demands it. When A-P-A-ism absolutely ignorant of the results of was politically rampant a few years their researches, and of the more recent interstellar regions of infinity-theseago, I distinctly stated in The Pro- and grand discoveries in Assyria, Baby- all these sublime teachings and testi- for self-government gressive Thinker that I would not de- lonia, Persia, and Egypt.

ture? Are they the spirits of the air, of the water, of the fire? Are they mere "shells" as theosophists teach? Are they restless unlaid ghosts, gobling, gnomes, elementals, elementaries, or Speaking for myself in relation to wicked, haunting, demoniac spirits? this book: its language, statements, and Answer! Do our friends know each In this land of the free-this country | style. I have to say that I do not belong other over there? No answer! Is there progress over there? Our brother is simessages prove spirit existence-"noth-

far the most learned and profound.

And is this the result-the harvest of over fifty years of Spiritualistic sowgood, solid, trip-hammer adjectives. In Dale Owen, Judge Edmunds, Wm.

world were not worthy; and yet, whose Shut up your seance-rooms, O mediums, the testimony of your spirit gins, and scores of others, for the cheering messages and blessed testimonies that drop like pearls, or stream in golden radiance through your sensitive | life to be infallible,-nothing of the organisms-messages that tell of recognitions over there, of renewed hand- to be infallible. There's but one infal- purposes are good. The legitimate clasps over there, of tenderest words of sympathy, of gentlest whispers of love. of blessed meetings of friends, of the the Infinite. soul's progress and unfoldment; of rayishing strains of melody, of angel guardianships, of great inventions, of gar-

my soul's deep, conscientious convicever-murmuring rills, of ever-flowing fountains, of musical lutes, harps, and lyres, of mountains crowned with temples of wisdom, bright with perfumed monies afire with hopes and truths, and

damned? Are they the spirits of Na- now. 4. That spirits identify themselves in

the future world-know each otherknowing as they are known, in those higher spheres of substantial realities. 5. That progress is a privilege and a law in the spirit-world, as well as in this preliminary stage of existencespirits there, through discipline, growing in knowledge and wisdom, approxlent; for spirit testimonles and spirit | imating perfection.

6. That scientists, musicians, reformers, philanthropists continue their inspired pursuits in spirit life, teaching like that of Mrs. Everett, of London. the brotherhood of all tribes, races, nations, and even of those unnumbered planetary worlds that glitter and stud the measureless spaces of immensity. 7. That spirits, divested of their earthly bodes (as well as mortals here) reap by virtue of inexorable law what they have sown and what they are still sowing: I repeat-if fifty years of spirit investigation and research, of spirit | not been for his sturdy business qualicommunications and testimonies do not-have not-reasonably settled such of obsession, and more-it is a tempoties, aspirations, and spirit employ- statements as the above, and others of rary transference or transmutation ments, count for nothing. Hang your | vast import, then our Spiritualism is | seemingly of another individuality into harps upon the willows, O eloquent lec- about as valueless as a ratifing bundle his body, he leaving temporarily, save turers, Lyman C. Howe, Mrs. Lillie, of last year's cornstalks. "Spirits-and by a silvery electric chord of vital symnothing more.". Bundles of cornstalks, pathy. Do not talk of the double. and nothing more!

Do not infer from the above that I | rather he is two or more distinct perbelieve the spirits peopling the higher kind. They themselves do not profess | under higher intelligences and that his libility in the universe, and that is A. U. M.; God, the absolute, the undefined,

Spiritualism constitutes the foundation of all my knowledge of a future life-constitutes all the knowledge I possess of the conditions and vocations of that future life. And further, I am of the opinion that the consensus of spirit testimonies upon matters connected with that life are even more with this world. He knows men at a seers and sages over there, and all descriptions and "testimonies" Americans to-day, touching-say, the | are unsettled and that he has duties deworlds that stud and glitter along the organizations, temperaments, social conditions, moral status, and capacities of his own body all the time. He is not

If ten men dropped down into Battle scend to notice any "nut-cracking" cow- At this late day, Brother Hull de purest loves, are but deceptions to daz- Creek to-day from New York City-an his life, and yet, is one of the best ard attacking me under a false signa- clares he never "endorsed Mr. Graves' sie, empty bubbles, filthy rags, and editor, a lawyer, a drayman, an artist, posted men upon the Spiritualistic philture. I must know my opponent. This book. The Sixteen Crucified Saviors." dross! They count for nothing; for a chimney-sweep, a poet, a millionaire, losophy that I have ever met.

Brother Hull will be after you using strong language. for confess; and will cheerfully modify. There are positive, pugnacious thickheaded Secularists and illiterate, materialistically-inclined Spiritualists who will invent a dozen or more of the silliest and most astounding miracles to get rid of the plain, simple, and natural facts that these were genuine spiritual communications. The Bangs Sisters are very excellent mediums, and the above phase of writing is very much

A SINGULAR PHENOMENON.

I am now treating a case psychically that much resembles the famous "Watseka wonder," occurring in the Illinois family, with which I am well acquainted. This gentleman had been pronounced insane at times and would have been in the lunatic asylum had it ties-and his great wealth. It is a case This is altogether different. It, or sonalities at times. The principal intruder insists that he is experimenting owner of the body when in the spirit world richly enjoys it. He there gains

much knowledge-but is impelled, he says, by wiser intelligences to again take upon himself the burden of mortality, his body. Once in it, though a little dazed at first, he enjoys his family, his children; but remembering enough of the superior conditions of the spiritual world, he feels dissatisfied of | well. He feels that his financial affairs volving upon him in this world, and wants the full and conscious possession a Spiritualist. He never attended a seance-never read a Spiritualist book in

be understood by the masses, and sensational bigots would be more careful in choosing subjects. Allegheny, Pa. M. R. CRILLY.

The Work Is Growing.

Neoga, Illinois, is a small village situated 184 miles south of Olicago, on the Illinois Central 'railroad. It has a population of 1,200. Spiritualism was introduced here little more than six" months ago. We were laughed at and called a "crank," etc. To-day we have a following of fifteen good, honest people. We had the pleasure of a visit by Mrs. Hattie Tiffany, of Champaign, Ill., a trumpet and trance medium. Her control worked well in the circle, and many people in this little village heard the voice and talked with their friends whom they thought dead. Old men are now seriously thinking, and it is the hand writing on the wall that Spiritualism has come to stay. I desire to say here that if you want to investigate, send for Mrs. Hattle Tiffany. She is an honest and true medium, and when you investigate, as I have, in your own homes, you will know your friends live. This is a satisfaction. One gentleman who was in our circles, said to me, "It seems too good to be true." Let us all, the investigator as well, go on and on until our time will come when we, too, will pass from this darkness to light, and then we will be more able to instruct our friends we left behind. G. F. DOUGHERTY.

The older a man gets the more desirable things he can think of that is too late to do .- Puck. We seldom realize it, but very fre-

quently the reason we have no use for people is because they will not allow themselves to be used .- Puck-In West Virginia a woman wanted a legal separation from her husband because he was an infidel. She asserted in her petition that he did not believe in God, and that this caused her great grief and suffering, so much so that she

could not get along with him. The court decided this to be adequate grounds for divorce. No evil propensity of the human

heart is so powerful that it cannot be subdued by discipline,-Seneca.

matters, and while I have no faith in your line of business, I will give you a trial. Enclosed find ten cents." Had the letter not contained the money it would have been thrown aside without notice. I promptly replied:

"After thirty-five years of successful service in my line of business, I decline to be put upon trial. Sir, be assured that mediums are not frauds, neither is Spiritualism a delusion. Enclosed find your ten cents."

Then come others wanting fortunes told, who must be made to understand that spirit communion is not fortunetelling, and is on a higher, holier plane. Others write to make engagements, signing assumed names. Some come, giving fictitious names. If all the deception and fraud practiced by investigators was not so many times fraught with unpleasant results it would be ludicrous. As it now is it is pitiful. It takes strong moral courage in the make up of a medium to resist the contaminating influence of such investigators. Happily, however, there are many noble-hearted men and women who would scorn to resort to deception whose presence in a seance is a benediction and who by their purity of motives attract wise counselors and loving spirits. With a little care all mediums may determine the honesty of purpose of one who desires a seance by the influence a letter or their personal presence always brings. If that be pleasant and uplifting, their motive is good. If repulsive, such better be shunned. By observing these sensations much that is hurtful in mediumistic work may be avoided. Mediums possess a most precious though perilous gift. Let us each strive to use it for the uplifting of humanity, and making life better and brighter here and now. A spirit on being questioned about the rap wrote: "What of the mystic sound you hear, When to you we come so near? It is the click of the unseen wire From realms to which your souls as-

Be that high or low, to mortal call Response will come-the rap will fall." I like your paper, it always contains

such an abundance of food for thought. yet can't see how it is possible to give so much for so little. Galveston, Tex. SUE J. FINCK,

whom Christians say was the Son of THE HOME GERGLE WOMAN'S ADVANCEMENT God, while others say he was God himself, still that unauswered question has come ringing down through the ages and is yet without an answer because it cannot be answered by man, for the

It is great satisfaction to a sincere in- , audience, Freceived this positive eviquirer to receive undeniable proofs of dence through physical demonstrations spirit return. While one may never of spirit power in the little home or have doubted that the spirit of man family circle.

lives after his body has been consigned I have attended public seances given. to the embrace of kindly Mother Earth by much advertised materialization and has returned to its kindred dust, mediums, where the only materialized faith may be converted into certain forms were entirely made up for the knowledge, which gives fixed and set- occasion, by the deft manipulations of tled assurance, beyond the disguletude the "medium" and assistants. Such of doubt. While I do not doubt that things tend naturally to destroy all

others have received this full assur- faith in Spiritualism, and were it not ance through public mediums, I must that my previous experience in the say that, for myself, although I have home circle' had left the truth settled attended many public meetings and beyond all doubt in my mind, like so circles, and have witnessed what were | many others, I might have thought it claimed to be materializations-all of was all humbug and fraud. But the which materializations appeared to me home circle evidence settled the matter | ter, since she was made simply for to be cunning frauds and nothing more for good and for all time, with me. No man; that man shines by light received -besides receiving so-called "tests" in amount of trickery or spurious medi- from God, while woman is of import-

of spirit presence I have found in the the least. I know and my knowledge light of man. The New Testament enlittle quiet home circle. There, with was received in the home circle. one, two, or a very small number of persons present, I have seen, heard and importance of the home or family

felt such proofs as left me no room for circle. doubt, nor can I ever doubt, even I wish to urge further the importance

though thousands of fake mediums, and tens of thousands of exposures of of having a good Spiritual family paper. tricks such as Robinson publishes in such as The Progressive Thinker, and his little book, were to flood the world. in addition thereto a good paper espe-When people who know it all tell me it | cially designed for the children, such as The Lyceum, published by Tom Clifis all fraud, trickery-that there is no ford, 1905 Pearl street, Cleveland, O. such thing as genuine spirit manifestations; why, I simply know better, I can- It is the best in the world, and is pubnot doubt it more than I can doubt my lished weekly, at only 50 cents a year.

own existence, and aside from my own

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sorption, is a definite declaration of as much as we please, but it neverthespiritual principles; a clear cut defi- less is the fact, that any so-called nition of Truth in material language. | definite statement of Truth not, only New York State Association of Spirit-That, like the Israelites in the wilder- limits the operation of that truth, but it becomes the standard by which that May 26, 27 and 28, and was a very intruth must be measured by every one would not call it a creed-and for that who would accept it, and I pray that I am thankful-but by some other name | organized bodies of Spiritualists may

ings as to her position and influence. An examination of these teachings would lead one to infer this from their character: an examination of history shows that the influence of these teachings has been bad. The New Testament endorses and

confirms the old Hebrew declaration, and he shall rule over thee.'

It teaches that wan was made for himself and for the glory of God, while woman's existence is of secondary characplenty, the only really satisfactory tests | umship can unsettle or disturb me in | ance only as she appears in the reflected joins that as the Church is subject to For this reason I especially urge the | Christ, so should wives be to their own husbands in everything; that as Christ is head of the church, so is the husband head of the wife; that women should not speak in public, but be under obedience, as also saith the law that they should not teach, but learn in silence with all subjection, for the reason that "Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but woman being deceived was in the transgression."I. Tim., ii::11,15. Such teachings tend to lower rather than elevate, to hinder rather than advance, the condition of woman. The teachings of Paul are quoted in the pulpit to-day to restrict the sphere of woman's activity and usefulness. Only a few years ago so eminent a divine as Rev. Theodore Cuyler was brought before an ecclesiastical body, tried, convicted and censured for permitting a lady to occupy his pulpit in disregard of Paul's explicit instructions. What is this but a survival of the view which led a provincial

> taking the eucharist in their naked hands. 'The idea of woman's subordinate position is a part of the Christian system, which teaches that through her, sin entered the world, and that in consequence her position is one of inferiorers," says Hamilton, "stood formally ity and her duty is silence and subjec-

her condition.

The advancement of woman has been | conferred on them by the middle Roretarded by Jewish and Christian teachman law!

RETARDED BY

"Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and wife should be "no more twain but

or meant when used by Jesus. A bishop was to be the husband of one wife, evidently to prevent scandal. Many learned divines have held, as the Latter-day Saints of Jesus Christ hold today, that in the New Testament, polygamy is no more condemned than is monogamy. This was the view of Luther, Melancthon, and other leaders of the German reformation. These two men drew up the celebrated concilium which authorized the landgrave Phillip of Hesse to have a plurality of wives, and Luther advised Henry VIII, to adopt polygamy as the best way of reconciling desire and duty when he wanted to marry Anne Boleyn; but "the defender of the faith" preferred to divorce and to kill his wives as fast as he became tired of them and wanted a new one. "Both Luther and Melancthon," says Sir William Hamilton in his "Discussions on Philosophy and Literature," "promulgated opinions in favor of polygamy to the extent of vindicating to the spiritual minister a right of private dispensation, and to the temporal magistrates the right of establishing council, in the fifth century, to prohibit

the practice, if they chose, by public women, on account of their impurity, law.' John of Leydon, one of the reformers. carried out Luther's view of establishing polygamy at Munster and persecuting those who opposed it. "A dozen distinguished divines among the reform-

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polygamy, which was common in Israel and practiced by the greatest men for hundreds of years. Laws existed pro-Handsomely bound in cloth. Price \$L viding for it. Yet neither Jesus nor the Postage 10 cents. For sale at this office, apostles had a word of condemnation A Conspiracy Against the Republic for this evil which prevailed in their By Charles B. Walte, A. M., author of "History of

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cleave unto his wife; and they shall be ALL ABOUT DEVILS. one flesh."-Gen. 11:24. This expression Or an Inquiry as to whether Modern Spiritualism and other Great Reforms come from His Satani Majesty and his subordinates in the Kingdom of Darkness. 60 pages. By Moses Hull. Price, 15 cantsi For sale as this office. was not understood to condemn polygamy in the Old Testament, and there is no evidence that it was so understood

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of Spiritualists.

ualists was held at Saratoga Springs, Mosher, "Pauline, the Reaper." Our retiring president, Frank Walker.

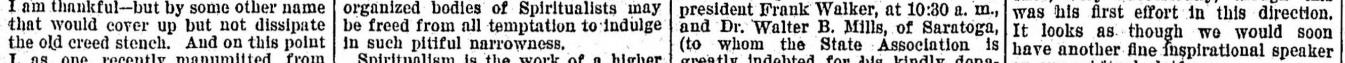
The meeting was called to order by ence, very successfully, though this president Frank Walker, at 10:30 a. m., | was his first effort in this direction,

I, as one recently manumitted from Spiritualism is the work of a higher greatly indebted for his kindly dona- on our spiritual platform. Dr. E. A. Smith, president of the Vermont State Association, gave a history of that successful organization. E. G. Reilly spoke briefly, Spirit mes-

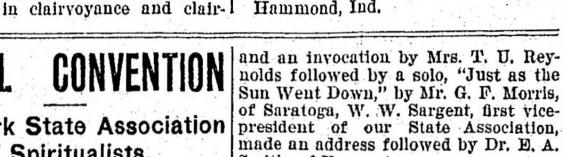
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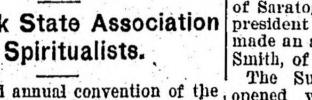
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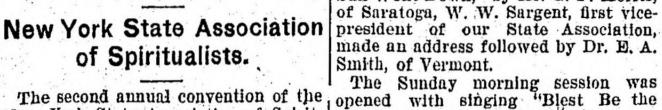
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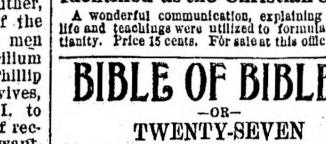


tion of the hall with its decorations of flags and cut flowers and potted plants) made the address of welcome, which was responded to by our president. The president appointed Mrs. Carrie sages were given by Mrs. Laura Ells-









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divorced a meusa et toro from all creeds and creed isms, must take issue even at the risk of getting a sound drubbing.

THE GREAT QUESTION.

An Amen with a Clear Men-

tal Reservation.

above caption from the peu of Prof.

J. S. Loveland, to which I must utter a

hearty old-fashioned "Amen"-with a

gauntlet in front of Brother L in a con-

troversial mood: because recollections

of a debate which I heard between him

and a well-known theological Gamaliel

in Illinois thirty odd years ogo, till me

even yet with a healthful fear of him

as a polemical stalwart. Nevertheless,

while his general treatment of "The

Economic Mission of Spiritualism"

under current, a sort of "Lost River"

idea running underneath and forming

the gist of the article, to which I would

call attention, not for the purpose of

crossing quills with the author, but of

bles up here and there in expressions

like these: "The claim is that the great

purpose [of the N. S. A.] is to build up

laudable work provided the Association

the task of telling the world what Spir-

itualism was, or defining its prin-

esteem of thinkers to witness the in-

capacity of a body of people who, after

me to infer that the Professor's great

ness, we should hanker after that flesh

pot of Orthodox Egypt-a creed. He

of defining their own ism."

The lost river to which I refer bub- and adult alike.

taking a peep at the other side.

slight mental reservation.

fessor lodges against society in general, can devise. It seems to me that the every candid minded person must admit is founded on truth and substantiated by fact. But the remedy proposed for the evil is not equal to the diagnosis of the case. In fact it looks to me like the same old prescription, similia similibus curantur, the hair of the dog to cure the bite. It seems equivalent to saying

that the way to cure barbarism in

Africa, is to increase the barbarism. He presents a two column catalogue of social, civil, and economic ills which we all know do exist, and we also know them to be artificial, man-made burconceived ideas. dens. All these are results of systems and institutions which my friend calls "patches" on the body politic, and so they are; mere fig-leaf aprons to cover the shame and nakedness of human society. Shall we add one more "patch" and claim that it is a fig-leaf brought from heaven by the angels? Of all the ills he has complained of, only one oar to his boat. can the Professor name six, or even more perfectly established and the one, that is not generated, fed and angel language more thoroughly undernourished by "successful organizations" based upon "definite declarations of stood by the mortals, let us cease conprinciples," such as he proposes? We | tending over a scientific definition of will not call them creeds, because truths and principles that cannot be ecclesiasticism has monopolized that defined in human language in its presword and is welcome to it; but "a rose ent imperfect condition. Let by any other name, etc." And the fact N. S. A. and every other effort-inis that the social, civil, economic and dividual as well as organic-be used in religious burdens under which hutransmitting to as many minds as posmanity is sweating and groaning to- sible, in as great clearness and purity day, are each and all of them the result as possible, the truth which the loved of selfish, rigid enforcement of unjust ones are so anxious to send both thought. systems, sectarian utterances, and so- through the philosophy and the phecalled "declarations of principles," ennomena; and let each individual select forced by the lash of "successful or- and appropriate out of the shining mass, just what quantity and quality ganizations" called government, in all of whichhe or she needs.

"Man. proud man, Drest in a little brief authority. Most ignorant of what he's most

assured, Plays such fantastic tricks before high Fraining School at Maple Dell, Mantua heaven Station, Ohio, opened according to the

'As make the angels weep."

Shall we as Spiritualists increase the number of those "angry apes?"

Take the case of Dr/ Briggs as an illustration. Why was he kicked out of one "successful organization" and well nigh refused admittance into another? Was it because he was not an earnest, canable Christian teacher and faithful worker, anxious to uplift | itualists, who are not only interested and better the condition of humanity | in the Spiritualist Training School, but

forty years of Calvinistic bondage intelligence than has yet been embodied in material man and woman. That intelligence knows, and will work out the grand destiny of Spiritualism by better methods than the N. S. A. or

The ugly indictment which the Pro- any other organized body of mortals E. S. Twing and Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds worth, of Saratoga Springs. as a committee on rules. work of the N. S. A. and other or-Committee on credentials-W. Wines ganizations is merely preparatory. Sargent and D. G. Reilly. The economic as well as the spiritual mission of Spiritualism is to remove till afternoon and a conference was material debris and man-made obstacles out of the way. To rend in lowed by E. G. Reilly, Mrs. Nellie T. twain the social, economic and the-Brigham, Miss Belle V. Cushman, Mrs. ological veils that men have hung up Carrie E. S. Twing, Mrs. T. U. Revbetween the two worlds and permit the nolds and the president. At the afterlight of truth to shine in upon darkened minds, just as the angels sent it to us. the following committees: without refracting its rays or temper-President's report-H. W. Richard-

sufficient reason that there is nothing

in human material language by which

other things which have not been and

cannot be clearly defined to the com-

prehension of any two-mortal minds

alike. And shall the N. S. A. or any

not preparing "a definite declaration"

of those things which cannot be de-

Truth and Life-or God-fills all space

and permeates everything in the uni-

verse, and each thing has the capacity

to receive just what truth it needs. and

no more, as that capacity increases,

just as the child cannot receive into its

The folly of all ecclesiastical creeds,

"definite declaration of principles," has

been to select a few desultory frag-

ments from the infinite body of Truth

and fit them for the reception of infant

Truth lies all about us like a mighty

ocean stretching out to Infinity. We

live in it, bathe in it, and are at perfect

tity and quality as each one needs.

denominational fountains of blood in

which you must be plunged by a man-

narrow, cramping process have been

the inherent and perverted dispositions

ficiently changed to free even Spiritual

We know what the results of this

clared in material language?

the full-grown adult.

In The Progressive Thinker of March | a clear conception of Truth and of God

Far be it from me to throw down the other body of people be condemned for

meets my hearty approval, there is an little lungs the same quantity of air as

Spiritualism. That might be a very liberty to appropriate just such quan-

knew what Spiritualism was and would | And the folly of sectarian creedalism

give it a definition. But the assembled is the attempt to claim private water

wisdom of the N. S. A. was unequal to rights, stake out certain portions as

ciples. * * * "It must heighten the ordained priest or be eternally damned.

fifty years of proselyting, are incapable | and are yet. And we also know that

These, and similar expressions, lead of mankind have not yet been suf-

panacea for all the ills that society in lists from danger of repetition under a

general, and Spiritualism in particular, so-called authoritative declaration of

have fallen helr to or acquired by ab- principles. We may deplore the fact

18th ult is a lengthy article under the | can be given. So of Life, and many

ing its heat to suit our own preson, Mrs. Laura S. Holt, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing. That light is transmitted to us through the philosophy and the phenomena equally. They are both ab-Reilly, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds. solutely necessary, the one as much as Delegates' report-Mrs. T. U. Reythe other; and if we use the one to the nolds, H. L. Whitney, Mrs. Laura S.

neglect or disdain of the other, we will Holt. find ourselves going round and round Finance, ways and means-D. in the same circle, like a man using Reilly, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Mrs. Loretta Matthews. Until the line of communication is Professor Harrison D. Barrett then

made an address, after which meeting adjourned. gregational singing of America, followed by a poem, "Faith in the Abso- May 26, 1899, \$62.21. lute Good," by Brother Barrett. N. S. A., then delivered the address of

the evening, the subject being "Spirit-Life." It was scholarly, forceful and replete with many rich gems Tillie U. Reynolds and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.

days proceedings was called to order the various comittees.

H. W. Richardson, chairman of committee on president's report, made report to convention which was adopted. Committee on secretary's report, gent, reported favorably on them and recommended their adoption. Motion carried.

Mrs. C. E. S. Twing, Mrs. T. U. Reynolds and Miss Minnie Terry. Brother

At the afternoon session H. W. Richardson, our treasurer, gave us a very earnest and thoughtful address on "The Further business was then suspended progress We have Made," followed by

JAS. O. UNDERHILL.

our second vice-president, Mrs. T. U. held, opened by W. W. Sargent, fol- Reynolds. Dr. W. B. Mills, and Mrs. Carrie E. S.

Twing gave spirit messages. The evening session was opened by enacted a statute which said that woan instrumental trio by Prof. J. Martin noon session the president appointed Gray, Mrs. Gray and Miss Rose Christine Cumins. Recitation by Miss Florence Mosher.

Violin sold by Prof. J. Martin Gray. Address by our secretary, Herbert L. Sceretary and treasurer's report and Whitney. Mandolin solo by Mrs. Gray. | ing men in instruction or devotion, and auditing-W. Wines Sargent, E. G. Address by, our newly elected president, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, on "What Dld He Leave?" Musle-Oello solo by Mrs. Gray,

Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds gave spirit messages, followed in closing by musical tr.o, Prof. J., M. Gray, Mrs. Gray | but they may not open their lips to utand Miss Rose Christine Cumins. The State Association has received women in promiscuous religious meetduring the past year \$343.14; It has paid out during the same time, \$299.43; Evening session was opened by con- Balance \$43.71, Cash in Medium's Home Fund, \$18.50; Balance on hand

HERBERT L. WHITNEY, Sec'y. Harrison D. Barrett, president of the 958 Madison street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ualism in Its Application to Everyday | Colorado Spiritualists. Attention ! A public meeting of Spiritualists was of held May 15, at Chosen Friends' Hall. Denver Colo., to complete arrangements | bands in everything.-Eph. v:24. Spirit messages were given by Mrs. for a camp-meeting to be held July and August. At above named meeting it was stated (on good authority) that 50,-The morning session of the second | 000 was a low estimate of the number of Spiritualists in and around Colorado. by president, and at once proceeded to that the one thing necessary to make business by the receiving of reports of them a power for good is a substantial organization. A committee was appointed to issue an appeal to all friends to assist in completing our camp. A few friends purchased a tract of land at a cost of a few thousand dollars, at through its chairman, W. Wines Sar- the mouth of one of the most beautiful canons in Colorado. 27 miles from Denver, 4½ from Boulder, 8½ from the Chatauqua which opens July 4. There The following missionaries of our will be cheap railroad rates from all

state association then made reports: surrounding states. There are thousands of tons of clear mountain water rushing down the center of the canon Sargent, chairman of missionary com- All who have seen our location promittees, made a long and interesting re- nounce it the ideal place for a campport on the general work in the mis- meeting. We have the men ready and

committed." But the opposition of the J. R. Buchanan, B. B. Hill, Rabbi I. M. tion to man in all things. It matters not that the New Testament tells huspractices of the sects who adopted it. Its say about it. By bands to love their wives. So long as it

produced such a strong sentiment assigns woman to a subordinate posiagainst it that it did not prevail. Not tion, and requires her submission to the a sentence from the Bible could be will and authority of man, it circumquoted in condemnation of this survival scribes her sphere of action and usefulor revival of barbarism.

ness, shuts her out from places of honor It was Roman and Germanic influence, and trust, and closes avenues of emand not Christianity, which made moployment by which she could improve nogamy the dominant form of marriage in Europe. The ideal condition, accord-In 1843 the Hopkinson Association of

ing to the New Testament, is neither Congregational Divines, a powerful polygamy nor monogamy, but an unbody in New Hampshire, unanimously wedded and abstinent life-celibacy.

"The children of this world marry, men might and should "sing God's and are given in marriage," said Jesus, praises under men as leaders," and be "but they which shall be accounted "indulged with perfect fredom 10 worthy to obtain that world, and the speech in answering the questions resurrection from the dead, neither which their pastors, leaders or cate- marry, nor are given in marriage."chists put to them; but as to lead-

Luke xx:34, 35. Jesus never taught men to marry. He as to any interruption or disorder in renever spoke of the importance of the ligious meetings, 'let your women keep marriage relation. In reply to the quessilence in the churches,' not merely let tion whether it was good to marry, he them be silent, but let them keep or said:

preserve silence. Not that they may "For there are some cunuchs which not preach or pray or exhort merely; were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs which were ter any sounds audibly. Let not your made eunuchs of men; and there be eunuchs which have made themselves ings preach or pray audibly, or sigh, or eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's groan, or say 'amen' or utter the en- sake. He that is able to receive it let chanting sounds, 'Glory, glory.'"

This association of divines adhered to the teachings of the New Testament respecting woman. The words of the er than do worse. His view of marri-**Ohristian** scriptures are: Wives, submit yourselves to your own

husbands .-- Ool. iii:18. As the church is subject unto Christ,

14,000 chosen saints, perpetual attendso let the wives be to their own husants on the lamb, and places the cardi-Let your women keep silence in the nal point of their sanctity in the fact that "they were not defiled with wochurches, for it is not permitted unto men."-Rev. xiv:4. This false concepthem to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith tion of purity is on the reaction from which is in practice unbridled licentiousthe law. And if they will learn anyness and the usual accompaniment of thing, let them ask their husbands at which is abnormal vice.

effect that as it was a collection of

merits. The mischief occasioned by

"clinging" to the Bible as absolute truth

and all truth necessary to be known,

home: for it is a shame for a woman to speak in the church.-I. Cor., xiv:34,35.

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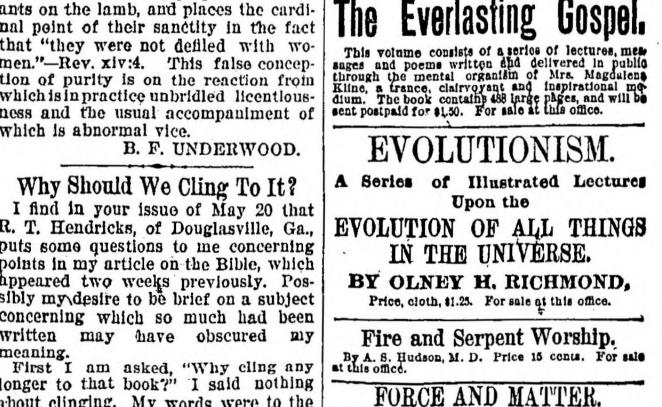
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of "a successful organization" of Spiritualists, and have we any assurance | the people on Spiritualism. that similar outrages will not occur in time? It is well for us to remember that all Spiritualists have not yet removed from the cellar of the brain into the celestial regions of the head any more than any other class of people. Those who harbor pride of self-derived intelligence, love of dominion, and other kinds of black sheep, have not all the tuition reduced one-half, and board

been driven out of the Spiritual sheepfold on earth yet. To me the great difficulty in the way of preparing a categorical declaration

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sionary field, which was listened to want to build a pavilion at once to use with close attention and frequently ap- as a hall. It is admitted by all that a

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tion proceded to nominate and elect of- | Denver to camp and return, use of pafield; first vice-president, W. Wines so and thereby enable us to complete | legislative movement in their favor con-Sargent, Brooklyn; second vice-presi- arrangements. Those friends who can- tinued with unabated force from Con-Aurora. Trustees-Dr. E. F. Butter- can afford to the chairman of com-Mr. Frank Walker and Dr. W. B. knowledged through whichever paper the donor designates. On our land clined to serve on account of other in- there is abundance of building material terests. The secretary moved that a -stone, lime, etc. If we meet with tiring president, Frank Walker, for his build homes for these who have grown kindly donation of the services of a old in the cause, and for others who are stenographer during the convention needy, and furnish such employment as last year, and also for his exeruons in they are capable of doing. Such a securing to our use the Chamber of movement in these uncertain times Commerce Hall, at Rochester, for our ought to meet with the assistance of first annual convention, held on May all those who have the welfare of their

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judicious, intelligent study of the book "It is probable." he continues. "this itself. For this reason, as well as for teaching had its part in determining | the value of these writings for the purficers which resulted as follows by vilion, admittance to lectures, enter- the principles of legislation concerning pose of comparison with those of other unanimous vote, the nominations being tainments, music and dancing, etc., for the sex. The Pagan laws during the religions, I would not, as Bro. Henmade by the convention at large: Pres- two months, for \$10. All those who empire had been continually repealing dricks suggests, "banish such a collecident, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, West- can engage tent, etc., at once, kindly do the old disabilities of women, and the tion of books." Next I am asked. "Why call anything so imperfect as the old Bible teaching dent, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy; not join us in person, but would like to stantine to Justinian, and appeared al- divine?" This the writer explains himsecretary, Herbert L. Whitney, Brook- assist us by donations can do so by so in some of the early laws of the bar- self by giving his own definition of

lyn: treasurer. H. W. Richardson, East kindly sending such amounts as they barians. But in the whole feudal legis- divinity. He says "Divinity means perlation women were placed in a much fection." But when I stated that no field, Syracuse; Mrs. S. Comstock-Ellis, mittee Mrs. M. Taylor, Box 780 Den- lower legal position than in the Pagan one ever wrote or spoke without divine Auburn; E. G. Reilly, Syracuse; Mrs. ver, Colo. All donations will be ac- empire. In addition to the personal re- inspiration, it ought to be clear that strictions which grew necessarily out of that was not the sense in which I used the Catholic (Christian) doctrine con- the word. Divine inspiration I under-Mills were elected trustees, but de- (which we have purchased, not rented) cerning divorce and the subordination stand to be inbreathing from spirit, of the weaker sex, we find numerous from the One, Universal, Infinite Spirit, and stringent enactments which ren- no matter through what more or less vote of thanks be extended to our re- sufficient encouragement, we intend to dered it impossible for women to suc- imperfect channels the inspiration may ceed to any considerable amount of come. This is the source of all existproperty, and which almost reduced ence, life, intelligence, and without it them to the alternative of marriage, or no one ever wrote or spoke, neither

nunnery. The complete inferiority of Bible writers, poets, historians, R. T. the sex was continually maintained by | Hendricks, or myself. law, and that generous public opinion, In his concluding paragraph Bro. which in Rome had frequently revolted | Hendricks says: "To me there is nothagainst the injustice done to girls in de- ing phenomenal or miraculous." If by priving them of the greater part of the miraculous he means, as most orthodox inheritance of their fathers, totally dis- Christians do, something contrary to appeared. Wherever the canon law has | natural law. I suppose we shall all been the basis of legislation we find agree with him in that. But what does laws of succession, sacrificing the inter- he mean by "there is nothing phenomests of daughters and of wives, and a enal?" A phenomenon is ordinarily destate of public opinion which has been fined to be an appearance, anything formed and regulated by these laws; | which becomes visible. It is a man-Ennoblement of Humanity." By E. D. | nor was any serious attempt made to | ifestation to the outer senses of some-Babbitt, LL. D., M.D. This comprises | abolish them until the close of the last | thing in being, not prior to such mancentury. The French revolutionists, ifestation, externally perceived. though rejecting the proposal of Sieges One word more and I have done. In

and Condorcet to accord political eman- the times of Bible authors, and long cipation to women, established at least afterwards, people spoke more plainly an equal succession of sons and daugh- than in the present day. Granted that. ters, and thus iniatiated, a great refor- as our brother says, "their deeds were Prof. Harrison D. Barrett then made detailed accounts of two cases of "double | mation of both law and opinion, which as vile as their language." In our day consciousness," namely Mary Lurancy, sooner or later must traverse the the deeds are viler than the language. Wennum of Watseka, Ill., and Mary | world."-Hist. Morals, vol. II., pp 357.9. No evil is so great no obscenity so To this clear and truthful statement | dangerous as when it has the cloak of by the learned and impartial Locky, I refinement thrown around it. I fear will add one sentence from Henry | the change in that respect, which has Maine's "Ancient Law": "No society | taken place chiefly within the present which preserves any tincture of Chris- century, is the reverse of an improvetian institutions is likely to restore to ment. It is from the outside only, not married women the personal liberty from the within, E. J. BOWTELL.

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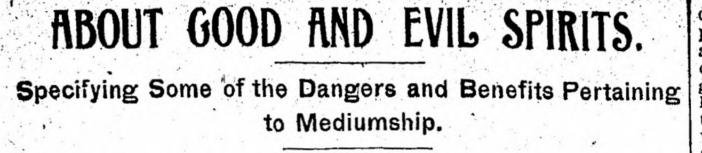
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"damn it with faint praise." These

that this method is not fully satisfying.

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did ascend."

My purpose is not by treating unpeople are very squeamish, and familiar things with levity to belittle although given to extolling the life of the dangers that shall confront the man Jesus as of other biblical heroes, would who essays to enter the spirit world turn in disgust from such a low manwith the intention of enslaving spirits to his sordid will or who searches the eyes with clay and spittle. The fact is heavens for power to perpetuate institutions and conditions that fill the and as soon as they get you in a conworld with pain, because himself may dition to allow a nearer approach, your reap fame or profit; but to lessen the nureasonable fear of meddling with strange forces that afflicts many sen- general thing except to call your wanmake us free and happy.

In the first place, do not imagine that you need to be "unco guid" before you tent be pure you are arrayed in the is not the heavenly spirits who are wedding garment. Besides this you above rapping. shall likely modify your conception of "The man who feels contempt for any a good character or saint before you go very far. The reason a great many of Hath faculties that he hath never used. our respectable people do not go to Thought, with him, is in its infancy."

good to enjoy angelic society. That is contempt for any manifestation of that they are too faithful to the imperfect love which hath-bridged the gulf and standard of goodness fashionable took the sting from death. Remember to-day. You have an idea that you must

around the world and do not undergo experiences and deal with "Scorn the base ladder by which you forces utterly unlike those that are about you now, and are afraid that the

guides delegated may not be able to protect you. Modern Spiritualism, like the control, which does not seem desirable of this day when that theological congospel that Paul sometimes preached, is to many aspiring ones. The unsettled ception is melted in the crucible of there are few so far removed from symmighty to the pulling down of imagina- mind, like a pendulum, swings from one reason and fire of scientific thought to pathy with you as to have a wholly Spiritualism. Those that believe, and tion and every high thing that exalteth extreme to another. The path of wisitself against the knowledge of the dom lies between. In the first place, it spirit life; for it reveals that most of should raise a strong presumption in kind of evil spirit or delusion you must, his way into a relationship with you in the dangers are imaginary and phan- the mind of an inquirer when an Indian if adhering to orthodox ideas of good contempt of the everlasting law of hartasmal; and that if they do not get a personality is manifested through the and evil, prepare for a change, You are mony as indicated and announced by a foothold in your fearful imagination, subjective state of a person who never not going to assign to heavenly visitors mutual attraction is in that extent such vicious spirits as may exist are not associated with nor had his mind cen- a room befouled with evil imaginations, vicious; and George Washington, if he to be feared at all. You must rely upon the idea of an Indian and and to-day the conventional man, the do this, is as surely an evil spirit as appear, some new theories are estabthe same power as furnished a tender whose character is utterly unlike his, good Christian! so vitiates the stream Judas Iscariot in doing a similar thing. lished, and that will probably continue,

der necessity, as in self-defense or to for truth and passed over in a passably tenderness and forgiveness in the world you shall reap in the tenderness and sympathy of the spirits who approach you. This is the law of control and secret of protecting yourself from unsympathetic spirits. The pilgrim's Now about the raps that are so de- progress is from the domain of brute

using force or unwelcome mental coof right, you must recognize the pos-

ifestation as anointing the blind man's | bright lexicon of heaven, and those are the only means available to give the what is good and from the danger of you can in a measure according to the

a riotous imagination fashion these people of the mist and prevent with them the close approach of any kind of intelligent spirit . These not being real entities and soulless things are not responsive to appeals that may move any heaven at death is because they are too So is it with the man who expresses real spirit, and as far as you are able you must use a different method than with sentient beings, as you use a difdragons and elementals of mythology are found. When John writes of a vision and "hell was cast into the lake

be eradicated from the human mind.

protect your weaker brother, for gentle state; and as I tow realize never although not exact and particular be- allowed the fearful dogmas of supercause others are better than you, the stition to have but a superficial hold on general law is that what a man soweth them. Although in outward expression he shall reap. If you sow gentleness, and when cornered in argument the church members are great sticklers for the "god of our fathers" and the perfect revelation of a scripture that no two can interpret harmoniously, after admitting its perfection, you will find by giving them a loose rope that they are pretty liberal, and like a person who goes to sleep on a steamer fied to the simple regarded as the signals of low hypnotic subjection into the high wharf, they are just, awakening to a realization that they have lost sight of

But as you recognize the necessity of | the old landmarks and are many a mile from orthodoxy, carried on the current ercion upon others in flagrant violation of reasonable thought, notens volens. Apart from this, the rationale of for sible necessity of similar methods in bidding consulting familiar spirits is dealing with yourself. This does not explained in the aphorism, "familiarity mean retribution at all. That word breeds contempt." The unreasonable with its unholy suggestion of im- mind is prone to idolatry or contempt of placable vengeance is not found in the what is not thoroughly understood. think we are not out of the woods yet. blundering readers of physical nature and I imagine many a loving spirit who interpret according to that key | friend may well say like Samuel, "Why when no sooner does the most persistent hast thou disquieted me to call me up,

sinner cease sinning than ten thousand when their relatives insist upon their spirit friends will cease rapping as a agents go to work repairing the damage manifesting through mediums whose if there be left a foothold to work upon. | magnetic atmosphere not being such as sitives who desire the truth that shall dering mental faculties to order as the The necessity mostly arises from your they can harmonize with, causes sufferspeaker of Congress, or to signify ap- rebellious and unreasoning mind in re- ing to the sensitive decarnate one. For proval of a course of thought and when | fusing to readjust your conceptions of | this may seem acceptable to you that

dare cross the threshold, for if your in- hungering soul a drop of consolation it being controlled by phantoms. For if directness and force of your thought left to yourself you would possibly with vibrations compel a spirit to answer nothing more damaging, more unsatiswho does not want to and disturb their so to speak, and as an impudent book asked the question. agent can disturb a philosopher in the

most lucid and exalted moment, so can a fool annoy a spirit sometimes. To conclude, in that day when most was said about evil spirits the law-

ferent method in removing a cow or a phantoms or recognized the likelihood the Rochester raps that were heard log out of your road. It is this phantom of ordinary people doing so. Also in realm that hell and the devils and that day he put no rational test to them but had as faulty a discernment as in concluding that all of God's children

who did not belong to his own tribe Now about the frequency of Indian of fire," we have the prophetic forecast were evil men. The true way is to regard them as human beings, knowing

vicious influence while remembering Now in protecting yoursel." from this that one using any advantage to force privilege of doing so. implanted by the Creator in the human attain heaven without pulling in that mind is regarded as really good. I shall direction your "dearest foe," because highest seraph with the lowest bushand so on down to Z. "Have we not all one father." J. T. MACDONALD. be involved in the term Spiritualism. Vancouver, B. C.

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A Declaration of Principles.

Since the last convention of the National Spiritualist Association, in 1898, but little has been heard upon that subject, of which so much had been said in previous years.

Agreeable to my recollection the subject had been referred to committees, at one or two previous conventions, and efforts had been made by said committees to agree upon something to report, but without success, and time was given for further consideration.

Perhaps that was the disposition made of the subject at the last convention. And some standing committee may have a report ready to present at the next convention to be held in Chicago in October.

If that should be so, I trust the report will be unanimous, short and comprehensive.

If there is no report prepared, one of the most important steps for the convention to consider in a legislative or credal way is the adoption of some principles by which the world at large may know what Spiritualism is, and what gressive Thinker. Spiritualists believe.

We have been floundering about for more than fifty years, and not able to agree upon what we believe. There is factory than not to be able to tell a repose. They are only in the next room, friend what Spiritualists believe, when

One of the most frequent objections urged among friends, when conversing upon the various creeds of Christians, and their theories is, "Well, you Spiritualists cannot tell what you believe. givers either confused spirits with One teacher teaches one thing, and the next one you talk with has something different, and until you can agree upon what you believe, it is not worth while to spend time in discussing it."

> There are a few prominent features or fundamental points, that all Spiritualists agree upon.

> Those should be embodied, and set forth as the fundamental principles of want to teach more should have the

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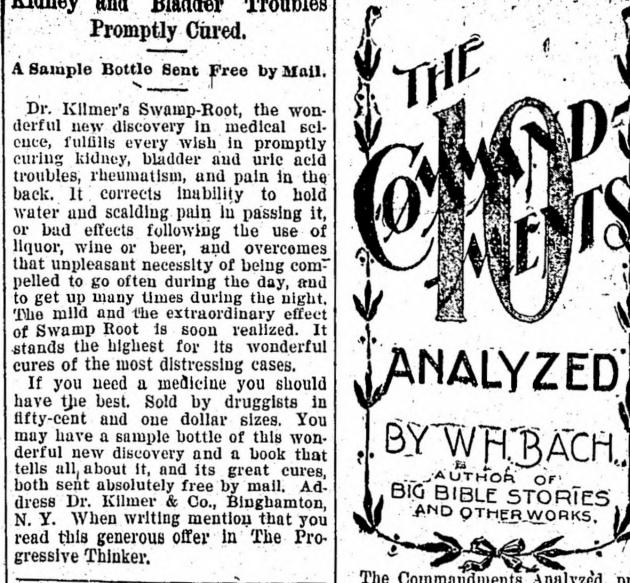
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will find in one as in the other that base of an ideal, and with all its imalthough from a comprehensive stand- perfections the ideal held before the ables you to appreciate the vibrations point it seems an infinitesimal thing white man-the Christian is a higher they inaugurate. You find then that and of no weight comparatively, your one than any other race has chosen as they are just such beings as yourself, own will is to you a very important fac- a pattern. You grow like the character and are ready to enter into natural retor, and your satisfaction largely de- you idealize, and if I hesitate to admit lations with them. The terrible woman pends on the exercise of it. From time | the perfection of Jesus as his biography | immemorial the doctrine has been is given in scripture, and know also wine of the wrath of her fornication taught that "what must be is," and that how unfaithful we have been to that you cannot affect results. Yet no man model even if perfect, still I am sure it has ever been able to reduce this theory is the best that ever obtained general

to practice or preach kismet in the hour recognition. of need. Like the negro upon a sinking "So I yearn for thy love as the purest ship, who was asked by the angry mate: "Do you think your life is of more im-That ever uplifted a spirit from woe; portance than all those others, that you And I turn to thy life as the truest and make such an infernal din about losing it?" you reply, "Massa, it am of more importance to me," and you find it is

required of you, so far as you are well

able, to co-operate with those who love Such formulas of exorcism as "In the you on the other side, and to make some name of Jesus," of Buddha, or any effort in choosing your spiritual asso- other character whose picture is promclates as you do your earthly ones. inent in memory's halls, is founded When our fathers discerned positive upon discernment. The spirit that finds evidence in a particular case of access to you is not proof against sugobsession by decarnate spirits, they gestion from your mind, and must give jumped at the conclusion that all dis- some recognition to the ideal you reeases, physical and mental, resulted vere, and unless too strong altogether from that cause, and various methods for you, must pay homage to that ideal of exorcism were resorted to before a or recede. Although it is possible to knowledge of anatomy and chemistry subject where there is little sympathy, proved the hypothesis of obsession un- and to mar happiness, I am convinced necessary in a successful contest with | that the wise designer has fixed it so the malady of an ordinary person. This that no one spirit can possibly gain disease, due to injury or physical struc- absolute control of another.

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ture, hallucinations of the overworked imagination and the rarer control by a vicious spirit were all devils to be exorcised. To-day there is some effort to revive this confusing theory, and the cases cited by hypnotists, Christian Scientists and others in support of the belief that a mental state always precedes the corresponding physical one, and

"Thy will is the great, the only, The solemn event of things. The weakest of men defying Is stronger than all those kings."

To infinite goodness, that mortals

The true attitude regarding control is that of a ship's captain on entering a strange harbor in letting the pilot who honors your flag have control of the that by refusing to believe in its power wheel, while remembering that you are If every advanced psychic perceived renders any poison harmless, or any not relieved of all responsibility. You with some degree of lucidity the

Next to this is the necessity of dis-

friend and the method is identical. You start vibrations that appeal to their consciousness through such very avenues physical and spiritual lives, and you developed in any race rests upon the This of course after you have developed a sensitiveness and refinement that enwho made all nations drunk with the had a name written "Mystery," Babylon the Great, the mother of all aboinina-

tions. In this mystery that hedged about religious thought and spiritual intercourse is the source of all the monstrous conceptions that have made earth a pandemonium. Mystery and superstition, superstition and slavery, slavery and misery, have danced along the ages drunk with the blood of the saints. At last we hear the voice. 'Mystery! Babylon the Great is fallen." Understanding this you prepare to take a calm and temperate course. There is no real devil behind nor a remorseless and implacable God ahead. Among your associates one will say, "Go not up, there is a lion in the path." Another will say, "Hurry up and develop, so that I can have my grandmother come and tell me who stole my lead-pencil." Avoid them both. I see no harm in granny coming for any innocent purpose, but you must take the middle of the road between sloth and haste. You had need to hurry if you were developing a power merely to serve you in the short physical life, but you are building for eternity. To insure a really temperate course, you must remember that the divine will may be

manifested as surely in the physical as in the spiritual relationship, and that when natural desire and opportunity offer inducements you can serve God by coming "down from the mountain." cause but a previous belief able to affect | need have no fear, because if be pos- | causes that hinder the free expression sincere thanks for your liberal and believed in the kingdoms of this world one day becoming the kingdoms of God and his Christ, and that the golden age the Union, and in large quantities. was ahead and not behind them. The Many letters are full of a strong and purpose of enlightening you includes helpful influence, which none can apthe possible event of your descending preclate more than a disciple alone in into the physical life again and living a foreign land. Many bright and beauthere a more natural life born of tiful ones from the higher life have mind freed from the superstitions and gathered in my little tent here under false ideas of duty that divert the the Southern skies, and brought stream of peace from the ordinary soul. thoughts of cheer. I shall answer per-Natural inclination and opportunity will sonally all letters that I can, for it is a reveal the proper course-not an pleasure, but as I am but an employe arbitrary decree. The important thing of the Government my time is not my in a development which means a prepown, so I avail myself of the medium aration for "the life to come," is in of these columns and the editor's kindlearning to live according to nature, ness to reach you all." trusting that the power that fashioned I have not, as yet, found one brother humanity made no mistake and never Spiritualist to join me in the work of "repented that he made man." distributing our papers; but have done You should know that in the day so myself in my spare time. when ancient lawgivers of every race Now, "there are others" in Porto cautioned and forbade communing with Rico-in the Philippines-don't forget "familiar spirits," the conditions on them. A package addressed to a first' earth and in the spirit zones nearest the sergeant of any company, will through earth plane were as different from those his hands reach the men; just the numexisting to-day as those confronting the ber of the regiment will answer the pilgrim fathers differ from what the purpose, for example: 1st Sergeant Co. European meets in landing at New L, 19th Reg't U. S., Inft., Porto Rico, York now, and the dangers are comwill be seed sown. Hoping and believing that the divine paratively as slight. So far as the taboo on familiar spirits was founded on wisover-ruling power for good will send dom it was in recognizing that in genthe strongest and brightest from their eral one attracts the same kind of homes in the higher realms to inspire spirit as he associated with-here and the Spiritualists of the United States to a more active and united work, that the ideas that dominated them here. In they may come before the world as a those days the ordinary man passed body of workers for truth and knowledge, doing good to all humanity, and esteeming it the chief duty to hate, to releasing millions from the slavery of a blind faith; giving them liberty and deities every one that did not belong to light and the happy knowledge that if a man dies he lives again, teaching them to ask, "O, death, where is thy sting? Coming back, whatever his status in | O. grave, where is thy victory?" Ours emy, Death, and makes it an event for rejoicing. I will only add that Spiritualism and a full understanding of its grand teachings does this as does no other religion. With sincerest thanks, I am,

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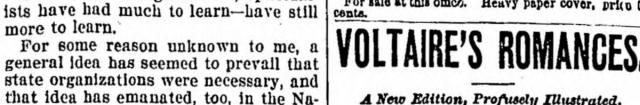
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ALL ANTEDATE CHRISTIANITY

Take up any ceremonial, custom or sacrament in practice among Christians, and trace it to its source, and it is found to have had its origin in

A sacrifice, in its original signification, was "a meal offered the delty." | question, "How did Obristianity, if a It was specially designed to secure would allay irritation, and make the recipient entertain kindly feelings to-

wards him who have him food. Young and tender flesh was supposed found on the statute books of Maryto be more acceptable to God for food land, in full force in that province than was that of aged and tough animals, so doves, bullocks, kids, lambs, and bables, the first born of human kind when but eight days old, were sac- | Columbia, became the law in that jurisrificed, roasted, and fed to God.

savor rising from roasting bodies, having no need of coarser fare, the officiating priests at the altar, were allowed to consume the flesh, they claiming the life of the creature sacrificed entered into and became a part of their own life, and "knit them to the | God, or shall deny the Holy Trinity, the deity in living communion." All who tasted the flesh of the victim, however minute the part, became possessed of the virtues and qualities it possessed, so all the partakers became of kin, and were bound by the closest ties to each other, as they were to God who had partaken of the more etherial parts of the same creature. Cruden, in his Concordance of the Holy Scriptures, article "Sacrifice," inquired:

"How is it possible that the blood of a beast should cleanse the soul of man or satisfy the justice of an offended God?" We shall not attempt to solve that conundrum by one of the ablest of Christian scholars, and so near "crank" he closely simulated one, so we pass on to the conclusion of that bloody rite which God required of his favorites, and which still survives, when, according to Christian theology, Jesus Christ, the immaculate Son of the Eternal Father, the first born of a

Jewish maiden, was required as a las and universal sacrifice to appease Almighty wrath-a substitute for the brutal sacrifices formerly in vogue, and a fulfillment of them. That last sacrifice, however, was only conditional, contingent that Jesus is welcomed as a sacrifice by him for whom the sacrifice

was made.

This Jesus became the scape-goat for the sins of the whole world, just as that animal in Jewish mythology was

fraud, become the great power it is," the idea' that a well-filled stomach ment of facts which arrested the attention of its readers. Col. Ingersoll, in his late address in New York on Thomas Paine, dug up an old law he while the war of the Revolution was pending, and which, by deed of cession to the United States of the District of diction and remained in legal force As God only absorbed the delightful until 1876, when it was repealed by act of Congress. That act, with its horrible provisions, was in words following:-"if any person shall hereafter within this province, maliciously, and advisedly, by writing or speaking, blas-pheme or curse God, or deny our avenue. Savior, Jesus Christ, to be the Son of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, or the Godhead of any of the three persons, or | Methodist ministry have agitated the the unity of the Godhead, or shall utter | whole country. any profane words concerning the Holy | A METHODIST BY GENERATIONS Trinity or any of the persons thereof, and shall thereof be convicted by verdict, shall for the first offense be bored through the tongue and fined twenty pounds to be levied of his body. And for the second offense the offender shall be stigmatized by burning in the forehead with the letter B [blasphemy]

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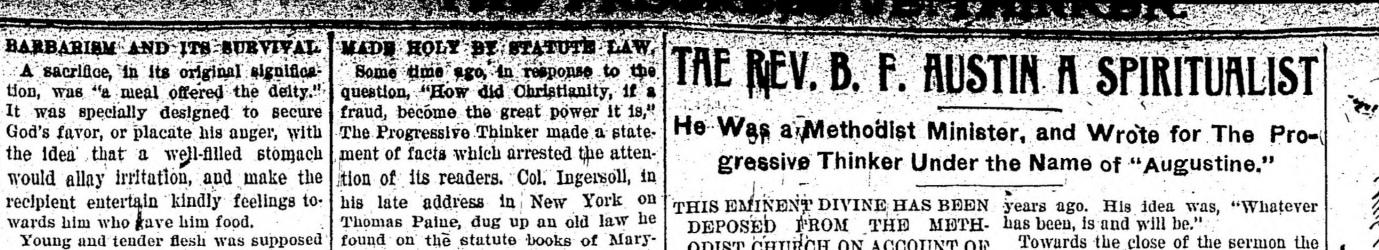
and fined forty pounds. And that after the third offense the offender shall suffer death without the benefit of clergy." Similar laws prevailed in all the American colonies, Many of those laws

still remain in force, though in most of the original States they have become practically obsolete. The province of Pennsylvania, in

ject, but it was milder in its provisions than the Maryland law. It was further modified and re-enacted so late as March, 1860, and is still in force in these words:

"If any person shall wilfully, premeditately and despitefully blaspheme or speak loosely and profanely of Almighty God, Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit or the Holy Scriptures of Truth, such person on conviction thereof, shall

be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and undergo



ODIST CHURCH ON ACCOUNT OF ways of getting at truth were stated. HIS HERETICAL VIEWS, AS SET Great stress was laid upon the cultiva-FORTH IN AN INTERVIEW IN tion of the spiritual powers. These THE TORONTO WORLD. powers, when developed, made a man "It has been the history from all time able to come in contact with the spirit that a man who dared to have views, world around him. "There's a spirit and express them contra to the ordiworld all round about us, and through nary opinion, was persecuted." Such the spirit faculties men see without were the words of Rev. Benjamin Fish eyes and hear without ears."

Austin, ex-principal of Alma College, STAND OF THE CHURCH TO-DAY. St. Thomas, addressed to The World The sermon showed that the church when seen last night at 81 O'Hara of to-day was taking a stand in opposition to truth by opposing scientific The past two days have been fraught men and the deductions of science. The with momentous issues in the life of church should take in truth as soon as Mr. Austin. His trial for heresy at it was demonstrated. The church Windsor, and his deposition from the should assume a sympathetic attitude to the deductions of science. The truths of psychology were instanced. The church should welcome them, but, in-

stead, it ostracised a man who clung to Mr. Austin is no average Methodist. He is the descendant of four genera- them.

tions of strict Methodists. His educa-As was natural, the sermon excited much comment, favorable and othertion was obtained in Albert College wise. A synopsis of it was published (Methodist), Belleville, where he obtained the degrees of B. A., B. D. He by a friend of Dr. Austin in an Ohio was ordained a Methodist minister in paper, copies of which were widely 1877 and preached on various Methcirculated among Canadian ministers, odist circuits, for a time as pastor of WHERE MR. GOING COMES IN. the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Now this is where the Rev. Mr. Going Ottawa. In 1881 he became principal of Port Stanley comes into the story. of Alma College (Methodist), at St He saw the report of the sermon and Thomas, and retained the position till wrote to Dr. Austin, asking if it was correct. He was answered in the

A SENATOR OF VICTORIA.

1897.

would have to be taken back, or Dr. He is a Senator of Victoria Uni Austin would be called upon to stand versity (Methodist), and was made his trial for heterodoxy. Methodist doctor of divinity in 1896 1700, enacted a law upon the same sub- por a time he was editor of The Methwas preferred to Conference. On May odist Episcopal Pulpit, and has frequently had articles in The Methodist 15 a preliminary trial was held at Aylmer and Dr. Austin was not present, Christian-Guardian. but he sent a short defense. For years he has been looked upon as

one of the leading Methodist educationists in Canada. Hence, it was natural The charges against him, laid by Rev. that Methodism throughout the land Mr. Going, were: should be thrilled by his deposition, 1. He denied the doctrine of eternal Mr. Austin is a kindly-countenanced punishment. man of fifty, with a clear eye-and a 2. He denied the divinity of Christ thinking mind.

SYMPATHIZED WITH HIM, "I met Inspector Hughes to-day, and

NOT A SUDDEN WHIM.

HOW THEY SEE THE DEVIL.

don't understand."

Austin declared.

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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.

Lake Cora, Mich.

The Paw Paw Valley Spiritual Association will hold a grove meeting, at the popular resort, Lake Cora, Van Buren county, Michigan, Sunday, June 11, 1899. The talented lecturer and test me-We wish to most earnestly protest dium, Mrs. Murian Carpenter, of Deagainst The Progressive Thinker lend- troit, will be present. Dr. B. O'Dell, ing its columns as it has done lately, to president, Paw Paw, Mich.; Mrs. Cepromoting the interest of a camp-meet- cilia Nelson, secretary, Paw Paw, Mich.

Delphos, Kansas.

Times-Herald of June 8, is to be under The camp-meeting of the First Society the auspices of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association; said association hav- of State Spiritualists and Liberals of ing been formed for the purpose of Delphos, Kans., will begin Aug. 11 and whitewashing the conduct of Mrs. continue until the 28th. Will C. Hodge Mabel Aber Jackman at a seance where will be the principal speaker. Many her deceptive practices were fully ex- other good speakers and mediums will posed by eight unimpeachable wit- attend. The famous Reeves orchestra nesses, who are willing at any time to will discourse sweet music for the meet-M. J. MAN.

paganism. Its virgin-born God is but the reflex of a pagan myth, as is the three-headed God. Prayers, hymns and fasts were as common a thousand years before the Christian era as they were after. Christenings, that is, anointings, baptisms, the eating and drinking of the body and blood of a god is as old as human history. We lately gave an account of the buns with the cross on them baked on Good Friday, and showed they were survivals of the worship of Astarte, the Phenician goddess.

The Philadelphia Press, in a recent issue, told its readers about Easter Day and how it was observed in Egypt Syria and Persia many centuries before the dominant religion had a being. We theirs. copy:-

"Among the early Indo-European races the vernal equinox was greeted with great rejoicing and mystical rites, symbolical of the return of spring. This equinox occurs on or about the 21st of March and was without doubt the period of the primitive Easter.

"De Gebelln states that it was celebrated in-Egypt, Persia and Syria by the lighting of huge watch fires and the distribution of colored eggs.

"In India the Parsees still exchange red eggs, on their spring festival, according to Schwartz, who adds that makes us participants of the characterthe custom is traceable to the earliest ages.

"This giving of eggs typifies the birth | the incarnate mind. of life in that which is apparently dead, as exemplified in the return of spring. The Christian fathers adopted it in the east, as they had done the celebration of Eostre in the west, and made it one of their paschal observances. It still flourishes in the Easter egg of our own times.

"When the celtic races left their craward the setting sun, they carried with | had birth. them the worship of Bel, god of fire,

h. . .

whom many great doctors believe to have been the sun itself. Twice a year, on the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, they kindled monster Bel fires in honor of this deity. The autumnal fire was in thanksgiving for the harvest, while that of the spring was intended to propitiate Bel for the coming year. Both these feasts were called 'Bel tinne,' or 'flames of Bel.' At the spring 'Bel tinne' games of all sorts were indulged in, and an immense procession of men driving before them their flocks and herds passed between the fires lit by the Druids."

loaded with the sins of that people, then, burdened with curses, was led away into the wilderness.

God having been conditionally appeased, by the sacrifice of his loved son so all can become participants in the benefits flowing from the propitiatory offering, then the grand device of transubstantiation followed by which through the instrumentality of the officiating priest, the body and blood of this sacrificed junior God was multiplied and perpetuated through all time in the form of bread and wine, which, after benediction, become the real body and blood of the Lord Jesus so that all believers who shall eat of that body and drink of that blood will become a partaker in fact of all the good qualities possessed by the sacrificed subject, his life and virtues en-

tering into and becoming a part of

This is a complex subject, those out of the fold finding it a difficult task to fully comprehend it, especially how prayers or blessings can produce the necessary chemical change of converting bread and wine into flesh and blood; and yet in a former age to assert it was not done subjected the doubter to death, so it may be well enough to dictate. accept it as one of the mysteries of godliness. It is also embarrassing to comprehend how the eating of the heart of an animal, or the eating of the fiesh and drinking of the blood of a God

istics of the object slain; but it is probably because of the terrible defects of

TRUTH TRIUMPHANT.

And so the world moves on, and men adapt themselves to changed conditions. Enlarged knowledge sweeps away ancient errors, builds new faiths, and relegates long established dogmas dle-land in Chaldea and journeyed to- to the domain of ignorance where they

Rev. Dr. B. F. Austin, lately a Pro- he continued, were conducted, to a confessor in Alma College, at St. Thomas, siderable extent, as large business con- ism?" Ontario, and a prominent Methodist minister, was expelled from the London Methodist Conference on the 1st women." instant. The unfortunate pulpiteer had been reading up on modern Spiritualism and had met with some personal experiences which convinced him the new faith had foundation in fact. He was brave enough to publicly discard the false and embrace the true, for which the Conference registered A

an imprisonment not exceeding three months, or either, at the discretion of told him I needed no sympathy," said the court."

All of the colonial and State laws making it a criminal offense to call in question the truth of the Christian re- | shows "the earnest, satisfied conviction | ligion, or to even suggest that its Gods of the man. are not genuine, or that the three Gods make more than one God, or that its

sacraments are not of divine origin, subjecting the offender to such severe penalties, are but modifications of the act of Edward VI., which became a law in 1539. Under that law, said to principal of Alma College, one of the have been drawn up by the king himself, all persons who denied that the I collected many out-of-the-way facts and investigated them. For eight years bread and wine used in the sacrament I have been a close student of psyof the Lord's Supper were not the real. body and blood of Jesus should suffer several Spiritualists and had occular death. And if we are to place trust in ecclesiastical history, equally severe demonstration of their phenomena. laws, with death as a penalty for their During the last two years I have been breach, were in force In all the Christianized nations from the days of Conreturn would explain the phenomena.

stantine, A. D. 825. "What phenomena?" "Those presented by psychology With these facts can any person wonder how Christianity became the domitelepathy and clairvoyance-the phenant religion? or how it has maintained nomena of mind and spirit." its power? Such savage laws repealed or obsolete, faith wanes, and humanity begins to assert its natural right to believe as an educated judgment shall

THEY ALL AGREE.

The Chicago Record's special correspondent, at Liverpool, reports that Ian Maclaren, Rev. John Watson, the distinguished Presbyterian divine, lately touring in America, in an address to mind, that every person had two his Sefton Park Church, told of his experiences in the United States. He

said: "The one thing which above all Men were devoted to money and money was Spiritualism. getting in a way and to a degree which he could not have imagined possible. "The churches in the United States,

cerns, moneymaking permeating everything. In many districts he found con-

INQUISITION IN FULL FORCE. A great sensation was lately caused in Madrid by the discovery of evidence that the Inquisition, with torture of person who can commune with deprisoners, was still in full force in the unanimous vote for his expulsion. We Mort Jurich Fortress, in Barcelona. gladly welcome the Doctor into the Exhumed bodies showed that some of new fold. Soon it can be said truth- the prisoners had their nails torn out nsychic?" by the roots; that hot irons had been applied to the flesh; and that others had died of thirst. So says an exchange. The Progressive Thinker has frequently expressed the opinion, based on the history of the past, that Catholicism ism?" Rev. Dr. Savage, in Messiah pulpit, has not relaxed her power to punish with inquisitorial tortures those who disregard its authority. The only difference, it now does secretly what in olden time was done publicly. Ameri-can Convents would tell a tale of woe,

4. He upheld modern Spirit he said he sympathized with me. The charges were based on the sermon preached in Toronto. Mr. Austin. "At the Conference in

This committee found Dr. Austin Windsor they declared I was the coolguilty on charges 2, 3 and 4, and susest man present," he added. This all pended him to the Conference.

and disparaged the atonement.

the finality of revelation.

At the Conference at Windsor the matter was discussed for the better part of two days.

affirmative and replied that the matter

On April 1, 1899, a notice of charges

THE CHARGES LAID.

3. He preached a doctrine contra to

The friends of Dr. Austin asked him "Was this acceptance of Spiritualism to say nothing in his defense, but he a sudden whim of yours?" was asked desired to make Conference and the "By no means. "That's where the rechurch acquainted with the reasons of ports have been wrong. When I was his advocating Spiritualism. He desired to be honest. subjects taught by me was psychology.

The result was Dr. Austin was found guilty of the charges and deposed from the ministry.

chics. Some time ago I fell in with HIS SERMON WAS GUILTLESS.

Dr. Austin told The World that he had the authority of an eminent Methodist divine, whose opinion would convinced that the theory of spirit count much in Methodism, that his sermon was guiltless of three of the charges.

CATECHISED BY THE WORLD.

The World turned catechiser and asked Dr. Austin if he denied eternal punishment.

Mr. Austin stated that these phe-"I never denied it." he said. nomena were explained by three dif-"Do you deny the divinity of Christ ferent theories. The first was that they | and disparage the atonement?" were the product of the devil. "This," "No."

said he, "is the popular theory among "Do you deny the doctrine of the church people. But then people are finality of revelation?" prone to see the devil in what they "I never heard of the doctrine, but I certainly believe there are revelations

The second theory was that -- e phe to-day, as there were 2,000 years ago." nomena were seen by the unconscious HE UPHOLDS SPIRITUALISM. "Do you uphold modern Spiritualbrains, a conscious and an unconscious one. This was his view till recently. ism?"

"I certainly do."

THE THEORY OF SPIRITUALISM The deposed minister said he had no The third theory, the one he now held hard feelings against the members of others startled him, was the power of to, was taken by him after reading the Conference, yet he thought they the secular spirit in America and the much testimony and after receiving in- had not been very liberal in their weakness of the Christian church. disputable self-evidence. This theory views. He declared that sooner or later all men would come to view matters "Yesterday was the first time I an- even as he did. It was merely a quesnounced myself a Spiritualist," Mr. tion of time. As to future movements, Dr. Austin

had little to say. At present he is un-"What do you mean by Spiritualder contract to a publishing firm. He

"Well, it is a word that has a bad thought be would shortly preach and name, because of the deception that lecture throughout the country. His gregations consisting almost entirely of has been practiced under its cloak. I home is now in Winnipeg.

mean that the spirits of those departed "Will you appeal to the General Condo come to one and hold converse. [ference?" was asked. They do not come whenever one wishes "I am not decided about that. It is it, but under certain conditions they ap- expensive to travel from Winnipeg. pear. A psychic must be present. A My defense and sermon will be pubpsychic is an abnormally developed lished and circulated."

parted spirits.' The prophets of old Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa. were psychics. Joan of Arc and W. F. Peck, president of the Clinton Socrates were psychics." "Then Christ was the greatest camp, sends the following:

testify to the facts of the case before ings, also for the dance pavilion. any court.

AN EARNEST PROTEST

Against the Course of The Pro-

gressive Thinker.

ing near Chicago, that, according to the

· Mr. Cordingley is one of the officers of this association. A camp-meeting run by the Mabel Aber Jackman element will only excite the contempt and disgust of the great mass of Spiritualists of Chicago, and will soon be buried in oblivion, where it deserves to be. HARRY F. HILL. 272 E. Indiana street, Chicago.

We desire to say that the Illinois State Spiritualist Association mentioned in the Times-Herald is not the Illinois State Spiritualist Association which is represented by Dr. Geo. B. Warne, and which is fully endorsed by the National Association and the leading societies of the state.-Editor.

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, Q. H. Moody, Prof. Dunion and others. Test and slate-writing mediums will also be engaged. Correspondence with those wishing to engage with camps desired. Address D. L. Haines, Secretary, Franklin, Neb. Grand Ledge, Mich.

20. Speakers and mediums: Mrs. A. E. drew B. Spinney, Georgia Gladys Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates, Mrs. | Cooley, Lyman C. Howe, D. P. Dewey Georgia Gladys Cooley, Mrs. N. M. Rus- and many others. All good mediums sell, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, Dr. A. B. are invited to our camp. Send for pro-Spinney. Dr. J. M. Peebles, B. O'Dell, grams and posters. Address Anna M. Edgar W. Emerson, James Riley, Mrs. Fox, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., or Frances Ruddick, Mrs. Arthur Brewer, Charles Benton, president, Central Mrs. Jean MacKenzie Nichols, A. B. Lake, Mich. Winans. For full programme address M. L. Phares, Secretary, Grand Ledge,

Michigan. Indiana Camp.

The Indiana Camp-meeting opens a Chesterfield, July 20 and closes August 28. The speakers engaged are B. F. Underwood, Mrs. Eva Pfuntner, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Mrs. Anna L. Gillesple, Mrs. Mary E. Lease, Moses and Mattle Hull, Mrs. Dr. Pierce and Mrs. T. O. Moore. For programs and particulars address Flora Hardin, Sec'y, Anderson, Ind.

Lily Dale Camp.

This favorite place of resort opens This popular camp-meeting will open July 14 and closes August 27. For of birds that live among them. G. H.

Sunapee Lake, N. H.

On Sunday, July 29, the 22d annual camp-meeting of the Lake Sunapee Spiritualist Camp-meeting Association will open at Blodgett's Landing, N. H., and continue five weeks, ending Sunday, August 26. A complete program will be furnished anyone by addressing W. H. Wilkins, secretary, Felchville, Vt., Box 63.

New Era, Ore.

The New Era, Oregon, Camp-meeting will this year be in session from July i to 24, on the grounds of the First Spiritual Religious Association at New Era, Those desiring further information, and any mediums who expect to be present. may address the secretary, or Walter P. Williams, Salem, Ore.

Forest Home, Mich.

The Forest Home Spiritual Camp Association of Northern Michigan first annual meeting will convene on the camp and resort grounds, at Snowflake Antrim county, Mich., situated on the Chicago and West Michigan railroad, three miles south of the village of Central Lake, five miles north of Bellaire and twenty miles south of Charlevoix the beautiful, on July 8, 1899, and will continue four weeks. The brilliant Commences July 21 and closes August lights upon the rostrum will be Dr. An-

Catalpa Park, Liberal Mo.

The Catalpa Park Camp-meeting of Spiritualists, at Liberal Mo., will commence on the 19th day of August and close Sept. 3. The managers have procured the best of speakers and mediums, have placed the park in fine trim. with cottages, tents, dining hall and everything in first-class order for the accommodation of visitors. Those who wish to escape the oppressive heat and unpleasant din of city life during those long summer days, can find, at Catalpa Park, a pleasant retreat amid the cooling shade of those nodding trees, refreshed with the songs of the hundreds

A RECRUIT FOR GLORY.

Adrian Braun, convicted of wifemurder, was electrocuted at Sing Sing, N. Y., on the 29th ult. Seated in the fatal chair while the electric appliances were being adjusted, the culprit raised his hand and exclaimed:

"Jesus, for you I lived; Jesus, for you | New York, has lately preached a series I die; Jesus, you are mine in life and | of discourses on "Belief in Immordeath."

The poor man who loved Jesus so lished. The following excerpt from a ardently, and for whom he died, stabbed his wife to death who-had brought him some delicacies while he was suffering a two years' imprisonment for beating her. His murdered it be possible, that we shall see them wife, not a believer, cut down in a moment, all unprepared for death, suffers the pangs of endless woe, whilst the | that have been dearer to us than life | wretch, with an abundance of time to here? Why, if this could be once prepare for the change, welcomes death | known, the earth would never again be as a sweet deliverer, then, reposing in | draped in black; the skies could never Abraham's bosom, joy unspeakable, he looks over the battlements of heaven and sees his victim experiencing the ling the dawn of an eternal day.' miseries of the damned.

We hear some mossbacks in the amen corner, begging Spiritualists not to rob them of their belief. We won't do it. Hell is good enough for them, and they are welcome to it.

ONLY LACK AUTHORITY.

It is told in history that it was a refinement of tyrants, practiced by the most cruel of Roman emperors, to compel those who suffered injuries at the hands of oppressors, to return thanks for the injury. De Tranquil says: "Caligula was thanked by those whose children he had put to death, and those whose property he had confiscated." Again: "A person who had to America, where he soon after begrown old in the service of kings was | came identified with our colonial asked how he attained old age by affairs, and led the way through his attendance on courts, replied: 'By re- versatile pen to independence. It was ceiving injuries and returning thanks.'" one of the early traducers of Paine; The church expects its devotees to and an enemy of Franklin, who furcopy these examples, and glorify the nished the facts in regard to the priests for their oppressions and cru- author-hero's early religious views. eltics. And they who repulse such de- | Paine was of Quaker parentage.

mands are branded with opprobious epithets, and would be crushed if priestly authority was as great as it By Nancy McKay Gordon. 45 pages. was a few generations ago.

than they who are against us." That time would not be distant if all who embrace the new faith would give publicity to their enlarged views.

fully. "They who are for us are greater

JUST BEAUTIFUL.

tality," one of which we lately pub-

still later one is just beautiful:

"All of us have friends who have passed into the unseen. Would it not be worth the study of years to know, if again and shall know them, and that we shall resume the companionships again weep with rain; every wind would be an anthem, and every morn-

Now that is not the faith, nor the retreat to Catholicism. hope of the thoroughly informed Spiritualist, but by reason of frequent communications with the dear ones called dead, they have absolute knowledge that those friends still live, and have power to communicate with those in the flesh, hence they joy as no one else

can joy who is not in possession of such knowledge. PAINE A METHODIST PREACHER. .It appears that Thomas Paine was at one time a Methodist preacher; that he

was indoctrinated into a belief in one God only by Benjamin Franklin, who, Present appears. then in England, induced, Paine to come

> Thy memory to fulfill, Forgotten in thy bloom, Remembered still.

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if thrown open to official investigation. FOUND HIS LEVEL.

Rev. Chas. W. Shields. a Presbyterian clergyman of New Jersey, has just been made a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church, having left the Presbyterian ministry because he was censured for signing an application for a tavern license for Princeton. The Episcopals have become the dumping lieved in its phenomena. ground for the disaffected of other Protestant sects, while the Episcopals

A WILD ROSE.

A blushing, wild pink rose. By tangled woods and ways, A passing sweet that goes With summer days.

From rosy dawn till night Wafted from east to west. Kissed by the morning light To evening rest.

But memories will last Through winter days and years, An incense from the past, Thy odors faint outlive

Allke both joy and pain, Stealing the sweet they give Thy memory to fulfill. Leaving a faint perfume

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"That's what they-say, though I have July 29 and close August 27. Speakers | full particulars address the secretary. never declared it. He was the perfect | engaged as follows: A. E. Tisdale, Geo. man and in that was abnormal."

WHAT CONVERTED HIM.

"What converted you to Spiritual

"The writing of Sir William Crookes, president of the British Association, those of Alfred R. Wallace, those of Prof. Zollner of Germany, those of Dr. tent, occupy a cottage or room in the Joseph Cook, those of Dr. George Sex- hotel as may be preferred, cook your ton and other able men in science."

own food, buy it already prepared, or Continuing, in a manner calm, though take your meals at the restaurants. enthusiastic, as if he were talking of a Band concerts, dramaticentertainments subject long a reality to him, Mr. Austin said that he began to examine all varied tastes. Prof. Zumbach, with Spiritualism in Its relation to religion. one of the finest quartettes in the norththe church and the interpretation of the Bible. He found that the Bible west, will furnish vocal music for the was full of spiritual teaching, full of entire season. For circulars and further particulars address the secretary, the phenomena of Spiritualism. He E. A. Kilby, Ottumwa, Iowa. had often told his Triends that he was an investigator of Spiritualism and be-

FIRST. "Where did your difference with ment of facts concerning the efforts of Conference originate?" "Right here, in the city, on Sunday, ernment. An important work. Paper, January 8, 1898. At the request of Rev. 25 cents. For sale at this office.

Mr. Rankin, of Dunn Avenue Methodist Church. I preached in his church, from the French. With numerous il-I chose as my text, 'Buy the truth and lustrations. These lighter works of the sell it not.' Prov. xxili., 23. That ser- brilliant Frenchman, and invincible enmon caused the present trouble.". The introduction to the sermon told of wide reading. Wit, philosophy and of the character of truth and its value romance are combined, with the skill of part: D. P. Dewey, Moses Hull, Miss Sundays. Any one can secure a pro-to humanity. Man's chief business was a master mind. Price \$1.50. For sale Maggie Gaule, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, gramme by addressing J. F. Grove, 277 to find out and live the truth. That was at this office.

religion. There were many hindrances to the and How to Mesmerize to Assist Develfinding of truth. Among them was the opment." By W. H. Bach. Especially cordially invited to visit our camp. For idea, taught from the pulpit, that men useful to learners who seek to know and further particulars address the secre- Address Paul S. Gillette, 411 N. 19th were to get truth from the preacher, utilize the laws of mediumship and development, and avoid errors. Price, troit, Mich. and were not to seek it themselves.

thank you for the valuable premium I himself. Another hindrance was the belief received with The Progressive Thinker that all truth came to the world over |-Art Magic. I find its contents very 1800 years ago in a complete system, instructive and wish it could be placed and from then till now there was no in every home, for to my mind there is ture and give tests during the meeting. Psychic Science. What the "Soul of revelation. This Mr. Austin stoutly more genuine truth and good sensible opposed in his sermon. He declared reasoning in its pages than can be there were revelations to-day in spirit- found in both the Old and New Testa-

ual things, just as there were 1800 ments."

A. E. Gaston, Meadville, Pa. The fol-P. Colby, Carrie E. S. Twing, C. Fannie | lowing intellectual lights will appear on Allyn, Geo. B. Warne and W. F. Peck. the rostrum: Moses Hull. Mrs. Olara Mediums: Mrs. Maggle Waite, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, J. C. Georgia G. Cooley, Max Hoffman and

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Briggs Park Camp.

The camp-meeting at Briggs' Park, Grand Rapids, Mich., opens July 2, and dancing will afford amusement for | and closes July 30. Thos. J. Haynes. secretary, 182 Gold street, Grand Rapids. Michi Address him for particulars. The following named persons will take part in the proceedings: Hon. J. M. lars. Jamison, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates, Mrs. A. E. Sheets, Martha E. Root, Isa Wilson

Kayner, Carrie Fuller Weatherford, Margaret Gaule, Dr. J. C. Batdorf. Lake Brady, O.

Commences July 2 and continues until September 1. Anyone wanting a program can get it by writing to Mrs. C. C. Bacon, Lake Brady, via Kent, Ohio.

Island Lake Camp. Mich.

The Island Lake Camp, Mich., will commence Sunday, July 16, and close August 31. The hotel and grounds will emy of the Catholic Church, are worthy | be open to the public from the first of June. The following persons will take John D. Boyle, Anna L. Gillesple, Nellie 19th street. Columbus. Ohio.

S. Baade, Mrs. May C. Lincoln, Dr. J. M. Peebles. Mediums of all phases are tary, A. G. Brown, 266 21st street, De-| street, Omaha, Neb., for particulars.

Forest Park, Ottawa, Kansas. All are invited to attend. T. O. Duel, Things" Is. Song of Psyche. A pamph-Lawrence. Kans.

Walser, president, Liberal, Mo. Maple Dell Park, O.

Maple Dell Park is located at Mantua Station, Ohio. It opens July 30 and closes September 3. Address D. M. King, Mantua Station, for full particulars.

Vicksburg, Mich.

The Vicksburg (Mich.) Camp will open August 5 and close August 28. For full information address Jeannette Fraser, manager, Vicksburg, Kalamazoo county, Mich.

Lake Pleasant, Mass.

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

and the

Onset Bay, Mass.

Onset Bay Camp, Mass., opens July 9 and closes Aug 27. The following list of speakers: Geo. A. Fuller, M. D., Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, Mrs. Kate R. Stiles, Albert P. Blinn, Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn. A. E. Tisdale, Rev. T. E. Allen, Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes, Mrs. Carrie F. Loring, Prof. W. F. Peck, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, J. O. F. Grumbine, H. L. Russegue, F. A. Wiggin, Rev. W. W. Hicks, Mrs. Mary E. Lease, Miss Susie, C. Clark, H. D. Barrett, W. J. Colville.

Summerland Beach, O.

Commences the first Sunday in August and ends the first Sunday in September, making four weeks and five

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WHILE IN THE HYPNOTIC STATE,

FOUND AND SPIRITS SEEN.

state of trance?

LOST MEN AND ABTIOLES ARE

didu't think enough of the man's fears to speak of it to anybody. Patients of course are always pervous about an operation. At about 2 o'clock on the found dead in his bed by the nurse; weak heart, I believe, they said."-Inter Ocean;



an Alleged Bogus 18 Medium.

Harry Chapin, the alleged bogus medium, was tried before Judge Edwin Franks and a jury late Thursday afternoon. The jury, after being out three hours, agreed to disagree, and were discharged. The first ballot stood 11 to 1 for conviction. During the trial it developed that Chapin was A MORPHINE FIEND

of a most pronounced type. The trial was an interesting one, in view of the fact that Attorneys Robert Pugh and the story. Several years ago Mrs. Miller, who is

Wm. Eames, who were opposed to Prosecutor Wm. Lueders, offered no an old friend and schoolmate of Mrs. defense, and went through the trial on | Long, discovered that she could put her technicalities, covered by a blanket objection. In other words, they objected to all questions and answers save the question asking witnesses' names. So | times amused themselves by the excertain was Attorney Pugh that a conperiments.

viction would follow the retirement of the jury that he at once prepared a motion

FOR A NEW TRIAL. When the jury were out some time Attorney Pugh said: "I would like to know what they are holding out on."

Mrs. Lee Keck was a witness, who said that Chapin had swindled her by pretending to be a medium. She was asked to tell of a visit the man made at her home to give a test of his powers. "What," she said, "do you mean the day I took his watch from him?"

Attorney Pugh objected and the story of how she stopped the clock and got Chapin's watch as security for a loan did not get before the jury. Mrs, Kate Harris, a stenographer,

testified that she was victimized by the fellow. She made him disgorge, too. Mrs. Harris, in order to be sure that Chapin was a genuine spiritualistic slate writer, placed the slate under her feet, and there was no writing. The witness had paid him the money and she made him give back all but fifty

OCCULT FORCE. afternoon of the second day he was Through Her Wonderful Oc- Telepathy an Acknowledged cult Powers.

> INTERESTING STATEMENT IN RE-GARD TO THOUGHT TRANSFER-ENCE.

Fact.

Is it possible for, missing peoople to The following brief extracts are from be located by hypnotic subjects in a a very lengthy article published in the Chicago Chronicle on Thought Trans-This has been done here in Chicago ference. Wm. C. Gray says:

by two women living on the South Side, "My impression in the experience of Mrs. Mary Long and Mrs. Flora Miller. my life is very strong that one is in-Isaac Humrickhower, a soldier in the fluenced and controlled by some unseen regular United States army, had been | agency beyond himself. There is nothlost to his family for several years, and | ing more marked in my mind than that was located and found by Mrs. Long | the course of my life has been laid out while in a hypnotic trance. There is no for me and a kind of compulsion exfor conviction, and the last ballot 9 to 3 doubt of the truth of the story. It can ercised to force me into it, usually be verified in every detail. The names | against my will, and in these instances, given-Mrs. Long and Mrs. Miller-are they are quite a number, what I was not the real names of the women. They compelled to do was better for me than are two quiet, retiring and cultivated if I had followed the course which I ladies, who do not work for pay and had chosen for myself and preferred." who do not care to be identified with Samuel Fallows, pastor of St. Paul

Reformed Church, says: "Telepathy has been proved beyond the possibility of a doubt. It is no longer a theory; it is a fact.

friend into a hypnotic state. The mat-"Telepathy, or spiritual telegraphy, ter was considered a joke by the two or whatever you may want to call it, families, the members of which someworks on precisely the same principle as the new wireless telegraphy. In the first case thought waves travel through

Two women from Ashland, Ohio, visthe ether and in the other electric lited Mrs. Miller. They were entirely waves. To call thought a physical subunknown to Mrs. Long. One evening stance may sound strange, but it is Mrs. Long came in to call and the contrue nevertheless, and the waves of

at other times the experiment is a cording to the intensity of the idea; it

is injurious or exhilarating according to its moral character. Scientists have FINDING OF HUMBICKHOWER recently demonstrated what poets and The sisters then told the story of the novelists have long declared, that missing brother, Isaac Humrickhower. anger and jealousy and all evil He had joined the regular army, gone thoughts are poisonous, and that joy | Matilda Joslyn Gage. A royal volume, to some post out West, and had not and hope and all noble thoughts really of more than common intrinsic value. been heard from for over a year. The nourish and build up the body. Now The subject is treated with masterly last news they had from him he was ill- all one has to do to register his ability; showing what the church has from a wound received in a fight with | thoughts upon the brain of a person far | and has not done for woman. It is full

Somewhat against her will, and en- upon the message to be sent and upon be read by every one. Price \$2, posttirely skeptical as to the result, Mrs. the person operated upon. This con- paid. For sale at this office. Long allowed herself to be placed in a centration is the principle of both "Human Culture and Cure, Marriage,

Christ As a Medium. Meetings of Spiritualists are held

The above is the number of the preeach Sunday in the Lincoln Club rooms ent issue of The Progressive Thinker, on Pearl street. During May, Rev. G. as printed at the top of the first page, W. Kates and wife, of Rochester, N. Y., right hand corner. If this number cor are the speakers. Yesterday afternoon responds with the figures on your wrap-Mr. Kates spoke upon "The Soul of per, then the time you have paid for has Things," and took his text from John expired, and you are requested to renew 4:29, where the woman of Samaria said your subscription. This number at the Jesus had told her all things of her life. Mr. Kates said that Jesus "read" the woman's life, psychometrically, as do the modern mediums. "Psychometry," he said, "means soul-

measurement, and from all things having soul an aura is eliminated which conveys to the sensitive person an effect. This aura is the affluvia or essence projected from the person by which the dog scents his master or the fugitive. All people are continually exuding this aura and influencing everything they touch-hence habitations, clothing and all articles possessed contain the 'condition' and 'influences' of the Individual."

The soul of things has been sensed and descriptions in proof given by various psychics. Soul-reading is opening up a moral reform that will surely prevent people from committing misdeeds. the existence of soul and its conditions of unfoldment; hence creates the true predicate for immortality, and is the great reformer, that will educate and purify all people.

demonstrations of psychometric reading, and at the night meeting gave a forcible and eloquent lecture .- Grand Rapids (Mich.) Democrat.

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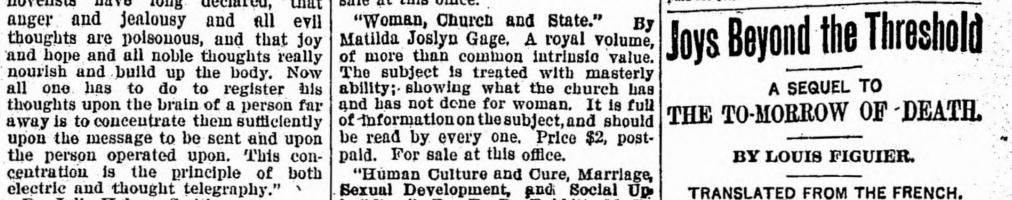
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THE TOMORROW OF DEATH Was writen to

in a chain of new beings, whose successive links are unfolled in the bosom of etherial space. "BEYOND

versation turned on experiments in ideas travel from one person's brain to hypnotism. Mrs. Miller laughingly reanother instantly, in entire disregard of marked that she often put Mrs. Long in distance or intervening obstacles such a trance and had her find grandas buildings or mountains. "Can she locate lost articles?" asked the two visiting sisters in one breath. "Sometimes we find that she can, and

"It is a well-known psychological fact that every idea stamps itself on the substance with which it comes in contact. The mark is light or heavy ac-

and shot her. I do not remember anything that I did after the first shot, and I never knew until I was told about it last November."

"Do you know how many times you shot?" "I do not."

"Do you remember of shooting your self?" "Yes, of discharging the revolver just

once against myself."

"When this command came, you wen immediately ?-"

"Yes. I did not hesitate." "What made you do it, Bertha?" "What made me do what?" This in a slightly surprised tone.

"Why, kill your mother." "Because I thought it was my duty. "Did you ever think before this that you saw your father in the room?" "Yes. The moment I would dismiss as Aguinaldo or any of those what-histhe idea of killing either mother or my self, he would appear in my room." "How did he appear?"

"I don't know. I don't remember whether it was in his natural form or his spiritual form, or what. I could see his face though. He would remain half an hour or so.."

"While you were pouring laudanum into the glass the command came and you shot your mother at once?" "Yes, sir."

"Do you remember taking the laudanum?"

"No, sir."

"Or of using the revolver?" "Yes, I know I used two, but I re- the girl. member of shooting myself but once. The revolver had been in a drawer five back with a great, lanky country boy or six years."

opening the door or of talking to Rev. was his first trip to the city. Just for Mr. Brubeck?"

"Not the slightest."

mother when other people were there near, and saying you had shot her?"

"No sir.' "Or or telling anyone about this Chicago affair or about your cousin?"

foot against the railing." There was a murmur of protest from you can tell me the names of the

"Oh. did you hear that?" ins before marriage?" "Yes, sir."

"Have you any recollection of talking to anyone during the first four weeks after the shooting?" boy couldn't be right, 'they can't acquit him outright. It may be a light sen-"No, sir."

Here the attorneys desired an ad- tence.

"'No,' said the boy, 'the foreman has journment, and after a short consultation, Judge Frazer turned and said: just signed the paper, and it says 'not future owners of the place attempted been in the Judge's house, and Mrs. In the clear air of the north they were

the revolver. Then I went into my mother's room, walked up to the bed and I thought I wouldn't have anything to do with the matter. But some things about the motives for the crime, and the dependence of the man's family, made it pathetic. The more I thought about it, the more I saw some chance to work on the sentiment of the jury Spiritualism. He said that Chapin had and perhaps secure a light sentence, a called on him in order to "get on the least. Besides, the fellow's wife put up good side of him," and said that he a pitiful plea for me to take the case was a fake. Wilms told him to go and Well, after I was in for it, of course, make an honest living. wanted to make the best show I could Detective Al. Sweeney afforded much Of course, you know an ex-Judge with amusement to the jurors when, with leanings toward politics and getting slate and table and green cloth, he degray-haired doesn't want to make scribed the sitting at Chapin's in which vaudeville performer of himself to save he and Prosecutor Lueders took part. the skin of any embezzler. On the Col. Deitsch told the jury that Chapin whole, things went on about as l had acknowledged to him that he could thought they would. By a soft-hearted not bring the Colonel's grandfather jury any man would be let off. With back for an old-fashioned chat on these a cool, biled-shirt, Bostonian kind of a modern times. No witnesses were put jury he wouldn't stand as much show names in the Philippines. I was really worried. That evening, after the case went to the jury, a neighbor girl, a pet of my wife and myself, came over.

NAMED JURORS AND VERDICT. "'Gracious, goodness, Judge, what's the matter? I've a notion to go home, you're so grumpy," she said. "'He's worrying because he's afraid an old jury down town is going to decide against him,' my wife explained,

laughing. "'Well, if that's all it is, my cousin that's visiting us can tell just what they'll do and set your mind easy,' said

"She ran off and pretty soon came about 18 years old. He came from "Do you have any recollection of down near Champlain, Ill., and this curiosity I began to ask him some questions, and he declared that he could "Or of walking to the bedside of your | 'put his mind a'most anywheres, fur er

"'Fire away, then, and tell me what that infernal jury is thinking about,' I said. He didn't ask me which jury, and I made no explanation. The boy "No, sir," emphasized by a tap of her | sat down and put his hand over his eyes. 'Walt,' I said then; 'first see if

witnesses who had testified regarding jurors?' Now, you can believe me or the Chicago cousin. One leaned over to not, but that boy told me, in ten minthe other excitedly, and exclaimed: utes, the name of every juror, his occu pation, and gave a good description of "Your father and mother were cous- each. He said that they had agreed on a verdict and that my man would be found 'not guilty.' "'Oh, pshaw!' I remarked, a little disappointed, really, because I thought the

on the stand for the defense, and in the face of the testimony the twelve men could not agree that Chapin had practiced a trick game .-- Cincinnati (Ohio) Times-Star. INHERITS A GHOST. Seems a Cenuine Haunted House. A clergyman has just succeeded by the death of his nephew, Sir Henry Boynton, to one of the oldest baronetcies of England, and with it inherited the entailed estate known as Burton-Agnes Hall, near Hull, in Yorkshire. The mansion of the place has the most extraordinary ghost story attached to it that perhaps can be told of any of the spectre-ridden manor houses of this country. Its truth is attested by many generations of Boyntons, and several attempts to "lay the spirit" have altogether failed. The ghost is supposed to be the restless spirit of one of three sisters who were co-heiresess to the estate in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and who were the actual builders of the present Burton-Agnes Hall. One of the sisters was waylaid on the highway while out walking shortly after the completion of the new house, and terribly maltreated by ruffians,

supposed to be certain gentlemen residing in the neighborhood. This terrible treatment broke the lady's heart, and she took to what proved to be her deathbed. Before dying, however, she made her sisters promise that her head should be removed from her body, and preserved on a slab in the great entrance hall of the house. She also in-

trance for the purpose of locating the cents. It took Mrs. Harris about as lost brother. long to get on Chapin's curves as it "Can.you see Isaac Humrickhower?" does for a fox to scent trouble ahead. Mrs. Miller asked her. An interesting witness was Jeweler "Yes," was the answer immediately. Wilms, known far and wide as a foe to

Indians.

mother's spectacles.

failure," was the answer.

"How do you know it is he? You have never seen him." "I can't tell you that, but I know

some way that this man's name is Isaac Humrickhower. He is of medium | icine would produce too cumulative an size, fair, light-haired, and has a long scar on the right side of his face." "Where is he?"

"He is in a town, and he stays about a big building, I think. But he does not live there. I can't make out the name of the town. I never saw it before."

"Oh, try, now, Mary," .pleaded Mrs. Miller. "Look up there high on the wall toward the ceiling. The name is on a signboard up there." The subject bent forward and

strained her eyes toward the spot indicated. "No," she said, shaking her head and settling back in the chair. "I can't read the name."

"Look again," commanded Mrs. Miller, sharply this time. "I know you can make out those letters if you try." Again Mrs. Long peered forward, seeming to strain her eyes to the utmost. Then she spelled out slowly, "Kankakee, Ill."

The sisters caught at the clew as at a last straw. Search had been made in entities. They are concrete things many places without result, but they | vibrating in ether just like electric the brother, Isaac Humrickhower. He why should not thoughts vibrating had been wounded, and never recovered. His memory had failed him and he was suffering from partial and temporary insanity, as a result of the wound. By the advice of the army surgeons he had resigned from the army and had gone to Kankakee for treatment. He was not confined to the

asylum, but stayed about the place for treatment by the experts there. He was found without difficulty and has since recovered.

The two sisters live in Ashland, Ohio, and they have another brother, a very wealthy man, who lives in Indiana.

SHE LOCATES MISSING ARTICLES

It is a common thing for neighbors to he wishes." ask Mrs. Long to locate missing articles for them, and usually she is able to do savs:

so. A child living near, by lost a necklace, and Mrs. Long insisted that she saw it sticking in the mud in the street. Search revealed the necklace in the dirt, collected between the cracks of a board sidewalk, near the house,

Mrs. Long, was at the house one eventimated in her dying moments that if ing to dinner. Mrs. Long had never about a mile and a half from our yacht.

electric and thought telegraphy." Dr. Julia Holmes Smith says:

"On one occasion a dose of medicine was given with orders to repeat if necessary, leaving the matter to the discretion of the nurse. On returning to my home that evening and looking over the notes of the case I became

convinced that two doses of the medeffect. With great earnestness of purpose I determined that the nurse should not give the medicine; not trusting, this office.

however, to the possibility of thought transmission I called a carriage and poet of Spiritualism may be read in her Your Ruling Planet Discovered drove directly to the house of the pa-

tient. I summoned the nurse, saying: 'I have come to tell you that I fear a repetition of the dose would be injurious; one is sufficient.' 'That is queer,' said she, 'about three-quarters printed and bound. Price \$1. of an hour ago I had a feeling in my Man the Microcosm-His Infinite and

bones that you had changed your mind Celestial Relations and Spiritual Powand one dose would be sufficient."" ers. Of this pamphlet by a Spiritualist Dr. Sudduth says: of thought and experience, Lyman O.

"Etymologically telepathy is derived Howe speaks highly. Mrs. Mary A. from 'tele' and 'pathos,' meaning literally 'in sympathy with but suffering afar off.' It may be defined as the sending and receiving of thoughts, voluntarily or involuntarily, by means other than the recognized methods commonly in use. The brain is organic;

the products of an organic function are organic; hence thoughts are organic through the ether similarly affect our friend far distant? What is the chief source of bodily energy? It is thoughts vibrating through our cells and muscles

and stimulating them to activity. The more good and true ideas a man has the stronger he will be physicallyother things being equal.

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Adeline, Countess Schimmelmann.

"Now, I am myself a skeptic about the matter of telegraphy of thought, but there is one way in which certainly there is wireless telegraphy from spirit to spirit, and that is from the spirit of God to our soul. My youngest son, a Judge X., a business acquaintance of bright, golden curly haired boy, was rowing with one of our sailors in a boat

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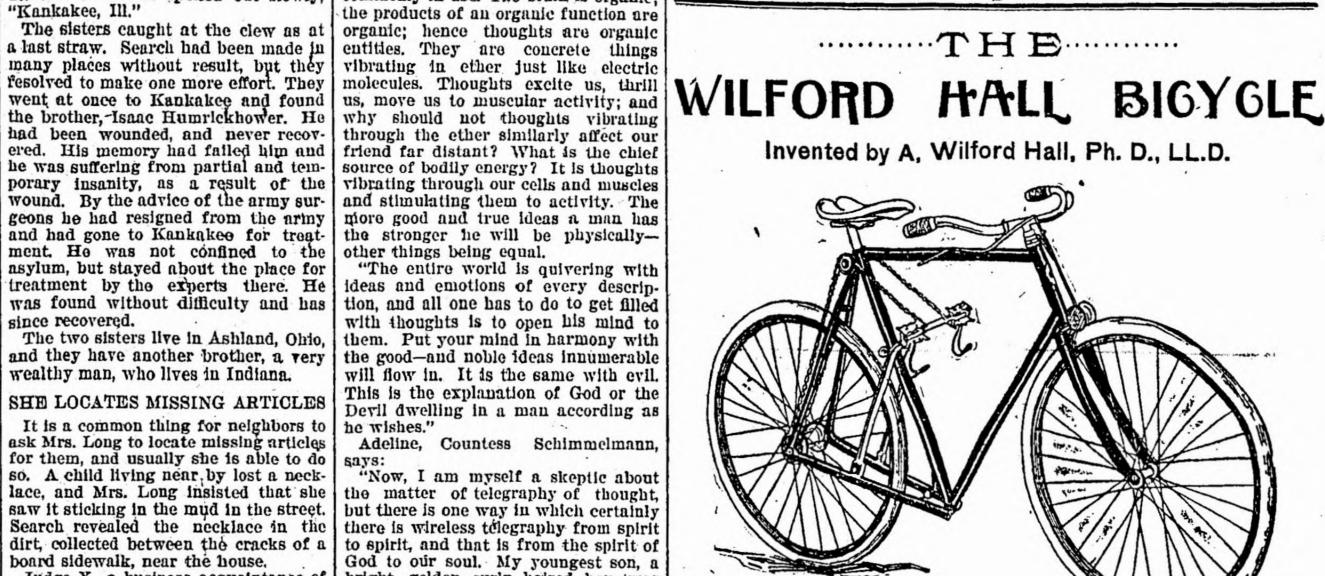
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room after two deputy sheriffs, com- he said it was." posed and apparently none the worse for her effort.

District Attorney Haymaker hardly - This reminded the artist of a story. moved the entire time she was talking. "During the campaign in Cuba last His only comment after adjournment summer," he said, "I had a relative in was: "She is very cool and self-pos- the army. He was the only son of a sessed." It was evident, however, that cousin, and it broke his mother's heart the commonwealth had been as badly when the boy went away. You know

surprised as the spectators at large. That portion of the defense in the around Santiago before complete lists Beilstein murder trial which refers to of the wounded were published; be-Spiritualism is not relished to any great sides, Chicago newspapers, I think, extent by the Spiritualists of this city | were tied up by a stereotypers' strike On the contrary, many of the leading at that time. At any rate, when the followers of that belief in Pittsburg are news came of the first battle I went rather put out over the introduction of down to my cousin's house about nine that sort of evidence into the case. o'clock at night. She asked me, as she They argue that it is not the custom always did the first thing, to tell her for spirits, through mediums, to tell the war news. I recited, then, all I anyone on 'earth to commit crimes knew from the bulletins, assuring her such as Bertha Beilstein did to make that the casualties in our army had them happy: Their creed, they say, been slight. She seemed in fairly good does not teach anything of that sort, cheer. The next morning she came and even if the spirit did mention that down stairs, very white. he was lonely, that should not be taken as a command to kill any one in order said. 'His left shoulder was torn to

to repair the loneliness. John H. McElroy, the consulting en- through my shoulder right here. The gineer of the Consolidated gas com- whole side is mangled, and Henry is pany, and one of the leading members | dead!" of the Pittsburg Spiritualistic church,

discussed the question to some length presentiments, second sight, or whatwith a Leader reporter this morning. ever you may call it. She persisted in He is one of the ones who declare em- her conviction. Three weeks afterward phatically that the command to kill the we got a detailed account of Henry's mother and Bertha did not come from | death. His left shoulder had been torn the spirit world.

off by a cannon shot." "Our religion," said he. "does not "Is it true, Doctor, that people someteach anything of that sort and I think times have a presentiment of death?" the introduction of such an argument queried the Judge.

"But I have known cases," mused the into the case is very deplorable, at least from the standpoint of a Spiritualist, doctor. "I remember during my hos-There is no command given from the pital practice we had a patient once spirit world to commit a crime, no mat- who came in for a very slight operater how strong a proof can be procured | tion. There was positively no ground to support the theory. Aside from that for a suspicion that he would not refeature of the case, I think that a per- cover in a week. When I went to his line on a sheet of ordinary note paper, son who has not the will power to keep room to walk with him to the operating | cut it out in silhouette and put it in the lawyers in the state, however, won't from committing a crime such as Miss room he looked at me curiously, with printing frame with the negative. Hay- save the boys." Beilstein did just because she was or- eyes as bright and dark as a bird's.

(Pa.) Leader.

There is no defeat except from with- this, in the afternoon, Miss Patterson show the spectre, with objects seen case, and an able plea was made, but what is needed on the subject. Paper, in. There is no failure except in no (the nurse) will find me dead in my bed, through it weirdly, as if it was translu- the young men were convicted .- Inter 75 cents, Cloth, \$1.50. For sale at this longer trying .- Robert Burns Wilson. | with my arm over my face-so.' I | cent .- New York Press.

to remove her head from the hall slab She stepped lightly out of the stand found out by inquiry that the verdict she would make the place unand walked directly out of the court | was written and signed at just the hour inhabitable.

A PRESENTIMENT OF SANTIAGO.

disturbances in every room of the man-

it was some time after the fighting that the sisters were glad to have the a hundred years, and then one of the possessors of the hall had the head rible disturbances took place, and the head was once more disinterred and placed on its shelf. Two more attempts have been made by successive owners of Burton-Agnes Hall to get rid of their ghastly hall or-

nament, but always with terrible hap-"'Henry was shot yesterday.' she been restored to its shelf. And there it pleces. I can see it. I feel the pain is now, a fleshless skull, of course, and there the new baronet intends it shall

remain as long as he happens to be lord of the place. But he talks of build-"I tried to show her the absurdity of ing a little shrine for the special accommodation of the head. How the spirit of the long-ago dead lady will like this innovation remains to be seen. At any rate this is indeed an interesting problem for the Psychological So-

ciety.-Philadelphia American.

Ghosts Not Always Real. Ghosts are not always real. In fact, some of the most successful are manufactured with infinite care. To get a photograph of a ghost it is not at all necessary that the real thing be before the camera. Draw the phantom in outing first made a suitable photographic - The young lawyer questioned his dered to do so, is insane.'-Pittsburg "'I shan't get over this, young man,' negative, the white paper silhouette clients, and they admitted the circumhe said. 'I will not die under the ether | may thus be superimposed on any de-

Miller was entirely unacquainted with | yet to be seen, and I, watching them, him. Mrs. Miller put Mrs. Long into a distinctly saw the boy rise and overhypnotic trance as an experiment, and | turn the boat so that it was filled with

The two surviving sisters gave the the Judge asked that she visit his home dving woman the promises she re- | and describe it.

quired, but only with the intention of soothing her last moments. The head and the body were duly buried to-Miller. The whole establishment, furgether. But beginning with the night niture, plan of the house, and everyof the funeral and continuing for sev- thing about the place was minutely deeral weeks, came most extraordinary 'scribed by Mrs. Long.

Curious as it may seem, Mrs. Long sion. Furniture flew about, chairs rat- recollects many things which she sees but it was impossible to do so before tled, horrible shricks were heard, so when in a trance. She has also held the lapse of fifteen minutes. When they communication with spirits when up- arrived they found the boat quite safe grave opened and the head taken from der the mysterious spell of hypnotism, and both lads fishing. They could not the body and placed on a shelf in the or whatever it may be. Mr. K., a young think what had made me see this, and hall. There it remained for upwards of lawyer, is the son of a distinguished politician and lawyer. Himself and his father and mother and the whole | whole thing happened exactly as I had buried on one of the lawns. Again hor- family are old friends of the Millers and Longs, having lived near them for

years. The elder Lawyer, K. is dead. The son recently had to defend three young men on a charge of murder in a space by telepathy, I would say that town in Ohio. He had been asked to I have made a number of carefully contake charge of the case out of friendship between himself and the families penings until the head had once more of the boys. Study the case as he would he could think of no way to clear the boys, and yet his sympathies were excited. One evening Mrs. Long in a hypnotic trance said:

"Mr. K.'s father has something to say to him about the case." ...

Mr. K. was sent for. "Your father done everything that could be done in that case, and it is going to be decided they deserve punishment. They are keeping a good many things from you,'

said Mrs. Long. She then went on to tell various misdeeds which the trio had committed. "They were all drinking at the time of the murder, which was entirely unprovoked. Your father,

though, says that in order to satisfy their people you had better call old Judge H. into the case. The finest

stances of the murder, as well as other or of the wound, but two days after | sired part of it, and the final print will charges. Judge H. was called into the | facts. In compact form it gives just Ocean.

water. I saw him and his comrade struggling in the waves and my lad "Now, walk through Judge X.'s house sinking until only his golden curls were and tell us what you see," said Mrs. floating on the waves. All this took several minutes of time, and already at the first sight of the overturning boat I cried out for help and hurried the crew into the lifeboat. With great quickness they tried to reach the spot, turned to row home, but after they had taken several strokes homeward the seen it."

E. W. Roberts'says:

"In reference to Dr. Watson's theory regarding communication through space by telepathy, I would say that ducted experiments in this line and have succeeded in obtaining results far beyond my expectations. I have been able to communicate with persons so far distant as 400 miles, not in a single instance, but repeatedly. I have succeeded in receiving a message of this character from one who was over 1,000

miles away. At distances within the limits of an ordinary room I have made says for me to tell you that you have | any number of successful experiments. Not only this, but I have abundance of evidence which goes to prove that this against you. The boys are guilty, and ability to send and receive telepathic communications is possessed by everyone. Dr. Watson's theory is certainly a new one to me, and he may-have a good foundation for the same. My experience seems, however, to point to a theory based on the well-known laws of sympathetic molecular vibration."

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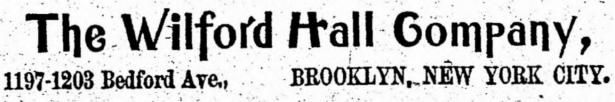
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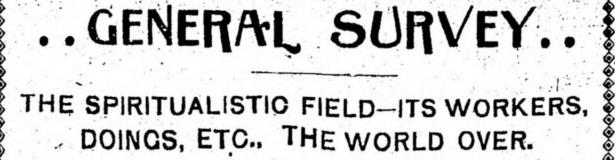
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ancient guides, language being interpreted by Mrs. Holton's Oriental

B. F. Moss writes: "Grant's Pass,

We would like to impress upon the guide. Mrs. Lucy Lee will assist at minds of our correspondents that The these receptions. Admission 15 cents." Progressive Thinker is set up on a D. W. Hull will be at the Springfield, Linotype machine that must make Mo., camp-meeting, July 15th to the speed equal to about four compositors. 30th; at the Liberal, Mo., camp-meeting | hill Steps from Spiritualism to Materi-That means rapid work, and it is essen- | August 19 to September 2; July 31 to | alism.' I knew him well, oh, so well, tial that all copy, to insure insertion in August 18 is an open date, and he and attended his seances in his early the paper, all other requirements being | would like to find a field for a few lec- | experiences. Once I remember of seefavorable, should be written with ink tures not far from the neighborhood of ing him entranced by an old Baptist on white paper, or with a typewriter, these camp-meetings. Address him at preacher, and with eyes closed, he got February at Lake Helen, Fla., at the and on only one side of the paper. If Norton, Kansas.

you are not a fairly good penman, please have your communications our county seat, is a good field for a copied by some one who is, and oblige good Spiritual missionary. It is a lively business town of about 4,000 inhabi-The Progressive Thinker. .

tants and there are a large number of CONTRIBUTORS:-Each contributor Spiritualists in the place. I wish that is alone responsible for any assertions some good Spiritual lecturer would or statements he may make. The editor come or stop over in Grant's Pass and allows this freedom of expression, be- talk to the people on the truths of Spirlieving that the cause of truth can be litualism, so that a society might be orbest subserved thereby, Many of the ganized. The people as a rule are very sentiments uttered in an article may be intelligent and wide-awake, and I am diametrically opposed to his belief, yet sure that a good medium, who is also a that is no reason why they should be good speaker, or a medium and a lecsuppressed. No one person has the turer, would be able to convince many whole truth, hence kindly feelings here in Southern Oregon of the truth of should always be entertained for those our blessed philosophy of Spiritualism, who differ from you.

be a splendid field for missionary work ITEMS-Bear in mind that items for in the Spiritual line." the General Survey will in all cases be adjusted to the space we have to occuaudience in Syracuse, N. Y., last Sunpy, and in order to do that they will generally have to be abridged more or day on "Why the Church Opposes Christian Science." He writes: "The or less; otherwise many items would be crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line lines to two lines, as occasion may re- as an exponent of universal religion is to the Church of the Soul, and all conitem is cut down to ten lines, and ten quire.

Every item sent to us for publication, should contain the full name and ad dress of the writer. We desire to know Times of that city says: "Dr. Hidden's the source of every article or item that address was a masterpiece of eloquence appears. This rule will be strictly adand held the rapt attention of his army hered to. of auditors spellbound throughout. No

open services the 17th inst., with eight of our best speakers and mediums on the platform, while many more are ex-pected before they close on the 25th audiences. He reports the Lansing so-ciety as at velt engaged in the work, with a permanent meeting-place, they call the Temple. The Ladies' Aid held city, while the different committees incity is directly interested. Mrs. H. Morse Baker, Mrs. Maggie Waite, Mrs. Amanda Coffman, Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner, Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong, Mr. E. W. Sprague and Campbell

Brothers have been engaged to help those already interested." Dr. J. M. Peebles writes: "By the way. I have read with a great deal of interest Mr. W. F. Jamieson's 'Down-

with brimstone, and within five min-

utes from this he was controlled by Joe Smith and advocated Mormonism in this trance state. Then, another spirit came, and he was quite scientific. The question is, did Jamieson 'play' all this-was it a sham? Was he humbugging us, or was he really en-

tranced?" the Soul of Seattle, Wash., in honor of | ward." their present pastor, Mrs. Lilian Nagell, of Tacoma, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe, last Wednesday evening. There are five or six large towns in It was most highly enjoyed. A very Southern Oregon, each of which would social time, interspersed with music

and light refreshments was the result, after which a purse was presented to J. C. F. Grumbine spoke to a growing | Mrs. Nagell as a token of appreciation of her good qualities as a co-worker and helper among us. Pleasant memories will always return with thoughts First Society of Rosicrucians is bound of her sojourn with us. At a late hour to be a success here as in Chicago, and they separated, wishing every success winning favor among Spiritualists and | cerned."

> Thos H. Hartley writes: "Dr. T. A. Bland, formerly of Boston, and now of Chicago, who has done such grand work in behalf of the freedom of the medical bill and whose fearless letter, denouncing the manner of legislation at Springfield, which appeared in Chicago Times-Herald, April 30, and Inter-Ocean May 1, has been secured to occu-

IMPORTANT MATTER FROM Inst. The camp-meeting is being con-ducted under the auspices of the First Progressive Spiritual Society of this of active workers. G. H. Clark as secretary of the Temple is an earnest and clude a number of people outside of the capable official. Mrs. Downey, prosociety and every Spiritualist in the prietor of the Hotel Downey, the leading hostelry of Lansing, entertained us. She is a valued local helper of the cause. The capital city of Michigan is a spiritual center of promise. The camps at Haslett, Park, Grand Ledge

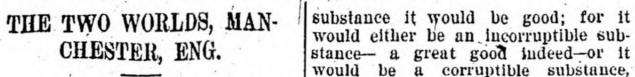
and Island Lakeare within a few miles of Lansing and each gives good prospect for large meetings this summer. And Briggs' Park, near Grand Rapids, is being vigorously pushed. We are thing as genuine materialization is to having so many calls in Michigan that we feel disposed to adopt the whole believe that the reports in favor of the state.

Augusta Metcalf writes: "It was my good fortune to spend a few days last down on his knees and prayed a most | Spiritualist camp. I enjoyed the minhorrible orthodox prayer. It was blue istrations of old and tried workers, among whom were Mrs. Conant, C. Fannie Allyn, also Prof. Peck, of St Louis; yes, and the editor of 'Lucifer' was there, too. 'After listening to one of his lectures, I was constrained to say to him (as I would say to all the world); 'Sir, when women shall have the ballot and a voice in helping to make the laws that govern her, she will then need no Correspondent writes from Seattle, other crusade in her behalf.' I thank Wash.: "A reception was given by the you again for your work of the Divine members and friends of the Church of Plan. You will surely reap a great re-

Notes from G. H. Brooks.

On the last Sunday in May I closed my work for the present with the Unity Society of Milwaukee, Wis. There was a very large attendance, and the feeling in my presence). The money will be of love and good wishes expressed be- placed with a neutral person or persons fore and after the meeting by the friends assembled was worth more than words can express, I began my work the first of October, in fear and trembling, as the society was in a bad shape when I took hold of it, but I kept at work, and the friends rallied with one accord and all put their shoulders to the wheel and worked with a will. From the first the meetings began to increase, and the interest and attendance was good all the way through. There is the utmost of harmony prevailing, and never in its history has there been such a genial, cordial feeling

as there has been all the time. I spoke for the society this season six months, Mrs. McFarland two months, thus having but the two speakers for every step. It may not be reposeful to better way than such constant changing. The society now is in good shape, and all bills paid. The second union meeting was held with the Progressive Society the afternoon of the last Sunday in May: there was a very good attendance and a most excellent meeting. There were various speakers for the occasion, and the friends seemed anxious to keep up the meetings once a month. The next meeting will be held with the South is modified by their surroundings .- D. Geo. F. Perkins writes from Dubuque, | Side Society, the afternoon of the last | C. Murray, in "The Morning." Iowa: "At the Friday evening meeting, Sunday in June. There is no doubt in my mind that these meetings will be productive of a great deal of good. I am happy to state that Mrs. J. C. Bump is very much better, and we all hope to see, her out on the streets again. I intend now to remain at home and rest up until camp time, as I need the rest very much, as I have never worked names were so beautifully embroidered harder than I have this season. I will thereon, to the number of thirty-eight | respond to/calls for funerals. I serve signatures, desired us to accept this | again this season as chairman at Lilv piece of workmanship, executed by Dale. Shah deave home some time in Mrs. Minnie Geyer, and the accompa- July. We expect to have a much larger nying purse of money amounting to \$16 attendance this season than for years, as a token of friendship and esteem. and I hope to meet many readers of The Progressive Thinker. G. H. BROOKS. Wheaton, Ill. Lake Pleasant Camp, Mass.



RE-MATERIALIZATIONS-A CHAL LENGE.

There is a good deal of evidence that together are very good."

genuine materializations have at various times occurred. Be that as it may, I am forced by personal experience to the conclusion that no such

be witnessed at the present day, and I

genuineness of present-day materializ- truth, it enriches, deepens and explains ing seances are to be explained by the everything when truly understood. existence of fraud on the part of the There is nothing so common but that a mediums and delusion of the senses in spiritual explanation and spiritual rethe sitters. lationships may reveal its roots in the Perhaps, in defense of the claims of infinite and its results in eternity. Per-

Spiritualism, Mr. Kinsman or Mr. fect life is the spirit, free from the hin-Bassett will introduce a medium who drances and hidings of the flesh, would mean perfect wisdom and perfect goodwill sit under the following reasonable ness. But passing into spirit-life does conditions:

I propose to surround the "material- not necessarily mean life in the spirit, ized" head or spirit form by placing nor does it necessarily carry with i over it a kind of cage or network. This freedom from the hindrances and can be done without contact and it will hidings of the flesh. It is a deep truth hardly be suggested that such a pro- that death need not sever the spirit encedure can in any way injure either | tirely from fleshly lusts and limitations. medium or spirit. But James Russell Lowell luminously

Under these circumstances the materialization will, if genuine, sooner or spirit, whether on earth or in heaven, later disappear without removal of the when he said: surrounding cage or network.

Now I will pay ten pounds sterling to the medium who shall produce a ma-That so its inner sight may be more

terialized spirit, shown to be genuine clear in the way I am suggesting (of course And outward shows of beauty only so Are needful at the first, as is a hand To guide and to uphold an infant's

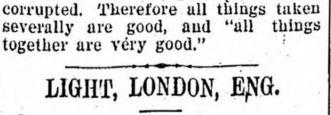
to be agreed upon. And owing to the general interest Great spirits need them not; their taken in this subject, I hope you may earnest look find space in your columns for any re-Pierces the body's mask of thin

plies that may be sent in reference to this letter. As a member of a London Spiritualistic society, I am prepared to guarantee the sitters introduced by me. Yours faithfully, CLAIRVOYANT.

SPIRITUAL ASPECT OF THE CASE

So far as the spiritual aspect of the case is concerned, as well as the physical and the mental, it is a good thing

Some of our correspondents perthat there should be a weekly day of petually give us cause for teaching rest. But it may not be a rest to listen over and over again the elementary



which if it were not good could not be

OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES BIBLICAL

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT.

come kind of document for ready reference. They only seemed to whet the appetite for more; hence the In innumerable directions the depth publication of this work. The author, Moses Hull, has written many volumer on Spiritualististic and other themes and each one is of life in the spirit is discoverable. In full of careful study on the subject chosen. Mr.-Hull, in his introduction of this work says:

Huil, in his introduction of this work says: "Hoping that this book will serve to lead the people out of the wilderness of doubt and despair; and that when Spiritualism shall have wrested the Bible from-its 'sanctified' enemics, it will not 'spike' it, but will use it to batter down the walls of Christian supersti-tion and ignorance. I send it out on its errand of en-lightenment with the humble prayer that it will prove a distance better to wervy reader." a divine benediction to every reader."

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mentary truth has the key in his hands.

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And beauty ever is to them revealed,

Behind the unshapellest, meanest lump

With arms outstretched and eager face

abstract could be made to do it justice Frank T. Ripley will accept engage- and we reproduce it in its entirety, as a ments for the days of June to speak masterly effort from a polished and June 18, Mrs. Cooley's absence being and platform tests. Mr. Ripley goes to brilliant speaker, delivered with splen-Lincoln camp-meeting in July. Address did effect by an elocutionist of marvelall letters to Oxford, Ohio, for June.

Mrs. Jas. Hayes, of San Francisco, Cal., writes: "I wish to acknowledge gressive Spiritualist Society of Manreceiving Art Magic, Ghost Land and chester, N. II., held its annual meeting Occult Life of Jesus of Nazareth. May 7 and elected officers for the en-Please accept my thanks. I know I suing year as follows: President, F. C. will enjoy the reading of them very Fearer; vice-president, David Thayer; much.

W. E. Bonney, after a thorough investigation is convinced that the extract from the New York World in relation to a spirit assassinating a man was false in its assertions.

The secretary writes from Kelloggsrille, Ohio: "The Spiritualist Union Society of Ashtabula county will hold a meeting at Shepherd's grove, near Ashtabula, O., June 24 and 25. Mrs. Carrie meeting engagements, and for the pres-E. S. Twing, of Westfield, N. Y., Mrs. .-nna L. Gillespie, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Mr. H. M. French, of Cleveland, O., are engaged as speakers and mediums,

and a rich treat is anticipated. L. L. B. writes from Findlay, O.: "Mrs. W. Hibbits, of Muncie, Ind., a trumpet medium, will hold seances in but went out of curiosity to see a Spir-Findlay, O., three days, June 23, 24 and 25, at the residence of L. L. Bair, 811 Franklin avenue. Parties who live in the vicinity of Findlay can avail themselves of the opportunity to visit one of trols, 'Judge not lest ye be a.so judged.' the best trumpet mediums in the This last voice was too much for their world."

Canal Dover, Ohio-When Samuel Fertig, who was a devout Spiritualist died, it was his wish that he should be buried with Spiritualistic rites, and accordingly Rev. E. W. Sprague, the wellknown Spiritualist of Jamestown, N. Y., was secured to preach the funeral Red Jacket, at Reissig Grove, Riversermon. Rev, Sprague was assisted by side, Saturday, June 17th. A special Rev. Christian Weber, pastor of the Moravian church. The attendance at the funeral was the largest of any held here in recent years. All the rooms of p. m. Conference lecture and tests at the large Fertig homestead, on Factory street, were crowded. In the midst of Rev. Sprague's address a lady broke into a hysterical cry, which she said she could not control. At the close Rev. Sprague closed his eyes and, with upturned face, began to recite a most beautiful strain of poetry applicable to invite those who have costumes to wear Mr. Fertig's death. He chanted more than a dozen verses, and then faltered and broke off suddenly, and closed his Those who heard it were en-Secinon. tranced by the beauty of the verses, be 15 cents extra for the day. A first-Rev. Sprague announced that the class caterer will be on the grounds for verses were inspired by his control, those who do not wish to be burdened and that he recited them on the spur of with lunch baskets. How to reach the His lectures in various large cities the moment as they were given to him grounds: The grounds can be reached have been enthusiastically received. by his control, and that he was in a by the Metropolitan L Road, connect. Scientists and eminent physicians, as trance. The annual election of officers of Forty-eighth street. Attention is drawn have been attracted to his lectures, and Mich., was held at G. A. R. Hall parlors the city cannot be made from Lake June 6th. The following officers were Street I, this year. Admission to elected for the coming year: Mrs. grounds, 25 cents; children, 15 cents." Lissie Doty, president; Mrs. Ellen A. Parker, vice-president; Mrs. Effie M. Spiritual Society has consolidated with Post, secretary: Mrs. Pluma Brother- the First Eclectic Society of Spiritual ton, treasurer; Mrs. Irene Gay, musical Culture and are permanently located at director; Mrs. C. L. Campbell, Will J. Post and Charles Bentley, trustees. John Lynch writes: "I have all your at 3 and 7:45 p. m. Judge Maguire, asother premium books, and prize them

ous power and fine presence." Mrs. D. Thayer writes: "The Prosecretary, Nellie M. Dearborn; treasurer, Edwin Kennedy; trustees, Joseph B. Dearborn, E. P. Cogswell, Mrs.

At late memorial exercises of the

G. A. R. at Portsmouth, N. H., Dr.

Hidden made a stirring address. The

Theosophists.!

Emily C. Noyes; collector, Joseph B. Dearborn." Rev. Marguerite St. Omer Briggs, of Cincinnati, Ohio, had a unanimous call

from the First Spiritual Society of San Diego, Cal., but did not accept the same, and has declined several campent cannot fill any engagements away from home.

J. W. Briggs writes from Cincinnati Ohio: "Spirit voices were heard at the funeral of Mrs. Englart, a Cincinnati medium, reported to me by one who heard them, not being a Spiritualist, itualist funeral. The first voice said, 'She has done wrong:' second, 'Yes, very wrong;' third, in a deep basso voice like one of the mediums' concuriosity; they immediately left in

lear. The committee sends the following: "There will be an Indian pow-wow and picnic given by the members of the Progressive Spiritual Church, G. V. Cordingly, pastor, in honor of Chief by A. M. Rothschild & Co. A fine quarprogramme has been arranged by good speakers and test mediums. Pow-wow circles will be held at 11 a. m. and 7 2 p. m. All mediums are invited to attend and take part in the exercises. Co-workers, set aside this day to your Indian controls. Come and let them be strengthened and heal you in nature's dwelling. Many will be dressed to represent their respective controls. We them. The grove is a beautiful spot, having every facility for picnics. Games, races and dancing are among the forms of amusement. Dancing will

py Mrs. Cooley's platform, Sunday, due to her taking part in the anniversary services of the Harmonial Society at Sturgis, Mich. This proficient speaker's subject will be "The Religion

of Demonstration and the Religion of Dogmas.' Mrs. Cooley will be with us until and including the last Sunday in June, when she leaves on a vacation. Her return, on the first Sunday in October, will be hailed with delight, by all who have been fortunate to listen to her eloquent lectures and convincing spirit messages.

June 9, the ladies, with little Maude Geyer as speaker, produced a magnificently-worked pillow from some mysterious source, and the pretty little orator informed us that inasmuch as this was the anniversary of a very interesting event, commonly called a birth-day, the friends present and those whose

I tried to say, 'thank you.' " The Sunlight Center Band will have an excursion to St. Joseph and Benton

Harbor, Mich., June 21, on the steamer City of Chicago. Mrs. M. A. Pierson writes: "Elaborate preparations are being made for the wedding of a young couple, which is to take place on the steamer's return trip, and at which our president, Mrs. Sara E. Bromwell, will preside in the pastoral robes presented tette of music has been secured, and been carefully arranged. Headquar-

Hotel." Dr. J. M. Peebles, the renowned traveler, speaker and writer, will lecture at the season and boom the Children's Mrs. Cooley's farewell meeting, at 77 Progressive Lyceum. Thirty-first street, Chicago, Sunday afternoon and evening, June 25. Mrs. July 1.

Mrs. L. T. Crumett writes from Hyde Park: "The three premium books received, for which please accept my thanks, with gratitude for your kindness." Prof. W. M. Lockwood is now resting

in Chicago after his arduous labors during the past seven or eight months. A. Waterheme. Races-Boat, wheeling with electric La Grange cars at well as spiritualists and free thinkers, barrow, sack. Band Concerts. Fire- and of moral evil, whatever is below

Season at this camp is a month in advance of any previous season. Fifty families are now located here and the hotel is open. S. B. Harvey, who has been a popular boarding house keeper in Boston for many years, is the proprietor. As Mr.

Harvey is a member of our camp famother features of entertainment have | ily the change is warmly endorsed. Mr. Geo. Cleveland, Mr. F. B. Woodters for the band will be at Lake View | bury and all the old favorites will be found at their accustomed places. Mrs. W. S. Butler will arrive early in

Mrs. A. L. Woodbury and her aged

mother have arrived. Mrs. Clark, Cooley leaves for her summer vacation | though seventy-seven years of age is rapidly recovering from having her right arm amputated. Mother Clark received a warm welcome as she is a great favorite at the Lake. Fourth of July will be celebrated with interesting exercises. Oration, J. Eggleston Darling, Poem, J. Milton and so on ad lib. Young, Addresses, A. E. Blynn, F. B. Woodbury, John Johnson, editor Troy Times, Dr. Chas Harding, Mrs. A. E. Cunningham, Mrs. A. E. Barnes, Mrs.

to the speech of a theologian, whose truth that it is useless, facts and deductions you dispute at IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE,

the season, and the society finds it a the soul of a weary denizen of the to take a step on in the philosophy of world, who has thought high and lived Spiritualism before mastering the great hard, to submit his tired brain to any but simple fact that all our senses hide new-fledged spiritual instructor who is more than they reveal, and that things prepared to knock tin tacks into it with are solid or ethereal to us, transparent what he conceives to be the gospel or opaque, purely with reference to hammer. That grey world-denizen may such senses as we have. As Sir Robert have a gospel of his own, which forbids | Ball has said: "Experiments have disthe use of the hammer on a day of rest. closed methods of examining undula-The weekly repose is the essential tions of the long type. If our eyes were thing. For the remainder, men will live provided with nerves which would reafter their own nature, as that nature spond to such vibrations, we should be able to see through stone walls with the same facility as we can now see through glass. Transparency is a

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That marble door around us; and they ask why did a Admits no fruit of all our long good God create evil? The error of church doctrines give the materialist endeavor, this argument. The church has bor-No fame-wreathed crown we wore, rowed Ahrimanes from the ancient No garnered lore. Persians, given him a new suit and What can we bear beyond the unchristened him Satan. The Devil, the known portal

principle of evil, has, according to this No gold, no gains authority, an actual objective exist-Of all our toiling; in the life immortal ence. But let us see. No hoarded weath remains, In this world good and evil are com-Nor gilds, nor stains. parative terms. Our only method of Naked from out that far abyss bejudging whether a thing be evil or no hind us. is by comparing it We entered here; WITH SOMETHING BETTER, No word came with our coming, to remind us of which we have some knowledge. If What wondrous world was near. we know of nothing better we do not No hope, no fear. consider it evil. Thus a winter spent

in the Arctic regions is considered an Into the silent, starless Night before us, evil by most Europeans, yet the Esqui-Naked we glide; maux think it no evil to spend their No hand has mapped the constellations lives there. A professional man, with o'er us,

but three hundred a year income, is a No comrade at our side. poor man, yet a laborer who is in re-No chart, no guide. ceipt of one-fourth of that amount is let fearless toward that midnight, well to do, while Goldsmith's parson black and hollow,

was "passing rich on forty pounds a Our footsteps fare: year." Toothache is an evil, but one The beckoning of a Father's hand we suffering in the last stages of confollowsumption would think it a blessed His love alone is there, change if he had but the toothache; No curse, no care.

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Sunday, 28th ult., to listen to Anna vocates of the faith. He spoke at Thomas, who leaves for her home on length on character building and Wednesday. She carries with her our showed what Spiritualism had to do in missed, but he hopes to return in a few warmest love. Mr. Heinshon is our its development. He closed with a regular pastor, and is a fine speaker reference to the influence Spiritualism | health and in the mean time he will and faithful worker. He has been a exerted when death entered into the not forget his duty to the Home, as he Hughes." A tasty, beautiful and aphome and how it developed love and great stand-by for our church." J. W. Dennis, of Buffalo, N. Y., harmony in the family."

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Olive Allingham writes: "Mrs. Lora | the first event of its kind ever held in | free." Holton will hold a reception jat 538 Watertown, and how such pains has West Sixty-third street for the benefit | been taken in its management, success of all, and especially of those having alone can follow the undertaking. They | ings there, June 8 and 9, to good-sized | at this office.

the First Spiritualist Society of Flint, to the fact that direct connections from | deeply interested and instructed with his new revelations in explanation of the material and spiritual universe. The Professor will answer calls to lecture near Chicago until the 25th of T. E. Jordan writes: "The West Side July when he starts to fill his campmeeting engagements. He can be addressed at 491 West Monroe street, Chicago, Ill. Van Buren's Opera House, Madison G. S. Bowen writes from Elgin, Ill.: street and California avenue. Services "I take a great deal of pleasure in adsisted by other good speakers, from highly, especially the two last; they are time to time will lecture. Mr. Grupp,

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G. W. Kates writes from Lansing, Mich., that his wife and self held meetFRANKLIN.

Forest Park Camp, Kan.

I wish to state for the benefit of those Park camp-meeting that said park is

we have a fine park containing sixty vising you that our society some four | acres, with various buildings and shelmonths ago engaged the service of Mrs. | ter enough to accommodate six or eight Russell Brunswick as a test medium. thousand persons, all of which is at our those words represent have not yet new form. Mr. Leatter procured some In this capacity she has given the most disposal without money or without complete satisfaction to her large and price. Board will be furnished on the grounds for \$3 for the term, which invinced hundreds of people who have cludes lodging. For those remaining listened to her readings, of the for a day or, two, meals including lodgtruth of the spiritual philosophy. ing will be furnished for 17 cents. This Our meetings for the season have offer holds good for 80 or 100 cots, which are all the association have at closed, but we shall always remember their command. It will be well enough

> Will C. Hodge, of Chicago, and Mrs. ness to be present and deliver several lectures, also his wife will give demonstrations in spirit photography. All "all men are robbers, or robbed." Let genuine mediums are cordially invited | us assume for the purposes of this to be present and will be assured of the hearty co-operation of the society; but for fakes and frauds and the kind of spirits that is kept in a jug, the society has no use whatever. Admission to the grounds and lectures free.

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his standard of goodness. Let us assume that two other plan-

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contemplating attending the Forest suppose that Venus, being a younger cast-off shell, soon develop a new one planet, is in the condition correspond. of mineral substance. The ants secrete situated on the Santa Fe and Missouri | ing to our Tertiary period, and that its formic acid. Mr. Leatter, a member of Pacific railroad, at the city of Ottawa, inhabitants are in the Troglodyte stage the Entomological Society of London, Franklin County, Kansas. The facili- of development, but little removed has been observing the "long-tailed ties for holding a camp-meeting at Ot- from the ape; living in caves; indulg. moth," the Dicranura Vinula. The grub tawa are second to none in the state, as ing in cannibalism, promiscuous inter- encloses itself in a silken bag, incourse, etc.; and that their language cubates for a season, and then emits a

contains no words to signify honor. fluid which softens the tissue of the honesty, or truth, for the ideas which envelope, enabling it to come out in the dawned upon their minds. The worst of this fluid and found it to be a pure men in this world are good when com. solution of caustic potash. The vital

pared with the natives of Venus. operation appears to be a genuine Mars, being an elder planet, will be transmutation, a producing of a chemmore advanced than our own. Its in- ical substance of one nature from some habitants are enjoying the fruits of a element considered as entirely distinct far grander and higher civilization in character. In such case we will be than ours. They realized the dream of justified in the belief that the mineral Bellamy thousands of years ago, and and inorganic world, instead of being for those who can to bring comfort and have been progressing ever since. The the nidus or source from which the best men of this world are bad men living creation was evolved, is, instead,

when compared with the worst in itself the product of living substance. Mars, while the average citizen of Philosophy anciently taught this, and Lull, of Lawrence, have been engaged Mars, while the average citizen of Philosophy anciently taught this, and for the full term, G. H. Walser, of Mars possesses virtues of which we forebore to seek the living among the Liberal, Mo., has signified his willing- | have neither knowledge nor conception. | dead. When modern science becomes Someone, I forget who, has said "all also thus wise, it will more certainly men are liars;" social reformers say approximate a genuine knowing.

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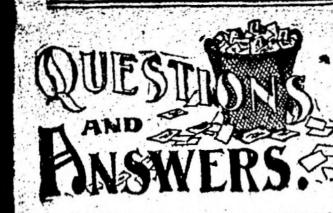


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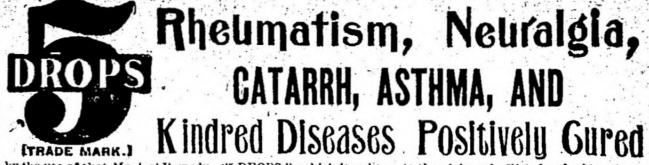
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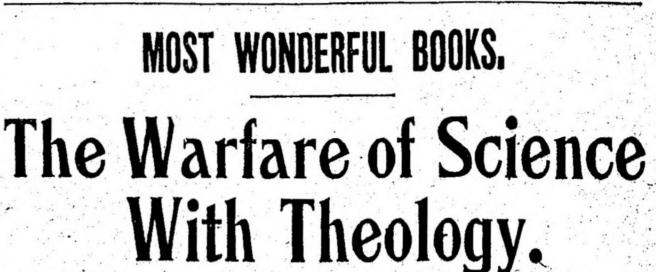
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H. Augir, Palouse, "Wash.: Q. In Chambers' Encyclopedia, Vol. 7, page 834, in describing the wild animals of India, it says: "The number of people killed by wild beasts is a feature of Indian life. In 1869 a tigress killed 127 people, and stopped a public road for many weeks. In 1871, 14,529 were known to have lost their lives in that year by spake bites. The total number of deaths known to have been caused by dangerous animals of all classes, was 18,078." The question is, why is there such a state of destruction by wild animals, which we do not hear of in any other part of the world? Does anything like it occur in Central America or any parts of the tropical regions, Africa, etc.?

A. The Hindus believe in reincarnation, consequently that animals, serpents, etc., are reembodied human beings. The tiger, or llon that seizes a man or child in the street, may be a relative, or thus receive tribute as a once famous prince. The serpent may be the reappearance of a father or a child. When cattle break into the market place and devour the vegetables, the market people will not drive them away, but consider themselves blessed. Monkeys throng the groves and courts of certain temples, taxing the means of the votaries to supply sufficient food. This absurd belief has wrought this dire effect over the vast area of India. A country having the most poisonous serpents and ravenous beasts, its people confer on these a privilege and sacred character, and did not the European interfere with his plain common sense and destroy the man-eating lions and tigers, and bruise the heads of the venomous snakes, the time would come when India would not be habitable. And yet there are many so-called Spir-itualists who have been led away by the Theosophists and believe in this doctrine of reincarnation! By some it is restricted to mankind; that is spirit enters no lower form. But others accept the belief in its primitive form, as held by the ignorant and superstitious people of India. And yet most inconsistent, they live on flesh-flesh which may be that of a near relative!

The Hindu is true to his belief, and partakes only of fruits, vegetables and grains, and carries his belief so far that he will not kill an insect that is annoying him.

The primitive inhabitants of all other regions of the globe have not been oppressed with such a nightmare belief, and have waged unintermittent warfare against the animal world. In other words, the religion of India made animals the dominant factor, while in other countries, the dominant was man. Egypt, an offspring of India in religious belief, is an exception, and that people carried their infatuation so far as to preserve as mummies the animals that came to a natural death, with the same care that they gave human beings. Vast collections were formed of cattle, cats, ibes and storks preserved with spices and bitumen and swathed in folds of finest linen. A violent insurrection sprang up because Roman soldiers killed inadvertently a cat Strange, we may say, and yet not strange when it is understood that this cat may have been a reincarnated Pharaoh, or a princess of renown! The humane feelings of the Hindus. regarding animals, is often alluded to in contrast with the want of sympathy with animal suffering shown by people of other races. The manifestation is of entirely different source from the humane. It is from superstition, and in their treatment of each other they show a disposition as cruel and vindictive as savages.

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The fight between the board of health of New York city and the Ohristian Science healers, says the Chicago Ohronicle, is becoming interesting, be-cause it promises to result in a thor-

ough test of the right of unlicensed practitioners to compete with regularly graduated physicians. The Christian Scientists, so far from dodging the issue, have published a list of their practitioners and have invited the board of health to institute prosecu-tions. The challenge undoubtedly will be accepted and the matter will prob-ably be carried to the tribunal of last resort for final adjudication.

And in spite of the ostentatious con-tempt of the "regulars" for the "irregu-lars" there are two sides to the ques-The Christian Scientists and tion. other advocates and exemplars of mental therapeutics are by no means without arguments to sustain their position, and it is not at all certain that the courts will uphold the contention of the board of health that a diploma from a medical college is the essential test of a physician's ability to exercise the healing art. More than that, the rights of the patient as well as those of the physician will have to be considered. If the graduates of medical schools are to have a monopoly of the art of healing it is obvious that the public will, to a certain extent, be subjected to the domination of that monopoly. It remains to be seen whether the courts will sustain a trust in medicine any

more than one in sugar or whiskey or steel rails. The board of health is going to have some difficulty in proving that medical knowledge is monopolized by those who hold diplomas from medical collegesfor that is what its contention amounts to. If all regularly graduated phy-sicians invariably cured their patients the case would be different. Or if the Christian Scientists cured none of their patients the "regulars" would have a strong case. But, as everyone knows, neither supposition is in accord with the facts. The regular M. D.'s lose a very large proportion of their patients; the Christian Scientists are successful in at least some cases. The question thus resolves itself into one of comparative efficiency, and this issue the Scientists declare themselves ready to meet. They challenge the regulars to

a comparison in the ratio of death certificates' and express a willingness to stand by the outcome. It would be awkward if the Scientists should prove

that they lose fewer patients than their adversaries. But aside from the conflict between the mental healers and the graduated physicians there is another factor which will hardly be ignored by the courts in deciding the dispute. That is the question of individual liberty involved. If the law can compel a man to call in a doctor of a certain school it can likewise compel him to send for a clergyman of a specified creed. Few people will contend that this would be a desirable condition of affairs. The citizen would be told. in effect: You shall have a physician with a college diploma or you shall have none at all, | the above order, Art Magic, Ghost Land and such a decision would be an in- | and The Next World Interviewed. See vasion of personal rights that the offer "Number Six," where the four courts are not likely to countenance. Nor would such a finding be effective | ACTUAL COST, an inviting incentive if it were pronounced. All the laws for each one to commence forming a that can be passed cannot compel a Spiritual and Occult Library. Rememman to hire a physician whom he ber, the four books must be ordered to doesn't want. He may fight disease in gether when furnished for \$1.25. If his own way. He can do it alone, in [furnished singly the price of Art Magic the presence. of friends or with or is 50 cents; Ghost Land, 50 cents, and without medical attendance. The law | The Next World Interviewed, 35 cents. can't compel him to employ a physician. If it would coerce him in the matter of calling a doctor it could also prescribe which school of remedies should be employed, and we should book to the trade is \$1.50. A single shortly have a row between the Allopaths and the Homeopaths quite as | uable to every student of the occult. vigorous as the war which both those schools are now waging against the advocates of mental therapeutics. The question, therefore, interests the bate) now takes its place as our leading public quite as much as the warring premium, it having been before the peohealers-regular and irregular-and the | ple for one year. result will be awaited with interest. -As the contention of the Ohristian Scientists happens to involve individual rights, it is extremely likely that they will be victorious. The courts are mysterious, undiscovered, forces of na- | chary of limiting such rights and to sustain the board of health would undoubtedly have that effect.-

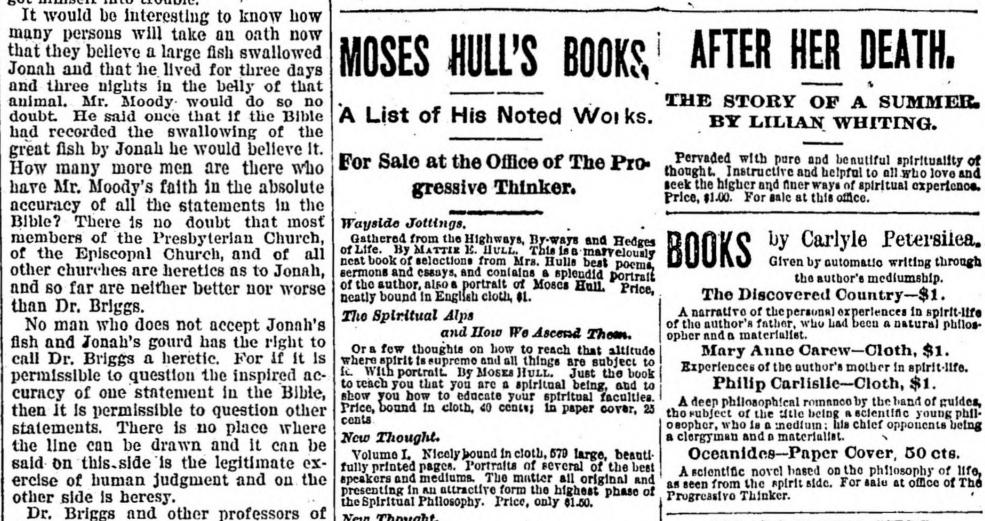
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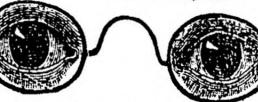
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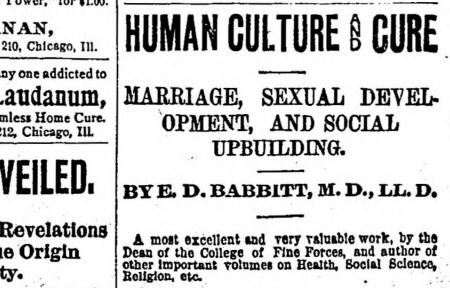
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