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WHERE WE HAVE GOME; WHENGE WE HAVE GOME; AND WHY WE ARE HERE

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Having Especial Reference to the Camp-Meeting at Zoo Park.

mind retrospectively, many thousand senses attuned to the expression of haryears you will see on either side of this mony if he had not a perception of harrange of mountains, whose plateau mony within. The sounds of nature are forms the scene of this cump-meeting, everywhere, but they have not been disvast areas of waters. The great lakes ciplined and trained into chords of of the North had their outlet toward music without the aid of the mind of the gulf and on either side of this man. The scholar will tell you, that the mountain range were wide rivers; the "piping of sweet Pan," when he cut a waters of the lakes speeding away, reed and made music amid the marshes, then as now, unto the ocean. Before was but an illustration of the spirit of that period when, by glacial disturb- man, that can construct a musical inance, the great Niagara was formed, be- strument out of the substances of nafore the inland lakes of North America ture and arrange all the sounds of nahad an outlet toward the East, they ture to sweet vibrations of harmony. found an outlet to the ocean through the plains and valleys of the Mississippi and Missouri. This especial range of mountains so placed between those great rivers or inland lakes was the residence of favored tribes of Indians.

vored people resided in this land of the crimson apple; here all kinds of gamethe deer, antelope, buffalo, everything necessary for this favored people was found. They believed the springs were healing waters sent especially to them aspiration for immortality; if there by Manitou. Upon some such plateau as you now occupy the councils of these red men were held. They praised the Great Spirit for the land, for the waters | called death, man would bend to the inbeyond, and for all that the earth con- evitable, as the beast does, and work plateau is still here and on either side ignorance of the divine light beyond are vernal valleys, but the lakes have this vale of tears. But the truth is, narrowed to rivers still moving on to that, being aware of the Great Inheritthe ocean. The "pale faces" have taken | ance, the spiritual nature of man aspossession of the former hunting pires to that life which is beyond, and grounds of the red men. From the An- seeks for some knowledge of that surglo-Saxon stock, from the Latin races passing realm. And ever and anon that and from the Semitic tribes of the far knowledge has come. East you have come to take up your You, as a people, are standing to-day habitations in this fair hunting ground | upon the apex of the centuries; all the of the red man. Upon a foundation of treasures of the past are laid at your limestone, the result of the ancient car- feet; the scholar, the poet, the scientist boniferous period, you have built your can declare to you the great thoughts cities, and to-day you have erected your and discoveries of many ages. But of tents where from the bosom of old all the ages that the world has ever Mother Earth the carpet of green grass known, the scientist declares to you and many colored flowers, the trees that this is the greatest and the most waving their branches toward the skies prolific of spiritual, intellectual and and the enduring rocks a temple has material wealth. It is because of this

sunshine and storms, this temple of not only with the tradition and history God's love; and the bending skies of the earth upon which you stand to above, and the vast rolling plains be- day, but with the tradition, history and neath declare the wonder-working of inspiration of all natious beneath the

But ye have come from other sources; some of you have come from different tribes of the earth, your heredity being handed down from races that were then not in existence; you have come from the comparatively new Anglo-Saxon race, dwelling in one of the smallest of the dominions of the earth; some of you may have come from the Latin races. and not a few of you may trace your origin to those Scandinavian nations from the far North. But whithersoever you have come, you come bearing with you spirits with immortal thoughts and aspirations. Those spirits, from the great eternal life, have sought their habitations in the dust and have molded the clay of which your forms are made into living expressions, into thinking, feeling, animation and purpose.

EVOLUTION AND INVOLUTION.

Whatever you may say of evolution, that it has wrought out the bodies of had passed from mortal sight. Up from men, still that which forms the impetus ancient Palestine comes to you the life, the acting, thinking principle has ing the presence of angels who walked been involved by the Infinite Purpose the earth as men, and of the voice that from divinity. There can be no evolu- declared the immortality of the soul. tion without its involution first. What- These voices and these forms were not ever man finds in matter has first been of the infinite, eternal God alone, but placed there by the great living, were of His ministering messengers thinking principle which you name God. So when you find this living, thinking principle in man, it has come from its unto whom Jesus of Nazareth spoke. immortal inheritance to do its work him guarded around and announced by upon the earth, to find the conscious- ministering angels, declared by prophness of its human life and to shape that lets, attended by those who watched, life to higher and nobler purposes. The as ministering spirits, his footsteps and man and woman are the physical forms | those of His disciples. All these have that you see, but the thinking principle, been handed down to you through the the moving, acting, living, conquering intervening years. power of the mind, finds its way unto the mountain at this time to discover from whence it came and whither it is

The man of science will tell you that these rocks, this foliage, and every form after another the long line of saints of life that is around you contains somewhat of that which is in the human structure. This is true, but those are fables that the intellect declared, that man has spring from the dust alone; that these great ages of geological and chemical action have outwrought the physical nature of man and that there is nothing more of him. But the real man of science only explains the material part, he only accounts for the chemical action and discovers the properties the severity of the church of the Reforthat are found in the human organism, mation and declared the light of minisand he employs the reasoning of the tering angels, and that the Holy Spirit law of evolution to show by what pro- could anew converse with men. George cess nature has fashioned the habita- Fox and the Quakers upbuilt a system without question, for there is scarcely a tion of man, the organic structure of worship by the power of the spirit, which you control. But far other is the when the spirit might move man to who by actual experiments, and actual source of the human mind, the dominat- speak; and down through the Shakers mathematical calculations has worked ing intelligence, the controlling, mov- and others who have received these ing spirit. Nature has never planted in ministrations, the voices of attendant leaf, or tree, or flower an immortal aspi- spirits have come. You have the heritration other than that which belongs to age of a great spiritual record behind festations, "oh," you say, "he is weak in their belief is not founded upon faith the atom. But in the spirit of man you. Every age has had its testimony his mind, or he is trying to practice de- alone, but upon knowledge; that it is a there is aspiration for eternal life, for and has borne its statement of the that which is beyond the dust, proving truth: That light has been the guidclearly man's alliance and allegiance to ance of many souls; and you worship en the title not because he inherited it immortality, to that which is his inher- here to-day, because those souls have itance. It is from the source of his spirit been thus guided.

If you will go back with us, in your would not have eyes, and ears, and

MAN'S ASPIRATIONS.

its environments; that its surroundings It has been shut out from you by establishments; that its surroundings It has been shut out from you by establishments; have not made it, but it has, in a meas- lished forms of thought. Man has en- why they had henored him with the ure, fashioned its surroundings. Thus In that ancient time an especially fa- it is clear that the aspiration for immortality which is within the mind and spirit of man is not created by his surroundings, but is here notwithstanding his surroundings; that, if there were no immortal life man would not have an were no spiritual possessions man would not seek for spiritual possessions; if there was no life beyond the change tains. Many years have passed, the out his life of sorrow in silence and in

been reared for this occupation to-day, that we come to you to-day, not only The ages have outwrought, through with the storled treasures of the past

MINISTERING SPIRITS.

Up from Egypt comes the mighty

voice and speaks to you of an inspiration that declares the morning of existence to be as bright as the eye of the angel Osiris, that declared the earth to be as beneficent as the mother Isis, and ship, but they shall worship God in the voices of all ministering presences were deities, who were not infinite and eternal, tutelar delties, angels and ministering spirits of those who had passed on before. Up from ancient India, from the Brahminical faith comes to you the voice of the Eternal Good, the infinite, unseen, yet palpable power and presence that pervades all the universe, that manifests itself in the threefold form of Brahma, Vishnu and Siva These three are not the Eternal Good, but only His-manifestation; and the voices of inspiration from those ancient people were the ministering ones who of, or controls the body, the moving voice of Moses and the prophets declarand spirits. Up from Galilee comes the voice of sweet ministration, of those

INSPIRATION CONTINUOUS.

But meanwhile, inspiration has not been cut off, you have not been separated from the great treasures of the centuries that have intervened; one have been put to death, and then enrolled upon the calendar, because of that voice of inspiration unrecognized by the church and unbelievers. Then came the great struggles and throes of the Reformation when the voices from the unseen realm declared the light and power of angel ministration to have come to the world anew. Again the voice of inspiration was heard when John Wesley separated himself from

that the inheritance of spirit | But do you mean to declare that you have no other inheritance than this reference to the vibrations of light the beings. That as every child has a right "- nest spiritually?

and truth of the living God; that upon | direction. But will you shut out the | between you and your God? the young men and young women, upon | testimony of Sir Wm. Crookes merely the lowly, lisping child, upon the gray because theology has said that the way have not been closed, the voice of in- direction of spiritual discoveries as in spiration is not silent. You inherit not only the testimony of the past, but all | Would you give credence to his testithe spiritual life and light that there is mony in one direction and not in anin the universe. It is poured out upon other? We do not say that Sir Wm. the world to-day.

day you are chaining the lightning, and lowing authority, why not believe it inthe steam horse is pursuing its way stead of dividing it in two and folover continents, and over oceans, so the lowing in one direction with which you voice of the spirit is making itself felt | are not familiar and not in another diand known in the world at this time. rection with which you are not fa-A new inspiration is quickening the miliar? pulses and lives of the people, and When lately Sir Wm. Crookes was many are receiving the gifts of the made president of the British Associaspirit. Nor is this exceptional, nor does it come to you in any unlawful ways. knowledge and belief in the facts of that divides you from your loved ones It is the voice of an inspiration that is Spiritualism, which he had investigated | who have gone before. They say, we as legitimate unto the human mind as thirty years ago, but he said he had had are still with you, we are living, mov-Thus it is, that the mind is superior to | is the air and sunshine unto the body. | no occasion to change his mind; and he | ing, working, thinking, acting; you are deavored to make it seem that humanity must not be inspired excepting un- ing that he had not ended his discoverder the sanction and privilege of cer- les in that direction. tain ecclesiastical orders. You are perfectly well aware that before this great | was president of the Psychological derepublic of yours was founded, before partment of the British Association of human thought fashioned by poetry, the Declaration of Independence was known, there was a theory of "divine | chology, mesmerism (since called hypright of kings" to rule over human lives, that no human being could possibly have the privilege of living, thinking and regulating his own life for him-

self. Now you are privileged to live beneath the sun and sky in a land where every man has the right (or should not know anything about Spiritualism, have) not only to earn his livelihood, but I think-" "Stop!" said Prof. but to do his own thinking and follow his own convictions. You are living in | what you do not know, it would take the midst of an age when science has I too long, but we are here to receive the disenthralled the human spirit, when testimony of those who do'khow." the especial privileges of sect, caste and class are denied and forgotten.

Do you say, then, that you have no right to your own inspiration, that the voice of the spirit cannot come to you | ratic, insane minds who have no knowlexcepting through the authority of the edge of what they testify to, but you church of Rome, or through the West- have come to receive the testimony of minster catechism, or through the those who know and understand wherecreed of John Calvin, or through the of they testify, of those who have milder doctrines of John Wesley, or spent years of their lives in discovering through those of the still later dissenter, and knowing the means of communica-Dr. Priestly, or those of the Unitarians | tion between the realm unseen and or Universalists? Are you not a voice your realm, in receiving the ministraunto yourself in the way of conscience as well as in the way of government? May you not worship whenever and wherever you choose when the voice of | those, who, like the one standing before inspiration shall come to you? and here you, whose lips were kindled with this upon the Ozark mountains you have dians, the Great Spirit, the Manitou of the Ozarks for permission to worship, nor yet must you go to India or Egypt, or even to Palestine. For the great teacher said: "The hour cometh and touched with the living presence of now is, when neither in Jerusalem nor yet upon the mountain shall men wor-

spirit and in truth. VOICE OF THE SPIRIT. your daily cares, from your business. from your striving for mammon, from gain; it has summoned you unto the you that death has been conquered, dead, and we have come up here to-day in doubt and refuse the evidence that voice. Some have come from schools of pines, and never returned in mortal edge of immortality. Some have come the way to a far island to see him or refrom the harder schools of materialism. which, by miscalled science, have at- | barriers of death, across that gulf that man's immortality; and agnosticism, cepting by faith, over that seemingly that contents itself with denial and says, "we do not know." It is man's business to know; he is here to know; the Infinite has placed him upon the earth and surrounded him with nature and all objects of life that he may know why he is here, and if there is a voice from the unseen realmeand ministering ing upon this new century that is alpresences from the spirit land, it is man's business to understand why that voice is sent and for what purpose the ministering presences. To minister unto him and teach him of immortal

When the agnostic says he does not avocations in life, excepting so far as know, he simply admits his own igno- they injure yourselves, and others, but rance and declares that in the midst of evidence he has remained blind, in the all, to take away the pall and shadow midst of testimony he has refused to of death where we hear the great investigate, in the midst of that which brings you the knowledge of the future land of the mourner that will not be life he has failed to avail himself of that knowledge.

When the astronomer tells you something you listen, for he has studied the position of the planets and the laws that govern their motions, their distances faith cannot be inflired by exchanging from one another and from the sun. and you know that he is entitled to the | who has no faith and you may count credence which his study has given him. You accept his statements almost man or woman in this congregation out the problems of astronomy. But if some one comes to you who has experience and knowledge in spiritual mani- it is frue. They expect to show that ception, or he is insane." Now, when sublime philosophy, that is the legiti-Mr. Crookes-Sir William Crookes-giv- mate result and sequence of human ex- Thereafter his hearers noted in his from his ancestors, but because of his gained by any especial favoritism or by great learning and experiments in science-when he made discoveries with is the next inevitable step of all human

British Association of Science be-

stowed upon him a medal for his dis-

and the Queen thought his

people must turn backward, as the there were laws by which psychic man- here and now that the message comes to Chinese do to receive their light and ifestations occur no medal was given, you, that you shall not have to wait unworship their ancestors, are there no open doorways to the skies?

We tell you, in this present age, at this hour over all the earth there are people who go to the groves to worship, to the worship, the theological schools in that this hour over all the earth there are people who go to the groves to worship, to the worship, the theological schools in that death to be reunited with your loved ones. But you say, "we do not want anything to come between us and our previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that death to be reunited with your loved ones. But you say, "we do not want anything to come between us and our previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that country. The reason is plain: The pathway to the spirit realm had been previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that country. The pathway to the spirit realm had been previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that country. The pathway to the spirit realm had been previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that death to be reunited with your loved ones. But you say, "we do not want any of the pathway to the spirit realm had been previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that the pathway to the spirit realm had been previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that the pathway to the spirit realm had been anything to come between us and our previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that the pathway to the spirit realm had been anything to come between us and our previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that the pathway to the spirit realm had been anything to come between us and our previously closed, and no one was perfectly any of the theological schools in that the pathway to the spirit realm had been anything to come between us and our pr to the mountains to declare the voice mitted to make new discoveries in that your child, your friend on earth come haired sires and matrons this voice and to the spirit world was closed? Is he light of truth descends to-day. Visions | not as much entitled to credence in the the direction of material discoveries? Crookes was any better qualified to As science has revealed to you many judge of manifestations from the spirit propositions concerning the laws and realm than you worthy president or forces of nature unknown before; as to- vice-president. But as people are fol-

presidency of their association, mean-

When Prof. Alfred' Russell Wallace Science, all subjects pertaining to psynotism) and Spiritualism were entertained there, and the people were permitted to bring forward testimony in every such direction. A man arose, on one occasion, in the back part of the room and said: "Mr! President, I do Wallace, "we are not here to listen to

STRONG TESTIMONY.

Friends, you have not come to listen

to the convictions or opinions of ertions of those who have departed the earth life and giving those ministrations to those in human life. Here are theme when she was a child, when, without other teachers than those who have passed beyond the earthly plane, she spoke words of wisdom and philosophy pertaining to the other life; here are those whose minds and spirits are your departed friends, describing their forms and their countenances, declaring their messages and bridging over the chasm between you and that unseen realm. If a man comes to you from the Klondike or California and tells you To-day that voice of the spirit hath | that he has discovered gold there, there summoned you; it has called you from | is a great rush to get there; men forsake their families, abandon their bustness or their pursuits to find the allurthe seeking and getting of material ing treasure. But when someone tells altar of the memory of those who have | that the great treasure of immortal life passed on before; it has summoned you has been rediscovered, that your unto the altar of true worship, and is friends are not dead, but are living, the voice of the living and not of the you turn away in fear, you turn away from ministering in many lands unto can be given you. Why! if that son many people in testimony of this new | who went away to Cuba or the Philiptheology that had little hope for the form was said to be alive and on the spirit of man, and through which, with earth and you could get a message to fear and trembling, they sought knowl- him or from him you would travel all ceive that message. Now across the tempted to blot out the thought of has never been spanned for you eximpossible and irreconcilable state your loved ones have constructed the iris archway of communion. Greater than the telegraph, greater

than the steam power that moves the commerce of the world, greater than those new discoveries that are impingmost here is this mighty message. It pleads to you who are mourningmother, father, sister, brother, children, friend; it says we are not dead, but living, we do not come to interfere with your duties, your daily pursuits or your seek to strengthen upliff and, above voice of Rama, Rama throughout the comforted. To those who have faith and still have not certainty, to those who have no faith, only hope, surely one who believes in a future life cannot be harmed by knowing it, one who has that faith for knowledge, and he or she them by the scores and he or she who has no knowledge-you may count them by the millions-will be benefit-

ed by this knowledge. We are here to day to testify to this knowledge. Before this meeting is over the managers expect to give the evidence to those who have it not, that I stence, that the future life is not any peculiar line of belief, but that it to come into this world with the best possible conditions, so every human being has a right to go out of this world

to come. It is here and now as

with the best knowledge concerning the

NATURE'S TEACHINGS.

What is there in the love of an angel mother, in the ministration of a spirit child, in the benediction of a loved friend that can separate or alienate you from God? You are alienated from Him by selfishness, by worldiness, by pursuing the paths of intemperance, by self-seeking and avarice; you allow your individual human interests to come between you and God. But the redeeming thought of humanity is that when you work for one another you are nearer to God than before; and the blessing that comes from this message is, that spirits and angels are not continually singing and congratulating themselves upon having been saved, but are doing God's work by ministering unto those in sorrow and darkness, thus following the example of the great Teacher of Nazareth.

only living in the basements of your dwellings, we have come to open up those upper rooms, those chambers of your intelligence and spirituality that have been deadened and dwarfed by contact with material things alone. They tell you, that all the avenues of philosophy and art are but the "many mansions of the Father's house, not made with hands." That you are buildstructure of the spiritual habitation is being fashioned in your lives; that your spiritual raiment is being woven of the thoughts and deeds, and what you do will your habitation be of shadow and your raiment of darkness; if they are deeds of love and kindness, then will your raiment be of brightness like the "shining raiment" that shone upon the Mount of Transfiguration, when Jesus held communion with his disciples and loved ones who followed him unto that kingdom of light.

Oh! beloved, the light of this eternal truth, the glory of this surpassing realm is being more and more revealed! As to-day you stand upon the apex of the ages, remember that all their treasures are yours. Let this light of beauty, glory and philosophy triumph over the

A DARK CLOUD AND ITS SILVER " LINING.

In the minister's morning sermon, h told of the primal fall, And how, henceforth, the wrath of God rested on each and all;

And how, of His will and pleasure, all

souls save a chosen few.

Were doomed to eternal torture, and held in the way thereto. Yet never, by Faith's unreason, a saint-

lier soul was tried, And never the harsh old lesson a tenderer heart belled. And after the painful service, on that

pleasant, bright first day, He walked with his little daughter thro'

the apple bloom of May. Sweet in the fresh green meadow sparrow and blackbird sung;

Above him its tinted petals the blossoming orchard hung. Around, on the wonderful glory, the minister looked and smiled. 'How good is the Lord, who gives us

these gifts from his hand, my child. "Behold in the bloom of apples and the violets in the sward.

A hint of the old lost beauty of the garden of the Lord." Then up spake the little maiden, tread-

ing on snow and pink. "O, father! these pretty blossoms are very wicked I think.

"Had there been no Garden of Eden. there never had been a fall; And if never a tree had blossomed. God would have loved us all."

'Hush, child!" the father answered, "by His decree man fell: His ways are in clouds and darkness. but he doeth all things well.

'And whether by his ordaining, to us cometh good or ill, Joy or pain, or light or shadow, we must fear and love Him still." "Oh. I fear Him!" said the daughter, and I try to love Him, too;

But I wish He were kind and gentlekind and loving as you." The minister groaned in spirit, as the tremulous lips of pain,

And wide, wet eyes, uplifted, questioned his own in vain. Bowing his head, he pondered the words of his little one. Had he erred in his life-long teachings!

And wrong to his master done? To what grim and dreadful idol had h lent the holiest name?

Did his own heart, loving and human the God of his worship shame? And lo! from the bloom and greenness, from the tender skies above.

And the face of little daughter, he read

a lesson of love

No more as the cloudy terror of Sinai's mount of law. But as Christ in the Syrian lilies the I to be better citizens; teach us that we yision of God he saw.

And as when, in the clefts of Horeb of old was his presence known. The drend, ineffable glory was infinite | er, and that we have got to be our own goodness alone.

And never the messages of hatred burned on his lips again. And the scoffing tongue was prayerful and the blinded eyes found sight.. And hearts, as flint aforetimes, grew

prayers a tenderer strain.

soft in his warmth and light. -John G. Whittier. "Success, the Key that Unlocks it." McKay Gordon. 45 pages. Mental Thrall,

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BE-FORE THE SPIRITUAL AND RE-LIGIOUS ASSOCIATION, AT SUM-MERLAND BEACH, OHIO, ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1899, BY JUDGE J. M. KENNEDY, OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO.

Philosophers claim that away back in

the eons of time, so remote that the

mind of man could not conceive or figures compute, this planet which we inhabit was a seething mass of matter. That in process of time and in its course in its orbit it became cooled and formed upon its surface what is known by us as a mineral or stony foundation upon which it builded from the gaseous and particles of aerolites and other substances which it gathered in its course, which produced a basic formation for vegetable growth. Then came a vegetable or woody period, vegetation being very prolific and wood growing to great heights and wonderful size. That at this period the great mass of our planet was of a liquid or heated mass, that its gravitation was deviated and drawn out of its course by the attraction of greater bodies or planets and the result was a reversal of the poles, causing in ing: its change an overflow of the vegetable and woody growth that had accumulated upon the higher portions of the earth's surface, thus forming our coal beds. To farther illustrate the great antiquity of our earth, I will say that in Switzerland they have sunk a shaft ing those mansions day by day, that the | 6.800 feet deep; that in sinking this shaft they passed through eighty-two strata of coal from three and a half to twenty feet in thickness, thus definitely making eighty-two periods in the unto one another. If they are ill, then | world's history, periods beyond the conception of the mind of man. How many thousands or millions of years between each formation, who can conceive? Each one produced by a separate formation and accumulation of the necessary compost matter to form the stratum, and each one giving nature time to form its geological deposits for the next, and each in turn awaiting the revolution of nature and reversal of the poles by the centralization of forces outside of the planet itself.

> We pass these periods of mineral and vegetable formation and come to the formation of animal life. Then man and animals appear upon the earth. The surface had become sufficiently cooled as well as the atmosphere. Lifeforming globules became attached to each other and the distinct races of men and animals became the result, all by the same law of nature. This formic period passed, nature's laws became perfected as in every other thing, and the globular or basic formation period passed and man and animals became clothed with the procreative power of gestation and perpetuation of life.

I have been definite in my description

of the life of our planet, to give you my

theory of creation. Millions of years have passed since this formation and life-giving period. Man has come down through this remote period to the present time. From the primitive man of 'giant formation to the man of to-day. From the weak and puny almost animal instinct to the great man of today. Through all this time man has been priest-ridden, has been enslaved his mind has been crippled and en thralled, dwarfed by the mythical gods and superstitious priesthood. Has been persecuted and robbed in the name of all of these mythical gods, and blood shed almost by rivers to appease the wrath of an imaginary god. Nature ever patient, has waited long and patiently for the time when man could be disenthralled and allowed to think for himself, act for himself and be himself free from all imaginary godly restraints. The spirit world has always been the auxiliary of nature, and by their aid they have so guided man that in the middle of the nineteenth century the silent sphinx of all time has spoken. On the 31st day of March, A. D. 1848, at the humble home of John D. Fox, at Hydesville, N. Y., the tiny messenger bearing good tidings to all the world came bringing great joy to all that would accept his message, breaking down all dogmas and unlocking the door that separated us from the past, and revealed the future, establishing the fact of immortality to all mankind. Without the intervention of priest or layman, without the aid of an imaginary mythical savior, brought man face to face with himself.: Taught him that he took up life on the other shore just as he left it; taught him that he would have to meet himself and that he would be his own savior or destroyer of his peace and happiness on the other side of life.

This little beginning has grown in the face of ostracism, persecution, insults and opproblum, heaped upon it by the skeptic and religious world, until it numbers its votaries and believers by the millions, until the spirit world have become able to remove the veil and our friends come back from the silent shore called death and communicate with us in their own natural voices, and materialize a body that we can recognize. Remove every-doubt and every fear, make us better men and better women. Teach us self-reliance, teach us to think and act for ourselves, each cannot by any chuckaluckry escape our own misdeeds; teach us there is no vicarious atonement or pardoning powsaviors and atone for our own misdeeds. and cannot escape them. In fact the spirit world is fast disrobing the priesthood and freeing the world, and nature speaks to us not through a mythical god or his priesthood, but through the: beautiful flowers, the majestic tree of the forest, the sweetness of her fruit, and the many blessings brought to us through action of nature and nature's grand work. The greatest events dawn with no

Spiritualism Delivers from The Views of a Prominent

Medium.

HE DOESN'T THINK THAT JESUS IS AROUND CONTROLLING DIF. FERENT MEDIUMS.

We are well aware that this article will call for much discussion, as various people have various ideas. However, we should not let prejudice control us,

but look fairly and squarely at this Many times we have seen, read and heard the expression of different Spiritualists, and especially mediums, who claimed that Jesus Christ, Moses, St. John, Paul, and various other ancient persons controlled them. To me, logically and personally, the claim is absurd. Psychically and psychometrically we call them personations. Let us take personality out of this question and as-

with reasoning faculties; hence, why, not use them? Before we enter upon our subject, we Wish to give an experience which occurred in this city (Oakland). Two years ago a medium was engaged by a Spiritualist society. This society got out handbills on which was the follow-

sume reason. The All-comprehensive

Power of Knowledge has endowed us

"Jesus Christ will control and speak brough Mrs. — this evening; also

neal the afflicted." You can imagine the hall was filled. Many people went, of course, out of pure curiosity to hear what Mr. Christ had to say. Among those in the audience were three reverends and one college professor, who afterwards told me that they were mortified and disgusted. The greater portion of the audience were of the same opinion, and expressions were heard like this: "When Jesus was at the age of 12, he was found in the temple, teaching the old and wise men, and now, two thousand years after his transition, and as we would suppose, with all these centuries of experience in higher fields of knowledge, progression and purity, he comes back to speak through the instrumentality of said person, and instead of teaching wisely, murders English grammar." So, it was so painful to be a listener that many people left the hall before Mr. (or was it Mrs.?) Christ finished the

Now, let us give credit where credit is due, but let us break the idol of superstition, and do away with the erroneous idea of letting such things appear publicly to drive away our thinking people. Let us see about these ancient people coming back and giving their pictures upon slates and controlling mediums. That it is the work of spirits, when under strict test conditions, there is no doubt, except when it comes from the medium's own imagination. Some people are, I am sorry to say, so lightbrained that they are tickled out of their reason to have such names given to them, but let us reason: A medium was once controlled and gave the name of George Washington, Finally, being cornered, he confessed he was not the spirit he claimed to be. He explained that if he gave the name of Mr. Jones or Mr. Smith, he could not attract the attention that he could by giving the name of George Washington.

I call these cases personations and in some instances obsession of the medium. If a spirit comes back and impersonates, he is a deceiver and cannot be trusted, no matter what name he may assume. To our knowledge there are scores of mediums and Spiritualists claiming Jesus, Moses, St. John, Aaron . and other Bible personages, but psychically we say they are all person-

Now, dear reader, this may not please you, especially if you have a control who gives such a name, but let us investigate and reason together. Our philosophy claims to teach eternal progression, and if this is true, such spirits whose names we have mentioned, who have passed out thousands of years ago and were living a true, good life then, no doubt have progressed far beyond this impure, insignificant planet of ours, and could not, if they wanted to, come back here, hence we affirm again, it is a personation and deception on the part of the spirit, or imagination on the part of the medium.

Dear Spiritualists, or mediums, whoever you may be, if you have such a control, be not deluded or degraded; be honest with yourself, and let your reason guide you. If you are of a progressive mind you will see that you have been misled.

Let us go a little further. I have found in my investigations that there are some Spiritualists who teach that the very highest spirits have wings! Think of it, dear reader, eventually we have to grow wings so that we can fly! How we are to grow them is not stated —whether by the use of goose grease or some other application. What an erroneous and materialistic idea! It is not natural; never has been, nor will it ever be a law for anyone to grow wings. A spirit, not being a material, nonderable object, is not controlled by the law of gravity, and travels to any point of the universe with the speed of thought, which is the only motive power known in the spirit world.

It is high time, in this intellectual age, that we throw down all bonds of supersition and the like, and let reason rule. May the All-Eternal Wisdom and Knowledge lead us into brighter light. Give us "Light, more light."

MAX MUEHLENBRUCH. Oakland, Cal.

APPRECIATION.

To the Editor:-The premium books are at hand, all in good condition, and I thank you very much. I am delighted. to be the possessor of them, for I know I shall be greatly interested in reading them. I have wanted these books long time, and now I am the proud posMoses Hull Relates How an Indiana Skeptical Investigator Was Converted to Spiritualism.

to observe facts; Second, to form | didn't do it—that's an immortal fact." hypothesis, and, Third, to experiment. called in Latin, Experimentum Crucis, writing came upon the slates." terfield, Ind., has just passed the Ex- square deal-don't accuse me of trickperimentum Crucis, and has found ery." itself to be just what it purports to be; so-called dead and the living.

I doubt whether a man or woman in the and in the language of John, changed county can be found who would not only in one word, "because she lives we bank on his word. If Ben Lukens says shall live also." a thing it is so, it is always put down

Lukens was born and lived in the Quaker Church until he refused to comply with what seemed to him their pomp and pride in getting married. He On the Recent Session of the preferred, even at the expense of being "cut off as a cumberer of the ground," to call in the proper authority and be privately married. Naturally a religious man, he in-

vestigated all the religions of the counualism. He knew that among the Spir- than the writer is able to understand. dence he wanted.

hypnotized or self-deceived.

When the camp opened at Chester- name. field he determined to make one more and went to a medium with them. He at least an apology.

then sealing wax was put over the nail- | vigor.

simile of her chirography.

thought a great deal of Mr. Lockwood; quiet, earnest one, who is sincere, and Mrs. Lease was Mrs. Luther's Adeal of a statesman and a politician,

written by Mrs. Luther. He said, "Now.

on the slate; it reads as follows:

3. I am with you."

To assure every one that I am not mistaken, I inclose the following report | ence a ten-cent crowd. of an interview published in the Anderson Dally News, which tells its own story:

Your correspondent had an interview this morning with Benj. Lukens upon the subject of his late experience in the Death-what is it but the bringing davestigation of Spiritualistic phe-

nomena. ' ... "Is it a fact that you obtained a written message upon the inside of a pair-of slates that had been previously The dead! Whom call we such? The p sealed together?"

"Yes, sir, I did," answered Mr. Lukens, "and you did me an injustice Far beyond earth's shadowy portals,

when you intimated that I had attempted to 'work the camp.' I will Those who, free as winds, are sweepgo before Judge McClure at any moment and take my oath that the statement I made to Moses Hull on your camp ground last Saturday night is a fact. "It was this way: I took a pair of

slates to the camp and in the presence of K. M. Burnham, of Lowell, Ind., Mrs. Lester, of Ohio, and one or two others, nailed them securely together. The slates were clean-no writing upon them when they were fastened together. We will all swear to that. Then we sealed the slates with sealing wax. I took the slates to a medium and in the presence of three witnesses | Paths there are in life more dreary sat for a few minutes. We heard a! noise that sounded like someone writing. But before and after the seance I kept the slates in my home under lock and key. Then when I got ready to take the slates to camp I invited Dr. Manchester to accompany me as a witness. The slates were opened and greatly to my surprise three small Living ghosts there are around us. photos of the late Mrs. Luther were found on the inside. Also a message to More revolting than the specters Moses Hull and myself. I will positively swear that I did not tamper with the slates and that no one else had an opportunity to tamper with them.

"No, I'm not at liberty now to give the name of the medium, nor the names of my witnesses. They do not want any Let us leave our thoughts of sadness. notorlety in connection with this mat- | And forget life's cares and woes, atter. Well no, the medium is not a pro- In the dreams whose light of gladness fessional, and for that reason prefers | From the Father's country flows. his name withheld. Now, I say this: If the spirits didn't do this writing what'

One part of logical reasoning is: First, I did do it? Human beings in the flesh "How did those photos get in be-The hypothesis which will admit all the tween the states?" "Ask me something phenomena is the true one. This is easy. Might as well ask me how that Spiritualism at Anderson and Ches- But whatever you do give me a

that is, intercommunion between the | How glorious the fact that after years of search for the truth, one can be re-Benjamin Lukens, of Anderson, is one | warded as the above shows Mr. Lukens of the best known men in Madison to have been. He has waded through county, Ind. He was born here nearly fields of chaff and oceans of fraud, but | what he is pleased to have us call philthree score and ten years ago, and has has at last been rewarded by the disnever lived outside of his own county. | covery that his friend Mrs. Luther lives MOSES HULL.

REFLECTIONS

Lancaster, Ohio, Camp-Meeting.

How the managers of the camp-meettry in order to adopt the true one, ing association could utter a word Many years ago, after investigating against Bob Ingersoll after inviting

troubled him; how those marks came | World for the purpose of supporting a Mr. Lukens and I have been from our people. But in many instances we see first acquaintance friends who "stick it used only as a means of raising closer than brothers," and we have, be- money in support of the lowest and side that, always believed fully in each | vilest of characters. The example of other. So he came to our cottage, and the loving devotion of our Savior is in the presence of several witnesses the fast disappearing in many churches, slates were examined thoroughly, and any scheme that can be put forth to nailed together with wire nails; the inveigle money from the pockets of an

in the wax. Mr. Lukens then selected his people? Our Bible tells that his a flag of truce. other witnesses and took the slates to a whole heart was filled with love for his private medium, accompanied by the people and forgiveness was what he which, ignoring the broad and solid by blowing off steam in a flow of words, witnesses chosen by himself to go with even gave his life for. But he did uphim. After visiting the medium, he set the tables of the money changers. brought the slates back to my cottage, If the Lancaster camp grounds were summoned those who had assisted in converted into a public park, where the fastening them together to come for- little ehildren and tired mothers might ward and examine them. The witnesses | find a breath of fresh, pure air in these decided they had not been opened. Mr. hot days, and if the money that flowed Lukens then proceeded to open the into the coffers of the association was slates. After the wax was removed he expended for a few comforts for some aspirations in a philosophy whose value enlighten the spiritualistic fold. He is took out the nails with pincers and of the sick and suffering poor and a vigopened the slates. The first things which orous campaign of home mission work, facts; and like that mother they yearn help to keep the pot boiling. I am met our gaze were three kodak photo- Lam sure we would come nearer the to quiet him with phenomena, until in- forningt" him offy when he throws doxical statement that none but evil books are furnished for less than paying in hard cash the shortage. graphs of Mrs. Luther; by the way, fulfillment of Christ's commands. Did stead of crying he learns to crow out in contempt of the phenomenal medium Mrs. Luther and Mr. Lukens had for he not say, "Suffer little children to a lusty appreciation of the realities of who has learned to exercise and exyears been on the most friendly terms. come unto me?" Yet, how many little spirit life. I have no doubt that some haust energy on a higher plane; and in She selected him as one of her pall- children of your city are brought to of what passes for inspired utterances relation to himself the latter compares bearers, and made him promise that he him? Their playgrounds are the as nearly represents exact truth as the as one engaged in serious pursuits to would lock the steel case in which her streets, where vile, filthy language is goo-goo of a baby resembles Mark one playing with toys. The purpose is spoken, cigarettes smoked and habits Anthony's oration. We cannot ignore to advance us to be a spirit among On the back of the first picture taken in general are lower, than the heathen. the fact that various agencies, liquor, spirits, and this mental excitation is a from the slates was written in green | Why do you not gather them in as you | hemp, opium, fear, joy, excessive phys- | part of development. The howling ink the word "Lockwood." It has been are commanded, why not visit their ical exercise, may produce a mental dervish, like all half savage creatures, some time since I have seen Mrs. homes and learn the cause of the lack condition which so fayors what is can attain "rapport" with little other Luther's writing, but unless my mem- of child government? I am grieved to ory is greatly at fault, it was a fac say that much of the religion of our churches bears the sign of the dollar This photograph I send in the letter mark. We have some who seem to be to Mr. Francis, and ask him to see that | earnestly striveing to serve the Master. Mrs. Lockwood gets it. On the second but they do not indulge in camp-meetwas written in paler ink, "For Mary E. | ings. The people who believe that it Lease." On the third was written, takes a bowery actor to bring people to message from the other world; although gyrations. The civilized brain will not were played in their presence, all possi-"For Moses Hull;" this was written in Christ, are sadly mistaken. Not the sure that spirit infifuences have been respond to the influences that rendered bilities of fraud being removed, by an It is well known that Mrs. Luther ment makes our true Christian, but the orator to an abnormal state. Supposing ing the purpose of your spirit friends in most difficult operatic selections ren-

ized and our churches are many and while her friendship with and for me, large enough without going to the dates back as far as 1867, and lasted at woods and there to ruin more souls than spirational condition. We are forced to ingless dependent on the physical, and least until I delivered her funeral dis- you ever can save. In Christ's time the course, which was done by her request. | people were poor and ignorant, they did | age of truth in even the deepest trance | higher vibratory rate will come nearer After we had examined the pictures | not have the churches we have and peowe turned our attention to the message | ple were not then of the same character. But to-day with vigilant eyes we is but one thing, become more diligent | charged with the magnetism of your "Brother Moses, I am with you in the must protect our young generation. So | phenomena hunters. In the good old | spirit friends and finding relief in words interest of all the camps. Ben is with great a hold has sin on the public, days every one was a "chaser," and the whose claim to inspiration amounts to A. C. L." Home mission work will do more good | philosophy or religion was the natural little more than the unusually rapid Mr. Lukens was happily and tuor- than all the camp-meetings. Let us blossom of perceived facts. There has flow, will forget that the ultimate puroughly surprised. There was no other have people who can show their love been a partial deterioration since the pose is to find expression for your na- ifestations in our own home. Through way to explain it than to say it was for Christ, his will, and let us not run man of words usurped the place of ture in a higher stage of consciousness. the medium of my little son, not yet after a heathen who boasts that he received a hundred dollars an hour for his dirty discourse and called his audi- great spiritual movement commence to will be much smoke at first in com-

LENA AULT DEAN.

DEATH ONLY A CHANGE.

Of the weary spirit home? And the angels whisper, "Come!"

immortals? Those who breathe a purer air

-And the changing land of care?

On their bright celestial wings, Holy vigils kindly keeping O'er our earthly wanderings? They are not dead! you lone star, burn-

In the sunset's purple glow. Answers to my voiceless yearning. And in whispers tell me, No. They are not dead; the buried treasures In our spirit cells that lie,

Earth-born hopes and idle pleasures. Are the only things that die. Than the portals of the tomb.

Where our tottering footsteps weary, And the heart forgets its bloom. Shrouds there are that wrap the spirit, Colder than the winding sheet,

While the human pulses beat. Stalking to their daily toll. Banished from the mortal coil.

Chilling frosts that gather o'er it

Let us, then, since life is waning, 'And we see the shadowy goal, Strive with every good remaining To adorn the living soul.

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VS. PHENOMENA

Thoughts. Them as knows won't blab; Them as guesses will gab.

-Old Proverb.

Nature seems to have provided a safety valve by means of which the aspirational soul can blow off steam and make a great noise about the spirit He needs expend his surplus energy or burst, and not being able to experience, must give notice of his filing a claim to immortality by speaking or writing osophy instead of conjecture. Some of us are able within variable limits to hold intercourse with excarnate intelligences, and our philosophy being leavened and vitalized to some degree with experience, is not exactly that kind which, as Hudson Tuttle says, "driven by science into the realms of metaphysics has no foundation in fact." Driven to the wall, the meanest of us began a crucial investigation of Spirit- to hear the gospel preached, is more of a general revulsion or reversal of Danto Beersheba is for more phenomena, itualists of his acquaintances were the Ingersoll has been roundly scored and | quers metaphysics-the further me- of God. "The play's the thing." Let it non-sectarian people. He thought the Sabbath, yet the remembrance of the the more is our philosophy sustained; nor to express it; but I do claim that the Spiritual philosophy the most reason- many kind and worthy acts of that fa- and the wise Spiritualist, regarding | right place for the man who can only able of anything to which he had ever mous infidel will, like the vase, where both natural desire and experience, listened, but he failed to find the evi- roses have been distilled, brew its fra- will anticipate in the "undiscovered grance, ever after even when time has | country" a life more like that he now He detected many pretended me- done its worst. While the dirty, vulgar | enjoys and better adapted to his mental dlums in the most barefaced fraud; talk of such a man as Sam Jones, like | development than either accepted philothers he thought were simply self- the stench from a manure pile, makes osophy or revelation yet divulges. one hold his nose at the mention of his | "Blessed are they who believe and have not seen," because such a belief And these people who are directly re- opens the gates of experience to natural thorough trial, so he got a pair of slates, sponsible for bringing such a creature results, a revelation untainted with fear nailed them together, clinched the nails to Lancaster, certainly owe the ladies and untarnished with the glamour of impinges upon-leaps over into the mysticism. The great seers of old physical at every time and place. So confined to their confessed ignorance of got a few scratches between them, but Just why the religion of the Holy would confess seeing through a glass | we only have an indirect admission that | its first principles, deemed it important there was no legible writing. This Bible must be dragged around the darkly, and in modern "control" the he is unable to discern the things of the spirits have frequently deplored their | spirit, for "where two or three are there he could not tell; he was resolved lot of worthless, vile creatures is get- inability to present a good picture of gathered together," etc. Nothing would ting to be a serious question with many | the spirit world on a mental plate ante- | so favor a greater penetration than natally impressed with superstitious | "chasing." And as a tree, although it conceptions. Largely because of our refusal or inability to approach the spirits naturally as man to man, instead of as a creature to a mysterious and incomprehensible creator; or as one essentially vile and unworthy to the the "hunter," who is going to find you impossibly "pure" and exalted; instead | that genuine phenomena you talk and nails were turned down and clinched, unsuspecting public, is pursued with of approaching the "throne of grace" boldly and in the spirit of a son, a heads and clinchers; after that, some of | Did Christ go through the world with | brother, a fellow, have revelations been us, with our thumbs, put private marks | nothing but abuse and fault-finding for | imperfect, and given as it were under In regard to that kind of philosophy | that relief from a congested state comes

foundation of human nature, would just as the chimal man finds relief in seize upon a narrow and very limited great physical exercise. That indicator experience to build an inverted pyramid | termed conscience points out "good." on the base of a needle's point, I sup- Now if he be just a little bit sensitive to

mediumship. honor that belongs to the man of deeds. When did Christianity-when did any decay, but when the spinner of theories and conjectures got people to believe that the road to heaven passed through down when enough facts are arranged Where the founts of joy are springing, to form a revelation. More phenomena many an "inspired" disputer to reform · Let us term what passes for philoso- gard to whiskey—there is none bad if it phy as liquid, and phenomena as solid. gives satisfaction to the sensitive. But grows, more and more solid food is thought yourself, and if in a state of philosophy which assumes the whole it is not certain that they were sugof spirit life believable. What would you think of a father who would take his child to the window merely to conturity? It may grow. So may you grow spiritually in absence of phenomena and find yourself on "passing was assailed by unay mpathetic spirits I suspected it. Finally I reached the over" as well qualified for enjoyment of that life as this inexperienced youth to | borders of despair and being generally take up the white man's burden on the at any time when I sit quietly, thorphysical plane. One "born of the oughly aware of spirit presence, I failed spirit" is in his world like one born of now to "sense" them at all. I said to the flesh in another, first, last and myself, "I can only stand and take it always by nature a phenomena chaser. now. I am forced to the wall." On the On the physician explaining to a Jew that nothing more serious than ennui hands and wailed, "Oh!" Mine Gott! | weary nerve changed it all-"in the there is no hope. When a Jew will not take interest he is not long for this world." So when a Spiritualist "gets above" phenomena his spirituality is able theory over the precipice into ab- Koenigsberg. A scholarly and appreci- and elevating spirituality of thought, the mind onward into the purer atmosvery low.

cause I need it to prove my immortal discredit them altogether. He sneers at this office. Paper covers, 25c.

that I have di stomach, but because I only knew how a deep scientific exneed it to sustain a vigorous spirit- amination would affect the grounds uality. It is true as stated that the upon which his philosophy is based he "phenomenailhuner" is green. He is would confess that if ever man needed growing, and this verdancy saves him faith it is the believer in Spiritualism from the dry rowthat consumes the one | who is not himself sensitive to spirit Some Incisive and Practical who does not need phenomena; from approach. the plagues that "hurt not any green thing." There is nothing "fresh" about the phenomena despiser. He discovers fraud in every manifestation that irrepressible kumaniquature compels him to notice, and hobsiup with original test conditions periodically; his own distinction being sacure in having elaborated a philosophy that deties any test; and oblivious to the fact that while not useworld in advance of actual knowledge, less altogether, all his tests will fail to determine the value of phenomena produced through other medial agencies. When for instance that sincere man, Dr. Peebles, felt the spirits about him when sitting with the Bangs sisters, we have better testimony than if oblivious to this he had used all the sealing wax and wire cages in Chicago.

We concede on all sides that the one desirable object is to produce a harmonial mind. Witnessing and sharing in the production of phenomena is the great requisite in securing that condition to one entitled to the name of Spiritualist, although a happy state of can say that it is founded upon the less intensity may be attained by the rock of human nature itself; in its animal man without regarding spiritual ultimate expression declaring that the things. "His time is not yet come." spiritual must generally correspond to | But this everlasting rhetoric with no the physical; the conditions existing in | objective or positive "test" of some the spirit world resemble those in the kind suggests the potatoes and "point" material, or the continuity of life-the of the Irish tenant, while the phenomepersistence of individual consciousness nal medium is an Irishman who has is an unnatural hypothesis, an impossi- emigrated and eats potatoes and beef, other religious and laying them aside, that ass in human guise, Sam Jones, to bility. We may endure great and plum pudding and pumpkin pies in he, with all earnestness of his nature, insult the people, who paid their money | rapid change, but nothing in the nature | America. The cry of the populace from conditions. The better science con- and the voice of the people is the voice most honorable men of Madison county, abused by nearly every minister who diumship advances to experimental not be understood that I assail the onstration. "Nothing but leaves; the beside that, he found them a liberal and was present at the camp ground, last proof, to a free and natural intercourse, right of any one to "think a thought" spirit grieves." talk, or write, or criticise, or invent test conditions, is behind the band-wagon in this procession. The demand is for those who testify to what they have seen and for those who having found the pearl of great price can exhibit it. A distinguished contributor says that never in a dark seance could he find satisfactory evidence of spirit action.

Now he affirms that the spirit world absorbs much from the atmosphere, must be rooted in the earth so a helpful religion or philosophy must rest upon genuine phenomena, and if you smother | belief in communications between spirin an avalanche of contemptuous words its and mortals, yet they expressed write about as if it were not yet discovered. One charged with magnetic energy

must expend it to enjoy life as surely

pose that as many a mother rejoiced to spirit suggestion, if a Christian he hear the wail of a child she feared was recognizes a call to the ministry. If re- norant fishermen of Galilee to go forth dumb, so do his spirit guardians exult lieved from theological obligations he and preach, and that, in the words of when an apathetic soul vents his thinks als spirit friends want him to the biblical writers, they did preach "in is in the indication of a hunger for not altogether wrong—he can at least known as "control" that the average than physical exercises, because norman is unable to distinguish clearly | mally the physical rules the mental, and | seven years of age; and one of twelve, enough to estimate the value of a the subject obeys his master. In more and their mother, incontestible proofs trance speech, much less determine intellectual races attention must be of a high form of spirit life in actual whether that volubility known as the paid to mentality, and instead of danc- communication with mortals. Many "mental phase" be indicative of a high ling, howling, and beating tom-toms, the availed themselves of the opportunity to spirituality—a creditable voicing of a mind must be excited by imaginary scoff, but when musical instruments shout and blare of trumpet and excite- an important factor in exciting the the dervish ecstatic; but broadly speak- unseen power; when they heard the light you; it will instruct you, and make a master of the violin assists a pupil in | that mental excitation is the same, and | dered through the medium of an unedu-We of to-day are supposed to be civil- | tuning his instrument, we cannot allow | will finally lead to a result akin to that | that the master mind is clearly ex- of the exalted dervish, in awakening pressed, although partially in this in- the spiritual senses. However, you beadmit that there is a varying percent- independent in your consciousness at a attaining a permanent development. What are we going to do then? There There is through this danger that Where there is, much smoke there is some fire; and as in lighting a fire there parison with heat when it gets well going there will be less smoke. So with words and theories in spiritual develophis imagination. I do not limit any ment. I find as many a sensitive before | and all in the privacy of our home, for one's right to guess. Theory has always | me that in my most spiritual condition | the boy has never yet, and probably preceded exact knowledge, but like the I desire to express my mind in words | never will appear in public. Now, are scaffolding on a building, must be torn less than I do in that state I will describe as half way up the mountain. "Speech is silvern; silence is golden." is needed, and a little chasing of it | Far be it from me to insinuate that the home to his own life would instigate angels do not get a word or an idea here and there into these inspired orahis philosophy and say like John the tions. I know very well they do, and Baptist, "there cometh one after me hope has been sustained in me often by greater than I;" for the best use he can | what I accept as suggestions from make of his talent for persuading is to above to my, excited mind. I do not focus attention on the phenomenal me- assert there is anything wrong in this a few noted frauds while here, and a dium. What else, for instance, is the condition. Lythe various exhibitions of fellow who signs himself "Bishop desirable result of such encounters as | what goes by the name of mediumship | Garrison," though no one ever knew that of Moses Hull with Elder Covert? I stand like the Kentucky colonel in re-The babe thrives on milk alone. As he you have a machine for generating needed. contrary to that perverted unusual exaliation strange ideas appear purpose or even the chief purpose of gested to youchy some illustrious spirit. phenomena to be in rendering the idea | Consolation pomes in this state of imperfect rapport, but it is a state inferior to the clearly mediumistic, which I will describe by pelating a little experience. vince it of an external world, and then I had been bitterly disappointed and that family, who I understand have shut it up in a dark room until ma- fought for some days against a debeen attacked by certain papers in Linpressed condition, and although too

> instant I heard, "Do: I am with you always, even to the end of the world," ailed his son, and if he could be aroused and a magnetic thrill so intense as to ability; showing what the church has to take an interest in life he would be sweep away or purify, my own mag- and has not done for woman. It is full all right, the father began wringing his netism and anoint with balm every of information on the subject, and should twinkling of an eye." It is your philosopher that is above phenomena who pushes every reason-

nature and more than I eat to prove at the faith of these enthusiasts. If he

Again, there is the common error of one in "the mental phase," who, being instructed on some point, immediately assumes it his place to teach a neighbor, who perhaps erring in an opposite way is in need of very different instructions; acting the part of one who, finding relief from some disorder by taking a certain pill, must recommend it to every sufferer from whatever cause. I was edified once to hear a sensitive of international reputation in something like trance denounce in scathing terms the habit of mediums in advertising themselves as the greatest, etc. Yet in the paid advertisement of that meeting himself was modestly designated as "the one and only platform test medium." Much of these inspired ideas are for the sensitive's personal benefit. But like the smart boy whose mother wants a bucket of coal brought up, he loves to carry the message to his brother, with a good deal of phenomena and an occasional hint we can become every one his own philosopher.

I have somewhat against the hunter or chaser. He does not chase phenomena far enough-it leads home rather than to public places; to the liberation of his own spirit rather than the placid observance of another's freedom. He is not critical enough. A circle mildly critical surrounds a medium with an atmosphere that favors more intelligence in phenomena. We need patience, but the rule is seek and ye shall find. But beware of the mistake of theosophists-a beautiful field all vines-no fruit. All theory-no dem-

J. T. MACDONALD.

THE MORAN FAMILY.

Excellent Results in a Home Circle,

Through the columns of the San Francisco daily papers, ministers of the gospel, whose knowledge of Spiritism is to the welfare of their flocks to condemn with sneers and plous cant that which they freely admitted they had never investigated. The opinious of nearly every divine, regardless of religious denomination, were printed concerning this subject, and while, with one or two exceptions, all professed a themselves as being satisfied that none but evil spirits possess the power to pierce the vell of death, and some went so far as to justify the punishment of those whom they were pleased to call "witches," by the ancient, barbarous as his blood must circulate. He finds method of burning at the stake.

Ignoring the facts that Christ had taught his disciples Spiritism in its alization after passing away from this our subscribers. earth that there is no death; despite the fact that his spirit commanded the igtongues of fire," inspired, as these same ministers aver, by the spirit of Christ, they now ask us to believe their paraspirits may communicate with us. In other words, if we deny the doctrine of the "communion of saints," we shall be damned, and if we believe, we shall be

It happened at the time these attacks were being made on Spiritualism that Mrs. J. D. Moran and her two children, who are wonderful physical mediums were in the city holding seances. Skeptics were invited to see and hear, through these innocent children, one cated woman; when they heard voices from the other shore, and everything open to the strictest investigation, few went away without a new light within them. The dread vell of death had been rent asunder, and a new life, here and behind that well had been opened up for them. Though Mrs. Moran and her children are wonders among wonderful revelations in Spiritualism, it was no new thing for me or the members of my family and intimate friends, for we have had exactly the same mantwelve years of age, we freely talk to the spirits of departed loved ones. Musical instruments are played in our presence. Gifts from the spirits are laid upon the table. Independent written and oral messages are received, skeptics prepared to say that we are practicing deceit upon ourselves? That it is possible for trickery to be

practiced in a family circle while the boy remains as passive as any one of us, and a few earnest people, not more than three or four at any time, are simply seeking the truth, is something that no reasonable person will say. The Moran family was attacked by

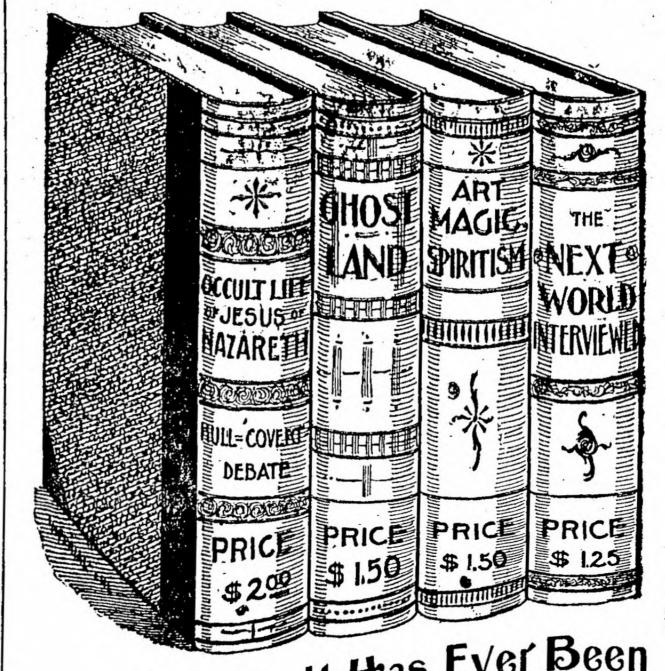
what the "Bishop" stands for, who admitted in a letter to a daily paper that he had made money by practicing fraud and is now making money by exposing it, was among the most virulent. Notwithstanding all that, Mrs. Moran and her children quietly and with the dignity becoming true mediums, achieved a triumph for Spiritualism, dumbfounded scientific investigators, and silenced cavilers who had said "it is all fraud." This I write in justice to

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An Israelite Expresses His of other religious in those parts of the Views.

Referring to the Jesuits, an editorial pretensions to being a liberal and tolparagraph in last week's Israelite erant church. In this country, in Engspeaks of them as "gentlemen in black land, or in Germany, butter would not gowns," which is erroneous in at least | melt in the mouth of the Catholic priestone respect. I am quite certain that hood. Dear me! how the priests do the Order of Jesus contains no gentle- I dilate upon equal rights, and the sinfulmen, and such of them as I have known ness of religious intolerance. The sepdid not wear gowns-unless, perhaps, in aration of church and state in this counthe pulpit. I have known a number of try is just the thing-an idea which the brotherhood of Jesus, and am con- mankind received, not so much from strained to admit that they were among God, as through God's earthly repthe cleverest individuals it has ever resentative, the Most Holy, Church of been my fortune to meet. Suave, ge- Rome. State interference with a citinial, polished and highly educated, they | zen's religion! Banish the thought! were all of them brilliant conversation- "This is a free country," says the Cathalists, always taking pains to impress olic Church, when it happens to be a of the most enjoyable hours of my life with a citizen's religion." But it is a in social communion with members of different tune that Holy Mother Church that order, and had I not known of the sings wherever her supremacy in unsteel claws sheathed in the velvet paw, questioned. To the peoples under her without alloy. But, to be all things to there is no state aside from the church. all men, and to be for their own order To the Protestants to whom in Europe first, last, and all the time, is their and North America it has so sweetly sworn rule of life, and no Jesuit has a prated of toleration and equal rights, friend whom he would not sacrifice the Catholic Church says in South without compunction for what he re- America where its words are the law: gards as the good of the Society of "You are a heretic, and can have no Jesus. It is painful to sit in friendly civil rights in a Catholic nation. The they would unhesitatingly poignard and therefore the woman you call your you at the command of their superiors, wife is in the eyes of the church and and then glory in the deed as well done. state no more than a common bawd, Thackeray, in his Henry Esmond, por- and your children are legally nothing trays most excellently how a man of but bastards." That is the kind of tolof this order; although that author is Pope from Protestants residing in not nearly so severe upon Jesuitism as South America have been of avail to logical and physiological knowledge is is Eugene Sue, who graphically ex- legalize Protestant marriages. Whenposes the treachery, wickedness and ever the more liberal of the Catholic general hellishness of Jesuitism, with pations in that part of the world have talent to even try to make public such force and truth as has seldom tried to do away with Protestant disbeen equalled. The Jesuit is your true abilities, the Catholic hierarchy has ab- ses neither physical, moral, mental nor Judas, who betrays with a kiss, and it solutely set its face against any such spiritual force as a heredity, or acquireis no wonder that the Catholic Church toleration. The Papacy has learned ment during the first fifteen years of Mrs. Marian Carpenter and husband, of itself has so often tried to crush the nothing from being made to undergo a the person's life. I hope that Maple Detroit. Their lectures and tests body? The guide answered that mediorder, or that every government in little of the great suffering it has in- Dell School will continue to enlarge and | proved of the most satisfactory nature. | umship properly used was a benefit in-Europe has at times endeavored to get flicted upon other religious; like the rid of its members, whose basilisk pres- Bourbons, it neither learns nor forgets. ence in a country is always the assur- The moment it has the power it is the ance of evil machinations and deviltry same old scourge which century after every Sunday of the camp-meeting; and

Catholics; and one of them in particular bow down to free institutions. As long I ever met. I, however, always felt smiles upon human progress, but at assured that he would at the command once becomes an immovable barrier in | G. W. Kates and wife, the latter who of his priest have turned me down most its path when it thinks itself sufficiently were here while this was written, all relentlessly, although I am sure it powerful to work its will. gambling hell, but as he had attended to my persecutors. A man may be only cian-my friend-who had been among as the ignominious slave of a contumethe best of men and had practically lious world.-Chicago Israelite. sacrificed his life for his fellow-men, was refused "Christian" burial.

The readers of this paper will bear me out in my assertion that until quite recently I have always been a staunch defender of the Catholic church against its bigoted opponents. For Patriotism on the Old Camp years I have fought with all my might such bodies as the American Protective Association, and all other oath-bound organizations, whose object was the political ostracism of Roman Catholics. campers at Haslett raised a magnificent This paper has always stood shoulder tamarac liberty pole, and floated to the are nothing but sooth-sayers, fortuneto shoulder with the Catholic press in breeze a large, beautiful American flag. the fight to keep the public schools free Your humble servant was requested to These ever phenomena seekers could from the taint of sectarianism; and, the improvise a poem on the occasion, and learn more truth in one year from The of music is decidedly marked. Jewish press, as a whole, has done its produced the following, and by the rebest to protect Catholic as well as Jew quest of a large number of your subfrom all forms of religious bigotry and scribers, I send it to you for publication lazy liars who are the curse of Spirit- quirements of the camp, and the public intolerance. The Jews have been more in the banner paper of Spiritualism, ualism! than ready to sink all memories of past | The Progressive Thinker. persecution and oppression for the sake Mrs. Marian Carpenter delivered a lectures so far during the camp's ses-Catholics against narrow-minded and by patriotic remarks from Haslett's the summer school, are teaching in fanatical priests. Nothing has been left able chairman, the Hon. O. P. Kellogg. their respective classes: Mrs. Emma undone by the Jews to enable them to Miss Mattle Sheriff, with her worthy live on terms of mutual toleration with choir, furnished exquisite patriotic daughter Eva, vocal and instrumental the Catholics, who in a slight degree music, and the enthused crowd sent have been made to endure a common cheer after cheer to the vaulted heavens suffering. But it all has been in vain. as "Old Glory" was swung to the even-Despite their own precarious position ing winds beneath the canopy of stars. the Catholics of this country have, in imitation of their European brethren, Lift up "Old Glory" to the windtaken up the cry of "hep, hep," and have done their best to discredit the Jews. When first the proof came pouring in from Europe that there was, for political purposes, a well-defined and systematic movement afoot by the Jesuits to stir up hatred against the Jews, I refused to give credence to the report, and severely blamed all who I Swing out "Old Glory" to the breeze, thought were doing an injustice to the Catholic Church. And when proof of That mercy, right and truth prevail an indubitable kind, taken in connection with the attitude of the Vatican. That might may bow its head to love left no doubt of Catholic complicity, I still tried to make myself believe that And fear and superstition yield only that portion of the church under Jesuitical influence was to blame. But recent developments leave no doubt that the church as a whole is at present under the control of the Jesuits-no matter how many good and well-meaning individuals it may otherwise in- Float on, dear flag, while freedom lives clude within its fold. No effort of the Jews to conciliate the Catholic Church Nor may thy might be lessened by has been of avail. We have humbled ourselves in every way, even to the ex- Float out, dear flag, o'er Haslett Park, tent of cringing in many instances, and have received nothing but kicks for our A welcome beckon in each fold trouble-which punishment may have served us right for our sycophancy. don't want anybody to take my word for the fact that there is a wide-spread | Till earthly life shall melt away, Catholic conspiracy to bring the nations under the control of Rome. Exciting hatred against the Jews is only attain that end. I say nothing of the Float out, float on, o'er Haslett Park numerous able Protestant observers, but refer my readers to the impartial Draw harmony and peace and love students of events in Catholic France and Italy, in both of which countries | Fair dwellers in this hallowed grove have arisen men who with the voice of authority proclaim that the reactionary Catholic Church is engaged in a desperate effort to once more bring the na-

lit lost by the passing of the dark ages There is nothing which more thoroughly makes evident the insincerity of the Catholic Church than its treatment world where it is in possession of supreme power. Wherever Catholicism is in the minority it is very loud in its

their complete freedom from narrow land where its members is in the miprejudice. In fact, I have spent some nority, "and the state has nothing to do I do not believe that there was ever a my confidence in them would have been thumb she recites in an iron voice that this splendid set of men and women intercourse with such men, knowing church did not sanction your marriage, form a nucleus for men and women naturally good heart and mind can be eration shown by the Papacy wherever knowledge to teach others the same perverted through the baneful influence it reigns supreme. No appeals to the and therefore the path to real happiness

century has made mankind to weep the speakers and mediums serving on As I have before had occasion to say, tears of blood. Never for a day has the the floor and rostrum to the mental and some of my dearest friends have been Catholic Church honestly consented to spiritual wants of the camp, were withwas, I think, the very finest gentleman as policy renders it desirable the church

would have been a great grief for him | What use is there in trying to conto have been forced to do so. Another ciliate such an irreconcilable power? dear friend, who had been born and What more, for instance, can the Jews | ence through the speakers, in trance Tisdale, the blind orator, give a well-debred in the Catholic Church, was buried do than they have done to gain the in unconsecrated ground, because dur- honest good will of Roman or Greek ing the last few years of his life he had Catholicism? Is there anything short not attended confession. I won't assert of renouncing their religion that has it positively, but I am morally certain not been tried by the Jews in their enthat an attempt to make him give away deavors to deserve what is their just a professional secret to his confessor due? But it has been in vain, and towas the original cause of his trouble day, as a hundred or a thousand years with the church-he hinted as much to ago, the Catholic Church is bent upon me. On the occasion of the funeral it either exterminating the Jews or had been advertised that mass would be making of them the most accursed of said at the church, but despite the fact | God's creatures. Well, I, for one, am that his wife and family were devout tired of trying to please the Church of communicants, the church doors were Rome, and prefer fighting to the death barred against his remains. In the same rather than to longer submit in silence town, and shortly afterwards, there to its inhuman abuse. If I must be died a man whose whole adult life had kicked, I am going to do some kicking been devoted to running a notorious back. I am sick of saying thank you mass and confessional with due regu-larity, he was buried from the Cathe-an ignoble brute, if knowing that he dral with the highest honors of the must die, he failed to make the battle church. Like all gamblers, he was as hot as possible for his enemies. superstitions, and was free with his ill- What good is life to men of manhood if gotten gains-through both of which their share of it is that of a dog?. Bettraits the church profited. Hence he ter a thousand times to meet death in was honored in death, while the physi- the assertion of one's rights than to live

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MAPLE DELL, O.

Notes on Camp, School, Etc.

By the time this is printed the campmeeting at Maple Dell will have drawn to its close. Next Sunday, September will witness the last services in the auditorium for the season of 1899. Having been here during the full session of the school and the whole term of the camp, I can give a correct idea of what has been done, what should be done and what under favorable conditions could be accomplished.

freedom the students were allowed; the Mrs. Twing will doubtless be with us conglomeration of elements of different again next season and for a longer pegrades of education, or non-education; as also the ages, ranging from 15 to 68 were taught, and the number of classes: into which the students were divided, in such a short term, and who succeeded in gaining so much knowledge as did who gathered in the "Dell" for but one aim, and whose teachers, Dr. D. M. King, for the psychic class; Rev. Moses Hull, in his Bible exegesis, higher criticism and logic; Mrs. Mattie Hull's rhetoric, and Mrs. Al. Jahnke's voice culture, oratory and physical exercises.

This school should be kept up and by the spirit world to teach first; self | camp. knowledge; knowledge how to control one's own body, so as to be able to lead a healthy physical and moral life; by way of hourly usefulness. Phrenovery essential to a successful teacher, as it is absolutely waste of time and Dewey, of Grand Blanc, Mich. He did teachers out of material which possesthat the coming year will triple the number of students.

Up to date we had very fine weather out exception the right men and women in the right place. Hon. O. P. Kellogg, F. D. Dunakin, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, gave great satisfaction to their audiences. The power of the spirit world gave bountiful evidence of their presand inspiration to all who seek truth. and many were convinced; still a few convinced.

Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Carpenter, who are to be the last three speakers for the camp, have not ar rived, but will receive the same happy greeting of all lovers of the spiritual cause in the camp.

I must not forget to mention the many splendid scientific entertainments given by the management, through the instrumentality of Professors Allen Bidwell, of Cleveland, and W. J. Kerstetter, of Berea, Ohlo. We had in all four such grand scientific exhibitions given free of charge, which credit belongs jointly to our Dr. D. M. King, who had gained the friendship of the other professional gentlemen, Professors Bidwell and Kerstetter, the latter of whom has become a convert after a thorough investigation of our philos-

There were quite a number of good mediums on the ground, two from Cleveland, Mr. E. Menough and Mrs. Knight. I think the Spiritualists should not spend all their time in proselyting just now, as everything is coming our way, but spiritualize themselves and unite on a common basis of the fatherhood of God, brotherhood of man and angelic communion.

I find, to my sorrow, three-fourths of so-called Spiritualists are too stingy to take a spiritual paper, and who, there-On Friday evening, August 18, the fore always fall into the hands of frauds that pass as mediums, but who tellers and dead-beats in general, compare the two bands of music, and Progressive Thinker than they will get in a lifetime from all the tricky, wilv.

> Dr. D. M. King kept up his psychle Abbott, lyceum; Mrs. Iona Baker and music: Miss Victoria Moore, oratory, voice and physical culture; Miss Edna Cole, piano. All the ladies excel in their respective branches. M. F. EVERBACH.

Haslett Park Camp, Mich.

Thursday, August 17 was our last day with Brother Kates and wife. He gave a grand discourse on the uses and abuses of this life, also the rearing of children and the teachings parents should give them. They are well adapted to their work in the field of labor. The campers gave them a friendly part ing, with the hopes of meeting again the coming year.

P. O. Hudson, president of the Island Lake Camp, made us a friendly call. Good old Father Stone, aged ninetyeight, is with us, in good health.

On Friday the campers were overjoyed to greet the loved faces of Brother Carpenter and wife, whom we are always glad to see. On Saturday, Mrs. Carpenter gave a good discouse, followed with tests by her husband which were all recognized in full.

At the twilight hour we raised a new pole and ran up the flag of our country, with song and speeches by different Sunday morning is extremely warm,

but at the early hour people commenced to come in and we had one thousand highest praise as an orator. people to listen to Mrs. Carpenter, who spoke in the morning. Her subject was Spiritualism, which she defined the a new train of thought in many minds. finest of truths and brightest of lights to live and pass out by.

Kellogg, addressed us. He took his text from the Book of Ecclesiastes, on the signs of the times, and that all things would come in the right time.

The camp is in the best of hu-MRS. O. H. SOULE.

Mt. Pleasant Park Camp.

The past week has been the banner week of this banner season. The attendance has taxed; the accommodations to their utmost limits, and it is clear to all that great hadditions will have to be made to our facilities during the next season. In '04

The programme for the week has

been equally satisfactory with the at-

tendance. Mr. Colby concluded his engagement with a very interesting discourse from the philosopher Seneca, and then settled himself down to enjoy the comforts of the campuntil its close, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing began her engagement on Thursday with one of her The school, under the tultion of heart talks that won the sympathies Moses Hull, wife and daughter, in the and affections of her audience at once. absence of Professor A. J. Weaver, did | Each lecture deepened the impression, well, considering the inconvenience of and on Sunday afternoon she spoke to the building in which it was held; the largest audience of the season.

C. Fannie Allyn gave her opening lecyears; the branches of education that ture on Sunday morning to a large audience, and was frequently applauded for the many bright and truthful sayings that filled her discourses. She is to class of students in any college who be with us to the close and will doubtwere more intent to learn all they could less win a firm hold upon the regards of her hearers.

> was the election of officers. The president, W. F. Peck; secretary, E. L. Kilby, and treasurer, Isaac Millisack, were re-elected by an almost unanimous vote. Mrs. S. A. Fisk, vice-president, declined a re-election, and Judge Dunn was chosen for the place.

The harmony and celerity with which the business was transacted speaks well for the good feeling that prevails and who feel and know that they are called | prophesies much for the future of our REPORTER.

Vicksburg Camp, Mich.

Our meeing here at Vicksburg, which opened so auspiciously on August 5. has continued to fulfill the promise of the opening day. From August 8 until August 13 we had with us Mr. D. P. a most excellent work; every one of his lectures was highly appreciated by large audiences.

From August 10 to August 15 we had

cannot very well express the high ap- nomenal plane might prove detrimentof good things. Mr. Colville concluded ed to for temporary strength. The tests satisfaction of the people.

ence meetings. At one of these meet- chic. ings we were pleased to hear Mr. A. E. Washington, D. C. Mr. Tisdale exunripe, unspiritual skeptics could not be pressed his gratitude for kindnesses repronounced him a grandly practical all. Spiritualist.

We are having by far the largest meetings ever convened here. During the following week Mr. A. E. Tisdale and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing will be our speakers.

the earthly angel of inspiration to the camp, providing for the comfort and well being of all. Mrs. Q. A. Edgerly has also been very active throughout in aiding the management in adding to the pleasure of the campers. She managed a very successful entertainment for the benefit of the camp on Saturday night. Dr. Conger is doing a grand work in his classes.

OSCAR A. EDGERLY.

Lily Dale Camp. The Lily Dale ship is now relieved of

A few bottom barnacles; she flings her banner to the breeze, and with her bunkers full of coal, life-preservers in store, and a level-headed captain, she starts out on the voyage of 1900 with fairer prospects than at any past time. A. Gaston, Thomas Skidmore, D. B. Meritt and F. G. Neelin were re-elected. Mrs. McKeever and Arthur Gaston were elected in place of Dr. Hyde and C. Turner. The election gives general satisfaction. This makes sure the return of the Northwestern Orchestra. Through the kindness of Mrs. Pettingill the people have had a fair chance to the difference in execution and selection

The new board of managers will consider with great care the needs and regood in a general way.

A loud hallelujah goes up from every quarter of the camp-a general rejoicng over the election of Mrs. McKeever. She is broad-minded and above petty prejudice, possessed of a large amount of good sense, a good financier, a woman of tact and ability. She fills the vacant chair of Mrs. Marion Skidmore.

We most earnestly desire that the

attention of Mrs. McKeever be called to Woman's Day, which for two years has been a failure in the true sense of its meaning and intention. Woman's Day means more than a lecture on Woman Suffrage, or a woman to introduce the speaker. I have full faith in Mrs. McKeever's ability to interest the and show our good brothers what Woman's Day means, if they will really drop the reins for twenty-four hours. In the language of our wise sisters of Chicago, Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Marshall, "There are many things needed at Lily Dale for the comfort and pleasure of the people that visit this camp, and committees of women should be appointed to attend to those needs." There should be a Woman's Union

composed of such women as Mrs. Mc-Keever, Mrs. Marshall, and hundreds of others. Thus union or club could appoint a bureau of information with quarters in some convenient place. where strangers could get the needed information. Lily Dale has come to stay, so let the management meet the needs of the people wholvisit us.

Rev. Morgan Wood, of Toronto, lectured this afternoon. A breezy sort of a preacher he; no one slept during the service, but everyone "was decidedly awake. Without any exaggeration he and judge not lest we be not judged. is the hero of the season, and wins the we can have our heaven always with

His practical demonstration of theory and contact with the feal thing woke He does not believe we are creatures of circumstances except so far as we In the afternoon our chairman, O. P. | submit to those circumstances. By our will power we can make our own conditions and rise above the waves of adversity. But it is evident that few peo- ing just behind you, with her arm ple have the firmness and strong will of around your neck. She is a very beau-Mr. Carpenter and wife will be with Rev. Morgan Wood. The rat has its tiful woman, with large blue eyes, and us until the coming Wednesday, when own nature; so has the rabbit; one will long waving hair. She says, 'Dear, I'm we shall part with them in friendly fight for its rights, the other by virtue of a shrinking, timid nature will die with fright. So with the human.

F. G. Neelin is deserving of much M. S. S.

Camp Union.

August 13 was the last Sunday of the regular camp-meeting at this place, but the campers concluded to continue the good work. A good audience filled the pavilion and gave close attention while we treated of ancient and modern Spiritualism. Mrs. E. J. Hanson has done a splendid work at this camp. Since July 23, when Dr. Carr, of Chicago, was the instrument by which my mediumistic powers were presented before the public and I have been reported as the "Times Man." I have each Sunday

since then delivered an inspirational lecture and given platform tests which have been very convincing and genarally satisfactory. The evening meetings have been well attended and inter-August 20, the weather looked stormy

and the negro camp-meeting at the Glen was an attraction. The attendance was the smallest had since the camp opened. I delivered the lecture of the day, followed by the guides of Mrs. Hanson, who gave tests of a high order. Afterward I gave a few tests, which were interesting from the fact that the clairvoyant vision was laid in the Old country, and in one case was a description of land which was unjustly being held from the subject of the test. An interesting event of the past week | in one case the vision disclosed two patients with two doctors at loggerheads as to the diagnosis of the disease and the proper treatment. Both were declared to be correct by the parties to whom the visions were directed. Inspirational speaking and clairvoyant and psychometric tests in which names and ages with dates are often given are my phases of mediumship. Diagnoses of disease are given which are minute and startling in their accuracy. During the fall and winter I will answer calls to lecture and give platform tests and attend funerals at any point within 100 miles of my home. Very liberal terms will be made. Meetings must be for Saturday evening or Sundays.

H. LEWIS. Wedron, Ill,

Island Lake Camp, Mich.

Sunday, August 20, lecture and tests by Nellie S. Baade. One of the subjects submitted to the guides was, Does mediumship injure the medium, or cause a diseased or weakened condition of the From August 16 to August 20, Mr. W. stead of an injury, but the abuse of the . Colville was our principal speaker. I gift whether upon the mental or phepreciation in which his work is held by al, especially where the forces were so our people; he gave us a veritable feast | exhausted that stimulants were resorthis course of lectures Sunday afternoon, were to the point, and some of the pre-August 20. In the evening, Oscar A. dictions made have already been ful-Edgerly's guides held forth, evidently filled. With all deference to all other judging by the applause, to the highest | speakers and mediums, Mrs. Baade has proved herself worthy the confidence Incidental to our regular meetings we and respect of all concerned and has have had some very interesting confer- proven herself a frue and sincere psy-

Mrs. Lincoln has arrived and will be the speaker for next Sunday. A treat served eulogy to Mr. T. J. Meyers, of | is anticipated by all, as this is the closing day of the camp. We hope a double portion of the spirit may fall upon her, ceived at the hands of Mr. Meyers, and | and the results be of lasting benefit to E. A. PARKER.

One Successful Camp.

Last Sunday, August 20, was the closing of a series of Sunday campmeetings held at Jefferson Park, a Miss Jeannette Fraser continues to be suburb of Chicago, under the auspices of that cheerful "little lady," Mrs. M. Summers, assisted by Dr. E. J. Jacob. postage 10 cents. son and William Schumacher, of the section of Chicago. Although their services and all the privileges of the camp ground were free, yet by private con- Future Life According to Science. A Compendium of Spiritual Laws. tributions all the expenses of the occasion were defrayed and money left in the treasury. This success is confessedly due in the greatest measure to the social character of Mrs. Summers, the leader, who is also the pastor of the Students of Nature, and is denominated the "Sunshine of Paradise Valley." Her presentation of the shining truths of the Spiritualistic philosophy captivated many thinkers, including clergymen and other professional men and women, some of whom were entire

strangers to this philosophy. Thus has she, with her effective assistants, made an inroad into a new quarter, until this time imprisoned within the old cobwebbed walls of orthodoxy, which by the way is only the smooth, fashionable term for a chaos of superstition born of the primitive and savage stage of the human race. She heartily thanks her assistants-those mediums and speakers who at great sacrifice contributed their services gratuitously, but who are gratified with the results. In this connection should also be named Mrs. D. Poleski and Mrs. M. Koch, who donated the use of their beautiful apple orchard for these meetings, which were well atgood opening is now made in that community for those missionary mediums who are willing to labor for the good of the cause rather than for commercial

To the present summit has Mrs. Summers attained by hard work, long continued. From the time of her founding the Church of the Students of Nature. about five years ago, the Spiritualistic church of the greatest vitality in northwestern Chicago, she has encountered many a struggle with adverse circumstances, as well as adverse people; but energetic women of push and pluck, she has triumphed by her natural friendliness and not by vindictiveness. Beginning next Sunday, September 3, her church will hold regular services every Sunday evening at Nathan's Hall, 1565 Milwaukee avenue.

> Lake Brady Camp, O. George C. Day is now acting as speaker. We quote briefly from one of his discourses:

Said he: "Could the science of life have made a more wonderful discovery than the fact that there is no devil or eternal damnation to torture us in the future life? Oh, what a comfort to know that there are none lost-that our loved and loving ones are still near us and can lavish their affections upon us. "Heaven is a real place, and it is not very far away-it is right here in our own breasts. We make our own heaven or hell. If we keep our minds pure

At the close of the lecture, C. H. Fig. uers, of Cleveland, gave tests. Said he "I want to ask that old gentleman with the long gray beard, if he had any connection with Pittsburg? It isn't you. sir, but a young man. He has been sick for some time, and has gone back to work too soon. Now I see a lady standhere.' Jennie says she's glad you came."

Indicating a lady in the audience he said, "Mary Colton says to you, "Won't praise for using his influence to bring | you forgive me?" At this the lady admor, all enjoying themselves. With a Rev. Morgan Wood to Lily Dale, and by dressed burst into tears. "I caused a life, but I am trying to atone for it now." MABEL McCASLIN.

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The Higher Criticism.

A correspondent writes inquiringly: "What is meant by the 'Higher Criticism' of which we see so much in both the religious and secular press of late? It seems to be applied to Biblical research, and yet no clear explanation of the process of investigation has fallen under my observation.'

The subject is a complicated one. To do it half justice would require much space, more than the great mass of our readers would be willing to have devoted to it. We will endeavor, however, to give a brief outline of the idea involved.

As Criticism is defined: "The art, system, rules and principles which regulate the practice of the critic," and as it is the office of the critic "To judge and criticise the merit of literary productions," so the Higher Criticism deals with the Bible, pointing out its defects, enlarging upon its merits, tracing its history, preservation, authorship, etc. It is an art among scholars of all religious denominations which has come mostly in use during the last twenty years, though of course practiced to some extent by the learned for a much longer period.

Following the idea, and in some respecis the language of a scholar who has devoted much space to the subject: This Higher Criticism has given us another Bible from the traditional one. It leaves all, whether belonging to the church or out of it, free to investigate that literature and determine for himself its worth. More: The rationalist who rejects inspiration, and the conservative churchman who is an earnest believer, are alike interested in the

They who have read the story of the Bible, its history, the way it grew, the way it was put together, its misplaced by these scholars in getting back to the original, and to the strata of history when written.

The scholar referred to says the general opinion is that the book of Isaiah was written by that prophet, yet critical research shows it was the production of several different authors. Very little chronological order is found in any part of the Bible. Quoting accurately:

"In certain portions it would almost dropped the separate leaves of the manuscript from a housetop; that they had been scattered all over the ground, then had been picked up at random and put together without regard to order."

He follows with numerous illustrations showing this jumbling of the sacred text. A new version of the Bible | away the sand and abraded rock. This based on this higher criticism is now in destructive work goes on for countless process of preparation. It is called the Polychrome [many colors] Bible, for the varied hues of the rainbow are used to indicate where one writer ended and another commenced, and where the interpolated passages are connected elsewhere. By following the same colors in any of the books a connected narration is reached.

A good illustration of these breaks

and additions of other matter will be found in Genesis 18, from verse 1 to close of verse 19, then skipping over the residue of the chapter, and the whole of the 19th and 20th chapters, where the former subject is continued, the intervening matter being in no way connected with the interrupted narration. All readers are familiar with the dis-

placement of one or more lines in our daily papers, the weekly papers being less liable to these errors; but these breaks in the Bible were probably made by careless transcribers in copying from the not numbered Assyrian pantiles, and until these critical times there were no persons sufficiently learned to read the proofs, and point out the errors for correction. And still. if God inspired the Bible there is no one now with heavenly authority to make the proper emendations.

Commerce the Civilizer.

Chicago, while lecturing on the "Expansion of Europe," that division of the globe was an island in a vast sea of barbarism. The great motor force which has led to European domination in the affairs of the world was commercial supremacy."

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Nature In Her Changing Moods. When Mr. Curtis visited Arizona in the early summer, in a letter to the Chicago Record, he describes the petrified forests of that region which every student of nature is eager to read, because they carry him back, probably many millions of years, instead of "centuries," as he suggests. His description of those petrifactions is admirable; but his chronology is not that of the geologist. We quote him:

"Next to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, the most interesting and impressive of the natural wonders of this great Arizona museum is the petrified forest, which covers nearly 100 square miles, within easy distance, either on foot or horseback from Billings Station on the Santa Fe Railroad; but it can be Holbrook, where better accommoda-

"The surface of the ground for miles and miles around is covered with glgantic logs three or four feet in most beautiful shades of blue, yellow, | mayor. He says: pink, purple, red and gray. Some are like gigantic amethysts, some resemble the smoky topaz, and some are as pure and white as alabaster. At places the chips of agate from the trunks that have crumbled, lie a foot deep upon the ground, and it is easy to obtain cross sections of trees showing every vein and even the bark. Comparatively little of this agate has been used in manufacturing, although it is easy to obtain. Manufacturing jewelers of New York have made table tops and boxes and other articles from strips that have been sent them, and if the material were not so abundant its beauty would command enormous prices. Where you can get a carload of jewelry for nothing you are not likely to pay high prices

"A bird's-eye view of the petrified forests on a sunny day suggests a gigantic kaleidoscope. The surface of the earth resembles an infinite variety of rainbows. The geologists say this great plain, now 5,000 feet above the sea, was once covered by a forest, which was submerged for ages in water strongly charged with minerals, until the fibers of the trees were thoroughly soaked and transformed into eternal stone. Many of the trunks are still packed in a deposit of fine clay, which was left by the receding waters, but the erosion of the wind has pulverized much of the clay and carried it off in the air, exposing the secrets that nature

buried under its surface. "One great tree spans a deep gulch forty feet wide. It lies where it fell centuries, perhaps ages, ago, and is a most beautiful specimen of petrified wood. The rings and the bark can be easily traced through the translucent agate, and it is firm enough and strong enough to last as many centuries as it has already spent in its peculiar position. It is undoubtedly the only bridge of agate in the world, and alone is worth a long journey to see."

In reading the interesting description the mind looks out, not upon a barren, sandy, and elevated desert as now, but on an extended plain covered with tropical verdure. The soil is a deep alluvium, the result of decomposed vegetation through innumerable ages. It sees immense forests of gigantic growth rising from the plain, with huge monsters of animal life sporting with each other, or engaged in deadly strife. Birds with powerful wing build their nests and rear their young in the branches; while springing from limb to limb in sportive pleasure, or as danger approaches, are innumerable multitudes of ape-like creatures of which the bushmen of Australia are the nearest living

The scene changes! Millenniums have come and gone. The earth is convulsed. A continent goes down, and overwhelming waves roll inland. Late an elevated plateau, now the bed of an ocean. Sea monsters rove and devour each other matter and false renderings, are aided | where huge land animals formerly dwelt. The forests are yet standing, but sand and gravel silt up the ocean. The trees are finally covered and repose in grandeur hundreds of feet below the sandy surface, and the waves roll over all. A grand spectacle for human con-

templation. Millions of years may go by, for aught we know; but another convulsion, and seem as if somebody had accidentally a continent, Venus-like, rises from the sea. Hills and valleys, mountain and plain, now greet the eye. All is a barren, desolate waste. No seed falls on the sandy desert, but winds, and rains, and floods commence their work. The rivers and streams wash and carry ages. Wm. E. Curtis visits the desolate waste. He finds these once verdant giants of the forest hurled prostrate, and the woody fibre all gone, whilst agate, and other mineral forms approaching the diamond in density and brilliancy have, by chemical action,

usurped its place. But, good reader, always bear in mind this description of submergence and emergence marks but one of a series of cosmic changes in a locality where many have occurred since this earth commenced an independent career in our solar system, and that every part of it has experienced a multitude of similar changes, so well described by Tennyson:

"There rolls the deep where grew the

There where the long street roars, hath been

The stillness of the central sea." The Way They Do It. Down there in St. Louis Bishop sanssen, at noon of August 9, by one reil swoop, virtually doomed seven hunand Catholics, members of St. Pat-"Five hundred years ago," said FTM. ck's Church, to purgatory, because Harry P. Judson, of the University of they persistently refused to accept Rev. Father Cluse as their pastor. The wretched recalcitrants who thus defied the Holy Father, had the audacity to raise our national flag over their church, thus asserting they are American citizens and expect to be shielded by its authority. The church members are of Irish nativity, and the Bishop | night comes at the close of day when appointed a German priest to minister | tired nature needs rest. to them, hence their revolt. Excommunication and the consequences following, are terrible weapons in the

> siastical demands. What Is Spiritualism?" A pamphlet of 40 pages by Dr. J. M. Peebles, the well. could not complete the job in the desigknown author. Price 15 cents. For nated time, so took a big whipping for | Faraday. Price 15 cents. For sale at

church to enforce obedience to eccle-

A Glorious Reputation.

The New York Truth Seeker, of August 19, contains numerous testimonials from old residents of Peoria, Ill., many of them from members of churches, denying the wanton and malicious libels, that Col. Ingersoll led an intemperate, immoral or fast life in his youth, or that he had been under arrest or imprisoned for disturbance of the peace, or any other offence. Neither is his old residence, a fine white brick structure, its hearing the eignest invocation see nor the site of the same, now occupied by the Y. M. C. A. building, as some priestly falsifier lately alleged.

of what seems to be direct answer to

prayers. Of course Spiritualists enter-

tain the rational opinion that law reigns

God's vast universe, and that whenever

made favorable by the suppliant him-

self for obtaining the response, or spir-

fit in some way to answer it. Take the

case, as reported at the time, of Mrs.

Benjamin Moyer, who on one occasion

several years ago, while eating a

hearty supper, was taken with a sud-

den attack of embolism, an affection of

the nervous system, which providential-

ever received, and temporarily restored

her lost eyesight. The village doctor

was immediately summoned and the

diately recognized. The whole house-

through the glass case of a cupboard

then suddenly sprang out and pointing

in the direction of an old arm-chair, said

"Oh! See, there is my old arm-chair and

its headrest with flowers painted on it

lage scene, with its troop of laughing

maidens and lovers!" Mrs. Moyer then

asked to see her children and grand-

children, twenty-five in number, and

calling them by name to her bedside de-

scribed minutely the articles and dress

they wore. She then told them that she

had prayed last summer as her last

wish on earth to see her children and

grandchildren once more, and that she

believed this was the fulfillment of her

prayer. Sunday the people of the

neighborhood swarmed to Mrs. Moyer's

house and they were soon convinced of

the truth of the reported "miracle."

Before the day had closed she ever and

anon exclaimed: "This is the last Sun-

day that I shall ever have the use of

Mrs. Moyer had undoubtedly prayed

fervently for the inestimable privilege

of once more while sojourning on

earth, seeing her children and the envi-

ronments so dear to her; and whether

the answer was the direct result of her

earnest invocation, or one of those pe-

culiar happenings at the auspicious mo-

ment which frequently arise in the

course of human events, it would be im-

possible, on account of the extremely

limited range of mental vision and rea-

soning powers, to determine. Spirits

may, by an extraordinary exertion,

have restored her sight temporarily, or

nature for a time may have asserted its

supremacy, and brought about the de-

sired result-whatever the cause, of

course, she, having prayed earnestly for

a restoration of sight, would naturally

ascribe its return as an answer thereto.

Extraordinary claims have been made

n behalf of prayer when accompanied

by extreme faith, the supposition being

what is often unwisely ascribed to God.

those much desired ends would have

been accomplished long ago. The pray-

ers of the 100,000 ministers in this coun-

try have been persistent, yet the very

changes that they desire to bring about

have never yielded to their entreatles,

hence they have proved inadequate, and

the reasons therefore should be care-

should seek knowledge of Spiritualists.

Special Providence.

The German Catholic Church at

Washington, Ind., was badly damaged

by a thunderbolt sent from heaven on

If an unbeliever in Christianity dies

suddenly, churchmen assure us it was

same God that kills infidels directs the

Worth Remembering.

American Israelite says:

The well-informed editor of the

"An impression seems to prevail that

at some time the Supreme Court of the

United States declared this a Christian

country. This impression is erroneous

and is likely to be mischievous. The

Supreme Court at Washington never

or by implication. The doctrine of the

absolute secularity of the government

of the United States, and of the country

as an entity, as laid down by Washing-

ton and Jefferson, has never been de-

parted from and is still the governing

Truthfully: Told.

"Christians, as a body corporate, con-

stitute one of the sects among the great

religions of the world. Though older,

yet considerably less numerous. Chris-

tians are far more intolerant and dog-

matic than Mohammedans. Christian

theology is to the absolute religion what

common law is to justice-a system

which darkensoly its illustrations, and

anxiety to prosclytize! If truth is the

the will-o'-the-wisp that 'leads to be-

wilder, and dazzles to blind.' Chris-

slavery. Under the robe of sanctity it.

sant in its persecutions, so persevering

in its determination, so appalling in its

vengeance, or so dangerous in its con-

sequences to liberty and progress."-Dr.

Peebles, in Jesus: Man, Myth or God,

"Progression, or How a Spirit Ad-

pp. 71, 72.

made any such ruling, either explicitly

the 9th inst.

remember."

ion was practically gone.

Perhaps space could not be better occupled than by quoting some of the many lengthy statements the Truth Seeker has given; but when we recall more easily reached by carriage from the uniform habits of churchmen on ly gave to her the greatest boon she such occasions to malign their oppotions can be found. The government | nents, no such action seems necessary. explorers have christened it Chalcedony | We will, however, quote a single paragraph from a statement made by Dr. W. R. Hamilton, who says he has been a resident of Peorla for 51 years; that his opportunities for knowing the diameter, petrified to the core. Many | Colonel were equal to that of any other of them are translucent. Some are citizen, being for several years a memalmost transparent. All present the ber of the city countil, and afterwards "I did not share with Ingersoll in his exclaimed: "Mein Gott in himmel, Agnostic views-far from it. Aside | see!" Her husband, whose age was 73 from that one fault of his great mind, which seemed to prejudice him with so many. I believe him to be one of the

most noble men that ever lived to breathe the breath of life. I knew him in a business way. I knew him in a social way, and I knew him around the family circle. I wish to say now that if all men and women would follow in his footsteps and put into practice honesty in business, charity towards all, and love for their family, as he did, life upon this earth would be a perfect There is the picture of the German vilheaven."

How many preachers could gain such a certificate of character from even Christians of a different sect?

Has Not Apostatized.

An article from "The Pathfinder." of Washington, D. C., was copied into our issue of August 12, representing M. Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, as having apostatized, and was now denouncing Spiritualism. which he formerly sustained.

The statement was clearly a misrepresentation. In our issue of July 22, under the head of "Dross in Gold," it my eyesight." When the old lady awakened on the following Monday was stated the scientist was very bitter morning she found that her sense of vison fraudulent mediums, but in unequivocal words he said:

"I am a firm believer in the spirit world. Space is peopled with spirits." News since then having reached. Flammarion, at Paris, that it was reported in America he had repudiated the spiritual philosophy, he replied to an interviewer, as related by an Asso-

ciated Press dispatch: "All I can say is if I have been deceived then the evidence of my senses is worth nothing. I have not lapsed into the idealistic philosophy of Berkeley, which would say I have talked with departed spirits because I thought I have done so.

"If the testimony of hundreds of trustworthy correspondents be worth nothing, then universal skepticism is inevitable. "I don't repudiate the presumptive arguments of school men. I merely supplement them with something posi

tive. For instance, if you assume the existence of God this argument of the scholastics is a good one. God has implanted in all men the desire of perfect happiness. This desire cannot be satisfied in our life here. If there be not another life wherein to satisfy it, then God would be a deceiver."

Jesuicism In France.

It looks very much as if the great contest in France against Dreyfus, who is a Jew, is incited and pushed on at the instance of Jesuitism. Dreyfus is probably used as a figure-head, he representing the Semitic fraternity of France. The attempted assassination

of Labori, Dreyfus' leading attorney, has been paralleled in every country where Catholicism is struggling to gain ascendancy, or maintain its waning power. All such strife, violence and disorder are engineered by Jesuits fully inquired into by them. They working in secret, with tools to execute commands, who are then shielded and protected by this damnable order, as were the assassins of President Lincoln. Conceding that the Jesuits are the concealed and intriguing factors in the Dreyfus persecution we can understand why all the forgeries, perjuries, murders, assassinations and suicides which have followed and will yet follow this iniquitous military attempt to | deserved punishment for unbelief. The punish an innocent victim for its own offences! Jews are everywhere the ob- lightnings, so it would be well enough jects of hate by the execrable followers to watch out and see which are knocked of Loyola, and no crime is too base for | into smithereens oftenest. them to connive at or to perpetrate.

Marshailtowa (Iowa) Camp. This camp, which is assuming special importance in Central Iowa as a favorite place of resort, opened August 27, and will continue until September 18. The following speakers and mediums will be present, and with this combined talent we don't see how this camp can be anything but a great success: Mrs. Marion Carpenter, Rev. T. W. Woodrow, Mrs. Carrie Fuller Weatherford, Max Hoffman, Wm. E. Bonney, Mrs. Clara Ferris, Eva McCoy, Alice Gerdes, Cornelius Van Buren, Mrs. Maggie Waite, Mrs. Mary J. Bonney, C. E. Winans and Mrs. Annie Buchanan.

No Fault Here.

The Truth Seeker can't shake its bloody locks at The Progressive Think-O earth, what changes hast thou seen! | er, and say we did it. The editor of that able journal claims the last poem by Col. Ingersoll was sent all over the country by the Associated Press and was properly credited to the Truth Seeker; but he complains that Liberal exchanges reprinted it, and neglected to give the proper credit. The Progressive | fails of achieving its object in its over-Thinker first reported that poem as it fell from the Colonel's lips in Chicago. and published it at the close of his address on the Devil. We believe it was afterwards revised and appeared in the | tianity was the bulwark of American Truth Seeker, but we have not published the revised edition, though it was much improved in the new rendering.

Rest.

An Irish philosopher rejoices that

The Jews, who borrowed their Sabbath, also its name, from the Assyrians, took a day's rest at the close of each six days of labor, Constantine, whom Christians copy, took rest in advance, as did "Who Are These Spiritualists and the boy with a stint, who played before commencing work, then concluded he having shirked duty.

Keep Up with the Procession. Prayer From a Battopal Standpoint. There often occur in the course of human events, very striking illustrations

You can only do so by subscribing for The supreme throughout all portions of Progressive Thinker and reading the vast amount of matter furnished weekly on Occult prayers are answered the conditions are and Spiritual subjects. Thousands upon thousands of Spiritualists take no Spiritualist paper whatever, hence are totally ignorant of what is going on in our ranks.

JOSEPHS.

Jesus the Healer, Not the Practiced Among the Indians Anointed.

prostrated old lady was removed to her bed. Mrs. Moyer, who was 77 years The most interesting biographical old, had during the four years previous narrative in the Old Testament is that about Joseph. But in the Moslem been totally blind. After four days of Scriptures the story is still more enterconfinement to the bed, she opened her taining. His eleven brethren plot eyes early in the morning and suddenly against the favorite son of Yakoub and years, rushed to her, and he was immehold hastened to the woman's bedside and beheld a verification of her statement. She also saw the dishes which stood at the end of the bed, and Yussuf, but he saw a sign from Allah; entering from the wall, biting his finger and saying, "Oh, Yussuf! Alas! Alas! And he fied from her. On the death of the grandee Potiphar, Yussuf weds his widow, who is proved to be no adulteress, and by her Yussuf begets Ephriam

and Manasseh. The other Biblical Yussuf was young carpenter, employed in the Temple at Ailia by his uncle Zachariah, the sionary work in its attempt to Chrispriest. Yussuf alone was suffered by Zachariah to enter the cell of Mariam. He carried water thither that she might wash her head before the visit of Gabriel. She had finished washing when has the mentality of the plains Indians Gabriel appeared in the form of Yussuf. become imbued with this fanaticism She had seen no man except her uncle that it has become a craze, so-called, Zacharlah and her cousin Yussuf. and the Government has deemed it pru-Thinking the latter was her visitor she dent to forbid it, for twice it has resaid: "I implore the protection of Allah sulted in massacre and the loss of many against thee if thou fearest him." Gabriel replied: "I am the envoy of the Lord to give thee a holy son."

When she understood it was not a man who spoke to .. er, she became calm infectious, running over the country and answered, saying: "How should I like wild fire. Superstition has so proved have a son, seeing that no man hath itself always, among civilized peoples ever touched me, and that I am not a as well as barbarians. Higher Chris-

He replied: "Thus shall it be; thy Lord hath said, 'It is easy for me.' Allah hath said, 'I will create this child without a father and I will make him a prophet.' Allah hath called him Isa believers in Shamanism from away of his time and money in attacking and Masich. When he shall be born back, and consequently are the more | Christianity, and in preparing a large give him this name. He shall be illustrious in this world and in the next. Allah will teach him the Book of Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel; and be of their insane jealousy of inherent | This book was entitled "Faith or shall be his apostle to the children of rights to the soil and game. As the Fact?' and for it Colonel Ingersoll Israel." Then Gabriel breathed upon her, by

order of Allah, and by that pure breath Mariam conceived. Astrologers from Syria visited the in- spires the Christian inspires them." fant Isa, bringing presents of gold, myrrh and incense. King Herod was jealous of the infant and resolved to

on the part of the sincere and devoted Christian that God himself responds. It may be possible to obtain a direct answer to prayer by the supplicant so years of age Isa began to work miracles changing his environments that the anin Egypt. After thirty years Herod swer comes as naturally as daylight foldied and was succeeded by his son lows darkness; or when wisely directed, Archelaus. Then mother and son respirits, seeing a necessity for a returned to the holy city Ailia. sponse, and possessing the requisite power, comply with the request, doing

If prayer could heal the sick, restore sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and furnish homes for the homeless, for a reward of thirty dibrems. The stake on which to hang him. By magic | white domination. their leader, Isoua, was transformed into the likeness of Isa, and by the

> sembled him." For seven days Isoua's body remained

> dead and her heart was comforted. Mariam in the Moslem Scriptures.

language to Iesus, vocative Iesu, and ignation. Should the Messiah fail to tinct vowels. The Hebrew spelling is years, and indeed for eighteen centu-I-s, or I-sh, with an uncertain terminal ries, then the time of the Messiah's apvowel. Accordingly you may read the pearance may be indefinitely postponed name Iesu, Yeshu, Ioshua, Yehoshua, while the faith continues to smolder. or what not? So the presumption is the true name as Isa.

precedent. This is a good thing to changed to meshiha or meshiach.

has murdered millions. Its practical decalogue is written in blood. Inspired by creedal interpretations, it excites the worst passions of human nature. Nothing so infuriates the heart to deeds of | "a Masich," a healer. rapine and death. Nothing is so inces-

by the Benedictine monks, who have Indians were assembled and more were audaciously transferred the already expected. These ghost dances are held fraudulent Greek word christos into the openly, and it may be imagined with Latin as christus, and fabricated all the | what desperate fervor the Indians enwritings of the so-called Fathers of the gage in them when it is understood that Church; and Prof. Edwin Johnson their dances are not only in the interest plausibly maintains that the New Tes- of temporal needs, but for eternal gain. tament itself is a modern monkish fab. They believe that by constant stampvances in Spirit-life." "The Evolution rication. W. H. BURR.

of Man." Two papers, given in the interest of spiritual science, by Michael family. Cloth, \$1.50 and \$2.

THE GHOST DANCE

Sporadically there is a disturbance among the Indian reservations. It is as necessary to their vital comfort as a vent is to a volcano. Sometimes it is purely local, and again it involves agencies and stations which are geographically wide apart, occurring simultaneously and with apparent spontacast him into a pit, which pit, the neity. Usually these manifestations chronicler says, was existing in his day. occur in the summer months, when the Yahud interposes to save Yussuf; he is traditional festivities of their ancestors sold to the leader of a caravan for are due to arrive, and most of which twenty dibrems and carried into Egypt. they reflect or reproduce, with some There was at that time an Amelikite modifications. A few of these are King of Egypt named Rayyan. The heroic, like the "sun dance," occurring wife of his treasurer, Potiphar, was the in June, which tests the physical engreatest beauty in the kingdom, but her durance of the brawniest braves to the husband was impotent. She tempted utmost, the devotees being swung up by hooks in the muscles of the back, he had a vision of Yakoub, his father, attached to a pole by ropes, and revolved at high speed until the hooks tear out or the victim loses consciousness. Others, like the green corn dance, in which squaws join, is as bucolic and harmless as a Maypole festival in Britain. The mystic ghost dance, which has so disconcerted the settlers of the newer States and Territories, is a modern institution, and the outcome of mistianize the Indians, having its counterpart in negro camp-meeting festivities, when enthusiasm often becomes so violent as to be dangerous. So thoroughly

As a superstitious fantasy it is difficult to deal with. It is subtile and incorrigible. Moreover, it is amazingly tianity is by no means exempt from its influence. We whites have our Second | kept locked up within, his breast, and Adventists as well as the red men; only not until after his death did even the these untutored wards of ours who are looking for a coming Messiah have been | then was found that he had spent much susceptible to impressions and to the wiles of charlatans who seek to take advantage of their stupidity, as well as | only a short time before his death. astute Gall logically argues: "The Indians are little different from white men. No one can say that the Indians | Eckler, who has published most of are wrong, for the same faith which in- | Colonel Ingersoll's writings.

THE REDSKINS' WORSHIP.

Formerly the worship of the red men slay him. Mariam being warned of his was vague. They were pantheists who purpose, fled to Egypt with her child saw the Delty in the whirlwind and in and her cousin Yussuf. There she and the storm, and in every phenomenon. he gleaned ears of corn. At twelve and it should certainly stand to the credit of their susceptibility and adaptability that they have become so impressed by the Christianity which has been taught them that their spirituality has taken shape in conformity there-Isa's ministry after his return did not | with. It is true that their ideas of exceed three years. His first disciple the expected millennium are somewhat was his cousin Yehya, son of the mar- different from ours; for in metaphorityred priest Zachariah. Isa was for- cally separating the sheep from the saken by his disciple Simeon (not Peter) | goats they draw the "color line" at and betrayed by another, not named, Indian red, consigning their white op- | soon. pressors to oblivion and punishment, mob tied Isa head and feet and dragged and the aboriginal elect to a replenished him to a place where they had ready a buffalo range and a good riddance from

In the accomplishment of this muchcoveted restoration, it is significant and same power Isa disappeared. The be- soothing, as respects the question of a wildered mob, after a little time, killed general uprising, which some so pertheir leader and bound him to the stake. sistently apprehend, that the Indians As for Isa, Allah raised him to expect the Messiah alone to act. They heaven, as it is written in the Koran: do not propose to take part themselves. "They have not slain and have not They expect everything to be done for hanged him, but some one who re- them. They simply press the button; the Messiah does the rest. They are well aware of the superior numerical on the stake. Each night Mariam came strength and marvelous expedients and and wept at the foot thereof until morn- appliances of the white people, and the ing. On the eighth day Allah caused distressful straits to which their own Is a to come down from heaven to his tribes are now reduced. They are pracmother. Then she knew he was not tically hors du combat, and will not venture to act in a body without the Six months thereafter Mariam died, prospect of supernatural assistance. but nothing more is said about Yussuf, False prophets and mercenary men innor is he described as the husband of spire some of them with a promise of this, and there may be on occasions The variations in these records from foolbardy individuals, and even bands, book Mr. Taber says: our own Gospel stories are significant, who will run amuck under a frenzy of | "I have been asked the question constraining the unbiased reader to re- fanatical excitement, or perhaps go on gard the former as not only more the war path. But the great mass of ancient but more credible than the lat- the Indian people is likely to remain in ter. Does it not seem that the name quiet expectancy of the advent or go Isa has been transformed in the Latin about their business with faith and resin the Greek to Iesous? The transition come and prophecies come to into the Aramaic and Hebrew languages | naught, as they have repeatedly done is easier, owing to the absence of dis- with all Adventists for the past fifty

There is naturally, among old resithat the Moslem chronicles have given dents who have lived through Indian campaigns, and know their vicissitudes Isa was also named Masich, implying by painful personal experience, a nervpower to heal by the laying on of the ous apprehension that disquietude may hand. Is a the Masich was a healer of at any time develop into an outbreak. the sick. Note the resemblance of the And certainly it is just as easy to se-Arabian word masich to the Aramaic cretiy organize an emeute among Inor Hebrew word meshiha or meshiach, dians as it is to formulate a strike In the ancient Syriac version of the among the brotherhoods of trade and New Testament, called the Peshito, as labor. An Indian uprising may be artranslated by the Rev. James Murdock, ranged by preconcerted agreement for D. D., we have "Jesus the Messiah," a given date, and a massacre of whites never "Jesus Christ." Dr. Murdock ensue in fifteen different states at once; transfers the Aramaic word into the and the results might be infinitely more English language, just as the Greek deplorable than the anarchist outbreak word christos has been transferred. In in Chicago, or the draft riot in New both cases the word should have been York, or the John Brown insurrection in rendered "anointed." But the gospel Virginia, or the more recent half-breed Jesus was never anointed save rebellion in Manitoba and the Northsun of religion, Christian sectarism is by a woman. Nevertheless he was west Territory. But no matter how "a Masich," a healer, and the pre- mysteriously the spirit may move, or in sumption is that masich has been what disguise the Messiah may come, a restless vigilance will surely detect his Anyhow Christ is not a proper name, designs and hold his followers in check. nor is "the Christ" admissible; for the The direct and effective way to break every creed. This book will do great

gospel Jesus was never officially up the nest of fanatics is to break up good. It will furnish arguments against anointed. But if there is any truth in their meetings, and the direct way to the supernatural and absurd. It will the gospel story, he was emphatically avert an Indian uprising is to prevent drive phantoms from the brain, fear their ghost dances, just as the Indian The fact is we have been hoodwinked agent did at Pender, Neb., where 3,000 is to an Indian dance) they may bury Rosa C. Conger. Excellent for every ground and restore the country to its pristine bucolic condition.

cupation of Oklahoma and the Cherokes CHARLES HALLOCK. AGNOSTIC BOOK.

The focus of the religious movement

seems always to be at Standing Rock or

Pine Ridge, in South Dakota. Indeed, all insufrectionary plots are hatched

there, of which Swift Bear's movement

on July 14 is not an exception. It is a

centre from which all inspiration doubt-

less emanates, and emissarles are sent

up from there to outlying district to stir.

up enthusiasm, while in correct con-

formity with tradition and all historial

events the locum tenens of the Messiah

is in the wilderness. It was so with

John the Baptist, Elijah, Moses, and

Peter the Hermit, and even with the

Of course, a general uprising of the

red men would only hasten their ulti-

mate extermination, if such an upris-

ing were possible; but as our troops are

always on the alert it is expected that

they will as effectually prevent the ad-

vent of the Indian Messiah as they pre-

vented the unlawful and premature oc-

Child of Bethlehem.

The Fires of Superstition Rekindled.

AGNOSTIC BOOK TO THE FLAMES -TABER'S CHILDREN WILL DE-STROY ALL COPIES AND PLATES -ALWAYS POSED AS A CHRIS-TIAN-MILLIONAIRE AUTHOR A PROMINENT CHURCHMAN, BUT DEATH REVEALED THE SECRET

OF HIS UNBELIEF. After devoting all the spare moments of his lifetime to writing a book on agnosticism, the study and labors of Henry M. Taber, the millionaire, who died at his home, No. 48 West Twelfth street, in February, 1898, have been in vain, says the New York Express. All the plates and copies of the book already printed have been bought up by members of his family, and are to be

destroyed. To all outward appearances Mr. Taber was a Christian. He was president and treasurer of the board of trustees of the Old First Presbyterian Church, at Fifth avenue and Eleventh street, and attended the services regularly up to the day of his death. He was a warm friend of the Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield, the pastor, and had married a daughter of the Rev. Dr. William W. Phillips, who had been pastor of the same church for twenty years.

But at heart Mr. Taber was not a believer in the Divine Being. He was a warm friend of Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, and had been converted to Agnosticism by the great unbeliever, who died only a few weeks ago.

SECRET OUT AT HIS DEATH. All this was a secret which Mr. Taber members of his family know of it. It volume on Agnosticism, which was placed in the hands of the publishers

wrote the introduction. The book was to have been published by Carl D.

After Mr. Taber had ten volumes printed at his own expense, he sold a half interest to Clinton P. Farrell, Col. Ingersoll's son-in-law, and the publisher also took an interest in the work. When Mary A. Taber, Mr. Taber's daughter, learned about her father's book on Agnosticism, she set about at once to obtain possession of the plates and all the copies that had been printed. Through her lawyers she managed to get the books and plates by paying a high price for them, although those who owned an interest in the work were loath to part with them. The books and plates are now in the possession of Miss Taber, and if they have not found their way to the furnace already, they will

AGNOSTICS AGGRIEVED. The Agnostics who were interested in Mr. Taber's book feel very badly about the loss of the work, although they were reluctant to contest the matter with Mr. Taber's family. They say that as he left a fortune of several millions to his children, they should have respected his life work, which was the only thing he wished to be left for future generations to remember him by.

They also say that it was Dr. Duffield,

the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, who was chiefly instrumental in urging Miss Taber to get the plates of the book and have them destroyed. In his book Mr. Taber gave the result of his study of Christianity for a lifetime, Traving kept track of the utterances of clergymen the world over. He dissected and analyzed their sermons, and devoted many pages to pointing out the flaws in the Christian belief as they

appeared to him. In the author's introduction of the Would the world be better off with or without Christianity?' My answer is 'Without,' and it is made advisedly."

INGERSOLL'S APPROVAL. An extract from Colonel Ingersoll's

introduction reads: "Henry M. Taber, the author, has for many years taken great interest in religious questions. He was raised in an orthodox atmosphere, was acquainted with eminent clergymen, from whom he endeavored to find out what Christianity is, and the facts and evidence relied on to establish the truth of the

creeds. "For half a century he has watched the ebb and flow of public opinion, the growth of science, the crumbling of creeds, the decay of the theological spirit, the waning influence of the orthodox pulpit, the loss of confidence in special Providence and the efficacy

"During these years of change, of decay and growth, the author of this book looked and listened, became familiar with the questions raised, the arguments offered and the results obtained. For this work no better man could be found. He has no prejudices, no hatred. He is by nature candid, conservative and just.

"BOOK WILL DO GOOD."

"I agree with Mr. Taber that all religions are founded on mistakes, misconceptions and falsehoods, and that superstition is the warp and woof of from the heart, and those who read these pages will be emancipated, en-

lightened and ennobled." But in spite of it all, all of Mr. Taber's. work was in vain. Neither his daughter nor his son, who is now practicing law in Chicago, share their father's belief as set forth in his book, and they are determined that it shall not go forth to the world to cause doubt in Christianity ing (which is about all the style there or possibly to convert others to Agnosticism, and to accomplish their purpose "Nature Cure." By Drs. M. E. and the whites thirty feet deep under they will again kindle the fires of super-

stition, ignorance and bigotry. LUCRETIUS New York.

MRS. ISA WILSON KAYNER'S NARRATIVE.

Detailing Some Intensely Interesting Phenomena with Her Father, Capt. E. V. Wilson.

Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner, who has asking if I could help to bring back the startled large audiences by her new spirit of her little girl who had died sensational fire test, at Grand Rapids, Mich., told a number of ghost stories many mediums, but none of them could one day last week, among them this do anything for her. I tried, and failed thrilling tale, which came under the also. She was about to leave when my observation of her father, the late E. V. little girl came into the room. Looking Wilson, who was a noted lecturer and test medium. The occurence took place in Portage county, Ohio, and here is the story of the haunted house as told by Mrs. Wilson to a reporter of the Grand Hapids Herald.

"In the township of Deerfield, Port-like in the township of Deerfield, Port-l

"In the township of Deerfield, Port-age county, Ohio, one-fourth of a mile inquired my visitor. "She says her from the center, stands a house with name is Gracie,' returned my little some good acres of ground attached, daughter. At that the woman wept which within the last thirty-one years piteously. Soon she explained that that was a perfect description of her dead have been bought and sold many times. But no sooner would a buyer settle than child and added that the little red cloak, he would be selzed with a desire to sell.
At length it was bought by a Mr. Carlton. His family consisted of a wife, which the child had been very fond of, had been placed on her when she was arrayed for the burial. As we sat there two daughters nearly grown and a son my little girl seemed to go into a trance, then eight years old. The Carlton and soon a deep masculine voice began family were annoyed by strange, un- to speak, and such reproof I never accountable noises, which soon gave the heard delivered to any mortal. He told place the notoriety of being haunted. that woman that she was committing a These sounds were often heard in one terrible sin against both the living and chamber, as of doors being opened and the dead by her bitter, selfish mournbeing shut hard; also loud raps, some- ing. He told her to return to her family times singing, and voices in conversa-tion, and often groans and shricks. Twice members of the family saw a woman walking in the garden. The more need of her than those in heaven, winter after having taken possession of The woman returned to her home filled the house Mr. Carlton became so ex- with a new resolution and became from asperated at the annoyance that he that time a changed person.' tried to drive his uncanny visitors away MOTHER AND FATHER APPEAR. by force if possible. When the sounds were heard he commanded them as with authority to cease and leave the ist, has had a few demonstrations of family alone. They took no heed of his this psychic phenomena, or whatever it orders. At this Mr. Carlton went into is, and she vouches for the following passion, enforcing his commands with oaths and curses. The sounds were as defiant as ever. Then he threw stove wood at the point whence the sounds proceeded and yet they tantalized him. Soon after he was taken ill and died in

a few hours." Now the ordinary ghost story would end there, but in this case the Spiritualists went in for an investigation, and this is the story of how they laid the ghost, or, rather, in the language of the cult, "liberated the spirit:" THE RESTLESS SPIRIT'S STORY.

"After Mr. Carlton's death," continued the narrator, "the family remained in the haunted house and the terrible noises continued until Mrs. Carlton went to a neighboring town to neld in this city. My father appeared visit friends. They advised her to get to me there. As I suspected, even a medium living near by to go to her against evidence, that there might be house and find out what the restless spirit wanted. The Spiritualists at that Father, if this is really you, I want you time were holding neighborhood circles, and through the medium seven persons in my own home. I am alone in the and through the medium seven persons were appointed by her spirit control to visit the haunted house and, the medium said, to liberate the spirit of a woman who in a fit of insanity had taken her own life and had never been able to leave the locality in which the deed was done. That much was learned from the spirit control. At length the Suddenly I felt my head turn to one spirit of the unhappy ghost spoke side as drawn by some will other than through the medium and told the follow, when the my own. Yielding to the influence, I lowing story of herself-not exactly the turned, and there, standing at one side, story of Hamlet's father's ghost, but a just back of me, was my father. He good imitation):
"'My name is Mary Coolie. I was

born in Germany. I came to America with two brothers, who settled near Meadville, Pa., bringing their wealth with them. I fell in love with a young doctor, and he persuaded me to leave my home and go away with him. He byschical Research, which makes a brought me here. My child died soon business of conducting scientific inafter its birth, and the doctor buried it in the garden. My life was unhappy, and in my grief, loneliness and despair strongly of the opinion that all forms of I became a raying maniae and its frenzy cut my throat. The doctor put careful attention, and it acts accordmy body in a rough box and left for ingly. Here are a few of the ghost parts unknown.'

"Then it was learned through the rences, which have been investigated medium that the valuable papers she by the Society of Psychical Research had hidden in the house and her child and pronounced authentic—that is, as were the ties which bound her to that authentic as anything as illusive as a locality, and the unhappy earth-bound spirit had no power nor knowledge to detach herself from the place. In speaking of her child, the spirit said toward the west, at a large house near her 'treasure was buried in the south C---, in the Staffordshire moorlands, side of the garden.' Some who heard England. As she had given orders to the word treasure went to the place her maid to call her at an early hour, designated and began digging for what she was not surprised at being they thought to be gold. But they had awakened between three and four on a no sooner begun their work when they fine August morning by a sharp tapping were startled by sounds which made at the door. When, in spite of a "Thank them pause and listen. They went to you, I hear," to the first and second work again, but were interrupted by raps, with the third came a rush of such horrible shricks and groans that wind that caused the curtains to draw they threw down their implements and up in the center of the bed. She was fied in terror. Subsequently the earth annoyed at this, and, sitting up, said: was removed, but only a tiny lock of "Mary, what are you about." Instead. was removed, but only a tiny lock of human hair was found. Thirty-two years had destroyed all other vestige of 'the treasure.' Through the help of the medium," continued the narrator, "the spirit was soon able to free herself from the ties which bound her to the place and then went away and haunted the

place no more. HER FATHER'S GHOST.

Mrs. Kayner claims to have seen her all quiet. When her father came down father, the late E. V. Wilson, upon sev- shortly after he asked her why she was eral occasions since his departure into about so early and joked with her as the spirit realm. In relating the story to the cause. Soon, however, he went of one of these ghostly visitations she said: "One evening soon after my father's death our family and a few edly. One of the thumbs of the corpse friends were seated in our home talking was marked as if bitten in the death over business affairs which pertained agony. especially to the disposal of some of my | Here is another story which has been father's property, also the course to looked into by the society. It is conpursue regarding certain tenants. As firmed by F. G—'s father and his our business transaction was with two or three Germans, and we were not it was told: F. G— was in St. Joseph, conversant with that language, we called the German minister in to act as and had done a good day's work. He interpreter. The business once settled, was sending his orders to his employers we remained sitting quietly for some and smoking a cigar when he realized time. Presently my little girl said, that some one was sitting on his left 'Mamma, I wish I might see grandpa.' with an arm on the table. It was his No sooner were the words spoken than dead sister. He sprang forward to em-No sooner were the words spoken than we heard a familiar step in the hall and | brace her, forgetting for the moment a moment later father walked into the she had been dead nearly a score of room. He looked precisely as he did in years, but she was gone. He stood life and seemed to be clad in the same there, the ink wet on his pen, the cigar clothes he had on when we last saw lighted in his hand, the name of his him laid in his coffin. There was a sister on his lips. He had noted the beautiful expression on his face as he expression, features, dress, the kindness advanced and shook hand with us. He of her eyes, the glow of her complexion, spoke to each of the five boys who had and what he had never seen before, a carried his mortal remains to the grave | bright red scratch on the right side of only a month previous. He talked with her face. He took the next train home us for five or ten minutes, gave us some to St. Louis and told the story to his advice regarding the business affairs, then bade us adieu, and started toward the door, but he disappeared—literally ranished from sight—before he reached it.

THE GHOST OF A CHILD.

Here is another story which comes from a medium at Briggs Park. She scratch with powder and had kept the "A woman dressed in deepest incident to herself.-Grand Rapids

mourning called one day at my house, (Mich.) Herald.

The Doctor Talks of Chosts.

ROMANCE OF A TELEPHONE CALL RUNG BY SPIRIT HANDS, AND THE MYSTERY OF A DIA-MOND ROBBERY SOLVED BY AN stage of somnambulism! 17-1. AGENCY FROM THE OTHER WORLD.

I was a young man of 27, and had just hung out my shingle in a little manufacturing village of about 2,000 inhabitants. There were at this time three other physicians in the town, and during my four weeks' stay I had been favored with but few patients. I boarded with an elderly lady, whose grandson cared for the garden and stable. My boarding mistress was precise and methodical in everything, and was a model of punctuality, so I one day set my watch, and the clock in my little office, ten minutes fast, in order to be prompt at meals when at home. On the evening of that day, just before the clock struck 10, my telephone bell rang. I had only the day previously had the instrument put in, and hastened to answer my first call. "Come immediately to Millville, 20 High street. Take the 10 o'clock train."

"It is too late for me to catch that train, but I will drive over with my team if that will do. What is the case?" I asked.

No reply. "Hello!" I called again, but all was still. Then I rang up the central office.

"Please connect again with the par-ties who called for Dr. Wildes," I said. "No one has called for Dr. Wildes," answered the voice of the operator in the central office. "You must be mistaken, for I have

just been talking with some one through the telephone who wants me," "The wires must be crossed somewhere. I will see if I can find out where the trouble is, sir," came in a

sleepy voice from the central. I put on my hat and started toward the stable, meeting Jimmy with lantern

"I was just coming after you, doctor," he said. "Your horse seems to be dreadfully lame, and I can't find out what ails her foot."

A lady who resides on Charles street,

in this city, and who is not a Spiritual-

story: "It was on a warm summer night

some years ago, and late in the evening,

perhaps about half-past eleven. 'As my

husband was fastening the doors for

the night I took the water pitcher and

ran out to the well, which is near the

back door. As I stepped to the well

curb and reached for the pump handle

I looked up instinctively and saw the

form of my mother, who passed away

many years ago, standing near me

Although it was the first apparition I

had ever seen, I was not at all fright-

ened, but, on the contrary, felt a strange

sense of confidence and exhibaration

She called me by name, spoke a few

words and then disappeared.
"At another time," said the same

lady, "I was at a materializing seance

against evidence, that there might be

some fraud about it. I said to him

sewing room-which is the room for

merly occupied by yourself-nearly every afternoon. If this is you, come

to me there.' He said," she continued

"that if it were possible he would.

Some time afterward I was in the sew

ing room alone, and thinking of father

did not speak, but stood there two or

REGULAR BLOOD CURDLERS.

The best authority for authentic ghost

stories and all other demonstrations of

stories, said to have been actual occur-

ghost can be. They are as follows:

however, of her servant, she was astonished to see the face of an aunt

peering above and beneath the curtains,

and at the same moment her arms

reach forward. She could feel one of

her thumbs pressed between the teeth

of the apparition. There was no mark there afterward, however. Despite all

this she kept cool, and, rising, dressed

and went downstairs, where she found

over to his sister-in-law's house, where

he learned she had just died unexpect-

was sending his orders to his employers

parents. His father was inclined to rid-

cule him but his mother nearly fainted

When she could control herself she said that, unknown to anyone else, she ac-

cidentally had scratched the face of the

dear girl, probably with the point of her

while arranging

brooch, while arranging something about the corpse. She had hidden the

three minutes and then disappeared."

I sent the boy to a livery stable near by to procure a team for me, and was. bathing and bandaging my own horse when I heard the whistle of the 10 o'clock train. Then, remembering that my watch had been too fast, I mutered a very unorthodox expression as I thought of the sixteen-mile drive I must take in the cold March night. I had hastened in doors and put on a

heavy ulster, when I heard the boy drive up to my door with the team. Again I went to the telephone, and ringing up "central" I inquired if he had ascertained who had called for Dr. Wildes. "I cannot find that anyone has called

for you this evening," came the reply over the wire. Suspecting that somebody might be trying to play a joke on me, I stepped to the door and had the team returned to the livery stable.

THE SECOND TELEPHONE CALL I seated myself in an easy chair by the fire and after reading a short time I fell asleep. I awate just as my clock was striking 12, a fars the last stroke ceased my telephole again rang. I hastened to reply, and received the

call, "Come to Millville on the midnight train to 20 High street." "Who wants me?" I asked, as I knew

not a soul in Millville.

I received no reply, though I rang several times, and, putting on my over-coat and cap, I seized my medicine case and hurried to the railroad station, a few rods away, where the night train stopped on being signaled. Before 1 o'clock I had reached Millyille and found the place to which I had been summoned.

It was an old-fashloned house, which had been modernized by the addition of bay windows in front, from one of which shone a faint light. I hastened up the steps, but before my hand could touch the door it was opened from the inside, and I passed in. A very old lady, with pale face and snowy hair, I became a raving maniac, and in my mental action are worthy of study and silently pointed into the next room. I entered and found I was in a good-sized apartment that seemed to be half parlor and half library. A leather-covered lounge was drawn up before an open fire, and upon it lay a man of perhaps 60 years. An ugly gash was in the right side of his head, which, with the partially dried blood upon his face,

ormed a picture at which I shuddered. I bent over him and felt for his pulse. His hand was cold, but in his grasp he held a peculiar-shaped key, which I saw plainly in the light of the fire. His lips moved, and without opening his eyes he said: "The second bunch of grapes, the second bunch of grapes."

"The man is delirious," I thought as I stepped into the hallway.
"Madame," I called as I peered around in the darkness, "please bring me a basin of warm water at once." I heard no sound except my own voice. could faintly see by the light of the fire that shone from the library that there were three of four other doors leading from the hall. One after another I tried to open them, but they were all locked fast. I ran back into the room from which I had just come. The leather-covered lounge was still drawn up in front of the fire, but the man was gone. I looked wildly around the room, but no sign of him could be seen. I drew my hand over the lounge and found my finger showed plainly on the dusty covering. The fire was burn-ing low, and I seized my medicine case from the chair where I had placed it, stepped into the hall and hastily opened the front door. Once outside the house my courage returned, and, looking back I shouted, "Where are you, sir?" but no answer came. Then I grasped the door bell and rang peal after peal, but all I heard were the echoes dying away in the empty house. I may as well confess that I ran to the railroad station. When I asked the night watchman who lived at 20 High street he replied: "I cannot tell you, sir, as I am but little acquainted in the place." Still puzzling brain over the mystery, I remained with him until five the next morning, when the first train took me home.

A DAYTIME VISIT.

The next afternoon, my courage having returned, I drove over to Millville and went straight to the house which I had visited the previous night. I went boldly up the front steps and was ringing the bell, when a man at work in the next yard looked over the low

"There is no one at home, sir," he Where are the people who belong here?" I asked.

"They are spending the winter in Southern California, and have been in court by a spirit lawyer. She told away since last September," was his

reply.

On returning to my office I found a telegram from my sister, who lived in her side whenever she so desired. Jus an adjoining state. In response to it I | tice Martin continued the case to Austarted at once, and on arriving at her gust 24, and Mrs. Kerper, after conhome the following morning I learned sultation with her invisible attorney, that an elderly physician, a friend of assented to the delay.—Chicago News.

her husband was about to give up active practice. Arrangements were speedly made and I moved to my new Test Scance.

was about to retire, when I picked up the evening paper, which my thoughtful sister always left on my table. The first item I read was a notice in the society columns: "Miss (Marguerite

Lawton of Millville is visiting her

grandmother, Mrs. Stephen Powers

Lawton, on College avenue."
The name of the town brought to my

mind the mysterious call I had once an-

swered. I placed the paper on the table at my elbow. As I did so I became

aware of a feeling as if someone was in

the room. Glancing hastily around I

saw that I was alone, but as my gaze

again fell on the table I saw moving

toward me the figure of a man's hand,

holding in its grasp the same peculiarly shaped key. The hand moved over the

table until it rested on the paragraph I had just read, and the key tapped once or twice on the name "Marguerite."

HOW THE MYSTERY GREW.

could see to read the letters that were

under it, and, as the shape of the key

began to grow indistinct, I selzed a

pencil and made a sketch of it on the

margin of the paper, opposite the para-

The key had already faded from my

view when my bell rang. A man stood in the door. "Come at once to Mrs.

In response to my inquiries, he re-blied: "She is unconscious; it is prob-bly a stroke of paralysis."

In a few minutes we entered the room, where a slight, girlish figure,

clad all in black, was kneeling by the

side of a bed, wheron lay an old lady.

She was dead, and but one glance was

needed to show me that she was the

mysterious one who had opened the

"Here is the doctor, Miss Margue

The young girl rose and with a stiffled

dearest friend, my only friend on

A few days later my sister and I called to see Miss Lawton, who had de-

cided to close her grandmother's house

and go away.
"The only relative I have now is my

mother's half-brother in California. He

has telegraphed for me to come to him.

Poor, papa and I were so happy there

until his sudden death last spring." Then she added, "I will show you his

picture," and taking a photograph from

a case on the table she handed me the

exact likeness of the man whom I had

found upon the lounge with the ugly

her at that time, although my curiosity was difficult to control, as I saw that she was deeply agitated, and I felt that

she must be kept as calm as possible.

to follow Marguerite to California?

was not wholly impelled by the desire to obtain a solution of my mystery, of which I felt that somehow I held the

up a correspondence, so I had no diffi

TELLING THE WHOLE STORY.

and it was supposed that he carried

them around on his person. One day in

early March he was returning from a

drive, when he saw a man skulking

around the street corner who looked

strangely familiar to him. He finally said to Marguerite: "It has just occurred to me that the stranger is Davi-

son, who used to be employed by your

to unlock her desk where her private

at the very time I had been called to

Inquiry proved also that the grand-

mother had been in her own home, ill in bed with an attack of rheumatism, on

Before going back to my practice I went with Marguerite to her old home. On arriving there I told her of my mys-

terious visit and of the key which had

been held out to me. I produced the

one I had had made and asked if she

had seen one like it, but she never had.

rested on the massive oak sideboard

that was built into one corner of the

room I saw along the top were carved

grape leaves and bunches of grapes.

Suddenly there flashed into my mind the words: "The second managed

grapes." Mounting a chair I managed

grapes." Mounting a chair 1
to reach it. After a few attempts 1
found I could move it a little, and
finally I succeeded in pushing to one
side the entire cluster, leaving exposed
a keyhole in a little door of fron four or
five inches square. Producing my mystarlow key Lat one implement of door

terious key, I at once unlocked the door

and found that the aperture contained

a small iron box, in which we found the

missing diamonds. The home of Mar-

guerite's grandmother, where we have

lived for the last eight years, during

which time I have only once met with

Woman Has a Spirit Lawyer.

Mrs. Annie Kerper, who prosecuted H. J. Sullivan before Justice Martin on

charges of larceny, claimed to be aided

Justice Martin that she never did any-

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Chicago Record.

because

Millville.

that night.

papers were kept."

she found him one day trying

way. East with my bride.

Destiny, fate or what compelled me

gash on his head. I did not question

door for me at the Millville house.

sob held out her hand to me.

rite," said the man.

earth, is gone," she cried.

Lawton's, College avenue."

The hand began to fade; already I

I was sitting one evening in one end During the spring and summer I was kept busy and had but little time to of a sleeping car in Peorla, Ill., talking with a grain merchant, waiting for the myself, yet often I pondered over my midnight visit to Miliville, trying to persuade myself that it might be only car to start for Chicago, when in came Robert G. Ingersoll and his wife. They sat down facing us. After talking for delusion of my brain while in some a few moments I said: "Colonel, I see by the Transcript you have become a Spiritualist." He gave one of his pe-One evening, at about 12:30, I had culiar chuckles and said:
"I'll tell you all about that. A few returned from a professional call and

weeks ago Mrs. Ingersoll, Col. Plumb and myself were in New York City. We concluded to go and see Slade, who was then at the height of his fame as a medium. We were shown into a plainly furnished room with a round table in the middle, a few chairs and a lounge or sofa. Slade came in and asked if we wanted a test. We said: 'Yes; that's what we came for.' He then asked me to sit at the table, the top of which was covered with a piece of paper. Slade then handed me a small piece of slate pencil and an ordinary school slate and then left the room, and during his ab sence I spat on the slate and with my handkerchief washed it off, just as I have done many a time when I was

"While I was cleaning the slate Mr. Slade came in. I felt guilty of an injustice toward him and began to apologize. I told him that we were seeking for the truth and that we did not want to be imposed upon if we could help it for the religious element in man had been imposed upon from his youth up, He said: "That's all right; wash it as much as you please.' He then asked me to put the pencil on the table and cover it with the slate. I did so. I was then asked to place my hand on the slate as it rested on the table, covering the pencil. I did as directed. Pretty soon the pencil began to scratch the under side of the slate, and in a short time he told me to look and see what message we had received. With some difficulty I managed to read: "'I am glad you are here; the soul is

immortal. F. Plumb.'
"Col. Plumb sprang from his seat

grabbed the slate out of my hand and said, 'That's Fanny.'"
It seems that Col. Ingersoll had been

a guest of Col. Plumb a short time before, and during the evening they had talked about the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, and Col. Ingersoll had said he had no evidence of the truth of the doctrine. Col. Plumb's daughter, Fanny, was in the next room, ill, and she overheard the conversation and was pained to think he had such ideas, for she, like every one else who knew him, loved him. She often spoke of it during her decline, and just before she died she said, "Tell Col. Ingersoll the soul is immortal." I said to him: "Well, how did it strike you?" "Right

between the eyes," he answered. Notwithstanding the fact that I could believe the Colonel as much as any other man I ever knew, I could not exactly credit that story. I had my doubts, as others will. A few years after this, having some business with Col. Plumb, who was then a member of Congress, I told him the story and asked him to affirm or deny it, and he said: "Every word is true."-W. C. Strickler, in New York Sun.

To Build a Home for Mediums. Setauket, L. I .- The believers in Spirtualism, who have been seeking a

key, having been to'a locksmith and had a key made from the drawing on the newspaper margin. In the latter place where they might found a Napart of January I placed my practice in the hands of one of my medical friends tional Home, have selected a site in Bast Setauket. A tract of land near who was not quite ready to settle down, the sound has been purchased and cut up into building lots. Two hundred of these lots have been sold to Spiritualists and started out for a six weeks' vaca-Marguerite and my sister had kept broughout the country.

The property is about ten minutes' drive from the Setauket station and culty in finding the object of my search, half an hour's ride from Port Jefferson, and in less than five weeks was on my and forms an ideal spot for a camping ground. The locality has received the name of Liberty Park. It is proposed Before leaving California I had to build a lyceum, a home for mediums learned the particulars of Mrs. Law-ton's sudden death. Marguerite's theosophy and psychological research. grandmother, who had been a leader in The name of Liberty Spiritual Camp the possessor of some valuable diamonds, which a few years previous she had placed in her son's hands for safe keeping until Marguerite should be of

The officers of the association are: Dr. Henry Von Gomez, president; Mrs. William Molesworth and the Rev. Ira Moore Courlis, vice-presidents; General an age to wear them. He very seldom E. L. Bullard, counsellor; I. R. Sanford, mentioned the jewels to his daughter, treasurer; Herbert L. Whitney, recording secretary; Mrs. Catalina Von Gomez, corresponding secretary; Mrs.
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M. J. Wright, Miss Anna J. Chaplin,
Mrs. Chapman, H. C. Dorn and W. E. Lewis, directors.-New York Press.

> Elder Covert Desires to Debate with Mary Ellen Lease.

grandmother. She wrote me some little time ago that she had discharged him Elder Covert, the Anti-Spiritualist, of Anderson, who has become quite noted for his attacks on that faith during the The following day Mr. Lawton was past two or three years, has issued a brought home unconscious, with a cruel wound in his head. Robbery was evidently the motive of the assailant, challenge for debate to Mary Ellen Lease, the famous woman suffrage advocate, who has lately been converted for the diamonds were gone, also the to Spiritualism. The following are the money and watch of the victim. The propositions issued by the elder, which have been answered by the woman lecpoor man did not regain consciousness, but died in a few hours. Comparison turer, who says she is in the hands of of the dates showed that this occurred her friends:

"Resolved, That modern Spiritualism is a mental, moral, religious, scriptural, social and scientific delusion and curse, and that it has never done humanity any good, either as a philosophy, sci

ence or religion."

I also make you the following proposition, which I will deny: "Resolved, That modern Spiritualism is the best philosophy, science and religion that the has ever known, and is more worthy of credence, confidence and re spect as a system of morals, faith and When we entered the dining room it was a bright, sunny day. I looked around the room, and as my glance religion than the Christian system of morals, faith and religion as revealed and taught in the New Testament."

He is willing to take the affirmative or the negative view irrespectively. He concludes his challenge with the quent suggestion that a "reasonable financial recompense" be provided for.— Chronicle, Marion, Ind.

Miss Hardin, of Wabash, Is Secretary.

A newspaper report from Muncle says that the Indiana Spiritualist Association has elected Miss Flora Hardin, of Wabash, secretary. The revenue of the association for the year is given at \$2,400.23; disbursements, \$1,233.32, and balance on hand, \$1,160.01, which indicates that there are some Spiritualists still left in Indiana.—Wabash (Ind.) Plaindealer.

another ghostly visitor. "But that is another story."—Helen A. Cousins in Seattle Woman Tells Queer Story. Seattle, Wash .- A queer case dewish.—A queer case the veloped to-day when Mrs. Mary Lynch swore to a complaint against W. C. Schley, a photographer, and his wife. The woman says that Schley and his wife represented to her that they could take a picture of her dead child in its spirit form, thus obtaining \$50 from

her. She says that Schley told her to thing without the advice of her unseen friend and that she could call him to sit in a chair in front of the camera and hold her arms as if she had the child folded in them. Then she was told to close her eyes. Mrs. Schley, she says, then stood behind her and held in front of her a photograph taken while the baby was alive.-Ohicago Tribune.

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Every item sent to us for publication. hered to.

and in time I feel this will be the

"Moses and Mattie Hull are the prin- never tire of hearing her." cinal workers," so writes a correspondent, "in these closing days of the work of the Chesterfield (Ind.) Camp. This camp was never so largely attended as during the present season. The work of lecturers and phenomenal mediums has never been surpassed by the work of previous camps at this point. The utmost harmony has prevailed from first to last; the Muncle and Anderson papers have been generous of space and kindly in sentiment toward the meeting. Mr. Hull's discourses are extolled highly by the press; Mrs. Hull's efforts on behalf of the lyceum work have met with appreciation, as the following Muncie Daily News will show: 'Lyceum was in session at 9 a. m., with that ever study. She is in every respect well comrades of the Home. adapted to the work of "teaching the methods of teaching, and can without has doubled, expenses all paid, and conhesitancy pronounce her peerless in ly- gregation is increasing each Sunday." ceum work. This evening, at 7 o'clock, turned home from this meeting, conthat has attended this camp."

J. C. Bell, clairvoyant and medium, but is recovering. Cough is the trouble. endowed with supernatural power." F. Keiser writes from Florida: "I F. A. Reed writes: "The society at

have been a reader of The Progressive Troy, Vt., is in a prosperous condition. say that I like its independent tone, keep the light before our community.

our labors seem to be appreciated."

Mrs. C. E. Carey writes from Weatherford, Tex., "I wish good test mediums to the society. Our last sociable was failing for the past two years. This would come here. They would do well, on the Fourth of July. We had firebut they would have to work free a works in the early evening, after which little while until people get the proof. ice cream and cake was served. A soand then they would be rewarded with cial dance was enjoyed by our young work.'

15 says: "Delegates from forty-one local leaves to attend to his many duties at spiritual associations are here to-day in Queen City Park. We all wish him attendance upon the annual business Godspeed in his good work, and look session of the Michigan State Spiritual forward to his return another year." Association. The sessions began at 10 Miss Thomas, after her two months' duties for the past two years, is now o'clock this morning. D. P. Dewey of vacation, will resume her meetings in fast improving. She expects to travel Grand Blanc, is president; John Hutch- Hygeia Hall, 404 Ogden avenue, which inson, of Jackson, vice-president; Mrs. | was so kindly fitted up for her by Mr. May F. Ayres, of Lansing, secretary, L. G. Spencer, Sunday, September 3. and Charles Champion of Lansing. and continue them every Sunday there-

Mrs. Pierce writes: "I wish to inform dividing it among the many delightful and partly from the teachings of ways that exist in that beautiful spot. Apollonius." and then visiting my relatives in Jamestown. I am ready to receive my just arrived on this beautiful campfriends. Test circle every Tuesday and Friday evenings. Residence, 115 South come to all and good feeling seems to Paulina street.'

will hold a special public meeting at 77 dick, the famous slate-writer, of Indi-Thirty-first street, America Auditorium, lana, is on the grounds, having just ar-Wednesday evening, August 80, at 8 rived from Grand Ledge camp. Her o'clock. Healing will be demonstrated work at that camp was so highly apand a lecture will be given by Dr. preciated that she received a vote of Houghton. Tests will be given by thanks from the entire association, hav-Harry J. Coats and others. Excellent ing given one hundred slate-writings in music. There will be no charge of any three weeks. E. W. Sprague is coming kind. All are welcome.

Mrs. Squires writes: "I will open meetings the first Sunday in September. Park." at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., in the hall at | 1003 Madison, corner of Western aveat the door. A cordial invitation to all." | nue, Minneapolis, Minn.

The address of welcome was made by Mrs. Stella Fisk, and was responed to We would like to impress upon the by Mrs. Bessie Aspinwall. Mrs. Fannie minds of our correspondents that The Glasey delivered the address of wel-Progressive Thinker is set up on a come from the Ladles' Independent Linotype machine that must make Union, and Mrs. M. A. Blodgett, the respeed equal to about four compositors. | sponse. A guitar solo by Mrs. Hamp-That means rapid work, and it is essen- ton, and recitations by Mrs. Davenport | R has accompanied me through many tial that all copy, to insure insertion in and Mrs. King completed the program. the paper, all other requirements being The afternoon session began at 2. favorable, should be written with ink Music by the quartette opened the pro- part at the 'gate,' and then I hope to on white paper, or with a typewriter, gram. Mrs. Lowell, of Minneapolis, deand on only one side of the paper. If livered the lecture, using 'Woman and you are not a fairly good penman, Her Works' for her subject. A mehave your communications dium's meeting at 4 p. m. closed the copled by some one who is, and oblige afternoon ceremonies. Many visitors sorrowing, and solid mental food to the were entertained at the park during the 'thinkers' of the earth." day and enjoyed the exercises.

whole truth, hence kindly feelings Progressive Thinker comes like a sunshould always be entertained for those beam to our prairie home, and we never intend to be without it. I do not see how any Spiritualist can get along without it, and I like to wake them up

followed by Mrs. Georgia G. Cooley, who has served the association the last should contain the full name and ad- public seances, commencing Sunday at dress of the writer. We desire to know 4 o'clock. In addition to the seance the the source of every article or item that program tomorrow will include a lecappears. This rule will be strictly ad- ture at 10:30 by President W. F. Peck and a lecture at 2 p. m. by George H. Colby. The next lecturer of note will Mrs. M. E. Kratz writes from Sum- been engaged from August 16 to August child. Her discourses teem with illus-

Dr. H. Strong Phillips writes from Philadelphia: "Mrs. Phillips has been employed most of the time during the last six years as a platform test medium by the Spiritual Association. which meets at Columbia Hall, 1325 Thirty-first street, on Sunday, Septem- proached, the squatter asked: Columbia avenue. It is conducted by Charles Barry and wife. The attendance has been very good all through the summer. Meetings every Sunday at day, September 3, both afternoon and 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Strangers visiting | evening." the city are cordially invited."

C. C. Thompson writes from Springvale, Me .: "Paper and books came all right. They are fine. I don't see how from the camp correspondent to the you can give so much for so little money."

H. H. Fross writes from the Soldiers' active and tireless worker, Mrs. Mattie | Home, Ind.: "On the 15th and 16th of | friends." E. Hull, conducting the exercises. Too the present month Rev. Mrs. Ind. Hill much praise cannot be said of her as a | of Decatur, Ill., gave us two very infield, as she has for years made the sub. the Philosophy and Truthfulness of ject of life and health in relation to bod- Spiritualism. She caused quite an in-

T. S. Russell writes: "The Englewood young idea how to shoot.' Your corre- Spiritualist Society has held free meetspondent has observed closely her ings for six months. Its membership cember."

The Kalamazoo Telegraph says: "Sevshe will organize a class for the Emer- eral speakers very prominent in the sect sonian system of self-culture.' A great are in attendance at the Vicksburg number of honest investigators have re- Camp. The meeting is in charge of Oscar A. Edgerly, who is chairman, of vinced that Spiritualism is a fact. Newburyport, Mass. Mr. Edgerly is a There never was a greater evidence firm believer in the tenets of his faith. that the world moves, than the progress Mr. Edgerly says that he is a thoroughly uneducated man, did not have a

are growing more liberal we see the G. W. Kates writes from Mantua, marks of progress. There are some very Ohio, camp: "Mrs. Kates and self had good phenomena taking place in a a pleasant visit at this camp, where worthy family who have not united at Forest Temple, North Collins, N. Y., 'conditions' are good for the speaker with the society. These manifestations and medium. Much excellent progress are causing many to think deeply on has been made here, and the cottages, the subject of Spiritualism, and we auditorium and hotel are expressive of hope it will prove to be a harvest of trip rates on the Erie Railroad." capacity and generosity. Brother D. good for the cause. For the last ten this camp is largely due to his enthusi- burn for a speaker. Mr. Colburn's lecastic labor and devotion. We have tures are very interesting and are well | Young Folks' Auxiliary of the N. S. A. through his efforts we had two sothe public with pleasure and with profit people till late in the evening. So ends The Lansing (Mich.) Journal of Aug. the summer season, as Mr. Colburn

after at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Dr. H. H. Morrison writes: "I have my friends that I have returned from read the Occult Life of Christ. To me my Eastern trip, having visited Lily it reads very much like a novel, though Dale Camp ten days, enjoying every very interesting. To me Christ is mythmoment of the time while there ological, made up from former myths.

Miss Bessie L. Shaffer writes: "I have ground, Haslett Park. A general welprevail, and everything seems to be of Kenwood Bible Spiritualist Church a spiritual order. Mrs. Frances Rudhere to-morrow; also his wife. We know a rare treat is in store for Haslett

G. W. Kates and wife will attend the Minnesota State Convention, Septemnue. Friends can transfer from all ber 5, 6 and 7. Their address during cross lines to Madison. No admission the month will be No. 1. Highland, eve-

The Journal, of Clinton, Iowa, speaks | Kate B. Smith writes: "Kenwood as follows of Woman's Day at Mt. Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue, was Pleasant: "The morning session began filled last Sunday evening to hear the at 9 o'clock. There was music by the lecture given by Dr. A. Houghton. In consolation from our dear ones in the the bands of Christian people. Price scribes the atmosphere of France, as 75 cents. Cloth, \$1.50. For sale at this Club with continuous applause from beginning to end orchestra, and singing by a quartette, the afternoon meeting a question was Summerland." orchestra and singing by a quartette. the afternoon meeting a question was

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B. Frank Schmid writes from In dianapolis, Ind.: The First Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., in entering upon the tenth year of its work does so with much encouragement and much credit is due the management for the many improvements made during the summer season. The church has been repapered, repainted, beautified. new (cathedral glass) windows put in Pearl G. Leigh writes: "The dear old | and a new stairway built, Ten years of continuous work without interruption deserves much credit, and the workers have been faithful and true 'The Ladies' Aid deserves especial mention, for its earnest and very successful work. It has proven the mainstay of the organization and the social features great success. During the panic we bought our own home and we have three-fourths of the indebtedness paid at this time. During the past ten years mediums have occupied our rostrum Our regular meetings open Sunday two seasons, and will give a number of September 3, Allen W. Connett as speaker and Mrs. Josephine Ropp as test medium. Earnest souls and conscientious, unselfish workers have done much for the cause in our city. May the good work go on and prosper."

W. H. Tucker writes from Elyria, O. ciation of this city held two meetings merland Beach, Ohio: "Of all camps 1 20. Mrs. Twing has the happy faculty on Sunday and Sunday evening last have attended this is the best, so quiet of interesting all classes, from the pro- and one the following Monday. F. D. and restful. The grounds are beautiful, foundest philosopher down to the little Dunakin, of Cecil, Ohio, was the speaker, and C. H. Figures, of 99 Boltrations and anecdotes and her listeners | iver street, Cleveland, Ohio, the test medium. The lectures and tests were and attended divine services at a fashexcellent, and the brothers will long be | ionable church. The old fellow listened remembered by this community.'

J. H. Hartly writes: "Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson, of Fort Worth, Texas will lecture at the First Church, No. 77 ber 10 and 17. Don't forget that Dr. A. B. Spinney, of Reed City, Mich., will lecture from the same platform, Sun-

E. Salvator writes: "Our society gives a sociable Tuesday, August 29, at 8 p. m., at Newman's Hall. Please try to favor us with your presence and bring your friends. We are trying hard to go ahead and form a large society, and to do this we need the help of all our

G. H. Brooks will hold a grove meet ing at Chamberlain, Ind., the first Sunworker and teacher in the Lyceum teresting and instructive discourses on day in September. He will also hold a grove meeting the second Sunday in the month at Waterloo, Iowa. He then will ily and mental culture a practical terest to be manifested among the old return home and will remain until the Pittsburg, Pa., for three months' engagement, October, November and De- ger'n yer hat, an' Jack haster stay un-

The Chicago Tribune has the following: "Having read about another woman consulting spirits as to what she should do in a police court case, Mrs. L. Silver- spile afore mornin'." man, 3142 Vernon avenue, enlisted the services of a spirit detective in solving the mysterious disappearance of two watches from her house. At least that is what she told Nelson Walts, her colored coachman, whom she suspected. Mrs. Silverman does not believe in grammar school education, yet when he | spirits, but Walts does. When his emof Des Moines, Iowa, has been very ill, arises to speak before an audience he is ployer told him that a spirit detective had witnessed the theft and saw him sell the watches to a man in the alley. Walts confessed that the information Thinker for several years, and I wish to A few earnest workers are striving to was true. In Justice Hall's court he repeated the confession and was bound with an occasional stab at the Catholic and we can see from year to year it is over to the grand jury. Charles Strubchurch, and the spicy articles written doing a great deal of good, both for the ling, the driver of a scavenger wagon, by its gifted correspondents. As an ed- old and the young, as our service is arrested as the man who bought the ucator it has no equal in my estima- well attended by both classes. As they watches, was dismissed for lack of evidence.

The Friends of Human Progress will hold their forty-fourth annual meeting September 1, 2 and 3. Mrs. Helen L. P. Russegue, of Hartford, Conn., will be the principal speaker. Special round

L. E. Davis writes: "The Washington M. King is indefatigable in effort, and Sundays we have had Mr. Lucius Col- Union Spiritualists' Association of Minneapolis, Minn., in connection with the served the camp August 18 to 24, and attended. He is a good worker, and held a basket picnic at Camp Pruden. Mrs. Pruden has spent the summer ciables, which were largely attended by months at this beautiful spot in hopes to recover her health, which has been ground was known as the Indian Camp Ground in early days, and is situated on the top of a hill overlooking the beautiful Lake Calloon. Luncheon was served at a late hour under the beautiful trees decorated by a profusion of "The stars are set to music, Japanese lanterns. We are pleased to inform the many friends of our worthy | We often walk close at your side, pastor, Mrs. C. D. Pruden, whose health would not permit her to attend to her | We point to you our mansions through the South this ensuing winter."

The Paw Paw Valley Spiritual Association will hold a grove meeting at the popular resort, Lake Cora, Van Buren county, Mich., Sunday, September 3 Mrs. Frances Ruddick, independent slate-writing and trumpet medium, will be present and give independent slatewriting from the rostrum. She will also remain in Paw Paw a few days and give private slate-writing and trumpet seances. Mrs. Amanda Coffman, of Grand Rapids, will lecture at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. Tests to follow each lecture. Good music in attendance. The usual gate fee will be collected. Picnic dinner. No accommodations at hotel except those paid for. D. B. O'Dell, president, Paw Paw, Mich.; Mrs. Ceci-

lia Nelson, secretary, Paw Paw, Mich. Mrs. L. Wood writes from Dakota: "My subscription having expired, wish to renew, and also to do what little I can to help along the Divine Plan. It surprises me, Brother Francis, how you can keep up so large and magnificent a paper for the money, and give away books the way you do. I have Ghost Land and Art Magic, in which am highly interested, and The Progressive Thinker, the best of all. I cannot get along without it. There are no Spiritualists near here, and that makes The Progressive Thinker doubly dear to me. It seems as though I am almost personally acquainted with its contributors. We have our home seances, from which we receive comfort and Summerland."

a masterly lecture on Obsession. The J., unite in sending the following: "Dr. many tests and spirit messages given and Mrs. H. Stipng Phillips, of 1329 N. by H. F. Coates were all recognized." 11th street Philadelphia, Pa., have A pregressive euchre party will be been spending a few days with us. During their stay we have held three meetings in the interest of our association. Mrs. Phillips gave messages from spirit friends to all present and all were recognized, giving the names of many who have gone on before. Mrs. Phillips is ordained, by a chartered organization of Spiritualists to teach and illustrate the philosophy of Spiritualism. Mrs. Phillips is one of the best test mewill please send me The Progressive diums we have ever met and as such we

Vicksburg Camp, Mich.

To the Editor:- I have just returned

Quite a delegation of Chicago people were present, while I am sure a larger number would attend if they knew of this delightful camp, so ably managed by Miss Jeannette Fraser.

W. J. Colville, the well known, unselfish, tireless worker, spoke twice a day, and delighted large and attentive audiences. Parts of two evenings he gave to character readings and name poems. Mr. O. A. Edgerly, the genial chairman, and his wife are as popular as ever; we hope to meet them there next year. Mr. Tisdale's sweet songs are enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, of Detroit, are great favorites at the camp.

The Progressive Thinker was well represented. Query: How can so many Spiritualists do without liberal reading matter? Do we not need spiritual as well as physical food?

ROSA C. CONGER.

Minnesota State Association. The Second Annual Convention of the

State Spiritualists Association of Minnesota will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., in the Unitarian church, cor. of 8th street S., and Mary Place, September 5, 6 and 7, 1899. A fine musical and highly entertaining programme will be GHOST IN LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL. when in life had been one of the origirendered each afternoon and evening. Brother G. W. Kates and Mrs. Z. B. Kates will take conspicuous parts of the programme. Well known speakers and test mediums will also take part. Meals will be served in the basement of the church. Come one, come all, and be Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, who has "The Spiritual and Progressive Asso- enjoy Spirituality with Spiritual people. known of our medical charities. Nurses tent of his capacity and highest percep-C. M. E. RIDGE, Sec'y.

The Heathen Can Wait.

The other day an old squatter came to the city, says the Arkansas Traveler, with rapt attention to the sermon, occasionally nodding in approval or shaking his head in uncertainty. When a man with the contribution box ap-

"What's up?" "We are taking up a collection for it, a porter, in the official uniform of the the heathen, and as you seemed to be so much interested in the sermon I didn't know but, you would like to give him, or on approaching him nearly, he a few dimes." "What's the matter with the

heathen?". about the gospel, and we want to raise | bidden among the nurses for fear of money enough to send it to him."

"Wall, I tell yer, I don't think he'll spile afore mornin'. I've got a hoss swap on han', ah' ef I kin get 'nuff boot come aroun' an', we'll sorter look inter the matter.' "But, my friend, the heathen children

need clothes." "So does mine, by jingo. Bill ain't worn nuthin' but a shirt for six months last of the month, when he will go to an' haster stay outen perlite society. Ike's got a vacancy in his britches bigder the house when a stranger comes, 'case he got his clothes scorched durin' hog killin'. Come aroun' arter the swap, fur I don't think the heathen will

IN THE MORNING.

We will wake up in the morning And view the gladsome day. When we reach the land immortal And the clouds have rolled away. We will wonder at the beauty, And the music of the spheres, When our eyes have cast aside their veil

Beyond this realm of tears. How sweet the reign of slumber To the sorrow-laden heart, When we mingle with our lost loves. And clasp them heart to heart. One night I thus was dreaming-When methought my eyes could see A loved one with a radiant face. Who this message gave to me:

'Grieve not so, my darling; Could you but view this land, Where we wander by the living streams, All your loved ones, hand in hand; Where the skies are ever sunny, And the landscape ever fair,

sweet, And music everywhere; "Could you but glance, my darling, Into this sunny clime. Ah, never would you mourn again For that poor world of thine Your life is but the dreaming Behind your coat of clay, And never will you truly live Till it is laid away.

And yet you do not hear; But you know not we are near. Beyond the azure deep, And yet you do not understand, Because you are asleep.

"Then fear not Sleep's twin sister, The one that you call Death; When she clasps you close and ter derly,'.

And wafts away your breath; For you'll wake up in the morning And view the gladsome day, When you reach the land Immortal; And the clouds have rolled away." LORENA M. PAGE.

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THE GREAT DEATH ANGEL.

The patient lies in a darkened room,

low. "Spare him to us yet awhile. He | rent." from a week's outing at Vicksburg is sorely needed and dearly loved. He wrestles hard for life, let the strife succeed." The sick man's eager spirit HARBINGER OF LIGHT, MELpants for freedom, and to rend the frail cage in which she is pent, but the air is thick with sorrow, and murky with discontent, and the strong desire of those around that she shall not escape, chains her to the dark prison she would fain I cannot free myself. Do they not feel the darkness here, do they not see the light beyond?" And the death angel smiles, saying, "They do not see. I will lay my finger on their eyelids." And into the face of the dying man there comes a flash of radiant life and love. and as they watch the beaming eyes and hear the raptured voice, and see the glory, not of earth, that flushes the pale-stricken face, the mourners fall back trembling, and into their hearts steals softly the sweet calm of resignation. "He is happy, why should we repine," they whisper with awed voices. And the great angel swiftly bears the soul away.

> The story may be news to many readpitals is firmly believed by some of the and yet it is upon the almost exclusive dence depends. The apparition is that mences by describing of a porter, who some years ago committed suicide by cutting his throat ln a small room off one of the main landings, and was carried along the landing from the room to the large ward called after an eminent nurse, whose Now and again a nurse will see, either standing in some part of this corridor as if awaiting orders, or walking along an ordinary official, but on addressing

suddenly disappears. The matron evidently treats the matter as one of serious moment, for any "Why, he doesn't know anything mention of the "ghost" is strictly foralarming the probationers. One nurse declares that she and the sister of the ward once witnessed the apparition together. The porter was then standing to go and enquire his business, but on declining and stating her reason for so doing, the sister, ridiculing her credulity, went herself. On her approach the apparition, as usual, disappeared, and the sister returned with a white face and with the strict injunction to keep discreet silence on the subject. After this the nurse often saw the man, but there was never anything in his appearance to cause alarm, and she always treated his presence as that of a privileged visitor. But probationers LIGHT OF THE EAST, CALare never informed on the subject; they must find out for themselves.

LIGHT, LONDON, ENG.

"SEERS AND PROPHETS." chic objects: the psychic seem as real as the physical."

same nature. What the Abbe calls ciples of good and evil present themselves under the semblance of a cloud. If it is the angelic world which manifests the cloud is luminous.

"Picture a mass of melted silver, surrounded by a light vapor, floating in space; that is the first aspect. But after close consideration one perceives that this cloud is palpitating, and every palpitation is a living being, a part of the much interest manifested. whole mass, but having its own particular life and movement. If this cloud approaches the seer, he becomes conso intense that the brilliancy lasts for

This, too, appears as a cloud, prosuffocating in a bottle of ink.

metaphysical ideas, but as living enti- printed and bound. Price \$1. ties, sometimes forming dark or light seen at present; dull and obscure, no

defined outline, dark markings contract ing and dilating; dark blotches are disappearing, but the atmosphere is becoming red. The atmosphere of England is represented as propelled against the atmosphere of France.

"The English atmosphere is outlined mouning and restless. Without, the above the French atmosphere like two hum of many voices, the tread of busy pillars of cloud driven at different elefeet. Within, hushed and breathless vations by contrary winds. The shock tones, muffled sounds, slippered foot- of contact has not taken place, but the falls. Above, the mighty death angel direction is always the same (i. e., spreads his wings and waits. Eager opposed). The English atmosphere is prayers ascend from the watchers be- grey, and seems on the verge of being

BOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

PROF. ROBERT HARE.

Dr. Hare passed on to the higher world, and his book, of which four leave. "O, strong and terrible minister editions were called for within a few of God's mercy," she cries, "send thy months, has been long out of print, the servant to tell these benightened ones fourth edition bearing date 1856. The that they do me injury by their tears, book is consequently little known to that their prayers are as bands of iron present day Spiritualists. As soon as around me. I would fain burst my fet- he was convinced that the phenomena ters and soar aloft on thy broad wings, were due "to the shades of the dead." but their wishes are a net from which he looked with eagerness for some

CONSISTENT INFORMATION

of their abodes, modes of existence. diversities and occupations, but could find nothing in the published accounts that was precise, connected, or satisfactory. Nowhere could he find any satisfactory indication of the location of the spirit world or of its subdivisions. Urging this deficiency upon those spirit friends who seemed to have selected him for their instrument in promulgating the invaluable truths of Spiritualism, he obtained in May, 1854, some information respecting the situation of the spiritual spheres or country of spirits relatively to the earth, and a few months later his father (who nal legislators of the state, and subseers that one of our large Liverpool hos- quently Speaker) responded to his desire for knowledge relating to the next nurses there engaged to be "haunted." | world, and gave him a lengthy com-For "obvious reasons" the name of the munication through the hand of Mrs. institution cannot be given, but suffice Gourlay, prefacing it by saying that he it to say it is one of the largest and best | should endeavor, according to the exare not usually accounted superstitious, tion of truth, to give him as correct and All Books Sent Postpaid. Address definite a view as possible of the imtestimony of these ladies that the evi- portant subject in question. He com-SEVEN CONCENTRIC REGIONS

or spheres of exceedingly refined mat-

ter, encompassing the earth like belts or girdles; their surfaces diversified with an immense variety of picturesque landname is well-known to Englishmen. lakes, forests, and the internal correspondence of all the higher phenomena of earth. Trees and shrubbery, crowned with exquisitely beautiful follage of every color and variety, send hospital. He appears in every respect forth their grateful emanations, each succeeding sphere increasing in beauty and sublimity as they ascend. A spiritual sun (concentric with the natural sun) illuminating the spheres with a splendor which baffied description. That there were no divisions of timethe inhabitants were divided into societies agreeable to the law of affinity, that teachers from the higher spheres instructed those in the lower, that they continued to pursue studies they were outside the door of the ward, and could interested in on earth, and that wisdom be distinctly seen through the glass developed with increase of knowledge. door. She was bidden by her superior That consanguinity was not a necessary link in the spirit world, but true spiritual kinship; the teaching of the higher spirits was universal progression. That evil was not a positive principle but a negative condition, and suffering not penal but a necessary and invariable sequence of violated law. And further, that the spirit body was a counterpart of the earthly one divested of its imperfections.

CUITA, INDIA.

One of the blessed sages has said that "the age is revelling at a debauch of phenomena," and so it is; all for material progress and material advancement-they have discarded the L'Echo du Merveilleux publishes an bright side of the picture and remain interesting article by M. l'Abbe J. A. contented with its shallow side; they Petit. on "Seers and Prophets." The are rushing headlong with tremendous Abbe, whose psychic faculties seem speed into the gulf of material ruinahighly developed, was a friend of Lady tion. It is not the intention to depre-Calthness, and his second article relates ciate or condemn the material improvethe experiences he had in connection ments and the scientific discoveries, but with the Countess. He classifies vis- what is desired is the spiritual advanceions as pictoral, intellectual, and mixed. ment side by side with it; but unfortu-"Pictorial visions," he says, "are per- nately the most civilized nations of the ceived just as a landscape would be. present day are found most backward But in order to see them the seer must in the cultivation of spiritual science. go out of himself. During one imper- they not only do not care to cultivate it ceptible moment he becomes uncon- but find pleasure in scoffing at it and scious of his surroundings. This may holding in ridicule those who profess to may be easily managed. Nothing kindles enthusiasm more quickly than an Angell Prize Contest! Nothing time enough to pass from the natural heart. The fact is that a scientist wants time enough to pass from the natural heart. The fact is that a scientist wants plane to the higher plane of vision. everything to measure by the standard TRY IT! PRICE, 30 CENTS. With hills, and vales, and blossoms Then the seer becomes clearly aware of of his senses; but those that are not the two lives; physical objects and psy- amenable by them are not believed as facts, and nothing can convince them unless they are cognized by the physical Knowledge of the moral state of the senses; this has been the great evil of psychic beings seen in visions is contact the present day that chokes and sufforcates the spiritual life of the nineteenth seen. If they are alcorated spirits they are alcorated alcorated alcorated spirits they are alcorated a psychic beings seen in visions is con- the present day that chokes and suffoseen. If they are elevated spirits they century, and unless this evil is upare seen in harmonious light, if inferior | rooted while there is yet time to do so, spirits in sombre light, whilst bad the distant future of humanity will be spirits appear to be enveloped in a dull simply something awful to contemgreen phosphorescent hue and produce plate; as strength without compassion, an unpleasant sensation. To this kind education without spirituality, and of vision belongs also audition of the wealth without religious faith are calculated to do immense harm to hudenoted as symbolical. In them, principles of good and evil present them. good to the "great orphan."

Michigan State Association.

The sixth annual convention of the

Michigan State Spiritual Association convened in Lansing, August 15. The attendance was somewhat small, but

Officers elected for the ensuing year: President, David P. Dewey, Grand Blanc; vice-president, John Hutchison, Jackson; secretary, May F. Ayres, scious of an increasing warmth, and Lansing; treasurer, Charles A. Clement, sometimes it emits sparks which Lansing. Trustees, Dr. Barney O'Dell, illuminate his face. The effect may be Paw Paw; C. D. Phipps, Fenton; Mrs. Lucy J. Williams, Schoolcraft. Dele-MAY F. AYRES, Sec'y.

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NOTICE-No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and address must be given, or the letters will not be read. If the request be made, the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has become excessively large, especially letters of inquiry requesting private answers, and while I freely give whatever information I am able, the ordinary courtesy of correspondents is ex-HUDSON TUTTLE. pected.

G. A. B., Washington, D. C.: Q. Is the molecular theory universally or generally accepted by scientists? (2) What of the difference as to the

atomic and the molecular hypothesis? (3) Is is true that "the permanence of the molecular is relative, that of the atomic absolute?

(4) Recent references in The Progressive Thinker would seem to raise grave doubts as to when St. Augustine, the famous church father, lived and wrote: What reliable or authentic data Brit. says: "The best complete edition of his writings is that of the Benedictines, in 11 vols. folio, published in Paris 1679-1800." Did the Benedictine monks have copies of St. Augustine's original writings? A. (1 and 2) The science of chemis-

try is founded on the theory of atoms and molecules, and this theory is accepted with the same assurance as the law of gravitation, and appears to be demonstrated by mathematics almost as positively. It is one of the most marvelous achievements of pure intellectual, of intuitive grasping the relations of matter that are entirely beyond the recognition of the senses. No one ever saw, or heard or felt an atom or a molecule. No one ever can. They exist as purely speculative entities. The proof of their existence depends on the processes of pure reason by which it is shown that they explain the phenomena of chemical combination in all its forms, and never fail in the most complex actions and reactions which are induced by the chemist.

The atomic theory, that all matter is composed of particles which cannot be further divided. The theory that all forms of matter are made up of these simple atoms was found to fail in its application. A more complex relation exists in the aggregation of these atoms. They unite not as individuals but as groups, and these groups, form molegules. With these atoms and groups of atoms all combinations are explained, and every such explanation adds its evidence to prove the correctness of the theory. The atoms of which the elements are composed are -different, as these elements differ, and the molecules into which the atoms aggregate differ. Brilliant as this theory is, and wonderful the manner it represents chemical combinations, there is much to be taken on faith, and a yet broader generalization to be annunciated. There are also some curious anomalies in the combinations of the elements for which chemists have vainly attempted to explain. (3) It would be infered that the atom was permanent, while the molecules into which two or more group themselves is temporary.

(4) The criticism on all the church "Fathers" applies with equal force. In his so-called biography, he is said to have been unacquainted with the Hebrew tongue, and to account for the bad Greek he used in his writings, it is said he was not educated even in Greek learning. That any original manuscripts existed in 1671, or over thirteen centuries after they were written is too preposterous to be entertained. With "Christ's sake," what is true, what false, in the absence of all witnesses, (these have been destroyed) it is impossible to determine.

It must be borne in mind that the manuscripts. The Greek scholar educated in theological schools will not observe the barbarous Greek of the "Fathers," but it is hoped that some one equipped with equal knowledge of that language will show the impossibility of such Greek being written in the middle of the fourth century, when it was the polite tongue.

James Campbell, New York: Calls attention to the following case reported in a New York paper, of a little girl only five years old.

Her mother, Mrs. Marie Fiero, of No. 556-Morris avenue, told the Magistrate that Jennie "was thoroughly bad, wicked, abnormal and criminal." Jennie refused to eat good food in the house and fed herself on stuff picked up in the street. She would not walk erect, like other

children, but crawled like a snake. She had a murderous instinct, having tried to kill the baby, and had besides a suicidal mania, having attempted to jump out of windows several times.

The girl is a pinched-looking, weazened little thing, and her mother could not make her stand still in court. Jennie crawled around the policemen's feet, face down, with arms and legs outstretched like the flippers of a turtle Her mother wept bltterly while tell

ing the story through an interpreter. She found Jennie creeping upon her brother Tony, who is 10 months old and who was seated in his high chair. The girl had a large knife in her hand and was about to plunge it into the baby's body when the mother sprang to the rescue and wrenched the knife from

Then Jennie crawled to the window and tried to jump into the street.

Jennie also tried to kill her other brother, 9 years old, with a knife. The mother says the child has made at-

tempts on the lives of all the family. A. There is a tendency to refer such cases to obsession, and it furnishes a ready explanation, yet we are not justi-

fied in going to a higher source, when a lower will meet the case. We should not call in the aid of spirits when ordinary means are adequate. Such cases as this child, and of Jesse Pomeroy, are amese twins, a two-headed or threearmed child is a physical deformity. The animal nature is developed and the spiritual atrophied. It may be an inheritance from more or less remote ancestors, or the condition of the mother before the child's birth may be the potent cause. Such prenatal history would undoubtedly throw light on the

J. B. Smith: Q. Is it any advantage, as promoting conditions for a medium, to sit in an insulated chair? A. There are no means by which the nerve-force can be insulated, as it is

entirely distinct from electricity. A chair insulated by resting on glass, would not be to this spirit force. Some mediums have been instructed by their "guides," to place their chairs on glass plates, or balls, showing that these guides were ignorant of the law of this

George Weber: Q. Parties here claim that in Kentucky there is a railroad that was built by women, is now owned and operated by women, all the employes on said railroad are women-engineers, firemen, conductors, and brakemen, etc. Now is this true to your knowledge, or any part thereof? Or is there anything like it anywhere in this country or any other?

A. After diligent inquiry we have failed to find the record of such a rail-

Julius Leach: Q. (1) Were the articles published in the Arena by Hensolt, in regard to the Grand Lama of Thibet reliable?

(2) We are often led to believe that

spirits can and do manifest when there

is no medium present. If this is a fact what is the necessity for a medium? A. (1) In a review made at time of publication of the articles of Hensolt. I pointed out in The Progressive Thinker the inconsistencies and impossibilities of the statements made. There are laws of matter which cannot be transcended, and if an observer states that he has seen the exact contrary, we may charitably conclude that he thinks he is correct, but know that asserts that he saw a man plant the seed of a tree and it sprouted and grew in a short time into a large tree into the branches of which the magician climbed and gathered fruit, we may say that the observer thought he saw all this, but a tree never did, never can

(2) In such cases there may not be a professed medium present, but those in the presence of whom the manifestations are made for the time act as such.

grow that way! It is a fraud, and the

narrator becomes a deceiver by endors-

BOOK REVIEWS.

Aletheia: Spirit of Truth. A series of letters in which the principles of the United Society known as Shakers are set forth and illustrated. By Aurelia. This book of brief letters is pervaded ing pursued, will in less than six teer to plow up enough for a garden to ing the medium with conditions that by the sweet spirit of Shakerism. One wants to read it in some quiet nook of nature's beauties, to drink in its peaceful meditative influence, elevating and spiritualizing to the one whose life and thought have prepared one for its recep-

tion and assimilation. It is beautifully illustrated with fine pictures of many persons and places noted in the annals of the Order. Altogether it is a fine souvenir that should be valued by members of the United Society known as Shakers. Viewing the sweetly placed features of just where they were-making smaller light when it reappears. Dr. Carbonell of my patrons are not confirmed Spiritthe many, young and old, shown in the illustrations, one can hardly fail to be impressed that the Shakers have found somewhat that is spiritually good, that is not possessed by the world at large, neither indeed can be known by those who are engrossed in the cares and worries of ordinary life as it is in this world. At least they are firm in the belief they possess such knowledge, and the belief exercises a fine moulding influence on their character.

Better World Philosophy. A Sociological Synthesis. By J. Howard Moore. Published by the Ward-Waugh Co., Chicago. Price, \$1.

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to copy as they pleased and destroy as | social problem; egoism and altruism; they pleased, and forge manuscripts for the preponderance of egoism; the social ideal; the derivation of the nature of living beings; race culture; individual

Striking thoughts, often embodied in fairly poetic expression, keep the mind writers on this subject are Christian be- of the reader alert. In subject matter, lievers, and hence utterly blind to every | in style and in aim, it is a book that error or confliction in the text of the may well have been written and placed before the thinking world.

> State Convention of California. The Fourth Annual Convention of the California State Spiritualists' Association will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Seventh and Market streets, San Francisco, September 1, 2 and 3, 1899. The purpose of the confor the coming year, and to transact | land near it for gardens?" "Yes." such other business as may be for the hest interests of all Spiritualists, and the advancement of the cause in this State. Communities of Spiritualists not organized and chartered with the State Association are invited to do so at once and participate in this convention.

M. S. NORTON, Pres. THOS. G. NEWMAN, Sec. 1429 Market St., San Francisco. San Francisco, Aug. 1, 1899.

Found No Writing.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Benjamin Lukins, a pronounced skeptic, is a persistent investigator of Spiritualism and is attending phenomena. A photograph was taken of two slates fastened and sealed by Lukins yesterday on which he is to receive a message. Eighteen months ago he delivered two sealed slates to a well-known medium which were opened yesterday in the presence of a com- furniture. The kitchen was found with mittee of twelve, and no writing ap- its little charcoal fire pots; the water peared thereon. Lukins says he is convinced that slate-writing is a fraud.

Indianapolis News. The Principles of Nature, as Discovered in the Development and Structure of the Universe. Material and Spiritual Magnetic Forces. Laws of Spiritual Manifestations and Mediumship. Spiritual Planes and Spheres. Given inspirationally, by Mrs. Maria M. King. In three volumes, 8vo. A remarkable work; among the greatest in the literature of Spiritualism. Price reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.25 per volume. Post-

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HUMANITARIAN

spiritual monstrosities, just as the Si- Red Cross Relief for the Reconcentrado Orphans of

By Clara Barton, President American National ReduCross Society

bris of the terrible war that has so long vitation was sufficient. The hair was been waged in Cuba consists of some clipped, the infected rags removed, and 50,000 destitute orphan children of reconcentrados who have in the last few the little visitor put little at soap and years died of starvation and want. These children are scattered through

to receive the driven-out country peo- good women of the town had learned were largely the country people of prop-erty—farmers, small planters. They Cuban mothers. All the better families and cities, not because they had not, that third morning twelve ladies of the insurgent bands by supplying them cut, baste and finish, were at the house

role mother. When there was little course of preparation. The long tables food the mother went without and died. are set and the family of sixty little The children ate and lived.

dents divided food and clothing with but they are, and are it all—one would them, and divided again and not dare to give them more. again; but there was a point at which | The nurses and the ladies taught look out for themselves.

out towns; utterly homeless, and no were you three days ago? ence is, however, begging of the pas- lines, comprising some 100 boys and sengers of every passing train. It some- girls, the lines commencing near the times becomes difficult to alight for the great open door. As I entered, the first crowd of little eager, faces and out- little girl modestly lifted her hand, and stretched hands; and yet they are as I took it she bravely broke the silovable children I have ever seen, when | "Good-moning." The next did the | permitted to show their animus towards

vation has distended their stomachs. emaciated their limbs, the feet are crusted with vermin, and all have the

geons and trained nurses thought out to work, to read, and to forget the to use them. dreadful lives of pain, want and woe they went through.

make them. I will select one of the main helpless and hungry.

reconcentrado orphans in the town-"about 60." "What they were able to take off the cross. She bore this stoicdo for them?" "Little or nothing. They ally for some time, but finally the get some rations, but no care. "Would you like to have them cared self. She alone was dishonored, these for?" "Of all things they are a sore other children were all the world to grief to us." "Have you an empty her, she knew no other. All the house large enough to accommodate world, then, was against her. "Public them?" . "Yes, but in poor condition: it opinion was down on her." She comhas been used for Spanish quarters for menced to cry-a nervous, sensitive, troops, and is broken and dirty." "Can I see it?" "Certainly." It was on the appeared, and all hands hastened to get vention is to elect officers and directors outskirts of the town. "Has it some the cross back again as quickly as pos-

> men, water, lime, brooms, whitewash brushes and other utensils sent for and all set to work to make that dingy shelter a clean, white, comfortable home for the remnants left. A telegram went to the warehouse in Havana for sixty cots, blankets, plllows, sheets. a like number of tin or enameled plates, with knives, forks, spoons, cups, cooking utensils, small bathtubs, soap, fowels, sulphur, pieces of calico, unbleached cotton, denims, thread, needles, shoes, salt meat, lard, Indian meal; rice, beans peas, coffee, sugar, condensed milk, soup, etc., enough to provide sixty children two or three weeks. The second day completed the cleaning of the house, and made a row of long rough board tables and benches to stand beside them and some other rough board also found and tested. All' the town was beginning to look curiously at the work. Meanwhile the once-a-day train from Havana arrives, and with it the car of supplies, which are quickly transferred to the building and as quickly put in a place for use. The lit le bathing-tubs are here, the soap, sulphur and salve. Does anyone think these children had to be hunted and gathered in? By no means, no one in all the town watched those movements as closely as they a Instinct sharpened

by necessity and experience had taught

them wisdom. They felt that all this

It is estimated that a part of the de-1 meant something for them; and one insulphur bath, scrubbed and treated.

Meanwhile the cots had been set up nearly every city and town which had in long lines, white, clean and inviting. been of sufficient size and importance Long before this day was over the ple. They are not children of low or that clothes were to be made. No findoubtful origin, many are of the best gers are more deft than the Cuban woof Cuban families. The reconcentrados men's, and no mother's that I have ever were driven by Weyler into the towns have sewing machines. At eight o'clock but because they had something, and it town with their machines and as many was suspected that they supported the more with their scissors and needles, to with provisions and money. The fath- and before night there was no child ers were killed or joined the Cuban without a new, clean, prettilly made army and disappeared. The mothers | dress or suit; no vermin, no contagion unprovided for.

Almost every living child among The little charcoal fires are started, them represents the sacrifice of a he- and the soup, vegetables, etc., put in boarders sit down to it. For the first The Cubans are not responsible for time almost in their remembrance or the destitution of these poor children. perhaps their lives, they sat at a table, When the starving reconcentrados and ate with knife, fork and spoonwere driven into the towns, the resi- with childish awkwardness to be sure- Mr. Evans in Reply to Rob-

they had to stop giving. They had them to help clear away their dishes children of their own; Cuba is a country and to wash them, and when that was of large families, and it became a ques- over they came back to the long table tion of starving their own children or and benches, now become a schoolof letting the young reconcentrados look room—the little primer with large letters, the delight of a child, and one Only for the Cuban rations distrib- looked through the tears to see them uted by our army it would be a sorry pointing with their little skeleton finlookout for these helpless little ones, gers to tell the one sitting nearest by They range in number from thirty to that that is "O," and this is "S"-poor seventy-five and even 100, in the vari- little God-forsaken creatures. Where

among the brightest, most grateful and lence with the sweetest little acceut, which Mr. Robinson or his friend were same, and the next, and so on to the me, by stating that "they were half sus-Their very rags are filled with disease | end of the line, which I was able to fin- | picious that Mr. Evans would only run germs, filthy beyond description. Star- ish; but when I turned to the first wee | away and live to bluster another day." little boy and he glanced up with his great dark Cuban eyes, and lisped in knows that it is impossible for any psy swollen and often broken open, heads his pretty little accent, "Godd-moning," | chic or medium to produce phenomena it was too much. I Went through the at will, and that they are merely in-It was a subject for both humane and that the nurses enjoyed the success of forces. Therefore the challenger genermedical study, and together our sur- their little scheme of teaching English, ally takes a fairly safe ground, for he and wrought out a system which, we one or two acres, sometimes ten or fif- conditions by irritating as well as agbelieve, simply followed out as now be- teen. The farmers frequently volun- gravating him, as well as by surround hapless renegades into clean, whole are given the asylung, and the larger | you lose." I have already written to Chicago Times-Herald. some, well-ordered children; learning children, boys and girls, are shown how

There are usually one or more wid-The system is this: Finding it impos- their own whom the fown recommends lenges before, and I can assure Mr. sible to take the time to attempt to fol- as desirable persons to live in the asylow the customary methods of making lum with the children their care over up large asylums in the great cities, as them is invaluable. their instruction the conditions of these children meant and help equally so. It is interesting life and death to themselves and to oth- to see the smaller children dropping the asylums of the plainest and simplest told us that at his last visit of inspeckind, interesting the authorities and tion he say in several of the gardens the people of the city at all times in the children playfully trying on tiptoe the movement, securing their full co- to look over the tops of the corn they operation, providing for all wants, and had planted themselves only a few making it possible for the people of the weeks before, that they were eating towns to look after them as their own, lettuce and radishes of their own, and with our continued care and oversight. that in six weeks they would be eating As our system is the same for all asy- their own sweet potatoes. With the lums, a description of one will proba- three or four crops a year of Cuba, bly be an index to the hundred to fol- these children, small as they are, will

domain of General Lee, as being per- these children are continually rehaps one of the least inviting, for as our marked. Has hardship broken them? town had been pointed out, and the de- them very gentle, and have made it scription decided Dr. Hubbell to at- known that, so far as my word had any tempt assistance. A notice was sent power, never one of these children that the Red Cross would visit them on should be struck. They were children abuse. a certain day. To the astonishment of of sorrow, they had had their share of the doctor and his little party, they grief. I would institute one method of were met a half-mile out of the town by correction, if any were needed, as folities with a crowd of people, and this to the garment at the left shoulder, or times forcibly entered by the contend- this; it is their badge of distinction. settling this important question. ing armies. First one and then the The regulation for deportment is that other; in all the three years no one has if any child so far transgresses as to ever come to us but to do us harm! but | make it necessary, the red cross is to when we learned that the Red Cross be taken off and withheld until the was coming we knew that was for child is good again. So far only one good and we are here to meet and wel- instance has been officially reported. One little girl of eight or ten years old The doctor asked the number of full disobeyed, was reasoned with, but remained stubborn, and it was decided to change became apparent even to herlittle thing; symptoms of convulsions sible. It was as we had expected-no The great empty house was visited in | child could endure it. Public opinion

the midst of a grove of cocoanuts and is a terrible power.

I would have it distinctly borne in have been granted by the various roads. the general orphans, of the Island, work. This is a work of life and

> The Red Cross, atrithe instance of President McKinley, accommenced the relief of the reconcentrades of Cuba nearly two years ago! ' ## The war intervened: The blockade shut us out. Returning to Isearch an

entrance made by our troops; we found the troops themselves. The S. S. State of Texas with its reconcentrado supplies was not without use at Siboney and Santiago. We tried again at Havana-found it still a Spanish port and could not enter-left its waters and waited; but faithful to its work, returned to Havana a few months later to find, that naturally, the mothers had starved in the streets of the towns where they had been driven and the hildren ran about alone. This, then, became the remnant of the

work we went to do months before America had fought a Cuban war and buried her dead. The war is ended, but the Red Cross still stands in its tracks with the fifty

thousand reconcentrado orphans on

its hands. Its agents work faithfully

on, gathering them up out of pollution and death. Its source of supplies is the American people and that only. We believe that with as many dollars

as there are estimated children, aided by the Cuban people themselves, these children can all be taken up as shown, placed in their little home asylums, learn to work and become healthful adjuncts of a community, rather than a pest. A very few months would accomplish this and the Red Cross, longer in the field than all others, more hard worked and weary than all would rejoice, close its work and come home.

The American National Red Cross desires to call your attention to the above which truly describes the terrible condition of the orphan children of the dead reconcentrados of Cuba.

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greatly appreciated. Yours truly. American National Red Cross,

Clara Barton, Pres.

\$1,000 CHALLENGE.

inson and Others.

To the Editor:-Since July 12, I have been spending my summer vacation in the Santa Cruz mountains, California, and have not had the pleasure of receiving any of the spiritual journals until very recently, therefore I was not posted on Mr. Robinson's \$1,000 challenge until some kindly disposed friend sent me a belated copy of the Banner of Light containing the Robinson challenge. I have already sent an article one has the least personal interest in At length it was decided that I visit | call upon me in New York City (Robin- | Science. them or responsibility for them. All an asylum only a few days old. We son's home with a certified check for kind people. The townspeople still do the children were waiting to receive me. binding agreements, and no doubt he what they can, but their main depend- I went at once. Here were two long | would have his amount covered as quickly as he desired.

Yesterday I received a copy of The Progressive Thinker dated August 12, and containing an article over the nom de plume of "Psychic Researcher," in Tribune. line, but did not see. I need not add struments in the hands of unseen Every asylum has its land; sometimes generally tries to spoil the sensitive's two spiritual journals replying to Mr. R., and asking him to bring his certified owed mothers with some children of office. I have accepted about ten chal- Daily Advertiser. Robinson that he will not have all his own way in the matter.

I can be addressed at 103 West Fortythird street, New York (the city that Mr. Robinson lives in). I will return to New ers, it was decided to gather them up corn into the drill, and again their de- York in September. Since the majority ualists, but merely investigators, and since I have really received as much fair play from the secular press as I have from the average number of Spiritualist journals, I consider myself under no obligation to the majority of Spiritualists. They rarely prove loyal to mediums when said mediums are attacked, no matter how loyal mediums have been to their cause; in fact, I have been denied the right to reply to. low, if we shall be so fortunate as to not, under these conditions, always re- attacks in some Spiritual papers, that the secular press has graciously acearlier towns in Havana province, the The gentleness and obedience of corded to me. All further challenges or controversies on this subject will be ignored by me unless carried on or work becomes known, we are sought on We cannot know this; but I have been directed to me personally at my office, every hand. The poor conditions of this impelled to make all regulations with as I consider newspaper challenges and controversies a waste of time, and merely generally gotten up for the purpose of bluff and bunkum as well as for

"Psychic Researcher" says in his article: "Now is the time for Fred. P. Evans to administer a knock-out blow the mayor and other municipal author- lows. Each child wears, sewn firmly to all skeptics." I was not aware that Mr. Robinson was of such national or explanation was given. "Our town is armpit, a little red cross, of perhaps an | world-wide importance as to have His chapters embrace the subjects: a wreck. During the war it was five inch in size. They are very proud of vested in him the power of forever

Why even the verlest novice would know that if I succeeded in satisfying Mr. Robinson of the genuineness of psychography, the world would say, "Two Fakers duping the public." If I convinced the admittedly greatest man in the world, the dear public would say, "The man was very clever but crazy on Spiritualism." So that a "contest" with our friend Mr. Robinson-even if I won-would, owing to his-being a prestidigateur, reflect on my honesty-as the skeptic would say. "It was all fixed." Respectfully yours,

FRED, P. EVANS. Los Gatos, California.

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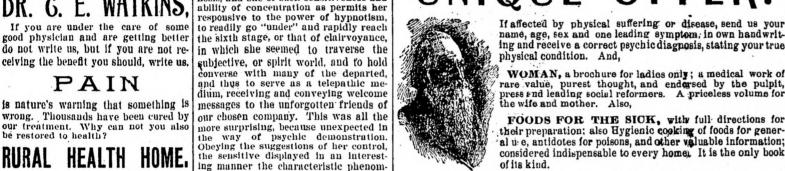
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