SHALL THE SPIRIT BE FORGED OUT OF THE BODY?

Shall a Person B3 Allowed to Suffer Intolerable Pains From Incurable Disease?

A Prominent Philadelphian Writes of Suicide and Its Results.

THE ANCIENTS GAVE A MAN THE | the time the change was becoming such RIGHT TO KILL HIMSELF-WE MODERNS, HOWEVER, HAVE A GREAT DREAD OF DISSOLUTION -HOW THE LAW OF THE STATES LOOKS AT THE ACT OF SUICIDE - TWO INSTANCES WHERE' SELF DESTRUCTION WOULD HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED.

Whether one agrees with Judge Simeon E. Baldwin and Dr. Nehemiah Nickerson regarding death as a recourse from incurable disease or not, all thinking men must hold to-day that death is held to be too much of a catastrophe and too little a matter of symptom of disease is not a thought we family fell a victim to an organic deserts without complaining. But she course, says the Chicago Chronicle. It can think. Nowadays we are coming to trouble of the heart. She was a person refused the consolation of religion to has recently been pointed out that the | understand that a child is fretful and | Old Testament may be searched in vain without finding that death was ever regarded as a motive, positively or negatively, for the living. And this, too, in the face of the fact that the world was almost on the threshold of the Christian era before a school arose among the Jews to which faith in a future life was not unknown. "No free man thinks much on death," says that man drunken with the thoughts of God, Baruch Spinoza, and there is nothing truer today than the absurdity of going to a possible ending of life for guidance respecting the conduct of it.

Along with this feeling of hyperaesthesia concerning death in the modern world has gone a curiously growing disregard for the sanctity of the individual life. Suicide is held to be murder by all Christians and the common law bears this out by pronouncing it felo de se, a felony committed upon your own person. Yet how great a step has been taken since the day that when a man who took his own life was buried at the intersection of two roadways, "with a stake in his side!" New York, it is true, punishes an attempt at sulcide as a crime, but the condition is anomalous; to condemn the unsuccessful when the successful are beyond condemnation is absurd, and only less absurd is the intervention of a human court when an appeal has been taken to the final and supreme one of all. Good manners and morals are conserved equally well by Illinois in holding it to be disorderly conduct merely, when such is the fact. Public scandal is to be

SUICIDE AND THE ANCIENTS. The ancients held death self-inflicted to be a resort of unexceptionable protaking off of Cato will be in the mind of | ill temper turned to outbursts of every schoolboy. Among oriental nations death is notably despised, and not infrequently sought as a blessing. Our American territory, by way of example. In older Japan the practice of hari-kari, "proper thing" under certain circum-

It would seem, therefore, that while thing of happiness. it has been the practice almost uniwhom life is a burden, of it, as a matter | which made it necessary for him to be of duty and humanity, we modern have | followed across half a continent, the love the consolation we grant to a pet he was so weakened that he could only platitudes and false analogies.

or extreme age.

A CHICAGO CASE.

Not many years ago a resident of Chicago was stricken with such an incurable malady of the kidneys that death became merely a question of time-at first of years, then of months, at last of days. To those who knew him well enough to understand that he was suffering from a mortal hurt to his constitution, and who knew enough of position, the result was sufficiently disagreeable and disheartening. This was, and more intimate friends. Just in proportion as one stood close to this man, in his prime a perfect specimen of physical and intellectual vigor, just so far was one compelled to follow the slow and insidious wrecking of all that was best in bim.

This was for those who loved him. To those others who were more remote, would have been preferable. The ab- fronted-as it undoubtedly was. The weight falls to the ground. Nature's steamer Comanche. his enemies more particularly - for stention from it proved the man's real there was too much character and pos- nobility of soul. He thought it wicked their place and returned where the poor against the laws of life are not only itiveness in the man to leave him with- to take his own life and he thought it | woman could see her. out warm friends, and so with warm | cowardly to fiee from present evils. foes-there was no knowledge of the Low as his mortal affliction plunged pathological changes in him, only of the fact that a model of self-containment | steadfast to the end. Physical courage | was losing all sense of restraint upon he had never lacked and to the most confessedly slight provocation, and that | intelligent of his acquainfances the fact | demned to almost infinite suffering, | an exemplar of habitual self-denial should indulge himself in the grossest

Those who read Stevenson's "Dr.

stead the horrid shape of the moral idiot obtruding itself, There were, moreover, to bring the two cases more nearly together, such lucid intervals as the writer told of Jekyll, so that the wrong of Hyde was at times taken at its true

and unholy worth.

DENOUNCED HIS SHORTCOMINGS. Unconsciously to most of us our ideas of right and wrong have so ground into our very organization that sin as a because he is unhealthy. When our as parents, give something to correct billousness, but it was in the severer True wisdom is the sternest of masters and punishes ignorance with scorpion whips, no matter whether the ignorance to be chastised could or could not have been avoided. So it was here. Never was there a man deserving of more tender pity for his moral lapses. Never was there a suffering man who gave or received less of that quality of mercy which should never be strained. When away from the influence of the insidious poison which was corroding both body and soul he was harsh-harsh as he had never been before-in his denunciation of his moral shortcomings. And, being a masterful man, he fairly forced his wife and children to his own

The result was inevitable. When we see a man suffering from remorse, when we hear his cry of true penitence, blaming himself bitterly for his misdeeds and faithfully promising amendment, we can harly believe that the sinner, however weak, has committed the wrong because of a physical infirmity and not through any real moral fault. We forget that life is even more of a mystery than death; we prefer to think the easy thoughts, and we dismiss as sophistries all notions that can make a the fact though it be.

PROGRESS OF MORAL DECAY. So the disease crept onward. Attacks of common drunkenness gave way to priety under many circumstances. The elaborate and disgraceful orgies; fits of maniacal fury; the broodings of remorse set the patient on to self-inflicted punishments, including the cutting of newly found fellow citizens in portions | the limbs with dull knives, until on one of the Philippines have brought the un- occasion the bedchamber looked like a pleasant custom of running amuck into | shamble; and then at last came the realization of his true condition and the hopeless and pitiful prayer for death. or ceremonial suicide, reached the point | Meanwhile the tender love which he of etiquette and was described as the needed the more for his denial of it was more and more withheld. His wife, a stances. In India and other countries | model of all womanly virtues, was outof the East it is not unusual for a man | raged beyond hope of reconciliation. to kill himself at the threshold of his | Her children-and his-stood with their enemy, with the avowed intention of much abused and terror-stricken haunting him as soon as he has ob- mother. A sense of family pride, as tained the necessary information in the pernicious in its effects as it was noble world beyond. Primitive man has at all | in its conception and execution, kept times held to the right of self-destruc- i them all from having him placed in an tion, and in most cases carried this for- asylum or private sanitarium where ward to the point of ending lives tilled | constant and practiced watchfulness with the miseries of incurable disease and assiduous care would have restored him to a measure of health and some-

The man had been rich. With all the versally to take one's own life as one rest came extravagance. After a frensees fit and to deprive the others to | zied period of drinking-and worsegrown to such a dread of final dissolu- sufferer was brought home-to die? Ah, tion that we would deny to those we he had been dying for ten years. But dog or cat-of making a peaceful and | pray for death. The physicians came. dignified ending of what they do not They found him absolutely without hold worth keeping and would gladly | self-restraint. The tale the wife and give up. When a distinguished jurist son had to tell was so cynical that even like Judge Baldwin or a physician of i their habitual calm was shocked into repute like Dr. Nickerson unite in ap- expressions of regret. The man begged probation of taking human life when it to be rid of his misery. He lay on his is undoubtedly humane so to do, they back; some of the friends—the vamdeserve to meet with something besides | pires-of his later acquaintances came

wild speculation. THE LAST STAGES. memory is a stench and a curse in the loved him.

him in other respects, in this he was that he refused the only possible escape from his accumulated miseries is one of the too few consolations his latter life

afforded. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," published about | What would be not have given, what | an assistant for the nurse. What had | greater difficulties than would have |

friends and his work people, who loved which steeped his soul in a Lethe from which it could not awaken again in this world? What blame would have followed a Dr. Nickerson had he administered the quietus, so far as intelligent are for the best-was this?

A WOMAN THE VICTIM.

Henry Ward Beecher is said to have observed that he never knew a Christhat it fell upon the public eye to a cer- | tian to make an edifying end when the tain extent, saw all the qualities of the cause of the death was situated below good man slowly and certainly ob-scured by wasting illness and in their made out diseases having their seat in the organs lying under the diaphragm injure the character and disposition far more than those which are seated in the organs above that dividing membrane, generally and rather crudely speaking. But this is not always true, though it is sufficiently near an exact statement to be taken as illuminating if only its various bearings be studied out. A most estimable woman, for many years well known in Chicago, by reason of her complete devotion to her husband and of the strongest will, of intense vitality, peevish, not from choice, nor yet from of unusually good heredity and of the the old Adam working out, but merely highest character. All who knew her held her in the highest esteem, though parents used to administer the rod, we, in some cases this was manifested by a feeling of envy, so various and so excellent were her natural gifts, refined and perfected by constant application and real nobility of soul. Unfortunately for everyone concerned, this estimable woman fell into the hands of the practitioners of a school of medicine which lacks at once scientific knowledge and scientific remedies. Treated as she was by purely empirical processes, she eventually fell into a dropsy, which forced her to confine herself to her chamber, though with characteristic energy she refused to be bedridden This, be it noted, was not for years after her malady had declared itself. It has long been known to students of its methods as the school of experience, longevity that the chief factor in giving length of years is, after all, the tendency to live for a certain length of time regardless of all other considera-

PRECIOUS TIME WASTED. In the minds of educated and properly trained physicians with whom the case has been discussed there seems to be no doubt that the matter should not have been allowed to assume the pliase of dropsy, or, having gone to that length, that it should not then be checked. The physicians who were in attendance upon this unfortunate woman, however, stood powerless in the presence of a mere symptom and while they were man morally irresponsible and yet able | confessing their ignorance of palliatives to perceive his own misconduct-after the dropsical condition grew into a cheerful at the worst, even merry upon occasion, saw no more reason for dying than she had before, and could not realize that she was being left alone at and slighter attacks and she had recovered she believed that they had been the means of her restoration to partial health—the fact, of course, being that it was her wonderful powers of recuperato go for a longer time, as it were, which had kept her from being permanently invalid.

So when urged by friends to take the counsel of other physicians she refused. bad tidings and disclose the whole truth that these physicians had given up hope of a cure and were yet unwilling to admit or to advise recourse to some school not so bound by imperfect and disproved theory and unscientific practice. ithdrawal of the dropsical liquid and four dull weeks were wasted, every day, every moment of which was

precious and beyond recall.

ASKS FOR POISON. patient had been seized with an attack of vomiting and a black mass had been brought up, which they immediately pronounced to be a fatal symptom of bled away his substance in orders for her hopeful mind, that they were pro- of suspense forty years." nouncing a death sentence. When the came as fetid with the disease as his her the truth. Of wide experience in soul. He begged for release. Religious such cases-though she afterward conconsolations were offered him and he, fessed she had never known such who had been a man of unshaken con- vitality as was exhibited here, either victions all his healthy life, spat upon | before or since—the nurse was comreligion and most awfully cursed God, pelled, by the superior force of this medicine to understand the effect of that he might die. The atmosphere of woman's character, to disclose in some this trouble upon his mind and dis- the sick-room is a lingering horror to all detail the horrors of a death from such ever blurred our conceptions of right or | this in her hand it was wrapped up. wrong. And at the last he died and his Removing the wrapper she found the The confession of this spirit proves box labeled "aconite," and she was that if we ignore Nature's laws and by hearts of all he loved and all who once | forthwith assured that her patient in- | our conscious act sever the bond that tended self-destruction, as the less of holds us in earth life, the effect of such nurse therefore put the powders back in | method of dealing with such outrages

powders, madam," she said. Though proves that a spirit forced from the Florida. she has blamed herself bitterly ever earth plane, a conscious sticide, has no since, there was no word of blame from the lips of the person she had thus con- until such time as he or she should have The powders were not mentioned again.

GOES TO HER END.

would his family not have given and his | been foreseen took place and the room became uninhabitable except for those him too, if the utter bitterness of that | devoted servants of the afflicted in the last year could have been avoided? third day, which was Wednesday. Had Who could have blamed the plous hand not the wind been favorable and so continuing for an unusual time, the entire house must have been given up, in fact. Sheets saturated with powerful disinfectants and deodorizers were hung about; every fifteen minutes the nurse persons are concerned? Many things on duty rinsed her mouth and nostrils and gurgled her throat with appropriate germicides; the situation was inconceivably awful. For the sick woman preserved her faculties through eight long days, during which she was dying, literally, by inches-and he extremitles were not only dead long before her intellect, but were grossly and horridly corrupt. She passed away on the Monday, a day and a week after her physicians had said she could not live twenty-four hours. For three days before her death her heart, a part of her left lung and her brain were all that were alive in her. She knew to the full what she was passing through. She stood it like the woman of character she was. She could not move; she was denied the right to a death which was not an accumulation of horrors; she sat upright in her chair and passed to her | mortal. that in her heart she believed God to be unjust in so afflicting her,

It is no difficult matter to advise after the event. Foresight and hindsight have been judicially decreed to be different things. But who knowing what he knows now could have visited the nurse with blame had she placed the aconite in her patient's hand and turned her back? And if this is true, may not our present method be capable of im-

Experiences of a Suicide in Spirit Life The fate or condition of the suicide in the after life, is a question that has been much discussed by those entertaining various opinions. However as there is no school so thorough and exacting in doubtless the most important of life's lessons are learned in that school.

Some time ago I received an unexpected spirit communication. spirit began by saying: "I am a suicide. When in earth life I lived in a house and in environments that were quite unsatisfactory." (I presume the spirit referred to the physical body as the house in which it lived waile on earth.) "Being dissatisfied with my lot in life, I concluded to end it. One day I went to the river brink and threw myself into the stream, quickly passing into the eternity of the future. On regaining consciousness, I found myself upon a barren plain, dark, dismal and desolate. Alone I wandered about in the darkness, calling for assistance, but there came no response. I have no language poisoning of the blood. The patient; to fully describe my sufferings. prayed for relief, but alas, it came not. "After a long time, which seemed a thousand years, I saw in the distance a rift of light in the dark canopy above, a time when she most required aid. Be- and tried to draw near it. Presently I cause these physicians of hers had been | saw an angel face in the welcome light in attendance upon her during other | This messenger inquired what was wanted. I replied that I wished to know where I was, and to escape from my fearful condition. I was told that it was impossible at that time, as I had brought upon myself this state of suftion, her system having been wound up | fering by the act of self-destruction, thus forcing my spirit into a life for which it was entirely unprepared, and as effect follows cause, so must misery follow one who presumed to overstep the bounds of nature's laws. The face No one was willing to be the bearer of | disappeared-stillness reigned and all |

was dark and lonely again. "I had no conception of the time that passed, but as the seeming eternity dragged slowly along, I remembered that when on earth I had at times prayed to God for help. Kneeling, In their quandary they kept hope alive prayed as in the days gone by, that I ists Association. I hope to hear from by vague promises of tapping for the | might escape from my terrible fate. | every locality in Minnesota where we God, however, did not grant my reby the administration of remedies | quest, but again I saw the light, and | which were not remedies. In this way with it came a voice, saying that no power could rescue me from my sad dilemma. Time alone could bring relief, there being no other position for me to occupy until the time arrived when I should have passed from earth to spirit At last, upon a Sunday, these physi- life in the regular course of Nature's cians paid their last visit to the sick- laws. As I was being told this a star room. Just before their coming the became visible and I was further instructed that when the star should reach its zenith, the time of my libera-

tion would be at hand. "Thus I suffered on, linked with misblood poisoning, or septicaemia. They ery and despair, until I heard a voice assured the trained nurse privately that | whisper, 'The time for your release has their patient could not live twenty-four | come.' When released I was told that hours more, and they had the heartless- I must begin life as a little child and ness to bid the poor woman good-by in work my way upwards. I learned subto his bedside and even then he gam- a manner which left no doubt, even in sequently that I had been in that state

The spirit was asked the object of the two men had gone the sick person, in | confession. The reply was: "To impart Blood-polsoning set in. Always a perfect command of her faculties, made a lesson." The spirit declined to give model of cleanliness, his body now be- the nurse sit down before her and tell | the name it bore when on earth, on account of friends still in this life, who would be pained thereby: What a painful lesson is here set

forth by an erring soul, who has suffered for the crime of self-murder. It doubtless seems a trifling matter to thoughtless and dissatisfied individual to cut short its stay on earth, and thus who found themselves within it. a cause. After listening with all due avoid the trials and difficulties of mor-Finally nature, more merciful than the attention, the sick woman asked the tality. We are evidently destined to of course, especially true of his family physicians, sank him into the lethargy nurse to give her a little box of powders meet the trials of life with patience and which came at last. For a week he lay which was in one of the drawers of the fortitude in order to become strong and unconscious, as noisome a wretch as dressing case. When the nurse took vigorous and thus be prepared to fulfill a useful mission in the future life.

> woman could see her. self-operating, but stern, as well as cal-"I am compelled to refuse you those culated to correct the fault. It also proper place or condition in spirit life passed on in the regular order of nature. Nor is this all; the spirit must return to the earth plane, take up the life work left undone, and finish the same It was necessary that there should be as best it can, while meeting more and

been encountered when it was in possession of the mortal form. It also appears that it is a part of the mission of such returning spirit to give the warning signal, that those who contemplate self-destruction may be apprised of their danger, and thus avoid the painful results experienced by this suffering spirit.

It will readily be understood by this lesson that any attempt upon the part of a mortal to escape meeting the ills and trials of life by suicide is not only robbing himself, but the spirit falls back into an abyss of suffering fearful more trying than the first. The spirit cannot escape from its own selfhood, or the results of such acts of violence and outrage upon its life.

As the spirit said the object of the communication was to impart a lesson, to the writer that implied that it should be put on record, that others who might be tempted to pursue the course of this unhappy and misguided spirit, might benefit by the danger signal, thus aiding the spirit to fulfill its mission.

In placing this communication on record, the writer hopes the lesson will meet the desired end for spirit and B. B. HILL. Philadelphia, Pa.

A Valuable Object Lesson for Other Spiritualists,

The missionary work under the state association goes forward with enthusiasm. Mrs. Kates and self find it congenial to our liking to be busy-and that has always been our life. If Spiritualism is worth working for at all it is worth our best energy. We have had ate individuals, not especially connectlarge audiences the past week in opera houses at Princeton and Milaci. Sunday, September 24, we had a splendid meeting with a crowded hall, before the Scandinavian society in Minneapolis. These people are full of zeal and spirituality. Their number also speaks volumes for the work being done by their mediums. "The Nya Tiden" is a monthly paper printed here in their language. and should be taken by all who can read it. The editress is an earnest lady, fully capable of the great effort she has assumed.

The State Association employs us. pays our traveling expenses, and the localities furnish the hall and entertain us. The collections pay the state associations excellent dividends, and 'the local people get meetings upon an easy plan. The work is proving to be very useful in all ways. Meetings are held free of any admission, and the people attend in large numbers, whilst balls, opera houses and churches open their doors to us with only cost of lighting. The results of the Minnesota missionary work will teach a valuable lesson to the Spiritualists. Instead of debating how to do, just get up and go ahead. We need enthusiasm! We also need a willingness to do something practical for the cause, instead of always discussing plans and cussing efforts already instituted. If we desire propaganda to be effective we must educate. And the best way to instruct the people is to furnish ways and means to send instructors. We must prepare the way for phenomena, for that part of Spiritualism is little understood by the gaping and exacting multitude and perhaps by many confessed Spiritualists. Meetings for lectures and some dignified descriptive work, will leave a marked effect for good. We have thus reached a thousand people in a week, who would not to-day think that Spiritualism is a sensible philosophy or positive religion, nor hold the Spiritualists as decent people. had not these missionary meetings been held by the Minnesota State Spiritualcan hold a free meeting. After October we resume the work for the winter.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Distilled Water.

To the Editor:-Mine is a short story in re distilled water, for I have had the actual experience. For over fifty years have I used as drinking water that taken from our northern lakes, more especially from Lake Erie at Buffalo. This water is more or less loaded with organic deposit and limestone. Now when I begin to feel the bad effect of this loaded water in my system, I always take about one quart of pure, freshly distilled water and put it through my system, one day in each week, and used in this way as a medicine it is of use, and to me of great use, for this one quart of water passes through heavily loaded with whatever matter it can pick up on its passage. But if I should use it seven days in a week it would be a very detrimental thing to do, for it would remove too much of the compounds that I need in my daily life in my body. But used within reason, and as a medicine, distilled water is of great use, especially to a person of a bilious temperament and rather sluggish through the system. Common sense and a good deal of moderation are good things to use at all times, in all things.

Buffalo, N. Y. J. W. DENNIS.

Lake Helen Camp-Meeting, Fla. The first excursion will leave New York City (pier 45, North River) on Oc-This is one example where suicide the two evils with which she was con- act must follow as inevitably as the tober 24, at 3 p. m., by the Clyde Line I have secured first-class state-rooms,

> and am ready to quote very low rates to parties of ten or more, who may wish to visit Lake Helen or other places in The hotel at Lake Helen camp will be

> open for guests about December 1. Those arriving earlier will find accommodations in the Apartment House in Brigham Hall, or in cottages.

> Write me for particulars, rates, etc., inclosing 4 cents in stamps for postage on circulars. H. A. BUDINGTON. 91 Sherman St., Springfield, Mass.

Annual Report of Secretary Mrs. Mary T. Longley.

To the Editor and Readers of The Pro-

gressive Thinker: Dear Co-Workers and Friends:-It gives me pleasure as secretary of the National Spiritualists Association, to submit my report to you for the year of active work that is about to close for to contemplate, making the last estate this worthy organization. The year has been fruitful of results to the cause we espouse, and to the N. S. A. as a factor in the progress and usefulness of Spiritualists as a body, and in many instances as individuals. Of this I am assured by the number of testimonials received at the home office from friends and strangers far and near.

Personally, the work of your secre-tary has been varied and diversified, not a little of which has been in the effort to assist in drawing together scattered forces, and to harmonize, by correspondence and otherwise the factions that have arisen between certain societies and this association in former years, and by explaining to individuals the true attitude of the N. S. A. towards | general whole. ever may have been the disturbing element that had caused the condition of inharmony, and misrepresentation referred to, I am not called upon to explain, but suffice it that such did exist, and in a few instances may still be manifested; but I am happy to state that at the present time a cordial feeling of good-will between the most of our societies towards this Association exists; and the same may be said of the Spiritual press, while the affection and loyalty shown to the N. S. A. by prived with any established society, is very gratifying to its board of trustees.

In this connection the secretary would say, that she has habitually found in her correspondence, and interviews with societies, editors and private individuals, during her association with the N. S. A., that courtesy is met with courtesy, good will with a like element, and sincerity with its kind, and that she has not the slightest complaint to make of lack of kindly treatment on the part of anyone, nor has she had to endure misrepresentation from any source. Therefore the labor of her office has been made pleasant to her, and easier by the treatment received. There is on file at the home office, a large collection of letters from societies and in-dividuals, attesting to the truth of

these remarks. With spiritual societies, as a rule, finances have been very low during the year; this has been no less so with N. S. A. chartered societies, than with others, as a consequence, those who are loyal to this Association, and who express their desire to pay dues and make contribution to this parent organization, have been mostly unable to do much in that line owing to the apathy on the part of Spiritualists at large towards the needs and claims of local societies, which necessitates the expense of holding meetings by the locals, being borne by a few hard-working indi-

During the months of November. '98 to September, '99, the secretary of the N. S. A. had written eight hundred letters without the aid of assistant or stenographer, copies of which are in the press letter books of the association. The correspondence of all descriptions incident to the work of the office of secretary has been conducted without the aid of an assistant except for a matter of six weeks, at the close of the 1898 convention, owing to the generosity of our valued and well appreciated treasurer, P. J. Mayer, an assistant was engaged for the president and secretary, without expense to them, or to the N. S. A., and the same may be said of a period covering about a week, since

Quarterly circular letters have been sent to each of the chartered societies during the year, nearly all of which have elicited kindly responses.

On an average, a letter a month has been written for each of the Spiritual papers-not circular letters, but mostly varying in matter and construction-in the interest of the N. S. A. All of these have been printed; and here I wish to acknowledge the courtesy of the Spiritual press towards the N. S. A., and to myself, and I ask the thanks of the delegates in their October convention be passed to the several editors for all kindness shown.

On Saturday, December 3, the treasurer and secretary of the N. S. A. went to the Arlington Hotel, in Washington, D. C., to present a paper to the directors of the National Military Homes. requesting them to grant the privilege of free religious worship at the soldiers' homes-especially at Dayton, Ohio, and Marion, Ind., where such had been denied to Spiritualists. We were courteously received by the clerk of the board, and assured that the appeal should receive attention at their business meeting. In the course of a few weeks the N. S. A. received a communication from the directors of the National Military Homes, that nothing could be done with our appeal, as the matter of religious worship at the homes must be left to the judgment and management of each home.

On Saturday, December 3, I started for a grand mass-meeting of three days held by the First Society of Spiritualists in Philadelphia, which society paid the expenses of my trip, that good word might be said for the N. S. A., by one of its officers. The meeting was a grand success for the cause, and reflected much credit upon its mana-

In response to my personal appeals to friends, donations of money have come to the N. S. A. in a number of instances in sums of from one to ten dollars, with promises of more when times improve.

The library of the N. S. A has proved a source of instruction to many who have borrowed books for perusal from its shelves.

The secretary has solicited by letter,

their publications from authors, with the pleasing result of having over fifty books added to our library.

Of those who have largely contributed books to the N. S. A. since January, may be mentioned, Lilian Whiting, Susie C. Clark, who sent her complete works; Susan Porter, donating Abby Judson's works; Dr. E. D. Babbitt, four volumes; Carlyle Petersilea, four volumes; Florence Huntley, Frank A. Wiggin, W. J. Colville, Annie Lord Chamberlain, Frank Walker, I. C. Fuller, and several unknown donors.

We have kept the headquarters open for business and visitors, the entire year, and endeavored to do our duty to-Wards the work in hand and our constituents. Seemingly looked at as a bureau of information, the N. S. A. office receives questions upon all subjects from correspondents and visitors, that the officer in charge is expected to answer with certainty and dispatch, and as far as knowledge will permit, this has been done. In recognition of the splendid service rendered to her in many instances, the secretary wishes to acknowledge in gratitude, the uniform aid and consideration of President Barrett and Treasurer Mayer, and to add that each member of the board has done his part in adding harmony and aid to the

charters since October 1, 1898-one state, one camp, one lyceum, and eleven locals. Several societies have disbanded, and others have affiliated with their state associations.

The secretary has found it impossible to trace charters lost in 1898, through the mails, as there was no registration made of them at the post-office. Charters sent out this year have been registered and receipted for.

A financial statement can only be made after the close of the fiscal year, when the books are presented to the auditing committee. With loving thought and good will to-

wards all, respectfully submitted, MARY T. LONGLEY. Secretary N. S. A.

FROM A WORKER.

Field Notes from Mr. Geo. H. Brooks.

I should have written before of many things I desired to say, but I have been too much worn out with my work at Lily Dale, and besides very busy since the camp closed, to either feel like writing or have the time so to do. The camp was a success in every way More interest was manifest in the meet ings than ever, and truly a finer array of talent could not be found anywhere. We had several new speakers come among us, and all left hosts of friends behind.

One among that number was our good friend, Rev. B. F. Austin, who left the M. E. church not long since. His coming was looked forward to with eagerness, and his stay with us clearly showed what a power he is to be, in our ranks. The association and camp, ers were well pleased with him, and I do hope the Spiritualists of Capada and America will keep our good brother more than busy.

One of the facts that have inspired me to write this article is this: Our worthy and honored brother, Lyman C. Howe, who has served the cause of Spiritualism so faithfully and well who has left not only the teachings of our philosophy behind him for his hearers to follow, but the stamp of his noble, generous, spiritual life upon the community, an impress that can never be obliterated. Brother Howe informed me he had no engagement ahead of him, and said there seemed to be a mistaken idea in the minds of so many, that he was unable to do any work. Now, Mr. Howe has not been as well in years as now, and truly with the ripened experience of many years, and the helpers behind him, he is better able to work now than ever. I trust our friends will give Mr. Howe all the work he can do. for truly if the old workers like Mr. Howe are not kept employed, what is there to inspire the speakers and mediums to spend the better part of their lives in the work, then when they get on the shady side of life, find there is no work for them to do. Brother Howe says he can do a better work for a soclety where he has a long engagement. trust he will be kept busy.

I am sure when people hear such men as Mr. Austin and Mr. Howe, they will be led into a higher conception of

I shall, I fear, be unable to attend the N. S. A. convention, owing to my work in Pittsburg. I am truly sorry, but I cannot see how I can attend.

The first Sunday in September I held a grove meeting at Chamberlin, Ind. Mr. E. A. Brooks is the president of the society. The meeting was held in a grove belonging to his brother, and truly it was a Brooks affair. This is the third meeting they have held. I have served them two summers. There was a large attendance-larger than one year ago.

The second Sunday I held a grove meeting at Waterloo, on the consecrated grounds of the Chautauqua Association. There would have been a very large attendance, but rain began to fall just before the time for the meeting to commence. Still there was a very good audience indeed. I found a greater spirit of investigation than when there two years ago, and a spirit to receive the truth. The society is small, but it hopes to keep on until it can hold meetings more regularly. My address while in Pittsburg will be, 2016 Forbes street. G. H. BROOKS.

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.—Rosseau. Good deeds ring clear through heaven

like a bell.—Richter. Without earnestness there is nothing to be done in life.-Goethe.

A handful of good life is worth a bushel of learning.—George Herbert. Eat at your own table as you would and through the press donations of | eat at the table of a king .- Confucius,

The Deities Worshiped by Ancient Peoples,

This is a theme that has commanded the attention and invited the investigation of every nation, every tribe of the populated globe, and still it is being discussed with undiminished interest. The intelligent man is not satisfied with the knowledge of his own individual existence, his own bellef in God, but he wants to know what the belief and worship of many of his ancestors was

The primitive religious beliefs of the Egyptians have not been clearly determined,; the oldest monuments reveal the worship of many gods. The same learned writers give it as their opinion that the original principle in them all is the worship of one god. Others equally learned believe the Egyptians worshiped a multitude of gods. The first and the greatest of the Egyptian gods was Ptah; he stood at the head of the dynasties of the gods. His names were sublime. He was the lord of truth, the ruler of the sky, the king of both worlds, the weaver of the beginning, the producer of the egg of the sun and the moon. Having the power of both sexes within himself, he was a creative spirit,

The people of Egypt worshiped a mulliplicity of gods. They worshiped a double god, the sacred beetle, the bull, the cat, the ape, the crocodile, and many other animals and reptiles considered by them sacred.

The gods Osiris, Isis and Horus play a conspicuous part among the other gods of Egypt.

.The Asiatic Tartars have their god by the inhabitants of the country, but also by the kings of Tartary, who send him rich presents, and go in pilgrimage to pay him adoration, calling him god the everlasting and father of heaven. He is never to be seen but in a secret place of his palace amidst a great numher of lamps, sitting cross-legged upon a cushion, and adorned all over with gold and precious stones, where at a distance his worshipers prostrate themselves before him, it not being lawful for any to even kiss his feet. He is called the Great Lama, or Lama of Lamas, that is first of priests.

The orthodox opinion is that when the Grand Lama seems to die, either of old age or infirmity, his soul in fact only quits a crazy habitation to look for another younger or better; and it is discovered again in the body of some child, by certain tokens known only to Lamas, or priests, in which order he always

A particular account of the pompous ceremonies attending the inauguration of the infant Lama in Thibet, is given in the first volume of the "Asiatic Researches." The Emperor of China appears, on such occasions, to act a very conspicuous part, in giving testimony of his respect and zeal for the great religious father of his faith. The twentyeighth of the seventh moon, corresponding nearly (as their year commences with the vernal equinox) with the middle of October, is reckoned the most auspicious for the ceremony of in-

The procession on these occasions, from Terpaling to Teeshoo Lumboo, is conducted with such slow and majestic solemnity, that though the distance is only twenty miles, it takes up three days. The crowd of spectators is immense. The three next days are spent in the inauguration in delivering the presents sent by the Emperor to the Lama, and in the public festivals on the occasion, during which all who attend these festivals at the capitol are entertained at the public expense, and alms are distributed liberally to the poor. Universal rejoicing prevails throughout Thibet; banners are unfurled on all the fortresses, the peasants fill up the day with music, and night is cheered with from the beginning to the close take up forty days. The newly inducted Lama is often not three years old.

said by them to be situated above the seven heavens or in the seventh, and next under the throne of God. They musk, or of saffron, and that its stones are pearls and jacinths, the walls of its buildings enriched with gold and silver, and the trunks of all its trees are gold; amongst which is the tree Luba, or this tree stands in the palace of Mohammed, a branch of it reaching to every true believer, loaded with pomegranates, dates, garpes, and other fruits of surprising size and delicious taste unknown to mortals. If fruit is desired, it will immediately be presented to him or her, or if he or she | tions. chooses flesh, birds ready dressed will with delicious viands but with silk garwill bust forth from the spirit, and the tree is so large that a person mounted the other in a hundred years.

The Koran speaks of rivers of paradise that flow, some with milk, some no stone which shall not be overturned. with wine, and others with honey, all So inevitable is it that the old shall of which have their sources in the Tree | give way to the new that the overof Happiness. Besides these there are a great number of lesser springs and fountains, whose pebbles are rubies and emeralds. But all of these glorles will the Borderland of certainty, trust to bebe eclipsed by the resplendent and ex- ing able to remove last remaining quisite beauty of the girls of paradise, doubts, and to ease troubled hearts by who are not formed as mortal women, pointing out the surest, most direct but of pure musk. These girls live in method for obtaining a correct knowlhollow pearls from sixteen to sixty edge regarding the divine wisdom. miles long, enjoying perpetual youth.

The gods of the Chaldeans were skygods, their home was in the open heav ens. They were for the most part delties of the stars and planets. Twelve were worshiped as having divine powers of the highest order. The supreme god was El. After him was named the great capital Bab-el. He sat enthroned about the other deities in heaven. He was the lord of the Sky-land. Austere. and stern he was sitting apart from the other gods and without sympathy for the human race. His titles were The Warrior, the Prince of the Gods, the Lord of the Universe. In one of the Assyrian tablets he was called the Lamp of the Divinities, and everywhere he was recognized as dwelling in light

and majesty. After El, the next in rank among the deities of the Chaldeans was the god Aun.. He had his abode in the concave dome of the heavens. He was called the Old Aun, the Original Chief, the Sire of the Gods, the Lord of Spirits and Demons, and other names. The chief seat of Aun's worship was the ancient city Erech. Here was one of the favorite burying grounds of the Chaldeans, and over this Aun was said

to preside as a tutelary deity. Then the god Bel, and Heo, who was Chaldeans letters and astronomy. This self. Price, cloth, \$1 per volume. For of almost miraculous healing of the depths of our inner consciousness, ask pardon of God and of it." god also came in the form of a reptile,

and was called Lord of the Abyss, Lord Rome had its household gods, and

Italy is peopled with gods. Some learned men think that the worship of serpents, and various kinds of reptiles and trees was the earliest faith of mankind. Others have thought that the sun, moon, stars, and fire were the first worshiped.

There is no written record to tell us

when man rose from his first low estate, when he first saw around him the world with its great silent hills and green valleys, its rugged ridges of purple-tinted mountains, and the respleudent scene that came forth at the budding touch of the sunlight, that sunlight that awakened the spirit of inquiry in the human breast. It is natural to suppose that man sought to get at the cause of things, of what he saw. His ears listened to the different sounds of nature, the music of the flowing river, the roar of the never silent sea, the rustle of the leaves as they were swept by the unseen fingers of the breeze. The rolling of the clouds, the flashing of the lightning, the lullabys that nature sings in the twilight, all what am I and whence came I?

To-day mankind is growing more thoughtful, and trustful; he prays for the things that perish not, telling his in a dazzling white robe. His eyes wants to an all-wise Being.

Some learned men have looked upon the various religions of the world as almost beneath notice, or if studied at all, studied as a proof of man's hatred to the good and true. But wiser and more thoughtful men felt that we ought to try and understand them, and see what kind of answers others have given about God, and life and death.

We do not make our own religion more true by calling other religions false, nor do we make it less to us by Lama. The Lama is not only adored admitting the good that may be in them. It is true, many of the ancient books contain many silly stories, legends, myths, and coarse ideas about God. The errors that they contain do not make less true whatever of truth they hold. A diamond is not less a diamond because we pick it out of a dust

> God is no less the one invisible God of the universe because ancient people worshiped streams, trees, sun, moon, cats, apes, bulls, and many imaginary beings. He wraps man in darkness and makes him ever long for light. As that which costs little is valued at little, if much knowledge had been granted him at first, he would not strive after more but because he knows little, yet feels that he has the power to learn much, he uses the power in gaining increase of wisdom and knowledge, till he feels the truth of the saying that wisdom is more precious than rubies, and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

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THE LIFE UNSEEN.

Spirit Message from a Noted Author.

The change which transfers one from earth's atmosphere to the realm of mind is not always "a sleep and a forgetting." Consciousness did not desert me. I but closed my eyes on my usual surroundings, to open them on other scenes, though scenes not far removed from those dazed and agonized by my far too hasty exit, and who were all I simply drifted until recalled to those in whom I was most interested, and there remained, endeavoring to soothe the anguish, to pour oil on the troubled hearts unable to realize that a real separation had not occurred. My escape from the mortal proved to have been well arranged by those who realized that my span was running low and that I must soon succumb to the inevitable. however bright appeared my prospects | doctrines or precepts, and only priestly general illumination. These ceremonies | for longer continuance, where my hopes were so deeply centered.

fascinating to me in the extreme, even The paradise of the Mohammedans is though banished as an exile to its shores—a necessary self-banishment for physical reasons alone. I now thoroughly realize how psychical was my tell us that the earth of it is of the nature, which, had I understood more finest wheat flour, or of the purest clearly, would have been of far more value to me in my earth experience. And of this I would speak earnestly and urgently, of how great consequence it is that each should know himself, should learn to realize his true nature, tree of happiness. They believe that which is the psychical, and should be awakened and cultivated to its very extent. Undoubtedly this idea is gaining ground with a certain class of minds, but it must become more general, must reach all sorts and conditions of people. who are becoming fairly prepared to be governed by more humanizing condi-

The world is being redeemed more read the past as well as the present? | modify their inherent tendencies. be set before them, and such as they rapidly than would appear on the surmay wish for. They believe that this face, but away out of human view is tree will not only supply the blessed | being wrought a work of immense proportions and bearing directly on the imments also, and beasts to ride on, portant changes, soon to be established adorned with rich trappings, all which on earth. A tremendous power is already manifesting itself, whose touch no one will escape. A great spiritual on the fleetest horse would not be able force, the like of which has not been to gallop from one end of its shade to dreamed of, but which is to sweep all before it, winnowing the chaff from the it be true or false, whether they are in- as illogical. It cannot be reconciled to wheat, as it pursues its course, leaving throw shall be radical, unique. There is to be a great deal said and written in regard to this, and we who speak from

> Life, of the past and of the present presents many contrasts. For while a strong resemblance exists between the two conditions, one is at once deeply impressed with the far greater reality endowed from his conception with more of the mind life, its far wider scope, its of the God-power than falls to the lot more perfect conditions for advance of man; born of married parents. ment on higher lines, and its absolute | always a mystic, drinking in at every permanency, imparting a feeling of security, of confidence, impossible to ex-

> perience on the earth plane. But, most satisfactory af all is the true, beautiful harmony which prevails and living the Essenic life that many flawless, but penetrating, so that one should be perverse indeed to resist, for long, its all-pervading charms, not to perceive its advantages, how perfect its

> Would that words might be mine to was well schooled in all the teachings be able to convey, even a partial idea of | of the wise men of those lands, and the beauties, the delights, the utter satisfaction of this wondrous mind-life. And may the power be accorded us, to speedily unfold to the world natural and greatly desired glimpses into our unseen existence.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON. Late of the Island of Samoa. Given through the mediumship of Miss L. T. Boardman, Brighton, N. Y.

"The World Beautiful" By Id.hn Whiting. Most excellent in their ligh

JESUS AND THE CRITICS

An Interesting View of the Subject.

In the winter of 1875. I think it was my mother had a very strange vision concerning Jesus and his mission, which I will give as correctly as I can from memory, as I was a child when it occurred, and I have not spoken of it to her for years. It appears that a protracted meeting was in operation at an and the entire family was from home at the time except herself and little babe, a daughter. She had been pondering much concerning Jesus and his mission on earth, and could not reconcile herself to the rigid orthodox beliefs, and yet she wished to believe something concerning Jesus that would not be a mixture of hate and love, tenderness and tyranny, and hoped for some sign to show that she was not wrong in her longings. As she lay on her bed these stimulated men to ask, Where and | there suddenly appeared in the doorway of the chamber, and perhaps fifteen feet from her, a luminous silvery cloud which took the shape of a man dressed were blue, and full of love, pity and tenderness, and his hair of golden brown was parted in the middle and hung in graceful waves upon his shoulders. His beard was of the same color as his hair, and his pale face was sad and thoughtful.

With a compassionate look that she love, he stepped to the table and picked up a large Testament lying upon it; the book opened of itself in his hand, and he turned slightly toward her with extended hand, laid down the book and then was gone! She arose and picked up the book and as he held it, it apparently opened of itself at the gospel of St. John.

My mother I believe is a true Christian if there ever was one, and has had considerable communion with those across the border in the other world, separated from us by only a thin veil, and she is consoled with the thought that no flery hell can await her, and that she will know as she is known and enjoy with the arisen ones the true glories of the hereafter by those who have fought the good fight, finished the course, and kept the faith.

I once myself am conscious of having

attended in the spirit a meeting in an

"upper room" in the "temple not made

with hands, eternal in the heavens." I

beauty of the address given on that occasion by our Elder Brother, the Man of Sorrows, the Man of Nazareth. A lady attended this meeting with me. and the memory of that time will eling to me as long as life shall last. Jesus spoke on the ethics of moral philosophy. giving the principles by which our every-day life may be brought near to heaven, and was filled with the richest treasures of thought and pearls of wisdom. I can only compare it with the Sermon on the Mount expunged of all

not wholly a Jew. may have been a God) and ascribe to him impossible characteristics properties. He never taught any such meddling and tampering with records dealing with him and his companions. Life in my far-off island home was have given such fallacies ti the world. Shame upon those who would garble thus, for the sole aim and purpose of a priest-bound and priest-led organiza-

> tion for their own aggrandizement. And as well I have no patience with those on the other hand who veer around the other side to the wind, and reject with scorn and the most bitter vituperation and contumely the very thought that Jesus ever existed, or say that he was a crank, bigot, fanatic, ous epithets.

Why do they not take the trouble of

passing upon the New Testament the candid, careful, crucial examination they give other matters, especially the investigation of the theory of a future of psychometry upon the New Testament, independent of all spiritual communication with New Testament characters, and learn how much is true and how much is false? Are they so much in love with that earth-bound and earthwhat they most desire to hear whether formed upon such subjects inquired upon or not, as to place the utmost faith upon their every utterance, especially if it denies the existence of Jesus? What matter to them if the communicating spirit be what he represents himself to be or not, whether he was or was not an unmitigated liar on earth or whether he had ever been heard of before, if he tells what the communicant would like to hear?

I have read much on the subject of the existence of Jesus, aside from my own individual and personal investigations spiritually in that quarter, and am satisfied that Jesus was a man of men, the great sensitive of the ages, a man breath the knowledge spontaneously. taught by nature; a natural healer and greatest of mediums—always doing marvelous things and teaching precepts could in no way practice because they would become so at once, instead of gradually attaining their powers and faculties to be operated upon by the element of love, how sweet, true, har- higher forces and powers. Jesus traveled in India, Egypt and Persia, and especially could easily follow. He died the priesthood that he was a seditionist

adverse to the Roman government. It seems to me that every rational being must admit that Jesus was en- inexpressible. The myths that have tier, priest, I have confessed to him; dowed with wonderful gifts of healing dimmed the mental vision of our com- and declare further that, if God disand speaking, influenced by some wise mon humanity are being swept away, poses of me. I die in the Catholic re- well kept that in 1864, when the heart spirit which he calls the Father. It is and are being relegated to the realm of ligion, in which I was born, hoping of Voltaire, which had been removed Waisbrooker. Three pamphlets are emfolly, yes, more than folly, for modern | forgetfulness never more to be resusci- from the divine mercy that he will in the likeness of a fish-monster who and elevating spirituality of thought, healers to cast opprobrium upon him tated. Progress for man is the keynote deign to pardon all my faults, and that preserved in a silver vase, became the tions of great importance to the race are came up out of the sea to teach the | Series 1, 2, and 3, each complete in it- and his disciples for their many cases | that sounds its clarion notes in the if I have ever scandalized the church I property of the nation, and it was pro- discussed from the standpoint of an adsick, maimed and blind. He expressly arousing all our dormant energies, and The priest offered the sick man the with the other remains, the Archbishop For sale at this office.

terches that it shall be done in the after | quickening into more vigorous life all time, and I have no doubt of genuine cases of divine healing in these days; facts in nature is becoming more luminthey are essentially the same, whether made through a Spiritual heater or an orthodox Christian. It seems to me, too, that Jesus wils especially endowed with the ability to cause himself to become invisible at times, from whence arose, no doubt, the teachings of the Gnostics that he was not of the flesh at all, but a spirit which materialized and came to earth to teach mankind. Jesus had such wonderful spiritual gifts that it is not much wonder that his followers became puzzled, the further away they got from spiritual gifts, to account for orthodox church some miles from home, his manifold features of expression and characteristics.

The following passages clearly show

to me that the Jews were puzzled at Jesus' ability to become invisible, owing to the high ethereal nature of his physical frame. John vii:10-11: "But after his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast and said, Where is he?" John xiii:59: "Then some raised their sticks to strike at him, but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by." John x:39: "Therefore they sought again to take him; but he escaped out of their hand." I also consider from my study of the Testament that the spirit of Jesus before his death, appeared unto people and indeed it may be construed in the above passages that the astral body was the one that Jesus sought to take. being unable to distinguish it from the physical. Some time I hope to be able could only compare with that of mother | to write at length concerning Jesus and his mission, possibly treating the subject in some respects as it has never before been treated. U. G. FIGLEY. Ney, Ohio.

ESTABLISHED LAW.

Critical Analysis of the Same.

The germ of everything that exists in nature is primordial. There has nothing been created during the past eternity and will not be through the eternity to come. What exists to-day, eternally existed in the infinite realm of spirit and | religion; I am well aware of the diffimatter, spirit being the matrix of all culties that attend the subject, and, manifestation. Intelligence and design | from that consideration, had reserved inhere in spirit as an active function, it to a more advanced period of life. I and gives form and modifies whatever is under its control. There is no power never can forget the grandness and in the universe more patent than spirit. It is the life of all life, the soul of all soul, the pith and essence of being; hence it holds within its grasp whatever was, is, or is to be. All of nature's forces are in perfect harmony with spirit.

The colian harp touched by the gentle zephyrs sings its sweet anthems in accord with natural law. The crystal stream dancing e'er its pebbly bed, impelled by an irresistible force, obeys the high behest of spirit. In profound silence it guides, the planets in their the forgeries and interpolations with revolutions. Every atom and molecule which it has been garbled by ungodly is subject to its authority, molding and traitorous priests for the purpose of governing all for, high and noble ends. shackling the human mind, and yet give | Spirit is the inherent and manifest it a semblance to the religion taught by | life of the universe. It pervades all Jesus. I would say here that the ap- | space and permeates all matter. Its life pearance of Jesus corresponded greatly | breath quickense everything into acwith the description given by my tivity. There is no point in infinitude mother of the personage seen by her. where spirit does not exist, ever active, He had a complexion that may be ever working out its inherent tenlikened to the color of a ripened peach, dencies. It has, no compromises to unprepared to meet the blow. Feeling except rather pallid, and concerning his make. Lis, yoice, is peremptory in the myself freed from bodily environment. | physiognomy, it appeared to me that he | domain of nature; its, demands are abwas of Grecian blood and race rather | solute. Being eternally supreme, noth-

than Jewish, at least I judged he was | ing can thwart its beneficent tendencies. Now, if spirit is primordial or self-I have no patience whatever with existent, then matter is also primodial. those churchists who would make for spirit can only get expression Jesus God Almighty (though according | through matter. There must of necesto ancient defication of good men he sity be a medium for its manifestation, and matter is that medium, however refined it may be. The infinite variety in nature is but the boundless wealth inherent in the underlying principles of the universe, each law manifesting itself in rhythmic harmony with its legitimate environments, thus producing a sublime unity of purpose, and all tending towards higher conditions and shackling the mind of man and creating | bringing to us new revelations of their inherent potencies.

There never has been, and there never will be a change or modification in Nature's laws. They always were in active operation and ever will be. In the domain of Nature they are sovereign and omnipotent. Love, truth and | ligion, he says: justice were never created; they eternally existed as facts in the domain of crazy anarchist, and such like villain- | Nature, and their beneficent tendencies are always helpful.

The grandest expression of beauty and the loftiest manifestation of order are in accord with natural tendencies; and they but voice the law that governs them. The law of attraction and repulexistence and the ability to demonstrate | sion always was, and there is no power | to his other children. That the soul of it? What is psychometry for if not to in the infinite realms of space that can man is immortal, and will be treated

Have the anti-Jesuits become so bigoted | Exact science and absolute truth | its conduct in this." that they will not turn the search-light | blend in harmonious relations. They | Franklin further expresses doubt of | these works, and which extended over | are both based on solid and substantial the divinity of Jesus, and in a postscript facts; hence faith and belief in an over- adds: ruling providence science ignores, and truth submits to no priestly dictation. The theological concept of a personal being formulating and governing the led class of spirits who tell mortals universe by the flat of his will, the highest and best thought of to-day rejects the judgment of an honest thinker.

Nature is relentless in her methods. and only by unfolding and developing the potential forces and powers in our being and thus familiarize ourselves with Nature's methods can we escape from her relentless grasp and avoid the is a refuge if it hide me from try pitfalls open for our destruction. The consensus of the best thinkers of

the age accept evolution as Nature's true and only method of procedure. This method is the scientific one. It is capable of explanation and demonstration; and is in harmony with reason and sound philosophy. By this method, life how, the capitalized words were all that from monad to man can be traced consecutively, without a break in the golden chain of Nature's harmonious deathbed horrors has had its day, and unfoldment. ... 91

To this legitimate conclusion the thought of the age is rapidly tending. Now if scientific facts tend to controvert the biblical statement of creation, and the orthodox construction of the same, so much the worse for the statements and the construction; for all the theories in the universe must bow to the sovereignty of a fact.

The dogma of special creations is losing ground as man advances in knowledge. The mysterious and inexplicable is giving way to the actual and real. Reason is taking the place of blind belief, and knowledge is assuming sought to form from them a code its rightful sway, shedding a clear and of morals that the common people certain light along human pathways, causing shams of every description to the death of a martyr to his principles. disappear; banishing ignorance, superthough it was charged against him by stition and priestcraft with all their baneful results into the cesspool of the

natural forces more apparent. Through science we are invited into a realm where the brightest and most precious gems are to be found, present-ing one unbroken chain in the line of evolution from the atom to man-into a realm where Nature sings her sweetest anthems in harmony with the eternal verities. How enchanting the picture; how rich

in revelations from the unseen! How grand the privilege of entering into Nature's luner chamber and catching glimpses of her inexhaustible resources. ever wooing us onward and upward to higher attainments and grander unfoldments of our psychic powers! The great mass of our fellows are

slow to perceive the new light, being chained by the dogmas of the past, but Its pure rays are shining brigher day by day. But it will be seen, felt and welcomed as human vision becomes clarified and man rises into a higher and more spiritual realm.

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MISTAKES OF TALMAGE

Falsehoods and Fiction Concerning Distinguished Deathbeds.

"And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast, and his kingdom was full of darkness, and they gnawed their tongues for Paine." (Rev. xvi., 10.)

There are other falsehoods and fictions in the sermon of Dr. Talmage besides those I exposed in the Times of September 2. I quote: "Benjamin Franklin * * • wrote to

Thomas Paine begging him to destroy the 'Age of Reason' in manuscript, and never let it go into type." Franklin dies three years before

Paine wrote the "Age of Reason," the first paragraph of which is as follows: "It has been my intention for several years past to publish my thoughts upon intended it to be the last offering I should make to my fellow citizens of all nations, and that at a time when the purity of the motive that inspired me to it could not admit of a question, even by those who might disapprove the work."

In the preface to Part II., written aften ten months' imprisonment, he tells us that he wrote the first part hurriedly, with neither Bible nor Testament to refer to, and unable to procure any. He knew his life was in danger, expected to be arrested, and had not finished the essay more than six hours before a guard came at 3 o'clock in the morning and conveyed him to Luxembourg prison.

These facts are a sufficient refutation of the allegation that Paine submitted the manuscript to Franklin three years before. But we have a further disproof by Paine himself in the following sentence, written in 1802:

I began with in 'Common Sense;' that is, to consult nobody, nor let anybody The Next World Interviewed, 35 cents. to think, you can readily see that you see what I write until it appears publicly."

The basis of the falsehood repeated by Dr. Talmage is a supposed letter of Franklin, without date or address. It is the last of numerous letters printed in Volume I. of Franklin's works, 1837. The compiler does not venture to say it was addressed to Paine, and I very much doubt if Franklin wrote it. Anyhow, it has no reference to such a publication as the "Age of Reason." The argument of the manuscript submitted to the writer of the letter is "against a particular Providence."

This letter has furnished material for a religious tract, entitled "Don't Unchain the Tiger," an expression borrowed from the text of the letter. Franklin was extremely reticent on

religion, as shown by his letter to President Stiles, of Yale College, dated March 9, 1790, a few weeks before his death. In answer to Dr. Stiles' request to know something of Franklin's re-

"It is the first time I have been questioned upon it. But cannot take your curiosity amiss, and shall endeavor in a few words to gratify it. Here is my creed: I believe in one God, the creator of the universe. That he governs it by subscription (one dollar) to The Prohis providence. That he ought to be worshiped. That the most acceptable service we render to him is doing good with justice in another life respecting | cost. The authors make no charge for | truth.

"I confide that you will not expose me to criticisms and censures by publishing out in putting them in type, and electro-sent one year, and also the Occult Life any part of this communication to you. Franklin's religious sentiments were in precise accord with those of Thomas Paine. I quote from Dr. Talmage:

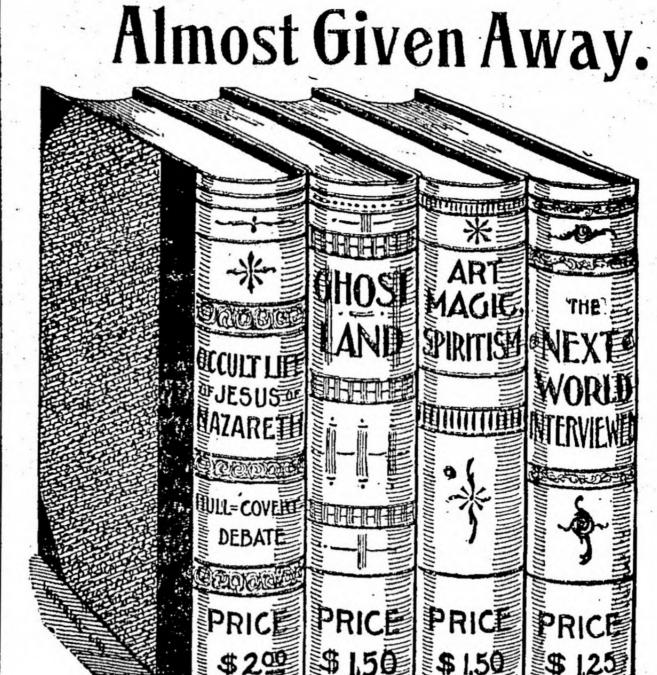
"Altemont, the notorious infidel-one would think he would have been safe against this delusion of the Christian religion. O! no. After talking against Christianity all his days, in his last hours he cried out: 'O! thou blasphemed but most indulgent Lord God, hell itself

I remember reading this passage from the English Reader when a small boy at school, and with what gusto I repeated aloud the words, "Lord God, hell itself," printed in large capitals, and more suggestive of profanity than plety. Any. I could afterwards recall of the manifest fiction. The fabrication of such is now desuctudinous. A generation or more ago there was a Universalist pastor in New Orleans named Clapp, who visited the sick when the yellow fever his dying bedside he motioned him mind that loves spiritual thought can raged. He published a statement to this away, saying, "Let me die in peace." fail to be fed and delighted with this effect: "I have probably seen more people die than any other man. They have all died peacefully, save two, who were orthodox Christians."

Another perversion of the truth by Dr. Talmage is in regard to the death of Voltaire. He never renounced his membership of the Catholic Church. A short time before his death he made the following confession, written by himself, to an accommodating priest who

accented it: "I, the undersigned, declare that, having been attacked four days ago by a vomiting of blood, at the age of eightyfour years, and being unable to get to church, the cure of Saint-Sulpice having inane. A new light is dawning on hu- been willing to add to his good works man vision, and it is hailed with a joy | that of sending to me the Abbe Gaul-

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wafer. Voltaire replied: "Monsieur, of Paris observed that it might be well of the bon Dieu with mine.". The con opened, and it was found empty! fessor did not reply, but before leaving the penitent he received from him writing and in speaking, often repeated twenty-five louis-d'ors for "the poor of the phrase, "ecrassez l'infame," "crush the parish."

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Abbe, observe that I continually spit to ascertain first whether his remains blood; I must beware of mingling that were there. So the sarcophagus was Voltaire in his latter years, in letter-

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Feeling a faint hope there might be a possibility of being redeemed from my fallen state by a change of locality, if nothing more, and in reply to his appeals, I said:

"I will consent to part of your proposition now, and will consider the balance later on; and that is this: If Grandma wants to accompany you home I will consent to going along, providing I may be allowed to remain with her as long as she lives; for I cannot think of living separated from her. She is too dear to me, and I want to care for her as she has cared for me in the past. I have long since banished all hope or desire of becoming a wife, knowing my life of sorrow and sin, which has nearly grace. bereft me of any affection for one of the opposite sex. So you will allow me time after we arrive at your home to consider, and, if possible, to convince myself whether I want to ever become a

"You may have all the time you wish, dear Mira, if you will but give me a hope that I may sometime claim you as mine," he said, his eyes beaming on me with all the endearing fervor of love

a change," I replied.

"I believe, yea, I know the change will be better for all concerned. If I thought not, I would not insist on your leaving your cottage home that has become so dear to you in consequence of the circumstances that have thrown you together. And as for you and Grandma being separated, you may have no fear. As long as you both live you shall remain under the same roof. Now as we have arrived at an agreement, the next step to be taken will be to make arrangements for our early departure." "Do you know of anyone to whom you

could sell your property?" "Yes," said Grandma, "my neighbor whose land adjoins mine, asked me a few days ago if I did not want to sell. He said it would make his farm square, had. as what I owned was a corner off from

The necessary papers were executed, transferring the little home that had become so dear to me into other hands. Now there was but little to do to complete our arrangements. Grandma and I must have some clothes, which were soon procured, and we were ready for our departure for a new home in the

The journey to our eastern home was at last completed, but not so quickly, nor as pleasantly as it would have been at the present time, with all the modern improvements in modes of travel.

On our arrival we were greeted by Horace's mother and sister as friends, and members of the family, more than as mere guests.

Nothing of importance occurred out of the ordinary line of social life for some time. Finally Horace began pressing his suit for our marriage. I had learned to like him for his manly conduct towards Grandma and myself, and I did not deem it necessary to longer postpone it. Grandma said she believed he would be a kind and affectionate husband, and advised me to put it off no longer. After considering the matter well, I told him I was ready any time. Everything was got in readiness in a few days. The few invited guests had upon the waters," that would return afarrived and were seated about the room waiting the arrival of the minister who was to make us "twain of one flesh."

They did not have to wait long. He was ushered into the parlor where all minister to join our right hands. At that moment Grandma rose to her feet, and ace cried:

blessed with this pearl of priceless all right before a great while. worth. I have long known to love and adore her whom you are about to wed. and I commend her to you a fewel hundreds out of work at the beginning plucked from my heart. This adored of winter. child of adversity I trust to your honor and sacred care, and may the angels

ward to offer congratulations, but I because I had not been in the mill long

and thought it strange of her. I ran to command fair wages, until I was her to receive her blessing. To my surprise I found her motionless and rigid. the city so find work, she would let me We placed her in bed, and immediately have my clothes, but I must first try. summoned a physician, who upon his

I do if you, too, should die?"

For many months I mourned the loss I remained with this kind lady nearly of my dear benefactress. I loved her a week, vainly hunting for work, until as only a child could love a dear parent. all hope had vanished. I knew no other earthly mother, and it | Late one afternoon, on returning from signed to so sad a loss.

mother and widowed sister, and noth- myself in a secluded place near the widing of special interest occurred there- ow's home to meditate upon my sad after for over a year, when there was fate. My mind wandered back over my born to us a beautiful child, a girl, who past life and called to memory all the in a few months became a sunbeam in sad scenes and bright days I had expethe entire household. It was hard to rienced. I thought of Grandma Good tell which one loved her best. She and the many happy hours I had spent seemed as a ray of sunlight to everyone in her company. I thought of my own who met her. She was petted and in- dear Estelle, the only one I had to love, dulged in about all her fancies, and if a but whom cruel fate had so ruthlessly request was not granted by one, it was torn asunder, until I became frantic sure to be by another. She appeared with despair. Night had begun to old in her ways and actions, and when spread its dark mantle over all, and I able to utter only a few words, they knew it would not do for me to remain

our dear daughter Estelle became a for the house when my head began to woman in manner and intelligence, at reel and soon consciousness fled. ten years of age. At this age she could | When I recovered I was lying on a converse upon almost any subject with | beautiful couch and everything around the same fluency as those of riper years. | me was of the most dazzling splendor. Her studies at school were readily I had never seen such a magnificent learned without any special effort. Ev- room before. I was alone. I rose to a erything seemed to come to her, and sitting position, and tried to look upon she apparently knew all without taking something in the room that would be time or trouble to learn. She was the familiar. But all was strange. I won-

by all who knew her. and promising qualities of our darling outcast, picked up, as I supposed, from child, there was a dark cloud hovering the place where I had swooned and fell. over that happy home. Every one who I got up and walked about the room to knew my husband supposed he was ascertain, if possible, where I was. I quite wealthy, and no one ever dreamed I looked out of the window upon the of his failure in business. His business most beautiful landscape I had ever bewas somewhat of a speculative nature, fore gazed on. All was so strangely buying and selling almost anything he beautiful, I became almost bewildered thought would net a profit. I knew with delight. I chanced to gaze on the nothing of his business transactions, as apparel in which I was clad, and was he consulted no one, until it was known amazed to find it much grander than he was unable to meet his obligations, anything I had ever before worn. I beand he appealed to his mother for as- gan to believe I was only dreaming.

sistance. This surprised her very much, I "Oh! can this be only a dream,"

as she supposed he was making money in his deals, and before rendering the required aid, she made inquiries concerning his financial stress. It was ascertained that he had lost most of his

wealth by gambling. He afterward admitted he saw he was going to fall, and resorted to luck at cards, hoping he might make some money in that way and meet his creditors' demands without its becoming known to his family. But instead of gaining, he lost all, and was now a poor man. This weighed so heavily on his mind, he resorted to drink, which made it still worse, for it now came home to the ones he loved and they, too, must share the stigma of poverty and dis-

Our charming sunbeam was now but little more than ten years old, but the conduct of her father was such a blow on her tender soul she became nearly prostrated from the effect. She would plead, with him as none but an angel could plead, But all to no purpose. The demon of darkness had full possession of him, and with all our sorrowful supplication in his behalf, he grew worse until his health failed, and it was but a few months until he was consigned to his grave, leaving a heart-broken mothconditions, or there would be no use of er, sister, wife and child, to mourn the untimely end of one so noble and true. until overcome with a sad and painful misfortune.

The financial downfall and death of my husband was almost a death-blow to myself and child. Every day for months we visited his tomb and mingled our, tears with beautiful flowers we had strewn on his grave. I did not believe but what there was plenty left for the support of myself and child of her father's share of his mother's estate.

The mother and sister of Horace, after a few months, grew somewhat cold towards me, for reason I know not; Turning to Grandma, he inquired: but I was actually informed that Horace had already received his share of his mother's property, and myself and daughter had no claim on her in that way, for at her death her daughter would come into possession of all she

This unexpected news again placed Horace saw the man the following day and a bargain was soon arrived at. longer wanted there. I could go out and, work for myself, but I did not feel as though I wanted Estelle to share the privations of the scanty earnings. She had been accustomed to plenty, and now to be suddenly thrown out upon the meager resources of the paltry earnings of a frail mother, was heart-rending in the extreme. Mrs. Manning said Estelle could have a home with her as long as she proved to be the same lovely rosebud as she had in the past. She would keep her for her father's sake; but as she had all the servants she wanted at that time, she had no further use for me.

Again a homeless, forlorn being! All there was dear to me, I must leave, and seek shelter under some stranger's roof. I packed up what few clothes I thought might be of use to me, and started in search of work. Again a frail barque, in human form, was launched out upon the trackless sea of adversity. The little I had received from the sale of the cottage home of Grandma Good, I had used in a charitable way, believing I would always have plenty. But now 1 was homeless and penniless again. I hoped I might realize that what little I had done would be as "bread thrown ter many days. The sequel will reveal.

In a city a good many miles from where I was then living there was a large manufacturing establishment where a great many girls were emwas in readiness. In a short time we ployed and I learned they were wanting were conducted to the end of the room | femal help. I applied and was given where we were to receive the nuptial work. The wages were very small for ceremonies. We were enjoined by the new hands, and we had to pay for all goods damaged while learning the work. At the end of the first week I with one hand pointing directly at Hor- was more than what I had earned in debt for board. This was very discour-"Peace be unto you who are to be aging, but I thought it would come out

I had worked there but a few weeks when the mill burned down, throwing

Now what to do I did not know. was still in debt at my boarding house, watch over her in the future as in the and my bundle of clothing was retained as security. The landlady said she had She sank into her chair, and the cere- been beaten so many times, she had to mony was completed by pronouncing us resort to some means to prevent being man and wife. The friends came for imposed upon. She said she pitied me, 80011 noticed Grandma remained seated, enough to learn the work so I could

To find work in a city where I was alarrival pronounced her dead. At this most an entire stranger, when hundreds announcement I cried, "Oh, Grandma, were also looking for the same, who Grandma, dear Grandma," and fell in a had been employed in the same mill, I thought almost useless. I started out When I recovered I was lying on the with a young lady with whom I had besofa, and Horace was rubbing my come quite intimate, to see what was in hands and crying, "Oh, Mira, what will store for us. We wandered till near night before we gained admittance, and In a moment I was at the bedside of then it was with a poor widow who de-Grandma. I thought all the light of the pended on her two daughters who world had gone out with the life of that worked in the mill, who said we might stay there till we could find a place.

was a long time before I became re- one of my fruitless wanderings through the city in search of employ-We lived in the house with Horace's ment, I became so despondent I seated were words wiser than for one of her there longer. I was faint and weak, as I had eaten nothing since morning. I Time passed on very pleasantly, and rose to my feet and was about to start

wonder of the community and beloved dered why they had taken me to such and daily care and culture of its pupils a place—to such a costly furnished While we were enjoying the beautiful room-for I was only a poor, forlorn

eried, "and how soon will I awake to THE GRUMBIANG PEASANTS. find I have been visiting a fairyland." When about overcome with the awful suspense—a prisoner in an unknown palace, I cried aloud: "Oh! is this heaven? and how long

may I remain here?" "Yes, dear Mira, this is heaven to hose who are worthy of it; and you may remain here as long as you like." I looked around to see - who it was speaking, and to my bewildered astonishment, there was Grandma' Good,

with outstretched arms, who said: "Again, dear child, I welcome you to my home, after a cold world had no further use for you, but let you suffer and die; but this time, dear child, separation will never come."

"Oh, Grandma, dear Grandma, what does it all mean? Where am I, that your dear blessed soul can rescue me again? I believed you had passed beyond the line of mortal care."

"Be seated, then, dear," she said. pointing to a beautifully upholstered chair, "and I will explain it all to you. You believed me dead, as the world in their ignorance do of all who have passed to a higher sphere of life. But I was with you most of the time, watching over you and your dear child. I could see by the way things were managed that you would have a home you could call your own but a short time. I could plainly see the unavoidable downfall of your husband, and knew when his earthly career was at an end you would be again thrown upon the world to care for yourself. All this was beyond any power to prevent, so I kept a watchful care for you, that I might guide as best I could until I was permitted to bring you here."

"But, Grandma, all is a mystery to me yet. Where am 1? and how came I here? Oh! is this a dream? and will I wake to find myself lying on the cold ground, where I fainted last night? Tell me, Grandma, is it real, or am I delirious and fancy I am talking with the

"Yes, child, it is real, and you are not talking with the dead. Don't become excited, Mira, when I tell you you have crossed the river with me, and are now in spirit life. You are what the world calls dead, but you have only entered upon a new stage of life. Your over mental strain brought about by the anxieties, also the half-famished condition, bereft you of reason again, and you ran frantically through the streets until arrested by a policeman, who conducted you to the hospital, where you were kindly cared for. All medical aid was in vain, and you died-as they called it-in about a month afterwards, of inflammation of the brain. When you were released from the old body I brought you here to my home. You did not realize the change, for your mind was in such a condition from the effect of the disease that you remained in a comatose sleep for several days after, and have now just awakened to find yourself where cold and hunger never comes to those so worthy as you. No more struggling against the cold indifferences of a heartless, self-aggrandizing world. No more sleepless nights. grieving over a sad, forlorn condition. No more begging at the doors of the wealthy for work to keep from famishing by the roadside. No, Mira dear, you will no longer want for anything necessary to make you happy, for you are now where eternal justice prevails, and all are rewarded occording to their merits. You will find here work to do as you did on the other side, for this life is just as natural as the one you left, only on a higher plane. You will soon learn, and be happy."

"How could I be otherwise, Grandma, when I know I am never to be separated from you?" I said, springing to my feet and embracing her fondly.

There was a happy reunion when I met my father and mother, brother and sister, that had preceded to this life, the first two when I was but a little girl. My own darling son, whose tiny form we buried near our cottage home. had grown to be a man, and was not looked upon as one conceived in shame. All is known here to be in harmony with natural law, and no disgrace falls on those ushered into life without the sanction of a statute law and a priest. Love is the essential prerequisite, as all must learn, instead of scoffs and sneers at those they consider born in

My husband was among the first to greet me and welcome me to the new life, and it would be needless to say it was an enjoyable meeting. Many a long talk we had over my sad condition; how he and Grandma watched my movements and thed to guide me where I could find a place I could rest in peace, free from cold and hunger.

My mission for this time is fulfilled. I have but little more to say. Under the wise instruction of Grandma Good and others, I soon learned "the ways of the spirit," and I have improved every opportunity possible in the relief of those to whom I could render assistance-which all must learn is the only

way to "lay up treasures in heaven." I have been more than a score of I go a-gunning, but take no gun; years in this life, and have felt for some time I would like to tell my story to the dear ones on the earth plane, that it might, in some way, be beneficial to some one. I have now completed the mission I have long been anxious to perform, and have in a measure illustrated the coldness existing towards those who are unfortunate in stepping outside the lines laid down by mortals as dishonorable, and am sorry to say that some uncharitableness still exists towards the unfortunate.

Oh, mortals, be charitable to all. MIRA LAMB, Daughter of the Sphere of Light.

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Mrs. E. R. Williams, a recent graduate from Willamette University, College of Oratory, Salem, Oregon, has accepted a position in Belvidere Seminary as teacher of physical culture and elo-

cution. She will enter upon her new duties soon after the National Spiritualist Convention at Chicago, to which she has been sent as a delegate. Mrs. Williams is a lady of culture, refinement and social standing on the Pacific coast. She has had two daughters at the Home School for Children and Adults for the past three years, and their development physically, mentally and spiritually has encouraged her to

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Warning.

aware of the immense advance that

truly modern communities have made

socially, politically, and morally. In

Romanism we have the past embodied,

as it were, as a warning into what a

low condition civilized society might

relapse if the reactionary spirit were al-

lowed to get the upper hands. In this

country, Romanism is as much an ex-

otic as it is in China. It is the religion

brutality, insubordination, and crime.

One of the most singular historic facts

of the nineteenth century is the revival

of Romanism and ecclesiasticism which

It was caused in part by the Holy

Alliance of kings and emperors, which

had for its object the suppression of

popular government and liberal princi-

ples in both hemispheres. The excuse

land, Prussia and Russia, all three pow-

But man proposes, and the course of

A reactionary literature also came to

the assistance of the Holy Alliance of

status of the Dark Ages. Walter Scott,

who was really, despite his Toryism, on

the side of his reason and common

sense a thorough Scotchman, was on

the side of his imagination and emo-

tional nature a reactionist of the most

potent description. Interiorly, he re-

spired the very air of the Middle Ages.

His "Lady of the Lake," "Ivanhoe,"

and Jacobite poetry and romances

were mightler agencies of reaction than

the Holy Alliance itself. At one pe-

riod, everybody in Europe was reading

the "Waverly Novels." Even Dickens

never had a molety of Scott's world

wide influence. The lost cause of Stu-

artism was almost revived. The spirit

of the ages of faith was rekindled in

the breasts of the aristocracy of Great

Britain. Then followed Puseyism and

ritualism in the English church.

Wordsworth played into the hands of

Romanism with his ecclesiastical son-

I have omitted mention of the reac-

tionary movement in the world of liter-

ature and art in France and Germany

called Romanticism. This was part and

parcel of the Romanist reaction. The

stalwart Vermonter, Brownson, became

a disciple of the French reactionist. La-

cordaire, and reasserted in American

speech the exploded dogmas of the spir-

itual despotism of the Middle Ages.

Other eccentric Americans have also

followed the example of Brownson.

Meantime, the immense immigration

from the south of Ireland to this coun-

try, during the last forty years, has

made all our large towns and cities only

Notwithstanding this cataclysm of

medieval bigotry and superstition, the

cause of liberty in both hemispheres

has prospered; and science and rational

knowledge are becoming the watch-

words of ever-increasing hosts in all

civilized communities. Light and lib-

erty are winning new trophles in every

collision with the dark spirit of medi-

eval despotism. The Pope has been re-

authority. The Jesuits, those ecclesias-

tical tramps and Janissaries of the Pa-

pacy, have been banished from Ger-

ing in France. Even in Catholic Bel-

gium, popular education under the con-

trol of the state has become a fixed

Thus have Romanism and Jesuitism

lost in every instance, of late years, in

both hemisphers. The latest Jesuitical

enterprise of fighting popular education

in the United States, will, in the long

run, bring those engaged in it to signal

grief. In fact, there is no chance of

the Bastile being rebuilt in France, or

the fires of the Inquisition being re-

kindled even in Spain, or the instru-

brought forth from their dusty reposi-

tories for the suppression of heresy.

Reactionary bigotry shows in such

queer publications as the Catholic

World that it has forgotten none of the

nonsense of the Dark Ages, or of the

pagan period which preceded the Dark

Ages. But it stops short with an oral

or printed reiteration of the nonsense

aforesaid. It dare not proceed to put

its detestable principles in force. It

dare not bring out its faggots. Mean-

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began after the fall of Napoleon I.

One summer's day-the tale is told-An honest peasant poor and old-It Remains as an impressive Worked in the meadow with his wife. When thus she spoke: "Well, on my

Tis precious hard that you and I Wordsworth speaks somewhere of na-Must sweat beneath the burning sky, ture leaving certain objects to a slow Like galley slaves, for paltry pay, decay, that what we are and have been And all because-alas, the day! may be known. Romanism is a case of Of Adam's fall! But for his sin survival of this sort. It enables us And Eve's, how happy we had been!" here and now to understand the curious "True," said the peasant; "I believe, moral and mental condition of the mass Had I been Adam-you been Eveof mankind, one, two; and three thou-No foolish fancies would have come sand years ago. To drive us from our Eden home; It apparently survives to make us

But all the race, this very day, Had in the garden been at play!" The Count, their master, standing near, (Though quite unnoticed) chanced to Their wise discourse; and, laughing,

"Well, my good friends, suppose instead Of Paradise, my mansion there Were yours to-day; with princely fare of ignorance, poverty, shiftlessness, For food to eat and wine to drink, Would that content ye, do you think?" "Ah! that were Paradise, indeed!"

"What more," they cried, "could mor-

tals need?" "Well, we shall see," the Count replied; "But that your virtue may be tried, Remember, on the table served With many a dish, there's one reserved: Partake of every one you see Save that, which (like the Fatal Tree) Just in the centre I will place. Beware of that! lest Adam's case Should be your own, and straight you

Back to your sickle, rake and hoe!" Soon to the castle they were led, And by a table richly spread, As for a bacchanal carouse, Behold the peasant and his spouse! "See!" said the woman, "what a treat! Far more, I'm sure, than we can eat; With such excess we well may spare The dish that's in the centre there!" 'Who cares for that?" the peasant said: (While eagerly the couple fed From all the plates that round them

"My dear! I would'nt look that way!" "No harm in looking," said the wife; "I wouldn't touch it for my life." But in their minds, at length there

A strong desire for something new; Whereat the woman said, "I wish I knew what's hidden in that dish!" "And, to be sure," the man replied, "Merely to look was not denied!" "And even touching it," said she, "Were no great harm, it seems to me: Of course, I will not lift the lid: And who would know it if I did?" She suits the action to the word, When from the dish a little bird (The Count had slyly hidden there) Came rushing forth into the air, And through the open window flew: And so it was their master knew What they had done. "Away!" he said; "Back to the field and earn your bread As you were wont-and ne'er complain Of Adam and of Eve again!" -John G. Saxe.

The orthodox moral to the foregoing clever and humorous poem is "the importance of obedience." Had not Adam and Eve transgressed the law-had they not disobeyed the command of God, they and their descendants would still be inhabiting the Garden of Eden and would ever continue to so inhabit it because there would be no death, Good and evil would also, alike, be unknown to us. We would continue in blissful ignorance of either, had our first parents behaved themselves. But I am glad that they had the courage to act in accordance with a longing implanted within them undoubtedly by their Creator, for investigation, and ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge. "But in their minds, at length, there

A strong desire for something new." That desire was a God-given one to which we are indebted for all the progress the human race has ever made or will make. That desire is growing in intensity as time passes and accounts for the inability of the church to hold its adherents any longer to its old, necrosed, unreasonable creeds and dogmas. Where is the intelligent man or woman of to-day who believes that there would be no physical death had it | duced to a mere priest and ecclesiastical not been for Adam and Eve's disobedience? The mental development of the human race is such that it cannot further tolerate this and many similar

"I wish I knew what's hidden * * * That is a wish as natural as the air we breathe and which has solved many problems in science, philosophy and religion which were heretofore considered unsolvable. In the realm of Spiritualism much that has ever been considered hidden has been revealed, and further revelations await us.

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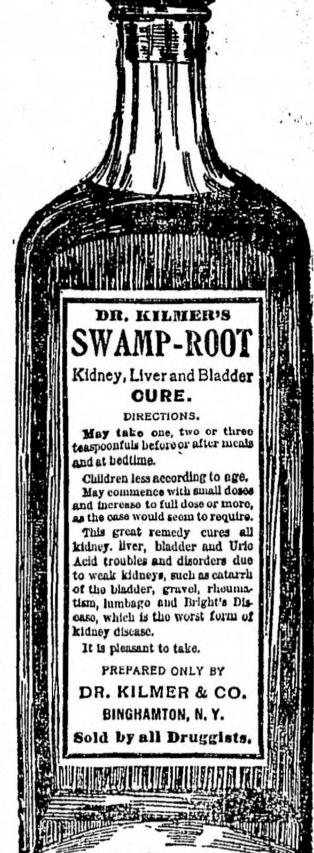
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Cheap Glory.

The magnifying of mole-hills into mountains has been a custom with the church for ages, if such inflated mountains would increase their glory. An illustration recently occurred in Toledo. Ohio. A lawyer resident there, who passed for an infidel, is said to have discarded his unbelief, and embraced Christianity. It was then given out that he had determined to make a public and ostentatious display of his changed views, by copying the example of Cardinal Ximenes, of Spain, who burned at the beginning of the 16th century, on the public square of Granada, eighty thousand Arabec manuscripts, many of them translations of classical authors, the loss of which was the immediate cause of the decay of Arabian literature and scholarshipworks which did not harmonize with his religious conceptions, and probably exposed the fraudulent history of the sacred books which began to appear in great numbers at about that time.

It was announced by telegraph that "M. O. Waggoner, Esq., with an infidel library from the pens of the ablest writers of all times, costing several thousand dollars, was to be publicly burned by him, as a testimonial of his changed faith."

A correspondent of the Truth Seeker says he visited Toledo, and stopped with Waggoner from August 23 to 25, and took good care to learn the extent of that library to be cremated. He saw the books doomed to destruction. They were Kersey Graves' Bible of Bibles, Paine's Age of Reason, The Godly Women of the Bible, Volney's Ruins, and the Candle Under the Their entire cost at retail, which The Progressive Thinker will gladly supply, is \$3.25. Cheap enough for such a world of glory, and of buf-

Facts In Place of Theory.

The distilled water question has gained an extended hearing in these columns. A physician of considerable experience and large observation has given us the following facts. As facts are better than theories, they are worth considering. He said to the writer:

"It was my pleasure to attend clinics nt the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, during the spring and summer of 1868. Prof. Agnew was in charge. One day I witnessed thirteen operations, each following in quick succession, for stone in the bladder. A history of each case preceded the operation. In every one of them the patient had come from some soft water region. several miles from Cambria county."

The Doctor went on to say, he had frequently attended clinics in Chicago and Cincinnati, where the patients were uniformly from regions where hard water is generally used, and he did not recall a single operation for calculi. He gave it as his opinion that organs for the exerction of an excess of phosphate or exilate of lime were kept in active service where hard waters are used but in case of the long use of soft or distilled water they became dormant, and any excess received in the system from any source, instead of being eliminated. collected in the kidneys, bladder or gall ducts, to the prejudice of good health.

Exhibition of Apostates.

An English Cathelic organ, under the above head, informs its readers that "at a meeting of the Wesleyan Conference in London, eighteen Frenchmen, expriests, who had abandoned Roman Catholicism for Protestantism, were exhibited in a row on the platform, and their several good points were dwelt upon with unctious fervor by the arch-The Literary Guide says the Metho dist Times, in a rough engraving, gave a picture of the scene, which did not

seem to be without comic aspects for the unregenerate. Suppose all who voluntarily retire from the Protestant ministry and are then termed infidels by the church were thus placed on exhibition; the numbers would be immense, and would consist of the ablest scholars, the pro-

foundest thinkers, and the most devoted

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moralists of the ages.

The Episcopal Diocesan Council, in session at Milwaukee, on September 20. by vote of 27 to 23, decided the right of women to vote on all church and parish matters. The Episcopals are but one step behind Catholicism in conservatism. It may be well to note that it was the younger element of the church which made this advance move, the first of the kind in the history of Episcopalianism. Who will say hereafter necticut over that prosperous city was there is no progress in the churches? | defented. Good sense there.

AMOUNT BOOK Opened. throw new light on the early history of this continent which is almost bewildering. A party of scientists visited the ruins of a buried city in Santa Clara Canyon, near Santa Fe, a few weeks ago, and commenced systematic excavations in the lava which had flowed from an ancient crater in a mountain a few miles from the New Mexican capital. They came upon a communal building 300 by 400 feet, three stories

high, containing at least 2,000 rooms. The rooms excavated, says the report, showed the dwellers of that immense structure must have deserted the house in great haste. Many articles of interest were left behind, which would have been carried away, had not their leavetaking been precipitous. Turkey and dog bones in great profusion showed these animals were kept in the house. Even the burial places of the extinct race were filled with the bones of dogs and turkeys.

Nine well-preserved skeletons were found, which showed the inhabitants were not of the Indian race, but were closely allied to the Caucasian; some of those found not very distant from the ruins had long red hair.

Instead of a shower of ashes, as in the case of Pompell and Herculaneum, which covered this city, it was a stream of lava, which when cooled became 'a rock, as enduring as time, unless disturbed by outside influences. Rev. G. S. Madden, who is at the head

the exploring party, and from whose report we have collected these facts, estimates the dwellings discovered were deserted two thousand years ago. From the length of a thigh bone he picked up, which was twenty inches in length, he estimated the stature of these people must have been between seven and eight feet.

The pick and shovel are the modern instruments employed to turn over the leaves of the long-lost history of the human race in all countries. These authentic records, not priest-made to deceive, give a more correct idea of man in his primal condition than can be gathered from the books of any people; for these books are all modern, comparatively, the very oldest inscriptions by letters not carrying us back more than ve thousand years.

Rev. Madden fixes 2,000 years ago as the probable period when the city mentioned was destroyed. It is very evident he is governed by Bible authority as to the age of the earth; but in a climate where frosts and rains do not destroy the works of man, and in this instance sealed by overlying lava from the influence of the disintegrating elements, ten thousand or even fifty thousand years would leave few traces of the ravages of time.

A red haired people indicate blue eyes and a white skin, and a building of such magnificence as is described, is not the work of a savage or a wandering race. Their teeth, worn to grinders, prove them to have been mainly vegetable eaters, and such a multitude of rooms, each, possibly, occupied by an average family of five persons, would give in that structure alone ten thousand persons.

What other marvels are to be found with further explorations in the region of these discoveries no one can guess, but the problem will remain, if nothing more is revealed: How came a people resembling the Mediterranean race, to build and occupy a city so very remote from either ocean?

An Earthquake in Alaska. Advices from Seattle, on September 20, represents that a terrible earthquake has just occurred in Alaska, which convulsed the coast line for full 500 miles, and produced sad havoc far inland. This is the first earthquake known in that country since its discov-

ery by Behring, under Russian auspices in 1741. The whole country is reported to have settled two feet or more, while the sea-bed was uplifted, and several new islands were formed. Fissures in the mainland three feet in width, and many miles in length were opened, which emitted steam. The Indians are represented as terror-stricken, and say the Great Father is mad, and is wreak ing his vengeance on both white and

It is by similar processes, frequently on a more magnificent scale, that Nature, in her changing moods, uplifts mountains, submerges continents, and upheaves others from the bed of the ocean. The crust of the earth rests on a fluid mass of matter, which is ever contracting by loss of heat and the escape through volcanic vents of gas and lava. Vacuums thus formed leave the crust unsupported, and it settles down upon the molten matter. If by extra weight, as in case of mountains, its pressure overbalances that of the sea, to preserve an equilbrium, the bed of that sea rises, elevating island, or even a continent. And this the theory of submergence and emergence, well understood by geologists, and no way contingent upon supernatural causes, as the anger of a God, as ignorance supposes. 2

Want the Priests Expelled. A telegram from Manila on the 18th ult., says the Filipinos are circulating petitions for signatures, which are addressed to President Mckinley, asking him to expel the friars and archbishop of Manila from the island. The Filipinos claim the presence of the church men is a menace to their interests Are they not also prejudicing the interests of this government in all of the Philippine Islands where they have influence? The Stars and Stripes float over the Sulu archipelago, where the Mohammedans hold sway, and priestly rule is nowerless there; but in every other island belonging to the Philippine group the priests are arrayed agains our arms. Even the island of Luzon the present seat of war, and where the petitions are being circulated, and where the United States has gained partial control, the priestly influence is exerted against American interest. They should be banished from the islands or made to shut up.

Right Was Victor.

The good people of Belvidere, an outlying suburban Chicago town, have been engaged in a little war in which the clergy took an active part. The latter, under the leadership of Rev. T. W. Heyland, of the Baptists, and Rev. F. N. Hubbell, of the Congregationalists, appeared before the city council, and urged the adoption of an ordinance to lose every business place in the city on Sundays. The final issue was reached on the evening-of the 18th ult., when a vote was had, after a long discussion in which the preachers joined, and the scheme to extend the blue laws of Con-

It is not the purpose of The Progress It is not the purpose of the Pro

ive Thinker to limp along on one foot through life, nor crawl in the path mapped out as the most "spiritual, just and reasonable," by those who would egotistically make laws to control its expression, or prescribe trade-marks by which to be recognized. Its columns are open to articles relevant to the questions of Spiritualism, and all else that will tend to make life on earth just what it should be-worth living.

For ages the common people sub mitted to the dictates of self-appointed leaders and teachers, and were cheated out of their birthright-the right to think and act according to the dictates of their consciences; submitted to the oppression that fell upon them through ignorance and the effect of superstition; but the common people of to-day are marching along in the light of their own reason; they have outgrown those old musty laws that were serviceable only o enslave minds.

Let us allow our retrospective view to ald us in our forward push into the new conditions of a broad and ever expan sive future; let us be the masses with the masses instead of a narrow, creedbound sect, and educate the people into the higher light of this century; let us fill the grand and noble mission of our own spirits and keep in touch with the progress of the age, guided by the higher and broader conceptions of our natures, instead of making our consciences wince at our own scheming cunning attributes, and our spirits blush with shame at our ambitious for power.

It is an easy matter for one person to say "unspiritual" or "more spiritual," from their standpoint, and yet the expression may come from selfish motives. If one person stands in the way of an organization that purports to be of good to the many, that person becomes no obstruction; but when the majority are opposed, it is presumed, at least in our

human laws, that the majority shall To the point: If the N. S. A. gets its support so largely from New England, that district should and does control it: therefore it is but a representative of New England, and the N. S. A. is a misnomer. It was organized in Chicago,

captured and carried away by New Englanders, and until this year it was said to be a legal necessity to have its meetings held there. We are to have the convention in Chicago once more, and will have one of the best meetings and the best attended, no doubt, of any former National Convention, and its delibera-

tions will be as harmonious and as legal as any previous meeting. This is the better place because of its central location, and the West can take a hand in the deliberations as numerously by the personal delegations as the East, and the North and the South have

it nearer home. The Progressive Thinker has invited criticism, adverse and favorable com-ment toward the N. S. A.-not to kill or wound, but to advance the cause by a proper understanding of its needs, its good, its errors, its life and utility, and in this it has done much to bring about harmony and strengthen the organization as a business institution strictly. upon business principles, and believed itself to have acted in a "spiritual"

Mr. Mayer's Proposition.

Theodore J. Mayer, the present treasurer of the N. S. A., comes to the front with a generous proffer to that institution and to the Spiritualists of the na-

He proposes to donate the present headquarters of the association, valued at \$15,000, provided the Spiritualists place that sum in the treasury. This will give the association a home and \$15,000 in the treasury.

So far as can be learned no such proposition has ever before been made to the N. S. A., and the generosity of Mr. Mayer is very commendable, but if the said amount depends upon general contributions and not upon the willing wealthy people, the proffer will be very slowly met, if met at all. If the amount is raised for a national home it becomes evident at once that the Spiritualists of the nation can be moved to acts of generosity easier far by eloquence and en-thusiasm toward climbing to the heights of public sentiment and the world's religious standing than by the soulful, tearful pleadings of the many poor but poble workers who have knel upon our cold, unmatted Spiritualistic hreshold begging for food and clothes and shelter, just to finish earth-life with. Spiritualism needs a home where her poor, her starving poor can have food, rest and attention; where those vorkers who have fought and are fighting the awful battles of reform without money and without price, can lie down and be at ease when all their strength and money are gone; can linger out their remaining time among loving friends without feeling the humility of common pauper, and then, this done brown stone front will seem more in place as a permanent home or head-

No one's enthusiasm for raising the standard of Spiritualism to its proper place among the institutions of the world, is greater than that of The Progressive Thinker, but we must begin at the foundation. We must quiet the pangs of hunger and still the chills of cold in our ranks in order to most suc essfully do this. It is a careless mothe ndeed, who can turn a deaf ear to her hungry children while she dresses for a other social gathering; who can gather up and put upon her back the means that should clothe the naked and feed the hungry forms that cluster at her knee.

There are those in the ranks who are carrying with them to the grave im-mense fortunes, who would not miss the amount from their annual income or their hoard, and if they can be enthused to acts of generosity all well and good; it may relieve their minds of a clumsy burden ere their passage to tha land where gold and silver are not the medium of exchange, and help the cause to an elegant home at Washing-

Mr. Mayer is a philanthropist at heart, one who wishes to exalt our cause to a higher plane and he puts his hands down deep in his pockets in order to do it, and we hope there will be general response all along the line, and an interest manifested to meet his proposition half way, and thus secure a

A Correction.

The type got tipsy in the editorial of last week, headed "Monumental and Divine Revelation." At the close of the 6th paragraph from the bottom, amend to read: "who afterwards became the mother of Solomon, and was also one of the fore-mothers of Jesus."

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GONVENTION . . . OF THE . . .

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All Spiritualists in the United States and Canada are invited to be present.

A Bold Expression.

been "one of the deepest students of Oriental religious in Germany." In comparing Buddhism and Christianity he is reported to have written: "Although I never thought of being

Dr. Theodore Schultze is said to have

a Buddhist missionary, I must own that if, according to my opinion, Christianity and Buddhism are compared im partially as factors of human culture, and questioned according to their rea value for mankind, one must give the preference to Buddhism; and I hope this view will be recognized more and more in Christian countries whose inhabitants are, after all, only nominally Christians."

To Be Avoided.

"Ostentation," said the Rev. E. H. Chapin many years ago, "is the signal flag of hypocrisy."

The word estentation is defined as 'An ambitique display, or boastful while a society with fifty-one to one show of one's powers, designed to at hundred and fifty members has two tract attention, praise, envy or flattery," It is a trait of character in no way enviable, and should be avoided by prac-

The Names Confounded.

A sacrilegious cues out in Kansas "A preacher was saying: 'Mark says

To him that hath, unto him shall be given, but to him that hath not, from him shall be taken away, even that which he hath.'

"A sleepy hearer on a back seat arose and asked: 'Who said that?'

"'Mark,' replied the preacher. "That's just like Hanna,' said the sleepy hearer."

Wall Said

Judge Parish B. Ladd, of California, issue of the Truth Seeker, on the priest-

"Ignorance and Religion travel to and is also expected to take up one col-gether. They put up at the same tay-lection per annum as a special offering. "Ignorance and Religion travel toern, eat at the same table, sleep in the while Intelligence and Int delity, as fellow travelers, have at all ten or twelve Spiritualists reside. Such times carried the torch that is to-day could and would be sustained if each inenlightening the world."

Thanks.

Every honest thinker owes Wm. H. Burr, Esq., of Washington, thanks for his kindly and truthful defense of Thomas Paine, as given in The Pro- an enhemeral existence, and pass away gressive Thinker of two weeks ago. Talmage. Misrepresentation is the men and women feel the vitalizing strong point in Talmage's discourses. He labors to be sensational, and is generally untruthful.

Coming to America.

Dreyfus, convicted in France of treason, against law and evidence, has been pardoned for a crime he never committed, set free, and latest reports say he is coming to America. He should be everywhere welcomed as an escaped victim from Jesuit persecution.

A THOUSAND ROADS TO HEAVEN

A thousand roads or more to heaven Should fill man's every need; To every one the choice is given, But each must have a creed And each one claims theirs is the way The only true one given, And all but that leads us astray

In the thousand roads to heaven, As backmen 'round the depots stand And each one shouts his story, So preachers all, throughout the land Call out the way to glory; But each one has his chosen inn To which you must be driven,

Where he will dump your load of sin And lead you straight to heaven. And like the hackman, you may see, If you should get benighted, You'll have to pay an extra fee When to his inn invited, And when you figure up the cost, And get your sins forgiven,

You'll not know then but what you're A thousand miles from heaven.

Then if the kingdom you would seek Begin by loving others;
Do good to ally the poor, the weak,
For all mankind are brothers. Be guided, then, by reason's gift, That surely is God-given And then you'll not be cast adrift,

But find the road to heaven. G. E. NEWCOMB, M. D.

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The Chicago Convention.

Many Spiritualists are anxious to at tend this important meeting and par ticipate in its deliberations. This should be the desire of all Spiritualists in the United States, and we trust that thou sands of them will manifest their inter-est in Spiritualism by thronging to the Convention hall in Chicago. The question at once arises, who are the mem-bers of the National Association? and who are qualified to take part in the Convention proceedings? The National Spiritualists' Association has no individual memberships; its primary units consist of local and State Spiritualist societies, children's lyceums, charitable associations, etc., that are chartered by and with it. Each society belonging to the N. S. A. is entitled to one delegate on behalf of its charter, and an additional delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof, in good standing, who are connected with it. A society with ten, twenty or thirty members is entitled to but one delegate, delegates.

In order to have direct representation at the convention it will be necessary for the Spiritualists, and all others who work with them, to organize working societies having definite aims and purposes, equipped with a business-like constitution and code of by-laws, and composed of at least seven members.

All societies are expected to do some thing for the cause in their respective communities, through public lectures and social greetings from house to house during the year. In some cases eight or ten persons have formed a reading club, elected one of their number as reader, and enjoyed the contents of the Spiritualist papers in that commendable way. They took pride in keeping up the dues of their societies to the N. S. A. in order that they might nelp the cause at large and have a voice in the annual convention of the Nationsays in the course of an article in a late al society. Each society connected with the N. S. A. is required to pay twentyfive cents per capita upon all members in good standing to the National body, There should be active Spiritualistic

societies in all cities and towns where

dividual Spiritualist would do his part.

and thereby induce the outside public

to lend a hand in the same good work.

The cause of Spiritualism has little use for mushroom societies that centre around the personality of some one medium or speaker; such bodies have only leaving the movement in a much worse against the vile slanders of Rev. DeWitt | condition than it was before. When power of their Spiritualism, they will seek by every possible means to make its influence felt in the communities where they reside. Spiritualism is either a momentous fact in nature, or a most stupendous humbug. If it were to be judged by the interest taken in it by some of its so-called followers, it would not be strange to find it every where adjudged a humbug. When Spiritualists really believe in Spiritualism, they will associate themselves together in organized bodies, to bring about needed social, industrial and religious reforms through the mediumship of that vital force sent anew to mankind by the angels only fifty-two years ago. They can never make Spiritualism the power for good it should be in the land until they heartily support their local, state and National Asssociations. Or ganize yourselves, O Spiritualists of America, and become a potent factor in the creation of a nobler civilization!

Notice to Delegates to the N. S. A. Convention.

HARRISON D. BARRETT,

President N. S. A.

In passing over two or more railroads to the convention, be sure and ask for receipts for the full fare paid going over each road, as tickets will only be issued locally by each company. Sta-tion agents have blank forms which they will fill out as receipts for full fare paid, on application.

MARY T. LONGLEY,

Secretary N. S. A.

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twelve months, and to outline, in brief, that which to me seems necessary to make the work of the coming year of greater moment to our beloved cause. RETROSPECTIVE. It is well to glance in retrospect over the past year to see what it has brought

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Con-

Report of President Harrison D. Barrett, of the Work of

the Association During the Past Year.

forth for our cause, as well as for the people of the world. Never before in the history of America has there been so much interest manifested in psychism as during the past twelve months. Press, pulpit and science have unitedly considered the questions pertaining to psychical research, and have spread proadcast the results, in full, of the investigations made by eminent men and women in all sections of the nation The secular press has devoted no little space to the work of Prof. Hyslop of Columbia University, while the results of the labors of Profs. James and Hodgson and Dr. Gibier have been largely elaborated upon through the same chan-

much interest manifested in the same great subject by the most scholarly pul-piteers in America. Psychic facts have been so forcibly presented to them that they have felt constrained to speak concerning their import, and their words have had no uncertain sound. Charges of heresy have been numerous and some of the most eloquent clergymen in America have been called upon to stand trial because of their fearless proclamations of the truth as they perceived it. Methodist, Episcopalian, Presbyterian been placed under the ban of their respective churches for giving utterance to sentiments at variance with the ancient doctrines of the church as an in stitution. Rev. Dr. B. F. Austin was ex-pelled from the Methodist church because of his frank admission of his knowledge of spirit return. Rev. Dr. Workman of the same church must sooner or later stand trial for the same offense. These and other instances prove that progressive clergymen have needed the revelations of psychical science and have followed the leadership

of Truth from ecclesiastical darkness to

There has also been a radical change

realms of spiritual light.

The work of the distinguished scientists above mentioned, coupled with Newton and Lyman Abbott of New York on the same subject, have had much to do with the creation of a deepbeing accorded a more respectful hearing on the part of the press and people. These several sermons, supplemented by the positive affirmations of men of science, have made Spiritualism a popular topic of conversation in all societary circles. This has led to an increase of interest in Spiritualism in its every aspect on the part of the people, and This recognition on the part of the publie has made the National Association spect of all seekers for truth, wheresoever dispersed. The respect shown the National body by the opponents of vestigators, proves its worth to the Spiritualists of America, and is a powerful argument in favor of its refor it for them, or for what they can ceiving a generous support from the get out of it in dollars and cents. Spiritualists themselves. It is very apparent that those who know nothing of recognition of the National body, and far too many in spiritualistic ranks. I Convention as will augment this recog-

nition during the year next ensuing. LIBERTY. The struggle for secular and religious liberty has been carried on in several States throughout the past year. In Illinois medical monopoly, despite the efforts of the friends of freedom, won a complete victory and fastened a most invidious law upon the people. In Michigan the opponents of liberty were partially successful, while in Massachusetts a compromise was effected by which the struggle was postponed, probably until the next session of the Legislature. In several other States contests were waged most fiercely, in some of which the people were vic-torious. I cannot refrain from making special reserve to the broad-minded and noble-hearted statesman, Governor Thomas of Colorado, whose ringing veto message of the odious medical monopoly law passed by the Legislature of that State, has forever endeared him to every lover of liberty in America. recommend that special recognition of his heroic act be accorded by this Convention. The struggle for medical freedom is not yet over and the friends of liberty must prepare themselves for action ere the Legislatures of the several States shall again assemble. A determined effort is to be made by the medical monopolists to secure the ab-solute control of the healing art for the sake of financial profit to themselves I am constrained to recommend the formation of a National Medical Liberty League, non-sectarian in character, for purpose of protecting the liberties of the people in this direction. VACCINATION.

Compulsory vaccination has also re ceived no little attention during the past year. In many instances Boards of Health have succeeded in riveting the chains of slavery upon the limbs of the people and have forced them to submit to the poisoning of their bodies for the special profit of a few men, under the and select men and women of good false assumption that the said poisoning was necessary to the protection of the health of the people. I referred last year to the noble work of William Tebb in England and his signal success in securing the repeal of the compulsory vaccination law in that country, as worthy of emulation on the part of his details are attended to, open subscripfellow-Spiritualists in America. I can do no more than to repeat those words now, and to recommend that this Convention take some action to secure the repeal of all compulsory vaccination with collections taken at each session, laws in every State in the Union.

PEACE. The last annual convention, upon the have made these suggestions in order

vention:—Another year has rolled away into the Eternity of the Past and I am voted to send a congratulatory me-morial to the Czar of all the Russias for again called upon to present my report inaugurating the movement that led to as President of the National Spiritualthe assembling of the International ists' Association of the U. S. A. and Do-Peace Congress at The Hague, Holland, during the past season. I am happy to minion of Canada, of the work sald Association has performed during the past report that the greeting was sent as directed, and the Spiritualists of America were thereby placed on record as practical supporters of International Peace. I need not refer at length to the work of the Peace Congress, as you are all quite familiar with it. It did not accomplish all that had been honed for it, neither did it place the United States on record as a peace nation. As Spiritualism is the religion of humanity, it is also the religion of Peace and a higher civilization for the race. Therefore all true Spiritualists repudiate war and protest vigorously against the use of implements of torture against their fellow-men. I cannot view the increase of the standing army of the United States. to its present gigantic proportions, as anything else than a serious menace to the Republic and a practical repudiation of Peace. I feel to recommend that this convention express itself in strong terms upon this important question, that the people of the world may know that the Spiritualists of America benel. The religious press has also deal lieve in perpetuating republican instituwith this important question and has thereby given psychic science the recog-nition its importance demands. tions through the maintenance of peace. I must also protest as a Spiritualist against the expensive and wholly un-In religious circles also there has been necessary war in the Philippine Islands, that has been instituted since we last met in convention. The religion given us by the angels of God fifty-two years ago was a religion of peace and love, civilization and progress—not one of hatred, war and bloodshed. The true patriot is one who loves his country and wants that country to stand as the representative of Truth and Justice. The true Spiritualist, being a firm believer in Truth and Justice, is therefore the true patriot, hence lives his religion in deeds as well as in precepts. Spiritualand even Swedenborgian ministers have ism is the purest republicanism and the truest democracy, therefore it involves

recommendation of your President,

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

affecting the welfare of humanity.

the science of government and has a

right to be heard upon every question

During the past year a number of new local societies has been formed in various quarters, while others have quietly gone out of existence. This rise and fall of our local societies is a most important problem and I invite your careful attention to it at this time. I referred to this matter at some length last year, and everything then stated holds good to-day. The vast majority of our local societies are lamentably in public sentiment on the part of the both financially and numerically. This masses with regard to Spiritualism. deplorable condition is largely due to the lack of proper management on the part of the officers and members, but that of many able elergymen, have had a most saultary effect in this direction.

The Easter sermon of Rev. Minot J. Savage of New York, on Spiritualism, Savage of New York, on Spiritualism, Savage of Rev. B. Fay Mills of Boston, on that of Rev. B. Fay Mills of Roston, on the Rev. B. Fay Mills of Roston, o immortality, and those of Revs. Heber mediums must pay their own salaries, hall rent, music, advertising and car fares, is the very quintessence of selfmuch to do with the creation of a deeper interest in Spiritualism, and with its them to do it. A change in the methods of work has become an absolute ne-

Church societies have their rolls of membership, and each person who unites with any one of them is expected to contribute his share to its support. He does this cheerfully, because he believes in his religion and does not expect to get something for nothing. In the result has been that the National far too many instances it costs nothing Spiritualists' Association has been repeatedly called upon to give important members are admitted free to its Suninformation to honest investigators, day meetings, while a ten or fifteen-cent admission fee is demanded at the door of all who are not members. This is an an institution that commands the re- attempt to make outsiders pay for the religious pabulum received by the members, and is nothing less than the receiv-ing of something for nothing. A Chris-Spiritualism, as well as by honest in- tian loves his religion truly enough to

A decided change in the method of

work is one of the great crying needs of Spiritualism are manifesting a greater the hour. A brief but comprehensive constitution and code of by-laws should respect for its work, than is shown by be drawn up, obliging all those who append their names thereto to do certain congratulate you most heartly upon the things for the support of the cause. present prominence of Spiritualism in They should be required to pay a small the public mind and earnestly recom- sum per month or per year for the supmend that you take such action at this port of the local society, and the door fee could then be abolished. To-day the salaries of all platform workers are fixed at the lowest possible figures, and few there are who can actually support themselves and families from their platform earnings. A few speakers have rare medial gifts, through which, by means of private sittings, they re-ceive enough to make up a decent salary. It is neither just to Spiritualism nor to the individual to ask any reputable man or woman to work for two hundred and fifty dollars per year upon the Spiritualist platform when he or she could earn two thousand dollars per year in some other way. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and this convention should protest vigorously against the debasing of the Spiritualistic platform below the level of mediocrity.

It cannot be said with truth that all Spiritualists are poor in purse, nor can the cry of hard times account for the weak financial standing of many local societies. It is true that the reign of prosperity has not yet been fully estab-lished in the United States, yet there has been a revival of business in many centres that must have favorably affected some Spiritualists. There is certainly no reason why those who are in prosperous circumstances should not render some support to the Cause. It is reasonable, at least, to suppose they would do so, if they were approached in the right way, or if they could be led to see that business methods prevailed in the management of the society to which thef are asked to contribute. No philanthropic business man can be expected to place large sums of money in the hands of those who fritter them away in useless expenditures, nor can men of realth be told that they must give generously, and yet have no voice in the management of the society, nor be permitted to say one word as to how their money shall be expended.

Let the Spiritualists in any community meet at some convenient place, adopt a business-like code of by-laws standing to look out for the business interests of the Society. They should choose some one of good presence as the presiding officer, carefully avoiding any and all who could not place a speaker or medium at ease when introducing him to the audience. As soon as these tion books and ask all friends of truth there would be no difficulty in meeting the running expenses of the society. I

A SPECIAL OFFER.

several days each, from which I trust, N. S. A. to the best of my ability for April, May and June, I also served the ten days in September, in March, of the month of July, all of August, and field in behalf of the X. S. A., a portion spent four weeks in February in the Longley, our secretary at Washington, convention was forwarded to Alrs. of the proceeds of the Chicago mass sonally receipted. The X. S. A.'s share year, for \$513.75 of which I have perout gained 67.6062 osier of gailtsizen al have been instrumental in raising and gratis during the remainder of the year. only a fair return for the work done by the N. S. A. This was considered bense of the same was cheerfully met rapher during that period. was forced to employ a special stenog-She was ill for seventeen weeks, and I pher during eight months of the year, to render for her services as stenogramark that neither she nor I has any bill by Mrs. Barrett. This leads me to re-Lyman C. Howe he selected by this con- | ten, while the others were type-written Many of the letters were hand-writthe standing of the X. S. A.

ous tracts, copies of the constitution, the N. S. A., and I have mailed numer. ence has been filled with references to ular papers. Aly personal correspondticles in its denait in spiritual and sec-A., and have published a number of arfive letters in the interests of the N. S. and malled seven hundred and seventy-District of Columbia. I have written island and Massachusetts, besides the Maryland, Vermont, Maine, gan, Obio, Penusylvania, New York, taken me to Minnesota, Illinois, Michisame organization. My labors have state conventions in the interest of the visited seven eamp-meetings and four mass meetings in dehalf of the N. S. A., Spiritualism in America, attended ten World's Almanae as to the status of pared the annual statement for the S. A. down to November 1, 1898, pretrustees, brought the history of the M. tion, under the direction of the board of the report of the last annual conventell in behalf of the X. S. A. I edited and I have tried to make every effort The year has been full of active work,

PRESIDENT'S WORK, down to the lowest possible point. one another in seeking to keep expenses work, and its members have vied with has actuated the board in all of its freasury, The same economic spirit eral hundred dollars to the N. S. A. of economy, and resulted in saving sevclose of the last convention for the sake unal board meetings was made at the change from the quarterly to semi-amings were held during the year. mual convention, but only two full meetwere held at the close of our last auto our cause, Several board meetings of effort that has resulted in great good tugs of the board, and produced a unity utmoskgood feeling in all of the meetfellow-members. This has led to the deavored to work in harmony with his his duly as he has perceived it, and enout the year, Each member has done been satisfactorily performed through-The work of the board of trustees has

BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

for her and it your most cordial apyour highest appreciation, and despeak the work of our secretary as worthy of palgn throughout the year. I commend thereby earried on an educational camthe secular and Spiritualist press, and secretary has written timely letters to been of a figh order of excellence. Our that the work at the home office has facts as will prove to your satisfaction and place you in possession of such account of the-business of her omeial report will give you a detailed requests of her correspondents. Her never has she failed to respond to the peen sent out by her promptly, and Alerature, express matter, etc., have business she has been promptness itself. never lagged, and in every matter of been well kept, her correspondence has of her constituents, ther books have early and late to earry out the wishes tary, Mrs. Mary T. Longley, has labored conscientious and painstaking secreof the most satisfactory character. Our that the work at neadquarters has been It gives me much pleasure to report

MORK IN THE HOME OFFICE,

for the N. S. A. we can secure ample financial returns ii we have evolved some plan by which question at length, and not leave it unthere. Let us discuss this financial ing the N. S. A. clearly manifested cletles, and the importance of maintainshould be carried into your home so-The enthusiasm of this convention and yourselves aided in soul power. be strengthened, its revenues increased, lectures. By so doing the N. S. A. will hold benefit seances, and to give benefit special efforts to secure donations, to home. I ask you one and all to make work for the N. S. A. upon his return stitute himself a committee of one to

I recommend that each delegate con-

this oft-neglected plan to your favorthe agents of the N. S. A. I recommend the same, I fully believe, in the case of dollars above all expenses. It would be was a return of nearly one bundred with a similar business, and the result period of only three weeks in connection This plan was tried by one person for a source of abundant streams of revenue. dollar, you would find their work the lent, to the donors of all sums over one posal of the N. S. A. a scientific labora- | returns therefrom will more than cover | to promise either a complete set of continguished scientist placed at the dis- | quire quite an outlay of money, but the | to house canvass, and given permission At our last annual convention a dis- | ing. The plan above proposed will re- | missioned, empowered to make a house right kind during the year next ensu- It ten active agents were thus comsecure active missionary work of the hence has never been given a fair trial. that you will take such action as will never deen popular with other workers, this matter upon you and sincerely hope I known reason to me, this plan has N. S. A. with sufficient funds to enable | changed, and only such persons ap- | agents, to be sent out under bonds, to discuss this question at length and take lowed in 1895, 1896 and 1897, it is cer- of income. For several years I have recommend that your honorable body | the field, to work along the lines fol- | aged, you will find it a generous source upon the Spiritualists of America, I Missionary and Organizer de put into as a means of revenue, If rightly manurge this important matter once more therefore recommend that a National [recommended special missionary work helds of research in psychic science. I methods of those years is apparent, I must be solved by you. I have already something tor our local societies. In- | the adoption of such measures as will | joint auspices of the state associations are questions that or the adoption of such measures as will | joint auspices of the state associations are questions that funds for the earrying out of the orders

How to meet the running expenses of

made during the year have been reterially reduced. It may be that it will officers, especially the Secretary and economy, thrift, strict business methods hung over the Untional Association. By ness of some eighteen hundred dollars find men and women who are willing to | present Board of Trustees, an indebtedfriends of Spiritualism. It is hard to opening of the term of office of your given it by many Spiritualists. At the | good returns were made. consideration than has beretolore been This question deserves far greater

REVENUES.

do anything at all, proves that they do | and the proper binding of the same for but the failure of some of the others to ever published in the United States, plete files of all Spiritualistic papers the Cause, and were friends of the for the purpose of securing the comhundred and afty dollars be set apart an appropriation of not more than one themselves with the character, standing | ence books, I recommend therefore that would also be most valuable as referthey would be of great service, and made in this direction, there is yet need | the compliation of an authentic history, papers ever published in America. In complete files of all of the Spiritualist of the misuse of our papers during the | value, as historical documents, of the I again call your attention to the

LITERATURE

Watson have been suggested, quired, Dr. Dean Clarke and Mrs. E. L. with the work. If assistants are rechief, and authorized to go forward rention for the position of historian-insoever, I further recommend that diverted to no other purpose whatualism, all donations to which shall be | etc., to those seeking information as to securing an autheutic history of Spirit-Fund," be created, for the purpose of to be known as "The N. S. A. History fore, to recommend that a special fund, its every need. I do not hesitate, thereample means will be supplied to meet ecord of Spiritualism to the world, upon the noble work of giving a true rinced that the N. S. A. has entered itself; but when the public is once contreasury for the support of the N. S. A. I am aware of the great needs of our

> tory fund, provided Mr. Howe was the hundred dollars each to a special hispressed their willingness to give two torian, Some five persons have ex-Lymng, C. Howe should be the nisof Spiritualism, with the proviso that collection for the writing of the history set the ball in motion by takink up a work, Cassadaga Camp this past season portant one in counection with this the financial question is a very imdering the foregoing it will be seen that lication must be met in addition to this, the work alone, The expense of pubmeans four or five thousand dollars for traveling expenses guaranteed. This one thousand dollars per year, and all competent writer should have at least and the expenses of travel duly met. A han that. This labor must be paid for, justice to his subject in any less time as it should be done. No man can do they looked with contempt upon every- stant labor on his part to do the work It will cost at least three years' con-

be commissioned to do the work, various sections, asking that Mr. Howe and petitions have been received from taken up by the friends of the N. S. A., the National body, it was, however, recommendation was not earried out by money in the N. S. A. treasury, this the work. Owing to the dearth of secure the funds necessary to earry on torian, and urged that steps be taken to Fredonia, N. Y., to the position of histhe appointment of Lyman C. Howe, of post, Two years ago I recommended worker is qualified for this important rected. No one but a scholarly ploneer statement, if any there be, duly cormay be supplied, and inaccuracles of omissions from Mrs. Britteu's work our movement, in order that oughly versed in the early history of performed by some one who is thorcould be obtained. The work should be work, an accurate and authentle record becent assistants to aid him in the ulstory, and empewered to call in comcould be selected to prepare a complete it some one of the early workers

tew contemporaries who now remain valiable second hand, through their and much of their testimony is only count the stirring events of other days, They are not present in person to rethe broad vantage ground of the soul, now viewing the scenes of earth from to their reward in spirit life, and are form; the great majority have passed ploneer workers now remain in the aind the times. Only a few of the town to 1869, hence is thirty years beprought the distory of Spiritualism acomplete in some respects. It only work, so far as it went, yet it was sadly dinma Hardinge-Biliten was a good history compiled and published by birs. attention to this vital measure, The sidered officious, I once more call your reached, At the risk of being conby which the desired goal may be essential question, and adopt measures urged the delegates to consider this In two of my former reports I have

THE HISTORY OF SPIRITUALISM. and despeak your cordial support. izations to your considerate attention ism. I recommend these worthy organin the public presentation of Spiritualto teel that they were decidedly de trop while the young people have been made neglected by their spiritualistic parents, The children have hitherto deen sadiy ple interested in spiritualistic work, which are designed for the young peo-People's Spiritualist Union, both of Association and the National Young able notice, gress. I refer to the National Lycoum the hearty support of all friends of proclation fills an important niche in the which are chartered with it. Each assosocieties, untlonal in character, both of strengtheued by the formation of two

The National Association has been NATIONAL AUXILIARIES,

big and the Dominion of Canada helped thirty-five States, the District of Colum- | coming year, Spiritualists of America, His work in tinuance of this policy during the correspondence, and thus made the lations with the N. S. A. than have exbrought them into touch with it through | into closer and far more harmonious re-N. S. A. prominently defore the people, and has brought each and all of them | kind by the Spiritualists of America, esdues, and collections. He kept the ularly with every chartered society, In the way of charter fees, per capita | voted Secretary has corresponded reg-N. S. A., thereby adding to its revenue have been signally helpful, Our demany local societies to charter with the | ceding year, and the returns therefrom eral journeys. Besides this, he induced more numerous than during the preand donations he received on his sev- | itualists. Personal donations have been the Association, through the collections | the indifference of some individual Spir-He was able to earn his own salary to affiliate with State Associations, and to the three in which the President was | during the year, owing to hard times, to must be raised in order to make this large sum of money, and that money | be entirely wiped out when all pledges method will prequire the outlay of a their whole spuls into the work. This Treasurer, this sum has been very maat living wages, who can and will put necessary to employ men and women labors to the M. S. A. H. is therefore selves, and return the results of their work for nothing, take care of them-

it should be heartly supported by all i

Missionary work is of vital import-

ance to the cause of organization, and

stand its objects,

not appreclate the N. S. A. nor under- Lour library. N. S. A. These have done good work, ority of them were active workers in and ability of the appointees. The maeverything in their power to acquaint of improvement, Your officers did rious years. But even with the progress past year than there has been in preronds. There is less cause to complain pose of obtaining half rates on the railtew merely wanted them for the purmarks of honor, and done nothing. A Others have accepted our papers as do so, and have done excellent work. return, Some of them have sought to obligated them to do something for it in commission from the National Society neir attention to the fact that their retary, Mrs. Longley, and myself ealled his body during the year, The Secries-at-large were appointed to serve National Association, twenty missionhe constitution and by-laws of ork of the N. S. A. In harmony with he most important features of the Your attention is now called to one of

MISSIONVEIES

at length, and proper action taken. convention let the matter de discussed chies that it would recommend. In this especially in the matter of securing pay-The Society for Psychical Research is operate with him in this work, desirous that the N. S. A. should cothe world. Our selentific friend is still power to prove its truth and value to owers should do everything in their Spiritualism, and desirous that its fol-We should be solicitous for the good of worthy of spiritual men and women. narrow and prejudiced, wholly unthis attitude of mind seems bigoted, investigate the investigators?" ask, with a contemptuous sneer, "Who one journalist even went so far as to on the part of some Spiritualists, and ter. He was met with active opposition country done their full duty in the matthe Spiritualists and mediums of this. for, nor what they would have been had they went, were not what he had hoped out the results, although good so far as the services of two or three psychics, evidences of fact. The scientist secured bing that would give them absolute delighted with seeming marvels that of the latter, while the latter were so themselves with money at the expense ence, so long as the former could glut structed. They eared nothing for selentertained, they did not wish to be inboth classes that, so long as they were was a virtual confession on the part of rdice and cupidity of the mediums. It the Spiritualists, and the seeming cow-I was amazed at the indifference of

apoin wanted immense sums of money ready and willing to be tested, three of America, only four told me they were chagrin, out of all the psychics in the Institute in question. To my heir services in the name or science at S. A., I asked mediums to volunteer Spiritualists, As President of the only with indifference on the part of the entist, through the press, but was met to the splendid proposals of this sel-Ameried. I repeatedly called attention. by every spiritualist and medium in and should have been hearthy seconded of these objects are especially worthy, should be warranted by the facts. All another, and such deductious made as ances were to be compared one with enlightenment of mankind, These secally, and eventually published for the results of all seances taken stenograpmsame to him. He purposed having the villing to be investigated, and send the terest of seleutific research, who were services of reliable psychics in the inte wished the N. S. A. to secure the truth-seeker to whom I am referring. freely and at length with the earnest several days at the Institute, and talked sults to the Board. This I did. I spent examine his laboratory, and report relirected to visit the generous scientist, Board took the matter up, and I was Trustees with instructions to act. The referred to the incoming board of by the last convention, and the matter His offer was accepted with thanks expenses were met.

interest of science, provided their actual willing to donate their services in the also felt that all psychics ought to be ries, if the same were denhanded. He pensate the psychics in the way of salatuitous services of a competent manthe free use of his laboratory, and graof travel, loss of time, etc. In view of something toward defeaving expenses selves to selentific tests, and contribute who would volunteer to subinit themoffered to board and lodge all psychics gation before the world. He even

A PSYCHICAL INSTITUTE.

leve that such a journal would be self-

coming Board of Trustees with power | value of organization known to the isted defore. I recommend the con-This matter was referred to the inly in the interests of occult science. be taken to establish a psychic quarter-Last year I recommended that steps

A PSYCHIC QUARTERLY.

of truth, and not seek to block their friendly to Spiritualism, therefore me men of selence on both continents are central truths will be presented by demands your thoughtful attention. truth. This is an importantimatter and closer union of forces in our search for Research, with a view of, securing a dence with the Society for Psychical tees be instructed to open corresponyear, that the incoming Board of Trusual truth. I recommend, as I did last with these scientific advocates of spiritmust act, and prove the value of our the credit for the results of the past this. Shall they go ou alone and claim ers come forward now and offer to do produce them. The Psychical Researchhave any facts to offer, it is our duty to The proceeds were divided between the that the railroad authorities have no the facts, and if we, as Spiritualists, work. Educated meniand women want were quite good, while the attendance | church work, have had no difficulty in impossible stories will no longer do our neapolls, Alian. The financial returns | their sole income from their platform or | ticisms, raindow-chasing, and utterly ualists. Wild guessing, nameless mys-This work should be done by Spirit-

state associations, all of which were all mediums and speakers certainly can analyze every psychic problem for method of investigation of the early name of phenomena, and prepared the deece their fellow-men. Its abandon-

lists have openly advised them not to on scientific lines, and many Spiritualpast, and every attempt on the part of sucered at by many Spiritualists in the Psychical Research has too often been upon spiritual topics. The Society for the whole civilized world to talking concerning his demonstrations have set to you all, and his frank statements Prof. James H. Hyslop's work is known important truths to their fellow-men. tions and have demonstrated some very the selentific method in their investigachical Research Society have followed of spiritualistic phenomena during the made considerable progress in the study The friends of psychic science have

I can only repeat my recommenda-

legislative chaplains. employment of aimy and navy and but forth an earnest protest against the recommend that your honorable body Auence along legitimate lines, I also State Legislatures and personal in- the Spiritualists of the country to comthey now enjoy through petitions to ager, he naturally had a right to expect nals, and all other special perquisites to insane people, to paupers and crimiprivilege of acting as spiritual advisers right of exemption from Jury duty, the the right to solemnize marringes, the do so. Whenever the N. S. A. was rep- I dained elergymen of all denominations though an earnest effort was made to repeal of all laws granting unto orsometimes three changes in a single ism in its true light before the world the N. S. A. at each of the camps, al- this convention take steps to secure the a change of speakers every Sunday, and [N. S. A., to assist in placing Spiritual- | tendance of a direct representative of | because others dot 1 recommend that | placing the results of scientific investifavors from a source we consider wrong intelligent Spiritualists, in the work of question. Is it right for us to receive the N. S. A. and the moral support of Some camps went so far as to mention to other denominations there is no valid | truth, and without any consideration of part of the officers was promised. So long as these privileges are extended offer was made solely in the interest of ceived, and hearty co-operation on the and must enter my protest against it. life deyond the grave. This generous dered the National Association no little | dination of itself means little or nothualistic work in America, and have ren- | lecturers in making this statement. Orcome important factors in the Spirit- I nominations as well as to Spiritualist. I now refer to elerkymen of all debelieve it should be prohibited by law. but feel that ordination is a menace rate tickets on the rallroads. I cannot the character mentioned. I firmly be- do something to aid the K. S. A. I wree tributions to the K. S. A. For some unnone of them would be seeking half its officers to establish a magazine of pointed as missionaries as will gladly visit from house to house soliciting conhere, if no speakers were ordained

nomena were not presented in public to among the people, although the finan- | platform worker. The truth and noththe N. S. A. at each of these mass meet- | uition of the N. S. A. by these great ineness of the phenomena offered in the president and one trustee represented of fair play and honesty. The recogdue proportions in each case, Your when they are met half way in a spirit state association and the N. S. A. in wish to discriminate against our people, was uniformly large and enthusiastic, securing their permits, This proves All Spiritualist speakers who derive hence will not be entitled to half rates.

ruling, we must admit its existence and debarred from receiving permits, Withfor mental or physical phenomena are an annual permit, who acts as book or The question of half rates for Spirit-

HALF RATES.

this convention. and recommend action to that end by and Tennessee during the coming year, Wisconsin, Oregon, Kansas, Arkansas Hampshire, Penusylvania, Indiana, bealthful State organizations in New efforts should be made to establish pogly to oppose it. I feel that special unless the Spiritualists unite in a State inimical to Spiritualism will be enacted in support of the same, State legislation the Cause it Spiritualists will but unite made a strong bulwark of defense for your eareful consideration. This con- a State Spiritualist Association can be officers, and recommend this ease to ganization, in every State in the Union ask you to sanction the action of your alive to the necessity of thorough orview of the importance of this matter I Rhode Island, where I found the people fund to the prosecution of the suit. In | Massachusetts, New York, Maine and trustees unanimously voted to appro- for the good of the Cause, I attended to render financial assistance, and your | past year, and have accomplished much possible exception of the one in Ohio, All of the State Associations, with the

STATE ASSOCIATIONS.

him as a true and tried friend of our donation of one hundred dolin's marks ident of Onset Camp, whose generous erence to J. Q. A. Whittemore, the Presend, I cannot close this chapter of amount of hard work, but it is work to the people, This means a vast of the M. S. A. are rightly represented ercises, and to see to it that the claims on these days, propare the order of exselected to take charge of the meetings one of the omeers, or state agents be N. S. A. days. I also urge that some announced upon the others programs as cation be made for special days to be year, and suggest that immediate appilfeatures at the different camps next made to make N. S. A. Days prominent recommend that greater evorts be and Madison, Maine,

Oity Park, Vt.; Temple Heights, Etna,

Onset, and Lake Pleasant, Mass., Queen The camps visited are Harwich, certainly de large from camp-meetings done as well, the financial returns will England States, If other camps have nttended are located within the six New N. B. A., for all of the seven camps I fact of New England's loyalty to the of personal work, and also to reveal the tion these points to show you the value the vote of the last convention, will be offering of about eighty dollars. I menof this special fund, This money, under | dollars, and Etna, Maine, third with an ant, Mass., came next with eighty-five over two hundred dollars. Lake Pleasdollars, Onset, Mass., alone sending in S. A. something like five hundred ualism, These seven camps return the work and value of the N. S. A. to Spiritall of which I spoke at length upon the I visited seven camps personally, at done, and no substantial aid rendered. other instances, very little was said or good hundeial returns resulted. In est was aroused among the people, and cially commissioned agent, much interresented by one of its officers, or a spefound yery difficult to seeme the atcial features in their work. It was and spiritual dyspepsia has been de- | obligation resting upon the N. S. A., | grams, and sought to make them spe-W. S. A. days were solicited at each the vote of the last convention, special Spiritualist camp meetings have be-CAMP MEETINGS.

said hitherto need not be repeated now, | hope that you will give specific direction on your part to find the true solu- | quently and at length upon the question | to offer good fields for work. I urge I have, in former years, spoken fre- sociations exist, provided the same seem sary when they are absolutely genuine. | as may desire them, where no state as-Phenomena are only valuable or neces- I to do so, and in such cities and towns | Board be directed to act accordingly. lead to better conditions in our ranks. | and the N. S. A., whenever it is possible | this body of delegates, and the incoming more strongly to the necessity of doing | Spiritualists, and now urge upon you held during the coming year, under the present eminenally to the necessity of doing | Spiritualists, and now urge upon you held during the coming year, under the present eminenally to the place of Borderland, tor in spiritualistic work.

in her city.

Owosso, Mich., Chicago, Ill., and Minings were held in Brooklyn, N. Y., eminently successful. These joint meetauspices of the N. S. A. and several mass meetings were beld under the joint | in their hands.

MASS MEETINGS your work shall be concluded. concise declaration of principles, ere tion, and urge you to adopt a simple, bequests by will, for its own propagafor Spiritualism to receive donations or the law, as well as to make it possible itualists to meet the requirements of of axioms, and thereby enable all Spirident truths of Spiritualism, in the form faith. This convention can, if it will, ever was, a religion. I hold that it is a | the same, upon the recommendation of are in duty bound to doubt that it is, or | unlist speaker who is justly entitled to | do so. name of Spiritualism, dence the courts | granted elerical permits to every Spiritusages have been established in the Passenger Associations have freely being a religion or not, it becomes necportant legal question as to Spiritualism presented to you. In view of the imtion. At the proper time they will be ferred to this convention for final acthe N. S. A., for consideration, then remitted to each society chartered with They were ordered printed, and subpresented at our last annual convention. vention. Four such declarations were Principles for Spiritualism by this contopic is the question of a Declaration of Closely connected with the foregoing

I DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

nothing should divert its attention from vention should act in the matter, and the facts at hand to give you. S. A. for unancial aid, bence I have Indiana no application was made to the beld in the name of Spiritualism, In tion of the law, of all Sunday meetings end to the suppression, under the sanegreat blow in many states, and it may to do this spiritualism will receive a Spiritualism is a religion. If they tall with Spiritualists to prove that their camp-meeting work without special refs certainly good logic; hence it rests Spiritualism is not a religion this claim | that will yield splendid returns in the which is not cannot be propagated, tualism is not a religion, and that come forward with the claim that Spirand those who want the said property igion, The opponents of Spfritualism to the propagation of the Spiritual recertain person donated some property sufted unfavorably to Spiritualism. what doubiful, the first trial having reyet pendiug, and the outcome is somewealth, In Massachusetts the case is body under the laws of that Commonowers have no rights as a religious nalism is not a religion, bence its rolformed that the courts held that spiritchusetts, in the former state I am in least two States, Indiana and Massa. dalism as a religion has arisen in at Engquestion as to the standing of Spirit-During the past year an important le-

UALISM

THE LEGAL STATUS OF SPIRIT. erly to the cause of Spiritualism. tense of other wills bequeathing propteld for future use in the possible delars are yet in the treasury to the credit against it, but about four hundred dolupon to meet the expenses of the suit euse of the Bade Will has been drawn of the N. S. A. The fund for the demately and their way into the treasury and three thousand dollars will utiltate has been effected, and between two A partial settlement of the Babe es-

THE BABE ESTATE,

you that will throw some light upon the that some expression will be made by through the wiping out of the deficit, I til they are not satisfied unless there is I upon all organic bodies, especially the reloped among some of the people, un- | there is yet a moral duty devolving Under the timerant system a mental lars; and while there may be no legal ted by all to be far from satisfactory; | deficit is about seveuteen hundred dolwork, under present methods, is admit- | this convention. The amount of the policy to your favorable notice. The strained to call your aftention to it at not deter me from recommending this some length last year, and feel con-

I referred to this important subject at THE ROCHESTER JUBILEE.

tried under proper management the talking on the part of those who believe into view. I am firmly convinced that | for action has come, and I can only say. dies for many of our spiritual ills comes | The time for talk has passed; the time | feet. all I have ever said upon this subject, I to carry this recommendation into efand I have only to say that I reathrm | thous to the incoming board of trustees

tal phenomena, and I believe that a re-

of the multitude.

concerning it.

was no incentive for deception for the obtained in the home circle, where there the fact ret remains that the most conit is a serious question in the minds of i son of to-day will presume to deny; but | ganization. chic phenomena no well-informed perthe front. That there are genuine payname of Spiritualism naturally comes to | At this stage the question of the genu-GENDINERESS OF PHENOMENA

leugth, and utter some etrong words

will consider this important question at heard it. I trust that this convention would not be forgotten by those who ious thought offered by Spiritualism by which means the ethical and religcould be set aside for phenomenal work, side. At camp-meetings special bours ing with regard to trespass on either own time, and there would be no feelnomena. Each would then have its and a week evening are devoted to pheitualism, while every Sunday afternoon science, philosophy and religion of Spirsessions be devoted to lectures upon the do so: Let the morning and evening collowing plan, so far as it is possible to ture to recommend the adoption of the sions over the present method, I venof the former. In view of the dissenthrows the cloud of discredit over that I make a simple statement of the self-evsome cases the work of the latter alike, The former at times encroach tasteful to both speakers and mediums nomena and philosophy at each session The present method of uniting pheone service, or shall there be a division? to the public? Shall they be blended in eral phases of Spiritualism be presented ophy to religion. How shall these serscience leads to philosophy, and philos-They open the door to science, while to it, but are not the all of Spiritualism, They are, therefore, necessary adjuncts three permanent factors in Spiritualism, only helps to an understanding of these asking for a bearing. Phenomena are and selence, pullosophy, and religion lie the realm of investigation, where we tibition as such, But deyond them does ered as curiosities, and be placed on exselves, then they could well be considbeyond the mere occurrences themday, it the phenomena meant nothing one of the most vital questions of the entation of Spiritualistic teachings is ism. Their relation to the public prestegral part of the economy of Spiritual tate to say that they constitute an inpsychic phenomena, nor does he hesi-No Spiritualist doubts the existence of speakers is the question of phenomena. Closely allied to the subject of settled

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same a practical success. tions can be established to make the tor all local socielies as soon as condion record in favor of settled speakers that this convention puts itself squarely ten cents to see the show. I recommend duced to attend the meeting, and pay large concourses of people could be inmillion test a test medium societies some of the officers have even trickery a desirable art. In some local puls a premium upon fraud and makes The present system itual ability, good characters and genuwould require mental, moral and spirment, Settled speakers, therefore, their respect would be given employcould instruct the people and command Who were able to live their religiou, who would be left in the rear, and only those ment of speakers, moral degenerates epiritual instruction, With the settlethose who tell the truth and give pure ish mannerisms, are often preferred to ena, sensational utterances and freakacted, through questionable phenomfrom whom the ten-cent door iee is exwho can draw a large crowd of people, the Spiritualistic rostrum, To-day those who offer themselves as candidates for the mental and moral atness of those ther another needed reform, I refer to The settlement of speakers would fur-

detter advantage than de can that of an the brain of a cultured psychic to much follows that a cultured spirit can use which he does not know; it therefore eareful study. No man can teach that the necessity for wider reading and themselves, admitting and proving nation, thereby, unconsciously, perhaps, terent titles, in various sections of the ers deliver the same lecture, under difheard several unconscious trance speakspirations, I must here say that I have they are the higher and better their ineven in their cases the detter posted trance and inspirational speakers, yet night not hold good in the case of set subjects for their lectures. and are content to depend upon a few no incentive to read, much less to study, quently from place to place, they have speakers and mediums. By moving fremental laxiness on the part of our intelligence. It also paves the way for and a laughing stock for those of minor ridicule on the part of the unthinking, ment. It makes our religion a buit of school work nor in societary advanceism no voice in local reforms nor in The Hinerant system gives Spiritual-

to this plan. This fact, however, does well as prominent laymen, are opposed that many speakers and mediums, as work has been successful. I am aware in decency, houesty, and spirituality, more years. Wherever it has been decisive action, rather than extended the settlement of speakers for one or crimes, hereafter there will be sharp, manency of Spiritualism depends upon I tlees, and to all who abet them in their much of the future progress and per- | to those who engage in fraudulent prac-

At this point one of the surest reme-SETTLEMENT OF SPEAKERS.

tion of this problem. important topic, and statesmanlike acommend eareful consideration of this of our cause will be slow indeed. I recless they are strengthened, the progress

cluded from them. Yet even this is a sired only the earnest co-operation of economy of Spiritualism, and deserves the N. S. A. days in their official pro- reason why Spiritualists should be ex- | tinancial returns to the donor. He de-

but one, an affirmative reply was re- | feel this to, de wroug in every respect | cally demonstrating the continuity of eamly, by your officers. In every case | ers not possessed by other people, 1 | perimenter, for the purpose of scientifiindividual who receives it certain pow- | gratuitous services of a competent exit under the law, as conveying to the thousand dollars, together with the full running order. ald during the past five years. Under Ing, yet there is a partial recognition of [tory and apparatus valued at fifteen all expenses when the machipery is in [vention reports, or some other equivarather than a help to Spiritualism, and sustaining after the first year.

ORDINATION.

of phenomenal Spiritualism to de de- larger. I recommend, therefore, that at all in their power to secure its total has not deen abandoned. A quarterly that I have found the present status | talify will make the sum total much | ing the Spiritualists of America to do am constrained to say that the project we can ever find. I must here declare I tions secured through their instrumen. Dody in the form of a resolution, pledge I to ack. I can only report progress, and the most reliable proofs of spirit return | dred dollars, while the individual dong- | against this practice be adopted by this turn to the home circle would give us amount in round numbers to two hun- ers? I recommend that a declarationfrom the same during the past year in principle and just to all honest toil-This is as true of physical as of men- | rightly managed. The financial returns | arises are half rates to clergymen right strength to the N. S. A., If they are considering this subject the question sake of financial profit, or the applause | meetings can be made a tower of above every form of temptation. In I firmly believe that these mass selves superior to all others by being

and Spiritualists should prove them- way by digotry and prejudice. Tincing and reliable phenomena were her unselfish work at the mass meeting | plied impartially to all denominations, ledo, O., deserves special mention for worse than they. These rules are ap- should work with them in the interest other equally reliable mediums. But ness, Mrs. Carrle Firth-Curran, of To- | defrauded the roads, hence we are no spirit power. This is also true of many | in the meetings, for their generouskind- | to say that other ministers have also | and gave unmistakable evidences of speakers and mediums who, took part | rules now in force. It does not belp us | other teachers, I know that leading | constantly in the field as a missionary. | the withdrawal of some locals to | platform test medium, spoke for itself, ex-Trustee E. A. Rice, as well as to all has led to the adoption of the code of work of Miss Lizzie Keyser, the first (tees Dewey, Warne and Pruden, also to | railroads of their just dues. This fact | such will fall to the rear, and its great | years in the history of the M. S. A. were | tions and charter fees have fallen off tional utterances of the speakers. The cially due Vice-president Dailey, Trus- | diams and dogus speakers, to defraud of scientific research, Spiritualism as | plan available. The most prosperous | deemed. The receipts from dues, collecders whatsoever outside of the inspira- | The thanks of the N. S. A. are espe- | made in the past, by counterfeit me- | Unless Spiritualists profit by the results without witnessing any signs and won- of the cause who ladored with him, any one, Many attempts have deen converted to a belief in Spiritualism all of these meetings, as did all friends | made to secure undeserved favors for nle attended the meetings, and were lactory. Your president did his best at. gard to all, and no attempt has been any great extent, yet thousands of peo- | clal returns were far from deing satis- | ing dut the truth has been told with re-In the early days of Spiritualism, pde- | ed, and much enthusiasm was aroused | voritism during the past year to any many of those offered in public seances. | gis, Mich. These were all well attend- | you. The N. S. A. has shown no fainvestigators as to the real value of Titusville, Pa., at Toledo, O., and Stur- at this point, one important truth upon the most intelligent Spiritualists and I.A. were also held at Spartansburg and I this city six years ago. I wish to urge Mass meetings in dehalf of the N. S. | than it has cost since its organization in work to the world through co-operation derived, is worth more to Spiritualism vance the interests of the cause of or- | from which reliable information can be | half-century of study? If not, then we ings, and did what they could to ad- | Passenger Associations, as the center

make no claim as religious teachers, | truth's sake,

If Spiritualism is not a religion, then | Spiritualists, and declares that it will During the past year a number of before the officers and left the decision adopted the original painstaking ciation, I have placed the literal facts of Spiritualism. Psychical Science has have been appealed to by either Asso- | that has so long raged around the name cheerfully abide by it. Whenever I way for the storm of ridicule and abuse out questioning the fairness of this questioning of everything offered in the ment also led to the acceptation without who hold circles or give private sittings | selves of the golden opportunity to income. Under this ruling all persons out consciences hastened to avail themreligious work from which to derive an | every form of trickery, and people withcupation or business other than that of | doued, the door was opened wide to insurance agent, or who has any oc- | mediums, When this method was abanthe pioneer spiritualists and the early upon the time of the latter, while in from being a dogmatic assertion of man of any denomination is entitled to everything. This was the attitude of ioin is a self-evident truth, hence is far | sideration in every instance. No clergy- | granted, but seeks rather to prove vasic facts upon which it rests. An ax- | treat them with courtesy and due con- | chical research friends takes nothing for is now generally admitted to be dis- | rather be a simple declaration of the | of our workers, and have not falled to | ness. The scientific method of our psywise de considered a creed, dut would for information regarding the standing [to demonstrate its claims to genuinebenefits. Such a statement could in no | have uniformly appealed to the N. S. A. | it, and should be given an opportunity in securing the needed protection and abide by them. The ralignal officials ualism is true, the world ought to know atic facts upon which it rests will aid it | and, ask all Spiritualist speakers to | alyzed in the name of truth, If Spiritlaw. A plain statement of the axiom- | the granting of permits to elergymen, | may be properly classified and duly anthe full protection and denesits of the | daye adopted certain rules governing | nomena to an orderly form, that they religion, and is, therefore, entitled to the N. S. A. The railroad authorities only endeavoring to reduce psychic phe-

be adopted. Up to the present hour, no | Western, Central and Southwestern | deen willing to submit to investigation essary that a declaration of principles | N. S. A. during the past year. The open ridicule, Very few mediums have brought defore the officers of the either with slient contempt or met with ualistic lecturers has been frequently of psychic phenomena has been treated Its members to determine the validity past year, The members of the Psy-

PSYCHICAL RESEARCH. which practical results may be obtained. body, and ways and menus adopted by briate afty dollars from the Bade Will in person the annual conventions in discussed at length by your honorable mend that this important question be will be given to the world, I recomstartling phenomena, in order that | binesachusetts the N. S. A. was asked | have been unusually active during the | disappear and a glorified Spiritualism recognized, fraud and chicanery wil done and the selentific method properly selves and to the world, When this is be taught its true menning to themthe laws governing the same and should sors of mediumship should understand Training School at Ully Dale. Possesthe different phases of psychlsm in the better, establish chairs in the name of schools of this kind, or, what may be de taken to secure the endowment of of angel ministry, I delieve skeps should given the custody of the signs and seals us by allen hands, to whom will be mediumship, the work will be done for evidences of fact, revealed by honest the needs of humanity with positive Spiritualism to-day, and unless we meet tently. We are facing a great crisis in who possess the same actively or lator the untoldment of mediumship in al tor the establishment of psychic schools to suggest also that the time has come dorsed by proper resolutions, I am led recommend that they be formally enour hands in this convention, and should receive every encouragement at of a higher education for Spiritualists Weaver, These efforts in the direction the latter that of Moses Hull and A. J. Belle Bush and Prof. Arthur Ewell, and under the able management of Miss now at Lily Dale, N. Y. The former is formerly located at Mantua, Ohio, and

also the Spiritualist Training School, Belvidere Seminary at Belvidere, N. J. of America should heartly support the ant question. I delieve the Spiritualists tions of former years upon this import-

of fraud and chicanery, What I have this matter upon you, and earnestly of half rates and deserves belef mention steps to secure the endowment of the tain that the present methods must be urged the equipment of special financial This subject is closely sailed to that

that your attention may be called the cladity unsatisfactory to all progressive less ten of these mass meetings be abolition. I further your attention may be called the continent fac- the Association, and provide apecial

THE SPIRITUALISTIC FIELD-ITS WORKERS, DOINGS, ETC., THE WORLD OVER.

WRITE PLAINLY.

We would like to impress upon the seated the audience. Now our meetings minds of our correspondents that The are held in G. A. R. hall, and we have Progressive Thinker is set up on a simply to announce a lecture to insure Linotype machine that must make a packed house. Scances are held weekspeed equal to about four compositors. 1y, and we are developing several me-That means rapid work, and it is essen- diums. Some excellent work has been tial that all copy, to insure insertion in | given through them. Mr. D. P. Dewey, the paper, all other requirements being our State president, was present at our favorable, should be written with ink celebration and gave a very highly inon white paper, or with a typewriter, teresting talk on the work of the State and on only one side of the paper. If Association. The society tendered a reyou are not a fairly good penman, ception to Mrs. Gillespie and Mr. and please have your communications copied by some one who is, and oblige The Progressive Thinker.

CONTRIBUTORS:-Each contributor | were married at four o'clock Wednesis alone responsible for any assertions day evening, September 2, at the resi-Heving that the cause of truth can be officiating. best subserved thereby. Many of the diametrically opposed to his belief, yet wherever else I go. It is a welcome that is no reason why they should be weekly visitor and my bosom compansuppressed. No one person has the jon amidst the multitude of unthinking of charge, one or two evenings a week, whole truth, hence kindly feelings in this age of commercialism." should always be entertained for those who differ from you.

py, and in order to do that they will ercises. generally have to be abridged more or The Boston (Mass.) Traveler pubor less; otherwise many items would be lishes a letter as follows, from a very crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line ignorant man, who lives where Spirititem is cut down to ten lines, and ten lines to two lines, as occasion may re-

School of Psychosophy, under the auspices of the Church of the Soul, will be given by the Band of Harmony, at Room 608, Handel Hall Building, 40 Randolph street, Thursday evening, October 5, when papers will be read by the committees of the different branches, explaining the nature of the teachings, etc., and full information regarding the school will be given. All are cordially invited.

in the missionary work in Minnesota, the wealth they create." where they want the address of every loyal Spiritualist.

throughout the entire season."

sages after each lecture, which were so clear and convincing that they were beyoud question. They will both be here again next Sunday. Mrs. Carpenter ber. Mrs. Ferris will also be here during October (38 Ransom street). Our music yesterday was grand. The people are interested. The results can not help but be good."

statement that 'Jesus lived under an made at noon the day previous to the Arabian king, and taught communism one to be covered. It is claimed that from the Arabian scripture,' was given this is to be the most complete and satthrough me while entranced in private isfactory showing of the truth and circles at the house of friends in Connecticut and Massachusetts. In reading Art Magic I regret that the author four hours in advance the ups and by Bro. Theodore Mayer, of Washingdoes not honor the memory of A. J. Da- downs of a hundred or more stocks in ton, D. C., in last week's issue. I wish vis' magnetizer, as well as himself. I Wall street, then every big speculator | we had more such liberal souls in our heard Prof. S. B. Brittan make the will have to hire that medium or some

of Moline. Ill., who is somewhat ad- bines. But if there are many mediums dicted to Spiritualism, predicts that who are on intimate terms with spirits | Whitewater, Wis., in August. She goes | next Christmas day will be the last one | who know in advance what is to hap- | to Owatonna, Minn., for September. universal government will on that day come much tamer than it is. Nobody er and test medium, can address for be established, with Chicago as its cap- will sell to-day the stocks he knows are of people with confidence in his judg-

ment." The Syracuse (N. Y.) Telegram says: "There was a meeting of the First So- | Springfield, Ill. They have a few nights | clety of Spiritualists at Dr. Butterfield's office yesterday afternoon and the Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine addressed the meeting, his subject being 'Clairvoyance, Psychometry and Telepathy.' A large audience listened to his address. The society intends to hold lec- success. She will return and take contures every Sunday during fall and winter. Mrs. Barton will lecture at Empire Hall to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and at 7:45 o'cuock on "What Is give Spiritualistic tests."

There was a reception given to wel-E. M. Harrison, 26 Thirty-ninth street.

The Marquette (Mich.) Mining Journal says: " "The conviction of E. Medford Gillman, the Spiritualistic medi- eral-thinking, church-going people. Mr. of hearing the distinguished gentle posed as a fraud by a detective named gifted wife and daughter constitute a Sadler, who had given up \$1 to be admitted to the seance."

ualist Society of Fenton, Mich., cele- yesterday in the municipal court for brated its first anniversary September | telling fortunes in the city of Portland 21. The society closes the year's work without having paid the license fee of with a goodly number of new members, \$25 per quarter. A large crowd of both and a wide-spread interest in Spiritual- sexes assembled to watch the progress ism. We are especially jubilant over of the case, which held Judge Hennessecuring for this occasion the services sy's attention from 10 a. m. until 8 p. m. of Fenton's favorite speaker, Mrs. Anna | Counsel for the defense contended that Robinson-Gillespie, who spoke eloquent- the accused was simply a Spiritualist, ly for an hour from Gen. 2:7, 'And man and that the Constitution of the United became a living soul.' Tests and loving States protects Spiritualists in the promirit messages followed the address. fession of their religion, as it does min-

old, many years ago; that she was waiting patiently over there for the arrival rob death of its sting. When our soclety was organized, a parlor comfortably

Mrs. Dewey." Miss Pearl Smalley, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Geo. A. Smalley and Thomas Boughton, both of Vicksburg, Mich.

or statements he may make. The editor | dence of the bride's parents, in Vicksallows this freedom of expression, be- burg, Mrs. Emily P. Beebe, of Jackson, K. B. Ford writes: "I desire The sentiments uttered in an article may be Thinker to accompany me to Ohio, or

The Boston Spiritual Lyceum will

open school in Berkley Hall, Sunday, October 1, at 1:30 p. m. This is a spirit-ITEMS-Bear in mind that Items for | ual Sunday-school. All are invited to the General Survey will in all cases be join, old and young. Seats are free and adjusted to the space we have to occu- everybody is invited to witness the ex-

ualism is flourishing in the Hub: "I would thank you very much if you could let me know of where I could go ous and successful convention, the peoto learn about Spiritualism. I have Every item sent to us for publication, been reading the article of Roxbury should contain the full name and ad- with much interest and would like to dress of the writer. We desire to know become acquainted with him. I know the source of every article or item that nothing at all about Spiritualism and appears. This rule will be strictly ad- have never been to any such meetings, but would like to go. It seems to me, though, that Roxbury belittles his sub-Reception and opening of the New ject in a recent Traveler. The statement that Mr. S. Ayer backed up his presenting solid argument for the truth | tude, and its remains were carted off ideas with a mere quarter of a million- of Spiritualism, and his good wife the field to be reanimated-if possibledollar church to Boston, should be the | and many other speakers and mediums proof and evidence of the valuable did valiant service. I did not hear a pear there weekly, and it is seen with opinions, does not make those opinions | single adverse criticism from the large exactly correct, if they are ever so audiences, but all enjoyed the feast of ever-lessening influence, mentally, than wrong and mistaken. I agree with Rox- good things presented, which was solid any journal within my knowledge in bury that all greenhorns should be pun- food for thought. Mr. E. W. Bond and ished for their ignorance. But a goese | Dell A. Herrick, the president and vicethat grows feathers on its back never president of the association, deserve ciples. sible that the other fellow traded her | ing this opportunity, and the audiences G. W. Kates and wife are engaged for eggs for gold. But then that is another nobly responded in meeting the finan-October in Springfield, Ill., where their story, or else the goose that lays golden cial charges. It is hoped that a new imaddress is 205 W. Jefferson street. eggs are the laboring men that work, petus will be given to carry on the work for several years opened its columns to After November 1 they will be engaged and let the rich parasites rob them of and good results follow.'

Correspondent writes from Allegheny, Pa.: "A new society, 'The Progressive | the closing day of one of the most suc-J. B. Hatch writes: "The Boston Spir- | Spiritual Society," has just been formed itual Temple will open its meeting for at Allegheny, Pa., with Mrs. M. J. Cril- by Spiritualists in Cleveland. Many the season of 1899 and 1900 in Berkeley ly as permanent test medium. The Hall, corner Berkeley and Tremont gratifying success attending the first streets, Sunday, October 1, at 10:30 a. meeting augurs well for the future of m., and 7:30 p. m. Mr. F. A. Wiggin the society. Rev. Dr. Myers, who will be the speaker and medium. It is found the Episcopalian creed too narthe purpose of this society to make row for a broad-minded man and who these meetings the best and to furnish stepped up and out and following the Mrs. E. W. Sprague, Maggie Waite, the best speakers, mediums and music lead of other "Tall men, sun-crowned, F. D. Donakin, C. Fanny Allen, George with heads above the fog,' eventually T. J. Haynes writes from Muskegon, found refuge in the all-embracing phil-Mich.: "On September 24 the liberal osophy of Spiritualism, addressed the minded, progressive people of Muske- opening meeting. Dr. Myers will be regon had a meeting in the Armory. .Al- membered by visitors at Cassadaga though the rain fell all day until 6 p. camp as one of a trio of prominent minm., and then was very dark and threat-listers who were very conspicuous there ening, more than 125 people were pres- this summer, the others being Rev. ent at each meeting. They were well Morgan Wood and Rev. B. F. Austin. repaid. Dr. Spinney delivered two elo- Mrs. Crilly and her work as a platform quent lectures, Mrs. Augusta Ferris, of test medium are too well known to need Bay City, gave descriptions and mes- further comment here. The society holds forth at G. A. R. hall, South and East Diamond streets."

The Chicago Tribune says: "The Indi-

ana Spiritualists' Association is going will be here the 15th and 22d of Octo- to convince an incredulous people of the truth of Spiritualism and mediumship. It is to be done by producing a medium who is to reveal twenty-four hours in advance the fluctuations of the markets on boards of trade and stock ex-Mrs. Abbie Richards writes: "The changes. These forecasts are to be value of Spiritualism ever made in this country. If a medium can tell twentystatement that he was the magnetizer, other equally trustworthy medium. If | mite towards a fund to be used in sendand I heard Mary F. Davis say that she there be but one such, the man who has ing missionaries out in the field of labor. wrote from Davis' dictation much of his or her services will have a monopoly This is a most important step, and it is the works which followed Nature's Di- which will be odious to all other specu- to be hoped it will be considered and lators. They will clamor for a law to acted upon at our coming convention." The Inter-Ocean says: "A gentleman | put a stop to Spiritualist trust and comof our present government, and that a pen on stock boards speculation will be- | Societies desiring her services as speakital city. Whatever doubts may exist to advance in price to-morrow, or buy as to the general soundness of Mr. those he knows are to decline in price Dean's prediction, the fact that he has to-morrow. So if the complexion of the settled upon Chicago as the capital of I market could be known for the next 365 the universe will inspire many millions days the speculative fever would disappear entirely."

Address G. W. Kates and wife during October at 205 W. Jefferson street, vacant for near by places.

W. F. Schumacher writes: "Mrs. M. Summers, of the Spiritualistic church Students of Nature, has left the city for Lincoln, Neb., to do missionary work. All members of the society wish her trol of said church, October 8." W. A. Fox writes from Los Angeles,

Cal.: "This is the end of the third week True and Staple in Various Religions." of the Harmonial Camp-meeting of Spir-At the close of her lectures she will itualists at Sycamore Grove, inside the city limits. We are gratified at the at- speakers in Chicago or vicinity. tendance and interest shown, and we feel that good to the cause will result. .come home Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, On Sundays the average attendance It is the greatest of pleasure that we the pastor of the First Church, on Sat- will quite reach 1,000. The great au- are able to announce that the Rev. urday evering, September 30, between the and musical composer, Mr. Carlyle | Moses Hull will lecture at the above 8 and 9 o'clock, at the residence of Dr. Petersilea, is here. His works, "The church on Sunday, October 22, this be-Discovered Country, and 'Many Ann Carew' are doing more than any other one thing to attract the attention of libum who was tried in Detroit for con- Humphrey, our president, is new in the | man." spiracy to defraud, has been affirmed cause. He has an interesting personalby the supreme court. Gillman was ex-lity and wonderful energy, and with his

tower of strength for the cause." The Morning Oregonian, Portland. Secretary writes: "The First Spirit- Oregon, says: "E. E. Collins was tried

why, it is Mrs. Gillespie's mission to isters of the gospel. A number of prom-

lon, among these being ex-Governor Thayer, E. W. Allen and J. W. Hodgson. Ex-Governor Thayer testified that Collins had recently brought him a message from a daughter who had been in the spirit land since she was a week

of her parents. Judge Thayer had confidence in the authenticity of the message. Mr. Hodgson bore testimony that Mr. Collins had said to him at one time: 'I see before me a man, six feet tall, slightly stooped. He has his hand on your shoulder. He has a long, gray beard, and is a relative of yours. I do not know his name, but he bears the same name as yourself.' This apparltion, Mr. Hodgson said, was an uncle of his, and he could swear to it. The spectators who did not believe in Spiritualism expressed themselves as astounded by the fervor displayed by the witnesses, who had come forward without subpoenas, and Judge Hennessy discharged the defendant."

Dr. N. F. Raylin has been engaged by the First Spiritual Society of Philadelphia for the last four Sundays of October. He will not, therefore, be able to be present at the anniversary meetings of the N. S. A.

Dr. J. C. Phillips, the psychometrist, living at Mt. Pleasant Park, Iowa, passed through Chicago a few days ago on his way home from Milwaukee, Wis., where he had been visiting a daughter. Mrs. M. P. writes: "I will give the use

of my two parlors to some medium free to hold seances or developing circles; the medium collecting the money. 'Call and see me at 3613 Cottage Grove avenue, Flat b.' Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Bonney, promi-

nent workers in the West, are now in

the city, and will attend the National

Convention. J. H. Taylor writes from Cleveland, Ohio: "The Ohio State Spiritualists Association have just held a mass convention in Cleveland, the meetings continuing three days. It was a very harmoniple turned out finely, not withstanding rainy weather, and the greatest satisfaction was expressed by all who attended, at the talent presented on the platform. Moses Hull and C. Fannie Allyn as the star speakers, and Maggie Waite and Nellie C. Mosier as the principal test mediums were superb. Moses Hull really outdid himself in eloquently rock of financial and editorial inaptiyet has laid golden eggs; it may be pos- much credit and many thanks for giv-

> C. H. Figures writes from Cleveland, Ohio: "Last Sunday, September 24, was cessful three-days' meetings ever held thanks are due that large-hearted, pureminded man, E. W. Bond, who made it possible for the meeting to be held by advancing the means necessary to bring the following well-known workers here: Our Moses and Mattle, Mr. and

A. Day, Dr. Nellie C. Mosier, S. A. Herrick, C. H. Figures, and the sweetvoiced singer, Mrs. Else, of Galion, Ohio. Mrs. Flora Russell, of Alliance, and Mrs. D. A. Herrick contributed much to the enjoyment and pleasure of the appreciative audiences that gathered in Army and Navy Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Anson Evans kindly gave violin solos, and Mr. Albert Fischer gave several numbers on the zither, and taking it all in all it was a good meeting and everyone went home after the last benediction had been given feeling that it was good to have been there. We intend having another meeting sometime this winter and thoroughly arouse the good people of Cleveland to the fact that Spiritualism has come to Northern Ohio to stay permanently. Missionaries will be appointed in the near future and much work will be done in the outlying districts."

Mrs. M. E. Kratz writes: "Any society wishing my services for the fall and winter months as speaker and message medium, can address me at 1134 Upper Second street, Evansville, Ind. I am glad to note the proposition made ranks. I for one am willing to give my Julia Steelman Mitchell closed a four months' engagement at the Temple in

terms to her home address. Hartzell avenue, N. Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Nellie Licht has returned from

camp and is now located at 4313 Cot-

tage Grove avenue, rooms 33-35. The Danville Spiritual church, 22 W. Main street, has again opened for the fall and winter months. Mrs. Emma M. Nutt-Moore, who is well and favorably known to the Danville friends as a speaker and medium, is serving the soclety. She is located at 14 Park street. where her home work is said to be most

satisfactory. Wm. E. Bonney and wife, Mrs. Mary J. Bonney, are in Chicago, and located for the present at 33101/2 Rhodes avenue. They are both open for engagements to lecture; also Mrs. Bonney is open for engagements to give psychometric readings. They would be glad to hear from any societies desiring to the public they have grown in right living, right speaking, right think- but Rev. Morgan Wood has openly de-

Thos H. Hartley writes: "First Church of the South Side, 77 Thirty-first street. ing the Sunday following the convention. It is to be hoped that all visitors will avail themselves of the opportunity

Mr. and Mrs. George Preston, Photographic Art Studio, 56 Fort street, Victoria, British Columbia, write: "We beg to state through The Progressive Thinkwho may have a mediumistic tendency, and be desirous of a good home during scientific spiritual development in the higher phases of occult knowledge." G. Salvator writes: "I have tried

many a time to speak with Allan Kardec's spirit. I was told months ago that he would control Mrs. Dobson, and so he did last night. There was a great rejoicing. He said that the soul reincarnates for the progression of both soul

and spirit." (Continued on page &)

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As It Exists in Cincinnati, O.

To the Editor: Recently I have received so many inquiries as to the condition of the Spiritualist cause in this city, that I am driven to beg the assistance of your widely-circulated journal

in making reply. Ten years ago | Spiritualism was a strong factor, in liberal thought here, fessed by 470 millions of human beings. and the progress of the movement was It was instituted by a medium second onward and upward with wholesome only to the despised Nazarene, as the celerity. The best speakers and meditheir services, and prosperity ruled the any of my readers-as is not improba- study of them turns the base metal to tions arose. One set of gentlemen and ladies tried to rule the management of meetings and mediums in a certain way which did not meet the views of another set, and there was a junta formed of those who disagreed with both. The points of difference were no more im-

portance than "Whatever difference may be "Twixt tweedledum and tweedledee."

but they were pursued with determined persistence till good regular meetings were impossible, and the cause fell into decadence locally, as was to be expected by judicious onlookers.

There are thousands of Spiritualists in Cincinnati who never engaged in these troubles, and who were driven away from meetings and mediums through their untoward influence. These are no less devoted to the cause than ever, but they feel that the work for its advancement must be harmonious, without bickering, without the assumption of leadership by those who lead investigators into the ditch of doubt, and that the rostrum of liberal thought should be occupied by instructors ratner than buffoons. Nobody is yet so far advanced in liberal views as to make to him or her further instruction undesirable.

Another thing it is well to mention: We have no special Spiritualist press of general local circulation. The Progressive Thinker has a moderate list of Cincinnati subscribers, but an appreciative community of 400,000 people, with 50,-000 Spiritualists, should multiply it by 40 or 50 without solicitation. Our former local journal devoted to the cause was killed by too many managers and inefficient notions of management and grammar. It went to pieces upon the at Columbus. Its ghost is said to apever-lessening effect, numerously, and for her hand, the King, her father, inthe country, which professes to be devoted to the discussion of liberal prin-

specially devoted to those themes which Spiritualists and Free-thinkers like to discuss, one of our leading dailies has such discussion. I need not indicate this great daily to you by name, but your readers will feel some interest in knowing that it is the Cincinnati Enagainst matters of faith and doctrine, if honestly held and respectfully discussed, and this accommodating spirit is one of the strong factors of its success. Now that Mr. McLean is a candidate for the Buckeye governorship. thousands of the good people whom he has favored so generously will not omit to favor him in return, regardless of party. This by the way. There will be no interference of mere politics in Cincinnati, Mr. McLean's birthplace, with giving him the largest popular majority ever received by a candidate of his

political faith. Let me suggest that the wide-awake, always enterprising and up-to-date Progressive Thinker ought to send an ambassador to this city to gather up a few thousand subscribers, that those who want light may be able to trim their lamps by its genial beams and drink of the healing waters of truth which it so freely dispenses. I feel sure that such representative will be cordially welcomed and dealt with justly and liber-

Notes From Indianapolis, Ind.

We are still as much interested in the great work of spiritualizing humanity | night, he rode forth in secrecy with one | ogy. Being expelled from the ministry as ever, and trust the time is not far attendant, whom he presently dis- does not appear to be regarded by him away when we can place our light, missed, and he succeeded in evading as a calamity at all, but it has certainly

Nature always finds the means to adequally as well, and better than we possibly could if we had it all our own

Obsession, or being arbitrarily influthan most people recognize, and notmany leading thinkers of to-day, yet like hysteria we find it nevertheless. leave to say our guides-my own and

the subject to their normal condition. that had manifested themselves in the strength until we feel justified in giving ing, and right meditation;" perfect clared his knowledge of spirit interthem to the seeker after more light. blessedness being reached "only by course, and several of his congregation The guides permit the spirit friends to | those who have so absolutely con- are openly and frankly investigating. come and give their messages in their quered self that they do not even desire Toronto, Can. own way, often in their own voice so that we recognize our friends as much by how, as by what they say. It is beautiful and convincing to Spiritualist and skeptic alike. Mrs. H. will go anywhere and hold seances, lecture and give public tests just for her railroad fare and entertainment, relying upon her private work for remuneration for services and time. I will accompany for as every Spiritualist is well assured, her if the friends want me, on very reasonable terms. We solicit corresponder that we would be pleased to hear ence with societies and friends wishing The eternal soul from all beside from any respectable young woman to start meetings with a view to permanent organizations.

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IMPORTANT MATTER FROM OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES

HARBINGER OF LIGHT, MEL BOURNE, AUSTRALIA. deified Christ.

THE RELIGION OF BUDDHA

Is now 2500 years old, and it is propossessor of magnificent gifts dedicated! ums were engaged and well paid for to the service of mankind; and should; osophics are valued more because the camp for two or three years. Then fac- ble-be brought into communication yellow gold; they humanize a man; with him, I venture to predict they will they bring in peace and harmony presently feel for him as strong an amidst mankind; they make the reader affection and as deep a veneration, as realize his great responsibility to the he has inspired in his own mind.

> and doctrine. Buddha, a name WHICH SIGNIFIES THE WISE,

the enlightened, or the awakened, and cosmos; that all this is cognizable by has for its root the verb Buddh, mean- the physical senses of the mind, in fact ing "to know," was the title bestowed the whole manifestation in all its three upon Siddartha, son of the King of or seven phases is nothing but mind Kapilavastou, one of the rulers of Cen- solidified; that matter and motion are tral India at the foot of the mountains inseparable, though they are not the of Nepaul. The queen, his mother, one and the same object; that all the whose name was Maya Devi, was a scientific discoveries of the present day, woman of surpassing beauty, rare in- as shown by the well-known scientists telligence and great piety. By some of the West, including Sir William misadventure, he was prematurely born | Crookes, come in their way to prove funder a leafy tree in the palace gar- inch by inch the sublime philosophy of | Formation of Circles and Cultivation dens, towards the close of the seventh our Arvan ancestors; the animal magcentury before Christ; his mother only netic fluid, hypnotism, mesmerism, surviving his birth by seven days. 'The thought-reading, telepathy, psychomchild was exceedingly beautiful, and his etry, etc., are all the standard learning extraordinary precocity of intellect of the ancient occultism of the Indian prince, whose mind seemed stored with tion implies space and produces the knowledge from his earliest infancy, idea of time; that figure or form is but the reincarnation of a soul which had only the fraction of space, hence all just entered upon the last of its earthly these, i. e., form, space, time, color, ing very near the spirit world.

fell in love with Yasodhara, whom it is philosophy says that the whole creation said he remembered as having been his sprang from the sacred sound of WIFE IN A LIFE LONG ANTERIOR to his present one; and thus it was he was constrained to exclaim: While the wheel of birth and death these different aspects or phases of

turn round,

tween us two. But as there was a multitude of suitors sisted that that hand should be the reward of the victor in a tourney wherein they must all take part. The Devas, or having aided Siddartha in the conflict. adversaries, and his marriage with splendor, amidst universal rejoleings.

Knowing the hyper-sensitive and intensely sympathetic nature of his son, the king, his father, endeavored to keep him ignorant of the existence of woe want, disease, old age and death, in the quirer. Its proprietor, Hon. John R. world; secluding him, for that purpose, McLean, is a gentleman of broad views | in a magnificent palace in the midst of and has always given countenance, if spacious pleasure grounds, and sepnot belief, to the sentiments of liberal arated from the city by a lofty wall. thinking men and women, and allowed But this confinement becoming irksome plenty of space in his great newspaper to him, the prince obtained permission for their expression. The Enquirer has to ride through the streets of the capnever indulged in discriminations ital; a royal proclamation having been Ministers and People Inves- Does Auricular Confession bring Peace to the Soul? issued that all the blind, the maimed, the decrepit and the lepers should keep within doors, so that nothing should afflict the sight of Prince Siddartha. In spite of every precaution, however, an eling in a series of truly spiritual lecaged mendicant, "whose shrivelled skin, tures by Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless, who sun-tanned, clung like a beast's hide to has been here during September and his fleshless bones," crawled out into has consented to remain also for Octothe sun, to supplicate for alms; and ber. No public medium who has herethenceforth the young prince knew that tofore visited Toronto has been reindolent enjoyment, while there was so have cheered many a weary soul. In suffering to be assuaged, was criminal and affecting messages from spirit FROM THE ROSTRUM. in a prince.

of evil, and yielding to the powerful in- the capacity of the beautiful St. fluence of his impressors, he determined George's hall, and a larger audience upon a sublime act of renunciation. He room may be necessary. If Mrs. Nickwould sever himself from his palace, less should leave us at the end of Octowife and child, and the luxury and cere friends in Toronto. divine light and heavenly guidance. At most helpful talk on The New Theolsmall as it is, where humanity will be pursuit, and in reaching the jungle of caused a great many to devote a little just itself to conditions, and the great the complete subjection of his lower it is said that two ministers who were law of spiritual unfoldment adjusts it- by his higher nature. This accom- among the leading advocates of Mr. self to the needs of the hour, and while plished, he began his great mission as Austin's expulsion, have themselves Anniversary Address. this great spiritual movement is guided a teacher of the truth; a light shining in been investigating, and have proand directed by exalted intelligences- the midst of deep moral and spiritual nounced the hypothesis of spirit comspirits of just men perfected through darkness; a prophet proclaiming the munion to be the only rational way to Decoration Address. varied experiences of the past-it is immortality of the soul, and its event-account for the slate-writing manifestais perhaps as well that we strive only | ual at-one-ment with the Eternal | tions they received through the medito become more perfect instruments in Father; which is as much misconceived umship of W. R. Colby. at London, the hands of angels that we may be able by those who suppose that Nirvana Ont. The Canadian Methodist confer-

with a vicarious sacrifice. Mrs. H.'s-are very successful in re- success." Like the Son of Man, he had guise. moving such conditions and restoring | not where to lay his head; and like him, | It is surely a sign of progress when a Now concerning: the independent inculcating the eight fundamental rules his belief in Spiritualism, cite his own voices of which I wrote some time ago of human action, if the human is to be-experience as proof, and still retain his presence of Mrs. Hayden, I wish to say | right will, right effort, right action, impossible ten years ago in Toronto,

he lived only to do good; everywhere Christian minister can openly declare come the divine; namely, "right views, pulpit. Such a thing might have been continued existence for themselves, but have given up their hold of everything, and have thus attained perfect inward peace and charity;" and not

That each, who seems a separate whole, Should move his rounds, and fusing all Eleanor R. Sullivan. The skirts of self again, should fall Remerging in the general soul;

it is perfectly certain that Eternal form shall still divide

poverty, privation and self-denial, and actual experience within the walls of unremitting beneficence and single ward pure and lovely, within are "full age of eighty, lay down to die beneath | van, 330 West 47th street, Chicago, Ill., the shadow of an ancient tree, thus and receive it by mail. passing out of human existence, just as he had entered into it; and his body

ceeded to delfy him, as the people of Europe, in later centuries, ignorantly

LIGHT OF THE EAST, CAL-CUITA, INDIA.

HINDU PHILOSOPHIES. It is for this reason that Hindu phil-

law of retributive justice, and event-Meanwhile I will endeavor to offer ually they open his eyes to the stern you a brief sketch of his life, character | truth that "I am in thee and thou art in me:" that microcosm is but only the macrocosm miniatured; that the one divine principle of unity rules the whole would have rendered him the wonder sages; that there is no sound without of the court, had it not been that an ex- motion, no motion without sound; that planation of it was readily found in the motion produces heat, light and elecpopular theory of pre-existence. The tricity; there is no light without color, sages discerned in this accomplished and no moisture without heat; that ino-

pilgrimages, and therefore was stand- heat, moisture, light, and electricity, proceed from motion, and motion comes When he was old enough to marry, he from sound; therefore, it is that Hindu "Aum," the Christian Bible says "The Word of God." The Mohammedans say that "Alif, Lam and Meem," are the sacred letters. In Hindu philosophy all sound or motion are called the Tatvas That which hath been, must be, be- or principles, and they are divided philosophically according to the harmonious manifestation of the great law called by some Nature, by others Prakriti, by some Matter, by others Spirit. On these observations the seven Darshanas of the Hindu philosophy are founded, each spirits of the air, are represented as treating from its own standpoint a particular aspect of nature at its best, In the absence, locally, of a journal so that he triumphed over all his and thus there is apparent inconsistency observable in the different Darshanas; Yasodhara was celebrated with oriental but really they are intended to give thorough training at least for the present on the six sides of aspects of nature or matter and spirit, and then gradually to take him to the seventh, which is the realization of the harmonious adjustment or equilibrium of the material, the instrumental and the efficient causes into one, i. e., "I in all and all in me."

tigating.

The Spiritualists of Toronto are revmisery, old age and death were in the ceived with more general favor. Her world, that these unhappy beings were addresses have been uplifting, helpful his brothers, and that to lead a life of and inspiring, and her private sittings much sorrow to be soothed, so much the public meetings her kindly spoken in any man, and most criminal of all friends to those of earth have many times moved the recipients to tears, but After much pondering on the problem always tears of joy. The audiences tax

his succession to the throne, his beloved ber she will leave behind her many sinsplendors of an Indian court; forsake | On the night of Sunday, September 3. all the pleasures of sense, and go forth we had the pleasure of listening to Rev. into the solitude of a distant forest, B. F. Austin, the Canadian heretic of there to seek, in silent meditation, for the Methodist church, who gave us a Uruwalaya, where he spent six years in thought to the question of Spiritualism spiritual conflict, ultimately resulting in and the possibility of its truth. Indeed,

It has been said that the mediums of Having become Buddha by his puri- the United States avoid Toronto and fication. Siddartha gathered a few Canada because they have been led to disciples around him and commenced believe that religious liberty is so reenced by other minds is a condition. I his ministry in Benares, just as the stricted that prosecution would follow believe it to be much more prevalent | Nazarene did afterwards in Jerusalem; any attempt to practice their gifts. The and there, as even a Presbyterian pro- recent arrest of several mediums is withstanding this idea is hooted at by fessor is constrained to acknowledge, cited as proof, but it must be remem-"his princely appearance and bearing, bered that not a single medium was the indubitable thoroughness of his punished in any way. On the contrary, We have had some very convincing ex- often tested self-abnegation and char- the cases against them were laughed periences in that line, and only beg ity, his skill and persuasiveness, and out of court, and the persecution enpurity of his doctrine, contributed to his dured has really been a blessing in dis-

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"Scribe": Q. What are the symptoms of poisoning by poison ment, and the

A. Among the most virulent poisons known are the ptomaines developed in decaying meat. These poisons at one time were thought to be microbes, and by eating the flesh containing them they entered the blood. Then it was thought that these microbes secreted a polsonous fluid which was independent of them. Both theories are probably in a measure true. Flesh cannot decay without the presence of the microbe and their presence in the living body may or may not be prejudicial, according to the state of vitality. The secretions or excretions of such microbes are blood poisons which are irresistible. Flesh may become exceedingly poisonous before giving any indication by or taste, the cooking disguising its condition, and while destroying the microbes, not affecting the ptomaines.

The symptoms and remedies are well presented by an eminent physician in the American Lancet. He says:

"I received into my stomach, while empty, a small morsel of septic meat. In a short time a sickening, sinking sensation was experienced, with copious secretions of hot, frothy mucus, swimming in the head, and great nervous prostration. Placed under circumstances which rendered it impossible to use emetics or any other medicants, I rode for 15 miles in great torture. Procuring a draught of the domestic wine, I was enabled to complete my ride, reaching home late at night, after a ride of more than 20 miles since eating the poisoned meat. Not having eaten anything since early morning, I ate supper and retired. My night was one of great trouble, oppression and anxiety-frightful dreams tormenting me through all its dreary hours. I arose next morning, weak, sick, tremulous, feeble, and with a frightful vertigo. I ate a light breakfast and hastened to visit some patients. I returned about midday, with a sense of sinking which seemed to me to be the prelude to death. I drank a large draught of water and soda, threw up a quantity of nauscating, foaming fluid, and felt as if every support were gone and I could survive but a few moments. Seeing a mixture of salicylic acid and bicarb. soda on the mantel, I called for it and took a dose, repeating it every 15 minutes. I distinctly felt it pervade my whole economy, giving force to the heart, clearing up the brain, throwing off the incubus, and affording the most delightful relief. It soon began to operate on my kidneys. It was evident the medicine had neutralized the septic agent and caused its rapid discharge by the kidneys. Here was a single morsel of diseased meat exceedingly minute, but which in 20 hours had so transformed and poisoned all the fluids as to place me in imminent

peril." Had the physician taken a larger quantity of meat his death would have

Unless carefully prepared canned meats are especially liable to become poisonous, and to give no indications of their condition. The most dreadful fevers result from the use of such meats, and it may be safely stated that diseased fiesh is the cause of the most violent and untrollable attacks. effects of the "Army beef," is fresh in mind, and "refrigerator beef," unless preserved by antiseptics, cannot be otherwise than affected by the presence

of microbes and their poisonous excre

The great slaughter houses, which are now combined to control the market of this country and Europe, and ostensibly under the esplonage of the Government, and agents are appointed to examine all meets sent out in whatever form. This examination is a farc and perhaps the most detestable fraud ever practiced on the people. In an honest examination of the carcasses which are supposed to be carefully examined one by one, at least five per cent (some authorities say ten) show some form of disease which makes them unfit for food. The bacillus tuberculosis, or consumptive germs are most common, while anthrax and murrain

are not infrequent. .

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A. There are two ways of explaining this class of phenomena, both satisfactory as covering the whole ground, and widely applicable. One is the conveyance of the message by spiritual mes sengers; the other by telepathy or the direct transference of thought from the one having the desire to the other on whose mind it impinges. The British Society for Psychical Research have gathered a great number of instances of such transference, and the conclusion may be taken as demonstrated that it is possible and of not infrequent occurrence. The leaders of that society have adopted the lesser instead of the greater theory in accord with the usual procedure of scientists, yet a large proportion of the facts they have gathered are far more plausibly explained by the spiritual theory, and many admit of no other

MEMORIES AND HOPES.

I watch the leaves of autumn As slowly down they fall, And they make me think of a vanished

Now gone beyond my call.

I watch the spring-day flowers And hear the bird notes sung, And I think of one I learned to love When the spring was fair and young.

I walk the streets times often Alone 'mid the busy throng, And I peer into each eager face As it swiftly moves along; Yes, scan their anxious faces,

I know not hardly why; But it seems as if I might see him Among the passers by. Sometime in field or woodland I think alone to roam, And hold communion with my God Beneath fair nature's dome;

But with the swaying branches And the brooklet's murmuring tone There comes a voice which seems to say "Think not you are alone."

Sometimes I watch the dancers As they move with the music's chime And I catch a glimpse of a face or form

Like the dream of a former time, Which sets my pulses thrilling And dizzy turns my head. For they tell me be is dead.

Yet the vision sets me thinking Of a ball room of the past Where we whirled thro' the mazy dance

In bliss too sweet to last. To church sometimes on Sundays I take my weary way, To hear the organ's solemn notes.

And with the people pray; Then while the mighty anthems Make saddest souls rejoice I listen, for it seems to me

I hear a well-known voice. Sometimes around the old hearth-stone We meet at Christmas-tide-The brothers, sisters, parents all

Yet always when I look around Upon that circle gay, My heart aches at the vacant seat By me on Christmas day.

Now scattered far and wide:

Some time I'll cross the river And join that mighty throng. And help them sing the chorus In accents sweet and strong; And when the organ's pealing My soul will then rejoice,

For I shall not be mistaken-I know I'll hear your voice. And sometimes over yonder We'll meet at Christmas-tide The parents and the children

And loved ones true and tried;

And in that family circle There'll be no vacant seat: No hearts will then be aching For life will be complete. LAURA B. PAYNE.

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I cannot refrain from making special reference to the work of Treasurer Mayer during the past year. Your officers faced a deficit of eighteen hundred dollars at the opening of the fiscal year, and would have found it exceedingly difficult to provide ways and means to sustain the N. S. A. had it not been for Mr. Mayer. He at once placed one thousand dollars to the credit of the Assoclation, which sum, with the donations, collections, etc., received at the last convention, made it possible for the year's work to open with a fair promise of success. Throughout the year he has been a loyal friend to the Association, a conscientious officer, and a thoroughly capable adviser. He has, in fact, been the strong right arm of the Association, and is entitled to the heartfelt gratitude of every friend and believer in the cause of co-operation on this continent. When the N. S. A. was financially able to meet its obligations, he simply took the principal, and made no charge whatever for the use of his money. Such generosity, such devoted service, and such love for Spiritualism, deserve especial consideration in this convention, and I recommend that the Committee on Resolutions be instructed to report an appropriate recognition of our treasurer's REFORM WORK.

It behooves this convention to place the Spiritualists on record with regard to the leading reform issues of the day. There should be decisive action taken with regard to capital punishment, and I recommend that every delegate be appointed a committee of one to work up public sentiment against the most atrocious relic of barbarism now in existence. Only five states in the Union now prohibit legal murder, viz.: Maine, Rhode Island, Michigan, Wisconsin and Colorado. Shall they continue to stand alone? Spiritualists, it is for you to give the answer to this important ques-

There should also be some strong words uttered with regard to the question of equal and uniform taxation of church and sectarian school property. Every widow's home and poor man's cottage must be taxed, while nearly three billions of dollars, invested in churches and ecclesiastical schools, go entirely free. This is rank injustice, and I recommend that it receive atten-

tion in this convention.

Protection for our American youth should also be considered by you. The age of consent agitation should be continued by every Spiritualist until pub-lic sentiment is led to demand uniform laws upon this subject, making it impossible for a young girl to legally consent to her own ruin under the age of eighteen years. One state places the age at which legal consent to moral depravity can be granted at seven years.

Some others place this age at ten, twelve, thirteen and fifteen years Think of it, Spiritualists of the United States! Our laws are so fixed as to make it legally impossible for a boy or girl under twenty-one years of age to make certain business contracts, yet mere children of seven and ten years of age are assumed to be capable of deciding as to the destruction of their bodies and souls! We have been silent too long upon this question, and I recommend earnest, honest work in behalf of our unprotected children on the part of this convention. I refer now to boys as well as girls. Let us endeavor to place the age of consent for the latter at ighteen years, while in behalf of the former, let us seek legislation that will place their male debauchers in prison at

of street railways, gas, water and electric plants, state ownership of all railroads, telephones, telegraph lines, coal iron and other mines, the adoption of the Initiative and Referendum are all measures of great moment to the citi zens of America. This convention should have something to say upon each and every one of them, and I recommend that the Committee on Resolutions be instructed to report to this convention such statements as will express the views of this body and its constituents upon all of these vital issues. Es pecial emphasis should be laid upon equal suffrage for intelligent men and women, and the value of the Initiative and Referendum.

SPIRITUALISM ABROAD. Our English brethren held the annual convention of their National Federation at Blackpool in July of this year. With the advice and consent of the board of trustees, Thomas Grimshaw, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. M. E. Cadwalla-der, of Philadelphia, Pa., were appointed as fraternal delegates from this Association to that convention. They were received with great courtesy, and accorded every attention. Our delegates were commissione to make a special report at this convention, and will do so later. At this point I desire to call your attention to the fact that an International Congress of Spiritualists will be ield in Paris, France, next year, during the World's Fair. I venture to recom mend that this Association should be represented there, hence urge you as delegates to take action accordingly.

REVIEW OF THE FIELD. In studying the results of the year's work in various sections of the nation the friends of organization have no cause for discouragement. Although but fourteen charters have been issued during the year, the societies already connected with the N. S. A. have been brought into closer relations with it. and have, thanks to our secretary, been led to see that the National is their co laborer and friend-not a drone in the hive Spiritualistic. The extension of interest in psychic science has also aided the N. S. A., as the representative of progressive Spiritualism, and brought some of the ablest minds in America

into direct touch with it. The report of the last convention was carefully edited and published in the form of a neat pamphlet of 168 pages Unfortunately this report could not be placed on the market early enough in the season to secure a good sale. I con sider the reports of our annual conventions of vital importance to our move ment and invaluable as historical docu ments. That they do not find a readier sale is largely the fault of the delegates at each convention. Each and every one could dispose of ten or twelve copies in an effort was but made to do so. In fact every officer and delegate could well afford to purchase six copies each for their own personal use. I recommend more definite action upon you in connection with the sales of the report. and that the price of the same be fixed

nt fifteen cents.

The Spiriualist press is entitled to the hearty thanks of the Spiritualists of America for the favors it has so generonsly extended to the N. S. A. through out the year. Every letter from the

have been offered by the thoughtful editors. All of your officers feel under special obligations to these men and women of the press, and untte in recommending special recognition of their services. To our faithful friends, John R. Francis of The Progressive Thinker, Phomas G. Newman of the Religio-Philthe Light of Truth, Charles W. Newnam of the Dawning Light, Ed D. Lunt

osophical Journal, Willard J. Hull of and E. M. Carlson of the Medium, Miss Carrie Swensen of Nya Tiden, W. W. Sargent of the Evolutionist, W. H. Bach of the Sunflower, Max O. Gentzke of Lichtstrahlen, F. Q. Neelin of Cassadagan, and the proprletors of the Ban-ner of Light, I recommend that our incoming secretary be instructed to send special letters of thanks, under the seal of the Association and countersigned by the president.

I congratulate you as delegates. as well as your constituents the Spiritualists of America, upon the fact that the N. S. A. has a stronger hold upon the minds of the masses at the close of the sixth year of its labors than it has enjoyed at any other period in its history. It is the only source of information for our opponents and honest truthseekers, hence it is becoming better known as a reliable authority as time rolls on. It has become a paramount necessity to the future growth and permanency of Spiritualism, therefore you as delegates. and the friends you have the honor to represent, should leave no stone unturned in the direction of rendering the N. S. A. a most hearty support. If you will but take the same interest in its welfare as is manifested by your oppoents certain success is ahead for the

I must urge you to do the work of this convention yourselves. Consider every measure brought forward, give it your hest thought, and do not refer it to the incoming board of trustees, with power to act, and then yow you never heard of the proposition. Each delegate represents a society, and it is manifestly unjust to your constituents for you to take no interest in the work you were sent here to perform. Study every recommendation at length, and register your votes upon it in such a way as will show your friends that you have acted for their good in the settlement of every question brought before you.

For the many favors extended to me during the past six years, for the confinued bestowal of honors upon me, for the numerous expressions of friendly sympathy and brotherly kindness on the part of the Spiritualists of America, can only return my sincere thanks. I have only gratitude to give, and that I extend in full measure to all who have helped to make the work that which it s. I return to your care and keeping the office you have placed in my hands for the past six years, "with malice to-ward none, with charity for all," and hearty good-will for the cause we love. My last words to you shall be "The National Association now, and the National Association forever!"

All of which is respectfully submitted. HARRISON D. BARRETT. President of the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States of America and Dominion of Canada.

Dawbarn's Vibrations. To the Editor:-I am interested in all

that Brother Dawborn writes. He thinks in accordance with his organism, and apes no one. His writings are highly suggestive and educational, because, whether scientifically accurate and log-ically sound or not, his thoughts keep things vibrating, and awaken echoes that stir the mental atmosphere and thus evoke truth. I was a little surprised that Brother Dawbarn should have thought my expression, hastily flung out in a running sketch of impressions, as worth his notice; and licly expressed. Another writer, while ory, regards my "vibratory moonshine" as rather harsh! I think Mr. Dawbarn understands me better than that I have known him for twenty years or more, and always held him in high es-He is independent, unique, original in style, jolly, social, clean and manly; and I like him. I feel complimented that he regarded my expression of value received-"vibratory moon-

shine" worth his notice. He seems to regard my opinion of his theory as due to the antiquity of my education: for, when I went to school, these newer discoveries in science were not known, and hence, I am behind the times. But I have not yet seen anything in his writings, in scientific lines, that was new to me. The discoveries in molecular physics, including the correlation and conservation of force, vibratory theories of heat, light, etc., the conversion of molecular into mechan ical motions, the relations of energy to motion, etc., are all in familiar correspondence with my habits of thinking; and have been for the past thirty years. But the assumption that death so radically changes all the interior conditions of the mind, as to cause a total suspension or annihilation of memory, and the denizens of spiritual spheres forget heir own past lives, and all that relates to them, because their vibrations have struck a spiritual cyclone in transit, is, to my understanding "vibratory moonshine." Nevertheless, I am glad Bro Dawbarn is after the ghosts, and excarnate fakirs, and the "mysteries of God liness" in general, and trying to solve the problems within the dark horizon that borders this world and echoes the voices of the next. If I ever get the time, when I have the strength, I may write an extended review of this theory of spiritual relationships: and "start ling limitations in spirit return," etc.,

LEMANIC. HOWE. FOUND OUT.

He stood beside the coffin, where Another was at rest. And as he lingered, gazing, there Was trouble in his breast

"I passed him on the way," he said,
"I won the place he sought;
He knew not how I got ahead.
Through worth alone, he thought I gave him gifts, I raised him high,

and, with the world, supposed that I Had played a noble part. 'Yet had he won the plaace he craved-The place I won away-He would have failed therein and

On till his dying day. "But there's a book of records where The soul, unfettered, goes-

The lie I told to win is there, And now he knows-he knows!" -S. E. Kiser.

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Enjoy Themselves and Let the Cause Languish.

To the Editor:-The camp-meeting season having now become a thing of the past it is perhaps quite the proper thing to stop and ask ourselves the question. How shall we continue the good work? I know many Spiritualists who go year after year to camp and spend enough every summer for their own individual pleasure to hire a speaker or medium for three or six months to work in their own home neighborhood. Is this not to a great extent a selfish expenditure? What of the many interested persons in their own towns who are too poor in this world's goods to be able to attend the camps who are compelled by the competitive system under which we live to labor from early morn till late every night to keep body and soul together?

How much good have all these thousands derived from the camps? Would it not be better for our wealthy Spiritualists to think more of those unfortunate brothers and sisters who can not afford to attend camp and further more wouldn't it be better to sow some spiritual seed in all our towns-yesand even country school districts, in stead of sowing so much in one place as we do at our camp-meetings? A few days ago we came in contact

with a wealthy man who had spent

some three hundred dollars this summer, (so he said, at least) in providing for his own spiritual nature, yet this man had not a dollar to spare in getting up a meeting in his own town for th enlightenment of the public in the glo-rious philosophy of Spiritualism. He was not asked to pay a large sum for a course of lectures, but simply to have one or two meetings, a speaker and medium having occasion to pass through his town and who wished to mutually benefit the cause and themselves What of all the mediums who hav helped to make the camps a success Are the great majority of these to be laid on the shelf to rust during the winter season, are they to look back with disgust to the time when they started in the work because of the injustice and indifference of those who represent our cause in their respective localities or shall they be kept busily employed during the winter when they need support as well as in the summer. After a good deal of traveling up and down through the country, we are forced to one of two conclusions, either Spiritualists as a class are too selfish or they are too cowardly to make a move in their own localities. Of course there are honorable exceptions, there are those who realize that to be true Spiritualists they must be willing to deny themselves for the good of others, they must be willing to make sacrifice that the good seed those who are actively engaged in educating mortals who have so long been kept in darkness by theological profes-

Each individual Spiritualist must answer these questions sooner or later. Have we done our whole duty in this matter? Are we unselfishly working for truth at home as well as in the camp-meeting? Are we doing all we can to assist our speakers and mediums in their work? Let the coming winter demonstrate that the seed sown at the camps have caused a revival of enthusiasm at home; let societies be organized everywhere and every available worker who is honest and capable be kept A WORKER, busily employed.

Declaration of Principles.

Since the beginning of the discussion among Spiritualists as to the necessity of adopting a "Declaration of Principles," I have been anxious to hear from an estimate, or private opinion, pub there will probably be more cavil and discussion at the National Convention not accepting Brother Dawbarn's the- about God, than anything else. We must agree with him or declare that the finite cannot comprehend the infinite, therefore, we know nothing about God. and leave people to believe as they

With one correction, Prof. Loveland's declaration is eminently worthy of adoption. If Spiritualism is the philosophy of life, and "embraces all principles and questions involving human relations and destiny," it also includes woman, and no declaration of principles should ever be adopted by Spiritualists that does not positively and emphatically endorse woman's rights. It is not enough that we believe equality of the sexes and practice what we preach as exemplified in our work and on the rostrum, we should proclaim it to the world; not by implication, we have had enough of that in other systems, but in language clear and unmistakable that we champion the cause of woman. By contrasting our teachings on this point with orthodoxy, which has cursed and blighted the life of woman, let us make the church ashamed

This is a question of vital importance and deeply concerns the welfare and happiness of humanity here and hereafter; and not to recognize this fact would be one of the greatest mistakes that we could possibly commit JOSEPHINE NORRIS.

Lamar, Mo. IF A MAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE

AGAIN? Tell me, ye wise ones, ye who say, "This life ends all; That, when the heart is stilled, kind

nature spreads a pall Above the cold dead things, to hide them from our view Forevermore." Pray tell me if it is not

That nature folds her treasures closely to her breast In winter stern and cold, that they may sleep and rest;

And when the springtime comes to Do they not bloom again in beauty as

Doth not all nature teach that after death comes life Renewed; that, after all this turmoil pain and strife Is o'er, comes victory? Ah, yes; we

live again In purer, brighter clime, or, earth-life would be vain. We lie down as to sleep, the spirit takes its flight.

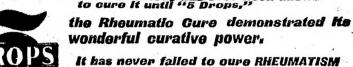
Freed from its cumbrous clay, to realms of living light; For so-called death is but new birth, and we shall be Clothed with unending life, with im-

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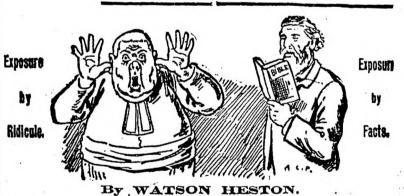
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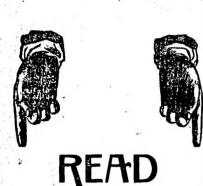
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Yours truly, J. C. SANBORN, JR.

Norwich, Conn., May 30, 1899. ill; I would have been spared three long gagement; August is faithful to my medicine. Yours, MARY A. BAILEY.

Winnebago City, Minn., April 17, 1899. Dear Doctor:-I am about the same; stomach better; sleep better, and nerves | Mr. Robinson's \$1.000 challenge has re-

Jamaica Plain. Mass., April 12, 1899. much stronger when he takes his daily second year's engagement with the walk; and it does not affect his leg as First Spiritual church, Sunday, October it did when I wrote before. His appe- 1. Mr. Hull will take charge of the tite is better. There is quite a color in adult lyceum class. His new address is his cheeks. He looks forward to getting 70 York street." a letter from you, and sends his love. MRS. L. S. BIDWELL.

Abbottstown, Pa., April 17, 1899. ing faster every week. I think another be as apt to watch that party and be month's treatment will be enough if I suspicious as anyone-else would natu-

ever, I will not stop until you say so. Yours very sincerely, W. C. ALWINE.

Winchendon, Mass., April 14, 1899. Dear Doctor:—I am still feeling bet-

ter, as you said I should, and it does seem so good to feel like myself again. Wish I had more strength to work with, as it seems good to be able to do a little. Yours with respect,
MRS. J. A. JONES.

Luzerne, Pa., April 17, 1899. Dr. C. E. Watkins-Dear Sir:-Your avor of April 13 is at hand and I am feeling better, also think that I am improving daily. Yours truly, S. A. MORTON.

Coldwater, Mich., April 16, 1899. Dr. Watkins-Dear Friend:-Your let-ter of the 12th is received, and I see by it that you think I need more medicine, and I think you know that better than I do, although I am feeling much better. I wish I could influence all the sick and suffering ones that I know to take your treatment, for I know that you could help them. Kindly yours. MRS. M. A. FLANDERS.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Mar. 25, 1899.
Dr. C. E. Watkins—My Dear Doctor—I am feeling better this spring than I ever felt in my life before, all due to you. I remain yours truly,
BERYL DOUGLAS.

(To be continued.)

GENERAL SURVEY. (Continued from page 6.)

C. S. Tisdale, D. M., of Joplin, Mo., writes to co-workers: "I am having a series of debates through the columns of case and send you medicine for one | the Joplin Daily Globe, with a lawyer and member of the Anti Organization. It is a grand show for some good lectures. I want to give a complete list of great minds that have indorsed our cause in this and other lands. Will has been printed from time to time? Address me at 510 Pearl street, Joplin.

> G. H. Brooks writes: "I commence my three months' engagement in Pittsburg, Pa., with the First Spiritualist church, of which Mr. Stevens is president, the first Sunday in October. I take Mrs. Brooks with me, who will remain there awhile. My address will be while in Pittsburg, 2016 Forbes street. I will respond to calls for funerals and weddings; also a few week night engagements not too far away from the

> Mrs. R. W. Barton writes from Willlamsport, Pa.: "I close my years's engagement with the First Spiritualist Society of Williamsport, October 29, and can be addressed at 743 Park Ave., for engagements for the year or by the month.

> W. W. Parsells writes from Rochester. N. Y.: "We have been favored with the presence of Mrs. C. Kanzler for the last two months. She is very earnest and thorough in her work, and we have nothing but good to say of her. Everybody likes her, and she has been speaking to constantly increasing audiences, and we regret very much the necessity of her leaving us. We are to have Mrs. M. C. Lincoln for the first two Sundays of October and Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn will follow her."

G. F. Perkins has changed from 98 30th street to 3829 Vincennes, near 39th street, where he and his wife will be pleased to see all friends. John Banks writes from Lowell,

Mass.: "We start our meetings for the coming season, on Sunday, October 1, with Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock as speaker."

The North Side Beacon Light midweek meeting will be held this week, October 4, at Mrs. Klineau's residence, 43 Tell Court, between Wells and North Park avenue, at 7:45 p. m., sharp; Mr. and Mrs. Perkins mediums. On the last Sunday in September and

first two Sundays in October, Oscar A. Edgerly will be with the Spiritualist Sothe kind attention and success with clety of Benton Harbor, Mich. He will attend the N. S. A. conventeion on Oct. 17, 18, 19 and 20. After October his engagements will be as follows November, December, January and February, Chattanooga, Tenn; March will be spent Dr. C. E. Watkins-Dear Doctor:-One in Florida; April. Indianapolis. Ind. of my friends said to me she would not | May still open for engagement; first think I was ill at all, if she did not two Sundays of June open; last two know I was, as my complexion has al-Sundays of June and first two of July ways been very pale; I now have a good engaged with the Vousheming Campdeal of color. I regret so much I did meeting of Northern Michigan. Last not know of you when I was first taken three Sundays of July are open for enengaged with the years of suffering. I must not look Vicksburg, Mich., and Chesterfield, Ind., back, I am so thankful I have at last camps. He will be pleased to hear from found a Doctor that can cure me: and societies desirous of employing a trance I do feel much encouraged. I am very speaker and test medium for May, 1900. Home address, 42 Smith street, Lynn,

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Mass.

J. W. Dennis writes from Buffalo. N. Dear Friend:-Horace seems very Y .: "Moses Hull and wife began their

Mrs. Alfred Balley writes: "I saw an article in your paper of September 23, entitled 'Judge Kindly,' by George H. Hepworth. I cannot agree with him, Dear Doctor:-Find Inclosed money where he says we should not suspicion order for another month's treatment, people. I think if Mr. Hepworth were About all I can say is that I am improv- to lose confidence in any one, he would keep on the way I am doing now; how- rally be. I believe in giving people

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Abble M. Richards writes from New York: "Mrs. Hogan and myself have pastor. been quite successful with our Thursday evening test circles, but have postponed them until October 12, on account of the Dewey parade and the boat race on the 4th of October."

PASSED TO SPIRIT-LIFE.

[Obituarles to the extent of ten lines only will be inserted (ree.]

Passed to spirit life, in Erie, Pa., September 4, Capt A. T. Marsh, in the 80th year of his age. Capt. Marsh was one of the oldest Spiritualists in this part some one try and send me a list such as of the country. He was a good man, and was respected by all Who knew him. His funeral was largely attended him. His funeral was largely attended by both Spiritualists and Christians. Mrs. Inez Agnew gave an address that was a spiritual jewel in every way, and brought forth much praise.
WM. H. HARLOW.

Sunday, September 3, 1899. He was a representative Spiritualist over forty years, and a credit to all he espoused or touched. Twice married, his domestic life was always pleasant and peaceful. His home was the rendezvous for weary workers, and always made the angels welcome. He was a powerful healer, but all his works, in the spirit.

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The wise will seek him and "the good will love; The age to come will feel his impress

given In all that lifts the race a step above Itself, and stamps it with the seal of Heaven." LYMAN C. HOWE. Fredonia, N. Y.

Passed to spirit life, September 26, Isaac Henry Smith, of Commercial Point, Pickaway county, Ohio, aged 55 years. Almost alone in his faith as a Spiritualist, in the place where he lived, he steadfastly and openly maintained it, and his life was such as won the respect and friendship of the whole community. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. O. M. Hewitt, minister of the First Spiritualist Church of Columbus, O., were held September 28, in the Presbyterian church, which was crowded to its full capacity by friends and neighbors of the deceased and the address, which was to most of them their first hearing of our new Gospel of Life, was thoughtfully listened to by the large audience.

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will lecture and give spirit messages. The Beacon Light Spiritual Church will begin Sunday services, at 40 East Randolph street, (Handel Hall), the third Sunday of September, at 7:30 p. m.; also weekly meetings Thursday evening the 14th, at Schiller Hall, Wells street, near North avenue.

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