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| | UNFOLDMENT OF DIVINE INTUITION OF HUMANITY | of the nymphs of woodland in the sylvan | the same source, and they are all jour- neying into the same realm of light and life beyond all death. There is a mys- | PHILOSOPHY | AND RELIGION. | to say "We know." But as they spoke for me and for the many without me- diumistic powers, who must necessarily | |
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| | A Lecture Delivered by the Guides of Mrs. Jennie Hagan | has shrouded the moonlight with, the | tic and marvelous doorway, we have entered through it, we must go to the | A Critical Examination and | Keen Analysis of the Subject. | seek of others our communications ' from the unseen, they wisely said, "We | |
| | Jackson, at the Temple in Ft. Worth, | -source of power that he has learned to love, and gradually out of his heart's | next world through the same ayenue. Whether we know it or not, love has something to do with every child born | By Rev. H. | W. B. Myrick. | believe." Belief is necessary. Religion is neces- sary. And in my humble judgment | |
| | Texas, February 18, 1900. | gins to form his worship, in the some- | into the world. There is that strange, holy touch of nature which makes love and which is absolutely in every child. | phy. We talk of religion often. Not | o- respectfully defy any carping critic to w, suggest another word in the language, | there is enough in the multitudinous facts, experiences and teaching of Spiritualism to allow of the formation | |
| • ••• | Chairman and Friends:-This morn-that unfathomed something that car- ing many of you had the same pleasure ried his frail bark for him was consid- that we had, undoubtedly, of visiting ered as a potent power of life, looking | history of the stars, meager though it is; he fashions and shapes and plans | I care not how depraved the father, how unfortunately depraved the moth- | right living based on my conception | of or to coin a new one from Latin or of Greek roots, which will equally well on and with the same direct, forcible sim- | of the most beautiful system of belief and the most practical form of religion this old world has ever had presented | |
| | the new tabernacle wherein Homer T. up to the sun and beginning his wor- Wilson will give his sermons and lec- ship with that, grasping his inspiration, tures in the future. A beautiful struct- for him it is life, holding council with | riods of time, we find perhaps the very soil upon which we stand to-night filled | ence of that little unfolding life that is pivoted and centered upon the mys- | Rightly interpreted and understoo | d, and precepts which bind men and women together in the higher life upon | to it for secontance | |
| | ure of which our city may well be it, he caught the sighs of every breeze proud, with its elegant memorial win- that stirred the trees, of every active | shaped their religion and made their inspiration along the lines of worship. | matter how much of the environments of wrong may be ground it, goes | not see any valid reason for rejecting the word religion, nor for becoming | ng earth. To produce such a word will in require a degree of thought not usually | WODDO OF OUTED | |
| | dows and its well-appointed and beau- tifully finished interior. Every new formed the suggestion of the inhabit- church and every new temple, every ants of the sylvan dell, the gods and | and place her hieroglyphics upon them, | slight or ever so mighty, it is with us; and when at last we lay down the poor | of false ideas attached to the word | er object to religion. as And equally beautiful is the word to | The Charles De Uttered | |
| }. | new tabernacle and every new mosque goddesses of the wood; the running placed in our cities' bosom or blooming brook, the moving river that bore his forth as flower's upon our hillsides, are boat when he decided to journey out | sphinx, to fashion the needles of Cleo- | bodies so racked with pain so tortured | and interpretation. But this is no re | a- above and around us. Something binds | More Frequently. | |
| | truly the results of the inspirations of and on; all this meant something to the past and present. The world is him. It told him the story of life, of constantly materializing its best pres- activity, and so beneath the ripples of | velous pyramids, to make the lotus of stone and to worship the-symbolized | gate-way of immortality, the key that opens the door of the future is that in- | undertake the unnecessary task of i venting a new terminology. Words a | n- emancipated spirits who are "over re there." I care not what your idea of | The public worker in Spiritualism often grows weary and feels the need of good cheer so seldom expressed. | |
| | ent results, from that which has be- longed to all past time. Nothing of to- day is new; it is that which was long of expression in his own nature. He | that fashioned all of these, that made the temples of the gods, that fashioned | opens the door for rich and poor, for great and small. And all that we carry | entirely new idea we might adopt new word. No Spiritualist need have | a cludes with your departed loved ones a ve personal God and a risen Jesus-the | Spiritualists are somewhat exacting of speakers and mediums-too seldom giv- | |
| 1 | ago, struggling through the barriers of fashloned his gods of the water, his time that it might unfold in the fulness nymphs of the stream, and by and by | the solemn name of priest upon their | inspirations, the lessons written on the | world that he is religious and th | at lieve in a "spirit world." Loved ones | ing words of appreciation and encour- agement; but always ready to tell of | |

time that it might unfold in the fulness nymphs of the stream, and by and by, minister, the same power that made Spiritualism is a religion. I do not ad- have entered it. Our spirits will follow magic scroll of memory, the good deeds errors in judgment or mistakes in spirit vocate the use of a term as a passport them by and by. Love exists there. as his thought went out and he stood that we have accomplished, the spiritof the present. them bend the knee and bow the head messages. We hear criticisms more The inspiration that pours forth from solemnly, a fragile thing, on the sands in days of antiquity to varied forms of ual truths of life, the beauties of our into popular favor, or to secure financial Death cannot destroy affection. We frequent that praise. A word of cheer concessions of any kind, or to obtain are bound to them and to that exalted is often more valuable than financial our modern day has been gushing down beside the ocean and saw the great animal life, has made it possible down spiration, the maryef of the divine immunity from odium or persecution of life by "hope that springs eternal in compensation. Public exponents of the mountain sides of eternity since the white waves rise in their awful force through long ages of time for man's in- within us, the poetry and the art, the any kind. I would scorn to advocate the human breast;" by love whose Spiritualism labor more for good results morning when the stars sang and and heard the mysterious thunder as spiration and intuition to unfold in a intuition that is with everybody, to a the retention of the word in creed, ser- deathless flame cannot be quenched; to the cause they have espoused, than worlds began their pilgrimage of joy. they struck the shore with their ever material world its spiritual truths, until | certain extent journey on into the unfathomable and eternal Tuture. mon, song or statement, on the rostrum by every aspiration of purity and desire We are not in a world of the new, save forceful power of destruction, he fanfor worldly emolument. Reputation to-night a Mr. Wilson stands as the or in the press, if the word necessarily for fellowship with "the spirits of just as it is touched and mellowed, sweet- | cied, he dreamed, he believed in some Some one will say, but what is intuiand appreciation are compensations proud minister of a new tabernacle. carried with it a false idea or per- men made perfect." And to have our ened and perfected by all that has been great power of the sea, and that fartion? I will answer you briefly. It is and you and I meet in this beautiful that justify the spiritual laborer. And before. The inspiration of the great back ancestor of ours made the majesthrobbing hearts and guickened intelversion of truth. little Temple of ours for the purpose of that something of yours, of mine, of evthese should not be ruthfully denied or songs of the past, the mystic and won- tie ocean god that we still love to speak | studying the same laws to-day, the imerybody's, that tells intour own minds. But the word is established in popu- lects thus bound to that "fair morning destroyed. lar speech, and when we look at its land" is religion. No other word can be derful meaning that lies in the poetry of as Neptune. He had his herds of in the quickness of our nature when we mutable laws of God; to learn some-We often feel weary but are rested etymology we find it is not only un- tortured into doing duty instead of this of the centuries gone, and gushes forth | wild horses that run firmly and fleetly | thing of the unchanging lesson of life meet people, something of them. We and cheered when some one tells of a in the verse of to-day, has had its be- over the hills and valleys of many coun- and of death. objectionable in every way, but it is familiar, wholesome, reasonable wordmeet a stranger, we are introduced to personal good done them. That is a ginning far back when the mellow tries. The rude inspiration came to him Inspiration has given us all of this. him; if we are old-fashioned, we shake full offset to all that has been heartless voice of the unread student of nature as he saw their manes white and toss-That is the material expression, the anhands with him, and in the very touch or envious. cient monument, stone lotus flower; expressed the history of his people, the ing; he saw their heads thrown high or of the hand there seems to be some in-GRAND MASS MEETING. Efforts in communities are often story of his tribe, their success and low, and out of this came the suggesbut it has done more than this. Down stinct, if we may call it so, within us changed from good to bad by a pefafailure with his rhythmic tale of rude tion that this god of the seas had made through the ages misshapen and sadly that tells us instantly, something of rious class who assert superiority or versification, half chanted and half the steeds, and the unfoldment of that abused by some, found in the garbs of him, and we say we are glad to meet leadership, unbacked by a personal inspoken, long before the arm of the beautiful thought in the imagery of ignorance, forced into avenues of suthis person, we care nothing about that; tegrity or capacity. Thus years of Third Annual Grand Mass Meeting Under the Joint Au printing press had formed the express- his mind. One of the most celebrated perstition, made to work in all forms one person is very dear to us, another earnest toil by a zealous and true soul, is very repulsive to lus. Now that ion by which man keeps the thought of painters of more modern times pictures absurd and sublime, it has journeyed is often destroyed by an ignorant and spices of the National Spiritualists Association and defiled class of egotists. The public his brother in that most wonderful Neptune holding the reins of the steeds on its way. But occasionally it has something that makes us like or disof the sea when the ocean is half broken the shackles, it has freed itself view of our cause should be from the casket a book or a paper. like without reason, without judgment, the Illinois State Spiritualists Association. The world's intuitions and the world's calmed and the storm nearly spent. It from superstition, it has broken away that fine, subtle feeling that nature has position that presents its best proportions, and our people should claim the inspirations go hand in hand; and if we is a mythological picture; mystery and from bigotry, and then it has, shining put about every child of there to be right to protect the public presentajourney far back into the history of old art have been wedded through all the in its brightness, come forth in beauty properly cultivated and unfolded is our lands and old climes, we shall find that years, and in it lies the inspiration of and in power. When Gautama Buddha natural intuition. It is more than this tions. Too long have we permitted by A grand mass convention under the Mediums and others desiring advertheir inspirations expressed themselves poetry and the beauty that were grad- gave forth his magnificent truths, he joint auspices of the N. S, A. and the tising space in the 5,000 daily prolethargy a certain class of incapables to when we take it carefully, prune it juthrough the unfoldment of their sug- ually forming in these early days, the gave them as an inspired and natural diciously and make the most of it; it grammes will also communicate with represent us. Let us cheer the carnest I. S. S. A., will be held in Handel Hall, gestions of the highest priests, the best possibilities by which we, later, con- teacher; when a Jesus of Nazareth becomes a guardian angel to us and and true souls who gladly give their Mr. Rice at the address given, before 40 Randolph street, Ohicago, on Tues- March 15. teaches us to be tender and wise, but lives to truth and purity, realizing that. religions. If we go far back we find structed the great foundations which poured out the love and tenderness of day, Wednesday and Thursday, April ourselves with primitive man, a still more modern suggestions follow his divine nature, it was that great inalways just to ourselves and others. the sincere spirit. will. conquer ob-HARRISON D. BARRETT. stacles and unfold useful capacity. By spiration of truth, that spiritual unstrange unknown quantity, as man is on. Pure inspiration comes to us through 10, 11 and 12, 1900. There will be three Pres. N. S. A. the vast libraries of the world's great to-day, but we find him speaking his | We journey on briefly, as we must in | foldment of all the ages before him, of an incapable I would not classify the sessions daily, 10 a. m., 2 p. m., and 8 DR. GEO. B. WARNE. p. m. President Harrison D. Barrett earnest beginner, nor toiling searcher, thought of the light that falls about histories of this kind, until man has the wisdom of time stored in his nabooks; it comes to us through the Pres. I. S. S. A. but the seeking of prominence for pelt him, of the shadows that run by his reached the period in the advancement | ture, of the divinity of love outlived or world's fine arts; it pours in upon us in will be in attendance, and the best JAMES FREEMAN, side; he sees the mysteries and splen- and growth of life where he says the brought forth in the life, lived out in and honor by malicious destruction of its marvelous beauty from the Bibles of Vice-Pres. I. S. S. A. speakers and mediums in the Spiritualdors of the skies above him; he watches stars are many and the earth is one; the perfection and beauty of divine exthe ages, and all of the inspiration of any other's rights, lacking in and seekistic ranks will participate in the pro-ELLA M. JOHNSON, the red disk of the solemn sun as it where he begins with astrology and pression. Whenever since that time the past and present fills the world ing not self-culture, with a magnificent gramme. Good music will be furnished Sec. I. S. S. A. rises in the morning time; he sees it as astronomy strangely interblended, and brave and courageous nature has enwith light that nothing else can ever egotism and self-assurance. at every session. ERVIN A. RICE, it ascends upward, until his very face fashions wonderful suggestions, mighty dowed her sons and daughters with give. It is the one solemn sacred light Every Spiritualist Society in Illinois The humble toiler may often be the Treas. I, S. S. A. is turned skyward to watch it, and then convictions from the union of this earth that inspiration of truth, with that most worthy. Let us then encourage that shines over the dome and glim-(whether chartered or not) is desired to HIRAM EDDY, half sad and half in fear he watches and those starry neighbors. He discov- strength of character that they have mers and glides on before us in through appoint one of its active members to Trustee I. S. S. A. the true and devoted souls who are always willing to sacrifice upon the altar the strange, glorious thing as it low- ers that a certain period of the year tried to do right, that they have tried to the dark shadow of death up to the communicate at once with Ervin A. ORRIN MERRITT, ers down to the brow of the mountain has certain conditions, and that it is be fearless in uplifting a principle no triumphant gate of life; and with its Rice, corner 17th and Clark streets, of truth. Let us give them good cheer, Trustee I. S. S. A. side, or perhaps his eyes gaze across always the same between those far- matter what the world said, then has key of eternal and unending growth. M. W. PACKARD, And let us so aid the public cause of Chicago, concerning local arrangebroad, level lands, or the strange mys- away stars and this earth; he discovers that inspiration divine and sacred because thousands of years ago the Spiritualism, that we may find its finanments. Trustee I. S. S. A. terious sweep of the blue waters of that night and day have their relation- gushed forth as from some magic cial support ever possible when the world began to be inspired; because insome ocean. It goes from his sight and ship with certain results; that the spring, to pour its fountain of everlastbetter interests and sincere labors are spiration and intuition came into the Value and the second exemplified. the grayness of the twilight comes, and warmth of summer and the extreme ing sweetness into the eager cups upheart of the cave dweller and the man absolutely the best word for the pur- | Religion. In this connection I quote as follows this man stands still; he seeks the rude chill of winter, the tender kiss of lifted by hands of thirsting and starv- of prehistoric time. pose. To rail at it, to deal in rabid | Looked at from the standpoint of from a Rochester (N. Y.) correspondent, shelter of the trees or the cave-man's springtime and the frosts of autumn, ing humanity. We have a new church in our city todiatribes against those who use the availability, etymology, . familiarity, in which place we labored nearly three dwelling that is his. A strange stirring come when certain results are in this Whenever a great truth has been utday dedicated to humanity and God. word; in short, to oppose the word sim- and absolute trustworthiness as a peryears, we trust with some good result, within his heart, a surging of the strange and wonderful blue with its tered, no matter in what land or upon. We have the great and marvelous ply to express unreasoning contempt of fect definition of our duty to the world which time may show to our oft-times blood with a quicker expression and a silver and red points above him; with what especial principle, there has the buildings being constructed in Paris. something orthodox, is extremely child- that now is and that which is to come, weary souls: feeling awakes within his intellect; that sun making a different position by endless inspiration of the ages, filled ish. If any one in a dignified and dis- there simply is not in the language a We have all the fibating palaces of the "I think you and Mrs. Kates have something new, strange and inscrut- which it sets to his mind; with the with that purity, of truth touched by steamers of the world upon oceans and passionate manner will show that the substitute for the word religion. much to feel pleased about, with reable throbs there, and the man gives ut- moon doing this or that; and gradually that beauty of intuition stood forth for upon lakes. We have the homes, which word religion is unfit to express our | Before I lay down my pen, let me add gard to your work in Rochester. Your terance with his voice to some express- the mind of the man grasps one of the a principle and for the world's betterare the strongest of our buildings, the duty to one another, and the spirit a thought about another word-belief. greatest work, doubtless. is in the ion, some word that later on in the most important, one of the most thrill- ment. How long have we lived, and homes of our lives: the little homes set. world above us and around us; that Sapient critics have gravely told us we minds and hearts of hundreds of men world's growth of phraseology shall be- ing facts that his inspiration has ever yet how brief have been the years. on the hills and in the valleys. The either practically or etymologically it must not say in Spiritualism, "We and women in Rochester and its vicinworld has all of this because of that in- is unable to convey the truth to our believe." With tooth and nail they fell come a note of praise and thanksgiv- had. The great cry from his lips when How little we know of this world of ity. That is where it should be. Outhe discovers this is more than that first ours. How man has struggled and tore spiration which came and has never de- minds, we are ready to discard the afoul the "creed" so recently proing. side show is of secondary importance; Did you ever stand in the woods at utterance when man looked up and saw his way up through the difficulties of serted us; it stood upon the mountain term. But do not ask us to give it up mulgated by the N. S. A. at Chicago, but, even that is gratifying-for the so. top and gave voice and utterance to the at the behest of ignorant prejudice, or and before the ink was dry with which ciety still holds on its way. Probably night after the sun goes down, when the same light, for it is the same light, the past. How from the poetry, the innature seems to wrap the mysterious and this is what he says: "Our earth. | spiration, the natural desires of his own commandments of old: it expressed itmerely to satisfy a rabid opposition to that nascent heresy was printed, they very few mediums, if any, could have self in the history and the beauty and everything pertaining to Christianity. | were clutching at the unfortunate doc- | come here and done what both of you curtain of her silence around you, and this of mine and that of something nature he has shaped out and formed In the church of which I am a mem- ument, seeking with feverish haste to did. Sometime, when the right time then hear the low, soft sound of an in- else, are related; there is a bond be- the avenues of the world's religions. the poetry of the Bible; it sang its ber and for which I have preached rend it to shreds. Vitriolic innuendos sect's call, and a little later turn your tween them." And this inspiration We have in one of the sacred places sweet song in the tender utterances of comes, I shall hope to see you here listening ears to the sad, sweet notes of fires him to new investigation. He where we go on our pligrimages across a Jesus of Nazareth, and it rises in the twenty years, we define it thus: Re- were heaped upon the heads of the unagain. some night bird as it calls across the si- looks out in a broader and more won- the sea, a Jewish synagogue, a mosque glad tones of the latest singer of a ligion is a life to live. I venture to say happy creatures who modestly dared to "I wish to encourage both of you sweet and holy melody, and it sounds lence to its mate, and then as you have derful manner and he says, I am re- for the Moslem and a Christian edifice that of our more than a million mem- say to one another and to the world, right now to keep on polishing yourlistened have you felt your heart throb lated to this, I am related to that. And on the summit of a sacred hill; and bers not one intelligent person can be "We believe." No! -- Evidently that in the voice of a mocking bird when its selves, and improving in knowledge quicker as you hear the sound of a he stands all aglow and trembling with there, sad as it is to tell, we have little throat is filled to express its joy; found to deny this definition. We have wouldn't do. The church people (holy and speaking ability; and Mrs. Kates no creed, not a solitary official declara- horrors), they say we believe; there- in her splendid powers for test work nightingale's voice rising clear and this new thing that has brought itself armed men standing with sword and it utters its divine and unchanging sweet and full of melody, and the little into his soul. The inspiration from the tion of belief ever published to the fore, by all that is sacred, we don't be | and singing. There is a vast difference bayonet, with guns ready to protect song as the wind sweeps down, the world, but we with remarkable unan- live anything. We know, WE do. Let | between a lazy medium who leaves evsongster's heart going out and out until great book of nature with its starry each one of these holy places from the mountains and over the plains; it lives imity say to people: Religion is doing snivelling members of the church and erything for the spirits to do when the the woods seems filled with it, and just pages, a printed book in the blue of assaults of the other. The Christian, in the hearts of men and it throbs in good, and doing good is religion. If tender-foot Spiritualists, afflicted with time comes, and just gets up and rainas you stood rapturously listening, to heaven, and its earth of brown leaves the Hebrew and the Moslem each one their active brains: suddenly have the moonlight come and ready for his reading. He hears new to-morrow 10,000 preachers among the softening of the brain, have a monopoly | bles off something which is supposed to assured that his few feet of ground are It fills the realms of the angels and it Disciples of Christ were asked to of the belief business. They believe, be a lecture, and a medium who studies bathe it all with silver splendor and music when his listening ear catches | sacred, holy and divine, and that the shines in that world to-night, preach a sermon on religion I presume but we know. We know there is a hard to prepare and improve and comes wonderful light till twig and leaf were that something that he has looked for, others are profane, evil and abomi-Where the word of fruth is eternal and more than 9,000 of them would take as spirit land. We know the so-called to the rostrum with a weighty message revealed and the little singer, to whose and then this man who has discovered hable. Each one is true to his own edthe ways of men grow right. a text Jas. 1:27: "Pure religion before dead live over there. And so on ad utterances you stood enraptured, was that there is a relation between the well arranged and digested. Then, ucation; each one has stepped into the God is to visit the fatherless and the infinitum. seen in the revelation of the moon's stars and the world, the sun and the again, I think speakers should try to groove that belongs to him through enwidow, and to keep himself unspotted That is all very well-for some peosense the needs of their audiences, and splendors? If such a picture has ever moon, who has watched the ebb and vironment, education and the matter of HER LITTLE BOY. ple. But what about me? I am in the from the world." come to you, you have felt and sensed flow of the tides, who has noted the not merely endeavor to preach well birth. The reason that the man who is Religion etymologically means to re- game and I don't propose to be "raised" an inspiration of nature, a something varied growths of the vegetation of the a Christian is not a Moslem is because "Always a little boy, to her," known spiritual truths. We are creabind, bind back, and hence, properly out of it without protest. I am not a of sentient light that held you and earth, who has studied his animal of his parentage, and so it is clear No matter how old he's grown. tures of so many needs. To-day it is speaking, that which binds us. It is psychic, sensitive or any of those things made you know for the time being that brethren in the great forest and the round the circle, with a few exceptions. Her eyes are blind to the strands of one thing, and to-morrow, another. We there was something more than the jungle, stands beside something that is But what has this to do with the inused of moral relations and duties as pertaining to mediumship. I am not want what will fit us and help us at the gray; : mere narrowness of the little path in mysterious and awful; it is the silent, between man and his fellows, and it is clairvoyant, hence I do not see or perspiration of truth? Only this. That time." She's deaf to his manly:tone. which you trod; that grayness in the the uncompromising democracy of to be observed that religion, both by ceive spiritual beings. I am not clairthrough each one of these channels, di-There is so much of good advice in His voice is the same as the day he light, a melody in the song that went death. He looks upon it, he touches it, versified as they seem, bitter as they tradition and the very structure of the audient, hence I do not hear spirit the above, that I quote it, although asked: rippling through your being and held you and the chill and the cold that go word, has always a reference to better voices. The departed spirits utterly rethere are personal references. As exappear toward each other, the same "What makes the old cat purr?" out toward infinity, and infinity in to- through his body make him think that eternal fountain is living to gush up things, to a binding of the soul to that fuse to control my hand for automatic ponents of spiritual truth, desiring per-Ever and ever he's just the sameward you. You grasped a something, he is nothing to this, and yet it holds which is higher and nobler. That writing, though I often sit for it. sonal growth, we should, no doubt, culand over into the heart of the world. A little boy, to her. which binds us to low and sensual Absolutely I do not, of myself, and canyou sensed a mysterious force within within its awful mystic grasp a sometivate our knowledge; but, the spirit Three little children go out here to one "Always a little boy, to her." things, to degrading and bestial prac- not enter into communication with the your nature. So did the man who thing that his heart has warmed to, a of our great flowing wells; one child by control of such a medium can most She heeds not the lines of care tices, is never called religion, while denizens of the spirit world. I am of likely pre-digest the discourse without stood away back in the dim ages of the something that he has held close the force of circumstances is born into That furrow his face-to:her it is still past; an unfoldment of what yet against his pulsing bosom, a something this world with the sable face of an with the approbation of both mind and the critical, materialistic temperament. the medium doing so. The attraction would be; on leaf upon leaf of that that he has felt for as he had not felt As it was in his boyhood fair. heart we designate the emotions that I am not only not mediumistic but I of a capable class of controls greatly African; one is the fair sweet-faced strange mystical flower that was to for other things. It is the inspiration child of our American citizen, who His hopes and his joys are as dear to ennoble and the virtues that uplift by am naturally skeptical. It is just be- depends upon the culture and aspirablossom forth into the wondrous possi- of love that he refers to, that tenderher the -true, beautiful and appropriate cause I believe that I am not now an tions of the medium; hence the advice comes to us, perhaps, originally from As they were in his small-boy days. bility of humanity. A folded plant was ness that has been his for this some-England or Germany; we will say he is name of Religion. agnostic, or rather atheistic materialist. is good that we shall give heed to all this early expression of man, this hu- thing that is still and cold; and now Anglo-Saxon; and the third child, taper-He never changes; to her he's still Now, the things that bind me to the It would be so easy for me to stand that can conduce to our unfoldment. man blossom with its many petals the great inspiration of fear sweeps higher life of my fellow-man, and to with W. F. Jamieson, B. F. Underwood, To secure all this let us realize that effingered, with its little brown face, has "My little boy," she says. wrapped closely one around the other over him. He looks at this dead form, come across the Rio Grande and is a the existence which is desirable and Samuel Putnam and men of that stamp. fort and aspiration are appreciated by "Always a little boy, to her." until the quickening of that inspiration he longs to keep it; but gradually the creditable for all of us are these: Love, Why not? Simply because I believe. the people who so sincerely desire the Mexicano. The three children have And to him she's the mother fair, peace, friendship, sympathy, purity of Now, a majority of the Spiritualists are | best and purest Spiritualism possible and force of nature, that intuition and kindly hand of nature puts it from him, each brought a cup. They dip it deep With the laughing eyes:and the cheerinto the flowing well and then lift it up thought and deed, mercy, patience, be- just like me. We depend on others, to be developed. power of the divine should bring it to makes it obnoxious to him; and the G. W. KATES. ing smile its unfoldment, its blossoming and its very instinct of his own soul and body and they say to us, "This is pure nevolence, etc. These things bind good mediums, for our communications from Of the boyhood days back there. men and women together in a sur- "across the river." We know what "Cosmian Hymn Book." A collection make him cover it from his sight and water;" and many of us reach over and fragrance. Back there, somewhere in the mist of So up the slow grade of time this man turn his eyes from it, love he never so of original and selected hymns, for libtake the cup from the hand of the little passingly holy and enduring fellowship. these sensitive mediums, often our yearshas come from that far-off period of his | tenderly. With great drops such as he If a brother is broken off or falls by loved ones in the family circle, tell us. eral and ethical societies, for schools Anglo-Saxon; but the Mexican will take Back there with the childish joy. the way, the exercise of these graces They see for us, hear for us, write for and the home; compiled by L. K. Washexistence: he has traveled through the has watched falling from the trees to the cup from the child of his country; And to her he is never the man we see. will re-bind and restore him again and us. And we believe. Yes, verily, we burn. This volume meets a public dark jungle of an African forest; he the grass and the brown earth. now and the African will look upon his own But always "her little boy." vet again. To such a fellowship, in the do believe. I do not know that my be- want. It comprises 258 choice selechas traced his way through the wilds dropping from his eyes, the man quesand drink from the cup he offers. Is "Always a little boy to her." exercise of these moulding and life-loved daughter, who laid down her tions of poetry and music, embodying there any particular difference in the of Australia; he has made his sure tions, what is this silence, this mystery, giving principles, wicked men and sunny, beautiful life at 18 years of age, the highest moral sentiment, and free foot-steps down the long icy hills of our | that comes without being seen and The ceaseless march of the years water? No, It is the same great well of impure will be attracted with irresist- still lives but I believe she does. I canfrom all sectarianism. Price 50 cents. frozen countries of the northland; 'he takes from me mine. And then in that | truth, but the cups are a little different. Goes rapidly by, but its drumbeats die has made his journey across the desert | awful hour with that agony of heart-Ere ever they reach her ears. and the bearers are widely apart, and ible longing and desire, and shorn not see her, hear her voice in the old | For sale at this office. "Social Upbuilding, Including Co-opsands of far-off Arabia and Egypt; he ache a new and true inspiration yet very near together. So it is with The smile that she sees is the smile of at last of vileness will find themselves songs, nor sense her presence in any has journeyed from land to land; he has sweeps over him. This is not what I the fact of the three temples each to bound to it by these unfailing cords of mystic way, but I believe she lives and erative Systems and the Happiness and felt the thrill of life under the far east- had, it is only what it was in. My the living God, under a different name salvation. So will good men, in the loves me still. Ennoblement of Humanity." By E. D. The wrinkles are dimples of joy, ern splendor of the mornings' light, and something is somewhere, this is an under the skies of the sacred and holy His hair, with its gray, is as sunny as practice and the enjoyment of good If the N. S. A. had been getting up a Babbitt, LL. D., M. D. This comprises · May in the uttermost western lands of the empty thing; where is mine? principles, be bound and, rebound to | creed for a few mediums, favored sen- the last part of Human Culture and land to-night.- They have all the same gether in the era of good fellowship sitives who see, hear and know for | Cure. Paper cover, 15 cents. For sale world; he unfurled his fragile sail on With eager eyes he pursues this ques- great truth of inspiration differently in-He is always "her little boy." the waters of oceans and lakes, and tion. He thinks of the strange beings | terpreted. They have all sprung from -Baltimore American. yet to come. This is religion. 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We will now return to our former question:

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How do you suppose we teach all these babes and little children that come here? How the youths and maidens? Thousands upon thousands of little babes come here who a thing may be established. She walked in a garden sight. never walked, who never talked and had never arrived at any reasoning power whatever. We certainly cannot teach them through abstract reasoning or, in fact, any reasoning at all. They must be taught here precisely as and there were objects there to be seen. She had ears to they are on earth.

and we need not follow the chain up. How do you think we should get along here with them if there were no ob- She might also walk in an earthly garden, but she asjects for them to notice?

as he floats through the ambient ether without an object of any kind in sight except other abstruse, moral philoso- spirit. phers like unto himself. Moreover, I should like to have a dozen or more cherubs, of a somewhat larger growth, clinging to his coat-tails. But of course, he has not any coat-tails, simply a flowing robe and a halo about his abstruse head.

Our friend Robert comes in now, and with his hands in his pockets laughs heartily as he says:

How about the great sex question? These same philosophers will tell you there is no sex in spirit land. Well, if there is no sex it is simply justice that those who deny I fear you must still retain your sex, else the babies will earth? not be properly trained and looked after, for I do not believe the men-no, not even the great thinkers, will ever be able to do it.

ing so highly to-day, stand abased before the mothers of | that once lived on earth, and the roses were the spirits of spiritual worlds could exist at all. If you unsex woman here, you will take away the props that uphold all creation. If by sex is meant the power of propagation the fact should be so stated. for there is no propagation of any kind within the spiritual spheres; but thousands of women on earth do not propagate their kind, and no woman has that power after a certain age which with many scarcely reaches middle life. Do you then say she is unsexedthat she is neither man nor woman but a sort of hybrid? No, no, friends, that won't do, and she is no more unsexed here than she is there. Sex is not only of the body, but of the soul, and if the spirit and soul were not sexed the body could not be. Now I shall ask the before-mentioned grey-bearded, abstruse philosopher and thinker, how he would like to be unsexed, be neither man nor woman? He would be obliged, in that event, to lose his beard in which he takes such wondrous pride, and I greatly fear that the whole catalogue of unsexed angels would leave the children and babies to take care of themselves. Friends, these are hard facts, and I here and now attest, with my signature, that I have here found women to be women and men to be men in every sense of the word, for without the co-partnership and union of the sexes absolutely nothing could exist. There would be no homes here, nor on earth, wherein men could rest, no love except the merest friendship, no homes wherein little babes and taught the rudiments of all knowledge. Tell my loved ones at home that I am not unsexed. Tell my wife that I am still her husband-my daughters that I am still their father, and my protecting and loving head through them. Now the spiritual world may be never learned to be properly respected, arms are often about them; that I really, at present, make | compared to this very fine material. It is real and tanmy home with them and when my darling wife joins me here we will make our home together as formerly and nothing shall part us, no, not even death, for death has real as the lady. The quintessence of fineness is more gaged in their different pursuits and From the depths in which you found lost its sting for me and the grave has not vanquished me nor the fire consumed me. How strange, how passing strange it all is, and yet how quintessence of all that belongs to earth. natural, how simple, how beautiful. Nature's methods are all simple. Just get hold of the right end of the thread, and the skein is easily wound. . The great mistake heat. that I made was in supposing the shell or covering was the Even the shell of a chicken ought to have taught man. me better. The shell was there all right, but the chick had found legs and wings, had escaped and was now trying to use both. Yes, I am beginning to take up my work again; plenty of error to fight against, even among Spiritualists. I will hammer away at the errors and let my friend here, Herr Franz, build away at the temple of truth. I am content to clear away the rubbish. Thor with his hammer is needed.

refer to a vegetable or kitchen garden, but, as you have said, a lovely garden of flowers, shrubbery and trees. O, Lilian, it is all true. I walked in a garden wherein were flowers, trees and ornamental shrubs; moreover, dear Lilian there was also a beautiful fountain of sparkling Lilian there was also a beautiful fountain of sparkling

great, soft, dewy eves. A little dog also leaped before me in the path. Lilian! Lilian! It is all true, dear." Miss Field seems to have been able to put in a few

words, after all. She says there were also birds and aniwherein there were flowers, trees, shrubs, water, birds and animals. She walked, consequently she had feet and they hear, for she tells me that the birds sang sweetly, that the

A child on earth first begins to notice objects about it, gazelle stamped with one of its little fore hoofs. Now the garden was a spiritual garden, for Miss Field is a spirit. sures me that she refers-and did refer-to a spiritual

I sometimes feel as though I should like to pile about a garden; for, as I was not there at the time, the thought of a grey-bearded, abstruse, scientific philosopher, and tell garden; but she emphatically says, "No, Lilian. I meant him to teach these sucking babes all he thinks he knows, a spiritual garden. An earthly garden now seems coarse and ugly to my sight, and would not be restful to me as a

> There, Miss Field has succeeded in putting her rosy tipped finger in my mess once more, at the same time she kisses that rosy tipped finger and with a graceful motion wafts the kiss to Miss Lilian.

> Well, well; where was 1? These young ladies are quite distracting after all. Let me see-birds, flowers, animals, trees water, shrubs and so forth, and she distinctly says they are all spiritual and belong to the spirit world. Thank you, Miss Field, and the earthly world will thank you, too, sooner or later.

Now, my dear young lady, will you be kind enough to

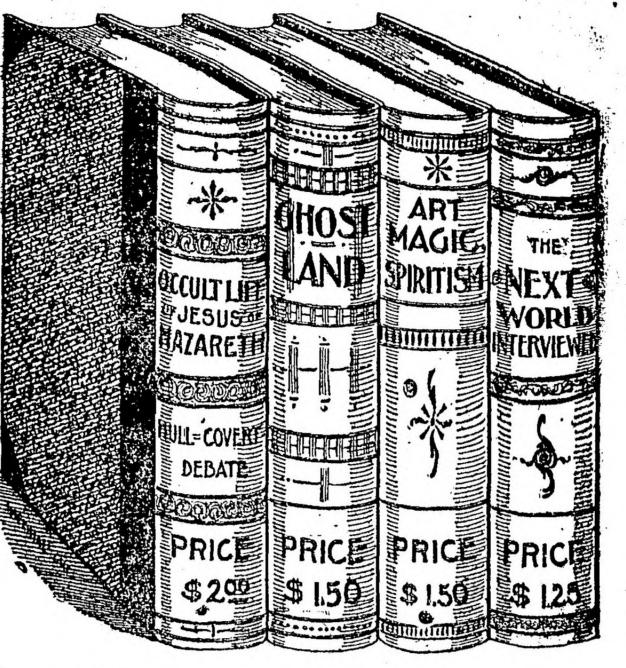
"Certainly, Mr. Petersilea; for, as you have already told the people of earth, there is no propagation in the celestial life. All things have their root on the material earths, the world, for without them neither the earthly nor the roses that once grew on earth, so of the other flowers, trees and shrubs."

And the water, Miss Kate? Don't forget the water. refined, and sparkled like dew-drops on the petals of a

It is very cold to-day, Feb. 17, 1900, Beloved Friends in the Band of Harand as I saw a small load of wood pass, mony:-Across the barriers of distance. I knew it went to some poor family and of silence that long have separated that was out of wood and could get no you and me, physically has come a call more, and this small amount of fuel for me to speak a word to you once for me to speak a word to you once more; a call to which I am very glad to would scatcely suffice until to-morrow, mals there. I believe that through one or two witnesses | for there is no change in the weather in | respond, for my heart is ever with you in the bonds of love and helpfulness.

As I pondered over this for a few mo- My thought goes out to you many ments, a sweet and gentle influence times in almost irresistible longing to animals. She walked, consequently she had feet and they came stealing over me, and my soul be with you; to see your dear faces; to walked on the ground of a garden. She had eyes to see, went out to the world's poor, homeless, clasp hands with you; to hear your helpless ones. I felt a wave of force helpful words of sisterly and brotherly pass over, and before me moved group | encouragement, and to enjoy with you after group of the world's toilers. the grand, uplifting teachings given by I felt that I had had a similar vision | the guides through the lips of our beyears ago, but that now there was some | loved pastor. I feel that I miss a great change-something like an interlinked | deal by not being with you. On the force accompaniment, as those toiling other hand, I must know that, accordin factories, mines, etc., went to and ing to our philosophy, I am in my own fro in rapid succession, as they re- place just here, and that out of this dozen of these little infants not an hour old, into the arms | crossed my mind that she might have meant an earthly | turned from work. I could, as it were, | seemingly enforced isolation and sifollow the most of them to very poor | lence is being born the consciousness of quarters which were marked tenement | heretofore undreamed-of powers, and houses. I saw groups of shop-girls elements of growth. "There are more looking pale and sickly, wash-women, things in heaven, and earth, Horatio, etc., who had left their babes and than are dreamt of in your philososmall children and scant household ef- | phy," becomes a truism to every earnfects, to help keep the wolf of hunger | est seeker after truth who enters upon from their huts. I saw so very many | the path of true spiritual unfoldment. poor, ragged, dirty children that were | A path by no means easy of access, nor unloved and unwanted, even by those ascent. Across its entrance lies the who had been instrumental in bringing | bar of sacrifice, interwoven with which them into the world; so many destitute are the rods of selfishness, fear, ambiof even the poorest place to call home, tion, illusion and unlovingness. When with no friends, really bereft of every | the rod of selfishness is broken, fear thing. Seeing this, my heart pained cast aside; ambition put underfoot; il-me. Oh, how I longed to be able to do lusion dispelled by the clear discernsomething for all of them. I was filled | ment of realities, and unlovingness diswith pity for the world's unfortunate placed by that perfect love that thinkthis great truth should have the babies piled into their Now, my dear young lady, will you be kind enough to ones in every walk of life, and cried eth no evil, sacrifice becomes a joy, and say if these were the spirits of animals that once lived on out, "Poverty, how dreadful it is! Pale, the path that seemed to stretch out difcringing, unfriendly!" In years past I fcult and interminable before halfhad some experience with it and found | blind eyes, is to the awakened one-the it to be a cruel tyrant over its victims. | conqueror of the lower self-as "green But, this experience taught me too, that | pastures" and "still waters," leading on poverty need not deprive of kindness and on to realms of perfect peace and I, Robert G. Ingersoll, whom many of you are eulogiz- consequently, my Lilian, these were the spirits of animals | those so afflicted, as that is a personal all knowledge. Upon this path the matter, due to each one's own individ- | real self is found, and henceforth exual disposition. However, as I thus' istence has a new meaning. We have pondered, the vision was renewed with swung into line with the harmonies of greater clearness and I saw that many life, and are borne along to greater greater clearness and I saw that many of these unfortunate ones were vicious and most cruelly unkind, but that much bilities of thought and action. The "O, yes, Lilian. The water was real water, subtle and and most cruelly unkind, but that much bilities of thought and action. The of this was due to the fact that they clear eye of the spirit discriminates bewere so hedged about by ill conditions | tween the real and the unreal-between and received not the needed sympathy the valuable and valueless things of life, and accepts only those which in a measure would remove the sickmake for peace, power and happiness. ening, dense conditions and help them One of the first fruits to be gathered along this pathway is health. Health sometime, to tell you all about it, and the pretty things as a rule, become low-spirited, draw- of body and mind. With good health and awakened spiritual faculties what may one not hope to accomplish for responding states to them, and so, not without cause, are discontented with good. Many and beautiful are the extheir lot and all things else. All their periences, that have been mine of late, efforts, when they make any. were when, going into my closet, I shut the silea feels badly that women do not write more for the shown to be nipped in the bud, so to door, and listen to the voices heard only say, but the pale overhanging poverty in the silence.

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flower. "Now, dear Lilian, if we have gardens, of course we from the more favored classes, which have houses and homes, and this beautiful garden was attached to a house more beautiful still, and I mean, to feel better and act better; that they there are within it, and whom it belongs to; but, I cannot | ing invisible forces and beings of corcontrol this medium well enough yet. You must thank Mr. Petersilea for allowing me to control at all, for he is the guide here at the present time. Lilian, Mr. Peter-Spiritualistic press, and so do I. You are a good girl that you have turned your face in the right direction, and I will help you, Lilian, all that I can."

Dear readers, whoever you may be, we would like to only as to their labor for a pittance, make you, and all, thoroughly understand just how it is but by these forces and conditions here in this world, and we cannot think of a better comparison than the art of weaving cloth. There is a kind of | shall it continue that the mass of huwoven cloth almost as coarse as rope yarn can make. Now there is woven material on earth all the way up from this coarsest to that as fine as a spider's web, in fact, so and yet it is real, tangible stuff, woven from threads of exfineness that one looking through them quite forgets they and so does a man when he inadvertently tries to run his | kindness given and received; have | the light of the soul.

gible but exquisitely fine. A lady looks through a very fine veil and forgets that she wears it, but the veil is as better classes of people, as they are enbeautiful than coarseness, and our spiritual world is more beautiful than the earthly world, for it is composed of the over me, for they too were hedged in

Now I would like to tell you how all these things get here. They are brought here, mostly, on the wings of

"How is that?" you ask; and I ask, "How does water rise from the earth into the atmosphere, billions upon billions of tons of it?" Why, there are oceans of water floating in the atmosphere at all times, enough to drown out every living thing-enough to destroy your cities and towns. If it were precipitated at once there would be another deluge equal to the reputed one in the days of Noah; and all this water is carried up from the earth by from whom they borrow to keep up To the rhythm of voices ringing heat; every schoolboy understands this very well.

Water is not the only thing that heat carries upward, or outward, away from this earth; it is carrying everything that belongs to the earth in the same way. On a bright came before me. sunny day, especially if it is very hot, your flowers, many of them, wither and die. Why? Because heat is bearing them away into the spiritual realm. Much of the water that is carried up returns to earth, but not all; a portion becomes too rare and never returns and this forms the rare and expanded waters of the spiritual spheres. All If those who read these letters will take the trouble to this water rises and no one is conscious of its going-no one can see it as it ascends-for the greater part of it is carried up on the brightest and sunniest days; no more can one see the essence or spirit of all that appears to dieon earth, as it is carried by heat outward or upward into the spirit realms. The spiritual earth or ground is the effort was for selfish ends, and gov- By the All forever plighted, earths and through the great law of chemical affinity coalesce into shining and ethereal spirit lands or spiritual ground. Nothing here grows from seeds. Seeds do not germinate anywhere but on the material earths and earths nourish the spiritual upon their bosoms.

remains. I felt a strange sensation O. restless heart, be still and listen: come over me, as I saw how these so-To the sweet urging of the spirit bend called lower classes are enslaved not Shut out the din of thoughts that weary, And to the silence all your being lend about them. I cried out, "Oh, where is

justice for the oppressed? How long Some of these experiences crystallize in verse, as some of you know, and I manity must appear upon earth but to append a little poem that came as a lesstruggle with poverty and adverse conson to me not long since, when, in an ditions for'a' season and then pass hour of darkness such as comes to all therefrom, never having realized any of | of us at times, I voiced a cry of rebellfine that it requires passably good eyesight to see it at all her many provisions and blessings ion that "the light which lighteth all which are abundant for all, if rightly | the world" was hidden from me, alchildren could receive loving care and attention and be quisite fineness; even wire is made into screen of such | managed 'and distributed?" Oh, the though I knew that the light shines almillions who never have even the way and everyone, who will but open plainest comforts; never sense the de his eyes, may see it-that light which are there, yet a mosquito or a fly finds them quite tangible, lights which result from pure love and makes every day bright and beautiful,

or to so respect others.'

this sham condition.

MORNING LIGHT IS NEAR.

The scene suddenly changed, and be-O, angelic hosts around me; Break the spell that long has bound fore me passed the world's so-called

walks of life. A strange feeling of pure sympathy for these also, passed Lift me to the light. Joys of earth are but illusion,

by depressing shades. Many, very And life's promise a delusion, From beginning to conclusion many, looked pale and haggard, starved There is only night. for love and kindness, while bread and all things else they had in plenty. So Harbor lights are but deceiving,

many of these groups, outwardly well-Pain and loss, and bitter grieving, appearing, seemed to be borrowers of Overwhelm the heart believing these things, and those from whom . In their fitful ray they borrowed, appeared as their task-Let me of your wisdom borrow, Angel hosts-why all this sorrow? masters-but as legitimately so, in the described business relations belonging | Will there be no brighter morrow to this world. Very many among these, Than this sad to-day? sailing with the popular currents that

Then I heard a sound of singing, were now in evidence, were marked And the world around seemed swinging "shams," slaves to the moneyed ones Out these words of cheer: "Sorrow is a thing of seeming, As I wondered by what means or method this condition of things could | All with life and love is teeming, Waken from your fev'rish dreaming, be changed, suddenly another part Morning light is near.

These were the world's most brilliant "In the glory of that morning, men and women, the real leaders and All the ways of life adorning, actors in life's great drama in public And no meanest creature scorning. way. They were all well gifted with All in love should dwell. talents and opportunities to use them In its light life's lessons learning, to advantage, which was shown in a Thro' the cycles' endless turning, way I find no language to express; for | For the soul its deathless yearning it was wonderful in its brilliance-the Never more can quell,

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purchase and read the book entitled "Mary Ann Carew," written by the spirit of the lady who was, many years ago, my first wife on earth, it will show them how children are educated and cared for here in the spirit world. This book is true in all its details, and as interesting and beautiful as truth ever should be, and it can be had at the office of The Progressive Thinker. Those who read this grand paper, rightly named The Progressive Thinker, will remember that the spirit, Kate Field, told Miss Lilian Whiting, through the medium, Mrs. Piper, that she at one time became weary while holding a conversation with Miss Whiting, and to refresh herself she walked in a garden. I am more than glad that spirit, Kate Field, informed Miss Lilian Whiting of that fact, for it is a great truth and worthy of note. I have met Miss Field in this life, for I greatly desired to become acquainted with her, and I herein wish to thank that noble lady, Miss Lilian Whiting, for the courage she manifested in giving that particular truth to the world.

Miss Whiting, although a spirit, I am greatly indebted to you, personally. Years ago when my son Carlyle published my first book, entitled "The Discovered Country," being obliged, at that time, to publish it under an assumed name-Ernst von Himmel-in other words, an earnest of heaven, you reviewed that book, and, contrary to all that one might expect, at that time, your review was | Canst tell why the cock crows loudest at morn,candid, fair and truthful. You spoke well and favorably | Why Peter denied his Master, with scorn? of the book, thereby risking your own reputation as a Why Thomas was doubtful in presence of Godcritic, but your conviction of its truth gave you courage, Why Christ drank the cup and passed 'neath the rod? and I shall now whisper it in your ear, I, Franz Petersilea, then a new-born spirit, stood near you, tremblingly, trying to direct and influence your mind in the way I wished it to go. Miss Whiting, I thank you! My dear wife, Helena, also sends you greeting and thanks. This kindly act of yours has been the means of interesting Miss Field | Tell me, ye prophets, ye priests, if ye know, to make our acquaintance, and she has paid us a number of visits. She is very eager that the earthly world should | Whence the desire to know the unknown? understand the heavenly. She said to you: "I was weary The muses depart-I'm sitting alone! and walked in the garden," and she being now by my side, SAVS:

"O, my dear Lilian, do you realize the full meaning of my words. I walked in the garden?"

As Miss Field is not yet able to control my medium, she says: "O, Mr. Petersilea, will you explain in this message all that a spiritual garden signifies?" and I reply. "Madam, I am only too happy to be able to do so." garden means a cultivated and beautiful piece of ground bery abound. Miss Field here says, "Of course I did not down."-Boswell.

(To be continued.)

SITTING ALONE.

Canst tell me the reason we loved when we met-Ye mortals, why partings bring pangs of regret? Canst tell if in heaven Love has a new birth. Or why Love and Friendship perish in earth?

Canst tell me why pleasure gives place to despair? Why winter enshrouds all nature so fair?-Why darkness proclaims the end of each day-Why childhood laments toys broken in play?

Canst tell me the reason our souls strive in vain To smother our doubts, to banish our pain?---Why Truth on the scaffold forever must moan? ... Why Wrong holds the scepter and sits on the throne?

From whence came the soul, whence must it go? Franklin, Pa. -B. T. CHAFFEE.

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constant exchange of their mental stock and store-and the purpose "'Till the voice proclaims the hour,

thereof strongly marked. But some- When existence' perfect flower, how in the majority of cases, credit | Born of love-life's potent powermarks for them were few and far Bursts at last in bloom, apart, as nearly all of this tremendous | And the soul in one united, aggregation of chemical vapors that arise from material erned by selfish motives, yet accom- Seeks no more the earth benighted. Enters not its gloom. plishing good too, in certain ways, also

much not marked good, because selfish appropriations beyond actual needs or Clothed upon with beauty vernal, comforts are discounted, leaving little Thro' the eons vast, eternal, to their real credit. Lives in bliss supreme.

I felt a weariness steal over me as Patience, human heart despairing, I saw this, and said, "Verily, all are Your short day with this comparing debtors; all are driven by compulsory Is a boast of childish daring, conditions and methods to struggle Or a fleeting dream. with competitive forces and things, in their lines of activity, and oh, how I "Hence, your burden bravely lifting, wish the whole social system were changed and all industries and occupa- You will see the sunlight rifting tions pursued with only good-will to-

ward all and malice toward none, and | And with daily godly thinking, that the entire human family might | And of life's pure waters drinking, enjoy in peace, the comforts of life | With the soul your earth-life linking, and render useful service for the same, in proper self and general improve-Then the music of their voices ment." Here the vision closed.

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Died away amid earth's noises, But my wakened soul rejoices

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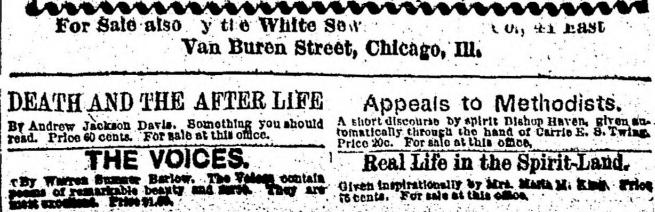


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tion to intensify its bitterness.

I judge that every generous Spiritualist is anxious to have the truths we otherwise desirable articles 'in our demonstrate sink into the hearts of literature such covert attacks as this: in his conception of it, and therein lies millions of human beings who are weeping in the darkness, even while mental freedom and inaugurated the reign of priestcraft and persecution." trying to frame the sentence, "Thy will be done;" and I should indeed be sorry While in the same sheet with this sentence we read: "Personal feeling and to think that our writers desire to recruit the ranks of Spiritualism solely prejudice we strive to keep from our by the coercion of skeptics, agnostics, platform, believing there is plenty to do and those who have no religious faith, in the presentation of truth, without except in the cases of a few Christians indulging in personalities." While who may be convinced in spite of our wholly ignoring the frauds in Spiritualattitude of antagonism. ism and in Christianity, we should con-

readers my conviction of the vast im- true Christians are due to ignorance; reliable in its essentials if it is properly dropped out, because all the facts Gate, fortified and guarded, yet bids

you will not only uplift your soul but the souls of your loved ones here. Communion is not for a favored few, but for all who seek and hope in God. He sends his ministering spirits to all; doubt is the only barrier they cannot

penetrate. "You will hold communion with your beloved, but let it be through the chan-

nel of prayer; and in the silence wait "Good night, and may he who is the situated in the village of Silverton,

The spirit friends of those holding dox churches. This Liberal University

with his beliefs as a Christian.

Christian's faith, we constantly find in lieves. Wait and pray for him. He is right in his statement of truth, but not "Before the tragedy that terminated all the misery that some experience

so-called.' To those capable of drawing intelligent deductions, I submit these messages for examination. Few in this class will fail to see the brightness of soul-light that shines through them, of those received of an equally high

LIBERALISM

As Exemplified at the Silverton Thought, Exchange.

Oregon has a number of so-called universities, and one which is unique, named the "Liberal University." It is

Guardian of this vast universe bless- about fifteen miles east of Salem. Silverton has long been known as a secular town, although not without ortho-

like character, are from a much higher | dent, Prof. J. E. Hosmer. It is an en-By his own criticism of the un- plane than that on which recently dis- tertaining little publication to those inself if he, never having been a Chris- edge is proportionately higher. The motto: "Truth bears the torch in the

search for truth." A copy recently fell into my hands Sunday evening. I do not know whether the Thought Exchange is connected with the Liberal University or not, but

The following is the reply of the its proceedings on that particular evensame spirits at the next meeting of the ing seem to have been enlivened by some of the so-called professors taking

"The Origin, Nature and Immortality capable of interpretation to meet the ago, will express himself clearly when Spiritualist hypothesis as he undergrowing needs of an advancing educa- it is possible to be with us, we will an- stands it, and contended that there is a principle in the organic world which stand, and this makes plants grow and adheres to. He has not yet awakened | without which animals could not exist.

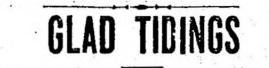
Aside from open attacks upon the to the real truth of what he now be- His conclusion was that the "spiritsoul" is immortal. After the lecture the "thought ex-

change" occurred, and the alleged president of the "liberal" school was when they cross, the river of death, the first speaker. He opposed the arguments advanced, and made such assertions as that modern scientists have proven "that all of the matter and

were parts of the world or environ- | ing and swelling before us as we near ment around it, and that all the feeling | San Francisco Bay, the blue sky smiland they are but a very small fraction or thinking was part of, dependent ing as soft white clouds flit across its upon, and caused by the changes in the brow, the islands in the waters in character. Study of these messages brain and nervous system. This being peaceful attitude crowned with pretty I wish I might impress upon all my sider that mistakes in the teachings of reveals the teaching that the Bible is so, the Spiritualist hypothesis at once homes and well-tilled gardens. Golden



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forces that went into any organism

portance of this subject; but among the and this is not an unpardonable sin, generous and honest I know these when some of our own genuine methoughts will cause a responding vibra- diums make mistakes through ignortion; for I make the statement boldly, ance or otherwise.

that, aside from the love we profess for | But I now approach the matter that all mankind, the Christian is the nat- should have more weight than anyural friend of the Spiritualist; and the thing else, if anything can have more present estrangement is solely due to weight than sound argument and the existence of a misunderstanding charity combined; and I have no doubt that is being fed and sustained by ex- my statement will startle many who pressions of ridicule, sarcasm and bit- have been ignorant of results obtained terness from both sides, that should be along certain lines of investigation. beneath us all. And I do not hesitate The honest seeker after truth may well to say what may seem impossible at defer his attack upon Christianity until first thought, that if we ourselves he knows more of the teachings of this assume the attitude dictated by com- same Spiritualism, for he runs a serious mon sense and a strict adherence to the risk of having to retract some of his principles we profess to teach, the true | statements at a later date.

To a small circle, composed of refined Christian will be our strongest ally. The obstacles that combat our influ- and well-educated persons, and without ence only impress upon us the neces- the presence of a supposed medium. sity of strengthening our own position have been delivered many messages of by a preliminary consideration of our very high character. I will quote word resources, and decision as to our mode for word a message sent for the benefit of attack, with the help of such in- of a Christian investigator who disformation as we have regarding the covered this circle wholly by what the strength of the enemy's entrenchments; world speaks of as chance. It gives a for it will be useless to tell the Chris- Bible text, an invocation and a distian that his guns are old-fashioned course that contain food for thought, until he sees some of a newer model and is as follows:

that do the work better; and if we have | "Let not your heart be troubled. to use strategem to place our guns in | neither let it be afraid." training on him, strategem in such war-"Our Father, whose home and dwellfare is perfectly legitimate. But let us ing-place is in the hearts of thy chil be a noble enemy, extending a hand dren, we come to thee to-night in a when he has fallen, and may our vic- spirit of love, of thankfulness and tory but better his condition. Now let praise. We praise thee for all thy tender mercies. We praise thee for the us to work and consider the facts. Truth says that nothing has yet done beauty manifest all around; for the so much for the elevation of humanity glories of the summertime, and for all in general as Christianity. It says that the fragrance and beauty thou hast Christianity has accomplished the es- surrounded the souls of earth with in tablishment of hospitals, asylums and their sojourn in the land of shadows. colleges without number, and that our "O God, through whom we live, move very laws are based upon the Bible and have our being, we praise and bless teachings.

Common sense says that this being life that enrich the soul and help its true, it is folly to attempt to wipe ascent upward; experiences born Christianity out of existence by simply through sorrow and tears, leaving the claiming that its God is a monster, its soul seemingly desolate; for, loved Savior a medium, its Bible a collection | Father, through anguish and suffering of rubbish and the Christian himself a the soul awakens and longs for the home it has left, longs for thee, its moor deluded fool.

Truth bears witness to the fact that fountain source. "Father, we do thank thee for all to receive them! if the Christian, in his longing for proof of spirit return, picks up a Spiritualist that is bright and beautiful in life; but journal, he reads nothing in reference for the tears, the heartaches, the deep to himself and his most cherished be- sorrow that all must experience, we in this country a medium of wonderful liefs but ridicule and sarcasm. The thank and praise thee an hundred-fold; powers, who easily eclipses every other sermons of his ministers he finds side for through suffering strength and enby side with the lectures of skeptics durance are born and the soul is made solutely unknown to Spiritualists, and and agnostics, the former ridiculed and strong and willing to traverse the nar- why? Simply because her guides have Nature can never do one thing in more the latter applauded. He may go to row way that leads back home. mediums for months and have no more "We thank thee, O Thou Eternal One, whatever with Spiritualists, and there | tion which is the fundamental law of satisfactory results; and he turns away, for the holy messenger thou didst send | may not be fifteen people in the world | science, makes it even unthinkable that unless somewhere a little ray of truth to the souls in exile. We are all wanstrikes just the right corner of his derers from the fold, but thou didst brain, with his whole soul in revolt. sanction the coming of the Master, who minister, and several others are from follows that as life is the result of a Consider his education and environ- left his home of glory to be a light unto higher spheres. Has this a lesson in it? known line of causation-a process of among scholars-hypnotism, psycholoment. Do you honestly blame him? us all. Our Heavenly Father, may we In conclusion, let us stop our sarcastic | correlative known forces, there could Suppose a man should step up to you all be prepared to follow that Light and administer a sharp slap on the Divine; may we all work in accord with cheek, say, "Your Spiritualism takes us the spirit of him who knew no guile; back to days of superstition; you are an may we truly follow the light that sake, or for the sake of our own selfinexpressible fool for believing in it." stretches forth over the world from esteem. Would you calmly reply: "Yes, you Calvary's summit, and may we all have convinced me that I am a fool, learn that trust in thee that doeth all and I will believe as you do if you things wisely and well. show your proofs?" On the contrary "Bless all who mourn and are seem- Revision of the Tax Laws of the with a committee of experts had given progression in all forms and expressions you would say: "You are not a gentle- | ingly without hope; bless and comfort man, sir, and if your belief teaches you | them, oh thou God of perpetual love! such manners, I'll have none of it." Open their inner sight, that they may Common sense again tells us that to behold thy tender love for them. tauntingly ridicule the Christian's most | Quicken their souls into loving activity, sacred beliefs shows poor generalship that they may through loving deeds be at the start; nor will we find consola- hold thy face in the hearts of those tion in the fact that we have pointed whom they succor; and may they come out his ignorance, if we are even hu- through loving services to others, to mane; for if he is ignorant he should understand that thy ways, though past finding out, are wisest and best. be gently led. "Bless all assembled here to-night | ists Association to attend to. This is To a little child attracted by hot coals you would not only give a warning, but | Oh, may the spirit of divine truth brood you would gently lead him away and over each one of these, thy children! supply him with something better to May the love that is in the hearts of all alay with. Surely the higher enlighten- thy shadowed ones, arise as incense gent we claim to possess should make unto thee, and thy divine benediction once consulted legal authority and had us noble and generous enough to o'ershadow and encircle all. Amen." patiently lead others to it. "With silence only as their benediction. Now let us take some of our own God's angels come. medicine, and apply the professed Where in the shadow of a great aspirations of Spiritualists to this mataffliction. ter. We aspire to a perfect knowledge The soul sits dumb." of truth as far as it may be acquired, "In the words of your beloved poet asking all to sign the petition. Spiritand that means a great deal, for it may teach us that what we now accept as we give you greeting. Now, do you be- ualists and Liberalists in the District as if to 'shoo' them out of the hall." truth must be modified or wholly dis- lieve in the communion of saints? Be are affixing their signatures to the carded. We believe in justice and pro- not afraid; it shall be opened to all who same. Treasurer Mayer also visited the report refered to, are not funny, gressive thought, and with our liberal knock and seek diligently; and if you the Commissioner of the District to then I am unable to discern the ludipolicy profess to regard alleged dis- ask through what channel it may be protest against the bill, and wrote a crous side of things. The thought of coveries with due consideration of an had we answer: prayer; earnest prayer. | letter to be presented to the proper au- | alleged professors, and the president of unprejudiced mind. Hence we take "You need no conviction of the conparticular delight in reminding the tinuity of life through the senses. Look | We expect that Sec. 34 will be elimi- | boastfully airing the ideas therein expublic that a certain minister, after within for your assurance; expand the nated from the revision of the tax laws; pressed is enough to make a Spiritualist claiming Spiritualism to be the work environments of your soul and gain a lif it is not, we are ready for further the devil, admits that he never higher conception of God and his ever- action. attended a seance or circle, and knows lasting love for all; all, whether in the nothing of the manifestations that mire of human experience or in the helped to convince us. We harp on the angelic state. All are equal recipients utter foolishness of a man judging a of his boundless love. thing that he has not examined. Well "Have you aught to ask of us, Son?" and good: he deserves the criticism. (Question-May I receive personal of Monday printed it. Immediately the Christians tell us that spiritual things messages from those in spirit life? I secretary of the N.S.A. replied to the rive at the confident conclusion that must be spiritually discerned, and thus am traveling most of the time and will same, and Treasurer Mayer indorsed | Spiritualism is three, hundred years befar we agree with them; but they go on be unable to attend a circle.) to say that they know certain things to | "Why not? Your friends are waiting, al letter. The Editor of the Post writes be true because they sense the truth of and eager to give you comfort. It dethem through their spiritual faculties. pends wholly on you to open the way. paper, on Monday, March 5. We know All genuine Christians claim that they | Will you take it kindly if we advise | have a joy and comfort that they are you? numble to explain to those who are not | "Seek spiritual communion only, and

interpreted, and for those incapable of the higher interpretation it will do as it is; for without having the proper conception of truth, this investigator is still right in his statement of truth as he

finds it recorded in scripture. An article in a recent issue of one of our Spiritualist journals-stated that messages are not always reliable because of the influence of the medium in

unconsciously-coloring them; and also intimated that only to those who were able to understand certain teachings were they of any benefit. On these statements we might reasonably base the idea that the more powerful the spirit, the purer the mediumship and

the higher the intelligence and aspirations of those constituting the circle. the higher import would the message contain and the more correctly would it be transmitted. Now, considering the scarcity of messages of this high character, what conclusion can we reach but that most of us have a low grade of intelligence and aspirations, or that most of our mediums are lacking, or both?

The result of these messages in the circle mentioned, has been to wean the members away from their original idea of communicating with their friends in spirit life, they being glad to devote most of their time to this higher communion, with an occasional evening devoted to personal messages. And what is a more important lesson in its application to the subject in hand, the effect upon the Christian investigator has been to make him a staunch upholder of the fact of spirit manifestation, while he still remains a Christian. The question arises, that if it is possible at a later date to learn from our thee; bless thee for the experiences of own Spiritualism that the Christian faith is essentially true, would not a more conservative course on our part be wiser, if from the standpoint of selfprotection alone? It would indeed be humiliating to some of us to be com-

pelled to receive from the taunted Christian higher truths derived from

I desire to state one more fact that is well worthy of consideration. There is medium I have seen, but she is ab-

which supported it had been otherwise glad welcome. All these present a explained according to the scientific scene that fills the soul with almost revmethod. Plants, animals and men grew and thought by reason of chemi- nature with mysterious power and wiscal and vital assimilation, and the dom. spooks were not in it. * * * The immortality of Spiritualism was evil because it prevented the attempts to better this world, by introducing anarchy -that is, confusion-in our thoughts

and purposes of life, for we were always at the mercy of 'spirit revelations' which might upset everything." The president was followed by a "Venerable Gentleman" who recited some facts in support of the Spiritualist hypothesis.

Then another alleged "liberal" professor, said to be Pearl W. Geer, arose and proceeded to demolish what remnant remained of the Spiritualist hy- astrous in its consequences. I cannot pothesis. "He had as a student of medicine and physiology found it too have observed its work. At times it is plain to dispute that the mind was the action of the brain," As to a belief in immortality he said it accomplished no good purpose and is,"the one thing that power, yet cannot break away. Psyarrested progress on the earth.'

Let Doctors Davis, Peebles, Willis, Watkins, Sweringen, Babbitt and the others who have spent years studying anatomy, physiology, medicine and Spiritualism note the dictum of this secularist priest. And let social and all other reformers, take note of the last sentence and change front at once and hence forth fight to the death the "Spiritualist belief in immortality," if they would see any real progress in the world.

At this stage of the proceedings the "Venerable Gentleman" returned to the charge, apparently none the worse for his previous encounter; but his final tism, the other name for mesmerism, is statements of facts were evidently too no more powerful in its silken robes strong for Prof. Wakeman, as the rethan it was in its despised rags. Man port goes on to say that "He backed up is constantly discovering new and wonagainst the stage and 'went for' the derful truths; science is staggered at whole spiritual business without gloves its own discoveries, and has come to was the action and reaction of the vital new, that as the brain of man developes processes of protoplasm had ended the matter. This discovery stood just like before him and are the schoolmasters the source from which we were unable | the Copernican astronomy; the discovthereof. And all those who study the

ery that light and heat were modes of lessons and become masters themselves motion; and that lightning and the wisdom which no one is denied from 'thunderbolt' was not 'a thing' at all. It was simply idle to keep on talking as reaching. though the sun revolved around the "Oh. Evolution! Were I to ask of thee

earth, or light was a corpuscle, or thought a ghost or entity of some kind. Which thou couldst grant me at my forbidden her to hold any intercourse | than one way, for the law of correla-It would be the wisdom of the eternal That mirrors all the riches of thy who know she has her wonderful pow- anything can happen without a correlers. One of her guides is a Christian | ative cause, which can never vary. It

All new names so much in use now gy, electricity, etc., are the children not possibly be a spook. That old ex- born of magnetism. What is magnetthe sake of brotherly love, for charity's planation was 300 years behind the ism? Is it not proving to the scientist that it is life of all nature, of all re-Continuing he said that the "so-called | search, of all knowledge, of all force? spiritual facts have been explained by | As a class, advanced thinkers, fearless modern mental science, except in so far advocates of truth and light, are in wisas they are frauds or total misappre- dom's mine delving for the treasures. hensions. Then years of his experience | deep in research and divine thought, him a result that such supposed facts in the divinity of life, the brotherhood always arose out of either fraud, illu- of man, the holiness of death, the pursion, delusion or disease. When subity and wisdom of mortal- birth, the mitted to scientific examination and love of goodness, and life everlasting. tests there was absolutely nothing in Thinkers are reasoning unbiased on every subject presented to them. The question to many is, was this planet created for man, or was man created then turned over to the tender mercies | for this planet? Some are thinking of the Hon. A. B. Richmond, of Mead- and have aimed at the conclusion that ville, Pa. Stories of spiritual appear- this little world is not the only one that ances were explained as "only in- is inhabited. Life or magnetism always stances of the subjective image, made | was, always will be; all mortal expresswithin the excited brain, being pro- ions through matter are individuals jected as of an objective, form outside manifested. 'I do not say but in each of the eye. All senses were subject to embodiment expression changes, yet it this inversion. This was the cause of | can never lose the divinity of its self all the ghosts or spooks ever seen, and or of an immortal heritage. We are standing on the verge of a mighty sea. the meeting of the First Association of The speaker became quite spirited in and nothing can darken the love-lighted some of his remarks, and finally de- shore of knowledge, whose pebbles are clared the whole spook brood and con- | pearls, rubles, diamonds, opals and jassequences as so much rof, from which per, they are for us all. Gather them every healthy mind should keep clear. | together, friends of higher thoughts set This was said with a stamp of the foot | them in the pure refined gold of your | ard works, as the price is within the reach of all. For hearts, wear them as jewels in the 'Now, if the foregoing, excerpts from | crown of your everlasting inheritance, and know that you dwell in God. and God dwells in you, and that you can no

erence and awe, unfolding the spiritual

"Deep the emotions that nature Has quickened to life in the soul; But deeper and grander the glimpses We catch of the Infinite Whole."

I listened to a talk last evening on hypnotism and psychology. Parties could not agree on the difference. 1 believe the subject has been exhausted, conclusions arrived at, that have settled the question with science. I know that hypnotism will throw its subject into a trance or not, just as the operator wills. Psychology is more subtle: I believe more dangerous and more diswholly define its power, although I used for the good of its subject. One under psychological influence either for weal or woe, is often conscious of the chology can be likened to the tide coming in; it is so gradual that one seated on a rock a distance from shore is surrounded before aware, and then it is at the mercy of the waves. Psychology is tyrannical, at the same time an arrant coward; yet it has power'as disastrous as any power known. It goes abroad and finds lodgment in almost every household. Can it be termed "mind over mind?" or is its influence more over the soul? We have in our midst individuals who are so identified with self, so strong in character, so firm in realization that hypnotism nor psychology can reach them. Hypno-

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assaults on the Christian's belief; for sake, for policy's sake, for courtesy's age." A. H. DUNTEN. Chicago, Ill.

District of Columbia.

To the Editor:-In your issue of March 8, appears an article from the pen of Brother George Bacon, of this city, citing the proposed measure against clairvoyants and all mediums-Sec. 34 in the proposed revision of the tax laws in the District of Columbia. Brother Bacon in this article states that this is a case for the National Spiritualtrue, and the N. S. A. is not recreant to its duty. As soon as the proposed measure came to our notice, the N. S. A. went to work. Treasurer Mayer at a petition drawn up against the passage of the act. This petition was at Spiritualists of . Washington all day Sunday. In the evening Secretary Longley of the N. S. A. made an appeal to the audience at Masonic hall. plenty of work to do. On a recent Sun-

day, Rev. Dr. Talmage preached a slanderous sermon in this city against Spiritualists and mediums. The Daily Post her article to the paper, with a personus that this article will appear in his that "Eternal vigilance is the price of llberty." -MARY T. LONGLEY. Secretary N. S. A.

them."

I would suggest that he be referred to the noted Sevhert Commission, and there is now no mysteryabout that. * * more degenerate from Him, than He thorities, and there the matter rests. | a "liberal" university entertaining and

laugh till his sides ache. It is too funny for anything! Even some churches The N. S. A. is not asleep, and it has and theologians are less bigoted and more liberal in their utterances conthe a priori mode of reasoning they ar-

can separate from you, for through all nature God is the soul. ROSE L. BUSHNELL. San Francisco, Cal.

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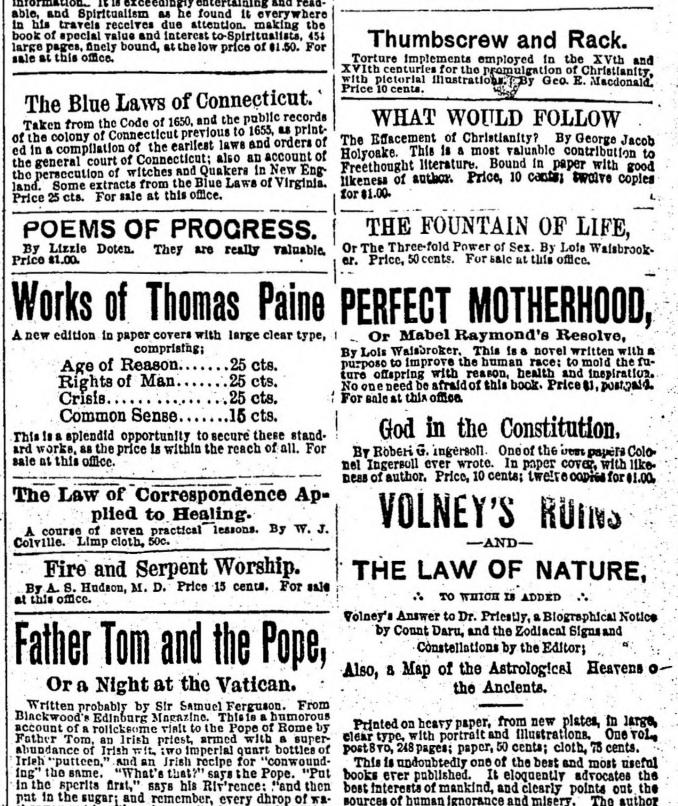
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the a priori mode of reasoning they ar-rive at the confident. conclusion that Spiritualism is three hundred years be-hind the present age. Their utterances indicate an extremely prejudiced view of the subject. Perhaps during the next century or two these belated Lib-f eralists will learn that "the world do move" outside of the narrow spheres move" outside of the narrow spheres move" outside of the narrow spheres

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

4 Mar. 19, 1900. Progressive Thinker. LAST GREAT CHANGE, DARWIN FALSIFIED. STRIKINGLY ALIKE. CAN SPIRITS EVER REV.H.BURTON BARD VERY WEIRD MUSIC! Which Is Designated as Death, Makes an Address of By a Minister of the Gospel. In Strains of Unearthly Beauty Two Prominent Personages. Control the Brain of Animals? Published every Saturday at 40 Loomis Street THE OLDEST RACE KNOWN. BUT IS REALLY THE NEW BIRTH PROMETHEUS AND CHRIST. WELCOME TO SPIRITUALISTS WHAT ABOUT THE LITTLE BIRD? A SPIRIT PLAYS THE VIOLIN. J. R. FRANCIS. Editor and Publisher. An Example Worthy of Imitation. "Darwin tells me I am derived from The subtle correspondences (as set Vincent Scappatura, on one occasion, Rev. H. Burton Bard did not mince McKees Rocks (as set forth in the Entered at Chicago Postoflice as second-class matter. a monkey; that my great grandfather forth by a lourned man in the Chicago wandered away from a party engaged his words in his address of welcome to Pittsburg, Pa., Press) has developed an Death, as defined by Spiritualists, is was a monkey. I don't believe him."-TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. Tribune), the ideal identities to be in surveying a route for the Salt Lake the Spiritualists at the church of Our interesting ghost story that is more the disrobing of the spirit, the laying Rev. Dr. Wharton. THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER will be furnished until traced in the poetic religious myths of & Los Angeles Railroad, and was alone Father. In part he said: pleasing in its characteristics than any, aside of the mortal, and assuming the further notice, at the following terms, invariably in Darwin never told the revivalist, nor Greece and the Messianic prophecies for four days in the Pahranagat Des-Brothers and sisters of the Spiritualyet reported. Some dozen years or so immortal. The material body is, in readvance any other person, any such thing. The and history are fascinating. The great ist association, I am glad to welcome ago James Hopkins was murdered. ert, Eastern Nevada. For four days beality, little more than a discarded sulf Six months assertion was an effort of the evangepoets of Hellas, especially Eschylus, fore he was rescued he remained near you to this city for your annual deliber His murderer served a term in the nen-Thirteen weeks 25 cts of soiled and wornout clothes, unfit to list to berate science, to impress on his 5 cts lingle copy be seen in good society when the spirit a small spring and had a scant allowmust have been acquainted with Heations upon high themes, and the conitentiary and since his release has lived REMITTANCES. congregation, who he had just informed has left it. Like the threadbare or the brew culture of the highest character: ance of water only on which to sustain sidering of what, to you at least, are a rather quiet life. Remit by Postoffice Money Order, Registered Letter, they were "twenty-four hours nearer or draft on Chicago or New York. It costs from 10 to 15 cents to get checks cashed on local banks, so don't or both he and the Hebrew sacred life. He found shelter from the sun in ragged garment, the deserted body soon great truths. James Hopkins was survived by his heaven or hell" than they were the send them unless you wish that amount deducted from poets must have drank at the same the shadow of a shelving rock about a brother Thomas who for many years decays. The parts of which it is com-I do not welcome you in the name of the amount sent. Direct all lotters to J. R. Francia night before, the importance of his No. 40 Loomis Street. Chicago, 111. posed separate and join their kindred primal fountain. The legend of Prothousand feet above his spring. The the Christian churches of this city, for past has been known as the hermit of mission. He wanted it known that the Rocks. He has lived an arboreal metheus is in many essentials so curispring was intermittent in its flow. two very definite reasons. First, my elements, to be again taken up by shrub **OLUBS: IMPORTANT SUGGESTION!** man is a special creation of God, as ously like the prophetic declarations of One day he could hardly collect enough fellow Christian ministers do not feel life, his dwelling being perched in a or flower, or some other form of organtold in Genesis. As there are thousands who will at first venture water to fill his canteen. The third tree on the bank of Chartiers Creek, opthe coming, the career, and the death that we as a denomination or I as a only twenty-five cents for THE PROBRESSIVE THINKER ized life, and thus on in an endless Darwin taught man is an ascent thirteen weeks, we would suggest to those who receive posite Island avenue and Chartiers of the Savior that it is singular no speday he suffered much from hunger. minister have enough of "evangelical a sample copy, to solicit several others to unite with them, and thus be able to remit from 31 to \$10, or even round of life, decay and death. Matter through the lower forms of life by cialist in comparative archeology has He tried to eat a species of cactus, but ism" in us to be representative of their street intersection. Before his brothhas no rest. It clothes the spirit to-day, more than the latter sum A large number of little amounts will make a large sum total, and thus extend the field of our labor and userulness. The same sugslow and easy gradations, extending churches or their position; and, secondsought to explore their parallel to the could not swallow it. He had been er's death he was celebrated by his joyto-morrow a festering corse, an insenperhaps through millions of years, to place where the lines must converge. It. ly, that other reason, that is of more sick and weak before he was lost, and ous disposition, but since then he has sate clod. This change has been incesgestion will apply in all cases of renewal of subscrip his present eminence. He traced all tions-solioit others to aid in the good work. You will would be highly interesting to the anthe fourth day made up his mind that rarely ever spoken to any one except moment to you, my friends, I fear the sant since the very dawn of life, and experience no difficulty whatever in inducing Spiritulife back to a protoplasm, which by slists to subscribe for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, will continue without interruption while tiquarian in Jewish lore to have deter-Christian churches of this city-if the when addressed or to state a want. He he could go down to the spring no for not one of them can afford to be without the value. accretion through interminable ages ble information imparted, therein each week, and at the price of only about two cents per week whole truth were known-have but eternity rolls its ceaseless round, real mined the greater age of the promise of more. The night before a pack of coyis inoffensive and rarely attracts nohas developed into all the varied forms izing as to refined and tangible suba Savior through the people chosen of otes howled about the rock under which scant welcome for you. tice. Of late some of the people have of life known on the globe; that man A Bountiful Harvest for 25 Cents. God, and in the absence of such proof But I am glad to stand here and welstance what the transmigrationists he lay, and one of the animals came been telling strange stories, and the folstands at the head. Some forms of life Do you want a more bountiful barvest than we can the contention gains that many of the claimed for spirit. come you from the standpoint of liblowing is the gist of them: quite near and looked at him. Scappagive you for 25 cents? Just pause and think for a moare arrested at one stage of being. ment what an intellectual feast that small investment The spirit, unlike matter, knows no prophecies associated now with Christ, tura says: "The grim thought came eral Christianity; that not only desires James was an expert violinist and a others advancing to a higher stage, at will furnish you. The subscription price of THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER thirtsen weeks is only twenty five violin owned by him has hung on the to live itself, but desires that everyand many of the wonderworks attribthat he was making calculations on decay. It lives on, a conscious individthe head of which is man. cents! For that amount you obtain one hundred and thing else that is good shall also have a eating me shortly. On the fourth day, wall of Thomas' house ever since the uted to him, were really borrowed Darwin, in his letter of June 5, '79, to uality, co-eternal with all life. four pages of solid, substantial, scul-elevating and chance to live. We pose before the murder. Thomas does not play, but mind-refreshing reading matter, equivalent to a medi-Nicholas Baron Mengden, said among from Hellenic and Oriental learning or when he was thinking about the sev-With this view of humanity and its world as a liberal church. We believe um-sized book during the last six months some people other things: eral fasting cases on record and wonpopular belief and attached to the cadestiny the care of the deserted body is in freedom; we continually condemn "Science has nothing to do with TAKE NOTICE! say that about midnight every night reer of Christ after the death of both dering how long he could last, a little the narrowness of other institutions of little practical importance. Buried Christ except insofar as the habit of 13 At expiration of subscription, if not renewed, the paper is discontinued No bills will be sent for extheir leader and his apostles. bird came to him. It settled down on that would confine freedom and liberty strains of music of heavenly rapture in the earth, consumed by fire, sunk in scientific research makes a man cautra numbers. within their own man-made lines. We The spiritual identities in Promethe rock near him and gave him a song. can be heard in the old shanty and at the sea, or food for the beast or bird, it tious in admitting evidence. For my-GF If you do not receive your paper promptly, write to us, and errors in address will be promptly hope to be judged by the simple rule such times it has been known to be il-He then felt that help was coming and self I do not believe there ever has been theus and Christ are easily to be is all the same with the spirit. And yet, of Jesus, "By their fruits, ye shall corrected, and missing numbers supplied gratis. any revelation. As for a future life, that he would be rescued that day. He luminated by scores of incandescent traced. The transfixion of the god as the late dwelling place of that spirit, know them." If by our life we show Whenever you desire the address of your paper changed, always give the address of the place to which it is then sent. or the change cannot be made. every man must judge for himself." kept a bright lookout, and as the day electric lights, though Thomas has upon the rock, finds its counterpart in ourselves not to be liberal, may the and difficult to be disassociated from it, Dr. Ludwig Buchner, in the National the crucifixion of the Christ. The never been known to use any other il wore on saw a black object far away world forsake us as hypocrites. those yet in the flesh hold the decaying Reformer, of October 29, '82, gives an But. I welcome you to this city and to cause of the condemnation is substanon the desert. Presently he could lumination than a tallow candle. It is account of a visit paid Darwin, during FOREIGN COUNTRIES. body in reverence, and many expend this church, whose platform tries to which the latter said: said the workmen at the electric light tially the same. Christ was doomed to make out two men on a buckboard and vast sums of money in surrounding the The Progressive Thinker is furnished in the United stand for but one thing, and that the States at \$1.00 per year, the postage thereon being but neminal, but when it is sent to foreign countries we "I am with you in thought, but ! death technically because he had blasplant hear it nightly of late. The powbehind them a man on horseback. vacated tenement with mementoes of only thing worth anchoring to-the should prefer the word Agnostic to the phemed, morally, that his death might They drove to the spring and halted to er house is located within 300 feet of are compelled to charge 50 cents extra, making the yearly subscription \$1.50. Please bear that in mind. affection. The Taj Mahal, at Agra, truth, because, like unto ourselves. I beword Atheist. * * I never gave up cook a meal. Scappatura felt that he Hopkins' house. It is said that the be an atonement for the sins of men lieve you are seeking after the great India, built in 1650 by Shah Jehan, to Christianity until I was forty years of was saved. As he rose and started undying truths of God. For every music has had the effect of a curfew and lead them from darkness into light. the memory of his wife, at an expense age. * * Christianity is not sup-

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1900.

The Death Penalty.

known. l'here is a movement before the New

York Legislature to abolish the death penalty. There is no probability of its becoming a law at present, but such agitation is educative, and sooner or later this relic of barbarism will be set aside. New York has recently adopted the scientific method of dispatching those who have committed the capital crime, by a voltage of electricity which tears every cell in the body instantly asunder. It is recommended because of "Its being more humane than the old way of hanging!

Public sentiment has become so opposed to the death penalty that it is difficult to empannel a jury in such cases, and the officers whose disagreeable duty it is to execute the sentence are socially ostracised. The only argument that can be brought in favor of the death penalty is that it produces longer. greater fear and thus deters from crime, This has been disputed, and even the reverse held to be true, that the more fearful the punishment, the more numerous the crimes. Statistics would easily decide, as Colorado, Rhode Island, Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin have taken capital punishment from their statute books, and a sufficient length of time has intervened to fairly test the matter. If homicide has not increased in these States, there would be no reason why the barbarous laws should be retained in others.

Such is the abhorrence of condemning a human being to death, that jurymen often allow their sentiment to interfere, and the guilty escape just sentence.

Society has a right to protect itself. It must in justice confine itself to the least destructive methods which will bring about the result desired. If imprisonment will have the same deterring effect that the death penalty has, then as the least coercive, it should be accepted.

The influence on the community of executions is one of the most objectionable features. Those who are trained in humane thinking cannot believe that the deed of the murderer justifies the words of common sense. sheriff, who adjusts the rope or the straps of the electric chair.

The old idea of vengeance for crime is yielding to the humane conception of necessary restraint and helpful moral education.

God's First Temples.

"The Persians, even in ages when

Egyptian history tells of the care the old Coptic civilization took of its worthy dead. Believing the preserved body would be reanimated at the close of 3,000 years, the rude art of that distant age exhausted its genius in efforts to preserve the body from decay, with what success the mummy records tell the tale.

of near four millions of dollars, is prob-

ably the most gorgeous dream in marble

to the loved dead the world has ever

similar parallel. Christian civilization somewhat It does seem impossible for a preach amended the Egyptian belief, by proer to report a scientist or a scholar corviding for a general resurrection of all rectly. Does this inability arise from bodies, however long dead, or widely ignorance, or from a love of misthe parts were separated by design or representation? accident, they would be reunited and

ported by evidence."

These quotations account for, the

attempt to falsify Darwin's teaching.

A man who is not a Ohristian with re-

Oldest Race Known.

re-invested by the spirit. Thus clothed with life it would live forever either in The New York Journal gives curbliss or woe. It was very proper with these facts that Christians should exert rency to the following narration from great care in the preservation of their Thomas H. Wigglesworth, a veteran dead, as did their Egyptian prototypes. civil engineer, who claims to have dis-Families manage to unite in death the covered incontrovertable evidence in remains of deceased members so they Colorado of a race that occupied that will be together in the resurrection and final judgment, when time shall be no country long ages anterior to the cliff dwellers. Indeed, the latter people

While all concede that fire, the great were modern in comparison with those disintegrating element, is the most perancient occupants of the Great West. fect purifier and germ destroyer, doing in a very brief period what years are a government canal for the Utes in required to accomplish on the festering Southern Colorado, Mr. Wigglesworth corpse, when light and heat and other says he found indisputable evidence of destructive agents are shut out by deep a life that antedates any known to burial in the earth, yet religionists ophistory. pose the speedy return of the component parts of the body to their native ers lived in fertile valleys and inelements, ready to again take their place in new forms of life, as a wrong habited adobe houses instead of stone, he said. 'Evidences of such structures which cannot be tolerated.

are distributed throughout scores of The Marquis of Queensbury, who died valleys and wide mountain canyons. in England, February 1, by incorpora-"'The mud houses occupied sites on tion in his will, just made public, has the level ground and were surrounded set the world and the people in it an exby fields of grain. I have dug through ample which may eventuate in a public good. He said, as appears in an Assomounds 75 feet long and 30 feet wide, clated Press dispatch from London, which represent the remains of one of the large adobe structures. We un-February 19:

"At my death I wish to be cremated. covered the foundation of a circular structure which had one story under and direct that my ashes be placed in ground. It is my opinion that the printhe earth unenclosed—'Earth to earth, cipal houses of these unknown people ashes to ashes'-in any spot convenient were two stories in height, one story to that I have loved.

above and one story below the ground. "I have particularly to request no The ruins which were excavated are Christian mummeries or tomfooleries be performed at the grave, but that I be buried as an Agnostic. If it should be a comfort to anyone, there are plenty of friends who could come to say a few

"No monument will be required, nor any procession, as the ashes can be carried in a man's hand. If the places I mention to my son should not be convenient for burial, then any place would suffice where the stars shall ever shed

their light and the sun shall gild each | in such matters, they threw the vase over the dump and I had the task of rising morn." Contrast this sensible disposition of finding it again. The Indians will haninanimate dust with that usually emdle nothing from the ruins because they ployed in this otherwise practical age. believe the relics are hoodooed. They claim that the ruins are the ruins of Go view the decomposing remains of ancient Moqui or Zuni life."" mortality wherever found; they are objects of loathing and disgust to the sensitive mind, however bedecked by the Paul on Widows. trappings of wealth or of royalty. They We may have been too severe on Paul are remnants of a dead past; the wornbecause of his hostility to women, in out and cast-off adornments of a living not allowing them to teach, but to learn spirit. Decay, slow and wasting, must of their husbands at home. He seems follow, poisoning the quiet air by infectious exhalations, whether arising from to have favored one class of the dear the Taj Mabal, a monumental cemesisters, as may be seen by consulting tery bordering a great city, an obscure I Timothy 5:9, 10. There he allows grave by the wayside, or a neglected woman, not under three score years corpse festering in the sun on the open who has been a wife to but one man; plain; else, on the other hand, myriad germs of disease speedily destroyed, who has a good reputation; has brought each atom of which the dead body is up children; lodged strangers, and composed resuming its true place in the washed the saints' feet. to be taken economy of Nature, to again take its into the church. Washing the saints place in the endless round of life and feet was a highly redeeming feature, in Paul's estimation, and widows were

vivalists is a heathen, with no rights ilization and the arts. Not only is the singing and fluttering its wings. The pulpit-pounder is bound to respect. mode of death startlingly alike for Because Darwin showed there was a both, but even the circumstances surclose resemblance in many respects berounding the catastrophe. Compare the tween man and the monkey, and other simple but sublime description given by forms of vertebrate life, this does not Eschylus with the narrative of the cruprove he claimed descent from that cifixion as preserved in the Scriptures. animal any more than it does a descent "Now rivet the ruthless fang of an from a dog, in which Darwin showed a adamantine wedge through his breast."

cries Strength to Vulcan. Strength says to the transfixed suffering deity, "Sighest thou over the enemies of Juniter? Look to it that thou hast not at some time to mourn for thyself." Again he addresses the dying god very much as one of the onlookers did Christ: "By no true title do the divinities call thee Prometheus; for thou thyself hast need of a Prometheus by whom thou wilt escape this fate.

Prometheus blasphemed against Jupi-

ter; he also supplied mankind with fire,

by which they were led out of the dark-

ness of ignorance into the light of civ-

Prometheus, speaking, declares that he knew beforehand all futurity, and that no suffering can come upon him unexpected. When the sentence upon the god had been completely executed the poet declares that "verily in deed and no longer in word did the earth heave"; the roaring echo of the thunder rolled; deep blazing wreaths of lightning "While carrying forward the work on glared and hurricanes whirled the dust; "the firmament was embrolled with the deep."

> There is a strange identity also in the radical significance of the names. Prometheus means literally fore-

"The forerunners of the cliff dwellthought; so the idea of the Messiah involved the conviction that he who was to come existed in the delty from the beginning and foresaw the fate destined for him as the Redeemer. From the same Greek root that forms Prometheus comes the root of pharmacy, whose Greek radical, pharmakon, meant to the popular mind of poetic Hellas, the great healing drug, "the blood of Prometheus." So with the Hebrews, Christ is derived from the equivalent of the anointer, the healer; for oil was the chief remedy with the early Hebrews for ills of the flesh and was at the same time their chief sacrificial symbol. In the Hellenic mythology the legend of Prometheus stands | at his master, who remained standing for the triumph of the soul over matter; on the platform. He entered the in the Christian cult the death of Christ | street-car with the basket, deposited it is followed by a miraculous resurrection, demonstrating the superiority of spirit over matter.

It is true that it is by Jupiter that Prometheus was condemned; and that

it was the sins and fall of man that. made necessary the death of Christ. But the Juniter idea in Hellenic poetry was variable; sometimes it meant the pure and ethereal god, sometimes an anthropological deity capable of men's frailties and subject to men's passions.

men had come out in search of Scappatura, and they took him to Hiko, Lincoln county, and cared for him until he was able to travel. He will always believe that the little bird came to tell him to keep a bright lookout for the help that was coming.

down the face of the mountain the lit-

tle bird again came into his mind and

he turned to look for it. It was seated

on the shelving rock under which he

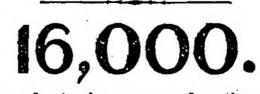
had lain, and when he turned it began

There is no doubt whatever that under some circumstances spirits can for some special purpose control animals. Dogs, by piteously whining, have hundreds of times announced the death of some member of the family, and when the final end came their grief has been very impressive. Wherever there is a well-developed animal brain, a wise spirit can sometimes control it to a cer-

tain extent and induce manifestations of intelligence that are truly remarkable. Who has not seen an intelligent dog? A gentleman saw an instance of intelligence on the part of a dog on one occasion, says the Boston Transcript, which was very remarkable as uniting a high degree of politeness with excellent understanding. Crossing the ferry from East Boston he noticed, sitting on one side of the passageway, a gentleman who was accompanied by an immense and very handsome St. Bernard dog. Directly opposite were two young

them in many forms before he is conladies who could not restrain their adtent to close his argument. He may miration for the dog, and made evident have convinced a majority of the jury signs of a desire to be friendly with in the first presentation; but his purhim. The dog, however, looked up at his master and declined to budge. But pose is to convince the last one, so as to presently the gentleman remarked prevent a hung jury. quietly, "Go over and see the ladies," The preacher beating up for recruits whereupon the animal moved promptly to his church, pretendedly to save their across the passageway and wagged his tail amiably while the young ladies souls from perdition, resorts to similar patted his head and raved over him. expedients. Those he cannot gain by But presently came the remarkable extelling of the love of God, he threatens hibition of politeness referred to. The with endless tortures. wharf was reached and the passengers The partisan journalist labors on from year to year, rehashing his logic rose and moved toward the street cars. One of the young women carried a that he may keep his party in power. basket, and this basket the dog insisted The Progressive Thinker is very conupon taking in his mouth. The lady scious contributors frequently travel gave it to him and he walked proudly toover the same grounds, which have ward the car with it, casting a glance

been occupied by others, but it should be kept in mind that our patrons are weekly changing; the paper is constantly falling into new hands, and the in the lap of the young lady when she points which convinced a reader a had seated herself, and then whisked month or year ago may be needed to ponderously out and rejoined his masconvince a score of others to-day. ter. It was a clear case of a friendly A weekly journal is a very different service courteously performed. affair from a book, whose pages are read to the finish by the same person



In order to show our readers the magformer issues seem excusable. Like the myths of the air which Ruskin nitude of the work in which we are en has so charmingly elucidated, the value gaged, we will state that we have conof the Jupiter myth depends largely tracted with the Regan Printing House upon the ingenuity, the force, and the to print and bind 16,000 books which beauty of its various interpretations. are to be used exclusively as premiums Shelley, whose mind was so essentially Eschylean and whose "Prometheus Unduring the year. Our leading premium bound" is worthy to be accepted as a each year is practically given away, substitute for the lost drama by the thus establishing in our business the Greek poet, rejects with scorn the Divine Plan, the profits of the office in duller and later version that Promea great measure returning to those who theus became reconciled to Jupiter by a compromise lowering him in his own make the profit possible to us. One can esteem. "The moral interest of the hardly realize the great work we are fable which is so powerfully sustained doing, unless one sees the large stacks by the sufferings and endurances of of books pass to the half-dozen express Prometheus would be annihilated," he wagons that call for them each day, to declares, were such a presumption tolerable. be transmitted over the different routes It is scarcely to be expected that we to all parts of the United States. This shall know with more certainty of the new premium book, second to none that comparative antiquity of the Promehave preceded it, will be announced at thean legend as Hesiod first discloses no distant day. In the meantime just it and of the Hebrew prophecies of the think of the 16,000 books which are to Messiah. But in their present distinct and at the same time dim relationship go forth to sow the seeds of our philosthey are full of bewildering mystery, ophy and to prepare each one not only and by no-menns free from a suspicion for living but dying also. We venture of common origin. the statement that all the other Spirit-In ualist papers combined in the United Japan Agnostic. States do not send out each year such a Dr. Michael Revon, late professor in vast numberthe Imperial University of Japan, ac-16,000. cording to the Literary Digest, who for seven years has carefully observed the religious movements in the Island Empire, says "No one can be in doubt as Lighted by Blazing Literature. to the changes which the modern scientific spirit is making in the old re-"Stray Stories" says "twenty-five wagon loads of the Talmud manuligious beliefs of that people. The tenscripts were burned in France in 1244." dency of the Japanese, mind is towards Agnosticism." Says Draper: Six thousand Hebrew Japan is a fine field for Spiritualism Bibles were burned at Salamanca, to labor in. Christianity with its pagan about 1481, by order of Torquemada, creed finds too much practical common Inquisitor-General of Leon and Castile. sense among the Japs, to gain a hear-Cardinal Ximenes delivered to the ing among that people. Without the flames, on the public square of Grasword, the Inquisition, or oppressive laws, backed by a belief in a fiery hell, nada, eighty thousand Arabec manuthe faith of the barbaric ages cannot scripts, many of them translations of maintain itself. classical authors. The Crusaders burnt at Tripoli Its "Longley's Beautiful Songs." Fourlibrary, said to contain three millions teen beautiful, soul-inspiring songs, of volumes, but the number is unwith music, by C. Payson Longley. questionally greatly magnified. Christianity-has illuminated its entire Price by mail, 20 cents. For sale at

hotel of late at an earlier hour than forthorns. You have been misunderstood. slandered, and persecuted. It remains merly when making his business rounds. He is obliged to pass the shanfor you to clear the atmosphere around you so the world may see your truths ty on his way home.

Hopkins is a good-humored man, and it used to be quite common with some people, when belated, to bunk with him; but they do not disturb him now. It is said that Dr. Foy awoke one night to the strain of music and was so unnerved to see a halo around the old vio-May your thoughts expressed here be | lin and hear the music that he fied, noble: may they be high; may they be | even before completing his toilet. It is also reported that during the present blizzard, Alez Harbaugh, a Stowe township constable, went to sleep with Hopkins and at the "witching hour" was awakened by strains of the most ravishing music. He found the place brilliantly illuminated and the violin played by an invisible hand. He hurriedly awoke Hopkins, whose face bore a celestial expression, his whole person appearing as though transfigured. Hopkins attempted to soothe Harbaugh by telling him that it was only his, the speaker's, brother and that it was a common occurrence; but Harbaugh's nerves were so affected that he dressed himself and left, to face the blast for three miles to his home. He did not hear, nor does it appear than anyone else heard, anything like the aldritch screetch supposed to announce the presence of ghostly visitants.

bell to send vagrant boys in the neigh-

borhood to their homes at an early

hour. Even Jake Diebold, the auction-

err, is said to leave the Commonwealth

It is told that John McLaughlin. s night caller for some corporations, hears the strains nightly. It is also stated that one night lately, when the high water threatened to surround the tree on which the house is built, Hopkins went to the residence of Mr. Rafferty on Chartlers avenue to spend the night, and that night the strains were heard more pronounced than usual and the shanty was lighted more brilliantly than usual. Hopkins appears, from reports, to regard the whole matter as normal, and does not care to discuss it with his neighbors.

In Honor of Giles B. Stebbins.

At the Mid-Winter Convention of the Michigan State Spiritual Association, at Lansing, Mich., on Saturday, Feb. 10, 1900, a communication was received from Giles B. Stebbins, Esq., a veteran reformer, of Detroit, long known throughout the United States and Canada for his able advocacy on the plat-There all the points are given in succession to the end, and repetition is unform, and through the press, of social, necessary. But with the journal each political and religious reform. The issue is to some extent complete in communication was received with itself, and reiteration of points used in many expressions of delight, and several brief addresses rendered, recounting the great services rendered by Mr. Stebbins, especially in the Abolition, Woman's Suffrage and Temperance campaign, and the advocacy of the spiritual philosophy. A committee consisting of Rev. B. F. Austin, D. D., president D. P. Dewey, and Lyman C. Howe was appointed for the purpose, and drafted the following resolutions which were carried unanimously by the convention: Resolved, That we have heard with delight the fraternal message of our veteran co-worker, Giles B. Stebbins, and appreciate the lofty and encouraging thoughts and sentiment expressed in his brief epistle. We recognize gratefully his long and faithful service in the cause of human freedom in the anti-slavery agitation and other great reforms, and would especially record our appreciation of his faithful and self-sacrificing efforts in spreading the lofty truths of the spiritual philosophy in America. We believe that Spiritualists of the present day owe a deep debt of gratitude to the pioneer workers of earlier times, and that the wide and extensive and rapid advancement of the spiritual philosophy to-day are largely due to the self-sacrifice, zeal and devotion of Giles B. Stebbins and other noble reformers of earlier days. We esteem a special favor to express in this definite and public manner our appreciation of the character and worth of this veteran advocate whose life is a constant sermon on the mount and to whom we can always point, as a true representative of the best phase of Modern Spiritualism. To him we would express our grateful acknowledgment of his life work so ably and fittingly performed, and our united love and good will towards him and his life companion, Caroline F. Stebbins, and hope their earthly pilgrimage may be prolonged for yet many years, in which we may share in the helpful graces of their social life, and extended work in the Spiritual vineyard. We extend to them our hearty congratulations on the success of their labors, and our earnest desire that the closing days of their earthly pilgrimage may be delightful with the memories of well-spent years. and with brightest hopes and visions of richer reward and nobler activities he-

perfectly round, and the foundation is as solid as though it had just been completed. It was apparently built tens of thousands of years ago. There are hundreds like it in an area of half as many miles. "'We uncovered the most beautiful

vase of antique workmanship I ever saw. The vase was black with age, and as the workmen of that region, especially the Indians, are superstitious

temples were common in all other countries, 'not thinking the gods to be of human shape' (quoted from the Greek of Heroditus Enternel had ho temples: which was the reason, as some think, why Xerxes burned and demolished the temples of Greece."-Potter's Antiquities of Greece, p. 189. The above quotation was recalled on reading an extract from one of Rev. Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones' late discourses wherein he said:

"The soul asks, why confine myself even for one day in the week to manmade houses, to the walls of brick and stone that masons lay? Better worship in the unroofed temple of nature and walk abroad in the unwalled church of God. Why listen to human voices when you may listen to the soughing winds, and the singing birds, and the murmuring brooks? Why quarrel over the injoy.

terpretation of the somewhat tangled texts found in Hebrew and Greek manuscripts, while you may read the open manuscripts of God, written on oak leaves, illustrated with daisies? This is a substitute. Happy is the soul that can use it."

We have frequently wondered why Spiritualists and Liberal Christians do not patronize "God's first temples" more in the summer time, and those that the book was immoral. made by human hands less. Lecturers should encourage a resort to the groves when the weather is favorable, and draw largely on the surroundings for their illustrations and inspirations. Please think of this, as summer is nearing.

A Joyous Outlook.

One hundred and fifty years ago it was declared-"The air of England is so pure a person cannot breathe it and remain a slave." The time is not so distant as many may imagine when it may be said with equal truth-"The people of America are too intelligent to accept the horrible teachings of Paganism, though disgnised under the name of Orthodox Christianity." A revolu-

his church, took to drink, got into jail, tion upheaving the churches, giving and is now in an insane asylum. Poor science the supremacy, is in the air. It man! How sharper than a sergent's is whispered in church circles. It is tooth to have a graceless congregaborne on every breeze, and is lighting tion."-Janesville Gazette. up every home. The church has cursed "It was the dog that dled," instead of the earth long enough. We shall soon the shie to say to it-"Farewell forever!" the man he bit.

Rightcous Judge.

feet were covered with mud or dust, A school teacher in Conneaut townafter a long and weary pilgrimage ship, Crawford County, Pa., loaned-one among the brothers laboring to reconof his pupils, a girl of 17, a book encile their quarrels. The younger ones, titled "From the Ball Room to Hell." however, he tells us further on, "wax wanton, will marry, learn to be idle, Knowledge of the fact coming to the wander from house to house, become school board, teacher Albert H. Norris

Justice seemed to think the "grand

bounce" well deserved, and refused

compensation for services not rendered.

has passed, which teachers will do well

This Time the Pricst.

"A Nashville, Tenn., minister was

driven crazy by the factional discord in

to remember.

The age for teaching hell in schools

tattlers, bury bodies, and have damwas promptly discharged, they ruling nation." It is very clear Paul supplied the elder Weller with the caution he gave Norris is an exhorter, occasionally ochis son when he told him to "Beware cupying the pulpit in churches in the vicinity of the school. He attempted of widows." The aged widows, those to play the triple role of teacher, who made themselves useful to wanpriest and colporteur, but was comdering monks by lodging them and pelled to vacate the pedagogue's chair. washing their feet, were not taken into He brought an action against the School Directors before a Justice of the

Peace at Meadville, to not only recover need their service. arrears of pay, but for three additional months for which he was engaged. The

It Must Be a Mistake. It is now said the United States is about to send war ships into Ohinese waters, to insure the safety of Ohristian missionaries, laboring to establish

that faith in the Celestial empire. If true is not this a high-handed procedure for a secular government? People who visit distant nations on proselyting tours do so without authority of government, and have no claim-on it

for protection. If a Spiritualist, an Agnostic, or a member of any of the non-evangelical churches, should visit China to spread his faith, does any one believe he would be convoyed by the United States navy?

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history by bonfires of blazing literature, the choicest books of the ancients only preserved to these times by acci dent of which Virgil's Eneld and the works of Aristotle are speciments.

How to Avoid Heresy Trials. The Washington Post has a method for preventing heresy trials, for which

earnest seeker after truth, under what

soever banner he may travel, I have in

You have come over the pathway in

your growth that has been marked by

There is no phase of Christian thought

for which the world is so anxiously

waiting a clear and scientific demon-

stration, as that which you teach-the

reality, of what to most of us, is the un-

full of inspiration and comfort, and

may God abundantly bless whatsoever

there may be of truth in your message.

Line Upon Line.

Newspapers claim, "It is the keeping

everlastingly at it which makes ad-

vertising pay." Is it not the same in

promulgating a great truth? A thought

repeated in another manner may take

root, though as first given it gained but

little attention. The successful fury

lawyer is not content with a single

statement of his strong points. He

turns them over and over, presenting

-Lansing (Mich.) Republican.

my heart a warm welcome.

more clearly.

seen world.

it ough to secure a patent, and become famous for its clear-sightedness and Socratic wisdom. If a preacher becomes enlightened and the happy possessor of a few ideas beyond his motheaten creed, it says instead of staying in his place and leading gently his hear ers up to him, he should immediately step down and out, and let some one step up who has no such scruples, and

not be a deceiver and fraud. It cheerfully goes on to say that there are sects, denominations and creeds enough to suit all, please all and no one need be disturbed. If this is not enough then the heretical seceder can start a church for himself, and gather around him those willing to accept him as a teacher.

Should, however, this advice be taken by the clerical fraternity, and al those who are preaching doctrines they do not believe, honestly step down out what will be left of the ministry? If all the preachers who have ideas beyond the Bible and their creed are to vacate, the remainder will be safe from the charge of heresy and as free from that of having common sense. Well they might as well come out of their pul pits when they cannot honestly express their opinions.

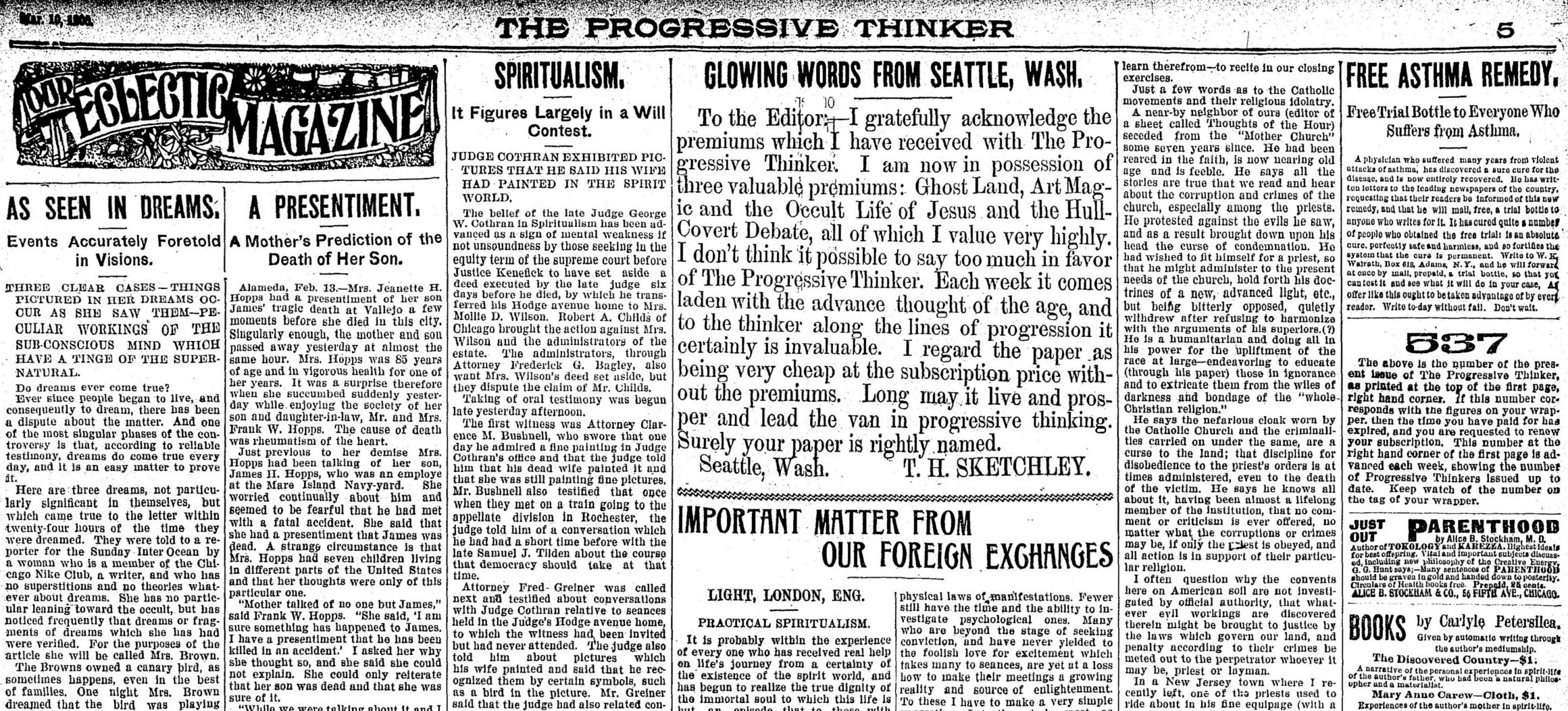


To the Editor:-Your premium offer No. 6, giving away four beautiful books. all nicely bound and containing meat enough to last many months, arrived by express, all charges paid, and must thank you kindly for such a gift. I wish every Spiritualist in this country could avail themselves of your munificent offer, providing you are not losing money out of your pocket, and thereby impoverish your great paper, The Progressive Thinker. A. B. MONTGOMERY.

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account by Weller, doubtless because his son was not a preacher, and did not



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about the room and that suddenly it veered around in front of the coal only fancy on her part, mother suddengrate and was drawn up the chimney ly grew faint, and despite all that we with the flames and smoke. The could do for her she succumbed in a few Brown house is an old-fashloned one, moments. Her death occurred just bewith a big fireplace in the sitting-room fore 10 o'clock. It was only a little him that his wife's spirit heard him say

sure of it.

that her son was dead and that she was "While we were talking about it and 1

was trying to assure her that it was

as a bird in the picture. Mr. Greiner said that the judge had also related con-versations with the departed spirits of the immortal soul to which this life is To these I have to make a very simple but an episode, that to those with suggestion. Let the circle meet as whom he would most desire to share friends, and, in the quite ordinary conthat light whose glow he himself feels, his arguments are singularly uncon-vincing. If those best friends forbear vincing. If those best friends forbear the late Justice Charles Daniels and the late Dictrict Attorney George T. Quinby. He further testified about meeting Judge Cothran at Main and Chippewa to hint that he must be credulous and avoiding all partizanship and the argustreets one day, when the judge told

double doors leading to the dining-room. The front of the house is one story higher than the L at the rear. In Mrs. Brown's dream, when she saw that the little bird had dashed into the roaring grate, she screamed and felt sick with the thought of the horrible fate which had overtaken the household pet. Then, by some impulse, she ran out of the house and looked up at the top of the chimney, with a faint hope that the bird might have escaped. To her surprise she saw that it had fallen on the roof of the L. It was alive and apparently unhurt. She thought to herself that it would fall from the roof and that she would catch it if possible. Sure enough, the little thing fluttered aimlessly to the eaves, GHOST and was just about to tumble over the edge. A blg cat, also a family pet, up the canary, and ate it in a second. When Mrs. Brown awoke the recollection of her dream was so vivid that it really distressed her. At breakfast, as the canary swung singing in his cage, she mentioned her bad dream, and her husband and three little boys were inclined to poke fun at her for the superstition that attached any im-

portance to it. "Now, Joe, you must not get within a mile of the grate this morning," said the oldest boy, laughingly, to the canary as he opened the cage after breakfast. The children took turns in feeding the bird and fixing up his cage for him in the mornings. Something happened to call the boy away, and he left Joe fluttering about the room, for the bird was so tame that the children often gave him the liberty of the house for hours. Joe started to fly through the double doors into the dining-room, as the head of the family came into the sitting-room. To avoid a collision the little bird veered toward the fireplace. The strong draught caught him, swept him into a roaring fire, and he was burned up instantly.

DREAM PORTRAIT OF VISITOR. The second dream is perhaps more remarkable. One morning the family received a letter from a critic on an Eastern paper saying that he would reach Chicago the next afternoon but one, and would visit them. None of the family had ever seen the gentleman, although in a way there had been an acquaintance of manya years' standing. Mrs. Brown's family had known the critic's family, and Mrs. Brown had been the Chicago correspondent of the paper for some time, and a friendly sense of acquaintance had grown up. The children, in the fanciful way that children have, had each a mental picture of Mr. C. One thought he was tall, another imagined him fat, and at tions have materialized and people who

after that when we got a telephone message from Vallejo announcing that James had been killed by falling from a window. We had just dispatched a message to James informing him of the death of his mother."

The body of the son was found be neath a second-story window of his residence at Vallejo. How he came to meet his death is unknown, but the supposition is that he accidentally fell from the window. He was a native of Massachusetts, 52 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child.-San Francisco (Cal.) Call.



came bounding over the roof, snatched | Mysterious Nocturnal Visitor at Bippus.

> Last summer the community around Bippus, Ind., was terribly wrought up over a ghost that appeared in the graveyard. Many people claimed to have seen the "spook," but none were wise enough to fathom the mystery and after a time the excitement died down and the ghost was forgotten. According to an article in the Huntington Herald his ghostship has again made his appearance and plunged the community into the greatest excitement. Several well known and responsible people, whose veracity cannot be doubted, have seen it and the Herald says:

"A night or two ago Rev. Voeghtling, pastor of the German church, and Joseph Sell, a reliable resident of the neighborhood, were driving past the cemetery when the ghost emerged from among the graves and stalked up boldly to within a few feet of the rig, frightening the horse until it became well nigh unmanageable, and fairly paralyzing the men with astonishment. To add to the horse's fright and hair raising plight of the occupants of the vehicle the strange light danced along at their side for a distance of at least twenty rods and disappeared near the school

house. The same night at a much later hour the ghost made its presence felt by George Sell, who said there could be no mistake about it. S. L. Emley is another trustworthy citizen who was passing the burying ground only a short time ago when the apparition appeared and frightened his team so badly he could scarcely control the animals. Some of the inhabitants even go so far as to identify the visitor, as a woman who said if certain conditions came to pass after her death she would return and make things lively. These condi-

that he had left his ring at home, had hurried thither, and, getting the ring, had deposited it in his vest pocket, Charles F. Tabor, former state attorney-general, swore that the judge had told him that his wife, subsequent to her death, had once asked him why he did not give to their daughter a certain dress then in the house, that he searched in the place mentioned, found the dress and gave it to his daughter. He also testified that Judge Cothran told him about looking through the reports in the law library for a decision of the late Judge Folger, and not being able to find it he communicated with Judge Folger's spirit, who told him where to find it and he did find it. William H. Gorman, a reporter on the

Evening News, gave some interesting testimony about conversations with Judge Cothran relative to the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor two years ago last week. Mr. Gorman said: "The Judge told me that he had received a message from the late Justice Daniels telling him that the affair was no accident, that the explosion had been caused by a torpedo placed by the Spanlards outside her hull. Some time later. after the war had begun, and our fleet was in pursuit of Cervera's fleet along the Cuban coast, I had another talk with Judge Cothran and he said to me: T've had a talk with Justice Daniels, and I'm convinced that our fleet is on a wild-goose chase. He tells me that Cervera's fleet hasn't left Spain at all.' " Attorney Ganson Depew, of Pooley, Depew and Spratt, related this same story and added that Judge Cothran told him that Justice Daniels had made a personal investigation of the wreck. and was satisfied that the Maine was blown up from the outside. Mr. Depew also swore that Judge Cothran had told him of having had conversations with the spirits of the late E. Carleton Sprague, the late James Fraser Gluck and the late Justice Corlett.

William F. Arit, of the law office of Pooley, Depew and Spratt, testified that Judge Cothran explained how his wife painted pictures, the judge having secured the paint, brushes and canvas ahead of time according to the orders which she gave. He said that he had been invited to seances, and that once Judge Cothran told him that Mr. Depew had attended one.

Attorney Maurice C. Spratt, junior member of the firm of Pooley, Depew and Spratt, said that the first talk he had with the late judge in which the latter displayed a belief in Spiritualism was when a local judge had sentenced a man to death for murder, and Judge Cothran said that the judge and the jury were themselves guilty of murder. He based this upon the opinion of a

deluded, they nevertheless show plainly mentativeness which engenders disenough that affection or respect for union, thresh out something to be said himself is at the rost of their tolerance, on some of the sides of the questionand their kind or polite incredulity Carlyle said well that the simplest brings home to him that their own per- question is at least hexagonal-and sonal experience is necessary before then let the seance be opened with all they can even understand the bearing the physical conditions which exof his statements. It is amusing in- perience shows to be necessary, and deed to see how the convert, who, in with the one desire for light on the the days of his skepticism, would take questions raised. I am confident that no man's word, now expects his word the result will not disappoint them.

NEED OF LIGHT.

tion.

Facts belonging to the present, and

to be not only taken but acted on. But should any friend have enough interest to attend a few seances ' and enough resolution to dismiss from his mind the great mass of utterly unconvincing phenomena, and to fix on the few which

are outside the limits of trickery, he Questionings and Investigawill assuredly say, either that the whole thing is wrong, or that it is trivial and useless, unless indeed he should chance to make both statements. And it must be conceded that not fictions of the past, should, in my both lines of thought are almost irre- estimation, employ our chief attention.

sistibly suggested to a same mind by too many seances and their fre- place eighteen hundred years ago? 1 quenters.

When I was an inquirer into the facts | idols in Christendom were sent up in of Spiritualism I attended many such, smoke (Bibles included), the world at and the darkened rooms, the strict large would be all the better off. rules of contact of chairs or hands to | Religious superstition and bigotry

make a circle, the obvious protection of should be sacrificed upon the altar of the medium by "friends" on either side, truth and reason in this enlightened who might well be, and perhaps some- age of the ninetcenth century. times were, in collusion to "assist" the | And here the question arises as to

production of phenomena; the voices that great Catholic Institution recently and moving lights, the casual touches | dedicated at the National seat of govof "spirit hands," and the faces ernment.

silhouetted against boards of luminous Do the thousands of progressive paint or rendered visible for a few sec- minds there stand quietly by and withonds by their faint light, produced on out protest watch the proceedings of are rotten and should be abolished me (a most sincere inquirer) a thor- those deluded dupes, the friars hoardoughly unsatisfactory impression. It is ing up old bones and other sacred relics not the purpose of these notes to re- (so-called) of ancient times, even the count how, in the midst of these en- manger which they claim was the real tirely unconvincing phenomena, the birthplace of Jesus the immaculate. apparition of the well-known face of What foolery it is, and unreasonable and you will soon realize the truths deone whom I had parted from in a dis- waste of property, while thousands of picted in the foregoing pages." The tant land, a face which I and another homeless victims are suffering for the friend often saw again in these seances | mere necessities of life. Even if those

in the color and glow of life, brought relics are real mementos of Jesus' time, the conviction that I had to deal with who can be so benighted as to look objective realities and not with subjec- upon them with the least devotional intive imaginings. It is probable that terest? If there be such, among our Mich. He believes in an Infinite Intelsome such experience will always re- American citizens, it really seems quite ward perseverance and the determina- absurd-altogether beyond my present tion neither to accept inconclusive evi- | comprehension. dence nor to treat failures as positive In my youth I believed as my pre-

proof that successes are impossible decessors did, and without the least apart from trickery. questioning, but now I take reason for But when the proof has been reached, my guide, resting upon the belief of

what intelligent man or woman who that which seems to me the most has an outlook over the great human | rational and in harmony with nature's fields of interest which are worked by perfect handiwork. the duties of life, or those wherein the | I cannot believe in a personal God, his labors of great minds are preserved to creation of the world in six days, the us under the names of literature, sci- making-up of man out of dirt, then Eve

ence, and art, can avoid contrasting the | out of a rlb, and so on-story of the forattitude of those leaders of thought and bidden fruit, the snake, and then of action who have done durable work in God's anger, and the expelment from one seeking the light. the world, and that of the stalwarts the garden of that first initial pair of who have followed them, with the his creating. It is all a myth to me, attitude of the frequenters of these and has been such for many years. dark rooms and secret chambers where After centuries (nobody can tell the "Joey" and "Obadiah" squeak and number), the immaculate conceptiongibber meaningless platitudes and fee- sending his "only begotten son" into ble jokes; or a "Greek priest" recites the world to "take on the sins of hunight after night the same scraps of manity," thereby removing even the the Lord's Prayer; or some dumb phan- effects of the fall and that cruel curse tom is said to be Tennyson, or Glad- which he, a loving father, pronounced stone, or some even greater voice of the upon an erring couple (especially woman) as well as their descendants past? I have returned after years spent in for all future time! It seems incredible India, the cradle of religious and met- that any person of real common sense aphysical thought, to find the same | cap swallow such mythical nonsense! futilities going on. Are flying tam- | A few years ago I heard an Episcopal bourines and raps on the head with minister read the whole chapter in a ually existed a Temple of Isis, and that speaking trumpets the outward and public service, and wondered how he visible sign of power which is to leaven | could do so, as he was very nice and the dull lump of unaspiring men, and apparently intelligent. This was in make them fit to deal with the prob- Massachusetts, and I attended for the interesting to the mystic or lover of the lems of to-day? And yet I appeal to sake of becoming better acquainted occult. my brother Spiritualists whether their with their doctrines, but alas! it was all experience has not been like mine, and a mystery, and I withdrew minus my whether, in spite of strong desire for desire for further enlightenment such better things and acute pain at the as they could offer, and yet those utterly unworthy and unpractical na- church-goers, and their rector, were ture of these "manifestations," they seemingly most sincere in their rehave not attended many a seance ligious devotions. where the evening has showil nothing | There is the big fish story of Jonah whatever except these paltry and con- living in the whale's belly three days temptible results. and then being thrown upon the dry Far be it from me to despise the day | land all right, and plenty of other foolof small things; laws are revealed as ish stuff that the young of to-day should surely in the fall of an apple as in the not be taught as being truthful acorbit of a world. Still less is it meet to counts. I do not believe in the sacredderide the comfort which many have ness of Bible lore as I did when young, found. In the certainty of the presence but it has been the work of years disabout them of their beloved dead and lodging the mythical yarns which that | And around me hovered beaming the glimpses of a dearly loved face, in book contains, and so it will be the From their eyes love's light streaming the consolation of messages which same for the young of to-day who are show the lost to be but gone before, trained to take in its teachings as still alive, with human hopes and fears. | thruth. Had I an army of little ones But if this thing is to be a force to-day, under my charge, I would not allow it must work in the sunlit' world; it them to study the Bible unless they must give solutions to vexed questions, really desired to know its contents, and and must be living and growing, not then they would have to seek it from stationary. Above all, none must be outside our own dominion. I would able to taunt its workers with the in- never have it in school, nor call it the stances, still too common, of weak ap- "Holy Book of God's Word" (whoever neals to "the dear spirits" for guidance | that personage may be); for I have no in the difficulties which, in the human, such belief, neither can I understand as natural selection in the animal why one historical work more than did not remember giving such advice. | world, are the appointed means for the another should be designated as such, development of skill, courage, fortitude, and especially when the useless and vulgar far outbalances the pure and judgment, and faith in God. I believe there are very many of us that of real worth, as the Bible does. who would gladly raise the tone of our | When I was young we were not | Was my illumined vision haunted, seances. I know that there are some allowed to read anything but the Bible | Still I floated all undaunted "A Plea for the New Woman." By | who have already made the attempt, | (and our own Shaker publications) on May Collins. An address delivered be- | and have succeeded in their own cir- | Sunday, and in school it was one of our. mas full of the most fragrant white self. Price, cloth, \$1 per volume. For sale cles. But how to begin? All are not principal studies, especially the New interested in what may be called the Testament and we had daily lessons to

or cell-like rooms, walled up with brick rogressive Thinker. and no light admitted save through the

little entrance ways called doors, leading down into the basement rooms below.

fat, with a face almost as flushed as the

rich red wine in which he doubtless in-

dulged. He built a home by the lake,

out quite a distance, with a parochial

school attached, and underneath a row

This structure was oftentimes peered at while passing, but no one ever dared intrude into the private enclosure of the grounds or to ask any information of those only who knew its home his-

tory. We conjectured it might be for disciplining the disobedient, and might be for the storage of wines and other luxuries. But the mystery still remained a dark and hidden one from the public.

It seems strange that town officials do not make it one of their duties to enter all such suspicious places and investigate as to their occupants and the use to which they are put. I think the time may come when this will be an ordi-

nance in all townships. Other institutions are entered and looked into, and if Who knows or even cares what took wrong exists it is soon righted by judicial law and justice. do not, for one, and think if all the JULIA H. JOHNSON.

Los Angeles, Cal.

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author is thoroughly iconoclastic.

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subject came up. Next morning at breakfast Mrs. Brown said that she had dreamed that Mr. C. had come and that what would have been a good- particularly intended can see the object looking face was spoiled by the loss of two front teeth. The place where the front teeth should have been gaped like a cavern through a scraggly mustache and beard

dinner an animated discussion on the

"George Henry Lewes had a scraggly heard and was very ugly," commented the reader among the boys. When Mr. C. arrived that afternoon the most noticeable feature, at first

sight, was the two missing front teeth and the scraggly beard. "I hesitated about coming," Mr. C. Its melody is ever heard explained almost at once, "on account | of the miserable appearance I make with those front teeth gone. My dentist has just taken them out, to my sorrow, and was ready to fix me up with A rillet now of silvery sheen some artificial ones, when I was called here on business. I told my wife that And winds the verdant vale below. I really believed I shouldn't call on any of my friends, but she persuaded me out of the notion, saying that, perhaps I shouldn't be coming West again It soon helps form a river deep,

500n." This dream, it seems, might be accounted for by some telepathic theory.

VISION OF A FUNERAL.

The third dream is a ghostly affair. Mrs. Brown dreamed that she was in Now does its part to onward bear the parlor at the house of her sister-Mrs. General M., at Centralia, Ill. A funeral seemed to be in progress, and the whole room was filled with white and very fragrant flowers. When she awakened the impress of her dream was so strong that the odor of the flowers seemed to be in the air of her room. "What a remarkable dream," she While myriad stars look calmly down said, and spoke to her husband about

"Now, don't go down stairs and tell your mother, for heaven's sake," said Mr. Brown, who is a very practical man. "If she hears that she'll worry Tho' small it seems, it is not lost, all day for fear your sister is dead." Mrs. Brown was careful to say nothing about her dream, and felt no alarm herself. Two days afterward they received a letter from Mrs. M., the sister, telling of the death of her little grandchild, and saying that it had been

were sent," she wrote, "and the parlor | Series 1, 2, and 3, each complete in itlogsoms."-Chicago Inter Ocean.

believe that departed spirits can visit the earth at will think the woman is keeping her promise. It is claimed the man for whom the strange visits are often and is unable to sleep at night"

THE MOUNTAIN SPRING.

Where Allegheny's lofty peaks Are plied towards the arching skies And Nature's wild and varied forms In everlasting grandeur rise, There is a bubbling, crystal spring Embosomed in a fastness high, So very small that at one draught A single ox can drink it dry.

'Mid summer's drought and winter's snow. And many a song of love it sings To flowers that near its margin grow; It hastens down the mountain side Where crickets chirp and fireflies hide.

To journey on through field and wood While green trees wrapped in virgin's

bower Are mirrored in its shining flood:

On, on it rushes clear and bold. Where noble Mississippi charms, The products of a thousand farms. It lingers not, but with a bound It seeks the billowy ocean's breast: O, how unlike the tiny spring! 'Tis now a wave with foamy crest, And with a never-failing strength 'Twill ever wash the sandy shore As if to list the endless roar.

My friend, I ask, hast thou e'er seen Aught like the little mountain spring? A noble, brave, unselfish deed Is no light, unforgotten thing; But like the spring, the rill, the river, It swells into a lasting wave Whose moral power is felt forever. 'Palmetto, Fla. MRS. HOUGHTON, CHAAPEL.

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great Roman lawyer who lived 200 years before Christ. The judge also told Mr. Spratt of Red Jacket's -eloquence at the Hodge avenue seance. and explained to the attorney why these affairs were conducted in dark rooms, also telling him about the beautiful pictures his wife painted. Supt. John O'Connor of the Mooney-Brisbane building told of going into Judge Cothran's office one day when the judge told him to come another day, as he was having "a very nice conversation with baby." Mr. O'Connor said he was surprised, as there was no one else in the office.

Dr. Thomas Lothrop, who attended the judge in his last illness, told of his visit to the home on December 17, 1898. the day the deed was drawn up. He said that Judge Cothran requested him to converse with his dead wife and ask her opinion and advice in regard to the property. Dr. Lothrop said that he went into the seance room with Mrs. Wilson and her husband, Benton H. Wilson, and Mrs. Wright, the medium. Presently a voice purporting to be that of Mrs. Cothran was heard and he gave her the message, receiving a reply that the judge was advised to carry out the arrangements that he had made. Dr. Lothrop reported the reply to the judge. and when he called again in the evening. Dr. Lothrop learned from Mr. Wilson that the lawyers had been there during his absence and had drawn up the deed. Mr. Wilson at the time told the witness that if he got possession of the property he would defend it. Dr. Lothrop said that at that time he gave. it as his opinion that Judge Cothran was not in a mental condition to do business, which opinion was afterward confirmed by Dr. Phelps. Attorney Frank M. Loomis, represent-

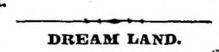
ing Mrs. Wilson, endeavored to secure from the witness a statement that the day before the one referred to he had advised Judge Cothran to attend to his final business, but Dr. Lothrop said he The physician insisted that the judge was not mentally sound at the time the deed was executed .- Buffalo (N. X.) Commercial.

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On a star-lit sea Elysium My soul set sail one night: Like some mystic airy phantom

Shone my bark wondrous bright. Sailing on o'er billowy waves. Seeking those my fond heart craves. In fairy isles and sunny bays, Sped I on the wings of light. All my heart with awe and wonder Viewed the scenes of yore, . Forms and faces warm and tender In my vision came before: Like the past days truly seeming, Came the dear ones I adore,

And the heavenly breezes bore me On beyond the gloom of night; Scenes more beautiful I could see Than had met my mortal sight. And the star-dews gently falling, Near me familiar voices calling, All my raptured soul enthralling, Came to guide my bark aright.

Came to visit me once more.

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Spiritualists everywhere should be I tiful hills which surround the city as it ware of certain irresponsible tricksters now stands. I talked with only two who are traveling over the country de- people who claimed to have seen the ceiving the people with their imitation | spirit, but there is certainly enough sorof spiritual phenomena. They hate row connected with that beautiful val-The Progressive Thinker because we ley to cause many spirits of the departwill not allow their names to defile our ed to return."

idol."

columns. Some of them have been "ordained" by societies with no standing. and they will show their "ordination say that I was surprised would be very papers" in order to more fully deceive conservative, for I was more than surthe people. Their abuse of The Proprised. The book alone is worth more gressive Thinker is evidence of their uncleanliness, and they should be avoided as one would avoid a pestilence.

E. F. Yeaton writes from Richmond, Va.: "Mrs. Kate R. Stiles, of Boston, Mass., has been giving lectures and clipping is as follows: "The 'Boy Meditests in Lee Camp C. V. Hall for the past six or seven weeks. Her lectures are of the highest spiritual order. Her | est in Spiritualism in the locality west answers to questions are clear, concise of town two years ago, and who recentand satisfactory. Her audiences have | ly returned and began a series of meetbeen composed of a high class of progressive thinkers, and her tests are nearly all recognized. Any persons or societies in the South who are looking for a lecturer cannot fail to be pleased with her work. All communications should be addressed to her at 222 South Belvidere street, Richmond, Va."

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Rev. C. W. Burrows, M. D., president | the first installment of a highly inter- | should be in every family." of the American College of Psychics, esting narrative of the extraordinary and pastor of the Central Spiritual phenomena witnessed in Nienadowka, a will be my guest at my home, 51 Olga mortals like myself." Union, at Occult Temple, 132 Michigan town situated in Austrian Gallicia, street, Chicago, where she will be Wednesday evening, February 28, 1900. zempa, a little girl of fourteen, of hold her voice circles. She will re- ists have formed a society here and and the voices subsided. They went

ualists here will have to admit, how- gentleness and love." ever, that Rev. Adams was handlcapped

the rostrum 15 minutes each evening, giving tests to the audience. Mr. A, said that those tests could all be exwhen asked to make such explanation, he promised to do so before the discussion ended, but he evidently concluded that he had made a mistake, for he never made the effort. At the conclusion of the discussion a psychical rethe following officers: Phineas Mur-

build up a society here that will be a | had." great factor in bringing the glorious light of Spiritualism to a great many than I paid for both the book and The | who are now groping their way in credal darkness. I have a good hall that

will at all times be available without Miss Emaline Richardson writes from price for any honest expounder of Spir-Paulding, Ohio: "I send you a clipping itualism." from the Paulding Democrat. This

The Beacon Light Spiritual church, 40 East Randolph street, Chicago, has been favored with lectures from Dr. Geo. Dutton and Mrs. Maude Lord Drake and others as speakers and test mediums. Prof. B. J. Bechtel, a musician of long experience and wonderful ings, seems to have come to grief skill has furnished music of a high orthrough drink. He was picked up in der during the month, and will so con-Payne overloaded and was kept in the | tinue. Very interesting meetings are lock-up until he sobered up and was now held by the Beacon Light.

then given time to get out of town. He B. Franklin Clarke writes from Belgives his name as Owen Meredith and videre, N. J.: "I was glad to see in The claims to hail from Cleveland. On his | Progressive Thinker that you have reformer visit here he impressed many sumed the publication of Carlyle Petermedium of great power, but his Payne | messages, giving experiences in spirit didates for spirit life and should seek

First supplementary course of seven utes to the August-September number of information of 'the beyond,' that

ventist: "The debate began Feb. 9 and tended by, the best people. Many ited by Mrs. Clemens, of Columbus; lasted six nights. It will be needless to hearts are padeglad and comforted by Mr. Herrick, of Cleveland; and Mr. inform you that our cause was well her words of love and spirit messages. Ernest Stevens, of Columbus. Mr. represented, for Brother Hull is a walk- Her life is an entirely unselfish one and Stevens has made periodical visits to ing encyclopedia of Bible lore. Spirit- her face is a story for itself, as it reads the city. All the above named are Good News from the South-

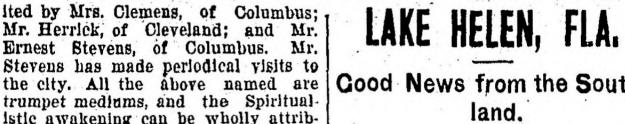
A Railroader, writes from Topeka, istic awakening can be wholly attribto some extent, as Mrs. Ferris occupied | Kansas: "I send you a copy of the Toneka Journal which has an account of the investigation held in the roundhouse after the explosion of an engine, plained from a material standpoint, and the Midget. You will notice the evidence of J. E. Cooper in regard to the lies of six other lines. There is a strong mysterious force that warned him to get off the engine before the explosion. There was also another man who was working on that same engine who was impressed to stay at home that mornsearch society was organized, electing | ing, and he did not know why, but he is glad now that he did. It is wonderful dock, president; A. B. Child, secretary; to hear people who are not Spiritualists M. D. Kellogg, treasurer. We intend to talk about the warnings that those men

> The First Spiritual Church of Bemidil, Minn., was organized by G. W. Kates and wife, on February 27. The following are the officers elect: D. C. Smyth, president; Mrs. Cora Smith, vice-president; Mrs. M. M. Achenbach, secretary; Mrs. E. Manning, treasurer. They chartered with the state associa-

tion of Minnesota and have good promise for activity in an active new town of the prosperous northwest. Mrs. M. Eason writes from the Old

Ladies' Home, Fredonia, N. Y., giving expression to her appreciation: "I desire to thank you for sending me The Progressive Thinker for the past two years, although I have not paid one cent for it, for the very good reason that I have no money, and no way whereby to earn any. I am an inmate articles have been crowded out. of the Home for Aged Women here in Fredonia, N. Y. Were it not for your good people with his genuineness as a silea's very interesting and instructive valuable paper, which I eagerly look for each week, and the spiritual readperformance will probably shatter their | life by reliable spirits. We are all can- | ing borrowed of my good friend, Mrs. Lyman C. Howe, I would starve spirit-The Lyceum Banner of London, Eng., reliable information concerning its. He ually. I am now in my 75th year, only ington moved in and told strange stosays: "Under the title of 'Der Spuk in has four interesting volumes for sale in lingering in the shadows for a few ries of it. They awoke in the middle Nienadowka,' Herr von Ploehn contrib- your office I think-well written stories brief months or years, and they can of the night and saw a light in the alone be illuminated by the light shed other room. They heard men's voices lectures on "Your Practical Forces," by | of Die Uebersinnliche Welt, of Berlin, | will interest the young and old, and | from the bright pages of The Progressman's shricks. The tenants of the ive Thinker. Oh! long may its cheer-Mrs. Kirby writes: "Mrs. J. Lindsay | ing pages shine to cheer poor weary house at first thought some trick was

being played on them. They investi-Secretary writes from Pasadena, gated, but as soon as the door of their avenue, Detroit, Mich., beginning through the mediumship of Anna Chor- pleased to meet her friends, and will California: "The Pasadena Spiritual- room was opened the light went out



uted to them. The wonder among Zanesville Spiritualists is that more Perhaps your readers would like to know what is going on down in the mediums do not visit them, as the city is located on the main line of the B.& Jasmine and Alligator country. Well, O. Ry., and is one of the important cit- we have had a little taste of the breezes that come from your way, which demand for mediums possessing the proved a source of comfort to those trumpet and materializing phases, the | who want to complain of something; trance and inspirational phases having but it did not break up our meeting or devoloped among several of Zanesville's turn our steps northward to meet the citizens. Any medium desiring to visit fiercer blasts that raved there. Our Zanesville will please notify Mr. J. J. | meeting is progressing finely. The numbers not large, but larger, I am told, Roll, 205 Main street."

The Chicago Post says: "Dreams are than last year at this time. J. Clegg Wright is a constant wonder universal, and are common to persons to the people. The profound trance in perfect health as well as to those who are nervously inclined. The only | condition in which he speaks renders it difference is that a healthy person possible for spirits of a high order to sleeps more soundly, and slight sensa- give out their thought, and the untions, which would cause a restless recorded history of the centuries long sleeper to dream, have no effect on a passed has made us inclined to think sound sleeper. Every person, however, the progressive age was long ago. His will dream if the sensations are strong classes are well attended.

and.

enough to awake that part of the brain Mrs. Lizzie Brewer is doing very efficient work here, in not only speakwhich receives corresponding sensations. Those wishing to avoid dreams, ing but singing, assisting in entertaintherefore, should be careful to destroy ments and doing those hundreds of all the sensations possible. Not only things that willing hands find to do. should the bed be comfortable and the Mrs. Effie Moss, well known here as a materializing medium, is holding seroom dark and quiet, but it is not wise to retire with a full stomach, especially ances, besides doing her work for the Ladies' Auxiliary, of which she is one

of the officers. We regret to say that we have not Mr. W. L. Brown has given public space to publish everything that has scances upon the platform after the been sent to this office in reference to Sunday afternoon lectures, to people 'Infinite Intelligence." Some very able who were convinced that it was a

nower outside of himself that did it. The New Orleans States says: "An-He comes recommended by the presiother one of our haunted places is-in dent of the Illinois State Spiritualist's Alexandria, near the river. It was un-Association.

known as a haunted house until a few The singing is conducted by Mr. years ago, when a family from Wash-H. A. Budington, assisted by Mrs. Brewer, Lillian Marsh and Jennie Green, and on Sunday solos have been rendered by Miss Goodspeed, Daytona raised in angry altercation and a wo-

Oscar A. Edgerley will commence his work on Sunday. Friends coming this way please give us a call.

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Letter from Paw Paw, Mich.



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nomena

The New York World says: "'The Manifestations of Mrs. Piper, Trance was the subject of a paper read last night at Columbia University before the New York section of the American Branch of the Society for Psychical Research by Prof. J. H. Hyslop, of the chair of logic and ethics. Prof. Hyslop said he thought the immortality of the soul might be demonstrated in time. At Mrs. Piper's seances two different spirits said they were his mother. The spirits of his father and brother also communicated with him. He said in closing: 'If it be treason to science to believe in a future state of existence, then, I say, make the most of it.""

Julia Steelman Mitchell served the First Spiritual Church at Columbus, O., for February; has April and May open dates. Letters addressed to her home, Hartzell avenue, N. Evanston, Ill., will reach her at all points. Will engage for camp work in July only.

There will be a Masquerade Ball and Indian Pow-wow, by the Independent Spiritualist Church, 703 Nicollet avenuc, Minneapolis, Minn., Thursday evening, March 29, 1900. Full-blooded Sloux Indians will attend the pow-wow. Admission 25 cents. J. F. Raymond, president and treasurer; Prof. R. E. Marcotte, vice-president and secretary. Ohio is coming to the front. We have a larger circulation in that state than any other Spiritualist paper. Lee Woods, of German, O., sends us in a large club. The Progressive Thinker still continues to lead-the cheapest and best.

Dr. W. D. and Mrs. Noyes have been | of rain or a noted event, or a war, can serving the Liberal Spiritual Church, be no doubt." Columbus. Ohio, for the month of February, and will remain during March and April. Months of May and June cial Club, 77 Thirty-first street, on open for engagement for societies and Washington's Birthday, was the most camps. Address them at 77 North successful as well as enjoyable enter-Front street, Columbus, Ohio. Maggie Walte is now located in Bosfor best dressed and best sustained

ton, at No. 5 Concord Square.

Secretary send the following from Cleveland, Ohio: "Whereas, George Ingham, one of the leaders of the Progressive Thought Society in Cleveland, ing will be held Thursday, March 8. Ohio, having received his spiritual It will be informal, social and partly birth on the 10th day of February, 1900, devoted to business and plans for fu-

Produce Results in all Business and portrait is given. The child belongs to is one of our old and tried workers." Art. 2. Love is Power. 3. Woman's the class of peasant farmers; can read Correspondent writes: "On February Occult Forces. 4. How to Rule Your and write, but has not been otherwise 22, the Women's Aid of the First Temeducated; but when in trance, Greek | ple Society of Spiritualists of Newport, and Latin are spoken through her, and Ky., gave a George Washington supshe seems to possess, in addition, great per and social at the residence of its psychometric gifts. It may be re- president, Miss Cora Rambo, 937 York marked that, at the present time, there street, for the benefit of the Temple

S. T. Stewart writes: "I found my

premium book at the express office. To

medium did lots of harm to the cause

of Spiritualism in this section." The

um' who created a great deal of inter-

Progressive Thinker."

is a very marked outbreak, as it were, | Building Fund, There were 189 people present. One of the rooms was devoted of juvenile mediums, whose occult powers are a great source of perplexity to to test circles, which were well attendmaterialists and to skeptics generally, ed by strangers to Spiritualism. An ad-'Out of the mouths of babes and suck- mission fee of ten cents was charged. lings' are issuing truths which age and | The mediums who donated their servlearning are incapable of gainsaying." ices were Mrs. Lillie Meyers and Mr. Speaking from an astrological stand- | Vonderhagen, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. point, F. F. Neitzel, of Spokane, Wash., | Freda Cook, of Newport. Mrs. Marisays: "Astrology is a purely scientific | etta Smith, of Dayton, Ky., gave palm mathematical problem upon which readings at ten cents each. Although metaphysical deductions are made in | only ten cents was charged for the supper, a nice sum has been realized and accordance with an experimental knowledge of cause and effect, tested | everybody went away saying they had by ages and upheld in spite of repeated had a good time. It can be truly said it was a spiritual success, as well as oppositions from people and classes who merely lacked the ability to under- financial and social one, as the spirit stand its divine principles. Every in- | friends were present in greater numdividual on earth, consciously or uncon- bers than the mortals. Many who were sciously, is an instrument under the in- | not Spiritualists made generous dona-

fluences from the planets. Each indi- tions." vidual is susceptible to evil or to good | G. W. Renner writes from Camunder every planetary condition not in | bridge, O.; "We closed a very successharmony with the electric, magnetic or | ful engagement at Wellston and Jack stellar influence operating at birth. All son, Ohio. In fact we gave them such things on earth are shaped and moved. | a stirring up, that one of the ministers Like clay in the hands of the potter ev- got out hand bills and preached a serery individual is created, formed and | mon against the cause we all love so endowed with the breath of life. After | well.'

the image or likeness of the celestial J. A. Harris writes from Rock Springs, Texas: "I read with-interest forces the particular image or likeness formed being indicated by the relative the experience of so many intelligent position of the planets from time to people in the columns of your valuable time. The different parts of the earth | paper, and after compiling the differare ruled by different planets and signs ent views I must say it is strange that some of our foremost lecturers and meof the zodiac, the same as the different parts of the human body. Why is it diums differ so widely. I would like that some people are fortunate and othsome advocate of reincarnation to cite ers are unfortunate? There must be a | me to some spirit that has had the excause for it, for without a cause there perience of having been reincarnated. can be no effect. That there is a cause My experience with hundreds, yes, for everything, whether it is a shower thousands of spirits, warrants me in saying, that as yet there is no evidence | ter."

to sustain the fact as claimed." Captain Geo. W. Walrond of the Opera House Block, Denver, Colo., reports a greater interest than usual in Spiritualistic matters. Many meetings are held in different parts of the city and the demand for occult and Spiritualistic literature has increased tenfold. Walrond's Wednesday evening meetings seem to be popular. His Sunday evening services begin again as soon as the alterations to the Opera House Building are finished.

Virginia Barrett writes from Hecla, S. D.: "The month of February found ert every power toward the acquisition me in this little western town serving of money.'" the First Spiritual Society. Our meet-

1. Power of Co-operative Thought to whom and her mother a photographic spond to calls to lecture. Mrs. Lindsay christened it the James G. Clarke Spir- back to bed and tried to sleep. The itual Society. Mr. Clarke when in this | light reappeared. The rest of the night life was a great poet and singer. We they sat up, half frightened out of their are having some good meetings and I wits," believe will continue to do so."

> Della McKinly writes from Toledo. Ohio: "Mrs. Amanda Coffman, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has awakened 'a great interest in our midst, and many are being brought to an understanding of this beautiful truth through her ministrations. She is a wonderfully talented woman. After the lecture last Sunday Mrs. Coffman gave messages from loved ones, all being recognized by people in the audience. She came here a stranger; but has won the hearts of the people of Toledo."

G. W. Kates and wife held meetings in the Episcopal church, Aitkin, Minu., February 22 and 28 before large audiences. The church people were so interested that they donated the church free of rental. At Bemidil, the opera house was filled February 25 and 26. A local society was organized. So great was the interest that a local minister cut his services, short so he could at tend the spiritual meetings. In a personal conversation, this minister agreed with the major propositions of the Spiritual philosophy. Thus the world moves and the churches before long will accept Spiritualism as their greatest hope for organized perpetuity. troit, Mich.'

The Pittsburg (Pa.) Leader says: 'Rose Huss, aged 40 years, died at an early hour this morning at the Allegheny City Home, where she had been an inmate of the insane department since August 15, 1896. When admitted to the home she told the authorities that she had been abused by an Allegheny 'spook' or 'white liner' and that he was responsible for all her troubles."

A. B. Montgomery writes from Denver, Colo.: "The meetings of Ada Foye are growing in interest. The hall was crowded last Sunday night. She has done a great good in Denver this win-

The Detroit (Mich.) News has the following: "In reply to Mrs. Eva Pfuntner's attack on Spiritualism, Mrs. E. Stuart says: 'I wish to inform her that there are two classes-Spiritists words of hope and consolation." and Spiritualists, and evidently Mrs. The Chicago Times-Herald says: Pfuntner belougs to the former class. I deny her statement that the practice of Spiritualism makes a physical and mental wreck. She also acknowledges that she never made a convert, but she should remember the old adage, 'Physican, heal thyself.' The great trouble in this grand truth seems to be the tendency on the part of the leaders to ex-

funeral occasions whenever called. The Philosophical Society, of which we are itable meeting. In regard to our sucregular speaking for one society in Detroit, our prospects are brighter than ever before, and the best and most harmonious feeling exists between pastor and people. Societies that are continually changing speakers do not seem to be as prosperous, but we hope the experiences of the past will be productive of much good in the future. Our per-

if one has indigestion."

To the Editor:-After a pleasant stay of two weeks in Owosso, and doing

Nellie S. Baade writes from Detroit, | that society. I found my way to Paw Mich.: "In answer to many letters re- Paw just in time to be snowed under. ceived from all parts of the country as In my sketch of Lansing doings I overto dates and terms for services during looked some items of interest. Dr. Edthe present season. I would say that 1 son who has been a prominent and am speaking twice each Sunday in De- | very successful clairvoyant doctor for troit, and have been doing so since last many years, and the most successful November. Our time is all occupied, manager of affairs at Haslett Camp and we cannot make terms for Sunday that ever superintended the work there, service anywhere until after April 1, al- is still on deck and full of the spirit, in though we might arrange for week-day | spite of the evil plots of medical commeetings outside of the city, upon rea- | bines and -- marketable politicians. I sonable terms; also we will speak upon | dined with the doctor the Monday after the mid-winter meeting, and am sorry to say that Mrs. Edson was sufpastor, intends to celebrate the Anni- fering-though slowly recoveringversary of Modern Spiritualism, March | from a fractured rib, or ribs, caused by 25, and expect to have a large and prof- | a fall on the icy walk. I also spent a pleasant hour at the Industrial Home, cess as a spiritual lecturer and medium. in charge of Mrs. Damen, where a we would say, that after eight years of large class of poor children are cared for, and instructed in a variety of useful and ornamental studies, such as needle-work, cooking, art, music, etc., and the expense is contributed by voluntary generosity. This is another sug-

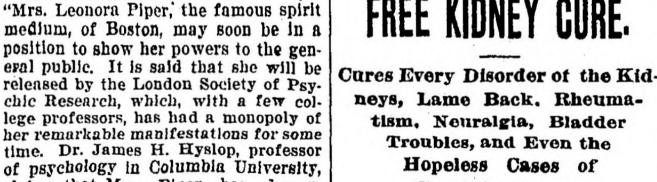
gestive sign of the times. At the meeting in the Church of Our Father, I did not observe any sign of religiophobla because we were in manent address is 411 13th street, Dechurch. Spirits seemed as much at nome there, as if it were a dingy, dark

The Wilkes Barre (Pa.) Leader says: hall, three flights toward the clouds "The funeral of Mrs. Harvey McNeal and stars; and the intellectual vigor of was held Sunday afternoon at Parsons the speakers was not inferior to the negations of a body of Agnostics, in a from her late home on Ash street. Services were conducted by the Spiritual secular apartment where God and resociety. J. R. Perry, of Wilkes Barre, ligion are spurned or ignored.

delivered the funeral address, and Mrs. Mrs. Coffman, of Grand Rapids, was Hunt, of Wilkes Barre offered prayer. the principal medium for tests. Her There was a large attendance of relawork seemed to be accepted with intives and friends, the rooms being terest and approval.

I expect to speak here, in Dr. O'Dell's crowded. No doubt some interest was aroused by the announcement that the hall, March 4 and 11. Quite a number funeral would be held under the ausof the faithful whose influence counts for the cause, are absent just now. pices of the Spiritual society of which Among them are Mr. and Mrs. E. L. deceased was a member. There was nothing, however, to suggest a depart-Warner, on a visit to the Pacific Coast, ure from usual funeral ceremonies for and Mrs. Dr. Nelson.

customs. The address of Mr. Perry was I am rallying from a four weeks' helpful at least to the husband of deslege of influenza. I am hard to kill. ceased, who was comforted by the LYMAN C. HOWE.



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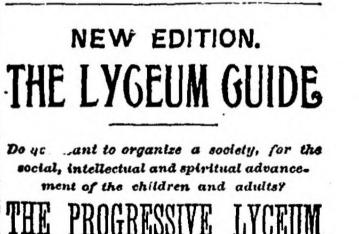
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re as a society reel deeply the loss to us of his mortal presence and direct counsel, and therefore be it resolved.

that appropriate services be held in our regular meeting hall, on February 25. 1900, at 3 p. m., when at that time and place the friends of our brother, regardless of religious opinions can have the opportuity to pay a tribute to him his kindness to every one, however they might differ from him religiously or politically."

Interviewed,' and am extremely thankful. I am confident it will be very inagain and like it very much."

The officers of the Progressive Spiritualist Church, New Orleans, La., send their endorsement of Frank T. Ripley. in consequence of his good work there. Dr. N. F. Ravlin has changed his postoffice address from 1205 Sevbert street, to 813 Broad street, Philadelphia, Pa. His correspondents will ad-

dress him accordingly. J. H. Taylor writes from Milan, Ohlo: "I am glad to see such a feast as you spread before your readers every week. The Progressive Thinker deserves all the success it has gained."

The many friends of Mrs. Mary E. Van Horn, of 555 Fifth avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., will be pained to learn that she met with a serious accident last week by being run over by a horse and buggy, and seriously hurt. She is imtime before she is again herself.

The Democrat, of Petoskey, Mich., says: "The Spiritualists of Michigan announce a three weeks' camp-meeting program, beginning on June 15, at Panshe-wa-ing, one mile from Oden. They appear to be taking time by the fore her material store, until unable longer lock and promise some wonderful things in the line of 'clairvoyant vision,' 'soul seeing' and other_seances."

L. F. M. has the following in the Chi- | to her helpfulness in their first efforts | The meetings all the season have been cago Herald: "Johnstown, Pa., will ever be remembered for its awful flood | assistance we owe our veteran workers | ident, in the Tuxedo' Building, a large, of May 31, 1899. Last summer while is too often delayed until the beautiful great disaster, but probably the most which it has blazed the way for us to cut, well presented in beautiful lanweird, if not altogether fanciful, was | follow. Let us not be late in sending | guage, and her manners gentle and that of the 'Ghost of the Great Flood' as it is called. This spirit is said to free from care and anxiety for the ne- ternoons, are in Brooklyn, returning visit the scene each year on the morning of May 31 just before sunrise, and, standing upon a rock, takes a long and sorrowful look at the valley of the Con- | Neb., in reference to a debate between | aged mother. Her receptions and her

ture entertainments. No charge. All friends and well wishers are cordially invited." The New York World says: "Rosa

Rittenberg, a young woman who lives with her mother at No. 24 East Broadway, says that she is suffering from a hypnotic spell cast upon her a year ago. by the housekeeper of a neighboring whom we all loved so well because of tenement. The mother asserts that she is also a sufferer from the same sort of witchery. 'When we met the

witch,' said Rosa, 'mother and I were Mrs. J. W. McLain of this city writes: | living in Allen street. We had been in "I received my book, "The Next World | this country only a short time. There are plenty of witches in our own country, but they never bothered us. The teresting. I am reading Art Magic | witch would put her hands out before one's face and the person could not

move. She did this to my mother and me one day more than a year ago. She left us with our blood cold in our veins. We have not seen her since, but often we feel her presence. She comes in the spirit at night and we can feel her. She sends poisoned air down the chimney. What we want is that she shall | The society was well pleased with his be made to remove the spell from us.'

W. FlizHugh Smith writes: "The

masquerade given by the Sunflower So-

tainment of the season. The four prizes

characters were awarded to the various

aspirants, with such good judgment

that everybody was pleased with them-

selves and the judges. The pext meet-

and daughter were hypnotized and left in the hypnotic state. He says he will speak of the good work he is doing, as arrange with a friend of his to try to he is so well known among Spiritualdehypnotize them."

Mrs. C. D. Prudens writes from St. Paul, Minn.: "I note in the columns of phis, Tenn.: "The cause is showing a first-class test medium to follow the the Spiritualist press a letter from the signs of revival. A new era is dawnveteran worker in our beloved cause of ling. An election of officers here re- dates open for June, September, and Spiritualism, Mrs. Frances A. Logan, sulted in Dr. Phillips being made pres- half of October; some dates for 1901. requesting financial aid to enable her to ident-the right man in the right place. publish her poems, and I trust that the He is a regular physician. He was proving slowly, but it will be a long Spiritualists of America will respond long ago ordained a minister in the, very flourishing gondition. We have a most generously. This noble woman | Episcopal Church in England. He is an | good membership and much interest is has devoted the best of her life to the accomplished scholar, a good physician cause of Spiritualism, aiding new be- and a true gentleman, kind and gentle the time. Address communications to ginners to develop their mediumship. to all he meets. We need more such she has given freely from her bountiful

store of spiritual food ,as well as from to meet her daily wants and supply her humble home with the necessities of life. Hundreds of mediums can testify

our share to make her declining years | lady-like. Her services this month, afcessities of life. Her address is 1218 for the evening back to New York. She Railroad avenue, Alameda, Cal." A. B. Child writes from Holbrook, Maryland, attending the wants of her

ings, Sunday and Wednesday, have been largely attended, and many good seeds sown. I organized a Sundayto Aberdeen, S. D., to serve the friends there. For engagements address me at 819 East 16th street, Indianapolis.

Ind." Mr. Crawford writes from Yorktown Ind.: "Mrs. L. N. Claman, of Louisville. Ky.: was here Feb. 21, and delivered a lecture on 'Spiritualism and Its Mission,' which was highly appreciated. This is her second visit here. She will be with us again about April 1. We employ none but the best speakers. Much good is being done for the cause in our little town of only about 800 inhabit

ants." J. Lyons, secretary, writes from New Orleans, La.: "Frank T. Ripley was with us during December and January. work. We have now with us F. Cor--Lawyer Friend believes that mother den White who will remain during are inclosed. Many who have had March. It would be superfluous to

ists throughout the United States." Dr. Isaac S. Lee writes from Mem-

presidents." Mrs. J. R. Atwell writes from New York: "This winter my home is in the great metropolis, and I have improved

every moment of my time in seeking the great truths that comfort me most. (the writer among the number). The | conducted by Mrs. M. J. Newton, presmakes weekly visits to her, home in

"On Feb. 16, Prof. Harrison D. Barrett, careful man of science that death is of Boston. Mass., delivered one of the | not the end of life, and that men's souls school and we held morning meetings ablest discourses ever given here in the abide after the dissolution of their bod- A Trial Case of This Remarkable at Sister Armstrong's. I go from here | interest of Spiritualism. Mr. Barrett's straight-to-the-point lecture on 'How Do We Know,' seemed to be just what was needed to convince the people that our religion is a practical reality, to be

lived moment by moment; that in doing this each one becomes his own personal savior. The address throughout was scholarly, instructive and eloquent."

The Louisville (Ky.) Post says: "Detective Dee Armstrong, of Louisville, who is working on the Goebel murder, will have a vast collection of Frankfort letters when the mystery is finally solved. Every mail brings him scores

of communications from trance mediums, mind readers, Spiritualists and fortune tellers in every part of the country, all undertaking to tell who killed the Senator. In most of these accurate descriptions of the assassin dreams after reading of the crime also write."

W. L. Albee, president, writes from Buffalo, N. Y .: "The First Spiritual Church Society of Buffalo is in need of pastor, Moses Hull. We have some We want'a test medium, or first-class

trumpet medium. Our society is in a shown. We are making converts all me in care of A. G. Atcheson, 278 N. Division street."

The News York Journal says: "William Healey, a former resident of Cheshire, Conn., died lately in Wolcott, Mass. When the grave was ready and the coffin had been lowered, the priest decided that Healey was not a communicant of the Catholic church and refused to allow the body to be buried beautifully furnished hall. Miss Mar- in consecrated ground. On Father Crovisiting that city I gathered many in- spirit that animates the physical body garet Gaule, of Baltimore, is speaker | nin's 'orders the coffin was pulled up teresting facts and reminiscences of the | has flown to its reward, the goal to | and test medium. Her tests are clean | and the grave refilled. Persons living near the church declare that they saw Healey's ghost wandering about the church trying the doors."

Theodore Terry, Zanesville, Ohio, its of the so-called dead do live and writes: "There is considerable interestmanifested in Spiritualism in Zanes- messages from brighter lands than ville, and no medium of good repute ours." fails to meet with success. During the emaugh and Stony Creek and the beau- D. W. Hull and Bev. Adams, the Ad- at-homes, Thursday afternoons, are at- past few years Sanceville has been vis-

claims that Mrs. Piper has demon-K. L. H. writes from Fenton, Mich.: | strated to his entire satisfaction as a jes. Mrs. Piper's following is unique among the believers in Spiritualism. Many of the most brilliant men of sci-

ence in this country and in Great Britain have been convinced by her of the existence of another world. Of these may be mentioned the great Prof. Willlam Crookes and Prof. James of Harvard. Of late she has been under the care of the American branch of the

London Society of Psychic Research, and an account of the marvels that attended her was published last spring by Professor Hyslop and Richard Hodgson."

The Philadelphia Record says: "The will of Thomas B. Watford, a wellknown Spiritualist, who died while -temporarily residing in Moorestown, N J., was filed with the Register of Wills. and, in disposing of an estate valued at \$8,200, gives \$300 to the Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows; \$300 to the Odd Fellows' Orphanage upon condition that they keep up the sign on lot No. 299 in Mount Peace Cemetery, bearing the words, "City. of London

Lot," and see that none but orphans of Odd Fellows are buried in same lot. To provide for keeping the lot in good condition he bequeaths \$1,000 to the cemetery company. The residuary estate is to be used for purchasing books upon the philosophy of Spiritualism, which are to be placed where they can be free to all 'who desire to think for themselves and are seeking the truth from the true and living God.""

M. F. Newcomb writes: "I have been much instructed by the discussion concerning a declaration for the N. S. A. Have wondered that some of them have not put forward a postulate that all true Spiritualists can subscribe to and adopt as their own. In the absence of anything else I send the following: 1-We know and understand that the higher attributes and powers claimed by the religions of the world for their Gods are inherent in the forces and principles of nature, and

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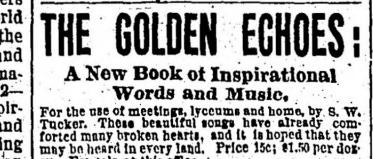
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NOTE.-The Questions and Auswers have called forth such a host of respondents, that to give all equal hear- heavy table. This correspondent may ing compels the answers to be made in | not be anxious to become a medium, the most condensed form, and often but she is already one, as the facis clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this stated clearly show, and has only to sertive, which of all things is to be dep- | same explanation applies.

recated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of in- by a "wise man" of the church that quiry. The supply of matter is always there are no educational institutions several weeks ahead of the space given, in this country where the Bible is not and hence there is unavoidable delay. | read, and prayers said by a chaplain or Every one has to wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal favor.

NOTICE-No attention will be given their doctrines on the people, over-rid-Anonymous letters. Full name and ad- | ing the strict enactments of the laws of dress must be given, or the letters will the land, nearly all the colleges have not be read. If the request be made, been established for the explicit purthe name will not be published. The pose of propagating peculiar denominacorrespondence of this department has tional dogmas and consequently every become excessively large, especially let- means for so doing. Yet there are ters of inquiry requesting private an- many great institutions of learning swers, and while I freely give what- where the preacher and the Bible have ever information I am able, the ordl- no recognition, nary courtesy of correspondents is ex-HUDSON TUTTLE. pected.

E. D. M.: Q. Why do so many spirits when they come the first time through a medium impersonate their death conditions or what is called throwing off law are constantly defied and plous these conditions? Is it impossible for school teachers in many of our common them to advance until this has been ac- school-houses read the Bible, offer praycomplished?

ical conditions has nothing whatever to | impunity, because the indifference of do with the advancement of the spirit. the people keeps them from protesting. the meeting was adjourned until A spirit can receive no benefit by coming under the influence of the earth-

sphere, although this has been taught

fit for food, yet we must admit that it becomes saturated with polsonous product, the effect of which must be more or less unwholesome, and which cannot be foreknown.

Mrs. G. S. Perry: Q. Our circle of four members sat at a very heavy table that we were unable to move at all. The First Spiritualist Progressive The strange part of the sitting was that Lyceum of Muncie, Ind., celebrated its I began to be pushed forward and back. fifth anniversary in the Bishop Block in the rocking chair in which I sat. Hall on Sunday, February 18, 1900. This was continued at other sittings. The morning, though somewhat cold, was made beautiful with a bright sun

Then we sat at a light cherry stand, which at once tipped and responded to questions. I am not anxious to become Address him at Berlin, Heights, Ohio, a medium, but want to know what it | Special pains had been taken to notify means.

the various lyceums throughout the A. It is very plain that the spirits at- | State of the event, and the result was a tending found that they could more kindly response by representative parreadily rock the chair than move the ties from all quarters, making the celebration one surpassing by far our brightest anticipations. Conductor Brother John Loth made an address of welcome, which added forced brevity. Proofs have to be omit- continue its cultivation, to excel. Such new lustre to the already happy faces. ted, and the style becomes thereby as: manifestations 'are common and the He was followed by our ever active coworker, Dr. J. H. Mendenhall, who pre-

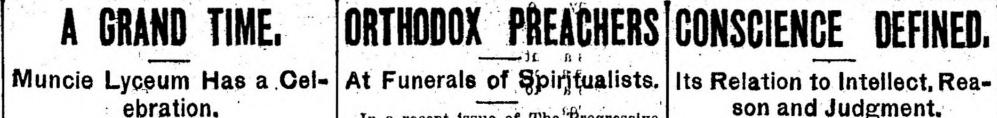
sented the audience with a brilliant ac-Mrs. Wm. Liddicoat: Q. I am told count of the origin of the lyceum in the Orient countries as schools for literary improvement, and also its introduction, character and purposes in the Western World. His statement made brief clergyman in a chapel. Is this correct? reference to the various authors who A. It is too true that the churches have taken a deep interest in lyceum have grasped every opportunity to force work, and concluded with a thrilling account of our home lyceum and its

progress. All the usual exercises common this class of physical and mental culture were carried to perfection, the different branches being interspersed with the best of musical talent, both vocal and instrumental. When the time came for the grand march, superintended by Capt. Bro. T. S. Fisher, a

Girard is one; Smithsonian another, mental breeze seemingly touched every and there is not a medical or scientific brow with a sense of delight, and now school or college that opens its sessions the vast congregation was seen properly positioned, with silken banners

with the prayer of a chaplain. The common schools of this country are by law held exempt from all religious influence, yet the plain provisions of the ers, and learn the children to sing A. The return and subjection to phys- church hymns, defying the law with

> 7:30 p. m. M. E. G. Hitchcock: Q. Will you tell At the appointed hour a large au-



and clear sky, and at 9:30 a. m. the

large hall was crowded to overflowing.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

In a recent issue of The Progressive Thinker I noticed a communication from the pen of Mrs. Mollie, E. Kratz, of Evansville, Ind., Which, I think should engage the serious aftention of every true and sincere Spiritualist. Mrs. Kratz complains of several prominent Spiritualists who in their earth life were outspoken and fearless friends of the truths and philosophy of Spirit-ualism; but upon the occasion of their funerals, the services of orthodox over their remains.

Now I, as one of the millions of sincere Spiritualists, desire to know, that ualism are good enough to live by, in the name of all that is good, beautiful every Spiritualist to die by? If not, will some one tell me why not?

The greatest argument ever made by | portant part in the conduct of men. but orthodox Christians is, that no difference what a human soul has believed or proclaimed as the truth in the earth life, when he comes to dle he is compelled to fall back upon orthodox Chris- the claims of intellect and the religious tianity to be saved. This false and nature of man; and if we could penepreposterous claim has been made by trate the prehistoric period, we might the lying orthodox clergy concerning nearly all the great thinkers and infidels of the past, including Thomas

Paine, Voltaire and others; and if the same claim has not yet been made of the great Ingersoll, it is because he has not been dead long enough yet for them to risk the statement, as there are yet in the earth life witnesses who could and would refute their lying statements.

sire that no orthodox minister shall repeat any of his cant and hypocrisy over my earthly remains, and to insure that and flags for active duty, and for full this desire shall not miscarry, I have fifty minutes each participant seemed provided in my last, will and testament to vie with each other for victory in that a Spiritualistic speaker, who has timely step and graceful carriage. The a knowledge of the facts, truths and lyceum had secured the services of the nhilosophy of Spiritualism, shall be prowidely famed psychometrist and platcured to speak works of comfort and form' test medium, Sister Josephine consolation to the dear ones I may Ropp, and with the announcement that leave behind. For this purpose I have she would serve in the evening session, set apart in my last will a sum of twenmiscarry or be disregarded.

may render said services at my funeral. and this sense of certain obligations to- broken up, by myself and husband he- doesn't it? Well, don't grieve about-In my opinion it is essential to the to the end. To insure this consummahave done, so that their wishes in re- God. gard to this important matter may not

To the Editor:-In a recent issue of your valuable paper you published an article by a brother, in which he objects not only to the use of the word = "conscience," but insists that in truth there is no such thing as conscience. In all kindness I wish to say that our friend is simply taking the opposite extreme from a great many men who insist that conscience is "everything"preachers were procured to pay tribute | the judge, the jury, and the whole array of counsel besides.

son and Judgment.

DEFINED.

If you will grant me the space, perhaps the thoughts I wish to express if the truths and philosophy of Spirit- | might help Mr. Baldwin, as well as others, who are more or less at sea concerning the true functions of conand true, are they not good enough for science I shall, of course, start out with the premise that man has a conscience, and that it plays a very im-

that it does not decide which is right or wrong. Man is the possessor of two powers-the intellectual and the moral. The great conflict of our day is between trace the same warfare to the very cradle of humanity. Let us define these

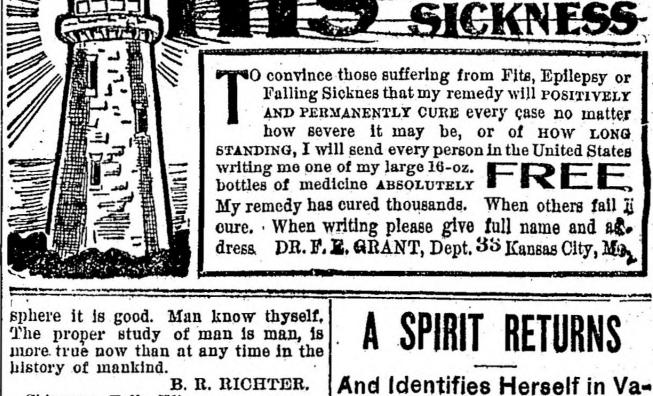
two powers: First: Intellect embraces the reason, the understanding and the judgment. The moral power on the other hand embraces the innate religious faculty, or nature and conscience. Now, if cognition and judgment belong to conscience, we must cease throwing the intellectual and moral powers into different When my earth life is ended, I de- categories. This we cannot do, as we must admit that man is endowed with

an innate religious nature, and that the cognitive powers. There is a theistic intuition dwelling

in every human soul, and there are theistic conclusions deduced from the ty-five dollars besides traveling ex. tions of dependence and obligation to- chance for helping others. penses, to be paid to the person who ward that Being. This feeling of God.

be "hiding our light under a bushel" | through the mediumship of the welldid I not make make known some facts known medium, P. L. O. A. Keeler. which have transpired in our home cir- The message was as follows: religious nature is, and always has cle during the past year. For years I "Well, well, is not this simply won-been antithetical, or contrary to the have been a Spiritualist in thought and derful, that the ordeal of death has not knowledge, but like many others I still changed me. Can you realize it? I acceded to the requests of the orthodox | find that life goes right on, in or out ofoctopus called church. A little more the mortal body, only I do feel so quickthan a year ago I began to investigate | ened. I seem so light, and it is so easy myriad phenomena which surround us Spiritualism and praise all the powers to come and go. It is no wonder people

in nature. It is thus that the being of | of light and progression, I shall ever be | find it so hard to realize that we are God stands revealed to us. All men in- | glad I made the resolution, realizing | alive after the mortal life, for when we stinctively feel that they stand in rela- that in developing our powers lay our see persons go through the struggle of mortal death, and see them laid away, At first our circles were somewhat | it does seem as if it is the last of them,



CORFALLING-

rious Ways.

Mrs. Iuez L. Brown, passed on, having

been a Spiritualist all her life, being

quite well informed in the philosophy

fourth day after her demise she gave

her husband and myself a message by

independent slate-writing, in daylight,

On December 25, 1899, my daughter,

Chippewa Falls, Wis.

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Obtained.

I have never before asked admittance at two o'clock'p. m., the slates not leavto this most valuable space, but under ing our hands or sight until the mesthe circumstances considered it would sage was complete, in the presence and

by many. Often a spirit has a desire [(Lock of hair enclosed.) to communicate some special information, or confess some wrong, and is re- child is too young to determine his ca- a brief explanation of some of the phelieved by successfully performing the reer. His future depends largely on his nomena of Spiritualism and what task. The contact with physical life is, immediate training and surroundings. however, of itself, not advantageous. His world is one of sympathy and affec-That life has passed out of the mind | tion and he should be led by the gentle | He then introduced her to the congrelike a dream, and the new existence force of love. Whatever his parents broadens into infinite vistas. When a wish him to become they may now spirit finds a medium it can influence, it | shape his mind to follow their desires. is not a one-sided affair, the medium re- | He has a strong will, which will in due ceiving the thoughts and controlled by | time develop a self-reliant character. -the will of former, but there is mutual His physical welfare should receive reaction, and the spirit takes on the more attention than his mental, for his condition of the medium, and yet more, sensitive organization is as susceptible by association the last experiences of its to physical influences as his mind is to earth-life. In the subtle and obscurely | spiritual, and by exercise, fresh air and understood relations between the two, their thoughts and feelings become common, and the medium is led to enact the thoughts of the spirit. This is not confined to the first time the spirit controls, for it may be specially produced as a test for identification at any time,

It is difficult, perhaps impossible, for jured wheat this year. The weather a spirit passing from earth life by a violent or painful death not to have the | tially recovered by sending out suckers, sensations of its last earthly experience | but these will be in dauger of the spring revived in itself and reflected on the brood of the fly. There are two broods medium when it thus comes in direct re- a year. The one in the fall deposits its lation with the earth sphere. This is eggs low down on the leaf, and the quite distinct from that form of imper- | worm hatching thereupon works its sonation which by magnetic control | way to the joint near the roots. The causes the medium to imitate the death scene as a test of identity. One is under the direct control of the spirit and the other is not.

O. K.," Cassadaga, N. Y.: Q. What was the origin of the seemingly meaningless "O. K.," signifying "correct," "first-class," etc,?

A. It is said the imperfect spelling of the original John Jacob Astor, whose money-getting was superior to his education, is responsible for this abreviation. He was looked upon as authority as to the financial standing of traders, and when letters of inquiry were sent him, if the character of the writer was satisfactory to him, he would write the cabalistic sign O. K., which he supposed were the initials of "All Correct."

O. C. Lea, Iowa: Q. (1) Why do spirits disagree, especially as to the existence of animals in spirit life and re- Piper, made famous by the Psychic Reincarnation?

what proof is there that it will live forever?

transformed into spirit, will not the time come when this process will end and there would be no material universe but all spirit?

me what the boy is best adapted for

A. This remarkably finely organized

highest possible standard of health. "Farmer," Castalia, O.: The hessian

fly is said to have been imported into this country as early as the revolution- loved ones "over there." The whole ary war. You say it has greatly inwas so favorable that the plants par-

second brood hatch from these in spring, and lay their eggs in the second joint. This causes the stalk to wither. and fall, or "crinkle." If "farmer" wishes to save his wheat from spring

attack, he should pray for changeable spring weather, by which the brood may be brought forth by warm days, and killed by frosty nights.

PSYCHIC RESEARCH.

Mrs. Piper.

Prof. Hyslop, professor of logic and

search Society. His "researches" have,

leading New York papers.

he wants to raise \$50,000 a year for the | the National Association by their influ-

Mendenhall made a short address, stating the object of the meeting, with might be expected on the occasion through the auspices of Sister Ropp. gation, by which she was received with great applause.

For one full hour Sister Ropp entertained the audience to the fullest satisfaction with her life readings and descriptions of departed loved ones. The lyceum had also procured the

services of Sister N. L. Claman, of Louisville, Ky., for Monday and Tuesday evenings. Suffice it to say Sister pure food, should be kept up to the Claman was on hand, and at the Ball College she entertained large audiences with a brilliant discourse. She followed her arguments by psychometrical read-

ings and clairvoyant descriptions of the course of exercises was a grand success. LAURA M. FISHER, Sec'y.

From the N. S. A. Home Office. To the Editor:-The N. S. A. extends thanks to you, and to its friends of the Spiritual press for all courtesy shown to ship. it all times, and on all occasions. We have to report that the affairs at this office are moving on smoothly, and although we do not have subscriptions to the Home Fund come in as freely as we desire, yet those that do come, bring such a wave of sympathy and good cheer, that they encourage and bless thousands of dollars to secure before the ten thousand are raised, but we hope that the friends in the cause who have not yet made their donations will tees. Mr. E. Joines, Milton Junction;

New York sent half it had in its treas- done in many years, and many of the ury, for the same worthy object. One old workers are gone, yet if the friends a great institution of learning, received of "begging" for the rest of our days in intention to hold mass meetings, conunusual notice by the secular press, his this office. We do not like to solicit (3) If matter is being constantly reports having been published in the money all the time, but the Spiritualists have not made it possible to do other-Like most new converts he is enthu- wise; if all who can afford to give one siastic, and has become so zealous that | dollar would do so, and would dignify

PHILIP LAMNECK. Port Washington, Ohio.

WISCONSIN WORK.

Notes from Geo. H. Brooks.

has kept me on the jump all of the bility. time. Then within six weeks I have been called upon to officiate at four funerals, all of persons whom I had known many years, and some of them in my earlier experience in medium-A IN THE TWAN COM

February 19, 21, 22 and 23; 1 held meetings in the Spiritual Temple in Whitewater, Wis. While there I or- is an attribute of intellect, as conganized what will be known as the science is an attribute of the soul. Con-South-western Spiritualists' Associa- science, however, is true to its rule. tion of Wisconsin, with headquarters at Whatever is set up by the intellect as sacred precincts of the pulpit he has the curtain. I held a writing pad for it Whitewater. The following were the standard of right, conscience whips chosen as officers: President, Morris | its possessor into submission; but intelthe recipients. We have yet several Pratt, Whitewater, Wis.; vice-presi- lect is fallible, hence the practical dent, F. L. Preston, Beloit, Wis.; secre- standards of one man, or one tribe, tary. G. W. Young, Whitewater; treas- may not be the practical standards of his pretensions, the whole dominated est child. It was the happiest moment urer, Mr. Watson, Whitewater. Trusnot hesitate longer but will send in Mr. Fox, Waukesha; Mr. Smith, Janes- Until the reflective intellect has been very clear that T. DeWitt came into then to believe her in a hell in which to what they can, be it much or little, for ville; L. H. Warren, Albany; Mrs. Col- brought into active and continual exer- this world a century too late. The pre- suffer eternally. all will help to swell the fund, and ton, Palmyra; Mr. J. A. Young, Brod- cise, the religious feelings sway the vailing influences of civilization will How much more exalted opinion we Prof. Hysiop's Work with bring it nearer to success. One friend head. While the outlook perhaps is life of man with transcendent potency. not permit the full scope of enjoyment can have of an overruling power that in Los Angeles sends a dollar each not the most encouraging, as there has They dominate all his judgment and all which his priestly arrogance would in- bestows such blessings upon us. The month to the Home fund; one society in | not been any work in the Spiritual line | his acts. ethics of Columbia University, in con- little girl sent twenty cents, and with in the six counties taken in by this as- comes religious fanaticism, and here we nection with Mr. Hodgson, has been in- it a nice letter that made us happy to sociation will work with a will, some- find an explanation to the blind zeal of vestigating the mediumship of Mrs. receive it. Now, if every one will do as thing can be done. Mr. Pratt is anx- the church from its earliest infancy. At well according to their means we will jous for the work to be done, and sure- times upon questions which lay quite the blood and breath from their help- "Dear Papa and Dear Billy: Never

The reason recognizes certain necesand wrong. The understanding apprehends relations existing between certain acts and these standards, and judgment affirms a compatibility, or incompatibility. Now conscience in its essential character becomes a weakened | Indians, one handling hot lamp chim- this. Bless my little baby boy. Was it sensibility.

We may style the whole of this com- girl, Mayflower. I write under control. here! Loving wife, plex operation an act of conscience, but | Frequently the girls see spirits and are if so, conscience would mean not only | helped by them at school. Not long ago, I have never been busier in my life | a moral sensibility, but also include the | one morning very early, I saw a control than the last two months. My work whole set of mental activities con- of one of my daughters plainly, she for the Unity Society and in the state | cerned in the excitement of that sensi- | telling me afterward who it was. It

> ence of a standard of right and wrong, and an accompanying impulse to bring our actions into conformity to that

standard; but the moral criterion is not discovered by conscience; it does not discern the standard, the existence of which it acknowledges. Discernment

This predominance of the religious feelings untempered by intellect besoon have enough in our treasury to by if the friends will only assist, there beyond the jurisdiction of religion, con-(2) If the spirit does live after death, because of his prestige as professor in keep us from the disagreeable necessity can be a glorious work done. It is the science did not protest, because whatever the religious nature of man could ventions and grove meetings as often | lay hold of and appropriate was right | a few mediums. There was the Quaker | you here. Come often. I am so glad as possible and in this way waken the and good in the eyes of conscience. It heretic to be looked after. The glory you know all about this. You must be slumbering interests, and call the peo- protested only when its sacred things of God must be maintained. With a happy for we shall meet you again. ple together. It will be some time ere were torn from it, vulgarized and banthe machinery will be running, but if died about from crucible to retort, until worthy of a Demosthenes, T. DeWitt The following Monday night we took run with what may be done the divinity which was in them es- might have led forth the people who the baby and its grandmother to Mr. A. (1) Spirits disagree because they purpose of defraying the expenses of ence and aid, we would have a working the future, the friends will only work, caped as gas, steam or electricity. We with him, trained under the soul-saving Keeler's, and she put out through the

ward him is the essence of universal ing away. As time went on and we me, Will. Just feel that I have only diffusion of the truths of Spiritualism, religion. Conscience, the companion were more at home, we have pro- gone on a little while ahead. Earth that we show to the world at large that | feeling, prompts to a discharge of duty | gressed rapidly. By August we got | life at the very longest is not much, and we as Spiritualists are absolutely con- toward God, as well as toward man. | table-tippings so questions could be an- all can realize it. We will be one here, vinced of the facts as demonstrated by This places conscience as a constituent swered. We sat both at home and and laugh and talk of the life and our beautiful philosophy, and that we of the religious nature of man. It is an away, but finding that our guides were scenes of earth, Things here seem very maintain the courage of our convictions attribute of the soul. It is obvious that not pleased at our going away, and hav- like the earth sphere. There is a sort conscience, as an attribute, acts only ing a good medium for developing of buoyancy to everything so noticetion I advise every true and sincere in correlation with other powers of the boarding with us, we remained at home able, but generally the appearance of Spiritualist to make provisions as I soul, but it does not in itself rise to entirely, sitting regularly twice a week. things is much the same. I want you to Since last November my husband and go right along and be as happy as you four of my daughters have been con- can, and not look upon disease as such sary and infallible standards of right | trolled at various times, one daughter | a dreadful thing, as most folks do. You only thirteen years old having for her will feel better. Come to the circle, control, Sir Samuel Baker, another, though. Perhaps I can write you a bet-,

Abraham Lincoln; both of them give | ter letter with my materialized hand. good descriptions. There are quite a I will try to-night. I am glad to see

Conscience is a feeling of the exist- weary anyone, I remain as ever, yours for the good of humanity.

MRS. O. S. CRANE. Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Christian Herald.

splendid voice in praise, and shouting ity demonstrated. bodies of witches (mediums), crushing | could see as she wrote: piety unimpeachable and a voice We shall all be happy.

number of lesser controls for all, some dear father here. Tell mamma all neys while under control of an Indian too cold to bring him? Charlie is not "INEZ L. BROWN." The following Wednesday evening she materialized her hand and arm. at

Mr. Keeler's light seance, and wrote the was Mayflower. Hoping this will not following in a light in which we could see to read: "Dear Billy, and dear father, every

one of you, can you realize that I am not really gone from you? Death has taken me from your sight, but I still see An Open Letter to the Editor of you, so to me there is no seeming separation, as there is to you. Loving

"INEZ L. BROWN." By the Christian Herald of this date The above was put out through the I notice that Talmage, the original T. | curtain by the materialized hand. Then DeWitt, is at it again. Within the the hand beckoned me to come up to spoken words, cold and heartless, mis- to write. I took hold of the hand; it representation, deliberate, premedi- | was warm and "natural as in life. It tated falsehood, disclosing stupidity patted me on the head and cheek. She and ignorance inexcusable for one of was my only daughter, and the younganother. The power of conscience is by vicious hatred and vengeance to- of my life to know she lived, and could measured by the strength of intellect. ward Spiritualists and mediums. It is come to us. Certainly more consoling

> dicate. Had he lived in the days of heart overflows with emotion of true Cotton Mather he could have raised his | thankfulness and praise for immortal-

hosannas to the Lord God Almighty, as | She then wrote on the pad I held for they piled the slabs high up on the her with the hand, the following. All

less bodies. But the joy to this precious | again think of me as dead. I live and priestly T. DeWitt Talmage would not see you all. I see, dear, I am growing have ended in crushing out the lives of strong. I am glad. I wanted to see INEZ."

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| | that sum is no more than enough for | | Let me hear from the different places | nature of man retaliated these en- | banner of theology, and with a loud, curtain the following writt | en message: |
| of animals in spirit life, and reincarna- | the purpose. He wants \$1,500 a year | drawn, without resorting to continual | in the south-western part of the state, | | | re are all of |
| tion has been already discussed at | to pay Mrs. Piper's salary, for giving | solicitations to the public for help. | | croachments. | righ God and loving sesus, the doomed in and that doon habert D | |
| length. | her time to the Society. | However, we are strong in the belief | and as soon as possible I will arrange | | victims of heresy, the Guakers, are led hand Ohl hand I mont the | |
| (2) It is true that the existence of a | Spiritualists with no more than ordi- | that the N S A is here for a good | for a meeting of some kind. Send all | trail. We are only too well acquainted | to the ganows. The scene closes with the | |
| spirit after the death of the physical | nary opportunities for observation and | work and to stay and we are pushing | letters and telegrams to my Milwaukee | with it. Conscience surely was not the | upturned face, and with fervent voice little darling one good hug | |
| hody does not prove its eternal continu- | reading, will on perusing Prof. Hyslop's | on with our afforts to bloss the cause | address, 558 Milwaukee street. | arbitrator in those dark days. | this man of God returns thanks to the darling child grow up kno | wing that 1 |
| | reports, fail to find the least fact, or | | Milwaukee, Wis. G. H. BROOKS. | "Faith is a blind love and asks no | most High "for the privileges that we, am not dead, only gone b | efore. Oh! |
| | | | | questions about the worth of its ob- | thy servants enjoy in fiving infidels how happy I am that you | came to- |
| | suggestion that is new, or that has not | | A QUESTION. | ject. Intellect is all eye and has no | and all for thy glory and the love of night. I was just longing t | |
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| | dawn of Spiritualism. The Psychic Re- | | | heart to be touched by the sorrows of | Christ. Amen." J. G. little Glenn, I love you an | |
| which run into space and along the por- | search Society is well enough for the | thorized to collect funds for the N. | Is there a God above | a blighted affection." But we are not | Richmond, Ind. and papa and mother, and | |
| tion which is visible to us, they con- | benefit of those interested, but if Spir- | S. A. | With power supreme, | to suppose that these facts deprive us | | BROWN." |
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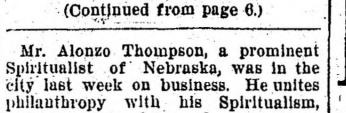
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GENERAL SURVEY.

and by so doing has made a great success in life. S. J. Wright, of Paris, Texas, was in

the city last week. He is not only a Spiritualist, but one of the substantial men of the State.

L. L. Bair, of Findlay, O., writes: "Mrs. Hibbits, of Muncle, Ind., will hold a few seances here during the nonth."

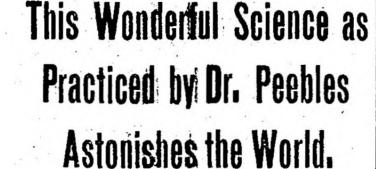
Monimia Macdonald writes from Muncie, Ind.: "I wish to make a statement in behalf of Rev. Harry Moore, the pastor of the Muncie Spiritualist Society of last year. There seems to be a misunderstanding in regard to it. He resigned as postor for this year, for he wished to be free to go and come as he liked. His best wishes are for the welfare of the society in Muncle. We have been having interesting meetings all this winter."

Mrs. Marian Carpenter writes from Lewiston, Mich.: "While Mr. Carpenter and myself were home in Detroit, the last two weeks of February, I gave two lectures for the independent Spiritual Society (which is well officered, with Mr. Ladd as president, and Mrs Knowles as secretary) to crowded houses. Two receptions were given me -one by Mrs. Ferris and Mrs. Craw ford, two rising mediums of the city. In a few well-chosen words Mrs. Ferris presented the writer with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, after which refreshments were served. About sixty were present. Also one by Mrs

have availed little, and the members of | of a bountiful repast that had been prethe Los Angeles Ministerial Union real- pared. Among the guests were Mr. izing that the prayers of the righteous and Mrs. Bayle. Mr. Boyle is one of man availeth much, have decided to of- | Detroit's most noted and beloved mefer supplication for much needed show- diums, and he has done much to place ers. The question of whether to pray Spiritualism on a higher plane. Mr. or whether not to pray for rain was dis- Carpenter and myself expect to be lodiscussed at length and with much ani- | cated permanently in Detroit by next mation at the meeting held this morn- fall. The call is growing in Michigan ing at the Y. M. C. A. by the Ministe- as never before. My permanent adrial Union. Many opinions were ex- dress is 58 West Columbia street, De-

Angeles flocks. It was finally decided | W. F. Barker writes: "Dr. Talmage to unite with the Christian women who | says Spiritualism destroys both body





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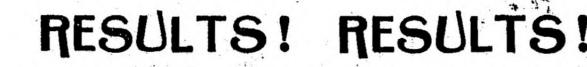
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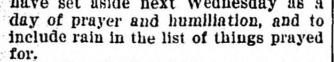
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to whether we need rain at all. We next two chapters?" need many other things. We need to pray to God that men may be made righteous and all things needful will be added." Another pastor said:

"I believe in praying for rain. It is pleasing in the sight of God that we should show our faith by asking publicly for what we need. God answered our prayers for showers last year, although some say it was but a coincidence, and He will do it again." Another stated that he thought it of vital importance that every effort should be put forth to secure rain for Southern California. The speaker closed by saying that he had 2,000 acres of land sown to grain. The Rev. Will A Knighten said:

"God in His judgment will do what is right about the rain. If we had been more righteous since last season when we prayed for rain, He might have sent us more this year."

The Rev. C. C. Pierce also thought it more necessary to ask for righteousness than for rain. The Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker said: "I believe the old statement that necessity is the mother of invention. God has led us forth in the world of science by means of our needs. Three years of drouth may be God's way of leading us to invent a way of making rain for ourselves. It is better for us to saw our own wood than to ask God to saw it for us. If rain is best for us God will send it."

Other pastors also expressed themselves forcibly on the hubject. The pastors and Christian people will devote next Wednesday to supplications for showers upon a thirsty land. A committee consisting of the Rev. Bruce, the Rev. Hendry and W. D. Ball was appointed to see that the Christians of Southern California are notified of the "day of prayer for missions, Sabbath keeping, for right use of wealth and political power and for rain." The Rev. | earth. A. Hardle read an interesting paper on "The Fatherhood Theory of the Atonement."

believed God answered the prayers of the people; suffice to-say prayer availed nothing whatever in bringing rain to the famished earth in Southern California. neither will all the prayers made this year bring rain. God will not break a single planetary law to cause rain to fall. Rain will only come through the natural laws which blend. in conjunction with the governing fixed laws in all parts of the earth. God sends rains on the unjust as well as the just without making any distinction. The wicked flourish in the world as well as the righteous. Seed time and harvest is promised, generally speaking, throughout the whole earth. O ye faithless, why do ye doubt? It appears that God would be humiliated by such gross ignorance on the part of the people to ask for the great governing laws of the universe to be broken to give a certain portion of the earth rain when the conditions are not made to bring rain; whenever conditions are made through natural forces or through science there is enacted a law by which rain comes to the different parts of the earth. N. A. STEVENS.

have set aside next Wednesday as a and soul. Brother Francis, if it deday of prayer and humiliation, and to stroys our souls, we will escape Talinclude rain in the list of things prayed | mage's orthodox hell, won't we? and won't that be grand? 'Talmage takes

The Rev. F. M. Larkin was strong in his text from I. Samuel. 28:7. The Wohis opposition to the motion to pray for man of Endor was called by him a rain. The Rev. Larkin thought that | witch (not by the Bible). Saul went to God has placed the moral conditions of her, and she told him he would die tothis world in the hands of man, while morrow. She seems to have been a he has kept the physical conditions in | truthful medium, for Saul was found his own hands. The minister thought on the battlefield the next day dead. it was better for man to attend to his | Now why does Talmage denounce this own work and let God do the same. "I medium, and not even mention the ocam in doubt," said the Rev. Larkin, "as | currence which took place in the very

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At her home, 661 Milwaukee street. Milwaukee, Wis., Friday evening, Feb. 28, Mrs. Mabel Peacock Smith left her worn-out body to take up her residence in spirit life. She was one of the pioneers of Wisconsin, arriving in the territory in 1847. She had been a Spiritualist for many years, and a member of the Unity Society in Milwaukee, and was ever active in the work. She was one who helped those in need. She was

always cheeful and helpful. The funeral was held at her residence, Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and the writer, a friend of many years, offered the consolation which Spiritualism

gives on all such occasions. G. H. BROOKS.

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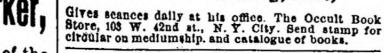
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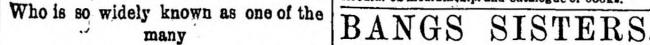
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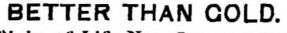


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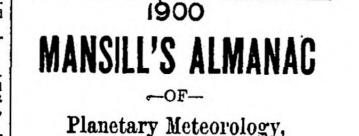
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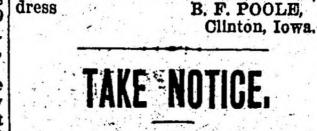
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