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## **IMPRESSIONS**

#### As They Impinge on the Mind Some Very Extraordinary Re- An Interesting Psychometric Not Mildewed Fables of An- How Would Jesus Conduct And Critical Observations of a Thinker.

Credulity, as generally accepted, means to believe a thing without reasonable evidence. I have never been counter-impression that if left to himself he would go in a circle. As it was we both went in a circle for four long dreary hours before we found a shelter from the worst blizzard that I ever saw. miles east of my cabin; when I found a shelter I was three miles west of it. At that time the three salient facts in the case were: that the storm had become very severe, that I had found a sung shelter in George Thomas' cabin,

left out in the cold. But he was fed. me to believe that, if we were versed in the matter of impressions as we might be, we would be practically protected against the most of the casualties that now for the most part we do not seem to have any means of evading. I know there are many who will say that intuition is a sufficient guide to those who have this rare gift. I also know that these same many are both right and wrong: right, as to the sufficient guidance; wrong, as to the character of that guidance. When that blizzard surrounded me I could not see two yards away in any direction. There | Poe told me that he had often materialwas no path, and Doc was blind in one eve. And all the intuition of the ages would not have sufficed to lead us identified by people who knew him and home. Impressions might.

'A full explanation might require too much space. Those who believe that we are surrounded by invisible friends who desire to establish a system communion with us, understand that when one of those friends succeeds in conveying a message to a mortal without the aid of a third party, it is usually done by means of impressions. Of course, clairvoyance, clairaudlence. clair-sentience, and materialization, are

It is believed that nearly all people are more or less sensitive to spirit influence; and That, if they knew it, they could exchange messages with the those who are sensitive and who know it. The outer covering of the brain does not seem to be a complete obstacle to the approach and impact of the spirit who is congenial to us (en rapport); and the brain is more sensitive than this outer covering. The brain being reached, the next question is, not how to make an impression upon the brain, but to make it in such manner as to direct its exercise in some particular channel of thought. How this is done will be left for someone else to explain. Here, in the majority of cases, is where the difficulties of the spirit begin. The materialist, and the very strict disciple pression, and if those impressions are | ready soon for delivery. so fortunate as to coincide with the nized as intuition and accepted as in- life-as Herodotus, Hesiod, Homer, exorable truth. If they do not coincide | Plato, Pythagoras, Shelley, etc. Also dominant faculties; and then, generally, | dreams, unseen influences; auras; psyknow it, many will not acknowledge it; | pletely defeating death. and a very few are so happily inspired spirit world, as a perpetual delight to at this office.

their spirit friends. It was remarked that, when Doc and I were lost, intuition would not have been sufficient to lead us home, and that impressions might. Intuition implies a previous knowledge that, when confronted with a problem or a difficulty, is ready with an immediate solution. In any case we are cognizant of an opinion, or state of mind, when some new object or phenomenon is brought to our view; and we call that opinion

Sometimes these opinions are the result of our own knowledge; and sometimes they are impressions made by an external intelligence. The first may be called intuitive impressions; the second inspirational impressions. Intuition seems to be understood as a mysterious gift that is infallible; and the same high standard is held for inspiration. Both attitudes are equivalent to a negative slander. Both of these gifts are human, and apt to be misleading unless tested in the crucible of reason before their ipse dixit is adopted. An ignoramus, by the simplest logical or mathematical test, may reach a conclusion that is infallible. But the modern intuitional or scholastic expert is often so inflated with his own superior status that he will not bend to so low a standard as reason, holding himself above it: and this, perhaps, more than any other, is the way in which "the children of this world are wiser than

Faith, hope, love, truth, justice, and the last part of Human Culture and intuition, may be above mere reason; | Cure. Paper cover, 15 cents. For sale now have the impression that the but they are absolutely helpless without, at this office.

## SPIRIT ARTISTS.

To the Editor:-The grandest discovery of the last fifty-two years is the evidence of another life after death. The very credulous, but on the contrary have always been constitutionally skeptical. It is now a little over twelve years since I was overtaken by a blizzard in Southern Colorado, and in five and in Chicago with the two Bangs sisters. minutes I was completely lost. My cabin was only two and a half miles distant and I apprehended no serious trouble in finding it. The storm began about 5 o'clock in the evening. I found the late Spanish war, dying with the late Spa my little home about 8 o'clock the next morning. I was leading "Doc," who was hitched to a home-made sled that was loaded with building material. At ing a stranger to the mediums, picking that moment I was conscious of a out his own canvas, marking it with his vague impulse to leave everything to Doc. It was an impression. But that impression had no effect. Doc was blind in one eye. And the offset was a table top which with its curtains formed a dark cabinet for the spirits to concentrate their powers. This is only one of thousands of cases and demands explanation by the clergy. The old cry of fraud, etc., doesn't go. Spirits are When the storm began, at 5 o'clock in | doing similar work all over the world. the evening, I was about two and a half In New York there is a book dealer who gets written messages between slates as hundreds of people know. In Boston, another medium or psychic artist does similar work, and not only do they get autographic messages from the dead, but also flowers, pictures, etc., in and that poor Doc was almost literally

Mrs. Alexander, another lady medium My experience then and since has led | in Boston, who never took an art lesson in her life, is controlled by Arabian, Japanese, Persian, and other spirits to paint unique oil paintings of aucient temples, etc. One of her controls is the spirit of the famous poet, Edgar Allen Poe, whose letters are now valued at \$70 a piece, and of which the Boston Library has a collection of seventeen. The writer had a personal talk with the spirit of Poe and he instantly improvised poetry about incidents not known to the medium, then this poetry was instantly sung and acted out by the medium to original and impromptu music. ized at a well-known materializing medium's seances in Boston and had been to whom he talked at the time. He said spirits often claimed to be him and falsely used his name, but that they could not prove their statements by producing such poetry as he could compose. He certainly composed some very grand and spiritual verses for the

Mrs. Adelaide C. Littlefield, another well known Boston artist, residing at 218 Columbus avenue, has had many brilliant spirit experiences. Besides making wonderful cures of the sick, diseased, etc., she has given tests, materialized and was controlled by the spirit of the late Painter Hunt, who committed sulcide, and the writer has repeatedspirit world. But let us consider only ly seen this inspired artist being used to paint with while the spirits talked through her brain and tongue at the G. E. LATHROP. same time. Boston, Mass.

## A NEW BOOK.

#### Death Defeated-or The Psychic Secret of How to Keep Young."

This work by Dr. Peebles, is now in | They are of a light yellow color, with

Remember that the book treats of views of the recipient they are recog- such men-their foods and habits of they are dismissed as vagaries of an it treats of heredity, of father's marks idle dream. Further, every person is and mother's marks; of gestation, marridominated by the strongest faculties. age, how to marry happily and the con-Many are deficient in the moral fac- ditions necessary to make its happiness ulties, and more than sufficient in the leternal; relation of the sexes and propropensities, or social faculties. Such | creation; divorces, their causes and how people will only accept such impres- to avoid them; who not to marry and sions as harmonize with their own how to improve the race; impressions, they will either not recognize the source | chic environments, suggestion; thought of the impressions or at least fail to ac- force; will power, bygiene, foods. knowledge them. This impact of spirit | drinks, baths, sunlight, clothing, deep power on the brain is inspiration; and, breathing, exercise, the folly of growunder the present explanation, it is ob- ing old; the kind of religion that convious that all people are more or less | duces to long life; the way to live a ceninspired; or nearly all. Many do not tury or two centuries, or ten, com-

This book will be elegantly bound in that they are practically living in the cloth. Price \$1, postage paid. For sale little below the hip on the left side.

> it. And this idea is in harmony with the incontrovertible fact that reason is a divine gift to every human soul, and is designed as an absolute gauge by have not already been found near which to test the reasonableness of where this relic came from.

I commenced this writing with the idea of a series of short narratives: but explanations have crowded out the nar-Doc, my faithful Indian pony, in Richfield, Kan, in the spring of 1888; but son in whose custody I saw him last. "Let us reason together," and not continue to pass in ominous silence the oracular utterances of the popular intuitional expert. Let us argue, but at the same time remember that dispute is not argument, and that-

disputes, . Produces sapless leaves instead of

fruits." SILAS BOARDMAN. La Crosse, Wis.

"Social Upbuilding, Including Co-operative Systems and the Happiness and Babbitt, LL. D., M. D. This comprises

## PRE-HISTORIC.

## Reading.

I wish to make a record for the beneupon the pre-historic people who once inhabited the Salt River Valley in Maricopa county, Arizona. The ruins of dwellings and canals are found to cover about 300 square miles of territory, reaching from the base of the Superstition Mountains on the east to the mouth of Salt River, where it emptles into the Gila (pronounced Hela) on the west. Some of these buildings were very large, one ruin (mound) covering fully an acre of ground. In the winter of '83-84 I was living

in the city of Phoenix, in the heart of the valley. An ex-soldier made ex cavations of some of these mounds or ruins, and found many relics, among man beings. I visited the excavation and secured a bone, which I carefully wrapped in cotton and put into an oyster can and mailed it to Dr. James Cooper, at Bellefontaine, Ohio, with the following letter:

Phoenix, A. T., Jan. 26, 1884. James Cooper, M. D., Bellefontaine, Ohio-Dear Doctor: I send you a relic which I trust will introduce you to pleasant acquaintances. When you have examined and reported I will write particulars. Fraternally,

O. F. THORNTON. On February 16 I received the following from Dr. Cooper: Bellefontaine, O., Feb. 10, 1884.

Mr. O. F. Thornton-Dear Brother: Yours of the 26th ult. has, with the relic, been to hand for several days. 1 would have attended to it sooner, but ploy of ascertaining or knowing anyhealth of self and wife is not good and thing more about inspiration in mast I had to await conditions.

#### PSYCHOMETRIC EXAMINATION OF THE RELIC.

This is part of the vertebral column (lumbar vertebrae) of a human being. and it seems to have been recovered from the ruins of what was once the home of its owner, or, rather, of the soul that once dwelt in the house of flesh of which this bone was a part of the framework.

I am carried back into the past many ages and see a fertile valley through which a stream of no great size winds its devious way. The stream is dammed at intervals of some miles and the water diverted into small canals or ditches, which convey it over the fields in which corn and what seem to be beans and other vegetables seem to be growing. I see people busy in the fields, some using hoes and others pulling weeds and loosening the soil about the growing vegetation with what look like small spades made of wood but shod with a kind of metal. The men are, many of them, more than six feet in height, of full habit and very muscular. The women are six to eight inches shorter, have fine forms and are not ungraceful. The features, though negative, are well formed and gentle in

I see dwellings, which are mostly square, or nearly so, some of them two stories in height and built of what looks like stone (in fact some are stone, I think), but probably it is adobe. But the particular individual to whom this house belonged: I see a man, his wife and two children, a boy and girlabout, say 12 and 9 years respectively. girl are dressed in a cloth woven out of flax or similar vegetable fibre, and the man and boy wear a kind of tunic which covers the body from the neck to the knees, leaving the arms and legs bare, except the sandals on the feet. The heads of the males are bare, but the females have a square of cloth which is ornamented with metal, like silver and copper, in small round and square pieces, which are pierced with holes and worked into different forms on the border of this square of cloth. This is worn over the head, the front part partly covering the forehead and the back part resting on the shoulders. The dress of the female is a loose frock falling below the knee, has loose sleeves and is confined at the waist by a blue and red belt, also ornamented with pieces of metal and bright-looking stones in front. The belt is more a sash, for the loose ends fall to or a

The man seems to have been a worker in metal, for I see a furnace, melting cups (crucibles) and a flat stone and hammer which are used to beat the metal out into form for use. I think evidence of these facts will be (if they

### THE CATACLYSM.

I finally see a great commotion among the people; the heavens are very black, ratives for this time. I was relieved of lightnings flash and fierce winds blow. rain falls and the earth seems to be convulsed by an earthquake which the episode in which he and I were sole | throws down many of the houses and participants will not be easily for kills some of the people, while others golten, and my impression is that he escape to higher ground before a large. was more deserving of the glories of | body of water covers for a short time immortality than the unscrupulous per- the fertile fields and many of the ruined dwellings. With this the scene fades from my view.

Again on March 9 the Doctor wrote: It seems as I am impressed that the people under consideration were descendants of the Atlanteans and In-"The tree of knowledge, blasted by dians, and came (at least their forefathers) from Central America. Also, that when any of them were killed by lightning, earthquake, flood or accident, they regarded it as an act of the Great Spirit and buried them where the bodies were found.

My psychometric view of the scene ended with the falling of the building Ennoblement of Humanity." By E. D. and the flood that came down over the valley, consequently I could not tell whether any or all were killed, but I father, mother and youngest child lost

## DAILY BREAD.

Out of the mythical past come many Is not turn about fair play (as set fables which a portion of humanity forth in the New York World)? such an adjustment of coloring, the His name? ideal should supplant the real, and as The Rev.

time, what must be the task of arriving and His pardon of the woman taken in at anything resembling the truth out of adultery as impartially as they did the great violence from his mouth and nos. ton Moses is said to have meetings with iges past and almost forgotten?

The embellishments thrown around the facts in our day, warp them until they are past all recognition and hence misleading. What the world craves most to-day is the actual truth, and this hungering after the real is not satfaith to in these days are the declarations made by the priestcraft in past ages. The Bible can be easily traced to these very industrious people. They needed a book to more completely solidand what was not inspired, and if these men can claim a privilege they do not accord to others, why should the claim be allowed? What means did they emages, than people have who are quite as intelligent, living in the present cen-

A declaration in the past, made withsomething more tangible than empty earth. Did He not say: declarations, they want the whole truth, and should not be vatisfied with less. The creator has so constructed us that the line of receptiveness until each soul' speaking. may disrobe itself, and step out of the deal and mythical into the noonday did not know our own capabilities, and were willing to patiently apply our efforts along the pathway of soul development, we would not need the old mouldy crusts of antiquity, because our bread would be baked fresh every day. "Give us this day our daily bread." Such bread as is broken at the Spiritual Temple in Fort Worth, Texas, by the pastor, Mrs. Jennie Hagan Jackson, aid us in climbing the hills of eternal grandeur in God's universe.

their lives while the older one was res-

NOW FOR THE FACTS.

backbone of one of the adult skeletons. and I should imagine quite near the junction with the skull. This ruin had been a two-storied adobe house about sixteen feet square and the tomb was in the second story and middle of the room. It was built of mud, or as we and sneered, Jesus answered: call it adobe, laid up the same as concrete is laid into the walls of houses. There were three compartments, each just large enough for a single body, and as the adult compartments. The head cated north and south. In addition to the bodies were found charred beans, seed of the careless weed, and corn-cobs and the stalks used as a covering over the joist, upon which was spread the plastic mud for a floor. A beautiful slate with pencil upon it, the face of the slate being about four by six inches, counter-sunk about the one-sixteenth of an inch, the raised frame being about one-half inch wide, with a running wire going clear around it, fairly well chased characters upon it. The back was per- | shield of secrecy. He was the greatest fectly flat and smooth. Specimens of sensationalist of the ages, as He went silver ore stained with copper were also found and a melting pot made from lava, and the smooth (green-stone) stone upon which evidently metal was

The river and canal system, yet plainly visible, are just as the Doctor described them. All the ruins so far opened show conclusive evidence that they were overthrown by some convulsion of nature. In brief, such are the facts. Who the people were no one knows, and whence they came or how they were destroyed is a mystery of the long ago. So far as the psychometric reading goes, I know it to be correct as to topography of country and house in which the relic was found. As to the remainder the reader can form his or her own conclusions. O. F. THORNTON.

Chrystoval, A. T.

## PLEASE RESPOND.

W. E. Bonney, who expects to be State Missionary in Nebraska, desires the names of all the Spiritualists in the State. Send him a postal at once, with names and postoffice addresses. Don't delay. Direct to him at Blair. Neb.

Dare to be true; nothing can need ie.—Herbert. Fidelity is seven-tenths of business success.—Parton.

Flatterers are the worst kind of ene-

Death has no longer a sting and the grave is but the crudle of victory. The mind is the mirror of the soul in I the temporary homes of those who pass

mies.—Tacitus.

## A GREAT QUESTION.

## a Ohurch?

fit of present and future generations of a most truthful psychometric reading to with surprising tenacity. They that has to do with and throws light upon the pre-historic people who once the present and future generations of cling to with surprising tenacity. They be seem to have an appreciation for them that has to do with and throws light transcending the actual. The real because of the present and future generations of cling to with surprising tenacity. They with equal reverence and modesty transcending the actual. The real because of the present and future generations of cling to with surprising tenacity. They will be supprised to show by his own unskilled effects and the present and future generations of cling to with surprising tenacity. They will be supprised to show by his own unskilled effects and modesty transcending the actual. The real because of the present and future generations of cling to with surprising tenacity. They will be a strange case may be found narrated. It is styled "A Yarn of the President sought to show by his own unskilled effects and the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects and the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects and the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects and the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects and the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects are president to the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects and the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects are president to the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects are president to the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects are president to the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects are president to the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects are president to the president sought to show by his own unskilled effects are president to the president sought to show the president sought to show the president to the president sought to show the president sought to sh comes tame and common-place along-side of the ideal—and hence the imagi-duct a daily paper," will you permit the nation has been taxed to its uttermost former editor of a religious paper to reto embellish the mythical things of past ages with becoming and princely robes. It is not to be wondered at, that under conduct a church to-day organized in out by the distinguished Commodore Roginal turn the compliment by suggesting how by the distinguished Commodore Roginal turn the compliment by suggesting how by the distinguished Commodore Roginal turn the compliment by suggesting how out this strange case was written conduct a church to-day organized in out by the surgeon of the vessel. Dr.

The Rev. Mr. Sheldon's endeavor was a matter of fact form a basis for many | wholly guesswork, for newspapers did beliefs. Anything bordering on the su- not exist in Galilee (or elsewhere) 1900 pernatural is caught up with great en- | years ago; but Jesus did conduct a rethusiasm and magnified a thousand- ligious movement. The Evangelistswho acted, by the way, as reporters and If it is so extremely difficult to sift gave the account of their Master's sen-the wheat from the chaff in our day and sational denunciation of the Pharisees was in danger of instant death from the spirit could leave the body. There are report of His wonderful "Sermon on the Mount"-recorded enough of His sayings and doings to permit us to judge accurately both of the spirit and the

methods of His religious work. Judging by what Jesus said and did. it seems safe to say that He would not. isfied. What many are pinning their if now on the earth, erect costly "palaces of exclusiveness" for the rich and "chapels" for the poor; that He would not tolerate in the so-called "prosperous" churches a caste of rich pewrenters, compelling His poor followers. ify their relationship with matters spir- to occupy that "Potter's Field for the itual, and they were quite equal to the living." free news in a dark corner or a undertaking of producing it. They sat high gallery; that He would not build called to quarters again he was rein judgment upon what was inspired | church or seminaries for religious instruction with money extorted from the people by purchased privilege and merciless monopoly.

associations Jesus was a socialist and a democrat, not a plutocrat or an aris-

With a deep personal appreciation of the beauty of a real ritual service. I | goes on as follows: think it must be said that if Jesus were out proof to support it, should be treat- to-day conducting a church He would ed the same as it would be in our day, | make its service impressive by its simbeing utterly worthless. People desire | plicity and sincerity, as He did when on

"When ye fast, be not as the hypocritics, of a sad countenance." And again, "When yo pray, use not vain rep great possibilities are ours, and we may etitions, as the heathen do; for they be able in future years to progress along 1-think they shall be heard for much

It is doubtful if Jesus would preach politics. The government of Jerusalem sunlight of truth and actuality. If we by the Romans was not a model one, yet He preached neither rebellion nor autonomy. When some of His countrymen, seeking to draw Him aside from His mission of peace and righteousness asked, "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Ceasar?" He took the piece of tribute money and asked, "Whose is this inscription?" They answered, "It is Caesar's." He answered, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that will assimilate, and became our staff to | are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

If Jesus were conducting a church He would not, judging by His course in Judea, attempt to save sinners at long range nor hold Himself aloof from the very common people. He would not preach mainly to sleek and prosperous saints in cushioned pews nor confine The relic sent was a joint from the His social relations to this class. It is recorded that:

"As Jesus sat at meat in the house behold many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

And when the Pharisees wondered "They that are whole need not a phy

sician, but they that are sick." It is not likely that Jesus would make a fetish of the Sabbath, or Sunday, that of the child about one-half as long | banning innocent recreations and pleasures on that day. For it is recorded was at the east-the house being lo- that He "went on the Sabbath day through the corn, and His disciples were an hungered and began to pluck the ears of corn and to eat." And when the Sahbatarians complained He defended the action, saying that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. He laid down the doctrine that "it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day," and doing good to one's self is surely a prime duty.

If Jesus were conducting a church He would not fear to be called a "sensain the slate. There was no writing or | tionalist," nor seek to cover sin with the from town to city rebuking sin, anathematizing the hypocrites, driving the money-changers from the temple, healing the sick and "doing good."

And He put the seal of His disapprobation upon the foolish and pernicious notion that sin was to be covered and crime not spoken of. All His preaching was done in the highways, the open fields and on the mountains. He prescribed secrecy for prayers and alms. but practiced publicity in the denunciation of sin and wrong. The Rev. Sheldon's paper was as far removed from the methods of Jesus as some of the churches are from His spirit.

So at least it seems to one reverent student of the character and words of the great Teacher who exalted His religion by living it and glorified it by dy ing for it.

A PILGRIM DESCENDANT.

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Music is a discipline, and a mistress of order and good manners; she makes the people milder and gentler, more moral and more reasonable.—Luther.

State Agent N. S. A

## OCCULTISM,

## Thereon.

In a book published by Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, ident" was one of our frigates which won renown in the war with Great Britain in 1812. She was commanded Turk, at the request of some ladies, among them Mrs. Rogers, the wife of the Commodore, and endorsed by the Commodore as perfectly accurate. The account states that in the latter part of December, 1813, a common sailor (William Kemble on the President, trils. With much difficulty Dr. Turk succeeded in stopping the discharge. and he was kept in the sick boy of the vessel with the hope that perfect quiet might work a cure, but in January. 1814, the crew were called to quarters to engage an enemy, and this Kemble. against the orders of the surgeon, rushed on deck, thu bringing on another violent discharge of blood from the lungs. After this he continued under treatment, being kept in his hammock which was swung on the gun deck for the purpose of giving fresh air. Owing to the crew being moved to the sick boy (or ship hospital) which caused another hemorrhage and after other discharges of blood, sailor died on January 17, 1814. In His teachings, His actions and His | surgeon (Dr. Turk) ordered his assistant (Dr. Birchmore) to see that his—the sailor's messmates-made the necessary

preparations for committing his remains to the deep, and then the account

"About two hours after this Dr. Birchmore called on me and said that Kemble had come to life and was holding forth to the sailors in a strange way. I went down where I witnessed the most remarkable and unaccountable transaction that perhaps had ever fallen to the lot of man to witness. Kemble (the sailor) had awakened as it were from sleep, raised himself up, and called for his messmates and those not on duty to attend to his words. He told them he had experienced death, but was allowed a short space of time to return and give them, as well as the officers, some directions for their future conduct in life. In this situation found him surrounded by the crew, all mute with astonishment; all was as solemn and silent as the grave. Not a dry eye was to be seen, or a whisper heard There was no pulsation perceptible at the wrists, the temples, or the chest. His whole body was as cold as death could make it. His voice was clear and powerful, his eyes uncommonly brilliant and animated. After a short and pertinent address to the medical gentleman, he told me in a peremptory manner to bring Commodore Rogers to him as he had something to say to him before he finally left us. The Commodore consented when a scene was presented truly novel and indescribable. calculated to fill with awe the stoutest heart. Supported by the surgeon, surrounded by his weeping and astonished comrades, a common lamp throwing out a sickly glare and a candle held opposite his face by an attendant. Such was the situation when the Commodore made his appearance, and well does he not always a clear sky. The clouds remember the effect produced by the dark and heavy often bar out the light utterance of these words from the mouth of one supposed to be dead: "Commodore Rogers, I have sent for you, being commissioned by a higher power to address you for a short time and to deliver the message entrusted to me when I was permitted to revisit the earth. Once I trembled in your presence and was eager to obey your commands, but now I am your superior being, no longer an inhabitant of the earth. I have seen the glories of the

world of spirits. I am not permitted to

make known what I have beheld, in

deed even were I not forbidden, lan-

guage would be inadequate to the task.

Tis enough for you to know that I have

been sent back to the earth to reani-

mate my lifeless body for a few hours,

commissioned by God to perform the

work I am now engaged in.' He then

in language most chosen and appropri-

ate took a hasty view of the moral and

religious incumbent on the command-

er of the ship of war, urging the neces-

sity of reformation and repentance.

His speeches lasted three-fourths of an

hour. Dr. Birchmore heard them all

only some of the last. When he had

finished, his head dropped upon his breast. Lis eyes closed and he appeared to pass through a second death. "About 9 p. m., I was called to visit a man taken suddenly ill in his hammock swinging near Kemble's apartment. All the lights were out save a lamp in the apartment where lay the remains of Kemble. I had relieved the sick man and entered the sick boy to replace something, and upon turning to go out was almost petrified at beholding Kemble sitting up in his berth with his eyes which had regained their former brilliancy, fixed upon mine. I waited a long time in painful suspense when I was relieved by his commanding me to give him some water. I gave him a tin mug of water the contents of which he drank off and laid himself down for the last time. The time had now expired which he had said was

Dr. Turk says that during the sailor's sickness he had the best of opportunity of becoming acquainted with his intellectual attainments and habits, and that his language and behavior stamped him the rough, profane and illiterate sallor, and he believes that he could not read or write. Had he possessed talents or learning he must have betrayed it to me during his long confine The spheres are not permanent, but | ment. Yet he used the purest language properly arranged and delivered clear ly and distinctly, with much animation

given him to remain in the body. He

was buried the next day."

and great effect when he made his

The Doctor says he knows that he will be laughed at for repeating this story. How many remarkable cases have been suppressed because of the fear of ridicule. This narrative can be found in Archie Forbes' book entitled "Parracks". "Barracks, Biyouaes and Battles,"

Page 207, et Seq. Forbes says that there can be no pos-sibility of doubt as to the authenticity of this document which was written seventy years ago.

The late Dr. Rev. W. Stainton Moses, formerly editor of the English Spiritualistic journal, "Light," London, had not always been a Spiritualist. Mrs. Moses was himself only a clergyman, and was led by circumstances first to become a Spiritualist, and later to avow himself one before the world, and his devotion of much thought to the subject is further attested by a number of admirable books written by him. Dr. Moses would often fall into trance; during these trance conditions he claimed that his

spirits during his trance condition. On one occasion Mr. Moses, while in a trance, got out of his body and stood l looking at it, with no surprise whatever, at his rather singular situation. Suddenly he became conscious of the presence of a venerable, bearded bearded prophet, who stood beside him. The ghostly visitor was clad in a very bright blue garment. On his head was a coronet, over which was a star. With the prophet as a guide he left the apartment. His first sensation of surprise was caused by the ease with which he passed through the wall. The pair traversed through beautiful gardens till they came to a small cottage. There Mr. Moses saw his aged grandmother. much idealized, but still looking as she did during her earthly existence. She tried to speak to him, but his guides hurried him away. He afterward received spiritual information that the interruption was due to the unfavorable condition existing at the time. It is strange that intelligent and mentally strong men have had similar experi-

How much there is to be said, either for or against such occurrences; the fact is there, however, that the person who has experienced like things has more right to believe his own senses, whether ordinary or superior; he has more right to believe his own experience, than to accept the incredulity which the sceptic is trying to force upon him. The sceptic has not had his experience in this direction. It is certainly a strange and wonderful experience vouchsafed these people. Even it it be a strange waking dream, it is in spite thereof a certain experience be it even in the realms of phantasy, or tho rich fields of imagination. Dreams are not always dreams. This may be seen from the following incident from Florence. A young man dreamed here during the night that he was bitten and seriously wounded by a marble lion, which adorns the entrance to one of the churches of that city. When he the following day in company with some friends, passed the church, he told them of his dream, and laughingly he stuck his hand into the open jaw of the llon, saying, "Now, bite me!" The same moment he felt a stinging pain; a scorpion which had been hiding there, stung him so seriously that he died within a few

Spiritual light from the word and the spiritual world, which is divine truth, is now flashing from the East to the West and from the North to the South. Periodically there goes a stream of dawning light through the world. We have from our view.

Even from the very olden times we have statements analogical with what we, in our days, hear from the lips of the apparent dead, when he declares that he has seen and been with spirits. Trance and foresight was then not so very unusual. The doctrines of Spiritualism are not new. They all believe in an eternal life. They further believe that man though dead is not immediately changed. They believe that in the other world man will remain for a longer time than he was here, with the same elements of character, good or bad, truthful or mendacious. They They mean, it will take a long time on the other side before the soul is fully developed into something higher, before it is so far ennobled and purified. that it has thrown off old faults and weaknesses which cling to it, when, with the spiritual body, it left the material body, and the earth. This idea is very probable and reasonable. It is not a new one as we will see. St. Anthony in one of his fiery sermons exclaimed: "We walk in the midst of demons, who give us evil thoughts; and also in the midst of good angels. When these latter are especially present, there is no disturbance, no contention, no clamor; but something so calm and gentle that it fills the soul with gladness. The Lord is my witness that after many tears and fastings I have been surrounded by a band of angels, and joyfully joined in singing with them."

We see thus that history repeats itself; nothing is more strikingly true. History shows us the good as well as the evil sides of man. History shows us the blindness and the shortsightedness of man. It also shows us the inward foresight of man. "As blind as a mole" is not a good or sensible comparison, as the mole is possessed of good evesight, although its eyes are very small-about the size of a mustard seed. That all men should be blind and deaf to everything outside of the material, is not a very sensible expression either, because it is established that there are people who see during their trance without employing the natural eye. Whether we are able to accept as guaranteed all that a person claims to have seen or experienced, be it through the natural or the spiritual eye, whether: the occurrence has taken place while it was in the body or outside of it, is a.

very great question to solve. In what cases have self-suggestion. hallucination and dreaming been the influential agencies, and in what cases (Continued on page 8)

Series of Letters from Spirit Franz Petersilea to His Son, Carlyle Petersilea.

LETTER NUMBER SEVENTEEN.

My dear son, I desire, to-day, to touch once more upon the subject of evolution.

they will all eventually fall into the bogs of error.

of many great truths in that book.

trils the breath of life."

sat spellbound during this grand discourse. I cannot make you see with material eyes, or even spiritual eyes, the transcendent beauty of this great teacher or the grandeur of the place and its surroundings; but, I will try to give the truths which he taught, in my own poor words; for this is the only way, now, that his teachings can reach mankind

"God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life." By God is meant a great natural law—for all great natumore than this and many of your great scholars and sathen, breathed into man the breath of life and he became a living soul. From the atmosphere man inhaled the sands upon thousands of years ago many philosophers un- exist. derstood this well—that all life, whatsoever, came from mosphere or the celestial world.

The very lowest forms of life are various species of moss upon the rocks, and the living, glutinous masses found in the sea. Rocks decay slightly, the decayed matter of the rock and the moisture of the air or rain, make protoplasm, the germ of moss, which resides within the atmosphere, by a natural law of attraction, the spirit, or living germ, buries itself within the protoplasm, covers itself with it, otherwise the germ could never develop into that which nature designed it to be—the first or lowest order of life upon the earth. Moss is a beautiful form of life and all life is beautiful.

Now, when this moss decays, or dies, the life or spirit of it ascends as developed spiritual moss, into the ethereal atmosphere or celestial world, to beautify the celestial ing to his folly." The just God being the great eternal spheres; the matter or protoplasm remains on earth and law of Justice. after many accumulations becomes soil fitted for higher germs of vegetation, and as fast as the higher germs find suitable soil or matter wherein to hide, higher and still higher forms of vegetation appear, until through the laws of evolution and involution vegetation arrives at that point where a tiny flower appears. Now the flower holds the attractive force, and it gathers within its tiny cup the spiritual germ and holds it fast until seed is formed.

Now involution and evolution have given us seed, that is, by involution a higher state of things has been evolved until we arrive at insect and animal life, until a point is arrived at when the great laws of involution and evolution take on the forms of male and female. Each male form now inhales, and holds, the spiritual germs of the future generation, and the same principles apply to all The poor man groaned and tried to get loose and sadly life within the waters.

If, as has been shown, all life originates within the atmosphere, or ether, surely it all returns to it again developed and beautified, for that is the sole object of spirit | You will spoil my looks, you will cause me pain! Ah, and matter, or ethereal germs and protoplasm.

true, as we here well know, but men of earth want proof. Seal any kind of matter or protoplasm away from the air, that has never yet attracted the germs of life, and it will keep for years, or until a little air finds it's way to it, but shortly after the air does find it's way to it, life appears; for the germs of life have buried themselves within the mass of the matter.

And now, dear friends, one and all of the many thousand readers of The Progressive Thinker, I will tell you how you may see these germs with the naked eye, which I think will be additional proof that what I tell you is So they bound the man and cut off his thumbs and were true. When you are sitting quietly in a room, look toward the light of a window—that is look out of the win- And they seared the stumps and they viewed their work dow toward the sky, but let your gaze rest steadily upon the atmosphere a few yards from the eyes—do not look at | "How trim he appears," othe horse exclaimed, "since his anything but the air-gaze quietly and steadily for a few moments and you will be surprised, for you will thus behold the germinal sea, consisting of living, germinal points of light. These points of light vary in size from those about as large as the point of a pin to those of much larger size—say, the head of a pin. Now do not make a mistake and think I mean motes in a sunbeam; I mean nothing of the kind. The points of light which you will see, if you strictly follow my directions, are living little globes, lighter in color than the atmosphere, of all grades and sizes and they are darting hither and thither in all directions, filled with life and motion, never still for an instant, little, bright, translucent globes of light; an unending sea of germinal life. Now do not mistake and think I mean clairvoyant sight. I do not thus mean, but your natural sight—the sight of your material eyes—and the only reason-you have never observed them is because you have not thought of doing so; for, ordinarily, you do not notice them at all; and still the air is filled with them, to be seen with the naked eye if you but take the trouble. presume that many of you have seen them but have thought very little about them.

Now, when scientists start right, taking the law of evolution in one hand and the law of involution in the other. the road to immortality will be made plain and easy, so that even a child may understand. Anyone taking one The ears and thumbs God gave to man are his to keep and law alone and trying to follow it to it's ultimate will make woeful mistakes. If you discover one law you must find its counterpart or you will end in the aforesaid bog. Male and female, positive and negative, involution and evolution; every existing law has its counterpart; heaven and earth, spirit and matter, and so forth.

Now these laws are elaborated at great length in the four books which my son has been able to publish, "The Discovered Country," "Oceanides," "Mary Ann Carew," "Philip Carlislie," and it is worth the while of any scientist to purchase these books and study them. They can be had at the office of The Progressive Thinker. It would be impossible in a short newspaper article to properly elaborate these great natural-laws.

One great reason why the religions of the world are one sided and erroneous is, that they have originated thief all are thieves.

E AND EXPERIENCE IN SPIRIT LAND mostly in the brains of men. Now I hope I shall be exself, or completement, is fit to give a true religion to the world. He can only give a one-sided religion -- a male religion, as one might call it—and the world will never have a perfect religion until it is given to the world through those who are united in perfect oneness, the male and the female. Look at the religion that is given to the world by a celibate priesthood—the most selfish and unnatural life that a man can possibly lead. His God is just like himself, a God without a Goddess, an egotistical male Many scientists, at the present time, are running off at God, so vain that he requires adulation, praise and wor-a mad rate on this great subject. Now they all ought to ship forever and ever; so revengeful that those who refuse be called back. If they do not come back and start right | thus to render him homage, he will commit to flames and endless tortures.

Evolution is a great truth, but you must put another | Oh, think of the Inquisition—think of the horrors of great truth by the side of it and let the two grand truths | war-think of the man-made religion, the male, the posiwalk evenly hand in hand, side by side: Evolution and In- tive force, standing alone crushing the female to earth, going all wrong in everything and ending in destruction Now, don't let us throw away everything that is good in and error. Nothing will be right until the female printhe Bible; but let us try to understand the true meaning ciple is recognized equally with the male.

Think of the American nation not allowing females to At one time when Helena and myself were listening to vote; the government wholly and entirely male; a great, a grand lecture delivered by the sweet Christ Jesus one-sided, wagging, wobbling concern, with its millionwhich means the anointed Jesus, or the priest Jesus, or laires and its billionaires; and it wants to be praised and the minister and teacher Jesus, or all combined—among | worshiped continually like the great male God; and, offother great truths which he uttered was this: "And God setting it's millionaires are its millions of toiling, halfmade man in his own image and breathed into his nos- famished men and women, its prisons and its gallows and electrocuting; its distilleries and liquor licenses; its houses Helena and myself, together with the whole audience, of ill-fame, and, most terrible of all, its most cruel, barbarous, inhuman, most awful, horrible vivisection rooms, where male doctors practice their most fearful orgies on bound and helpless victims—victims who have immortal souls as well as themselves as they will find to their utmost horror when they leave the body, for there is surely, a great law of justice, and all will meet with a recompense corresponding to the deeds done in the body.

I am a spirit, dwelling within the spiritual realm, and I know whereof I speak. The most horrible agonies ral laws are God, and the old saying really meant nothing await the vivisectionists-agonies that will commence even before they leave the earth and will be prolonged invants already know this to be true. A great natural law, definitely within the spiritual world. Not a groan or a cry of agony that comes from their helpless victims but what will be wrung from the souls of the persons who germs of life, the germs which were to be the living souls | have inflicted the tortures which have caused them. This of the next generation. Now this is involution and thou- is no vain nor idle talk, but it is as true as that such things

And now, please remember what I as a spirit tell you. the atmosphere; otherwise, the germs of all things that It will not be long before one vivisectionist after another live reside within the atmosphere—not the coarser air, will become mad, or partially so. Some of them will be but the ethereal atmosphere which interpenetrates all confined in lunatic asylums and none will hardly be able space; and man's soul goeth back to God who gave it. to look upon them and retain his senses. They will be-The great law of involution gave to man his life and at come raving maniacs, drooling at the mouth, with startthe death of the body his soul goeth back to that which ing, burning eyeballs; they will be confined in cages of gave it—that is, his spirit goes back into the ethereal at- strong iron bars, for they will claw, and gnash with their teeth in the most frightful manner; they will yawl and When science says that life originates within a cell of groan and spit like cats in agony; they will bark and bite protoplasm, it is right in one way and wrong in another. and froth at the mouth like rabid dogs; they will tear at Protoplasm or matter has no life whatever of it's own, and their hair, and claw their own flesh from their bones; yea, the life principle does not reside within it, but when that | they will tear out their own eyes, break their own fingers cell of protoplasm is exposed to the air it attracts from the and various bones of their bodies; they will even tear at atmosphere a germ of life—a spiritual germ. Now the and pluck out their own tongues and other organs; they germ begins to expand, grow, evolute; first involution and | will tear whatever clothing is put upon them in shreds and remain shivering and naked in their cages; they will snap at their food and swallow it without mastication.

A human being sunk so low that he can become a vivisectionist, has become lower and more devilish than the lowest, most poisonous reptile that ever lived. He is the vilest of all living creatures and will suffer as no other creature ever did or ever can; for, all the world of cruelty that ever has been in the past, cannot compare with the awful cruelty of the vivisectionist. Presently you will hear of some prominent vivisectionist becoming insane; then, one after another; and even those who escape punishment on earth will suffer all the tortures I have described when they leave the body—for, "I am a just God, saith the Lord of Hosts, and every man shall reap accord-

To be continued.)

### THE HORSE AND THE DOG AND THE MAN.

The horse and the dog had tamed a man and fastened him

Said the horse to the dog: "For the life of me, I don't see | now obtain in many years. Men and after which they returned to Occult

In letting him have the thumbs that grow at the sides of his hands, do you?"

And the dog looked solemn and shook his head and said: "I'm a goat if I do."

he begged them: "Stav!

You will rob me of things for which I have use by cutting my thumbs away!

why should you treat me so?

Now I will try to prove what I have said to be true: It is | As I am God made me, and he knows best! Oh, masters, pray let me go!"

The dog laughed out and the horse replied: "Oh, the cut-

ting won't hurt! You see We'll have a hot iron to clap right on, as you did in your

docking of me! God gave you your thumbs and all, but still the Creator,

you know, may fail To do the artistic thing, as he did in furnishing me with

deaf to his pitiful cries.

through happy and dazzled eyes:

awkward thumbs are gone! For the life of me I cannot see why the Lord ever put own existence.

"Still, it seems to me," the dog replied, "that there's something else to do; His ears look rather too long to me, and how do they look

The man cried out: "Oh, spare my ears! God fashioned them, as you see,

And if you apply your knife to them you'll surely dis-"But you didn't disfigure me, you know," the dog de-

"When you bound me fast, and trimmed my ears down close to the top of my head!"

So they let him moan and they let him groan while they cropped his ears away, And they praised his looks when they let him up, and proud indeed were they!

But that was years and years ago, in an unenlightened Such things are ended now, you know; we have reached a

higher stage! And the cruel horse and dog look on and never appear to

-S. E. Kiser.

He who always complains of the clouds receives little of life's sunshine and deserves less.

Simplicity is one of the first great laws of greatness, and another like unto it is humility. Love should give wings to the feet of service, and

strength to the arms of labor. All science rests on a basis of faith, for it assumes the permanence and uniformity of natural laws.—Tryon

The whole world is honest to an honest man, and to a

## GRAND MASS MEETING.

Third Annual Grand Mass Meeting Under the Joint Auspices of the National Spiritualists Association and the Illinois State Spiritualists Association.

joint auspices of the/N. S. A. and the 10 at 10 a. m. I. S. S. A., will be held in Handel Hall, 40 Randolph street, Chicago, on Tues-day, Wednesday and Thursday, April 10, 11 and 12, 1900. There will be three sessions daily, 10 a. m., 2 p. m., and 8 p. m. President Harrison D. Barrett will be in attendance, and the best speakers and mediums in the Spiritualistic ranks will participate in the programme. Good music will be furnished at every session.

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Dr. A. Houghton, Max Hoffman and Ella M. Johnson are among those engaged to participate in the proceedings, since above was put in type.

The address of welcome will be made by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond instead of Capt. Black, as previously announced.

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## ROBERT OWEN.

World.

gressive Thinker: I transcribe from this

"Man, cowed and mentally enslaved, become. When he shall be relieved from either in mind, body, or estate." this degrading mental bondage, freed from the fear of man for expressing his unavoidable natural thoughts and feelings, unrestrained by fear of giving offence or producing byil of any kind and conscious of his rectitude while expressing the simple instincts of his natenance, and even in physical form and ent tribe of human animals.

able, rational, truth-speaking creature.

classes in civilized parts of the world; bountiful collation was served to all. appear altogether a different being from the animal whose language is used to hide the natural impressions made on him, physically and mentally, by the instincts of his nature—instincts which ease of mind, and satisfaction with his

"Some nations, such as the British, and their descendants the population of the United States of North America, imagine they now possess what they term civil and religious liberty; while by all fortunate enough to receive them. both nations are in the very bondage of The First Spiritual Philosophical Sociemental slavery, both civil and religious. ty, which is the first chartered society These nominally Mberty-loving men and of Detroit, feels encouraged to persewomen in the cast and west, have so vere in the good work. little mental liberty, that they dare not speak to anyone what they are obliged to think and feet and their civil and religious liberty consists in expressing within a small circle, such thoughts and feelings as they iknown by experience will pass current within that circle. If they infringe these bounds, they are likely to have Lynch law in one country and fine and imprisonment in the other. And yet they have laws in both coun-

and religious liberty. 15 . "Thus is the whole world a farce and a tragedy, in which innumerable parts are acted, and the only character which no one has the hardihood to learn and practice is that of a man who will speak the truth, and inform the world what, Mrs. Chandler with a box containing by the instincts of his nature, he is com-pelled to think and feel, although he ter her response, Dr. Randall gave a cannot have merit or demerit for the most touching address. Dr. Cora Bland one or the other.

changes shall be made in society as our sister, co-worker, Hattie B. Sears. shall not only enable, but shall induce W. H. Van Ornum contributed to the all, at all times to speak that which pleasure of the day by a few fine reunchanging condition of human hap-tiful bouquet of pink roses.

feel while he speaks, then may the Lucinda B. Chandler. human race look forward to and ration

ally expect the coming of the period described as the Millennium. Truth in look, word and action, must be the harbinger of this glorious change; but The Book of the New Moral as long as the priesthood of the world shall have power over the minds of men and women, Truth can never become the language of mankind. But let Continuing from No. 534 of The Pro- it never be forgotten that the creation of the priesthood of the world has been book the following; nto which I ask the necessary result of previous circumstances; that they are now formed by society; and that, in the changes to be under this insome system of falsehood | made for their abolition, society should and universal - deception, knows not adopt measures to prevent even a single what manner of being he is destined to Priest from being injured, if possible,

C. H. MATHEWS. New Philadelphia, Ohio. (To be Continued.)

Anniversary at Detroit, Mich.

The First Spiritualist Philosophical Society of Detroit celebrated the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, March 25, in the grandest style imaginable, the action-different from any past or pres- hall being decorated with flags, palms and flowers, every society in the city "He will then stand forth a reason- being represented, as no other services were held in the afternoon by any other knowing the object of his existence, and spiritual society. The children's lycehow to obtain it; expressing, on all oc- um, though small in number, made a casions, his pure, unadulterated-with- very pretty showing as they marched in falsehood, thoughts and feelings, as na- line into the hall. After marching and ture makes them to arise. He will thus singing they faced about and Mrs. Nelacquire more real knowledge of man, lie Baade made some very appropriate in one month, from man, than he can remarks to both children and parents, women know not now the real thoughts hall, laying aside aprons, banners, etc. and feelings of each other, and are, in Among the notables present were Hon. consequence, continually committing James H. White, of Port Huron; Prof. error upon error, and destroying, often Hudson, of Bay City, who favored us without knowing it, each other's hap- with some charming and soul-inspiring piness, to an incalculable extent; when, music; also Mrs. E. A. Parker, of Flint, if the practice of truth had been estab- Mich. The board of directors of Island lished, a few words of it would prevent Lake Camp association turned out in the misery and secure the desired hap- full force and did much to add to the enjoyment of the occasion. Remarks "The population of the world, in its were made by Hon. Ed S. Greece, Dr. C. present most irrational state, can form | W. Burrows and Mrs. Baade, tests by no adequate idea of the extent of evil Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Penn, Mrs. Crawford created, and the loss of happiness sus- Mrs. Ferris and Mrs. Cook, after which tained, through the system of falsehood the friends were dismissed and ad now so generally practiced by all journed to the dining hall, where

or of the increased expense required to The evening session was conducted lessen but in a small part of the many by the pastor, Mrs. Nellie S. Baade, who evils which the practice of falsehood gave the regular address, after which hourly produces. The habit of always she christened eight children. The cer expressing our thoughts and feelings as emony was both beautiful and impressour instincts compel us to have them. | ive. Prof. Hudson furnished appropriwould create new attitudes and ex- ate music. Mrs. Baade then explained pressions for all, and so superior to in regard to several spirit pictures, two those now created by the depreciating of the most beautiful being produced influences of mental bondage, and the through the mediumship of a Miss P. life and death necessity for hiding our of this city, who is being developed by thoughts and feelings, that man will Mrs. Bande's guides. As this lady is prominently connected in social life, and a member of the Methodist church, her development seems almost miraculous, and it is only a matter of time when she will announce to the world can alone direct him to health of body. her conversion to Spiritualism, as she is already doing all in her power to advance the cause.

The meeting concluded with appropriate music by several professional singers, and tests by Mrs. Nellie Baade, which were to the point and recognized SPECTATOR.

Spiritual Freedom Society.

The Fifty-second Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism I believe will long he remembered by those who attended the Spiritualist Freedom meeting, April 1. at the People's Institute, Chicago. It was the seventy-second natal day of tries giving to all what, they call civil our speaker, Lucinda B. Chandler, who gave us a splendid discourse on "The Law of Growth, Individual, Social and

After the discourse, Dr. T. A. Bland made some beautiful remarks suitable to the occasion, after which the writer had the great pleasure of presenting added a few sweet words, followed by "Let it, however, be remembered that our honored friend, Mrs. Walker, with human happiness is not to be attained, words of love. The Rev. G. F. Strickor indeed approached, until such land gave an earnest talk, followed by they are obliged, by the unavoidable marks; also C. H. Haskins, M. D., and instincts of their nature, to think and last but not least, our friend, Mr. Ichler, to feel. This is, and must remain, an presented Mrs. Chandler with a beau-

Spirit messages were given by Mrs. When man shall be permitted to Sears and Mrs. Mullins. The meeting speak freely and openly to all, that closed and a few friends gathered at which alone is true to him, namely, that my home to finish the day with, our which he is compelled to believe and much loved friend, sister and co-worker,

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class of humanity.

The buildings are not elaborate, but

answer all purposes. Each man has his

separate beds in the dormitories, which

are one story in height, built of wood

earth, the framework supported on in all quarters; I judge of this from the 150 to 300 each. Two hospitals, one for and by the president, and by the visitmen and one for women, are constructed with the necessary appliances London and near the mouth of the for invalids. Several long sheds are used for dining halls, except when the 600 Penna Ave. S. E., Washington, D.C. men are working at a distance in the ground. Originally it was marsh land, fields; in such cases they carry their dinner with them in the morning. The colonists, who do all the work which is required, and show their appreciation | Freedom Society, held at East Lodge of what is being done for them, are given better beds, as well as better joyed by those participating, Followmeals. The dormitories are divided into divisions, and a man who tries to avoid of five by the writer, were several short doing the duty assigned to him, must expect inferior accommodations, as well | widely known as a reformer, made as meals of a poorer quality. The bad some eloquent remarks upon the ad element are placed by themselves, and | vancement of thought and reformatory the consequence is that those who pre- ideas since the advent of Modern Spirfer idleness rather than work, are com- itualism, and especially the release of Here, far enough away from the city pelled to take the consequences. This the people from priestcraft, and said to be entirely removed from its tempta- has an excellent effect, and it is such a lecture as had been given would tions and evil associations and near asserted it is far better than physical not have been possible fifty-two years enough the sea to get the benefit of the or other, means of punishment. The ago. salt air, as well as rural surroundings. barns accommodate over 200 head of Rev. F. G. Strickland and others who Gen. Booth and his associates removed cows and horses, and a specialty is were not Spiritualists, but are workers several hundred outcasts of the London | made of grazing, as well as raising pigs | for human progress, testified to their streets, who had in various ways come and poultry. One of the largest crops enjoyment of the spirit of fellowship under the influence of the Salvation is hay, which grows in abundance upon and liberality which they "felt" and Army. They were in various conditions the lower grounds. An extensive acre- which was evidently somewhat surphysically, some in fairly good health, age has been given up to fruit trees, prising to them. As Mrs. Mullins rethanks to a robust constitution, which many being apples and pears, and in marked of the comment of one who usuhas withstood the strain upon their favorable seasons this forms an import- ally attends the meetings that he was systems made by the life they had led. ant item of revenue, for, as far as possi- rather surprised that so much promi-Others were literally human wrecks in ble, the colony is made self-supporting nence was given to reform in a Spiritevery sense of the word, broken down by the sale of the farm, garden and hot- ualist meeting, "This man does not rein body and mind by drink and hard- house products which are not consumed alize that is is a Freedom Society." ships of every kind. Some were weak on the place. The only industry fol- Mrs. Mullins considers the high mission as children and hardly able to reach the lowed is that of brickmaking. A of Spiritualism to be the improvement place. Various nationalities and both stratum of fairly good clay underlies a of conditions now and here, for the imsexes were represented in this group of portion of the colony site, and can be provement of the individual, and not vagrants. They were placed in dormi- easily cut out with the hoe and spade altogether to demonstrate that man as tories, especially constructed, divided and carried to the brick factory in bar- a spiritual being will have continuous into sections, each in charge of some rows or on small tram cars, which have life beyond the grave, and that there is member of the army. Those who were been secured for the purpose. This por- intelligent intercourse between incarable were given work to do, while those | tion is in charge of experienced brick- | nated spirits and spirits who have laid who were unfit were cared for until makers, and a colonist who remains six off the form of flesh. The Freedom So-

The different commanders have instruc-The healthful surroundings and the tions to look out especially for a possiis from 2,000 to 2,500, depending largely | condition of the person who is served. table gardening, flower raising and the career of each man or woman who cess in its work. brickmaking. The women are given em- leaves the colony is followed, with the ployment in attending to the dormito- view of ascertaining whether the beneries, in laundry work, cooking and in fit they have received has been permathe hot-houses. When a man enters he nent. Of course, many instances are is given a number and a bed in one of found where they have lapsed into the 1, afternoon and evening, which were the men's dormitories. If he is strong old habit of dissipation and idleness, well attended, delegates being present physically and able to do a fair day's but it has been shown that a surprising- from Lake Pleasant and surrounding work, he receives a check which en- ly large percentage have gone from the towns. Addresses were delivered by titles him to three meals daily, consist- farm to situations in the city and coun- the president of the society, Dr. Chaping of meat, vegetables, bread and tea. try, and have started into a new life, man, Dr. Charles Harding, Francis B. He is considered in the first class. If which has carried them steadily up- Woodbury, Mrs. M. V. Liucolu and Mr. he shirks his duty and does not perform | ward instead of downward, resulting in | R. Churchill. Inspirational music, Mrs. as much as he is able, he is given their conversion to the churches of dif- Wentworth. Spirit evidences, Dr. Chas.

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East End Society, Cleveland, O. Modern Spiritualism. We had with us Nellie E. Mosier and Mr. Weaver, and the undying light of the stars. other speakers who took part in the . The main service of the day

audience and all seemed well pleased Dr. Nellie Mosier gave some splendid

Mrs. D. A. Herrick sang two beautiful

The rostrum was nicely decorated

On the evening of the 29th the society dency to cause them to again resume ent idea from what they had upon en- gave a social which was largely attendtering. The cost of maintaining a colo- ed. Mr. D. A. Herrick acted as chair-The plan thus briefly outlined has nist is remarkably small, averaging for man on that occasion. The first part been followed since the inception of the food less than one shilling-or 25 cents of the evening was taken up by an encolony. At present the average number in American money-a day. This in tertainment conisting of vocal and inat the farm, if it may be termed such, cludes suitable meals according to the strumental music, and we also had a graphophone which caused much formula every phase of religious upon the season of the year. The work | The plan followed by Gen. Booth and | amusement and pleasure. After the en- | thought is necessary to human advancewhich they do includes the ordinary his associates has attracted much atten- tertainment supper was served to all by ment. That new discoveries in the scibranches of agriculture, such as plow- tion, not only in Great Britain, but on the ladies of the society, after which all ing, cultivating and harvesting the va- the continent, and several imitations of retired having spent a pleasant evenrious grain and fodder crops; also vege- it are being tried. As far as possible, ing, and wishing the society every suc-

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manner, while many who have not been eran medium, who has all she can do to and two meals served, made a busy day there is in St. Paul a wide-spread intereducated up to this point have com- earn her bread, saved a dollar bit by bit for the speakers, mediums, officers and est in Spiritualism. The exercises panions who read to them. For the lat- and sent it along; another aged and the Ladies' Auxiliary. The morning throughout the day were exceedingly ter class, however, a series of entertain- feeble woman in this city saved three session was first, by the children's ly- interesting. ceum, and then a conference. The children recited and sang with excellent rewith an invocation by Mrs. Whitwell sult. The conference was very interest- and an address of welcome by the presing. The afternoon meeting consisted | ident of the St. Paul Spiritual Alliance, urally, one would imagine that religious lars in dimes for the fund. A veteran of short speeches by Mrs. Zaida Brown followed by short talks by the friends Kates, Mrs. S. A. Lowell, Mrs. J. P. present. The afternoon exercises were Whitwell, Mrs. A. Talcott, Mr. Miles | a lecture by Mr. Kates on Spiritual De-Mrs. Kates talked of the need for style. Following the lecture were tests

spiritual culture, and showed the prevailing interest in a spiritual Spiritual- dium, Mrs. Kates. The closing exerism to be so great that the material cises of the day was a brilliant lecture spiritism is rapidly losing prominence. She dwelt upon the need of organization to unfold the utilitarianism of Spiritualism, and that its impress upon young minds make a promise of great results in the evolution of humanity to a higher standard of morals and intel-

The others spoke much upon the same lines, and Mrs. Wliltwell told of the value of Spiritualism as a home helper This N. S. A. Home project is showing to unite wife, husband and children in harmony and love. Mr. Miles spoke eloquently of the

progress Spiritualism has made, and how fully it completes a life that has passed the three-score and ten period, testifying to its all forceful power to bless the declining years of a long earth who cannot resist this evil unaided. help, and are holding back, but I hope life. The evening brought a packed hall of people. G. W. Kates gave a splendid lecture upon "The Rise, Progress and Promise of Spiritualism."

Mrs. S. M. Loyell was controlled by Mrs. Kates gave the spirit messages

and descriptions, both afternoon and evening. She has developed wonderfully in this great Northwest, and was accurate and quick in her descriptions. passing rapidly from one spirit or person to another, never delaying a moment. She invariably was correct, and was so clear that the recipients made no delay in acknowledgment. The spirit power is strong with her and carries such convincement that it is indeed a callous soul wild can doubt her very wonderful display of psychic energy. She is a tower of real strength to our cause, and is to:us herein blessing in the efforts we are making to bring immortality to light.

Mr. C. D. Pruden presided gracefully and ably, as usual. We regretted that Mrs. Pruden was absent, especially so by reason of a call to the bedside of a sick relative. The children of the lyceum missed her, as she'ls their loving teacher and friend. This anniversary has indeed been a season of rejoicing and comfort.

MRS, ELIZABETH GRAY. Minneapolis, Minn. h

Philadelphia Spiritualist Society.

The sublime and beautiful is a shrine. where all with esthetic taste come to worship. Nature contributed with lavish hand, to the decoration of our hall for the celebration of the Fifty-second Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, Amidst plants from the tropics, and flowers of our own climate, intermingled with the festoons of flags and bunting, congregated an audience as early as 10 o'clock, Sunday morning. March 25, to commemorate the dawning of the new dispensation that was ushered in fifty-two years ago, by the rappings at Hydesville.

The morning was devoted to a conference at which many of the ploneers participated, relating many trials of persecution and self-abnegation, impressing upon the minds of their successors, the meaning of being a Spiritualist, and the leading in an eloquent address. She meaning of supporting a cause antipodal to current conservatism. The afternoon was given to high carnival; this was the children's hour. Their exercises were comprised of recitations, solos, gymnastics and drills. The gracefulness of each attitude, and the accuracy of each movement were indications of careful training. We look for-The East End Spiritualists Society of | ward trustfully when these buds and Cleveland, Ohio, held anniversary serv- blossoms of the lyceum come to take ice on March 25, in commemoration of charge of the great ship Spiritualism, that they shall steer with the same ac- pulpit of "orthodoxy," so-called, as on that occasion Mr. D. A. Herrick, Dr. | curacy, and take their bearings from | often or in as severe terms as formerly,

opened with a solo, by our musical di- | before. rector, Mrs. Hattle Corblon. She was followed by Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes, of Boston; the discourse she gave was an intellectual treat. Mrs. Byrnes being herself in the sear and yellow leaf and an advocate of Spiritualism for the past 43 years, was the appropriate person- at their temple, on April 1, 1900, by a age for an occasion of this kind. She is | morning and evening service. Mrs. Wilacquainted with Spiritualism from its | lerding, our vice-president, officiated as inciplency to its present development, and only knows too well the signifi- vited to assist in the exercises. The folcance of ebb tides as well as flood tides. She sounded a trumpet of warning to service and called the attention of the all people interested in the Spiritualistic | audience to the original history of Spirmovement, apprising them of the fact | itualism: Barbara Bauer, J. A. McEvoy, that unnecessary iconoclasm and bitter | Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Willerding and Mrs. intolerances are hindrances to progres- Gray. They were concluded in the sion and barriers to individual attain- evening by Mr. John Behagge, Mrs. ment. That according to evolutionary Christman, Mrs. Bryan and myself. ences and the arts modify religious sentiment and lay a foundation for a fu- of this city who have passed to the ture belief, or demonstration, nearer the Summerland. truth than that which is discarded. Her talk throughout was logical and piquant, appealing to all capable of judging without bias or preconceived notions. If there is no interruption, Mrs. Byrnes will speak for this society the last three Sundays in April. Mr. S. C. Fenger, in ballot test medi-

um, of Philadelphia, came after Mrs. Byrnes. He was blindfolded by several skeptics, then proceeded to give ballot tests, receiving full names very readily. frequently giving names not on the ballot. with full descriptions. Furman Shepard, formerly a prominent lawyer of this city, is purported to be the controlling intelligence. If Mr. Fenner. continues in the satisfactory work that has been witnessed here, there is a very bright future for him, and a worthy

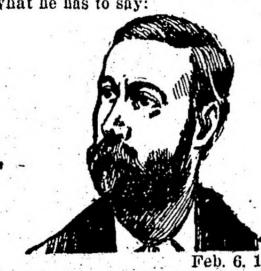
LL.D. A most excellent and very valuworker added to the roll of Spiritualable work, by the Dean of the College Indeed it was a gala day. Everybody seemed buoyant and happy, conscious of the fact that they were celebrating cents. For sale at this office. the anniversary of a movement that "Harmonics of Evolution: The Philgives a panacea for all the ills of life. osophy of Individual Life, Based Upon

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spite of the inclement weather. The

hall was beautifully decorated with silk

flags and banners, while the rostrum

and floor surrounding was almost a

solid embankment of ferns, vines and

flowers, many of the flowers being

brought in commemoration of spirit

The services were opened by an invo-

cation by the pastor, G. V. Cordingly.

also giving an address of welcome.

touching briefly upon the progress of

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would astonish an old one.

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with appropriate exercises in our beau-

tiful temple here, on the first Sunday in

April. Mrs. Jennie Hagan Jackson,

our pastor, conducted the exercises,

was followed by Dr. Brownson, Mrs.

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cerning psychical subjects than ever

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lowing mediums conducted the morning

Communications were given at the

Among the spirits that communicated

Our brother Wm. H. Woods was seen

clairvoyantly by myself, and clairaudi-

ently I heard him say, "God be with

you." He is in spirit life but two

During the lyceum session, Mrs. Wil-

lerding questioned her pupils upon Spir-

itualism, and its history, making it

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Dr. J. W. Ruminer, could not assist us

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If this be so, then the system of practice of these doctors ought to be infallible and free from a suggestion of failure. What are the facts? Even in the most apparent cases of surgery there is liability to failure.

Last May Dr. Proudfoot, of Montreal, operated on a patient who had a diseased eye, the removal of which was recommended in order to save the other and well one. This famous doctor, after placing the patient on the operating table, removed by mistake the perfeet eye, and thus made his subject hopelessly blind. His brother doctors came to his rescue, preventing his prosecution for the terrible, and inexcusable blunder.

On March 2, a Chicago doctor made the same blunder, in an operation on the eye of a pretty girl from Indianapolis. She had lost the sight of one eye by being struck with an arrow. The other eye was in danger from inflammation. The celebrated oculist removed the wrong eye. When Miss Dudley on recovery from the anesthetics was asked if she could see, she pitifully replied: "! am wholly blind. I cannot see with either eye. All is black to me!"

The Chicago Society of Oculists, true to the clannish spirit of the "code of ethics" which compels them to support each other, will not reveal the name of the member who performed the operation. One of these doctors is reported by the New York World as saying: "I think that nearly all the physicians in Chicago will protect him so far as they may, although they realize that there is no excuse for the mistake."

The people of Chicago did not demand It, but the doctors did, for there is money in it for them, that there should be an examining department, to examine the eyes of all the children in the public schools. What good such an examination can be, by doctors who do not know a sound eye from a diseased one, perhaps only these doctors can in-

Bringing Clergymen to Time by Law. provocation for a legislator to introduce at the time of the renaissance, or rea bill reflecting on religion, and its vival of learning. This covered a period fenchers. His constituency must be thoroughly aroused or he would not dare venture to identify himself in the meas-

To such a pass has the profligacy of the clergy come, that Representative Hunter has introduced a bill into the legislature of Ohio, extending the provisions of an existing law regulating the morals of school teachers and ministers of the gospel. It provides that any clergyman who is intimate with "any | hold on the people civilization increased female member of his congregation or in a proportionate ratio. The last fifty parish or communicant in his church or parish within his charge, with her consent, while a member of his congregation or under his charge," shall be punished by from two to ten years' impris-

onment. The evil must be great when such a law is demanded, and the gospel minister who takes advantage of his position. and devotion of his flock, is recreant to honor, betrays the trust reposed in him. and should receive exemplary punishment. The proposed law is not sufficiently severe. Ministers have license, are petted and courted, and to the women of the church are idealized until the sanctity surrounding them is nearly akin to love. They have a standing in- of kings, and every class of the populavitation to the homes of their parishion- | tion high or low was diseased. The ers, and are expected to make frequent calls. Their churches are principally formed of women, too often having more sentiment than intellect, and their position is one of great temptation. Yet | mind was poisoned by the damnable as teachers heaven-inspired and God-ordained, arrogating superior morality. these times. and condemning all who do not accept their dogmas to perdition, they should be irreproachable. This proposed law is the severest commentary on their character. It is a protest against their known crimes, when their immoralities have been exposed, yet it must be taken

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the number brought to popular notice

is insignificant compared with that

which remains.

exen-footed Devils have become too sumerous to burn at the stake, so the church languisheth.

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Sald a late correspondent: "Nothing has done so much for the elevation of humanity in general as Christianity."

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young, if one nation was more prosper-

In an earlier age when Time was

Scrapis, the great idol of Alexandria,

for whose residence a gorgeous temple.

one of the wonders of the world, built

on an artificial hill, was acquired partly

by force from Pontus, on the Black Sea.

It was transported to Egypt, probably

about B. C. 250, some seventy-five years

after that country came under Grecian

rule, to the end that the prosperity

attendant on that god in his own coun-

try, should be transferred to the Nile.

under one of his numerous names, but

that is christened, and worshiped as the

But times have changed. Nations no

longer pillage their gods. They have

capitalized the name, and now force the

new God thus honored upon those na-

tions they deem less prosperous than

There was scarcely a nation of

Europe, outside of Rome, which willing-

ly accepted the Christians' junior God

They resisted with all their strength,

This custom set up in the Middle Ages

Islanders, and the dense population

sons of the missionaries usurped, the

government, and subsequently have

transferred the domination to a foreign

were not satisfactory to the marauders.

land is warring to suppress; but the

to the destruction of the native popula-

Turkey has so far escaped the hands

of the oppressor, not because of the

justice of her cause, but on account of

who would force another God on them.

cause their God bears a Chinese name,

and the people will not repulse Buddha

dream-begotten, virgin-born God, Jesus,

Is it not a fact that the God of any

people is a human ideal, with an intelli-

vance of knowledge? First among the

sayage tribes he is only a fetish.

Further advanced totemism is de-

veloped, when natural objects are

worshiped; then Shamanism and ele-

ment worship; and thus on through

every gradation of which the mind is

capable, until a God of infinite power is

developed, without beginning or end,

everywhere present, possessing every

noble attribute the most enlarged finite

Given a just conception of the mind

of the worshiper, and a very correct

idea of his God may be formed. The

God of the Middle Ages, which de-

veloped the horrors of the Inquisition,

formulated an angry, jealous God, de-

lighting in human suffering and punish-

ing in an endless hell for a trifling

wrong. That age has gone by. With it

among men of brains and thought has

gone its barbarous and cruel God. Now

it is proposed to enthrone Infinite Intel-

ligence, but can a finite mind compre-

The Ontlook Brightens.

tells of a clergyman from a neighboring

thusly on hell, in that pleasant borough,

"The trouble with the old-fashioned

who think at all will believe in nothing

for which there is no evidence. Every-

thing in heaven or on earth must show

its credentials before it can be incorpo-

rated into our philosophy of life; and if

its papers are poor, if its letters of

recommendation do not have the sin-

cere ring of fact, the honest man does

not try to delude himself; cannot accept

it and will not. So it is that the old-

fashioned hell has gradually been

dropped out of mind and out of exist-

ence. The modern universe is a revised

edition, hell left out-an expurgatori-

"Is there, then, no reward for the

good, and no punishment for the

wicked? To be sure there is. The good

man's reward is that he is the good man

that he has made himself to be. To be

good is so excellent a thing that it

would be absurd to wish to add some-

thing to it in order to make heaven. It

is the most excellent thing in the

world-it is heaven. The bad man's

punishment is that he is the bad man

he has made himself to be. To be an

evil creature is so terrible a thing it

would be absurd to wish to add some-

thing to it in order to make hell. It is

the worst thing in the universe; it is

hell; it is the modern way of looking at

That is very unlike the pulpit utter-

ances of fifty years ago. The new gen-

discourse, such as was common to

gone. Indeed, it is only in back-woods

real, genuine, first-class, double-dyed,

gilt-edged, 4X, sulphurous hell, with the

three-tined fork thrown in as gratuities

it would be a pleasure to hear him.

hell: it is the new hell."

The Rutherford News, of New Jersey,

hend the Infinite?

a Sunday or two ago:

ated edition.

mind is capable of conceiving.

in place of their own avatar.

Our sympathies go out very strongly

resurrected Osiris.

their own.

on reaching Egypt he was anointed.

ous than another, that prosperity was Is not our friend laboring under miscredited to the god it worshiped. Not taken impression in this matter? A wishing to occupy an inferior rank in the roll of nations, an ambitious one train of reflections were aroused as we read it a second time. Is it possible, we would make a raid on its more favored involuntarily exclaimed, that the auneighbor with the purpose of capturing thor understood the import of his asserits deity and adopting it as their own. tion? Did he recall the dark history of Numerous and protracted wars are mentioned in history the only motive that system of religion he thus asserted so positively had been instrumental in for waging them was to gain a better the uplifting of the race? Could be god than their own. Large and proshave taken into account the crimes it | perous cities were desolated, and their has committed; the wars it has waged; | inhabitants were either slaughtered or the blood it has spilled; the horrors of carried into slavery with the captured slavery and the slave-trade for which | god, the magnificent ruins of such cities it was responsible; the tears, groans only remaining to tell of the gravity of said the assumption that spirits came to wall of "the unknowable"—a thing Darand agony it has caused? Did he take the conflict. into consideration its hostility to learn-Ecclesiastical historians say the gening, to art, to science; and how progress uine cross, claimed to have been found in all these had been made, not by the by the Empress Helena, A. D. 326, and adored as a fetish, was captured by aid of Christianity, but in spite of it? To enter into details and expose the Persians and removed to its capital. fallacy of the statement would be to where it was held in veneration until A. D. 615, when It was recovered and repeat much that has appeared in these restored to the care of the church.

columns, so we pass, inviting attention to what a votary of the church has said in regard to a period of 3,000 years, one half immediately preceding the alleged birth of Christianity; the other following immediately after. It occurs in the course of a lengthy article on the "Higher Criticism," sent out from London, to the American press, published some time ago in the Chicago Times-Herald. Rev. A. H. Sayce, Professor of Assyriology in Queen's College, Oxford, Eng., is the author, who is reported to | Originally it was a statue to Bacchus, have said to an interviewer: "Our researches among the mony-

ments of Babylon, Assyria and Egypt have opened up a new world undreamed of a few years ago.

"They show that the history of mankind goes back to a very remote past and that civilization was then quite as high as that of imperial Rome or the civilization of Europe at the time of the renaissance [at the close of the 15th century), if not higher in some respects. They have also shown how much there is still to be discovered. After all, what we have found is only the beginning of and only ceased opposition when their what we shall find. It is no longer posresources and means of defence were is that of the doctors. They have forced | Oriental research, that such and such a thing could not have been. The populaof forcing a God on an unwilling people, tion of the early East was highly cul- has been extended into recent times. tured and highly literary. Both in The process was tried on the American Egypt and Babylon a large portion of Indians, and they perished under the the people seem to have occupied their infliction. It was tried on the Sandwich time in reading and writing," nearly disappeared, so crushed that the

The inquirer asked: "What has actually revealed these hitherto unknown facts?" to which Prof. Sayce replied: "The monuments found in Egypt and Babylonia have revealed them in part. These are literally covered with writing. Even the smallest articles of daily use have been found covered with were classed as heathen, their gods inscriptions. The revelations are also partly due to the discoveries that the old cities of the East had very large libraries of books. And some discoveries made a few years ago at Tel el-Amarna in Egypt—where a large number of letters on clay tablets were found-proved that in the 15th century before the Christian era the whole educated population of the East, from the Euphrates to the Nile, were engaged in writing letters to one another. This correspondence was going on actively in a language and form of writing which belonged only to the Babylonians. Those, therefore, who wrote in this language must have studied and learned it as we do French. Hence there must have

script of Babylonia were studied all over Western Asia. "Not long since a discovery was made in the extreme south of Egypt showing that papyrus books were written in the very early days of Egyptian history. As | who construct him? Has he not been regards the Babylonian libraries, they an evolution from the very dawn of hiswere equally ancient and very numer- tory, slowly improving with the adous. Every great library had its clay books. Some time ago at a place called Tello, in South Chaldea, a French excavator discovered a library which was formed three or four centuries before the birth of Abraham, and which he concludes had contained 33,000 separate clay tablets or books on all kinds of subjects. He found them arranged in shelves, piled one upon another. They had probably been overwhelmed by the fall of the building in which they were placed. Many of these clay tablets are now in Constantinople. About 10,000 were stolen by the Arabs. The tablets are mostly written in Accadian, a language which is still imperfectly

been schools in which the language and

But we must not protract these quotations further. The reader will note that this learned orthodox clergyman and college professor, concedes civilization was quite as high 1,500 years be-It requires a great and prolonged | fore our era as it was 1,500 years after. of 3,000 years. The last more than 1,000 years, according to Christian claims, they had supreme control of civil and ecclesiastical affairs; and yet at the city, not a Universalist, who discoursed close of that period civilization had

> made no advance! From the close of the 15th century, when the power of the church began to | hell is, it does not exist. Nowadays men decline, civilization began to make new strides forward. As the church lost its years, during which period what the church calls infidelity has made its grandest advance; while the vices Christianity entailed on the worldslavery, intemperance, licentiousness, and polygamy-have greatly declined,

or wholly disappeared. To the non-medical reader a fact may be stated, not generally known, but full accounts are given in medical literature, that at the close of the 15th century syphilis prevailed as an epidemic throughout all Europe. It was as common in church circles as in the courts blood of the world was corrupted during those times when priestcraft and Christianity had full sway, just as the paganism they have projected into the billion

### A Modest Request.

The Methodist Board of Bishops, who called for the week of fasting and prayer just passed, urged that additionin consideration that such illicit acts | al to prayer and supplication each evenare among the most difficult to prove, | ing in the churches, special prayer be every orthodox pulpit two generations and most readily concealed, and hence | rendered in the homes of the devout, asking God to "bring to his altar at districts, or where Talmage or some of his imitators hold forth, that we get the least 2,000,000 penitent seekers who shall find peace and security in his church." Asked "in faith, nothing Disbelievers in virgin-born Gods and | doubting," the two millions, full count, | Devil, his barbed tail, cloven-foot, and ought to have been forthcoming very promptly. How many recruits did they If that preacher would come this way actually get?

## TESTING BY HYPOTHESIS

## Sar'gis Dilates on the Methods of Scientists with Spiritualism.

And Demonstrates Their Deficiency in Good, Practical Common Sense.

a 'working hypothesis' as a base from prize poultry. Don't regard this the truth.

a perfect response to all the talk about ters of thinking. a "scientific Spiritualism." Or to put it

premise to prove something else, A principles are found to be true." To the tribunal of another. keep these definitions in mind will help | The Seybert Commission furnishes

to reasonably explain phenomena. prehension or understanding of facts and materialization. It is a contradiction in principles. Knowledge gained by sys-terms, Spirit ceases to be spirit when tematic observation, experiment and it becomes matter." That is Horace reasoning."

these authoritative definitions, the sub- ceases to be spirit when it becomes matject is open for comment:

ground for slaves, because the people attracted by, or gravitates to every oth- name. er particle of matter, with a force in- But even when these scientific gentleversely proportioned to the squares of men confess that spirit or spirits alone their distances." It took Newton twen- can account for the facts, their getting to the Boers, which monarchial Eng- ty years to work out the mathematical at it almost eclipses the verdict by the Boers were the original trespassers their own government, with a new God.

such revision is made. divisions and jealousies among those China is now in danger of a division among Christian powers, merely benothesis is that of the vortex and it is a lous scoundrel," and accepting another and Confucius and substitute the gence never rising above that of those blood.

> satisfactorily answer is the orbital other friends-of which fact there could movement of the outer planets or plan- be no doubt. All honor to Prof Hyslop et. We have the sun and his family of for his moral courage to make the deceight planets. As "every particle of laration. matter attracts every other particle," astronomers have made the sun the cen- Psychical Research Society's scientific tral mass of particles pulling every oth- investigation: It has resulted in Profs. er to it. And every planet pulling also Hodgson, of England, Hyslop, of Coat each other according to the mathe-lumbia College, James, of Harvard, and matical ratio-all at the same time Lilian Whiting, correspondent and aumoving with velocities defined by other thor, being convinced of the fact of mathematical ratios. This gravity hy-spirit existence and return, but already pothesis "works" well enough till we the press and the unwilling people bereach the outlying members of the solar | gin to belittle this long-continued and | millennial age, when the Devil is to be system, and then, for example, what persistent investigation, and in the papulls Neptune by the back hair and per that printed Prof. Hyslop's lecture keeps him from being pulled into the the students of Columbia College are sun? And suppose, Prof. Underwood. commiscrated with, if all else they get because this gravity working is a "mys- from the Professor has no more behind tery," its exponents should be called it than has this paper. "frauds," and its teachers "charlatans?" There are thousands of Spiritualists But, as a rule Spiritualists are not big- to-day—to use a popularism, the woods ots. Gravity, too, has failed to answer are full of them—to whom the evidences other questions which have been raised that these professors have received are by the discoveries of Morse, Edison, a b c in comparison. The real wonder Tesla and others, and to help it out new in this case to well informed Spiritualhypotheses have been advanced, among lists is the mediumship of Mrs. Piper, them ether. Gravity did not deal with that can submit to the exactions of period the foundations of Christianity the atmosphere, nor with vapors and these materialistic professors, the mengases. It saw an apple fall to the tal atmosphere they bring with them, ground after it had grown, ripened and the doubts, the objections, the crossloosened from its stem, but it did not questioning and suspecting insinua-"work" out the problem of how it got | tions, and then give such absolute evithere. Don't answer by saving capil- dence as to force conviction upon such lary attraction—that is another hypoth- people. Her mediumship must indeed esis to bridge over another failure to be extraordinary to demonstrate what

gregation-both being the action of ton should see to it that, as soon as gravity working along the inexorable these scientific gentlemen are through

one line of law. densing power of force, acting by rota- tunity.

manifesting in the auroral light.

nomena claims to offer. That is all. mind as a guide to freedom, who is hand for the investigation of such selready to say that the last word in this entists is to invite bigotry and insult.

direction has been spoken by Darwin?

We owe an immense debt to him, and to the world through modern mediumship

the fact that he was not a metaphysical was a revelation and a revolution. It

To the Editor:-As the last talk found server of facts which he catalogued and the favor of printing in The Progressive connected into a grand hypothesis. Thinker, the temptation to supplement Herbert Spencer and others have is strong-especially as to what Hudson woven his facts into a philosophic spec-Tuttle says to B. F. Underwood, who ulation, and finally reached the blank the boy Tuttle and wrote a book. Ar- win never attempted. But his co-discana of Nature, was to him, Under- coverer, Wallace, has found another Sarada-Devi, a Brahman lady of high wood, a "mystery," In replying, Mr. fact—that life is continuous—or that ev-Tuttle uses this language: "This is ex-lolution is an eternal law, and not conactly what scientists do. They invent fined alone to breeding short-horns or which to make excursions into the un- speaking lightly of Darwin, for of all known." This is a sweeping statement, the men who have lived and labored he but it will stand the probe-it is simply stands second to no one as an emanciparor of the minds of men. It is those If the subject is not too dry for your who live from endowed chairs, who readers, it will be a sort of text for narrowly recite his discoveries and their what may follow. No attempt will be own concepts of them as the last word made to explore or exploit a hypothesis in human knowledge. And so it may or hobby, but to show as may be the be said of the men who think they think truth of this statement of Mr. Tuttle as Newton, LaPlace, and other great mas-

Spiritualism presents an entirely new as it really is: to submit a fact or a body class of facts to the world or for presof facts to the decision of a hypothesis, ent purposes let us call it a new hypothor to the arbitrament of a hypotheses lesis. But let this new hypothesis stand on the same foundation as the others-What is a hypothesis? The lexicogra- try it and see what sort of a working phers say it is "a proposition assumed hypothesis it presents. Ask it such and taken for granted, to be used as a questions as the facts suggest and seehow it answers. This is the fair way, supposition; a judgment concerning an but we are asked to submit it to the imaginary state of things \* \* a proposi- tests of these other hypothetical things, tion held to be true because its conse- and be tested by their methods. Or in quences according to known general plain terms try one hypothesis before

to clear thinking—that is to think clear- the most conspicuous example of this ly in the attempt to account for a fact sort of thing. For an illustration: or thing seen by the interpretation of There now lies before the writer of this an unseen thing taken for granted. Or a letter from one of the members of to get down to plain speech, a hypothe-that commission addressed to a gentlesis is an assumption, and a "working man who had proposed to present cerhypothesis" a theory that can be made tain things before them. It is dated September 12, 1888, and contains this What is science? "Knowledge, com- statement: "There is no Spiritualism in Howard Furness on spirit manifesta-

ter." The idea of submitting the facts Gravity, the primary postulate of all and phenomena of Spiritualism to such science, while it has been by the text- a scientist has already been illustrated. book profession called a law—the law Think of it—a man sitting as a judge of of the cosmos-is after all only a by spirit phenomena and the claims of pothesis. Thinkers are by no means Spiritualism who talks about spirit agreed as to its being even the best ceasing to be spirit and becoming someworking hypothesis. What is it? "Ev- thing else. Yet he is a "savant" and Africa for ages was made the hunting | cry particle of matter in the universe is has half an alphabet of initials to his

> bases before he was ready to announce grotesqueness of the evidence—or the it as a hypothesis, and his postulates methods employed to establish such an ing on the data of others, that the mere of man. For example: Prof. Hyslop labor requisite for its discussion has went to see Mrs. Piper, as "Mr. Smith," never been undertaken. It is the work wearing "a black mask," and "religiousof a life-time, and will be a "law" until ly refrained from uttering a syllable." Just imagine a grave professor in Co-But among thinkers it is not so vast a lumbia college, sitting in a black mask, labor, and the theory of his great prede- dumb as a stone image, testing the cessor. Descartes, is gaining ground world-old question of "the immortality very rapidly-especially since the new of the soul." And then this masked imdiscoveries in electricity. This rival by large rejecting one spirit as a "prepostersingular thing that every discovery in as honest because he described a "little the realm of forces discloses the fact brown knife" and "a cane with his inithat cosmic motion is that of the rotary, tials on it." The final conclusion, howvibratory, spiral—or in other words, the ever, of all this "scientific testing," is vortex. Pre-eminently is this the action the frank declaration of Prof. Hyslop, of the heart and the circulation of the that as to the facts elicited "there is no other explanation but spiritism." That One thing the gravity theory does not he talked with his father, brother and

But now, as to the utility of all this

has been given through her. With a so-Again, the globular form of the earth clety of sympathetic men and women. may be answered by gravity, but how there would hardly be any limit to the about the vast areas of formless neb- proofs of a future life that might not be ula, out of which another hypothesis obtained. The real Spiritualists and forms worlds-primal diffusion, final ag- | Liberal seekers after knowledge in Boswith their engagement, Mrs. Piper be The vortex hypothesis answers all surrounded with an open-minded, symthese questions to the satisfaction of pathetic body of friends, and her rare

some profound thinkers, by the con- powers be given full measure of opportion, and takes care of Neptune as of In this mention it must not be taken Mercury. And instead of an earth, an that there is meant any slighting reversion of the old-a sort of expurgated atmosphere and an ether, it uses one marks as to these men. They not only substance, space, which it regards as deserve but will receive from sincere world matter in solution the conditions people all credit and respect for their named being the results of this vortex- painstaking, and all honor for their ian force moving under the law of ro- courage to tell and stand up for the tating power-being swiftest at the truth. It is only referred to as an illusouter and diminishing in proportion, to tration as to what this much-invoked nil at the axis. Or! in Jother words, scientific investigation of Spiritualism in Dutch. Does the presumption premoving so swiftly outside as to dissolve is and must be when tested by their matter or to hold it in solution, increas- methods, and what they call practically ing in density until wellsense it in at-proved. It is the method for them or mosphere and growing in tangibleness for any of us when material means are until we meet the fluidic and solid plan- employed to prove the existence of spiret. And when this vortex force, or curlits. To paraphrase the wise deliverrent meets itself at the axis, flows out ance of the Seybert commissioners: at the poles, making them magnetic and when we become materialists, to prove the fact of spirit we must look for Whether this is a better working hy- "little brown knives and initialed pothesis than gravity is not the purpose canes"—as like only can produce like. of this writing to discuss, it is only used | When will Spiritualists understand as an illustration of the truth of what this one thing: That in all the ages Mod-Hudson Tuttle says. Science while ern or American Spiritualism is the first turning up its nose at the facts of Spir-lattempt to put the spiritual on the itualism and demanding that "it submit | plane of natural law-illustrated by scieration rarely gets a genuine hell-fire to the conditions of scientific dictation, entific methods. It is no beggar for enis itself and has been for generations in dorsement by priest or philosopher, but search of a hypothesis that will help it their instructor. It is because it disto just such knowledge as spirit phe- cards the supernatural and superstition that it meets with the scoffs of sclen-Again we have the still more modern tists-for the majority of our colleges hypothesis of evolution. And however are under theological control and scigreat has been its benefits to the human ence taught by D. Ds. To go hat in

The very first message ever sent to

but the plain "I am a pedlar." There was more science in that message and how it came, than in all the scientific attempts to prove the fact since. Spirittheir real position in regard to this whole question. We have the knowledge to give, and no fayors to ask from the parrots of hypothetical science. SAR'GIS.

School Girls for India.

Miss Margaret Noble, an English woman, will shortly go to India, there to establish a native school for native girls on lines entirely novel and unique. The school, which will partake largely of the zenana [pertaining to women] form. will be entirely Hindoo in character, and will be located in the native quarter of Calcutta, where it has already been established experimentally for some time. At its head will be the famous caste, who is mentioned in Max Muller's book, "The Life of Rama Khrishno." No attempt at Christianizing the pupils will be made, Miss Noble feeling that much better and greater work can be done among them if their religious ideas and affinities are respected. So says an exchange.

No national complications will grow out of Miss Noble's worthy labors. No ling done, by deriding Spiritualism, or Christian navy, with special armament for bombarding cities, or howitzers into which natives may be loaded and fired, will be needed. Blazing cities and massacred people will not follow such teaching; neither will the lives of the ington, D. C., and it is of these that I teachers be endangered. Blessings from all the world should follow the "noble" woman, and thanks to the good influences which inspired her to engage in so gracious a task.

Is It Possible?

Dr. W. C. Gray, editor of the Interior, a Presbyterian organ of Chicago, who was appealed to for advice in regard to Rev. Dr. Hillis' extreme utterance in antagonism to the brutal Calvanistic creed of that church, is reported in the daily papers to have said:

"I do not think Dr. Hillis has said anything which should make him liable to expulsion. The only doctrinal points in Dr. Hillis' sermon which have caused to his lecture—a first-class one for a all this rumpus are two, on which three- mental science audience; one, too, that fourths of the ministers and nine-tenths of the members of the church agree."

This remark of Rev. Dr. Gray is posi-And now having cleared the way by tion! Just read it over again: "Spirit | tively more surprising than were the severe words of Dr. Hillis. Dr. H. has been considered shaky as regards orthodox creeds for a good while; but that "three-fourths of the ministers and nine-tenths of the members of the church" occupy the same extreme position, is astounding, and bids us hope other obnoxious features of that Westminster creed will soon go by the board.

Tears and Groans Won't Save Them. The Methodists, under the direction of the Board of Bishops, observed the week ending April 1, in penitence and prayer, on account of the decrease in in crossing the Vaal, and setting up were so many, and some of them rest- overwhelming truth as the immortality church membership and attendance on cide who the one genuine medium out church services. This falling away from of the hundred is? Mr. Grumbine may the faith, conceded to be common to decide in favor of one, and I may say all the orthodox denominations, is attributed to the spirit of research and doubt represented by the "higher criticism." Should it not be credited to the superior intelligence of the age, and of a better acquaintance with the frauds of priestcraft by which the pernicious dogmas of the church were foisted on an ignorant and credulous people? Instead of penitence and prayer restoring them to public favor, we commend to their consideration the rude proverb: "He who spitteth against the wind befouleth his own face."

### Sensible Advice.

The Philadelphia Times reports the Methodist Bishop Fowler as advising candidates for the ministry:

"If you haven't a wife, get one, but don't marry a woman simply on account of her piety or good looks. Look to it that she is possessed of good, sound horse sense. Otherwise the marriage is likely to prove a disastrous failure."

Is it possible practical common sense has entered a Methodist pulpit to give such advice as the above? Perhaps the chained, is nearer than we had sup-

## Condensed History.

When only the clergy were educated they wrote books and imposed them on the ignorant multitude as the inspired writings of God, and they were accepted as such. Then, outside of the higher officials of the church, ignorance was universal. It was during that Sunday work. were laid and its creeds were formu- any association, or in my official posirid of the deception. The task would | Spiritualist, and a medium, and most be an easy one if the subsistence of the priestly successors to that fraud was not contingent on its prolongation.

### The Harem a Prison.

The western boast that every man's house is his castle is as nothing to the sanctity of the eastern harem. No offlcer of the law may enter a harem, and therefore there is no safeguard for the life and liberty of its inhabitants. One day they may be slaves, the next princesses and the next strangled or poisoned. An ill disposed man could carry off an enemy to his harem and kill him, and none would be the wiser.-Ex.

There seems to be a close resemblance between a harem and a numery. Who has the requisite genius to tell the difference?

### An Eye Heavenward.

The British Foreign Bible Society has determined to place in the hands of all Boer prisoners in the Transvaal, Bibles vail that these prisoners will love liberty less after reading of Moses' and Joshua's adventures in overrunning Palestine and slaughtering its inhabltants, "leaving nothing alive that breathed?"

Replies to Talmage. We have received many replies to Rev. Talmage's assault on Spiritualism. The one we published by Hudson Tut-

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#### ualists ought to realize and respect Is He a Spiritualist? If Not. What?

The timely and well-written article of our Brother Lyman C. Howe, in the April 7 number of The Progressive Thinker, "Shall Spiritualism Surrender," is one that deserves the attention of every true and tried Spiritualist. Of late there seems to have arisen a school of philosophers, or teachers in our ranks, who, for the purpose of extending their pet theories, and increasing their classes in "Occult Science" and kindred themes, seem determined either to ignore or to deny Spiritualism and mediumship. And the larger number of these new teachers, have come to the front by the help of mediumship and the support of Spiritualists. I have no desire to make war on any one, nor to question honest methods of teaching, and of the betterment of living. I hail with joy all ways and means, that show human beings how to cultivate their own inner powers, and to become spiritualized, but this is done by all good spirits who come through spiritual mediumship, and there is no need of its beby ignoring the good work of medium-

Brother Howe's article, deals with the words and methods, of the Rev. Mr. Grumbine, who is at present serving the First Spiritual Association of Washhave this to say. In the December 15 number of his magazine, the Rev. Mr. Grumbine says of "The Trance": "No phenomenon of occultism and Spiritualism has been so widely and so popularly exploited in England, Europe and America by a lot of charlatans and selfdeluded speakers and mediums, as the trance. It is safe to say that ninetynine per cent of all materializations through alleged mediumship is fraud. It is safe to affirm that the same per cent of the alleged trance speaking or trance mediumship is fraud. A genuline trance is as rare as a sunflower in Siberia"-and so on, and so on.

And this from a speaker who is preaching on the Spiritualistic platform and earning his living from Spiritualists. On last Sunday evening I listened savored largely of spiritual cult; I grant all that belongs to it along the higher education. The word Spiritualism was mentioned twice, but no one could have connected it with our cause. A young lady who was present asked three different persons who listened to the lecture, at different times, and not in the presence of one another: "If a stranger had entered the hall, not knowing what the belief of its society was, and had listened to the discourse, what would it be taken to be?" and each replied, "A lecture on Christian Science.

In the name of Spiritualism, and of wholesale slander of the latter contained in the assertion of this reverend gentleman, that ninety-nine per cent of our mediums are frauds; who shall deanother, while perhaps some of the very first and best of our trance speakers and mediums, like Mrs. Richmond, for instance, might fall under the ban of some of these self-constituted

What I want to know is, whether Mr.

Grumbine is a Spiritualist or not? About a dozen persons in this city have told me of late that he is not, and that he does not claim to be. I tell them that he is, or he was when he left the Unitarian pulpit for the spiritual rostrum, for I know as much about that step as any other medium or person can know. If he has changed in his opinion, what has changed him? Has he learned that he was self-deluded when he thought Thomas Starr King and Elizabeth Barrett Browning were his "controls" and guides, or would be rather have the public think his own brain produced the beautiful thoughts that were supposed to emanate from these rare inspirers? It is true my friend Grumbine may say he is not a trance speaker, but that these spirit intelligences illuminate him in his public work. I do not see that the statement covers the ground; mediumship is either true or false, and to say that only ten out of a thousand mediums are not charlatans is a sweeping statement, and one that should bring forth its proof. How can we look upon a speaker or writer who says this thing, (and who advertises on his circulars that he gives lectures upon the "Universal Religion" each Sunday, at such a hall-which is the hall and meeting of the Spiritualist Association—as a true Spiritualist? The word Spiritualism not appearing at all on these bills in connection with this

I am not writing this in the name of Now the great struggle is to get | tion, but in my private capacity as a of all in the name of traduced mediumship. No one despises fraud more than I, no one would rather see it exposed, and by Spiritualists, but when we are told that only ten out of a thousand mediums of any phase are genuine, I say, a false statement is made, that all true Spiritualists, who have been instructed, blessed and comforted by their returning spirit friends through mediumship, should resent.

Brother Grumbine will doubtless be surprised at this article from the hand of one who has always been his warmest friend and who has spoken well of his works, but I feel impelled by the spirit of Justice and of Truth to give this forth to the world. M. T. LONGLEY.

Washington, D. C.

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"Illustrious brother 'of the sun and moon! Look upon thy slave, who rolls at thy feet, who kisses the earth before thee and demands of thy charity permission to speak and live.

utor to his journal:

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## REMARKABLE CASE OF A

VISIT TO MARS; RELATES HOW piano. FIVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO SHE WAS THE WIFE OF A HINDOO PRINCE, AND DURING A LATER REINCARNATION WAS A QUEEN OF FRANCE-SENSA-TION PRODUCED BY BOOK OF PROF. FLOURNOY DESCRIBING When he (the Martian) saluted he HIS INVESTIGATION OF HER MANIFESTATIONS.

Ceneva now claims the greatest Spiritualistic medium ever known. The account of the experiments made with this medium by Dr. Th. Flournoy, professor of psychology at the University of Geneva, has created a sensation on the Continent. In a volume of no less than four hundred and eighteen pages, Professor Flournoy gives full details of this, one of the most remarkable cases known to science. His medium has accomplished feats far surpassing those of Mrs. Piper, and although his book has just been published, it is already out of print. His conclusions are being widely discussed in Europe.

Believers in reincarnation hold that Miss Helene Smith-the name given her by the professor in his book, but not her real name—the Geneva medium proves their theory. In her seances she gives what purport to be accounts of the people of the planet Mars, and she writes Arabic and Sanscrit, languages which, as far as Dr. Flournoy can discover, she has never studied.

Miss Smith is not a professional medium, nor does she accept any payment for her work. According to Professor Flournoy's description she was thirty years of age when this investigation be. and returned to the bridge again. gan, in December, 1894. Her eyes are almost black and she has an intelligent expression without anything of the eestatic. She appears to be in perfect health, physically and mentally

She is employed as a clerk that commercial house of Geneva. Three years before this scientific inquiry began Miss Smith found that she was gifted with certain psychical powers. Her familiar spirit answers to the name of Leonold. There is no doubt that her trances are genuine and that she is absolutely unconscious in a waking state of all that has transpired during the trance.

The most striking and peculiar feature of her somnambulastic or hypnotic trances is that in them she claims to have lived at least twice before her present appearance on earth. Five hundred years ago she was the daughter of an Arab sheik, and under the name Simandini became the wife of a Hindoo prince, named Sivrouka, who ruled over Kanara and built the fortress of Tchandraguri. In the last century she reappeared in the person of the unfortunate Marie Antoinette. Reincarnated for her sins and perfecting in the humble condition of Helene Smith, she recollects the events of the past during her sompambulistic trances, and for the time becomes a Hindoo princess or Queen of France.

But more remarkable than either of these cases is a third, in which Miss Smith communicates with the Martians and unveils the mysteries of that planet to our eyes during her period of somnambulism. The special phenomenon connected with this Martian period is that she has created an absolutely new language, in which the words have well a special script.

and finds nothing especially remarkable his suggestion. or erratic in the record. Miss Smith appears to be perfectly normal, showing and pronounced the name 'Esenale,' to marvelous manner. no traces of degeneracy, physical, men- which Helene responded in a weak, tal or moral.

conversation she seems intelligent and soon. He has taken me by the hand gifted, lively and bright. She does not studies, thinks, reflects and discusses. her success in business.

At times Miss Smith is affected while will teach me how to write." When writing in the name of her fa- out the least effort. miliar spirit or detective genius, Leo-

normal letters. of one of these Martian seances:

"After Miss Smith has gone into a guage. trance and had held a long conversation wanted her to go into some strange car- by the medium. The one reproduced a childish voice, talking in a whisper. came impatient with this woman, and great Astane, I come to thee always ing for a knot. Then the voice of the after speaking to her in French began through that mysterious element which | child said distinctly, "I have made the to speak in an unintelligible language envelops my being and bears me to thee knot." almost like Chinese.

was the language of the planet Mars, thy grace and the response of thy wis- in a metal ring. and that this woman was actually the dom. Be happy to-day.". mother of Alexis Mirbel, reincarnated | Professor Flournoy remarks: "I have one present of the remarkable power of Vulcan, the god of the blacksmith, had of light from those twinkling eyes of on this planet, and that Helene herself given so much space to this matter of this medium. He was formerly emspoke Martian. Very soon Miss Smith, the Martian language because Miss | ployed in the telegraphic service here.after asking the woman to speak more Smith believed absolutely in its genslowly so that she could repeat her uineness, as do many of her friends, but words, began to talk some incompre- it seems to me that it is really a travhensible jargon, of which M. Lemaitre esty upon French. It is, indeed, a lan-(another professor), took exact record. guage, and not a jargon of senseless His note read: 'Mitchma mitchmou sounds. The words are definite and minimi tohouanimen nimatchineg masi- have a definite meaning; this significachinof mezavi patelki abresinad ma- ition is permanent, and there is no doubt vette naven navette.' After several that it is really a language. I do not minutes Helene stopped, crying, 'Oh, I | mean to say that it is the result of any have enough. You talk so fast that I careful calculation on the part of Miss will never be able to repeat it.' And Smith, but I do believe that by the ncthen after some little resistance she en- | tion, unconscious, so it seems, of her

Standing up, Helene acted the voyage | more or less closely to French." After | The outer, or the inner careto Mars in three phases, the explana- a careful study of the different phonetic | No need to shower fulsome praise, tion of which was suggested by Leo- sounds. Professor Flournoy points out Nor mold thy speech in flat'ry's ways, pold-swaying the upper part of the the strong resemblance. Even the But give love's simple message true, body (passing through our atmosphere), writing, he believes, corresponds to And ring love's golden bell anew. immovable and rigid (the interplane- some of the signs used in Latin script | Some word that stirs a hope withintary voyage), renewed oscillations of or print. the shoulders and bust (atmosphere of The most striking feature of what is Or else some word that lifts the soul, Mars). Arrived on Mars, she gets out called "the Hindoo cycle of communica- Above the griefs that now control. of the carriage and performs a compli- tion is the fact that Miss Smith writes O say the word, and say it now, cated pantomime, describing the man- Arabic, and writes it well; writes San- And charge that word, with love's own ners and politeness of the Martians, scrit, and that, too, correctly, although

her to Mars."

IN HER SEANCES SHE TELLS, one of the company that she might be WONDERFUL TALES OF HER assisted by music, and he played the

> Upon this, however, Helene fell rapidly to the earth, losing the Martian state. As the music stopped she went into a mixed condition, in which were combined the Martian visions and a certain sense of her earthly existence. She said to herself: "Those dreams are funny but I must tell them to M. Lemaitre. tapped his nose and spoke a strange ianlanguage, but I understood it never-

It was some months later, when, as Helene states, having risen from her bed at three o'clock in the morning to bring in some flowers that were on the window seat, instead of falling asleep again she sat down on the side of the bed and immediately saw a peculiar landscape. She was on the shore of a beautiful lake, whose waters were blue with a rosy tint, and there was a bridge across it whose supports were yellow tubes like organ pipes. The earth was the color of peaches; the trees were either twisted or the trunks were enlarged toward the top instead of toward

Later a whole crowd came to the bridge. In this crowd she noticed one woman especially. The women wore hats as flat as plates. Helene did no know who these people were, but it seemed to her as if she had seen them before. There was a man on the bridge (Astane) who had in each hand instruments something like carriage lamps, and when they were pressed they show out flames, which seemed to lift him into the air. By means of these the man left the bridge, flew over the water On several occasions Helene saw this

man, and she also saw a house so strange in its architecture that she as last painted it. At the same time she heard a phrase, the meaning of which she could not grasp, but she wrote i down with a pencil thus: "Dode ne c haudan te meche metiche astane ke de me veche." Six weeks later, at one o the seances, the translation of this phrase was given. It meant that the house she saw was the one in which

After several symptoms characteristic of departure for Mars (vertigo, palpitation of the heart, etc.), Helene fell into a profound sleep. The Professor wished to communicate with her in the usual method by the fingers, but Leopold an swered that it was not the right time and that she would soon tell them what she saw on Mars. A little later he added, "Put her on the sofa," for she had before been seated in a chair. "Then he told us," continues the report "that she was on the way to Mars, and that she was now talking to the Martians, but that he would not translate for us, not because he was unwilling. but because he could not: that the translation is done by Esenale, who is actually disincarnated in space, but recently lived on Mars and before had lived on earth, so that he could act as

After half an hour of waiting, the calm sleep of Helene gave place to agitation, sighs, rhythmical movement of the head and hands and strange Martian gestures, smiles, and French words murmured in an undertone to Leopold, who seemed to have accompanied her to Mars, and to whom she spoke of her defined sounds and meanings written in impressions of what she saw. In the Professor Flournoy has made a care- | ment of the arms (Leopold's gesture) ful study of the early life of Miss Smith indicated that it was time to carry out | feat of tying the "Zollner knot." The

"I put my hands on Helene's forehead sweet, melancholy voice: 'He has gone medium can be recognized. In ordinary | he'll come back, he'll come back very and led me into the house. I do not believe in Spiritualism, and, although know where Esenale was leading me, invited, has refused to become a mem- but he said, "Dode ne el hauden te ber of the Society Spiritistic of Geneva, | meche metiche Astane ke de me veche.' because, as she says, she has no theo- but I did not understand. Dode-this. ries about these facts, and does not ne-is, ci-the, haudan-house, te-of, work with any special end in view. She | meche-great. metiche-man, Astane-Astane, ke-whom, de-you, me-have, that she may learn the truth. The Pro- | veche-seen. This is the house of the fessor adds that there can be no doubt great man Astane whom you saw. Escthat Helene is a very intelligent woman | nale told me this. He has gone away. and a very practical one, judging from but he will come back very soon. He dates back twenty years to the time will teach me how to speak, and Astane

seemingly not in the trance state by a The pictures of the house, plants, fish, knot to be tied into a piece of string kind of subliminal consciousness of lamp, and of Astane himself were all matters which occur during the trances, painted by Miss Smith, but none of fastened and not touched by human and under this influence a letter or them, as is the case with certain meword in the Sanscrit or the Martian diums, in a somnambulistic state. They script is ant to creep into an ordinary represent a kind of intermediate stage note. Miss Smith has never been hyp- between her normal condition and that notized or magnetized. The seances of the trance. The visions pursued her | can tie knot after knot under these cirgenerally last from an hour to an hour with such insistence that she was at cumstances, with both his hands held and a half, ending with three blows on last forced to produce these pictures, the table, after which Miss Smith and when she did sit down to the work seems to be in her normal condition, it was done almost mechanically, with-

pold, both the style of composition and which Miss Smith expressed the words | The ends of the string were sealed as the character of the script are of the Martian language was a de- before and placed around the neck of men." In a nativity, when in certain altogether different from Miss Smith's velopment from the suggestion in the one of those present. Both the media specis with Mercury, ruler of intellect. The most interesting results of the in the trance. A week later Leopold he was told to tie the knot under these must be brains, or there could be no conversation about Mars have been said that Astane would now write, but seemingly impossible conditions. placed in a separate chapter by Pro- he did not do so. It was six months fessor Flournoy. Here is his account later when Astane said to Helene, "You will very soon be able to write our lan- pened: "I felt some some one touch my springs forth from the brain. If wis-

tered the carriage which was to take great intellectual faculties, she has in- No mortal here but knows some lossstinctively created a language related | Not one but needs the strength to bear,

Her swaying movements suggested to it has been proven that she could not Austin. III.

possibly have studied either language. This is a puzzle which neither this Professor nor any one else has been able to

explain. The conclusions to which these inrestigations have been led are thus summed up by Professor Flournoy: "From the point of view of physiology, Miss Smith, like all the mediums,

during her visions and somnambulistic trances, presents a mass of perturbations of movement and sensibility from main, will make some additional sugwhich she appears to be altogether free gestions, in her normal state. But these slight observations are not sufficient to solve ality is shown in the two brains, the ing information about some stolen cat the neuro-pathological problem of frontal being an evolution of the back | tle. He vouches for the whole truth of

already in use.

although rather too complex to be ex- the brain is not disordered; the sub-con- Blue Mountains turned out three work plained by a single formula, is never- scious has its seat in the back brain and theless explicable in a large degree by is controlled by soul-force. The soul several well known principles, the suc- knows the conscious and communicates cessive or common action of which to it; but the conscious, with many perbrings about the various phenomena. sons, has no knowledge of the soul and It is especially that influence so often | denies its existence. The conscious fails | stated of emotive shocks and certain to remember; the soul remembers evpsychic traumatims, upon mental dis- erything. The conscious is always blunsociation, whence the birth of the hyp- dering, but always learning; the soul notic state may derive its germ, makes no mistakes, for it profits from whether it be of secondary personalities | the experience of the conscious and is more or less characterized, or of som- always progressing. nambulistic stories, which are like the | When lecturing, like all public speakexaggeration of tales and reverles by ers, I often fail to think of a word or many so-called normal persons. In fine, name which I desire to use, and the it is the tremendous suggestibility and more positive I become in an effort to auto-suggestibility of the mediums recall the word or name, the farther which makes them so sensitive to all the conscious seems from it. Then the influences of spiritualistic meetings, say to the audience, as soon as the conand favors the play of those brilliant scious becomes passive on that point

ments of the personality of Leopold, will tell the audience what it is, but the name; to what town they had been and perhaps the Martian dreams, and while the mind and will the idea of having once been a Hindoo so positive the soul, or sub-con- sold. Furthermore, he said, "-, if princess and Queen of France, Cryp- scious, cannot act. I learned this by you go at once you will get them alive." tompesia, the revealing and actualizing sitting in a circle, and many a poor me- This was certainly a strange dream of forgotten memories, accounts; for dium has been abused and accused of and Mr. -told his wife of it as soon many of the visions of Miss Smith, of being a fraud, when her ignorant ac- as he woke; he also told his mother, her incarnations. But besides this gen- cusers were the true cause of her fail- who was then living near, and she said eral explanation there is much of the ures, or errors, and all she could say, to him: "-, you should always believe detail which is inexplicable. The pre- | was, "the conditions are not right." cise origin of Helene's Sanscrit and of | Till I was forty-five, I had no charity | The old lady's remark evidently savors many of those ancient and distant talks for what I called an "evil-doer." Is by no means clear. Does it not sug- Trained by the descendants of the have spoken in dreams. Mr. ---, being gest that our conception of the human | Puritans, I had never doubted that soul is at best most crude and largely humbug, called "free moral agency," in "such stuff as dreams are made of."

psychologist these experiments are rich | came a tatalist, and advocated foreordiof the human mind under certain con-

Professor Flournoy, "to add that Miss Smith and her friends believe that there is something supernatural in learn music: Patti was born a singer. ashamed to say that I cannot believe in the reality of these beings with whom Miss Smith thinks she communicates. fearing rather to be misled by credulity | because, having the power of choice, he han to explain as far as I can and then I can guard against both calamities. walt for further light. It seems far better to me in the interest of science. especially in a domain where superstition is always ready to show itself, to sin on the side of prudence at the risk of being mistaken at times, in preference to relaxing all necessary precautions and opening the door to mad imaginings."-New York Herald.

Marvelous Feat of Russian Medium

St. Petersburg, March 24.-Much excitement prevails here over the marvelout feats of Gaspodin Sambor, who is pronounced, even by some scientists, who have experimented with his gifts, to be a modern miracle worker. As a midst of the soliloguy a vertical move- supreme test he has just performed benewly discovered medium not only performed the feat, but surpassed it in a

Twenty persons were present at this performance. The two ends of a piece It is only when in her trances that the away. Eschale has left me alone; but of string were secured with three scals each to an address card. This string was hung about the neck of one of the company. The spectators demanded that the knot be tied at once.

The man about whose neck the string was fastened "felt a large hand on his chest executing a circular movement, then a horizontal one," and the deed was done, and at the same moment the table around which the spectators were seated rose in the air. The voice of the medium cried: "it is already done." The origin of the famous Zollner knot

when Dr. Zollner, a German savant, experimenting with a medium, caused a the two ends of which were securely hands. But Dr. Zollner could never repeat the success of his experiment. The marvelous part of the feats of this medium to the scientists is that he

first scientific seance another was arranged for at which all possible precau-The Martian writing or the script by | tions against deception were taken. last quoted speech of the medium while | um's hands were held securely. Again | Jupiter signifies good judgment. There

string around his neck this is what hap- Baldwin calls it, to say that wisdom Some forty texts in this strange Mar- | chain. Then some individual form | cients would have represented it by a

No explanation has been given by any

New York Journal. SAY IT NOW!

O say some word, and say it now, And charge that word with love's own

Some gentle word, in kindly tone, Some strong, sweet word, that's all thine own-O speak that word to friend and foe, And speak it now, to high and low! No child of earth, but bears some cross.

That leads the life above the sin-

ELLA DARE.

Astrology, astronomy and Free-manus, Mercury, Sun and Moon, describe After the triumphant success of his the indications of the planets of the same name. Jupiter is larger than any other planet, and more powerful in his indications. Therefore he was the great god-"the father of gods and judgmenf. Minerva means "wisdom." According to the man who had the and it was no "imagination," as Brother back, my hand, my feet, my watch dom had been thought weak, the an-

More than a hundred lectures, however, would be required. What say you to this, Brother Baldwin &

"The Infidelity of Ecclesiasticism. Menace to American Civilization." By Prof. W. M. Lockwood, lecturer lecular or spiritual hypothesis of na- thoughts, all our aspirations were for ing world. ture. Scholarly, masterly, trenchant, her and her welfare. Price 25 cents. For sale at this office.

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## CONSCIENCE. IMPORTANT MATTER FROM

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DREAM.

the narrative, as it came under his no-

tice in searching for occult items

amongst his friends, and all the parties

are well known and respected except,

soon recovered their lost flesh, and be-

came in a short time fit for the butcher.

After a time the owner wanted them to

but no bullocks were to be found, and

he spent many days searching without

getting the least clue to them. One

night, during this search, he dreamt

what the dead tell you in a dream.

of a prior experience, in which the dead

a "man of the world" and not a believer

-then put an advertisement in the

local newspaper, offering £5 reward for

information that should be so thorough

as to lead up to a conviction of the

thief. After a while one Sunday, a man

well known to Mr. - rode up and of-

fered to tell him who stole the bullocks.

provided his name was kept secret. Mr

- was quite willing to do that, but

pointed out to the informer that there

would be no £5 forthcoming unless the

thief got convicted. The informer, how-

ever, had got so far in the mess as to al-

low that he knew the thief, and to with-

brand himself as the thief, or as one of

the thieves; and he thereupon told Mr.

--- almost exactly word for word, what

the dead man had told him in his

dream, only leaving out the part which

informed the owner that if he went as

To most readers the strangest part of

the story comes now. Mr. - al

though twice informed as to the thief.

once in a dream by the dead and after-

wards by a living man, took no immedi-

personally that he was afraid to leave

home, fearing that during his absence

in the neighboring town on the business

another raid would be made upon his

Some weeks further clapsed, and at

ing up anything with a dream in it!

However, with much trouble, Mr. -

got the police reluctantly to send an of

In New South Wales all cattle are

branded with hot irons, each owner of

stock has his own registered brand, and

every butcher must give notice to the

police when he is going to kill, and he

must also keep a register in his books of

The first thing, then, to look over was

the brand book: but the butcher at once

that he had sent the hides away to the

FLOWER FROM GOD'S GARDEN.

Why was she given to us to be so soon

Surely this is a riddle we shall never

We loved her because her very pres-

guess, until the door is opened wider.

trophy of the creative energy.

snatched from the embrace which lov-

ingly enfolded her?

cattle thief.

I have read with interest Brother Baldwin's reply to B. F. Underwood, and while agreeing with him in the

Thedry."

Innate, Moral Sense

'mediumicity,' and the question still re- brain. Mind is a profluct of the action mains open whether this term cor- of the brain. Fracture the skull so that responds to a special category of man- its pressure on the brain prevents acifestations or constitutes a happy tion, and there will no longer be any euphemism for different scientific terms | mind, till the pressure is removed. The | perhaps, the "cattle duffer," that is, the conscious has its seat in the front brain "Psychologically speaking, her case, and is controlled by will power, when -work, and went out to bring them home.

subliminal creations produced by them. and becomes active on another subject. of the dead man, in a few words, told "In this way," says Professor Flour- the sub-conscious will communicate the

and believed that it was in the power of I took no notice of the dream, except to "As to the supernatural I can see no every one to be honest, moral and up- tell it to several friends-fortunately necessity for suggesting this as the ex- right. Then I learned astrology and be- for this story and the readers of it. As planation of the phenomena of Miss gan to study man from a new stand- the loss of the bullocks was tangible Smith's visions. Instead of lucidity and point. I found that the heavenly bodies and serious, being trained animals, Mr. real spirit messages I can find nothing | indicated at the moment of birth, just | in all this save brilliant combinations | what the child would become, whether made by the hypnotic imagination, a great natural philosopher, or great aided by latent memory, which is a natural fool. Then I swung to the opfaculty common to mediums. To the posite extreme of free agency and bein suggestion as to the wonderful power | nation. But by study, observation and reflection I drifted back to a mean between the extremes, for I found that "It is hardly necessary," concludes | man had the power of choice in some things, while others were irrevocable destiny. For example: Some can never So much was fate, the same as it is fate for the weather to be cold in Janu- hold further information would perhaps ary and hot in July; but it is not fate that man shall freeze or be sunstruck,

> Next I was led to the study of the science of stirpiculture, and learned that it was as easy to improve the once for the bullocks, he would get breed of human beings as of dogs and hogs. The conclusion then followed that Nature, or God, being all-wise and all-powerful, took cognizance of all the pre-natal conditions and either hastened or retarded the period of gestation, so that the child should be born at a time ate steps in the matter. Why? Well when the heavenly bodies would indi- the informer was a questionable charcate, (not cause), just what the child acter, and Mr. - informed the writer would be. The Infinite can do this as easily as it can give shape to the brain

> to indicate the various peculiarities. But Brother Baldwin erred in one parlenlar to which I desire to call his at- stock. tention. He says: "Imagination is nowhere displayed so strikingly as in unreasoning mythology." He would not the police of the town, where as he had have made this remark had he ever been informed twice, the bullocks were learned to interpret mythology, which killed. Of course, quite of course, the includes all ancient literature, espe- police would none of it; only think of cially the Bible, a beautiful book when the police, that level-headed force, takinterpreted in its literal sense.

thology consists of a system of allegories written in metaphorical language, with a free use of metonymy. I will give one of the shortest allegories and by the two witnesses, the living and the The way that seemed so dark to me its explanations, by way of illustration. | dead. "Minerva sprang forth from the brain of Jupiter, a full-grown virgin, in complete panoply."

Of course no such persons ever existed, any more than the American Goddess of Liberty, or Santa Claus. The names represent certain things in science, philosophy, nature, etc. Hence the importance of learning ancient definitions, for modern definitions will never explain ancient literature. child trying to explain geometry might call an equilateral triangle a picture of the roof of a church, and would come as near the truth as the clergy when they try to explain Jonah and

sonry are explained in Greek and Ro- Mr. -- went down to the heap of horns the temple at noon, and to a large numman mythology, and in the Bible. The and picked out the horns of the bul-ber present. The hall and platform was legends of Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Ve- locks he had lost, Here ends the occult part of the story: but perhaps some reader may like to know how the thief came off in the matter. He disappeared from his residence during the night, and when the police went in the morning he was gone. But in a very few weeks he was lodged in gaol for cattle-stealing else-THE TWO WORLDS, MAN-CHESTER, ENG.

with some imaginary woman who tian tongue were taken and translated pulled the string, and at the same time pulling infant. But, the ancients thought it a power to move a world, and riage without wheels or horse, she be here may be translated thus: "O friend, was heard. As for us we kept on ask-therefore represented it by a fullgrown virgin, in complete nanoply. The: heads of some men are perfect storehouses of knowledge, and yet it seems for all my thoughts and needs. O | When the lights were turned up the as though their skulls must be cracked "Leopold explained to us that this friend, remember that Matemi awaits knot was found. Then a knot was made to get it out. Ancients writers represented this by saying that when the time arrived for Minerya to be born, ence inspired affection, and the gleam to crack the skull of Jupiter to let her her's was as the brightness of a ray of Phillips, the silver-tongued orator and out. Just as plain asithis explanation, heaven's own sunshine. are the allegories of the Bible and mythology, when fully explained.

> Chicago, III. 10 WR H. CHANEY. her every need. : 110 the at 150 might wish to steal our little angel. upon physical, physiological and psy-tenderly, and she wound herself around tions of thought that take lodgment in chic science. Demonstrator of the mo- our hearts so tightly, that all our the recentive minds all over the think-

> > likewise.

From." "The Evolution of the Spirit walked slowly through, it I came upon bersary. Stooping over a tluy plant (which, al- "Love-Sex-Immortality." By Dr. though it had but just begun to grow, W. P. Phelon. For sale at this office. showed promise of great grace) he Price, 25 cents.

OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES seemed to be about to remove it from

"Why would you remove such a ten-STOLEN CATTLE TRACED BY A der plant?" I asked, "Would it not grow and blossom even as the others?" With that the gardener turned to me, A gentleman in New South Wales, a and seeming to recognize me, he smiled Man is dual as well as a trinity. Du- State school teacher, sends the followa little, although his smile seemed to have a tinge of sadness in it.

"My master, do not you recognize this, your garden? Attached to you you have frequently visited it, and yet you do not recognize the reality of its existence." As he spoke I seemed to remember

that I had visited this garden before, A few years ago, a farmer in the and that I had anxiously watched the growth of this special plant, which had ing bullocks on to the mountains, to get been given me by the great Master. rest and to "pick up a bit," and as the "I," continued the gardener, "do but season was a good one for grass, they

the will of the master of us all, and he orders that this tender plant shall be given place in soil more congenial to its "Why, then, did he give me the plant

at all?" said I. "I have learned to love it and to look upon it as mine, now. If he intended taking it away so sooneven before it has had time to bloom, that he was at a party of friends at the why did he give it me at all?"

house of a neighbor-a neighbor who "It may be," said the gardener, "that had been dead many years-and that he he gave it to you in order that you may and this friend were talking outside the house, while the social gathering inside learn its value, and that your real love may be enkindled. And it may be that was enjoying itself in various ways he takes it away now that, with your Suddenly his friend said, "- have you mind fixed upon it you may think more found your bullocks?" and upon being frequently of the garden you will own answered in the negative, the "shade" in the days to come. For though you cannot follow me now, the day will him that they were stolen; by whom noy, "it is easy to explain the develop- word or name to the conscious and I they were stolen-a neighbor-giving come when you will leave this for a fairer garden, and there you shall beare driven, and to what butcher they were hold this lovely plant grown to perfection, and blossoming in beauty under a brighter sky than ever you have known.

> With that the dream ended, and, somewhat troubled in mind. I arose. When we found that we had dream alike, we looked into each other's eyes, and read there that the same interpretation had made itself manifest to us

> But, though there was sorrow in our hearts, we found some consolation in the belief that even though she were taken from us she would still in the truest sense be ours.

One evening after I had returned home, our little darling complained of pains in the head. She became rapidly worse, and soon was delirious. I hurried for the doctor, and soon the

kindly-faced old family friend stood by her bedside. Even while he was examining her, the little heart ceased to beat. and we knew that the worst, that which for so long we had dreaded, had come. Our grief was too poignant for tears. The bitter calm of loss was upon us, and turning to the wife of my heart. I whispered, "The gardener has at last fulfilled his purpose, and transplanted her to the garden of God."

It was long years ago that we lost her, and now we are both looking forward to seeing her again in all her beauty and loveliness. I have had visions since then; some

say they are phantasms of the brain, but I know better than they. I have heard her sweet voice, cultivated in the world to which she was taken, singing sweet strains of love to me in the darkest hours of my life. And when our weary steps have faltered-my wife's and mine-she has spoken to us, out of the silence, words

of cheer, of comfort, and of hope.

One day, not so long ago, I saw her in the sunshine, saw her golden tresses, her shining raiment, her beatific smile. Ah! how beautiful she was. I think she brought me a message. My good wife saw her too, and deemed it a message also. And so I wait, while a voice seems constantly to say, as though speaking out of the silence of my heart, you shall behold the 'flower from God's The pamphlet contains 12 pages, beautifully printed. garden' grown to beauteous maturity.' It is the voice of the gardener of olden days. They tell me his name is Death. but he speaks to me of life-happy peaceful life, in the presence of the dearest-loved of my heart in the garden

-the garden of God. ficer with him to the butcher indicated Then I shall understand. Shall gleam with glory, as the sea Flashes with golden light: When from the east the sun breaks

From the dark cell of night.

Then I shall understand.

all the cattle killed and the brands Summerland, (Cal.) Anniversary. The Fifty-second Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was duly celebrated here on last Sunday, April 1 remembered the bullocks; he had let and was a success in every respect,-al them run some days or weeks before due respect to our ladies in charge of

killing, and it was only a few days back | the arrangements. Prof. J. S. Loveland of this place, was Sydney market. Here was proof that the speaker in the morning, and Mrs. Mr. -- 's mother was right in asserting Addie Ballou, representative of the N. that when the dead speak in dreams | S. A., in the afternoon. A sumptuous they should be listened to. Further, repast was served in the dining hall of beautifully decorated with the choicest flowers; conspicuous were roses, calla lilles and a profusion of evergreens smilax and ferns in artistic order unti the place seemed a veritable bower-a fit abode for fairies and angel friends.

Prof. Loveland's discourse was a remarkeable effort, and to the receptive mind and student a feast of soul and flow of reason. There is probably no place so greatly

favored as this for able speaking, as Summerland is the home of our venerable brother, and his vine-clad cottage stands on the brow of a hill overlooking the town and ocean. Although he is 84 years old, his years sit lightly on a wellpreserved body, and the iron gray locks crown a brow with a halo of perennial youth, and when speaking under the inspiration of his remarkable genius seems the incarnation of ascended minds of the ages. In the words of Vic-So beautiful she was. An elegant tor Hugo:

"The snow of ages is on his head, But eternal spring is in his heart.' Like Whittler, the poet, and Wendell reformer, Prof. Loveland combines both How tenderly we watched her. How natures in a strong intellectual mind, lovingly she was shielded from all that and deals with all subjects pertaining of the church leaders to get control of the government. An important work. Price, paper, 25 cents.

No collector of orchids ever guarded enment. His vigor of intellect is as the pride of his collection with half the clear and forcible as when in his palmsolicitude with which we waited upon jest days, and to hear him is to be taken upon the heights of grand ideals and She was the treasure of our lives, and noble-heartedness. He is one of the old it was our constant fear that someone ploneer champions of liberty and freedom, and one of the lights set on a hill As she grew we watched her more where go out from his spirit scintilla-

Your scribe did not attend the after-One night I had a dream. It troubled noon meeting to hear Mrs. Ballou, but I me somewhat, and I told my wife next am informed her discourse was highly morning of the peculiar vision I had creditable to that gifted woman, and perceived. Great was my surprise was by some considered the wine rewhen I found that she also had dreamt | served for the last of the intellectual. feast. The Spiritual society at Santa The vision was like unto the appear- Barbara is fortunate in securing her "Origin of Life, or Where Man Comes | ance of a beautiful garden. As I services, and to serve them this anni-BISHOP A. BEALS.

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

uncleanliness, and they should be avoided as one would avoid a pesti-

decorated for the occasion. The meeting opened at 2:30 p. m., with music and singing by Mrs. L. B. Payne and Miss Miss Pearl Pensyl; anniversary lecture | Grove avenue. by Col. Smith and Mrs. Payne, followed O. Benson and Mrs. McHenry.'

serve the months of April, May and | bella street, Allegheny, Pa. September, are John Lindsay, presi-Sliter and H. W. Boozer being re-elect- month of April. ed. Speakers are Mrs. N. L. Claman. O. A. Edgerly and Georgia Gladys Cooley. Mrs. Claman has pleased and interested the society with first acquaintance, being different from any in her work and it is fine."

Ind., of the anniversary exercises of the | a good scoring down." lyceum: "A good programme was rendered, including music, instrumental Ohio: "The Fifty-second Anniversary readings; also a short talk by Mrs. Elizwherever they go.'

Elsie Hussey writes from Muncie,

their foolish ones made their brags that Devil, and that all Spiritualists were devils, and that their expected revival brood and drive hence all the devils and imps of Satan to some other locality. Well, they have been at it a week and a Sunday, and I don't see but the devgoody-goody people's effort first comat least not to any dangerous extent."

Curran; Miss Adelina Textor sang 'The | ner they did their work.' Holy-City' with much effect. The

J. W. Carner Stock Company, were aura fills the air, and genial pleasantry services can arrange for them by corregreatly appreciated. Mr. Wm. L. Vail gave a select cornet solo, after which Mrs. Carrie Firth Curran, the lecturer of the evening, gave a brief history of the progress of Modern Spiritualism within the past half century, concluding by giving psychometric readings. A very enjoyable evening was passed by all concerned."

Y. T. Paul. P. M., writes in reference to "Killed by a Ghost," denying main statements: "There is no truth in the ghost story. John Lewis claimed he say something, but it did not treat him as stated. He went home and lived some time-almost a year-after, and died of heart failure. Dr. Cutler referred to, died about four or five years ago, with lung fever, and I never heard of any dressmaker as referred to, and the ghost has not been seen that I ever heard of for twenty years. I lived with my parents in the house referred to for three and a half years, and within one fourth of a mile of it for fifteen years, and never heard or saw anything, and | ten-cent support for the benefit of the no one here believes the story at all."

science," and the great universal soul. street. One of the interesting features We have only space for a brief extract, of the evening was a trumpet circle, as follows: "All intelligence comes from the soul, whether by instinct or education. By the word soul I mean that in- was pronounced satisfactory by skepherent power in matter that we cannot | ties. Mrs. Freda Cook, of this city see, handle or know anything about, assisted by other mediums in the vicinionly by its manifestation through every | ty, held, test circles, which were well particle of matter throughout the attended by skeptics who paid ten cents realms of universal nature. The human i admission to same. Mr. John Mason mind is a combination of all the forces and friend furnished music for the of nature. Every one of these forces evening. The 240 people who were presare acted upon by a corresponding force | ent, all went away saying they had had outside. The action and reaction of an enjoyable evening. The committee Griffiths, president of the association in these forces puts matter in motion, and I having the supper in charge, Mrs. Jenthat is called life. All of these inherent | nie Conner and Mrs. Emma V. Mason. forces in the human mind are expres- | desire to heartly thank one and all who sions of the great universal soul that we | helped to make the supper such a finan-

beings." understand our spirit philosophy make | ualism April 1: Mrs. Grovemeyer, of | and hold regular meetings as one body, a great mistake and are thereby misled, | Cincinnati, gave the opening invocation. | not in several divisions. by thinking that a medium is always a Dr. Sarah M. Dudley, of Covington, Spiritualist, and even a leader. Here Ky., made a short but interesting ad- Anniversary was celebrated by the lies the base of so much unjust criti- dress on 'Modern Spiritualism.' Mr. | Spiritualists of Saginaw, Michigan, cism against the most glorious cause Sillman made some interesting remarks April 1, at Anchutz Hall, W. S. The that ever engaged the attention of the on 'The Anniversary.' The singing of conference in the afternoon was wellhuman mind. In fact a medium is not | 'Stand for Truth' was followed by some, attended and very interesting. Several necessarily a Spiritualist. I have known | excellent tests, given by Mrs. Freda | of the oldest Spiritualists of this city several who knew little or nothing | Cook, of this city. Dr. S. M. Dudley | made short addresses, giving us of their about Spiritualism, some were even also gave some fine psychometric read experience. Mrs. Stein gave some tests I read by Clara Zimmerman, secretary, afraid of the manifestations. This me- lings. The closing talk was made by that were convincing to the recipients. and Amelia Gundermann which reflect

Spiritualists everywhere should be I diumship is a natural gift, without any ware of certain irresponsible tricksters | regard to morals or virtue. Like all who are traveling over the country de- other natural endowments it is susceptceiving the people with their imitation lible of cultivation. The law that like of spiritual phenomena. They hate attracts like, holds good here as else-The Progressive Thinker because we where. Ignorant, or immoral mediums will not allow their names to defile our attract like spirits. Then a medium has columns. Some of them have been "or- not in many cases the chance to learn, dained" by societies with no standing. as the sitters have in a circle, as the and they will show their "ordination | medium, while in a trance, knows but papers" in order to more fully deceive little or nothing of what takes place the people. Their abuse of The Pro- during the sitting; therefore the audigressive Thinker is evidence of their ence is the learner while the medium has given the time and vital forces for the benefit and gratification of others. I think we do not appreciate a medium G. Johnson writes from Topeka, as we should. I pity the average medi-Kansas: "The two societies, the Pro- um when I know the abuse that is gressive Spiritual Union and the Church | hurled at them by the hypocritical, selfof the Good Spirit, April 1, celebrated | righteous, and ignorant, prejudiced huthe Fifty-second Anniversary of Mod- manity. A good honest medium is a ern Spiritualism in a union meeting at Godsend, a priceless gem of humanity Lincoln Post Hall, which was nicely and should command all the love that

Geo. F. Perkins, speaker, singer and Chalen, followed by appropriate re- test medium, will meet any who may marks by Mr. A. Markley, after which | wish private consultations, every Wedsongs, speeches and readings by speak- nesday afternoon at 675 Larrabee ers and mediums, lasted until 5 p. m. street, corner Garfield. A public meet-They the audience was invited to the ling is held in the evening at 8 o'clock. banquet hall adjoining, where a com- Propositions for week-day lectures and mittee of ladies had spread the tables | tests within three hours' ride of Chiwith a good lunch. The evening meet- | cago, will receive prompt attention. ing opened at 7:30 with a piano solo by Address or call daily at 3558 Cottage

we would bestow upon the angels of

Frank T. Ripley is serving for the by tests by Mrs. Inez Waggoner, Mrs. | month of April the First Society of Spiritualists of Pittsburg, Pa. He can Secretary writes from Grand Rapids, be engaged within one hundred miles of Mich.; "The officers elected by the that city to speak and give tests, or at-Grand Rapids Spiritual Association to | tend funerals. Address him at 218 Isa-

Dr. H. Danniells, of New York, has dent: B. F. Sliter, vice-president; H. W. | just completed a month's engagement Boozer, secretary; Harry Topping, with the Toronto Spiritualist Associatreasurer; and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, tion. His address is 180 Grove street,

Wis.: "G. H. Brooks gave us four very amid decorations of beautiful flowers nice lectures last week. The weather which bedecked the rostrum. The spawas stormy and bad so that the attendance was not large, but appreciative. previous worker. She is an enthusiast | We hope he will be able to come this | tions seeking for a spark of light, and way again in the near future. I was were held attentively for two hours lisglad that Hudson Tuttle gave Talmage

and vocal, and recitation. Mr. Moore of Modern Spiritualism was held at abeth Schouss. Mr. Warner finishes a addressed the meeting, and his wife fol- Lytle Hall, Race street. The hall was | three weeks' engagement with this aslowed with platform tests, which were packed to its utmost capacity. The all recognized. After the meeting the ladies had decorated the platform with Nutt-Moore, of Danville, Ill., will serve. lyceum tendered a farewell reception beautiful festoons, and other appro- the association April 15, 22, and 29, givto Rev. Harry J. Moore and wife in priate articles. Resting upon an easel ing lectures and tests." honor of their work among us. Re- was a large sized likeness of the mefreshments were served and a general dium's spirit daughter, Dollie Garrett. | say to Spiritual societies and camps good time had. Mr. Moore is our retir- Appropriate music was rendered by anywhere within reasonable distance of ing conductor. He expects to locate in Mrs. Ross and assistants; select read- my home, Reed City, Mich., that I have Chicago, and the people of Muncle wish ings, solos, and other entertainments so arranged my affairs at my Sanitahim and his estimable wife success followed. Then Dollie Garrett took con- rium by putting all details into the trol of her mother, Mrs. Mary Garrett | hands of my secretary and staff of phy-S. M. Richardson writes from Clear | Sharon, and gave one convincing test | sicians, so that I can devote about one-Lake. Iowa: "We have with us at this after another. Near the close of the third of my time to lecturing upon Spirtime Mrs. Mattie E. Hayden, who is service the hall was darkened, with the itualism, Scientific and Reformatory working up considerable interest in our exception of electric lights from Wash- subjects. My lectures are illustrated by cause, notwithstanding the different ington Park shining through the tran- a fine stereopticon with 500 slides. All churches in town have all united and soms. Spirit Jack McGuire carried a lask is free halls and whatever the auimported a noted revival preacher and large trumpet over the heads of the dience wish to give in way of collection. are now in the midst of a mighty effort people to the center of the hall. The I have been too long in the field to need to get God to convert sinners. Some of | hall was light enough for all to see it." | to give any references. Among my

they were going to have the greatest re. | Hand Society of Flint, Mich., observed | Spiritualism Gives the True Idea of the vival that Clear Lake ever witnessed: the Fifty-second Anniversary of Mod- Origin, Nature and Destiny of Life; 2, not only that, but they proclaimed that ern Spiritualism in G. A. R. Hall, What is the Nature, Cause and Cure of Spiritualism was the work of the March 24 and 25. We had a successful Disease?; 3, Private lectures to ladies meeting in every way, welcoming many and gentlemen, showing the importance strangers and old friends, who added to of higher ideals of marriage, paternity when it came would clean out the whole the enjoyment. At the informal recept and home life, also how many diseases tion on Saturday afternoon all met with are the result of ignorance; 4, The Scia hearty welcome, and each felt it was ence, Religion and Philosophy of Spiritgood to be with us. In the evening Mrs. | unlism; 5, Spiritualism Gives us the Amanda Coffmau, of Grand Rapids. ils, as they call us, are just as lively, and Ernest W. Lincoln, of Pinconning, Life, Duty, Death, and the Life after and a little more so, than when the Mich., gave short addresses, Sunday Death; 6, What Has Spiritualism Done afternoon Mr. Lincoln gave a very in- for the World in Fifty-two Years; 7, menced, and as for their wonderful re- teresting address, filled with grand | The Right and Wrong Use of Spiritual vival, it has not seemed to materialize; | thoughts that left deep impressions | Gifts; 8, Christ's Teachings versus Modwith his hearers. In the evening Mrs. ern Christianity; 9, What All the Mrs. Carrie Firth Curran, of Toledo, Coffman gave an address that was well World's A-Seeking-Health, Happiness Ohio, writes: "The Spiritual Church of received. She also gave tests at each and Success, and How to Gain Them; Progressive Thought celebrated the meeting, each description being recog-Fifty-second Anniversary of Modern | nized. Both our speakers, although they | man Race is Immortal?; 11, Spiritual Spiritualism, March 25, at Pythian Cas- came to us as strangers, will find many Phenomena the Foundation of our ile. Toledo. Ohio. The Hall was taste- friends when they revisit Flint. Our Faith, and Spirituality the Salvation of fully decorated with bunting, palms local choir was assisted by Miss Mattie the World; 12, The Two Paths in Life, and cut flowers and an interesting pro- R. Shineff, of Chesauning. Her solos at or the Law of Compensation Illusgramme of 'vocal and instrumental each meeting were much enjoyed. By trated. All medical subjects or things music was rendered before a large and request the chairman, Mrs. Lizzie Doty, pertaining to them will be given appreciative audience. The exercises | gave the closing poem. Our lady ushers | through the week; religious subjects on opened with a piano solo by Miss Julia | were highly complimented on the man- | Sundays. My methods are to remain

Lyman C. Howe writes from Clyde, plane soles by Mr. DeWitt Coolman and Ohio: "I am now in the pleasant home the vocal solo by Mr. Caro Miller of the of A. B. French, and a sweet, refined filled until June. Societies wishing my is bracing and agreeable. L. S. Lowe is spondence. Address me at Reed City, a live man, full of the juice of heaven, and glowing with the light of Spiritualism. I have had fine audiences here, and very appreciative. The brains of Freedom Society, Sunday, April 15, at the city were represented. A. B. French presided, and L. S. Lowe was tute, corner Van Buren and Leavitt quartermaster-general. Bradley Tuttle streets. lent his light to the cause, and the famous Rudolph made sweet music. touched with the balm of heaven. I expect to be here until Thursday."

> Easter Sunday will be observed by the First Spiritual Church of Chicago, Ill., with appropriate services and music. At present writing Moses Hull is expected to be present, afternoon and | East Main street, Alliance, Oblo. evening, to give the addresses. Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, the pastor, will give the spirit messages.

Correspondent writes: "On March 27 the Woman's Aid Auxiliary to the First Temple Society of Spiritualists of Newport, Ky., gave another of its popular Temple building fund, at the home of A. M. Richardson writes of "Con- Mrs. Jennie Conner, 1037 Columbia Mrs. Lillie Meyer, of Cincinnati, Ohio. donating her services as medium. It call God, individualized only in human | cial success. The First Temple Society of Spiritualists celebrated the Fifty-J. Peffley writes: "Those who do not second Anniversary of Modern Spirit-

All present went away feeling happy and that indeed the spirit friends were very close. The music made by Miss Lillie Woodard helped very much to make it an enjoyable occasion."

Mrs. Margaret McKenzie writes: "Dr. W. O. Knowles, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was at the opera house, March 26, by request of the Spiritualists who celebrated the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism at Hart, Mich., on Sunday and Shelby, Mich., on Monday evening. The doctor is a magnetic man and both clairvoyant and clairaudient, and his lectures and tests were good. Descriptions were all recognized, and then to clinch the affair the full name was given in every case."

The Beacon Light Church celebrated the anniversary, April 1, at 40 E Randolph street, at 1:30 and 7:45 p. m. The hall was appropriately decorated. The music conducted by Prof. B. J. Bechtel was grand. Vocal solos were beautifully rendered by Miss Steinbrook, Miss Standt and Mrs. McMennon. Ad- urer. dresses were delivered by Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Perkins and G. F. Perkins. Each gave many remarkable tests and communications. An excellent poem was read by Mrs. Trafton. It is safe to | ident. say that no more interesting and profit-

ance filled the hall. Mrs. J. W. Storrs writes from Hartford, Ct.: "We wish to let you know that we remembered the Fifty-second Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism by meeting at our home, 122 Clark street, Sunday, March 25. Mrs. Storrs gave words of welcome, followed by Madame consisting of songs and recitations by spirit communication by Mrs. Storrs and Mr. Cook, from Bridgeport, spirit manifestations by table tipping, very fine addresses by Dr. A. H. Bullard and Mr. E. Merriam, and some fifty or more were made happy under the ministrations of Mr. and Mrs. Dowd and Mr. King, by partaking of a bountiful supper, finally closing at 10 p. m., every-

Geo. Friend writes from Toledo, Ohio: dered special music for the occasion clous hall was well filled, the greater part being those of different denominatening to recitations from the young members and a lecture by Henry H J. C. Dryer writes from Cincinnati, Warner, followed by psychometric sociation next Sunday, Mrs. Emma

Dr. A. B. Spinney writes: "I would Effie M. Post writes: "The Helping many subjects are the following: I True Idea of Nature, God, Religion, 10. What Proof Have We that the Huover two Sundays, speaking twice each Sabbath, each night through the week and three afternoons. My dates are all

> Mrs. S. J. Ashton and Chas. M. Wellington will speak for the Spiritualist 3 p. m., East Lodge Hall, People's Insti-

> Will C. Hodge has the following camp engagements for 1900: July 15, Columbus, Ohio; July 19-25, Lake Brady, Ohio; August 11-27, Delphos, Kansas, He is serving the society at Alliance, Ohio, for the month of April. He is open for May and June and for week night engagements. Address during April, 512

> Mrs. M. E. Kratz writes: "L. am at present serving the First Society of Spiritualists in Kansas City, and desire to hear from societies and camps wishing my services as speaker, psychometrist and message medium. I would like to reach California, and will make terms reasonable en route. I also solicit engagements for wid-week services within a radius of fifty miles during my stay in Kansas City, April and May. My services can also be had for funerals. Address me while here in care of

> sas City, Mo." The Fifty-second Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was fittingly served on the evening of March 31. by the First National Spiritualist Associatened to a pleasing programme of addresses, recitations and music. T. F. Utah, presided at the meeting and made the opening address. There are several hundred Spiritualists in the city. Meetings are held each Sunday with different leaders, but the hope is that It will not be long until the Spiritualists will be able to obtain a suitable place

H. M. E. writes: "The Fifty-second

Mrs. Reinsaggen, of Cincinnati, Ohio, as were those given by Dr. Eldridge, ed great credit upon them. The other then favored with a solo by our inspired singer, Mr. Joseph Saunders, and closed the meeting with tests by Dr. Eldridge, he turning his back to the audience while randing for the persons. He was, I believe, perfectly correct in

every instance." E. R. Kidd writes: "Chas. J. Barnes, trumpet medium, of Anderson, Ind., and William Way, trance medium of Wheeling, W. Va., have held a series of seances in Canton, Ohio, recently, which were the means of doing much good for

the cause of truth." The Sunlight Center Band held its fourth annual election at 1 S. Hoyne avenue, on April 4. Mrs. Sarah E. Bromwell was re-elected president and treas-

G. V. Cordingley wishes it distinctly understood that he is not an officer of the so-called Illinois State Spiritualist Association, D. Stearns White, pres-

S. C. B. writes: "The Spiritual En able exercises were presented to any audeavor society meetings have closed at dience in the city. The evening attend- 1 South Hoyne avenue after six years of continued work, Mrs. Sarah E. Bromwell has secured 33101/2 Rhodes avenue for her residence, and she will be found at home there May 1, 1900." Sarah S. Rockhill writes from Alli-

ance. Ohio: "Really The Progressive Thinker is a wonderful educator. One keeps abreast of the reforms of theday: Hann, who paid a glowing tribute to sees every new blossom that opens in Amy Post, the balance of the exercises the moral, intellectual and spiritual world, and every new phenomenon in Mr. Thompson, Miss Gertude Laidlaw, these lines that comes to the notice of people by reading its ever interesting pages. What a grand work you aredoing for the elevation of humanity by educating the people through the wonderful library you are giving us for almost nothing. One can almost hear the bursting of the old bonds of false doctrine as the beautiful new truths of nature in these higher phases are recogbody glad they had lived to see the nized by the aspiring souls of earth."

C. Nelson writes from PawPaw, Mich.: "The Fifty-second Anniversary "The Fifty-second Anniversary of of Modern Spiritualism was duly cele-Carpenter, of Detroit, morning and evening of April 1."

Mrs. Emma Vogan writes from Richmond, Va.: "Mrs. Kate Stiles, of Boston, Mass., speaker and test medium, has organized a society for Occult Rewell as pleased many people in this conservative old city."

sary of Modern Spiritualism was celenue, on the evening of March 29. The attendance was large. Caffersilla's band furnished the music for a masas this was the first of a series of like entertainments, the management were. naturally well pleased at the result. This society, organized nearly two years ago by its present leader, J. F. Raymond, has snjoyed a marked degree of prosperity, magntime acknowledging fealty to no earthly potentate, rather nelying quisthe spirit world for whatever assistance, may be needed. Dr. Marcotte and family, all mediums, including Miss Stella, the 14-yearfold daughter, are at the present time rendering valuable assistance in their sev-

eral phases of mediumship." Dr. S. D. Bowker writes from Kansas City, Mo .: "We are now under the leadership of Horatio Gates, an old-time Spiritualist whom we elected president at our annual meeting last Sunday. Mrs. Mary E. Kratz, of Evansville, Indiana, began an engagement for April and May last Sunday. A large audience assembled to hear her. We hope for good results under her mediumship which is very well defined through her discourses. Her tests are very satisfactory and inspiring. There has just anpeared in our city a most welcome addition to our cause. Miss Edith Evelyn Edwards, of Lincoln, Neb., a wonderful master of the plane under the control of ancient musical composers. She is only twenty-three years old, and has never been taught music, and yet her guides cause her fingers to sweep the instrument with a touch of grace and power., She will remain in our city during the summer, giving musical seauces and private readings, under the direction of daylight independent voices, which are wonderful to hear. The spirit world has seen our low estate and come to our help in sending to us these two wonderful women."

Brother Brewer writes from Belmont. N. Y.: "Mrs. Lizzie Brewer has returned from Lake Helen camp, and is organizing a new society at Belmont, N. Y. Rev. Moses Hull is expected at Belmont at the end of April, to lecture for three days. Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing has also promised to attend here in June. Mrs. Brewer will be at Lily Dale the entire

#### First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia.

This association' which has the honor of being the oldest Spiritualist association in the world, celebrated the fiftysecond anniversary with appropriate ceremonies. Though the association has always made "Anniversary Day" they ever had.

The rostrum presented a rich floral display through the kind thoughtfulness of various friends in addition to that furnished by the dissociation. In regulating private conduct. That de- The writing of it has been a source of the morning after congregational sing- pends upon character, and character is ing, an address of welcome was given the product of education and experience by President Keffer, after which the and of the discipline which comes from anniversary address was delivered by practical life. Dr. S. D. Bowker, 906 Main street, Kan- Dr. N. F. Ravlin, our regular speaker upon the topic, "What Has Spiritualism Done for the World?" Dr. Ravlin handled this most important subject with the force and eloquence which characterize his addresses. He carries tion of Utah, at Salt Lake City. Some his audience with him. He portrayed the most powerful influences against 200 or more were in attendance and lis- in vivid colors and apt illustrations, the changes which had taken place in the last half century under the influence of | cial organizations which represent the | world. It is written in the sweet spirit-Spiritualism exerted from both worlds. Dr. Raylin is drawing large audiences. In the afternoon and evening the hall was literally packed, many hav-

> ing to stand throughout the services. Dr. Schlesinger has been in Philadelphia, for two months giving remarkable and convincing spirit messages. creating a profound sensation. Among the rest many clergy have come in touch with his mediumship. The Doctor was with us on Anniversary Day. The afternoon was devoted to the lyceum and the Y. P. S. U. The exercises were exceedingly interesting. Addresses were given by President Keffer,

Arthur Groom, conductor, and M. E.

Cadwallader, guardian. Papers were

who followed. In the evening our hall members of the lyceum were representwas taxed to the utmost, many going ed in hymns, recitations and dialogues away for lack of room. The lecture suitable to the occasion. Prizes and was by Dr. Eldringe, and I am sure all souvenir programs were presented to were well pleased and felt amply re- every lyceum member, while those who paid. Mrs. Stein then gave a few tests, were entitled to first prize for regular also answered huestons. We were attendance were given the "Sunflower Badge." The association realizes that the future of Spiritualism depends upon the young, and hope to fill the places of the departed veterans with young recruits, thus filling up the ranks.

In the evening Dr. Ravlin delivered an able address, most fitting for the time and occasion, on the subject, "Spiritualism in Its Relation to the Civilization that Is to Be." The address was received with great enthusiasm. Following Dr. Ravlin, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader gave the memorial address in honor of "Our Arisen Ones." The exercises of the day terminated with spirit messages given through Dr. Schlesinger. The secular press gave a fair account of the proceedings. M. E. CADWALLADER.

## TO SHAKERS.

#### Communication from Mother Ann Lee.

She says: "O my people! you have filled the mission which I gave to you while in the mortal, and I now implore you (as would a natural mother her offspring) to leave behind the old, and step forth into the new, and more luminous light of to-day.

"Your society calls for renovation. and replenishing of membership, and in order to do this, each one of you individually, must have the opportunity for an equal unfoldment of the whole being-physical; mental and spiritual.

"Prepare for an influx, for the time is near, when, if you heed my present call with the same degree of ardor which you did my first, your homes will be filled with souls from outside your ranks, who are already ripe for such a life as your's, with the exception of a few fundamental changes.

"What may have seemed right to me while in the flesh, and which has so seemed to my people for the last century, is not so at the present time, and financial secretary; these with Mrs. B. Battle Creek, Mich. Rev. Joseph Mc | Modern Spiritualism was celebrated by | brated in Kell Hall, at Paw Paw, under | my appeal now is, that you make the J. Hall and Mrs. C. R. West, make the Donald and Mrs. McDonald, of De- the Independent Association of Spirit- the auspices of the Paw Valley first necessary change in your system of trustee board, Mrs. B. J. Hall, B. F. troit, serve the association during the ualists, at Memorial Hall, on Sunday, Spiritual Association. Mrs. Amanda life, and without delay or misgiving of Coffman, of Grand Rapids, occupied the any kind, remembering that the powers rostrum the evening of March 31, and on high are surely at the helm, and it afternoon of April 1, and Mrs. Marian | you but trust them, all will go well with

"My word is this, that you make provision in your midst for the fulfilling of Nature's divine law of love and reproduction, by allowing those who so decame some weeks ago to this place, and | sire (and are suitably adapted to the occasion), the opportunity of associating search. Her philosophy surprised as | together in the marriage relation (formulating a contract yourselves for the occasion) not for the purpose of mere J. F. Reynolds writes from Minneap- animal enjoyment, but a much higher olls, Minn: "The Fifty second Anniver- and more worthy one: that of the growth, and natural unfoldment of indibrated by the Andepandent Spiritual vidual being, as well as the upbuilding church at its hall, 703 Niccollett ave- of your beautiful homes and well established communal system of life, to which very many on the outside are at the present time earnestly looking as an quesade ball and Indian pow-wow, and example of the estate to which they themselves would gladly attain-and which, as far as possible, they are striving to arrive at.

"In accepting my counsels of to-dayletting go the falsities of past time, you will not only elevate your own conditions, but aid in uplifting the lives of suffering humanity at large." JULIA H. JOHNSON.

Los Angeles, Cal.

### Morality by Legislation.

"Salvation," in many minds, is associated with parade and show, with the cornet and bass drum, with singing and shouting, with public confusion of voices and confessions of sin, and public defiance of the mythical devil and all his snares and devices.

Some people who think this is rather a crude conception of reform, imagine that the true method conists in forcing men into right paths, in suppressing wrong-doing by legal enactments and by the power of the police and of the constable. With such, restrictive and compulsory legislation is the panacea for all personal vices and social ills. But many who know the world and human nature from wide observation and practical experience, regard progress as a gradual growth rather than as a sudden transition from low to seraphic conditions, either by noisy display or by compulsory legislation.

"The kingdom of heaven" is within us and true moral and spiritual progress is a process of inward growth which results from experience, and from knowledge derived from experience. The oak does not jump suddenly into existence from the acorn and developed character does not spring into existence de novo; nor does it emerge at once from animality. There must be time for growth, for development. A millen- lishers that this work is now ready, and nium must be the product of ages trial, of failures, as well as of successes, of sufferings as well as of joys. Pain is the artist's chisel which has shaped and beautified humanity. Tennyson says:

"I held it truth, with him who sings To one clear harp in divers tones, That men may rise on stepping-stones Of their dead selves to higher things."

to better conditions must be climbed step by step until the Golden Age is attained. What is true of society is true of the individuals that compose society. The cornet and brass band, doubtless, have their use with a certain class even the special day of the year, some of the |in religion, and the Puritanical methveterans say that the fifty-second was ods of proscription and prohibition have in the hands of the supernal writers. I the best for many years, if not the best a repressive influence which sometimes may be helpful in part, even though not practically preventive.

> But depend upon it, legislation is not | been preparing, the best that can be the scientific, is not effective method of given through my sensitive powers.

Prohibitive laws do not make men temperate unless the laws are an expression of a deep moral sentiment behind them in which case, indeed, they are unnecessary. Education and example at home are

vice. These are fortified of course by the influences of those religious and sohighest public sentiment. Society can never be better than the average condition of its units-individ-

uals. It may be and generally is much office. worse through the obstruction of precedent, custom, established religious, political and social ideas and methods which represent the dead past. The true way to improve conditions is

to teach and enforce morals in the nursery, the home, the primary school and the higher grades of instruction, and above all, in the private life of the individuals who determine the character. of the aggregate social life. B. F. UNDERWOOD.

"The Spiritualism of Nature."



## DELIVER THE GOODS.

Praying Souls Out of Purgatory.

The Citizen, Boston, says: The following is clipped from Manila "Freedom," and is sent to us by a friend to show that Protestant enlightenment is already having its effect upon the Fillpinos, who would not have dared-under the old regime-to bring such a suit into court, nor would they have been allowed to do so. In this case the friars must "produce the goods" before they can get a verdict:

"Fernando Moreno has filed a protest through his attorneys, Messrs Montanes, Byers and Brooks, against the probating of Alejandro Moreno's will, which gives to the friars a property worth \$6,000. The condition under which the property is left to the religious corporation is that the friars release the soul of the testator's father from purgatory.

"It has been usual in leaving property to religious bodies in the Philippines to state in a codicil attached the conditions or reasons for which the legacy is named. In this case there was the soul of a father, which had, according to the impression of the dying man, been retained in purgatory ever since his geath. Whether there was reason to believe that his chances of escape from that condition were slim or not, is not known. The testator undoubtedly felt some remorse at not attending to the important matter before, and upon his death had decided to make amends and leave in charge of the agents of the church a sufficient sum to pay for the necessary masses.

was thought the soul of the dead man Naturally, the heirs of the deceased Alejandro raised some objection to the disposition made of the property. To spend \$6,000 on a man who had been dead for over a quarter of a century while his descendants had plenty of use for the amount, while on earth did not meet their approval. They are no doubt of the opinion that the gentleman has by this time become used to his surroundings in purgatory, and has had plenty of time to pick out comfortable quarters there. Besides this they have very little faith in the ability of the order to help the old gentleman out, and they will require some substantial proof that the friars deliver the goods before they will allow Alejandro's estate to become the property of the friars. "The friars will have to show proof in

open court that they are in a position to give a passport out of purgatory to the old gentleman, and secure for him more comfortable quarters, before they will be able to lay claim to the estate set aside for the payment of those services. It will involve some little extra exertion on the part of the corporation interested to do so, and it is believed by the petitioners that communication with the soul of the old gentleman has been cut off so long that it will be impossible to repair the connection and resume operation. "The case is exciting a great deal of

interest, as many wills of a similar nature will soon find their way into the probate court. The petitioners will ask that the legatee either produce the soul of the dead man and have it testify that he has been released from purgatory, or by affidavit subscribed to by a sufficient number of witnesses, evidence will have to be produced from the world of spirits that will satisfy the court that the friars have carried out their part of the contract and delivered the goods. "In the early days of the state of California a large number of wills of this kind were the cause of some litigation. and in every case where a similar clause was inserted the will was decided to be invalid. The general impression is that the dying man on his deathbed was terrified by the picture of life after death, and to relieve the men- To Advance Humane Education tal agony he endured he was easily persuaded to hand over the property, the value of which assured him peace and a shorter period of pilgrimage in purga-

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return of the book from England. While I take neither merit nor demerit for writing the Arcana of Spiritualism, for I have only acted as the pen have the consciousness that it is the ripest fruitage of my inspiration, the best of over thirty years the book has' pleasure and instruction; I hope its perusal will prove the same to its readers.

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

Mrs. R. S. D. Armstrong: Q. (1) Do spirits hear the words of our questions to them, or do they read our thoughts? (2) Is not much of the memory of earth-life obliterated by transition? (3) Can spirits locate where they please in the spirit-world?

(4) I wish to possess a ritual for service at funerals? .

A. (1) In thinking, most people do not give their thoughts sufficient sharpness or definiteness to be received by morning of Feb. 19, from what is usual- fers only from the letters which the and to set up that there is an unconspirits, unless they speak or write them. Iy called a dream, or the dream awoke person would write himself in that it is scious self, in every way superior to the I have observed this fact in circles a me with a sudden start, and a strong in a different handwriting from his own conscious, belongs to ignorant dreams, great many times, when the question impression that my wife and child were or from my own, and is usually much and not to the fine ground of knowlwould be asked if the communicating in immediate danger. When I awoke more frank and outspoken than if it edge. spirit would answer mental questions. I found that my wife had arisen and had been written by his hand instead of I write this from my own experience. There would at first be failure, and not built a fire in the kitchen range adjointill the thought became as it were crys- ing our room. I was strongly impressed tallized was a correct answer received. that there would be an explosion, and Not every spirit can read our thoughts, called to her to put out the fire as she nor do we make our thoughts so clearly | was in great danger, and come away. defined that they are readable. They She came at once, and had scarcely go out of the brain in a confused jum- closed the door behind her, when the ble of waves. At a circle a member stove exploded and destroyed everysaid he could not believe the control thing in the kitchen. The explosionwas a spirit as claimed, else his mental was caused by the pipes of the reser- dear to me utterly fail. Others with that this is impossible. I started withquestion would have been answered. voir being frozen. Had she remained Some one asked him to repeat aloud his she would undoubtedly have been sequestion. This he was unable to do, verely if not mortally hurt. Was this and finally it was found that he had an impression from my spirit friends? three distinct questions blended so that no one could understand his meaning, class of manifestations known as premuch less answer correctly. Telepathy, | monitions, in which the interference of in a dim manner, shows by what means | spirits is clearly manifested. Were we spirits send their thoughts to each always susceptible to impressions from other. It is by wireless psychic teleg-(2) No more than is the result of the

There is little to foster the memory of tive to warning spirit influences. Often things and events of earth life. The present is crowded with changing more marked in sleeping and these scenes, and the contact with those who awaken the mind to higher ideas and glorious achievements. Is it then strange that the momory of the old life fades? or that the mind is so filled with the new there is no place for the records of earth? It sinks away like a dream, and is only recalled when the spirit comes in contact, through a medium, with earth life, and then incoherently. At such times it too often takes on the feeling it last experienced. either physical or mental, and "impersonation," is the only manifestation, which is as painful to the spirit as interesting to the members of the circle. (3) Spirits "locate," go or come, by the supreme law of spiritual attraction. They can only remain where they are

(4) The Lyceum Guide has a ritual service for funerals, with appropriate readings, and service of song, with the music as well as words. (See adv. in unother column.)

Mrs. Theresa Reynolds, Chicago: Q. Why is it that healers and spiritual mesick, instead of their spirit guides, even though these guides had been physiclans while in earth life?

A. The magnetic healer, however successful in healing others, may not be others. He is not as successful with contact, as a wife or children, for these already are sustained by his aura all the time. Hence the necessity of a foreign influence. It is the same with a spirit control which is constant and whatever illness may come to the medium proves superior to the control, and

thus calls for another to master it. This does not hold when remedies are prescribed by spirits claiming to have knowledge, and medlums who sell that knowledge to others, and do not trust it themselves, are witnesses proving the falseness of their own pretensions.

J. R. Alter: Q. A wealthy family commenced to sit for spirit manifestations, and almost immediately three of the male members were influenced, but the female members were not at all. They had rappings, physical manifestations, writing and speaking. A near relative who had gone to a distant country, reported himself, and said he was murdered for his money, and was very malevolent toward his murderer who also reported, saying he was also killed in the altercation. They were very bitter toward each other. They came to the seances and for two months continued to reiterate the story. Now we learn that the relative is yet living, by letters he has written to his wife. The persons controlled are noted for their veracity, morality and intelligence. We old Spiritualists are nonplussed.

A. Those who are conversant with the phenomena ought not to find in this instance a stumbling-block. Similar experiences have been met by almost all investigators, and they appear to be for the purpose of destroying the old belief in the infallibility of spirits, at first held by the great majority of investigators. This must be admitted, that the communication was independent of the minds of the mediums and the circle. A free and individual intelligence must have been present to make the communications. Why did it not conform to morality and honesty of the instruments it employed? Because by their eager credulity they opened the gate to the entrance into their sphere of unreliable spirits. They sought advice and guidance on all occasions, when it was for their own welfare that they should think and act for themselves. Some sportive spirit catching the ideas from their minds made the communication as a sort of echo of their thoughts, and

which might have corrected the error. By constant reiteration confirming this belief, the approach of other influences became impossible.

The mediums will do well to begin anew, with the dearly learned lesson that spirits are not infallible, and that their communications must be received with the same circumspection that is given in our intercourse in this life. There are mischlevous, lying, and unreliable men and women, who, even under the shadow of an oath, do not receive full credence. Such individuals when they pass to the other side remain the same, and when they have the opportunity to communicate, are no more reliable. If by a letter or other means we are victimized by such individuals, we do not question the existence of the human race, which would be like our denying our belief in Spiritualism because the spirits of such individuals gave as false communications.

J. D., Washington, D. C.: Q. Can to leave his present wife?

A. A medium cannot be controlled to do anything against his determined will, and the plea that he is compelled by spirits is no excuse for wrong-doing. The medium, like anyone else, knows right from wrong, and if the controlling promptings of passion or the appetites. While in this earth life the duties and obligations contracted therein are paramount to all others, a proposition which must be admitted by all right-thinking spirits. The medium who is unbiased in his own mind, cannot be led away

mortals or spirits. How of obsession? To be obsessed, helpless tool obedient to the will of another, requires in the obsessed an organization similar to that of the obsessing intelligence. Whatever is thought or done in that state, is as the individual write anything intelligible. I do not were misunderstood, would do in his normal state if he followed his own inclinations. The obsessing force is obliged to move in the direction of the organization of the obleave his wife, a spirit so wishing, may expresses his own feelings.

such guardians, we would constantly be warned of dangers which in the nathis sensitiveness or impressibility is warpings or premouitions come through what are called dreams.

## GRACE HOLMES.

Objection to a Public Exhibition of Her Powers.

Chicago, April 2.-To the Editor:-In count of a young girl in Peoria who is said to possess singular clairvoyant powers, and to the narration is appended the remark that "a public exhibition will soon be made of these remarkable

I know nothing whatever of the case except what is contained in your article but I beg to be allowed to protest in a general way against the public exploit ation of such gifts, especially in children. No one who has had much experience in occultism, or has studied the slowly developing supersensual powers of the human mind, can doubt, I think, that nothing is more fatal to true growth in this direction than the impertinent, prying and senseless criticism of the unintelligent multitude. It leads directly to charlatanism and fraud. Many of the so-called false mediums of Spiritualism have been produced in precisely this way. A person gifted as this prives the communications of the value are to the point, and he, as a missionchild is said to be should be carefully | which at one time I thought they ary, recognizes our real condition; I rehandling and allowed to develop natu- ing medium, whatever it may be, is cially, because Minnesota is one of the rally, with no disposition to make sublimely oblivious to considerations of most intelligent, progressive, independscientific way.

of the laws of the occult world. If the powers of the human mind which are suggested by the terms clairvoyance. hypnotism mediumship, etc., do really exist, and as there is much affirmative evidence, they can only be brought to perfection and turned to the best account through prolonged, careful and delicate study by sympathetic and appreclative minds working quietly, without excitement and obeying such laws as the cases themselves seem to inti-

Let the parents of this child then say to the public: "Hands off. You are like children pounding with a hammer at a fine piece of mechanism of exquisite workmanship and untold value, but which handling is certain to destroy." C. T. Corbin in Chicago Times-Herald.

Correct, Mr. Corbin, your words are enthusiastically seconded by every man and woman in the Spiritualistic ranks who has intelligence enough to understand the true situation with this little sensitive. If she is handled with proper care there is something superfine in her organism; something sacred; something reaching toward the Divine that will give light unto the world; but if allowed to come before the average mixed audiences with only an uncontrollable curiosity and no knowledge either of the occult or the proper or improper application or development of it in such a tender little bud, the sacredness will soon give way to acquisitiveness, greed and charlatanism.

Mediumship properly nurtured is holy phase of human unfoldment and ought to be cared for as a tender plant, as the germ of a beautiful flower. It is the open doorway between the spiritual and the material worlds, and ought to concern all, whether Christian or Pagan or Spiritualist.

DR. T. WILKINS. The new song-book, The Golden

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# AUTOMATIC WRITING, AND BY TELEPATHY.

The Peculiar Conclusions of W. T. Stead-Reviewed by Hudson Tuttle. ing free in a limited sense.

causes. He came to the front of Spirit- of doing so, is overthrown by the necesualism by not only espousing the cause, sity it is placed under, of explaining the but as one of the most wonderful me- facts in this manner. He introduces diums for a form of writing he called the "sub-conscidus self," with the aswrites of itself, while Mr. Stead makes : pothesis, its existence unproven, imposa quite different explanation. He not sible to prove, and as needless in man's | ceive especial attention. A royal muonly obtains communications from the organization as the fifth wheel to a dead but the living, and the far greater | coach. part of his writings are said to be from | If we admit the fact of spirit cominfluence his writings exert because of his method of writing. A spirit or spirmedium be controlled by his spirit wife | the character of the journals in which | its control his hand. They write in the gained attention and demand considera- says, or names that they recall, or read tion especially of Spiritualists.

> plete presentation in his own language: acceptably. by mine. The conclusions at which I My hand at first wrote "automatically"

receiving such a communication from him. That is to say, you ring up your friend and ask him to communicate by the aid of my automatic hand. That message does not, as a rule, produce the least impression upon his physical consciousness. The friend will use my hand to tell me the whole series of incidents which he did not intend to com-

"Thirdly, it makes no difference for you receive them is asleep or awake, or mind which alone is exercised in all account of these external circumstances, is always ready to be rung up, and never resents any questions.

"Fourthly, the most accurate communications are always those relating to subjects upon which the person from from the communication is received feels deeply. An intense feeling, either of joy or sorrow, is transmitted not merely with accuracy, but with a certain intensification of emotion, whereas the inquiries as to prosaic details, such as what they may have had for dinner, are apt to be considered quite wrongly.

"Fifthly, the value of these auto-telepathic communications is materially impaired by the fact that the transmitting. sub-conscious mind of whatever it may reflective Spiritualist that a change is things, and to describe a flerce deter- our doors; it has reached Spiritualism mination to do harm as if the harm as well as the churches; but it seems to were absolutely accomplished. In the the writer that we Spiritualists are resame way a great dread lest an acci- markably slow in adjusting ourselves to dent should occur, will often be ren- the change, fact that the accident has occurred.

the message came, which were perfect- "We are at a crisis. There must be a ly accurate some years, months, weeks change of front." or even hours before, but which were | . The situation he portrays is universal not happened at all, but which subse- itualists in all the states. to my friends from whom it purports to galvanizing any old corpse. be a communication, and their annota-

tions are extremely interesting." statement, with all deference to the high claims of Mr. Stead, we are forced to the conclusion that he is entirely mishand to write. In the first place he endorse. says, that it is not necessary for the person who writes by him to be conleast impression upon his physical consciousness," is produced. This is in direct conflict with telepathic communication. It is always the thoughts at some crisis, when the mind is wrought to its utmost tension, that are transmitted. The voluminous research of the Psychic Society, and the experience of mankind prove this beyond doubt and by negation also proves there cannot be transmission without this inten-

Again he carries his theory into yet more incredible grounds: The person may write just as well when asleep, or engaged in absorbing occupations. "The sub-conscious mind, which alone is exercised in all sub-telepathic transmission takes no account of these external circumstances, is always ready attendance, interest and influence, by

to be rung up." The theory which requires us to believe that a person in sound sleep can!

W. T. Stead has acquired a fame pe | at a distance of hundreds or thousands culiarly his own as a popular news of miles write lengthily of themselves writer, and champion of unpopular and affairs and be wholly unconscious "automatic." The term is a misnomer, surance that it is accepted by psychic | sions, during camp season. Make them for automatic implies that the hand science, when it is no more than a hy-

distant friends in the body. From his munion, and Mr. Stead is a believer, prominence in literary circles and the then there is no difficulty in explaining banners. Pomp, parade and summer rethey are published, his theories have name of whomever he "rings up," as he in the mind. In during this they may Mr. Stead has recently published his fully acquaint themselves with all the views, and the following is their com- circumstances to be able to impersonate

spirit urges toward the wrong, yielding ducted a series of experiments of auto- communications from spirits of those is as reprehensible as it would be to the | matic writing with friends in various living in the flesh. Almost every Spirit- cial. If Spiritualists really desire to do parts of the world, and have arrived, ualist has received messages purporting something, my suggestions may inafter much experience at certain con- to come from some friend in spirit life, clusions, about which I feel tolerably claiming to have passed from earth, and in the opinion of thousands the time certain. 'Automatic handwriting' is a afterwards found that they yet re- has arrived to break ground for new term used to describe writing which is mained on earth. He began with a cut- work, and as soon as the proper methobtained when the recipient, holding and-dried theory. He knew all about it ods are discovered, talent, money and pen or pencil, places his hand lightly beforehand. His hand had scarcely able leaders will be ready to assist. upon a sheet of paper, and allows the moved before he knew more about Spirmind of the communicating persons to itualism than those who had made it use that hand as their own. To many the study of a life-time. He had only a | a life even if an ideal one, is uplifting; it may seem incredible that if you dis- few messages before he started a spirit- there should be no barriers in the way connect, as it were, your hand from ual magazine. His tone and style indi- of the weakest or poorest of earth's your mind, and place it at the disposal cate the thought that he is the one, only children, they should all have equal opof a third party, your hand should teacher and until he came the facts portunities, invited and welcomed at

only to make my mind passive, place array of facts which trend that way, telepathic exchange, any friend of the Mr. Stend, is of itself a chimera, and certain of those who can write with my utterly at variance with the facts. Man | cal advanced up-to-date movement.

have arrived as the result of experi- precisely as Mr. Stead describes. Slowments carried on for the last six or ly after years my mind became more and more impressed, and the result has "First, that no one can say before been a blending of automatic writing hand whether any particular person can and inspiration-yet in all that has been or cannot use my hand for the purpose written, and the many spirits claiming of telepathy or automatic handwriting. to write, no one this side of life has Some friends who are very near and ever written, and it has been repeated whom I am not on particularly near out any theory. I at once became conterms write with considerable accuracy. vinced that the force was exactly as it claimed. I became, in fact, a part of it, your hand to be conscious that you are municating intelligences, at the time and for the time, seemed to arise to their high plans of intelligence and be-

Had I began as Mr. Stead began with a well formed opinion, possibly I might have dominated the communications, as back to me an echo of my own thoughts. The position taken by Mr. Stead is to be regretted as not only auntime but harmful. It supplies the enemy with the receipt of the telepathic communi- different objections which may be respiritual communications. For if any is engaged in any kind of mental or one in mortal life can come and write physical exercise. The sub-conscious without even knowing of the fraud, what is to prevent them who desire to such telepathic transmission, takes no deceive, writing whatever they please; and what assurance is there that all

> celving mortals? rubbish across the path of true spiritual progress, which will have to be removed and forgotten.

messages may not come from these de-

HUDSON TUTTLE.

## A NEW DEPARTURE.

or by what train they came up to town, Our Camps—They Should Be

dered as an absolute statement, as a | G. W. Kates' articles of Feb. 24 and March 3, in The Progressive Thinker, "Sixthly, another element which de- and March 17, in The Banner of Light, 'tests," except in the most delicate and | time; that is to say, my hand has often ent of the Western states, and because written accurate descriptions of the he has had experience and understands We know comparatively little as yet | mental state of a person from whom | what he is writing about. He says,

not correct at the moment at which the | -what does it signify? Why can't he message was written. This, however, and all other workers at the front take is a comparative bagatelle, compared a business view, adopt a high order of with the element of marvel that is in- business rules and methods, as well as troduced by the fact that the automatic spiritual? Spiritualists of Minnesota hand will frequently describe events as know what they want and what they having already happened which have are able to pay for, and so do all Spir-

quently happened exactly as described. We may differ as to the causes of the I have had so many experiences of this present status of Spiritualism, but we sort that if any one of my friends were cannot differ as to the necessity of a to write with my hand and inform me radical change all along the line. We that any accident or piece of good for are face to face with the demand for a tune had befallen him, if the message change, a great change; the demand is were given with any particularity of de- imperative—although almost silent—to tail, I should feel tolerably certain that let go of old methods. The great body if it had not happened at the time of of independent Spiritualists cannot be writing it would certainly happen be led, coaxed or driven, into doubtful fore long. I always make a rule of sub- schemes, theories, or visionary plans of mitting all the writing which I believe the old systems; they will not assist in

I believe there is talent, character and sense enough in our ranks to do some-After carefully reading this clear thing that will command respect, and that will prove practical for all time. It makes us tired to be drummed, teased and shamed into efforts and schemes of taken as to the force which moves his our leaders, that we do not and cannot

If we can unite, it must be on new methods, revolutionary from bottom to scious that he is writing. Not "the top. The present methods are outgrown; will our leaders ever get their eyes, ears and perceptions opened and quickened, so they can read the handwriting on the wall? It begins to look like crowding the mourners to press the old thread-bare forms and methods upon those who refuse, and continue to refuse to sustain methods and systems not wanted.

I have a few suggestions to make, hoping they may elicit others; the thought is, let us do something permanent and worthy. Our camps have proved more of a suc-

cess than any other social, financial or educational effort we have undertaken; may they not be made to be the center "Historical, Logical and Philosophical of our spiritual efforts? I believe they may, that is why I would increase their enlarging their capacity and increasing My first suggestion is, that our pres-

ent camps become the property of the Spiritualists of the state, city, county or counties they may be located in, and that every vestige of money-making be eliminated; that they occupy the same relation to Spiritualism that city parks and churches do to our great cities, be-

I would call them Spiritual Homes (down on the ground) and would suggest that every state should have one or more camp homes. I would make them free to all spiritual campers, only charging gate fees to transients, would invite volunteer talent from teachers, preachers, the workers and the profeseducational centers-free schools. Music and how to maintain health should resical jubilee could be made an annual feature. Make every camp as beautiful as a park. Equality and justice should be the watchwords upon our camp sort customs should not be leading features on spiritual camp grounds. Broadminded and practical men and women should attend to the details and management. We should, as a rule, depend upon home talent, which would materially lessen expenses. Of course my suggestions are revolutionary, but that "I have now for several years con- Mr. Stead is not alone in receiving is not objectionable, if the revolution is practical, called for, and largely beneficrease the vibrations in that direction;

If such a man as Jesus lived, as reported, his example is suggestive; such our banquet tables. Thousands instead say all persons have that faculty. I There is a great deal to be done be of hundreds, should be able to attend was extremely surprised when I was fore this theory of "automatic" writing our camps, and we should have hunfirst told that such a thing was possible. of Mr. Stead's can become even a the- dreds of them. Education should take But after a very little practice I found ory, for although a theory does not de- the place of expensive lecturing. Only sessed. If the husband has a desire to no difficulty, and to this day I have mand demonstration, it must have an individual and personal expense and time should prevent the attendance of intensify that desire. If he affirms that | my hand with a pen upon a sheet of and none opposing. The "sub-conscious | Spiritualists. If we can realize our true he is led by the spirit, he in other words paper, to ring up, as you may, on the self" which is so largely exploitered by condition and unite, all necessary expenses will be easily met in any practi-

Spiritualists, under the control of a ments could and should be permanent, and the camps could be made homes for | Tribune. those who desired a retired life. Spiritual missionary work could all

be condensed into the camp month, the camps would become royal missionary centers, and a resting place for wornout mediums. We do not want preaching all the time, but an opportunity to learn and make known our wants. The spiritual press supplants the spiritual priest with his robes and prayers; we want living prayers, soul songs, and practical clean lives.

The press is broader, more comprehensive, and a hundred times cheaper, than the preacher, this fact is being recognized by all independent minds and signifies much.

All the details of the changes suggested, can be worked out by our earn-Stock associations and volunteer subscriptions may be the methods to raise he has, and they" would have given the means to build, and make a start, Adjoining counties could unite, or townships with small cities.

If more practical suggestions can be made for the move out of the old into the new, the writer of this paper will constructed into an explanation of all be one of the first to endorse the best. The one point I desire to make clear and emphatic is this, a change is upon us, every progressive experienced Spiritualist knows it; now the plain question is, are we ready to accept the inevitable and move on, or be switched off and side-tracked. It is notorious that

we are losing ground every day, in all It likewise throws a great drift of the great centers of spiritual thought. Spiritualism has led progressive thought for the past fifty years, it must lead, it can never follow; truth can never take second position al though a thousand times crushed.

I am agitating for the external earthly expression, and I think I know a radical change is the demand of the hour; present methods are not satisfactory and will not be sustained. The camps afford all an opportunity to unite and do something spiritually, materially, educationally and socially, which will give us character and standing without spiritual compromise.

I am aware there are objections to my suggestions; one of the first will be "the laborer is worthy of his hire;" very true, but a higher Spiritual law gives volunteer service first place, and so on to the end of the objections. Right here I will say without thrusting personality too much into this paper, that by invitation I have given my time and past two years, am engaged for this year at the same camp, and because of my free work, and success. I am invited to another camp in June and July; this year my wife joins me, and we get no remuneration only our board and lodging. We may be boycotted for this innovation, but we do not anticipate any trouble.

The first question a practical common sense man or woman will ask is, how do you like it, and how can you afford it? I will divide the answer; we like our work because it is the most important of any on earth; we can't afford it but we must work, we can't afford to DR. M. E. CONGER. Chicago, Ill.

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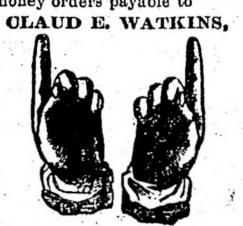
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South Dakota is well known for its beautiful plains and the liberal sentiment of the people in general. But there are exceptions, and one sometimes runs against a snag that refuses to move for love or money. We cannot help feeling that there would be a chance for this snag to immortalize itself, if it would "turn," like poor Lot's wife and change its chemical combinations to salt. So it was my pleasure to meet with such an object last month while in Hecla, S. D., where I served "the spiritual society that held its meetings in the large school house which is divided into two grades and two rooms, with folding doors between. In one of these rooms we held forth every Sunday and Wednesday, and the Methodists held service in the other. Thus the good people met every Sunday evening under the same roof; some to hear the truth of life immortal, inspired by the angels of light, and to receive tests of loved ones. The others to hear expounded the dogmas and creeds of churchdom. It so happened that the Methodist preacher and I were back to back, not five feet apart, with a thin door between us. The Methodist began services at 7:30; we at 8. The Methodists took special delight in practicing their choir, and they sang long and loud, which was highly pleasing to my waiting audience, and by the time we opened our meeting, musical peace reigned. It is needless to say that criticism and gossip followed among our good neighbors. Such heart-breaking revelations from those of the "church." "They were listening to Mrs. Barrett while on their knees at prayer," before their Methodist ideal. So interested had they become that we willingly forgave them if they had forgotten

to rise. Oh! render, the sound that arose when both rooms happen to sing at the same time! The blast of the last trumpet cannot compare with it, while on our side those present did best as we started up with "Wave the Banner (air, Hold the Fort), which ends, "Creed, Its race has run." Would you believe it, friends, the next room was drowned, for we sang as though life depended on its finish, and the minister remarked that "There was no meeting in the next room." We allowed him this satisfaction, for salvation and health, But "Alas! for the rarity of Christian charity!" I lived in constant fear that some one from our army would get up in the midst of the meeting and pound on the double doors, when the rising voice of the minister was heard, and they would pounce upon him. What the consequence would have been, had this form of exercises taken place, we will let the little silent voice in our bones tell us.

VIRGINIE BARRETT.

### A Spiritualist Christian.

To the Editor:- I am not insensible of the honor you confer on me by your late introduction of our arisen friend. R. G. Ingersoll onto my platform. I never before admired the man. Cause: I was not on his platform. I, being educated a liberal Christian, have in Spiritualism seen no reason to change my faith for-What? I sometimes read of death as the "dark valley," to be dreaded. Not so, dear friends. The dark valley is from the cradle to the grave, or to death.

I may be alone to thank you, but I do most sincerely hope that many who profess to be Spiritualists will enjoy this communication from the spirit Ingersoll as greatly as I do. It seems so

I have, with my pen, done good work for Methodist, Baptist and other Christian people, and it has always been acceptable to them. I can never forget talking in a Methodist house some years ngo. It was as unexpected to myself as to anyone present, but I was controlled by or for the spirit of a man who had been frozen to death while under the influence of liquor. His widow sat before me. She had been reared in the beliefin "endless punishment," and from a countenance of sorrow and woe, she soon began laughing, while the tears were streaming down her face, and she at the same time was shouting, "O this is comforting, this is comforting," re-peating it several times, and why? She for the first time in her life learned that God was able to save to the uttermost, here and hereafter. Her life from that time became\_one song of gladness, While I have been blest in doing lowly work in the name of the despised Naza-

'Tis nearly a half century since I embraced Spiritualism, but I have never yet learned to be a good Spiritualist, beit cause I still cling to the teaching of my early years, strengthened as it is by every sense of reason now that I am happy, to count my three score years and HARRIET PARKER. Summerland, Cal.

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are these reasons to be utterly excluded, will indeed be very difficult-to determine. To illustrate: Another communication contained the following experience of Mrs. Connor, who was also accustomed to leaving her body:

"At a hotel in New York, on one occa-

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sion, she made one of these extra-corporeal excursions. She could feel her spirit passing out through her head. She hesitated whether to pass through the roof or out of the window, but finally chose the window. She noticed that the sky was very red. Finally she crawled back into her body. When she awoke, the sky wore the same appearance which she had noticed while on her strange excursion. Mrs. Connor conveys the gratifying assurance that the passage from the body was attended by no pain or discomfort, but was much like putting one's arm in a

Such a statement from Mrs. Connor is more than remarkable enough to create attention. To her, the spirit taking leave of the body was a common occurrence; this at least is her own statement. There is no talk of an extraordinary bodily condition, as apparent death, somnambulism, or deep trance. Her statement though very strange, is not at all unique; there are numerous cases but they are not known to the public. The cases appear among rich as well as poor, learned and lay, men ridicule the statements of these people. To the sceptic it is much more difficult to comprehend than it is to believe. Would we be justified in rejecting, ridiculing the science of astronomy be cause the student thereof cannot tell us all about the planets, Mars, Saturn and Jupiter? What the astronomer knows, he knows to an absolute, mathematical certainty, and no power on earth could persuade him that he was mistaken. When it is considered that he can calculate to a second of time the movements of those planets, it is not surprising that he should speak with certainty in regard to his knowledge. In the same manner should people who have a certain experience in a special direction have a right to talk with certainty of what they know; even if there be cases of delusion we can excuse such people, as they speak of and believe simply that which is imprinted on their

If man would not learn and never consider the usefulness of small hints, he would never find nor discover anything new. There are so many secrets that we may learn from nature. The men that attempt and learn, they are the ones that elevate themselves above the animals. In order to get information of coming earthquakes in time, the Japanese know, and have known for a long time, a very simple and interesting means. They have noticed that the magnet seems to lose all its force a few moments before the first concussions are noticeable. They hang, therefore, in their houses a magnet to a piece of fron. When the earthquake is approaching, it loosens and falls down on a gong which produces a sound, clear and sharp like that from a bell. This is a warning to the inhabitants of the house, who know then that it is high time to take flight in the open air. If the observation of the Japanese is correct-and this can of course be ascertained-then this clever system of signaling danger ought to find its way into European countries which are exposed to catastrophes caused by earthquakes. The civilized Europe and America has never known this remedy; if it has ever been known, it has also been forgotten. Now it is no more than just to believe that they would take advantage of such a discovery in countries where earthquakes are general. Will they take the pains to try the remedy?—well, that is a different thing. In the same manner it is with the human mind and soul; we should take advantage of all the little hints which, time and again come from all sources. Regarding the activity of the soul and the will, there is so much that should be investigated and so much that we in reality ought to know. Through investigation man would reach further toward a fuller knowledge and a better understanding of the activity and expanse of the spiritual and occult powers. The probability is, that this, like so many other things, is too often neglected as long as possible. CARL SEXTUS.

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### PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

[Oblinaries to the extent of ten lines ouly will be inserted free.]

Passed to the higher life, from Marine City, Mich., March 29, 1900, Charles o'clock. Bean, aged 78 years. He leaves a wife, one daughter and many relatives and friends who realize that their loss is his spiritual gain. He was a sincere Spiritualist for over forty years, and anxiously awaited the hour when he should be re-united with the loved ones. Rev. Nellie S. Baade officiated at the

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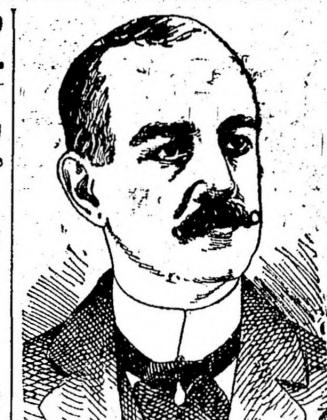
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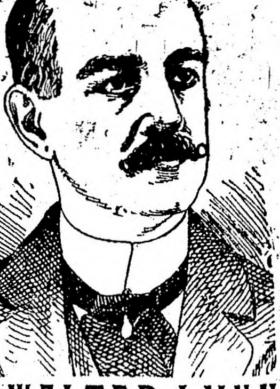
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