

speaks of his experience as a "loss." plain by allegories or figures of speech. Swift as the destructive cyclone came We simply took it literally, as a literal a spiritual illumination, a mental en- narrative of so many historical facts. largement, and in a moment "old things | But all that is past. We have eliminated passed away." His Jewish idea of God, the marvelous elements. We accept the sacredness of the vast Temple, the only that part which seems reasonable. profound and solemn import of the sac- We do not believe a thing to have haprifices, the absurd valuation of his punc- pened then which we know cannot haptilious observance of the ritualistic cer- pen now. We do not delude our minds emonies of the Pharisees-all these with the idea that iron would swim in were now gone. Apparently all was Jordan but will sink in Grand River. "lost." As a man stands in a room and While we concede the possibility of gazes contemptuously at the broken Baalam making an ass of himself, we toys and solled playthings of childhood, do not think the ass could have made a so he now regards the overthrown idols | man of himself.

of his earliest faith and hope. We may No: the old idea of the Bible is gone. pardon him the tears which, though un- And yet, the Bible is here. We love it be a grand thing for such people; and I passed a period at the hall and have cross," she said, "when he said to the mentioned, he no doubt shed in that mo- yet. We can even laugh over its ex- would often make myself miserable by ment of renunciation which, to a man of travagant stories. Now that we do not less heroic mould and mighty heart, consider it infallible, we can read its would have been a monument of des- stories as allegories, myths, old literahen. pair. We may picture to ourselves the ture, and not only enjoy but be bene-

look of pain on the face, and feel in our fited in so doing. hearts "the aching void" that troubled And after all, where can we find so for a moment that great soul as he gave many good maxims, so many wise inup the symbols and precepts of the junctions, so many pure precepts, pub- tion within me. I allowing my thought ancient and honorable faith of his fath- lished together? Reject everything un- full sway, with the result that I went ers. Poor and passionless must be the reasonable; as sensible people, assign home with a violent headache, which heart that cannot see both the pathos all the "big" stories to the department was so much in evidence the next the hope that they could be reclaimed. criminals. My work was in the State and heroism of this man's life. A shal- of fable and fiction, yet there still relow soul, unable to comprehend a de- mains the grandest single collection of votion and intensity such as swayed ethical teaching ever compiled and pub-Paul's nature, can look unmoved upon lished in one volume. To follow the the tragedy of a dying faith, and even teaching of Jesus is to be good, is to spille as the cherished ideals of the soul realize a perfection of character not of another are broken and destroyed. taught so concisely in any other of But the truly great in heart and mind | earth's publications.

will stand at the field of Paul's experience and gaze upon it as upon some away childish things," we also add his It did. It was only a guinea hen. confident conclusion: "And now remainhistoric battle-place, forever to be had eth faith, hope and love, these three, in memory as a scene of devotion and and the greatest of these is love." Yes, deliverance.

We, too-we that have "lost" even these remain. They abide forever. They former incidents. while acknowledging "gain"-we know ' are the essence of the teaching of Jesus. Paul. We have been with him. We They are the fundamental elements of chooses to spend his small change for of knowledge of the whereabouts of the their preaching should go straight to understand the sacrifice, the tender true religion. Criticism may destroy the ammunition, instead of sending Bibles other men that prevented the known the nearest state prison. It is refreshmemory, the moistened eyes, the almost fables, expunge the myths, relegate the to the heathen; and his idle time in proportion from being larger. She re- ing to talk to an audience confessedly at overpowering desire at times for the marvels to the moles and bats, but the shooting at a target, instead of reading lated some of the difficulties which had fault, and not one in which the individ-"old order," the feeling of emptiness essentials will abide. Faith in the un- his Bible, the report of his rifle has been experienced in establishing the unl picks out the neighbor who was hit that sometimes troubles, although we alterable operations of law, hope for all grated on my nerves somewhat. homes in New York. The first, she said, by the sermon." know that "loss is gain." Yes, we know. humanity, and love as the regenerating | Guinea hen. I do not ask sympathy. Those who force of life, these can never be de- When I see so much discussion in our iment. have given up their "childish things" stroyed. Belief in the Vicarious Savior noble paper, The Progressive Thinker, understand me, and those who are other- yields to a rational acceptance of Jesus over the declaration made at the Chi wise could not give sympathy. But we as a great teacher of Truth and Good. | cago convention, one affirming the Godmay state a few things by way of Belief in a Personal God is displaced by idea, the other negating it, and various of our character they immediately took teer Prisoners' league was organized illustration.

I once believed in a personal God, a edge that fixed and unalterable law, cord, rather than harmony, which is so cry against us, but they came quietly to ship of 8,000 men in eleven State prisreal Person, a Father, who loved me. while not allowing any miracles, essential to the upbuilding of the true us and said that they believed in the ons. These men pledge themselves to I thought he knew me individually and "special providences," to occur, yet pre- and higher philosophy, I think of the work and wished us all success, but an honest life and to a maintenance of listened when I talked to him, and de- serves us with all of a "Father's" care guinea hens. Suppose we put on the they did not think the city was the the prison discipline. There is no narlighted to help me. Now, as Drummond and insures the continuity and stability other fellow's spectacles, and stand be- proper place in which to attempt it. row line drawn for them. They are forewarns in the preface of Natural of all things. Reverence for the Bible, fore a mental mirror, as it were, and We needed a farm, they said. We re- not required to subscribe to any creed. Law in the Spiritual World, I have sub- which held it to be an infallible book, take a retrospective view of self, from plied that we were sorry, but that the The membership of the league comstituted "a reign of law for a personal every word inspired of God and true as the other fellow's standpoint. Don't property had been leased and it would prises Roman Catholics, Protestants, God." Infinite Intelligence manifested literal history, is supplanted by a con- you think we would find a large flock of be impossible to move. The experiment Jews, and infidels. through the universe in law and order servative view which finds in its store has taken the place in my thought of an of ethical wisdom the most concise and anthropomorphic God, a Father who helpful guide to right living yet comwas seated somewhere to listen to my piled.

In traveling with a friend one summer I found something in almost every act of his to criticise, and find fault with: but kept it to myself; admitting that it destroyed a great part of the ing the matter, something said, "that was your guinea hen."

In canvassing, some years ago; I frequently met with so much ignorance, and non-appreciation of my wares, saw so many people whose lives were merefor a higher life; simply content to plod along in the old rut made by the feet of

giving away to thoughts of condemnation of such people. Another guinea

some years ago; I listened to a dis-

course so strongly flavored with orthodoxy, that it aroused all the indignathat I was suffering the consequences of less satisfactory than that of their com-

So while we say as did Paul, "I put she hoped it would teach me a lesson. known.

guinea hens?

While we may have risen to a plane of higher vibration; and that which was

of the prison reform and its results to occurs in a Christian land? Is it not an audience, composed largely of min- cruel that a man should go out in hope isters and laymen who and delegates to of reform and be brought back crushed? the General Conference of the Method- If every Christian would let his sympaist church. Her address was one of a thy go forth in the right direction we pleasure of the trip. Later, in consider- series given in connection with the ses- could save these men." sions of the conference.

SUPERSTITION OF GOOD PEOPLE

better news next time!

neglect of opportunity in this matter.

monstrous in the last degree?

sponsibility?

Hope Hall in Chicago and its work during the year of its existence had a An obstacle to the success of the man place among the results which were de- released from a prison. Mrs. Booth scribed. Two hundred men released said, was found in the superstition of ly existence, apparently no aspirations from Joliet have passed through the good people that a man who had been Chicago home, Mrs. Booth stated. They once a criminal was always a criminal. have been taken from the prison in a saying which, she said, good folks rewhich they had served their sentences peated with parrot-like understanding. that, if reincarnation was true, it would and brought to Chicago. They have "It was refuted by Christ on the been placed where they were able to thief at his side: "This day thou shalt lead honest lives if they desired. They be with me in paradise.' It can be rehave been given the opportunity which futed now. If I were asked what was the man who has served a sentence and the greatest need of prisoners I should Attending a Spiritualist meeting comes from prison with the marks upon say that it was much the same need him does not have. that I have seen in the slums of great cities and in the drawing-rooms of rich

FEW GO BACK TO CRIMINAL LIVES.

which Christ was not. Of these 200 men Mrs. Booth stated "When I entered upon the work I was that more than 75 percent had realized, told that I would meet old, hardened morning, that I called on a magnetic | Such a proportion she cald she knew prisons and not in the lesser reformahealer for treatment. I received the personally had not gone back into a tories. I met the worst class of prisoncomforting assurance that I had been | criminal life. The others had gone into | ers. I was told that I should be castnoticed by the healer, the evening be- other lands to make new lives for them- ing my seed upon barren rock. People fore, and my mental condition recog- selves, and there was no reason to be- told me that it would be absolutely nized and the result foreseen. And lieve that their course had been any fruitless. People sometimes know too much about conditions. I am glad that my own violation of nature's law, and rades whose present condition was when I entered upon the work I knew nothing of what had been considered and some of the very luxuries of life,

The New York Hope Hall has reto hold good in the past. After four I used to enjoy hunting, and the re- ceived 800 men from. Sing Sing and years I can tell you that it is the most port of a gun would interest me at once, other prisons. A similar proportion of fruitful work. I find that the land is bringing to mind pleasant memories of these men, Mrs. Booth affirmed, were just as good and brings forth just as living, honest, upright lives, and she as- beautiful fruit as any. Ministers who

True, distance intervenes; but this Now, because a Methodist minister | serted her belief that it was simply lack get disheartened over the results of only serves to lessen the effect upon a change the principle one lota. Because we prefer to remain in the stupor of indifference toward this immeasureable array of human suffering, are we therefore released from the corresponding re-

had been placed in the city as an exper-LEAGUE'S MEMBERSHIP IS 8,000.

"We leased the property before the Mrs. Booth described the results Three years ago we were weighed in neighbors knew what we were. When which have attended the prison work the balance and as a reform body were suddenly they did come to a realization in the four years of its life. The Volunwe not for the most part found wanting? A generous response went out a profound satisfaction in the knowl- other sharp criticisms, tending to dis- alarm. They did not raise a sensational four years ago. It now has a memberacross the friendly bosom of the Pacific | yearly spiritual feast. calling for our aid at that time; but how much of this was due to the concerted work of many Spiritualists? No such work is recorded that I have seen. That opportunity was great, yet small in comparison with the present. Much is also being done in the pres-

ent crisis by the people of the nations would have to succeed or fail there. It "I was told at first," said Mrs. Booth, succeeded, and those people became our "that I must not expect the results who have not felt the famine. In the name of Humanity I ask, Spiritualists, warm allies. When we decided it was which had attended the beginning of formerly attractive to us, is now repuls- | best to move to a farm and were able | the work to be permanent, but would what are we doing to electrify the plaints and praise. I feel that I have | Here are the "childish things" put ive; we must not forget the fact that to secure one we moved to Flushing. have to consider them as the effects of world; to move on far in advance of all gained, and yet there is a "loss." If in away, and here are the "abiding others are still on the plane we have There an open opposition began and a revival. The hopelessness of the men others in demonstrating to the slothful my mind I would smile at the old con- things." As men of sense we propose left; and that others whose ideas now our neighbors complained that we at first was disheartening. They said that the humanity impulse-a supreme

of Spiritualist belongs individually to such true spiritual food as he has given in his season's discourse? As I came us, unless we pledge ourselves anew, with solemn earnestness each rising out of the church this last Sunday, a lady turned to a gentleman and said. morn, to consecrate our powers all to "In case we should never have the the service of the cause so dear to us, namely, the cause of Spiritualism? Can | chance to hear Dr. Savage again, what the cause of Spiritualism and of humana sweet memory this discourse, 'Sunshine and Shadow,' will be to those that ity be separated by the smallest fraction heard it." of one degree? We know that they can

Mrs. Nellie Temple Brigham closes not; for these are but different names her spiritual meetings in this city the for one and the same thing. Then with second Sunday in June, and then goes the mental, or spoken enunciation of to her beautiful home at Elm Grove in this solemn pledge of consecration, our the Berkshire Hill in Massachusetts. I mind must instantly fly to India, and there behold in spirit-not in imagina- have at various times mailed samples tion, the appalling picture of gloom, de- of The Progressive Thinker to some of spair and death, while we in our com- my orthodox friends in various parts of fortable beds, are perhaps content to the country, and have received very merely wish them well, and to hope for kind letters from some, but the past week I received a letter from a lady in

a Massachusetts town to whom I had We are secure in the confident feeling mailed The Progressive Thinker at vathat this visitation of untold distress rious times, in which she stated that can never come to us. Judging from our she was exceedingly obliged for the paactions, we recognize no responsibility families in the same great cities in attaching to ourselves while the truth pers mailed, but she still believed in old-fashioned Methodism, also an oldis, the very horrors which they are now fashioned heaven, and an old-fashioned enduring will be yours and mine, and hell, and did not intend to change her intensified a thousand fold, when we views, and I could not help exclaiming wake up to the consciousness of our on reading the letter that those people that liked their little hell and enjoyed It is as though in our very household, it, it would be the last thing I should our own brothers and sisters, our own care to take away from them, but feel fathers and mothers and children, were pity for them to think they cannot or starving to death by slow inches-actuwill not see the true light ahead.

ally dying before our very eyes, while I wish to thank you for Volume 3 of we persist in nursing our apathy by livthe Encyclopedia of Death which I have ing on in the midst of many comforts received. I am glad to possess this book if for only one thing and that is utterly neglecting-that is to say refusthe sermon, "The Voices of the Dead." ing, to lift one finger in the effort to re- by Minot J. Savage, and that one dislieve those stricken ones! Can such a course ought to make thousands want course be less than savage? Is it not to possess the book. L heard Dr. Savage deliver that sermon some years back on an Easter Sunday, at the Church of the Unity in Boston, and at certain class of minds. It does not the time it was published thousands of copies were disposed of and it then went out of print, and had to be republished again. You have done a grand thing to reprint this great sermon in your new volume, and that alone ought to bring many subscribers to The Progressive Thinker to get your fine gift of Volume 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death. If people think they are too poor to subscribe for the paper and get this fine from our great West, as well as East, book, I should think they would live on when that moan of Death was wafted one meal a day and send for this grand

New York. J. OSBORNE LUNT.

REMEMBER THOU MUST DIE.

What is ambitious hope to me? What were a glorious name? What would it profit me to be First in the lists of Fame? There is another voice I hear. Each hour that passes by; It harps forever on my ear: Remember, thou must die!

I're goned aloft mean the sta

14.5	my mind i would simile at the old con-	things." As men of sense we propose	seem ridiculous to us may when we	should have staid in the city, where	it was no use-that it would be impossi-	desire to relieve and to prevent suffer-	I've gazed aloft upon the star -	
	ception, when the memory of a prayer	do not proposo to loave one extreme to	reach the same plane of vibration be	there was a police force to handle our	ble for them to do any better than they	ing is the chief corner stone of all true	That heroes glory in,	
	at the bed-side stears into memory's	do not propose to leave one extreme to	found to contain truth Lot us null the	men if there should be occasion for no-	were doing. The results have proven	reform? If indifference toward suffer-	And sometimes deemed it not too fa.	
1.1.2	growdod by a toar A Eather in the	anodulity which accepts the whole Bible	hear out of our own eve that we may	lice restraint We made the same renty	that the forecasts of the former and the	ing humanity has hitherto been a	For even me to win;	
	bonyonel If after all brother there is	as literal history is more tolerable than	see more clearly to nick the mate out of	that we had to stay where we were	forebodings of the latter were both	crime, it is henceforth the unpardon-	But when to tread Fame's slip'ry	* **
11	a Father far away and unknown	the frantic rage of those who spit at re-	see more clearly to pick the more out of	The records of the police department	without foundation "	able sin.	track,	
1.	though he may be: who, spite of our	ligion and snap and-snarl at every in-					Ambition bade me try.	
12				have proven that there has been no in-		If we proceed at once to donate some-	This thought forever held me back:	2
	it is leave up of the if such those is who	"Drove all things !!	pulsive to us; let us think of the guinea hens, and exercise love, and	crease in crime in the neighborhood.	men who come out of the prisons and	thing-if each Spiritualist in every com-	Remember, thou must die!	
1	so cold and passionless as to be un- moved by the thought.	discriminately reject all things "Hold	guinea hens, and exercise love, and	NEEDS OF THE MAN IN PRISON.	enter Hope Hall temporarily, Mrs.	munity outside of stricken India, will	I've thought upon the charms of gold,	• • •
	moved by the thought.	fast to that which is good." do not feel	kindness, which belong to a recognition of the universal brotherhood of human-	Aalda from has against of what had	Booth quoted the statements of people	appropriate so much money-from ten	And fancied it were sweet,	1
	So also we once leaned mon a Vice-	ishly cut loose from everything. It may	ity. DR. CARLOS WRIGHT.	hear accomplished for the man relarged	who claimed their ability to detect a man who had served a sentence by the	ing to our means to be forwarded there	Its smiling treasures to behold	
		be unfortunate to be a "child," but it is		from prison after his discharge Mrs.	downfallen look of his eyes and his	in the form of provisions at the earliest	All shining at my feet.	1.
1.	'us, died to save us. We sang, tenderly		Joseph, Oregon.	Booth told of his needs while serving	slouching steps.	possible moment, the effect will be like	But when I looked upon my hoards,	
· · · · ·		ELD. H. W. B. MYRICK.	Cordingley Kindly Criticized.	his sentence, and what the Volunteers'	"Have we any right to make a man		Although my heart beat high,	1
1.	to sweet music and with swelling	Gentryville, Mo.		I'm the state to most		toma melli he diment instantantant. Ind	T in and the set the set have been in a mouder	
	hearts:	Gentryvine, mo.	To the Editor:-In your issue of May	them Some of the things she said were	look so that after serving a sentence of fifteen or more years he is unable to look like other men?" she said. "Some	this is not all for we ourselves will be	Remember, thou must die!	
	"Jesus, I love thee; thou art to me,		19, is advertised, under the head of "Il-	them. Some of the things she said were	niteen or more years he is unable to	the greatest handfoistigs! Let ma tell	Remember, thou must die.	
	· Dearer than ever mortal can be."	A LITTLE SERMON.	linois Camp-meeting," the opening date	"Any agency that can help them out-	look like other men?" she said. "Some	you why. Those sufferers will enjoy	I tried the cup of pleasure, too,	
	Somehow we trusted him. When we		of the Illinois State Spiritual Camp-	side must begin inside.	prison regulations require a prisoner to	the food which this earth affords; but	And drained it to the lees;	1
	were heavy laden with sin we "cast our	What this troubled old world needs	meeting, over the signatures of G. V.	"I believe in punishments: I believe in	look down whenever he passes any one.	our erstwhile starving souls will liter-	But found, as all must find it true	
****	. burden upon him" and were rested.	Is less of quibbling over creeds,	Cordingley, president, and H. W. Mil- ler, (his private secretary) secretary.	prisons; I believe in discipline; I do not	You or I would acquire the same prac-	ally feast on the fruit of heaven. This	That pleasures cannot please;	1.1
	And as Ingersoll said in the closing par-	Fewer words and better deeds.	ler, (ins private secretary) secretary.	believe in pampering the prisoner; but	Lice IL HE Were obliged to lotte out	heavenly fruit is the gratitude of an-	Her sparkling bowl seemed sweet	
	agraph of his last lecture, published in		ing, or any camp-meeting to wear that	I do hollove in fair niav		gels, expressed to us in no uncertain	awhile.	
	The Progressive Thinker, if this story	Less of "Thus and so shall you	ing, of any camp-meeting to wear that	"When a man has been punished, im-	longer years."	terms. I have tasted of this fruit of	But soon the fount went dry,	
	of Jesus and his Father was only true		name should be an organization of rep-	prisoned and disciplined, and then re-	PRAISES THE INDETERMINATE		And then I heard, with bitter smile:	
	it would be the grandest and sublimest	More of "How may I be true?"	resentative opiritualists for the state.	leased he should be what the State says		testify that I have seen" and felt and	Remember, thou must die!	es à la
	thing ever spoken to man. Of all the	Less of wrangling over text:	Mr. Cordingley, or anyone else having	he is a free man	SENTENCE.	hoard		
12 1	myths and legends, splendid hopes and	Less of creed and code perplexed:	sufficient funds, has a perfect right to	timbe upo of the monda townshift and	Mrs. Booth praised the indeterminate	I anneal to you than Sniritualists one	Then let Ambition, Power, Fame And Wealth and Pleasure flee—	1.14
·	rose-colored expectations which have	More of charity unvexed.	establish a private camp-meeting or an-	The use of the words ex-convict and	sentence under which men are sent to	and all let us fix a day say the first	They cannot for a moment claim	*
	been born of man's needs, and nurtured			American We use the word 'gradu	Joliet and stated her belief that it	Sinday after this message is received.	Dominion over me.	
. t.	· by his desires, there is nothing to com-	Less of shouting: "I alone	tise it as "The State Spiritualist Camp-	American. We use the word gradu-	would be universally adopted in State	whonever that may be and each and all	Let others in their rounds rejoice-	1
	pare to the majestic panorama of Jesus	Have a right to hurl the stone."	meeting," is not the proper thing to do.	graduates from the hardest school of	prisons. The abuses to which she re-	donate pro rate as nearly as may be a	Let others rate them high-	
	in life and death. As Renan says:	More of heart that will condone.	higher interest of Spiritualism inborn	discipling and training	ferred and which she said stamped a	sum for the relief of these our dving	Let me obey that warning voice,	
	"His worship will grow young with-	Less of ruling: "Hear! You must	and inbred, and hails with delight all	"It is not propchiby that these men	man as a convict for life in his appear-	comrades whose mute appeal comes to	Let me prepare to die.	1.
	out ceasing. His legend will call forth	Hold this tenet, wrong or just"	movements calculated to advance that	want It is loving	ance were passing away. The men who	us all, from that land so near while yet		÷
	i tears from the eyes of millions yet un-	"Man of notions" hainful timat	south on the misloading boadlines	"Ministors should go to a State prison	had passed through homes which the	so far away.	Chicago, Ill. MRS. A. S. F.	
	born. The story of his sufferings will	. More or patient, delprut trubu	should be withheld from nrint in the	fond tall to the outding they would	Volunteers of America established in	Yours in faith, hope and love.		:
· · · ·	melt the stoniest hearts. All ages will	Debb of microscopic scan	Spiritualistic press.	have there. It is refreshing to preach	New York and Chicago, she said, have	THOS. H. B. COTTON.	"The Spiritualism of Nature." By	
	proclaim that among the sons of men	Of the faults of fellow man.	Mr. Cordingley has held an annual	to men confessedly at fault.	represented all classes of men released	San Francisco, Cal.	Prof. W. M. Lockwood. Price 15 cents.	
	there is none born greater than Jesus."	More of brave, uplifting plan.	picnic on the banks of the beautiful		from confinement. They have included		For sale at this office.	÷. 1
V. S.	But we have given up the old idea of	Less of dogma, less pretense.	Deen Lake several years, and those who	keep them so long that they never can	men who have served six consecutive		"Death Defeated; or the Psychic Se-	1
	Jesus as a vicarious sacrifice for sins.	More belief that Providence	have camped in the grand old woods	he like other men, so that their walk	terms and men whose service had	A little wit and a great deal of ill-	cret of How to Keep Young." By J. M.	
	We still revere his life, love his spirit,	Will sanctify our common sense.	have no doubt' received some benefit	and their look betray their imprison-	reached twenty and thirty years.	nature will furnish a man for satire; but	Peebles, M. D., M. A., Ph. D. Price \$1.	2.
110	and teach his beautiful truths, but the	Will balltilly our common sense.	from the rest and recuperation, but he	ment	There were, she admitted, cases in	the greatest instance and value of wit	For sale at this omce.	1
1.	magical qualities once ascribed to his	More of chord of kindness blent	should give his camp the name of Deep	"It will be shown that there is a	which the man had been a member of	is to commend wellTillotson.	"A Plea for the New Woman." By	
1.	blood are held no more as a truth by us.	O'er the discords of dissent.	Lake Camp, or some other appropriate		the prices organization and who, after	Ask the heart to give a reason for any	May Collins. An address delivered be-	
	We have "put away childish things."	Then will come the great content.	name and only advertise such speakers	State prisoner ?	his rologo mont wrong and was re-	of its beautiful and divine motions, and	fore the Ohio Liberal Society. For sale	12
1.	Here is "gain," but also "loss." Do		and mediums as he is sure of. This	TANK TAN TANK TANK	turned to ble prison They were lew,	it can only look unwards and he dumb.	at this office. Price 10 cents.	12
1. 1.	not laugh at us if sometime a snatch of	"Just to be good and to do good." Simple, plain, for him who would	matter of flying under false colors is do-		she maintained, in proportion to the	-Lowell.		1
सुर है	sacred song arouses for a moment a	A creed that may be understood.	ing him no good, his meetings no good.	"I have come out of prison work far,	men who came out and began life allew			-
· · · ·	"sense of the old "trust in Jesus," or if	-Baltimore American.	and Spiritualism an injury.	from disheartened. L'anow that in each.	with good results,	Nothing destroys authority so much.	W. P. Phelon. For sale at this office,	-
	in the congregation we somewhere feel		These lines are written in perfect	heart there is a spot which can be	The work is maintained now by nriv-	as the unequal and untimely inter-	Price, 25 cents.	
	the weakness of human nature and the		kindness toward Mr Cordingley and all	touched. You cannot legislate for these	ate subscription, but it would, she	change of power, pressed too far and	"Discovery of a Lost Trail." By Chas.	
	nwful need of a Savior. And do not ex-	Self- denial is the result of a calm, de-	who are to be his helpers in this under-	men in the mass. You must deal with	stated, soon receive the support of the	relaxed too muchBacon.	B. Newcomb, Excellent in spiritual	
	pect us to bear with equanimity the	liberate, invincible attachment to the	taking, but with a still deeper interest	them individually. I have come back	State, which would recognize that it	Heaven must be in me before I can be	suggestiveness. Cloth, \$1.50. For sale	
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form myself, truthfully, on this all important subject, and those speculations and theories are not the correct ones. No one ought, now, to accuse me of desiring to foist my belief on others, or magnifying my own importance, or to About the Ohristian Religion think that I, personally, have discovered some great truth not before known to man, therefore swell up in stubborn pride, believing myself right and all others wrong; and, by so doing, becoming a stumbling-block to all farther progress, thereby falling myself into the bogs of error and

uncertainty. If all worlds were composed of star-dust, nebulae, fire-mist, vortex swirl, and so forth, and so forth, all worlds would be alike; you would not, and could not have a variety. All would, necessarily, be either suns or moons or stars.

Now the sun of your system of worlds is the only one human being than to deny his right to stirred up the other day in Beecher's that gives out light and heat; the other planeis have no think and to enforce that denial through old pulpit by dramatically fighting a light and heat of their own, and would not be visible to tian's invisible heaven is to him. They believed that the your earth at all but for the light from the sun, which is shining upon them, thus making them visible to your eyes | the right to think contrary to their when your part of the earth is in darkness or shadow-in say that to them the sun was God, the moon his wife, the its own shadow-as that part of it is turned away from stars their children, and they had names for all the big the sun.

"Well," you reply, "every schoolboy understands this." Granted, that the greater part of them do; but they do not | that otherwise would long ago have dis-God or the sun. They knew nothing of the revolution of understand why the sun alone of all your system of the planets, but thought that the sun's disk was simply worlds, gives forth heat and light, while the other worlds are dark and cold, neither do they, when looking at cealed by cerulean draperies. If the day was bright and Jupiter, understand why he has belts or Saturn rings; clear, God was pleased with them; if dark and foggy, God | why they each have so many moons; why your earth has was displeased. If the clouds were heavy and brought a moon; why Mars presents such a strange appearance, rain, they thought God had gotten over his displeasure and so forth. Your star-dust, nebulae, fire-mist, and vortex theories, will never smooth out, nor answer, truthness and fog together and thrown it away from him in the fully these important questions.

form of rain, afterward smiling upon them more brightly Now do not call my son Carlyle in question. He than ever; and thus even his anger was beneficent; but | knows nothing of it. His whole life, thus far, has been when there were thunder and lightning he was very given to music. He has never given a dozen thoughts to wrathful. The lightning was caused by his flashing eyes, other worlds than the one on which he resides. Music the thunder the sound of his awful voice in anger; and has occupied his every thought and all his time since when the rain came down he was beginning to be pleased | early childhood. He commenced teaching music when a once more. The winds were the breath of God, or God | boy, and when he was studying in Germany, with the old breathing. If the winds were heavy, God was weary; if | masters, still taught all the pupils he could obtain at that mild, God was more at his ease; and thus of all the various | early age, himself studying day and night, giving the manifestations of nature. They thought that God swal- usual hours, recitals and recitations at the conservatory of lowed the souls of all who were worthy to become his | Leipzig, and on returning to America, after helping to food, and afterward purged them forth, when their vir- found the New England Conservatory, becoming its first tues and best qualities had been appropriated by him; and principal professor of piano playing, for many years; that they then again returned to earth and absorbed the still, not content he instituted a large conservatory of his virtues and good qualities of their relatives and friends | own, teaching therein all day, and every day except Sunand once more returned to God as servants loaded with day and playing nearly every evening, until near mid- fathers? He gave the absurdity and er it my duty to place it before the readgood things for him; they were again swallowed, again night, at various concerts and piano recitals.

purged forth; and thus they were going and coming at all No, no, my friends. He has scarcely had a moment for bility of getting - men and women to non-believer, gave me a sealed message times. God had also to feed his wife and children-the thought outside of music during the whole course of his accept it. moon and stars-and it was considered the greatest hap- | life, and as for reading, he has actually never read anypiness that could come to a soul, to be one of the servants thing except a novel or two, with occasionally a cursory glance at the daily newspapers. He has had no time for stunted in childhood, have generally so Later he gave me a message in a Afterward arose the idea of feeding God with other much but music. So do not blame him for anything that developed that greatest of man's facthings beside human souls, and so crept in the idea of I, his father, may write. He has suffered enough on my sacrificing animal life, also fruit offerings. By thus do- account already. I swear to you, dear friends, one and ing, God would spare to them their children, for they all, that it is I-Franz Petersilea-the spirit, soul, or thought him particularly fond of good, beautiful, inno- angel of his father, that controls and does this writing. well-worn fable. cent, little children; and possibly their other friends He is a great and peculiar sensitive. He and I were might not die, or go to feed God, quite so soon; for, al- never alike, not in the least. He found his rightful callthough it was the greatest possible honor, still, love for | ing in music; not so was it with me. Although music was their little ones and nearest friends sometimes conquered ray profession, it should not have been. I have now found all other feelings. A mother's grief and tears over a sick my rightful place or calling, and it should have been on or dying child, often caused the father to go forth to find earth just what I have now found it-a writer and a a substitute in the form of an animal, or choice fruits, searcher after the great eternal laws and principles underbegging God to take these instead, and spare the child to lying and governing the universe. I think I have now said enough to put things in their right and proper light. God's wife, the moon, was a little coy, and wore a veil I do not wish credit, name or fame. I am above and bemuch of the time; sometimes covering her face wholly and | yond all this, being a denizen of the celestial world; but, I wish to give truth to the lower world and truth alone-When the sun went down at night, they thought he had truth as I have found it, experienced it, lived it in my own gone to visit regions of darkness, or a place corresponding person; but, to go on with the subject in hand-the true The true theory of world building is the atomic theory, that this region was filled with horrible and grotesque as I myself have actually seen and found to be so. I did are some facts presented for your conmonsters and all manner of things that were strange and not discover this great truth. It was discovered thoufrightful and to this region wicked or bad souls went, for sands of years ago and taught in ancient Greece, Aristotle be established in your minds. Believe God would not feed upon them, they were obnoxious to being one of its expounders. I have often met and held him, did not tempt his appetite, consequently, he threw long conversations with this grand soul and most wise them from him and they sank into an abyss and roamed teacher. I have visited other worlds in company with in darkness beneath the earth; but they were not destined him and others like him; and this great truth has been to roam there forever, for God, or the sun, went daily to demonstrated to me beyond the shadow of a doubt. I see if any had repented of their follies and become good have visited the sun, together with him and others, and lost; believe, believe, believe, believe or be enough for him to feed upon; if so, he immediately swal- have discovered-know positively-that it is not at all lowed them and the next day purged them forth and they | like the earths, that it is not an inhabited planet, that it were then able to retain their earthly friends. Their not now a compact and solid earth, that it is composed of bitter experience, beneath the earth, had taken away all two distinct and separate bodies, that it is now spiritual or desire to do wrong, and they were now good and holy, or gaseous in its nature, that it holds in solution all the ele-- restored to be the servants of God; so, no matter what the ments, and many more that the men of earth know nothsun might do, it was all-powerful, all-beneficient in the ing about-that the light and heat of the sun is caused by the playing back and forth of the great eternal principles This is a very slight, brief synopsis of what the very, of which its bodies are composed, call them by whatever names it may please you, carbon, magnetism, electricity, spirit and matter, gases, positive and negative forces, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, anything and everything. One of the bodies of the sun is as black as night and the When presented to a native of Japan, eve of man never rested upon it; the other is, apparently, better than we can, especially in a short letter which is to a pale amber flame. They lie millions of miles apart but always directly opposite each other; they roll in their orbits exactly at the same rate. We might, to make things simple and plain, call the black body carbon and the amber one magnetism. This is as nearly true as any other These ancient Chinese had no idea that there were form of speech that could be understood by mankind. Christianity was ever heard of. A reother carths or worlds than the one on which they found The magnetic body is forever setting the carbonic body on ligion with no knowledge to give is not themselves; but their crude minds understood, in this fire; then, as the light and heat shoot forth, the magnetic a very important affair, and that is body gathers them all up, sending them back again in great magnetic waves, so that neither the one or the other loses anything-so that the playing back and forth of these elements can and will be kept up for what would seem to man an eternity; yet, changes will eventually come to it. The sun, in one sense, is a vest electric light; one being naturally a great chemical laboratory, the other the attractive power drawing all these elements to itself and thereby bursting into flaming light and beauty. "Now all this, as yet, has not been discovered by the scientific men of earth, but it soon will be and then many things will be clear that before were dark and beyond comprehension. No one should say, "I have got the truth and all the truth." Whenever one says this, progress is at an end; such an one puts himself in the way of all progress, although claiming to be progressive. What I have here told, I know, positively, as a spiritual being; quired to demonstrate it. but I do not know it all. There are countless ages yet fer, the light-bearer, when it was the morning star, but it | for me to live and learn; but when we here do discover a great truth, we like, and really must if we can, give it to the earthly worlds, each to his native world if possible. "Well," you now ask me, "how is it that the atomic theory is correct?" I will tell you in my next letter, also how the planets came to be thrown off from the sun, as they certainly have been; but, in the meantime, go and buy "The Discovered Country." You will find these great truths elaborated in detail in that book. Now, it is not personalities we want, but truth. It is not who gives the truth but, is it truth? Personalities should be sunk in truth-the truth appearing but not the person who is used as the medium for giving it to the world. Fifty years ago as much truth was given to the world as it at that time could comprehend and make use of, but if the world were to stop there it would never get a step farther. The ones who gave great truths to the world at that time are not able now, while in the body, to go much beyond them. They have done their work, others now must take it up and go on. This is the only way to get ahead. Those whom the spirits used fifty years ago on the pages of profane history, has were, at that time, sensitives; but, the years have made them positive, consequently the spirits cannot use them for mediums as they formerly could. They should not clog the wheels, but be joyful that the work can still be carried forward.

IT IS THOROUGHLY ANALYZED

BY A CALIFORNIAN. "The Christian religion," said Thomas | persecution as the unbeliever on the Paine, "Is an outrage on common sense; outside. Stagnation in any portion of why are people afraid to think?" As a Nature's works is offensive and repugrule those who are afraid to think are nant, but stagnated thought that is afraid becausor they were taught in | dead to live ideas and healthy progreschildhood that they had no right to sion, is the ideal condition of Christhink, their duty being to believe what | tianity. It has never wanted to know

the priest and the preacher told them. anything not found in the scriptures and No greater injustice was ever done any the creeds, and the rumpus Mr. Hillis the power of fear; and yet that has ever | dead fake, among all rational minds, been the mission of the advocates and shows how quick "brotherly love" can exponents of Christianity. By denying teachings, and threatening their deluded dupes with the eternal wrath of God should they do so, the priesthood to burn Servetus; and he is told if he

and unreasonable system of religion, mankind. Christianity can put up no defence from the standpoint of reason are its foundation, and the only word wielded in the world and does yet, and all because of the fact it has been successful in denying the right to exercise the thinking faculties.

Cliffidhood is pre-eminently the period of credulity, and that is the period in life to which these enemies of intellectual freedom-which is the fountain head of all other kinds-have always applied their greatest efforts. Enslave the mind in childhood and you secure your victim to superstition, has ever

been the motto and the rule of action pursued by them. Said Archbishop Riordan a few years ago, "men and women may acquire religion, but it is bent,etc."

What better testimony does any man want regarding the weakness of Christianity than this from one of the church | so different and so conclusive, I considfoolishness of the whole system away | ers of your paper.

consider what it really is, a baseless bellef thoroughly organized to dominate society and government, he can but wonder at what it has succeeded in doing. Every step of human progress has met with its opposition, and every man who has dared to enlarge his creed while clinging to the name of Christian, has met with about as much hatred and change to something else. The man who tampers with the Presbyterian' creed becomes a theological 'outlaw in less time than it took its immortal founder

has perpetuated for centuries an absurd | doesn't resign he will be kicked out. appeared as a factor in the affairs of do so, it seems necessary not to entertain any thoughts which would fail to meet the approval of that sixteenth that entitles it to serious consideration | century fiend-John Calvin. Still if a for one moment. Mystery and miracle | man is really a Christian he must be a hell-fire advocate, for that is the docthat properly and accurately defines it | trine of the book; and when renounced, is "fable." Yet look at the power it has it places that person among the long and growing list of unbelievers. Every revolution of the earth adds to this number, and the emancipation of the

human mind from those "outrages on common sense," goes steadily on, though not rapidly enough to dispel the wonder how any person of mature age can still be bamboozled by those "impostors who deceive their fellow men." CHANNING SEVERANCE. Los Angeles, Cal.

Seance With the Brockways. I wish to relate the results of two sittings I had recently with the most wonseldom," and quoted that old maxim so | ful psychic it has been my good fortune aged and so accurate-"as the twig is to meet, Mr. Charles Brockway, of the Pacific coast. I have had a number of very convincing tests on previous occasions, but the nature of this one being

when he declared the almost impossi- | Eight years ago my wife's uncle, a to have answered by a certain slate-Verily, religion of whatever brand, writing medium. He intended the message as a joke on me, as he considered and women whose minds are not me the victim of a base deception. sealed envelope, addressed to a Spirit. I took it awaiting the opportunity to place it in the hands of a proper medium. I laid it in my trunk until that time would arrive. Years passed, and I failed to find the right medium until on Mental paralysis induced in childhood | the 5th of May, 1900, when I called on Mr. Brockway. I handed him my question, which was sealed by my uncle, and he immediately returned it to me. During the sitting he mentioned the and womanhood before they try to name of Pottenger. I replied, "I know the name." 'Then he said, "Mead Pottenger." The Pottengers were friends

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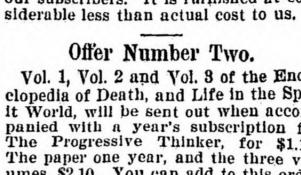
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In our last letter we spoke of the ancient Chinese, and

intimated that they had, in the earlier ages, been sun wor-

shipers; they also believed that their ancestors had come

from the sun to the earth, and they thought at death all

who had led good lives on earth returned to the sun-

that is to say, the visible sun was to them what the Chris-

souls of the departed were traveling back and forth on the

Perhaps we can make ourselves better understood if we

and little stars. Some were male and others female.

Still they did not believe that all souls went directly to

the face of God, his body being invisible or, rather, con-

and with his two invisible hands had gathered the dark-

sunbeams or rays of light.

its mother a little longer.

often partially and coquettishly drawing it aside.

somewhat to the hell of the Christians. The earth being theory of world-building. flat, this region was under or beneath it; they had an idea end.

very ancient Chinese believed; also what many other very ancient peoples believed; in fact, all sun worshipers had similar ideas; afterward came regular paganism as related by various historians, but we need not here enter into all the complex details of paganism; others have done this far be published in a weekly paper.

Now no one at the present day should laugh at these ideas of infantile races, for they were great, grand truths in an undeveloped condition.

way, that which their eyes beheld. The struggling mind grasped the first great principles of nature, and underlying each idea was a grand truth. It is not the unsophisticated natives that are farthest away from truth, but oftener the educated, wily priest, and the rich, powerful, selfish ones of earth. The Christian religion was only Paganism artfully worked up into what is now called Christianity. Tell the fashionable popular minister of your present day, that his God was originally the Joss or Thunder God of ancient China, meaning, simply, the sun, and he would not believe you; neither would he believe that his hell was originally the region supposed to be beneath the flat earth, since worked over to suit the interests of the Romish Church. They have added the Devil and the fire-yet the idea of the Devil was borrowed from an ancient name, Lucifer, the great, bright evening star, falling, as it does, so quickly from near the zenith to the horizon and sinking out of sight sooner than any other star in the heavens. This star was also called Luciis now called Venus. It is really the planet Venus. Think of that beautiful star being the originator of the horrible idea of endless hell-fire and Satan or the Devil being cast from heaven into hell or utter darkness. Do they realize that the Christ idea was simply the Pagan idea of the birth of the new year, formerly called the Savior of the world, as it really is, for if the sun did not return to the spring and summer solstices, man and beast would alike starve and perish. Of course you of to-day know that it is not the sun that does return, but the revolving earth as it oscillates back and forth in its revolution around the sun. Do these fashionable ministers realize that they are preaching more ignorant ideas than even their papan ancestors ever cherished-that they are really farther away from the truth than the sun-worshipers or pagans were? Such is the fact however. Now there was a Jesus of Nazareth, as we have before stated. He was an enthusiastic reformer, as many other men have been. He is so still, as an angel and exalted teacher, saving mankind and spirits from error, leading them gently toward the light and the truth. We have said there was a great truth underlying each idea of the most ancient peoples. First: The idea that they originally came from the sun. Now your earth was really one of the many rings thrown off from the sun, and was not formed independently of the sun from fire-mist or star-dust or nebulae, or from the swirl of a vortex. Now I am a spirit and I have taken great pains to in- | pain the evils cost us that have never happened. - Moore.

has no greater foe than reason, and men ulties that a black coat and a sanctified and solemn countenance can neither

terrify nor carry conviction to the mind, when presenting their old and

is the only hope of Christianity, whether of the Catholic or Protestant movement, for neither ever, did or ever will consent to let their, victims reach manhood catch them. It is just as easy to teach a child an error as a truth, for doubt has not been developed by experience, of my family. The sitting closed and and these cunning and crafty mind- my questions were answered satisfactoenslavers, to use a classical expression, torily. are'thoroughly onto their job.

The Sabbath school is the bulwark of Bible nonsense, and many a promising intellect is there, buried so deeply under | cards were passed through the large autheological rubhish it never escapes the dience for questions to be written. handlcap in after life. Here we see the difference in marked contrast between science and religion. Science says to by Prof. Blume & Co., Mrs. A. Brockmature manhood and womanhood, here sideration; subject them to every possinothing because affirmed by a scientist, but probe, investigate, dissect and analyze, for facts; instead of shunning these tests invite them, and in no other way can they be established. Says religion: "Don't reason; if you do you are damned forever."

It is no mystery why men and women seldom acquire religion, for they have learned the use and value of reason which, when applied to any, soon leaves it without a prop on which to rest. Religions are man-made products, and the reason we have different kinds is because different men have made them. There is nothing in the Christian religion that is essential to the happiness of mankind, and the proof for this affirmation is found in the fact that no one feels a desire for it who was not contaminated with it in childhood. China, India or Turkey, it is declined with thanks, for no want exists to make it a necessity. It presents the world with absolutely nothing that is needed. for it has only faith to present in con-nection with another conscious state of existence; and any one can cherish that belief if they wish, as did Plato before

The next Sunday night I attended a meeting at Garfield Hall, given by the Brockway Family. Envelopes and sealed and delivered to the platform. After listening to the beautiful music way delivered an impressive invocation. then I stepped to the stage and handed Mr. Brockway the sealed envelope given me eight years ago; he took it. grasped my hand and commenced personate by words and gestures the character of a suicide and called out the name of Pottenger. "Why did I commit suicide?" Mead Pottenger then replied through the medium, Mr. Brockway, "I did not have a just cause." After repeating the same, Mr. Brockway handed me the envelope and requested it opened and read to the audience. I broke the seal and read as follows: "Is the spirit of Mead Pottenger present? Would he be willing to state why he committed suicide?" As soon as I had finished reading the above, Mr. B. started to call a number and requested it to be copied. He then told me to compare the numbers given to the number of the works as well as the case of my watch, which had not been in Mr. Brockway's touch. The numbers were found to be correct and he asked me if I would be willing to take oath that I was not a confederate of his, and I answered that I was willing to take the oath that I was not a confederate.

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are made as the author's excuse for ocean of truth in the 20th century, be- the creed itself, and for the complicated presuming to give you, unasked, the cause of the new currents of thought machinery of orthodox Christianity. benefit of his experience and observa- that are continually forming new reefs arises from the existence of a personal tion, by notifying you that the sacred and shoals of doubt. ark of Calvinism is in danger of pro-

craft which was the pride and joy of course to pursue except to silence the its arch. Without the rebellion of Luhis youth as well as of yours, is in close Doubting Thomas as you did. But cifer there would have been no Devil. proximity to a theological squall; and when men of the theological breadth Without the Devil there would have he feels in duty bound to apprise you find bottom of a Parkhurst, or a Hillis, been no temptation of Eve, and no orig-

he has changed his mind and revoked IMPORTANT, MATTER FROM his words? Is that which was the unchangeable will of God in the fifteenth century any the less so in the nine-teenth? That creed solemnly affirms: "By the decrees of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and some angels are predestined unto everlasting life, and others foreordained to everlasting death." If that was true two hundred and

fifty years ago, why is it not true yet? If even so recently as in the days of Bobby Burns, our God was pleased to

"Send ane to heaven and ten to hell All for thy glory. And not for ony guid or ill

They've done afore thee"-

what assurance have you that his glory requires less or any different manifestahe commissioned the Westminster di-

As a part of that same decree of God. were lost, whether belonging to Calvinof the wave started by Briggs, this was rational men and women that God is just? Will\_you say that the race has

But a more serious trouble yet is Devil and a literal hell. The one is the If Calvinism be the only correct sys- corner stone of your ecclesiastical

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water." THE PUBLIC CIRCLE. While speaking of the public presentation of Spiritualism, it may not be to suggest, as the earth-rooted condiamiss to discuss briefly the pros and tion of being, we may perhaps be helped cons of the public circle. There are very few societies but have we have been accustomed to call the

a public circle either on Sunday or on childish picturings of unseen things. some day in the week, and often they For instance, even the Bible must be are very largely attended.

the outside public of the truth of spirit | tender and beautiful in that description return, and to give those who are in- of the New Jerusalem, in the Book of vestigating an opportunity of obtaining the Revelation; but the stage is too some evidence of the powers which we small, the details are too theatrical, the claim for ourselves, and of the phenom- tout ensemble is too toylike for our ena of which we have spoken to them. larger conception of anything that we Now comes the question, and an excan call "heaven." We need a boundtremely important one: Does the public less universe, not a highly finished Oricircle fulfill the purpose for which it ental city, for the magnitude and comwas instituted? plexity of our spiritual dream.

In order to answer this question it is The writer of this exciting and pronecessary to divide these circles into found book tells us that in the New Jetwo classes-those which have the true rusalem he saw no temple, for the Lord end in view, and those which are merely God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are run for the amount of money which can the temple thereof; but elsewhere in the be obtained by their means. book the temple is often mentioned, as Not only so, but it is also necessary to a measurable and habitable place; and,

know how the circles are conducted. of the blessed ones, it is said, "They Where the open circle is in capable serve Him day and night in His temhands it becomes a real power for good. ple." True he was no bigot, and had glowing and generous thoughts con-It provides just that opportunity for cerning the saved, 'a mighty multitude that no man could number"; but his temple was a spiritual building and his heaven was a place. We must amend Such undoubtedly fulfill the true end that; and, still "firm rooted on the

for which they were established. earth," must use our later knowledge Unfortunately, however, there is a reand wider range to find the eternal temwhich is too often apparent. In truth, the real Temple of God is the The public circle was never intended Universe. As the waters cover the These apparently trivial statements quate for the bolder navigators of the found in the fact that the necessity for to be a developing circle, and yet this sea-bed so does the divine presence is what it frequently becomes in the flood all space, both the here and the hands of incompetent conductors. herein. And all common things, as well as all saintly beings, serve Him The whole subject of Spiritualism is sufficiently mystifying to an investi- day and night in His temple-nothing again with greater pain and energy. gator when presented by a trained and too high, nothing to low for that. The fanation. The dear old ecclesiastical tem of theology, there was no other structure, and the other the keystone in fully developed medium, but what must lovely blue of the washed June sky and it appear to one utterly ignorant of the the surging clouds of the wild March very rudiments if its teachings when weather; the glorious fresh mountains cases of cancer, no matter where lo-

sitting in a circle and listening to the and the rank, misty fens; the grand cated or of how long standing, without unintelligible jabbering of some con- ocean and the puddle in the street; the ne feels in duty bound to apprise you of it. Less than a decade ago you de-cided by a safe majority that a Jonah in the person of Dr. Charles A. Briggs, was surreptitiously on board

that was Pronounced Hopeprehensible; at once a lost memory and a lost sense. But, while we are here, the best we can hope for is that we shall be "like a tree planted by the rivers of Mrs. F. M. Wisner, a prominent lady

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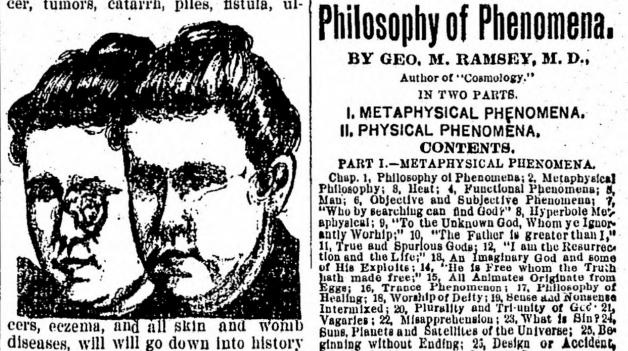
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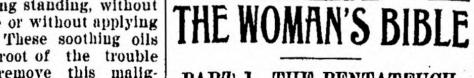
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And the thing which should cause you, as guardians of the world's spiritual welfare, to keep your weather eye open and a sharp look-out from the mast-head, is the fact that it is no triffing zephyr that you are now encountering; no mere spasmodic doubt in regard to non-essentials. In times the 75 per cent of the clergy referred to, past, doubts have caused portions of there are doubting Thomases by the our Calvinistic Zion to quiver like a thousand in the pews, who need some scientious Christians quarreled bitterly as to the identity of their Lord and over close communion; instrumental Master. They believe He whom they music in public and family worship; the love and worship is the same one who exclusive use of David's Psalms; wheth- rose from the tomb of Joseph. But er baptism should be administered by they do have serious doubts as to the dipping, sprinkling, pouring or plung- correctness of the description of him ing, and other unimportant matters, given by the Westminster artists. But, reverend and faithful fathers, such is not the character of the doubt that is amalgamation with the blood-thirsty clamoring for utterance from thou. Jehovah of the Hebrews. They assert sands of pews and pulpits to-day. Its that the grotesque figure of Deity distinguishing features are reverence, drawn by those theological children in and loyalty to Truth. It is animated by sincere motives and an earnest desire rance and bigoted superstition, does not

state with infallible certainty God's method of dealing with his childrenwhat then? Oliver Cromwell, although a man of iron, nevertheless possessed a streak of him at the head of the Lord's army in his day. But even he stood up before | "Woe comes upon woe; it is dreadful to the assembled divines who framed your confession and said. "I beseech you, brethren, in the bowels of the Lord's mercy, to think it possible that you may be mistaken." Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, one of the brightest intellects of never been questioned, tells you that "Robert G. Ingersoll is a direct and legitimate product of the Westminster Confession of Faith." During the rian divine in New York published this declaration: Sooner than preach to a congregation of unconverted sinners the doctrines of that Confession as they mean, I would lose my right hand.' Hugh Pentecost affirms that thousands and tens of thousands of men and women, in the jury-room of their own souls, are quietly signing this verdict: "If there be no other God for me to ac-

none." Now, devout and reverend fathers, hese utterances and many more like them, are harsh and heavy. They grate on the ear of a Calvinist like the imaginary walls of the damned. But do you of truth?

If it be even remotely possible that your creed is souring on the stomache have ye turned friends to foes by offenof such persons as Briggs, Phelps, sive utterances of opinions. At last the Parkhurst and Hillis, does not an en- light is breaking, ushering in the dawn lightened Christian conscience suggest of a better day. Never, more than once, that you ought to do something to modi- in any age comes such an opportunity fy the diet and allay the nausea?

But, venerable fathers, in addition to nials as now comes to you. Then, all those just named, and in addition to relief. They have no doubt whatever They object to his miscegenation and

our ship of Zion, and that the squall teach such a creed, what are you going and no Christian church. Will you, which then threatened to engulf her to do? Suppose there should be a bare dare, consecrated fathers, to remove had been raised by divine anger be- possibility that Calvin was not plenarily the corner-stone and arch, and allow the cause the culprit was fleeing from the inspired, and that Calvinism is not an sacred structure of the fathers to tumpresence of the Lord; and you confident- absolutely perfect concept of God's plan ble into ruins? If you do, then drape ly believed that you averted shipwreck of salvation; suppose the Westminster your pulpits in mourning and bow your and saved the vessel by heaving the Confession does not contain "the only heads in sorrow, for then will it be lit-

> Your church is a corpse-you are guarding its tomb;

The soul of your system has fled; The death knell is tolling its terrible doom:

It tells you, the Devil is dead.

think Hell's gone, and the demons have fied:

The damned should have broken their chains-every link; The jailer who bound them is dead.

'Camp-meetings hereafter will be needed no more;

Revivals are knocked on the head; The orthodox vessel lies stranded on

shore-Its captain-the Devil-ls dead."

Consecrated fathers, it is hardly necessary to add, that you have the sympathy of the undersigned, because you will not thank him for it. Neither will it do you much good, because the die is cast; and in front, rear, and on either side, a relentless fate hedges you in. Unlike the fabled Odysseus, if you do not attempt to pass the Scylla of revision, you will lose more than six followers; and if your creed doctrines be true, the fearful Charybdis of divine anger will gulp you down, root and branch, if you interfere with the dread Shekinah

of Calvinism. Fathers, let the time past of your lives suffice to have wrought the deeds of the fiesh and the will of the Devil. Long

enough have ye "fought and wraugled o'er shadows light as air," long enough

for men to show themselves men or me-

"Dare to be true-all unshackled and free. Unfettered and bold, on land and on

sea: Determined to ze'er let soul-blinding

error terror.

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wonder in his mind as to how intelli- ing to be gone; in a sense, all the philos- and painful. Thousands of noble men gent people can be found to sit together ophers and the fools, the good and the and women throughout the country under such conditions. The whole thing bad, serve Him day and night in His have sent words of gratitude and appears to be ludicrous to him, because temple-and all are on the march. he has been introduced to the subject | And the angels in Heaven, how do by the wrong entrance. The development of the medium ceasing Psalm? by being as happy as

should take place in private or among they can be, and glorifying Him in the the members of the Society alone, and golden streets, surrounded by the preit should never be permitted a partially clous stones, lasper and sapphire, amedeveloped medium to pursue his medial thyst and beryl and emerald; and every culture under the eyes of the curious gate a pearl? Ah, no! "Are they not and probably skeptical public." all ministering spirits?" and may they

There have been instances in which not serve Him by going into the hells. the general public have attended these by seeking and saving that which is open circles for the express purpose of lost, as they and the Master did earth? having some fun at the expense of the The need must be there; O, such a bitundeveloped "performer." ter need, when we think of the fools It is extremely sad to contemplate and idlers and criminals we pour daily such a state of things, and to recognize | into the Unseen-a ceaseless stream! that, if only in a few cases, this noble There will be plenty of infirmaries institution; with such grand possibiliand hospitals; plenty of spiritual bathties, has been so debased. rooms and reformatories and lunatic

we have imagined. Besides. God. so far

as we can see, ever works through in-

struments; we are "co-workers" with

When people know something of the asylums there, and the angels who are philosophy of development, and have worth anything will have no time for shown an interest in the society's work, idling with harps and palms. They and are anxious to go farther into the need not sadden or alarm us. But that subject, then it is quite soon enough to need not adden or alarm us. We shall admit them to a developing circle; but never be afraid, or tired, or despondent to turn the public seance into an exhiany more. bition of partially developed 'medium-How do we know this is so? How ship for the delectation of those who do we know what justice is/ what love choose to pay, and who have probably is, what pity is, or what God the no more than a passing interest in the Father is? The instincts of the spirit matter, is suicidal to the highest inter-

are as real and as authoritative as the ests of our beautiful truth. senses of the body; and that to which Then once more the momentary asthe mounting spirit bears witness now pect comes to the front. "Our funds is a prophecy and pledge. There is a are low," says the treasurer of a socielaw of progress everywhere, and that ty; what shall we do to raise money?" law bears witness to itself by longing "Oh! let us have a public circle, and and appetite and the testimony of the charge a penny admission," says a deep inner self. And the higher the member of the committee, and in spite spirit is, the higher must its need of of the protest of one or two of the memaction be; and the higher its need of bers who object to "making a show of service. That is so here, and we have the thing," It is carried unanimously. a perfect right to infer, we are indeed Money is needed, and it must be compelled to infer, that it will be so in raised somehow; and as the public is an intenser degree as we ascend "the always pleased to see something novel. hill of the Lord." It was the highest especially when the entrance fee is so who said that "the Son of man came not" low, this is a sure and certain means of to be ministered unto, but to minister;" satisfying the treasurer. and that is true over a larger area than

With this spirit behind the enterprise the result will very soon be apparent. and the society will lose more than it will gain.

Him now; and it is our happy privilege These circles need to be under the conto believe that this will never cease to trol of a sensible person with a good be the case. deal of tact and firmness combined; and It is precisely the Spiritualist who if an undeveloped medium will continue finds it natural to believe these things,

to "demonstrate" in public, then there and to believe them without dissevershould be no scruples on the conduct ing himself from the things that belong Inspire with dread or fill you with or's part about asking him to desist. to experience: so that his thoughts of If the medium urges that the "power"

life in the Unseen show him his way in is too strong, and he cannot resist the this jungle of things seen. "This, too, influence, then the conductor has only then," he says, "is God's temple. I have one course, and that is to request the not to wait for it until I 'get to heaven,' medium in question to abstain from atfor all heaven is here.' He sees that it tending the public circle until he has is a delusion to suppose that God is gained more self-control. present somewhere else more really In the public seance it is necessary to

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cold crags of medieval ignorance with Thomas. a conviction should come, in the vultures of bigotry and superstition spite of all he can do, that there is feeding on its vitals.

Conscript and reverend fathers, you mark-but in our beloved Zion right at must meet these questions now, and home? And is it any wonder that in his meet them squarely. So long as the helplessness, he should accept the stateforces of doubt dashed against the ments of the Parkhursts that the fault breastworks of other divisions of the lies in the creeds, and join in the de-Lord's army, it made but little differ mand for its overthrow? Thus it is, ence to you. But now those same venerable fathers, that you find yourforces are howling and beating against selves tempted-Uzzah-like-to lay un- philosophic, historic, analytical and crit- earth" as to mount towards heaven. We she has contributed, and her spiritual the Gibraltar of Calvinism: against the holy hands upon the ark in which are | ical; facts and data needed by every domicile in which you and I were born deposited Aaron's rod, the pot of student and especially by every Spirand reared. As Grover Cleveland manna, the emerods and other oracles itualist. One of the very best books on would say, "It is a condition-not a of Calvin's God. And would it not be the subject. Price, reduced to \$1, theory-that confronts you," and you wise for you to remember Uzzah's fate? | cloth; paper 50 cents. For sale at this must grapple with it. What will be the result of tampering office. In undertaking to calm the tempest a with that confession?, It is bottomed "Gleanings from the Rostrum." By

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Its streets are well shaded and lighted well cultivated farms, from which a side the fold, the combined forces out-

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obtain. If a society has no fully developed Him. "This little room is a part of His media, then it will be better for such to temple," says the Spiritualist, "this wait until they are able to rely upon desk, this counter, this school-room; some one or more mediums ere venturing to issue invitations to the public, first." And so he comforts himself. He modation of children and adults who seek freedom from business cares or the asking them to attend an exhibition of may seem to be a long way off from excitement of social and fashionable spiritual gifts. life. Its location is healthy and beau-

What a power for good the public times; but he knows the reason. He circle may become! How much splen- knows that all about him there are did work it often accomplishes where wondrous possible sights and soundsbeautiful inland town, in Northern New the pitfalls are avoided, and some sen- the splendor and the music of the New sible, tactful person is at the head con- Jerusalem, only he is blind and poor and ducting matters.

ties. Many people are first drawn into rich, that he will see. Spiritualism by its phenomena. The

presentation of some striking test fastehs upon their minds and sets them Emma Rood Tuttle-Her New Volthinking, and from thence they are led

with electricity. In its near vicinity are | on step by step. 8 .. . . But the number of people who have fresh supply of milk, eggs, butter, fresh | gone away from a badly-conducted pubfruits and vegetables can be had daily. | lic circle disgusted with its conduct is has been constant inquiry for another It is only twelve miles from Easton, great, and it should be the endeavor of volume of her poems which was prom-Pa., and ten miles from the Delaware | every society to see that this branch of Water Gap. It is easy of access from its work is attended, to thoroughly, New York and Philadelphia by the that the very best map or woman shall of those who wished to subscribe, near-Pennsylvania and Delaware, Lacka- be chosen to watch over its destinies, 1y 1,000 were at once received and three wanna & Western railroads, with six | and that none but the best forms of me- editions have been called for. This trains running daily each way. Its diumship shall be presented. Then, plan proved so satisfactory that walks and drives are exceptionally fine. | with the public circles a spot where the | this new volume will be issued in the earnest inquirer could meet with reli- same manner. By it the cost of publiriver and, mountain scenery. Here is able evidence, it would become a feeder cation is guaranteed, and at the same just the place for the weary to find re- | to the society and one of its most useful | time to those desiring the book it is furpose and the recreation that invigorates | adjuncts. the state of the

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### The Church Not Christian.

The National Christian Citizenship

suffer. All would soon be gone, and science to religious affairs. League of Chicago, at a late session only the wild monsters of the forests There is no miracle in Nature. Everyread letters from various distinguished | would remain to prey on each other. The Christianity of to-day is not the by immutable law. Men may be ignor- incalculable malignity. Christianity whose servants set out on | ant of that law, and ascribe to miracle | According to, that Ramsgate jury, | the land. proselyting tours, taking neither scrip | what they have not ability to compre- however, they arrived at the conclusion - It is too true that much has been done and in some of its consequences so conveys of dominant courage and nor staff, wandering from door to door, hend. It was so in the past. It remains poor Annie Friend was killed by God; on our rostrum that belongs with the almost fearful, that it deserves to be re- placid self-reliance. subsisting by begging, shaking the dust the same to-day. Always keep this and there the matter ends for the comfrom their feet, and threatening those postulate in mind, then strive to master mon herd of unreflective persons, and olu; while ours was and is the construction of the who refused to supply their needs, with the law which produces the physical re- the selecter fold of credulous super- tion of the new. Where we should young. Good habits to be used in this is heavy, cumbersome, and dangerous woes more terrible than those of Sodom | sults. The spirit world is no less sub- | stitionists; but, not belonging to either | have been cultivating love and respect, | life have to be formed early. The charteachings of Jesus. Nay, they are far and Gomorrah; but it is a Christianity ject to law than is the material world. largely modulated and reconstructed by The clergy talk very glibly about are. The organization of the church is science within the last three hundred planned and patterned upon a policy years, whose votaries were opposed, at pleasure. The proposition is neces- do it? We say respectfully, because it best and wisest endeavor; but we a good character, and bad habits a bad ostracised, imprisoned, tortured and sarily a false one, and is based on the does not seem respectful to believe God should do nothing to increase it. As character. Our power of passive sensa. Brazil and the Straits of Magellan, burned by Christians. If God, in his great wisdom and goodness, will hold Christians in restraint, and prevent great wars instigated by his priests, professedly to advance his nated by Shelley, has neither the will Christian, to regard our curiosity as single ray of light on the former, of that kingdom; will prevent his worshipers nor the power to change-or reverse his blasphemous, but it really seems more too it was prover that they were entire- rid of a habit, especially of an evil acquired in square-rigged craft. This from molesting labor, and robbing the own action; and the miracles of church- blasphempus on their part to let their by ignorant. But with this demonstra- habit. Take profanity, for example. I emphasizes the extraordinary quality of people in the form of tithes or donations to sustain an indolent and worth- chicanery of those who promulgate putation. We cannot admit that their be less thank it high to these wor- old will argue in its favor, think it less priesthood; will stay his frosts and them. system of the day. The pulpit, there- floods, and give suitable warmth for Suppressed Leaf from History. fore, is rarely free to deliver its soul, if the growth of vegetation, accompanied it has one, upon the burning questions by occasional showers, such as verdure Sympathizers with the church, they demands; will prevent the propagation who would make Spiritualism a suband sprend of insects and vermin, and sidiary organization to Christianity, will act the part of a good parent, not seem greatly distressed when the truth requiring man to obey the unwise direction of his Son. to neglect all earthly is told about its beginnings. They don't ters of Christ seem to be the most blood- duties and only lay up treasures in want anything written or published thirsty class in the community. Nor is heaven; then give him health, and if that is prejudicial to their claim that this state of affairs confined to this man cannot or will not provide for himlearning, morality, all the virtues, incountry. In England, with scarcely an self, let him be damned. He would deexception, all the clergy, Anglican and serve it; but belief or disbelief in Chris- cluding the nobility of woman, were

ligion has not adapted itself to enlarged correct; for famine, so far as man is knowledge. The miracle, with slight concerned outside of the tropics, would changes as to the personages who manipulate the wires, still goes on and

be quite impossible. There would be neither Christian nor heathen left to will until men apply the teachings of

clergymen, in reply to the question: "Is the Church Christian?" 'A few extracts are given below from those replies.

Wrote Rev. R. Heber Newton, Rector All-Souls' Church, New York:

"The teachers of the church, for the most part, are far from following the from recognizing what those teachings which is the very antithesis of a true society of Jesus. Commercialism dominates the organization and conventionality tyrannizes the pulpit. The law of the market rather than the law of the mount, is accepted by the church at large. Our Protestant churches are composed, for the most part, of a constituency drawn from the well-to-do classes, and they see nothing essentially unsound or unethical in the economic

### of our generation."

Rev. Ernest H. Crosby, New York, wrote:

"For some reason or other the minisnonconformist, are enthusiastic support- | tianity will not change the result. ers of the Transvaal war. Frederic Harrison, the positivist: Herbert Spencer, the evolutionist, and John Morley, the Agnostic, have been left to do the work of Christ, while the Auglican primate of Ireland has been writing verses in praise of all war and this war in particular, and the whole bench of bishops has said 'Amen.'

Rev. Edwin D. Wheelock, whose address is not given in the report, wrote:

"Would anyone dare claim the present social and ecomomic system is in harmony with the gospel? Yet, in no quarter is any change in these matters so violently opposed as in the church. Ecuntil it became necessary to wipe it out in blood, and she stands for the present wage slavery which makes the welfare of one man to depend upon the ability him."

a church official, wrote:

would brand one as an unbeliever, if est questioning about the embodiment uot hurt them;" then there are no Chrisof Christ's teachings in the church is tians.

There Are No Christians. how they treated the mothers of the "The Interior," the Presbyterian or gan of Chicago, said the other day: history. "The truth must be confessed, the religion of Jesus Christ in its purity never has been popular, nor is it to-day. Popwhich are for sale by The Progressive ular Christian systems are found to have an infusion of non-Christian elements. They must have something in vertising columns, says substantially. them that answers to and gratifies pages 214, 215: ordinary human nature." That same Christian does not exist who, if smitten on one cheek, will turn the other also; who if his coat is taken clesiasticism stood for chattel slavery | will give up his cloak; who if compelled to go a mile will go two miles; who will give to all who ask, and never turn the borrower away; who will love his eneof another man to make profit out of mues, and bless those who curse him; who will take no thought of his life, or Susanna M. D. Fry. who we judge is | what he shall eat or drink, or wear the church arose from the protest of

And the one who will take no thought "The time is not far past when to ask of the morrow is doubtless demented. the question involved in our subject | Tested by the touchstone Jesus gave: "If they drink any deadly thing it shall

thing pertaining to matter is governed gerous and destructive, and of quite propagation of a new truth is wanting,

casional verdicts at inquests, and in

bills of lading, where the liability of the

shipowner for the safety of the cargo is

of those varieties of human dough-God's power, and his ability to change to ask, respectfully yet firmly, Did God men only betray the ignorance or the deity suffer under such a dreadful im\_ tion in our own hands, can we afford to do not suppose anybody over ten years his seamanship. As a navigator, he desperates or thoughtless hurry is a shipers of ancient antruths? valid excuse for swearing away his

character; "Kismet!"---It is the will of God!--cries | the nineteenth century, we should lay | humiliation are necessary to break the the monotheistic Mohammedan, in the our foundations with such care as to vile habit. face of death or disaster; and the ex- compel the respect of those who opclamation is both pious and logical; for, pose us. To this end we have no use gamblers. I know how that vice petif God be omniscient, nothing happens for names and terms, all of whose asso- rifies all the finer feelings, and subwithout his knowledge, and if he be clations suggest that which we know stitutes a genteel exterior for interior omnipotent, nothing happens without to be untrue. Our leaders should not refinement. No passion leads men to

he permits to be done, are effects from greatest and holiest days are not Christ- stroys them, body, soul and spirit. None one and the same ultimate cause, re- mas and Easter. Our ceremonies need produces such monsters, such insincere sultants from one and the same original not be called ordinations and christen- men, such cold-blooded hypocrites. It fount of power. From this conclusion ings. there is no logical escape. You may set If we accept the fact that the demon- to convert a gambler. The habit once Thinker, as will be seen by our ad- up a Satan, or talk of man's free-will, or stration of a continued life appeals to fixed, the destiny is as good as deindulge in other intellectual subter- the heart as well as the head, the sub- termined, we say. fuges; but if you take the trouble to ject of music becomes an important fac-

created things act by his permission, bye and the ethics of being good and at will. I have seen men able to face and therefore by his authority; or you doing good. As this demonstration is a cannon shiver like a reed before the are obliged to limit his wisdom and more than all else, the phenomena and temptation to drink, acknowledge they mouth, Nova Scotia, whence, on the 2nd power, to confront him with an eternal communication in varied form should had not sufficient will power to pass by of July, he took his final departure from opponent, and degrade him from an all- be the subjects presented in words. the door of a saloon and not enter. wise, almighty being into one who is | The cause will live a new life if the perpetually frustrated and only suc- time ever comes when instead of praise, the great vices, but the little habits ceeds in doing the best he can in the Spiritualism shall be taught in its songs. circumstances. In one sense, therefore- In the music, the best that the most through life-procrastination, selfish that is to say, on the theory of pure gifted have created should be ours. Its ease, bullying manners and various in-Monotheism-the question, Did God do | construction should be made on the fringements of others' rights-the comit? must be answered in the affirmative. principle of Dempster's melody to mon, unlovely "traits of character" On that theory God does everythinggood, bad, or indifferent. Light and darkness, beauty and ugliness, pleasure | ration. and pain, joy and misery, are all his

handiwork. He makes the leopard and or will it be absorbed? It is for us to and, since they have such a hold upon the gazelle, the shark and the swimmer, determine. Every concession we make us for good or for evil, to break off bad the slayer and the slain. He molds our in the interest of Grundy, Unitarianism, ones before they develop, and to estabfaces to the smile of happiness or the or half-fare rates, is a nail in its coffin. contortion of suffering. His will is des- and every effort made to individualize of living. It is surprising what a hold tiny, and all morality disappears under | it as a religious cult, will compel the respect of those who fear it and who, imhis fiat.

ing. "What they will they cannot." parties being lumped together as dan- thusiasm always necessary for the There is one feature in the law of and while the latter halts, error sweeps habit which is so psychologically cer-

philosophy; and in its intellectual cold-

ness would insist that it is all head and

tain, so uniformly sure in its operation, secularist-a work of destruction of the membered by all, and is especially comwe have been kindling suspicion and acter that is to be used in eternity has either half baked or dry baked-we beg hate. The ill will of the Christian to be formed in time. Habits do much, a craft, alone and unaided, that Capt. world we must expect, even with our do most to form it-good habits molding Bible-teaching of a repentant God, do- capable of murdering a young woman their foundation was in God and the fu- tion is weakened by the repetition of ing things to-day and reversing his ac- on Ramsgate sands, and on a Bank ture life, our demonstration of the lat- impressions, and just as certainly our tion to-morrow. The God of the Uni- Holiday, without satisfactory evidence. ter proved their entire ignorance con- active propensities are strengthened by vessels. His skill as the skipper of a verse, the "Spirit of Nature." as desig- It is all very well for the orthodox cerning it, and as this also threw not a the repetition of actions.

no heart; that emotionalism belongs to ly obeyed. This is what makes it so

declared to be void by "the act of God | the old-time revival, and should be rig- hard to convert old men. Their habits | point of view that the author's simple or the Queen's enemies"-both these orously excluded from it. Thus the en- are so fixed as to prevent their reform- and unpretentious narrative of his

> We all know how difficult it is to get smart, brave or manly. Most men who With such great leaders as Davis, swear admit it is a weakness. Con-

Tuttle and others in the early history of | tinued cursing impairs the force of On one theory it is indisputable that Spiritualism, we have the key to the speech. A man forever taking oaths on God did kill poor Annie Friend; we best methods of spreading the light. his lips resorts to exaggeration, and mean the theory of his Omniscience and This consists in individualizing it as a finally people divide what he says by Omnipotence. "I create good and evil, religion on its own original lines. We two in order to get the truth. But let I the Lord do at these things" is the should build anew in place of absorb- the swearer try to discontinue the habit. language, and the true language, ing the old. With the coming into our | Even the grace of God cannot stop him of severe Monothelsm in Isaiah, possession of the greatest discovery of in an instant. Much endeavor and some

know, when we have most need of it, is-

seldom fairly consulted, and more rare-

Or take gambling. I have known race, may be interesting as a matter of his sanction. What he does, and what assume the name of pastors. Our such fearful extremities. None so derequires more than a miracle of grace

Or take the drink habit. What chains think you come at last to God as the tor in the work. This must be more that binds about the strongest men! It Supreme Creator, and perceive all than a recognition of the sweet bye and puts a hook in the nose of our very best And then there are other habits, not

which mean so much for good or ill "Longfellow's Rainy Day"-without which in the home, the office, the store, affect those about us as well as ourwhich adaptation there can be no inspi-

selves. Will Spiritualism absorb the church, It is well for us to study our habits.

erary finish and florid word-painting sinks into insignificance compared with the overwhelming impression his story

cruise must be judged Absence of lit

arouse sentiments of unqualified admi-

ration and respect for him as a valiant

and resourceful man. It is from this

The rig of the sloop is the most unsuited for navigating the open sea. It there, even when handled with a crew numerous and able. Yet it was in such Slocum sailed from Boston to Gibraltar, thence across the South Atlantic to where he changed the rig into that of a yawl-an ideal one for cruising in small sloop was all the more remarkable inasmuch as his nautical training had been was no less surprising. Provided with a cheap tin clock in lieu of a chronometer, he was rarely at fault in his longitude. When he expected to make a port, the bowsprit of the Spray was pointed directly at its entrance, when it was sighted, even after a forty-day run at sea. Naval officers, with all their scientific training and elaborate navigating tools, cannot always attain to this accuracy.

The original of the Spray was a fishing boat, supposed to be a hundred years old. When it came into the possession of Capt. Slocum, it was hauled up in a pasture lot in process of decay. Without assistance he rebuilt the craft upon the original lines. That he did the work thoroughly the record of the voyage reveals. Moreover, the sail-plan was well balanced; for, with the helm lashed, he sailed long stretches without touching the wheel. When the Spray was altered into a yawl, it did still better, for on one occasoin it sailed on one course for twenty-two days, without his being at the wheel for more than an hour and a half during the entire period. On April 24, 1895, Captain Slocum sailed from Boston, stopping at various coastwise ports until he reached Yarthe American coast, bound for the Azores, his first port to call, where he arrived July 20. On July 26, the day after leaving the Azores, occurred the most dramatic incident of the voyage. Some of his friends on shore had pre-

sented him with a quantity of plums and a native cheese. He ate freely of both. The amalgam was not a harmonious one, for it brought on a dreadful attack of stomachic cramps. Before the Captain was completely disabled, a blow came on. He should have have to:

instead, he doubled-reefed the mainsail and, with a full jib, put the Spray on

her course, lashed the wheel, and went

below to roll in agony of pain on the

"Save among some savage races it has been regarded as evidence of the deep est sensuality for women to appear unclothed before man, yet throughout the history of Christianity from its earliest years women were required to divest themselves of clothing before baptism. \* During the earliest days of Christlanity women were baptized quite nude in the presence of men, by men, their bodies being afterwards anointed with oil by the priest who had baptized

the sound of the gong in the tops of the mulberry trees. Ordained preachers. creeds, formulas, ceremonies, apostolic succession, do not satisfy the people and infallibility is a dead dogma.'

Honest churchmen would be glad could they crase their past history. Their present normal standing is but little better.

### Sects Among Catholies.

It is not generally known, never theless it is doubtless a fact, that Catholicism is more largely divided into sects, each warring on the others, than is Protestantism. Rev. Leonard W. Bacon, in a late number of the "Outlook," discussed this subject at some length. We can only spare room Christianity, an impracticable and for the following extract:

""Catholicism has invaded the Philipplne Islands with some dozen competing prejudicial to public interests, and the organizations, as diverse from one sooner it is discarded, and a new sysanother, at times, as any of the missionary sects of Protestantism. The heart formulated the old creeds, hence widest theological divergence to be their worthlessness, as is the system found among Protestant sects is per- they represent. haps that between Calvinistic Presby-

terians and Arminian Methodists. Is the divergence between these any wider than that between the theology of the Augustinians and that of the Jesuits! There is a wide contrast between the seher and scholarlike ways of the Con-Capuchins? The contentions and rivalries between Methodist and Baptist between Episcopalian and Presbyterian, have sometimes been unseemly and attention as by the difference between | itor. shaven priests and bearded monks, and the difference of black friars, gray friars, white friars, shodden friars, and barefoot friars, all contrasted with the semi-secular costume of the Jesuit?"

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No. such teaching is not popular, and Jesus say he taught. Indeed, they would constitute distinctive traits in the character of Christians, if observed by them, and they would cease their

aggressions on others. We have maintained very earnestly in these columns for a long time, that they who are posing as Christians are the successors of ancient Roman-Pagans. We have shown from time to time that every characteristic of the

Christian is but modulated Paganism. The Interior editor seems to meet us half way when he says: "Popular Christian systems are found to have an infusion of non-Christian elements." We only differ with him in the opinion that that "infusion" is the sum total of worthless concoction, bitter to the taste, corrosive in its action, poisonous in fact. another and as independent of one tem, the product of well-developed in their baptisms, it not being an origianother, and as bitterly jealous of one brains, is substituted in its place the hal rite with Christians, nor with John better for the race. The unthinking supposes.

President H. D. Barrett. ing a grand work for Spiritualism, and will prove equally as efficient in the adwrong; have they ever approached in vancement of our philosophy. Every venom, the mutual animosities of the Spiritualist in the land will feel an rival regular orders in the Roman abiding interest in this old landmark of Church, and (as in the Philippines to- our cause, and hope that it will at day) between the secular priests and all least reach its hundredth year of publiregulars? Where in Protestantism is cation, and, that even then Mr. Barsectarian division so forced on public rett's name may stand forth as its ed-

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Christian custom that placed nude maidens and wives in the very hands of vet this is what the blographers of men, not alone for baptism but also for anointing with oil? Nude baptism is still practiced when converts are received into the Greek church, no position or station in life excusing from

them. One of the earliest schisms in

women against the indignity, their de-

mand to be allowed to baptize those of

their own sex, and the opposition of

"What must be our conception of a

men to this demand. \* \*

It. Catherine, the first wife of Peter the Great, being baptized in this primitive Christian manner." Mrs. Gage, in foot notes, quotes man; authorities in support of her statements.

outgrowths of the teaching of Jesus.

One fact, not often referred to, showing

Mrs. Gage, in her invaluable work

"Woman, Church and State," copies of

Without incumbering this brief article with them, it may be well to cite a portion of a note on p. 498 of "The Prophet of Nazareth," wherein the author makes many citations to old writers and says: "The candidates were both baptized in a state of nudity; both males and females in the presence of one another.' Of course this custom was changed as civilization advanced, but it is woman herself with her natural modesty, who swearing. Yes; it will all come right at is entitled to the credit for the reform. and they ought to know, for they take not the church, nor the fathers of the -church, who only copied pagan customs supposition that they do, and they all the Baptist, as the general reader profess to be very intimate with the

Fraternal Call. the present; at any trate, the ways of the Last week our sanctum was illumin- - Lord are fearful and wonderful-to use ated and enlivened by the genial pres- the Psalmist's language about his own The Banner of Light, the oldest Spir- | ence of the proprietor of the Light of | body, probably after consulting many itualist paper published on this earth | Truth and its editor, Willard J. Hull. | physicians about an incurable internal to-day, has at last passed into the hands | Mr. Townsend has a stupendous mining | complaint. Reverting to the case of of Mr. Barrett, who will in the future project on hand which he hopes in the poor Annie Friend, it is hardly worth gregationalists and the methods of the shape its entire policy. The Banner, not far distant future will be made a killed her; first, because that personage Salvation Army; is it any wider than the principal pioneer paper devoted to grand leverage in the consummation of has rarely been accused of such crimes; that between the Benedictine and the our cause, has been instrumental in do- great humanitarian projects in har- and, secondly, because twelve jurymen mony with the lines laid out from time | and a coroner, presumably all Chriswe have no doubt that in the future it to time by The Progressive Thinker. | tians, have decided that God killed her. On our first page this week, under the According to that verdict, God comhead of "Humanitarian and Angelic mitted a murder on Easter Monday; Work," we refer to the great good ac- and the logical result should be an order complished by Mrs. Maud Ballington for his arrest on a charge of willful Booth in the Hope Hall, of New York | homicide. But it would perhaps be exand Chicago. While Mr. Townsend has | tremely difficult to execute the warrant. another segment of the reformatory A crazy German once addressed a letter work in view it is none the less import- to "God in Heaven," and the postoffice. ant, and will no doubt become a useful returned it as "insufficiently addressed." factor in rightly shaping or preparing It is impossible to find a being who is human souls for not only this sphere of everywhere. Being everywhere in genexistence, but the next also. Mr. Hull, eral, he is nowhere in particular; and cluding Methods and Instruments). | who has had a new light flashed into | we venture to suggest that it was for By E. D. Babblit, M. D., LL. D. A his soul lately, will be an important and this reason the old Hebrew writer very instructive and valuable work. It efficient factor in aiding Mr. Townsend asked, "Can man by searching find out | What Is Spiritualism?" A pamphlet of should have a wide circulation, as it in the great work he is contemplating in | God?"

well fulfills the promise of its title. the future. We wish them both un-

The usual refuge from this dilemma is pelled by selfish or cowardly interest. the pious idea that the whole matter is desire its downfall.

"a mystery," which will be cleared up some day, not in this world, but in the

next. Some time, perhaps hundreds or thousands of years after the undertaker

which any human being would be hung. has done with us, we shall be fully enlightened. Then we shall understand We prefer to believe that Annie Friend that all the misfortunes and miseries of happened to stand in the path of the this world, and maybe of other worlds, lightning, which, like all other natural are parts of one infinite plan of love forces, acted under blind necessity, without any moral or immoral intention, and happiness. We shall look back on our old sorrows and see that they were either in it or behind it. Some people joys in disguise; we shall remember our call this a cheerless philosophy, but we old toothaches, and see that we were think it better than belief in a divine really full of pleasure while we thought assassin. we were suffering and knew we were

A VISION OF STORM.

the finish;"at least the clergy say so, "I had a vision of a storm at night-A monster myriad-mouthed-I saw millions of money every year on the the sea.

> That soared and roared with demoniac glee,

But all that heavenly illumination is (woeful sight!) reserved for the sweet by-and-by. For fearful might

tree

left free Another who in evil did delight.

"And then I saw, as though, indeed,

lightning's rod,

mother's eyes;

moans and cries,

denying God,

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lish the good ones in the orderly course habit gets on nature. I know men of cabin floor. While delirious from the shrewd sense and sound judgment- disorder, he imagined that he saw successful men in business-who, hay- through the compaion-way a tall man at ing become habituated to constant tobacco smoking, when told by their phyyour virtues be spasmodic. Settle some- visitor. what the course of your life while you are young and plastic. In middle life, one's habits, like his joints, become set.

the helm, who doffed his hat and said to him, "I am one of Columbus crew. I sicians they will die if they continue am the pilot of the Pinto come to aid such excessive use, deliberately say, you. Lie quiet, Senor Captain, and I facing all the consequences of a family | will guide your ship to-night. You have made fatherless and a useful life cut | a calentura; but you will be all right toshort in its career: "I can't help it: I morrow." When the Captain recovered can't stop." Isn't that a sad commen- his full senses, it was broad day. The tary on the weakness of human nature? | Spray was still going like a race horse. Young people, cultivate for your. The sloop had made ninety miles in the selves, and help your brothers and sis- | night through a rough sea with no one ters to cultivate good habits. Let not at the helm-except the supernatural 

worst of all, being the most "easily besetting sin." For it keeps us continually putting off from day to day the start on Make it your habit to take exercise | the right road; it prevents that "Right about, face," which must be definitely drinking, that your bodies may be and resolutely taken before the "Forward, march," in the right direction. The "well done" hereafter will be said a little every day, and only those things only to those who have "well done" worth the time spent upon them, in here. He who would be a great soul in the future must begin to be a great soul now.

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that surround it shall be bright and All habits are worthy of attention, little | glorious, or dark and dreary.

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Drag down great ships, and drown men

saw on land homes wrecked with Of winds and floods; I saw beneath a

A good man slain by lightning, that

above -

Hell's hand were there to wield the

A child struck blind before its

And that noor mother's grief, her

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and be moderate in your eating and

strong. Make it your habit to read and study order that your minds may be kept wholesome and ready for any stress which emergency may put upon them.

development of your spiritual life. Pray if never so briefly, never so fraternally. night and morning. Direct your thoughts upward, far above earth, and

nurture it. Study your habits. They are your life.

ones perhaps worthy of most attention. lest they grow into great ones and of the wrong kind.

Look out for favorite habits. Those always attacks our weakest side. Great Anthony in the arms of Cleopatra, and a hundred instances in our own day show us how the strongest are weak at

some point.

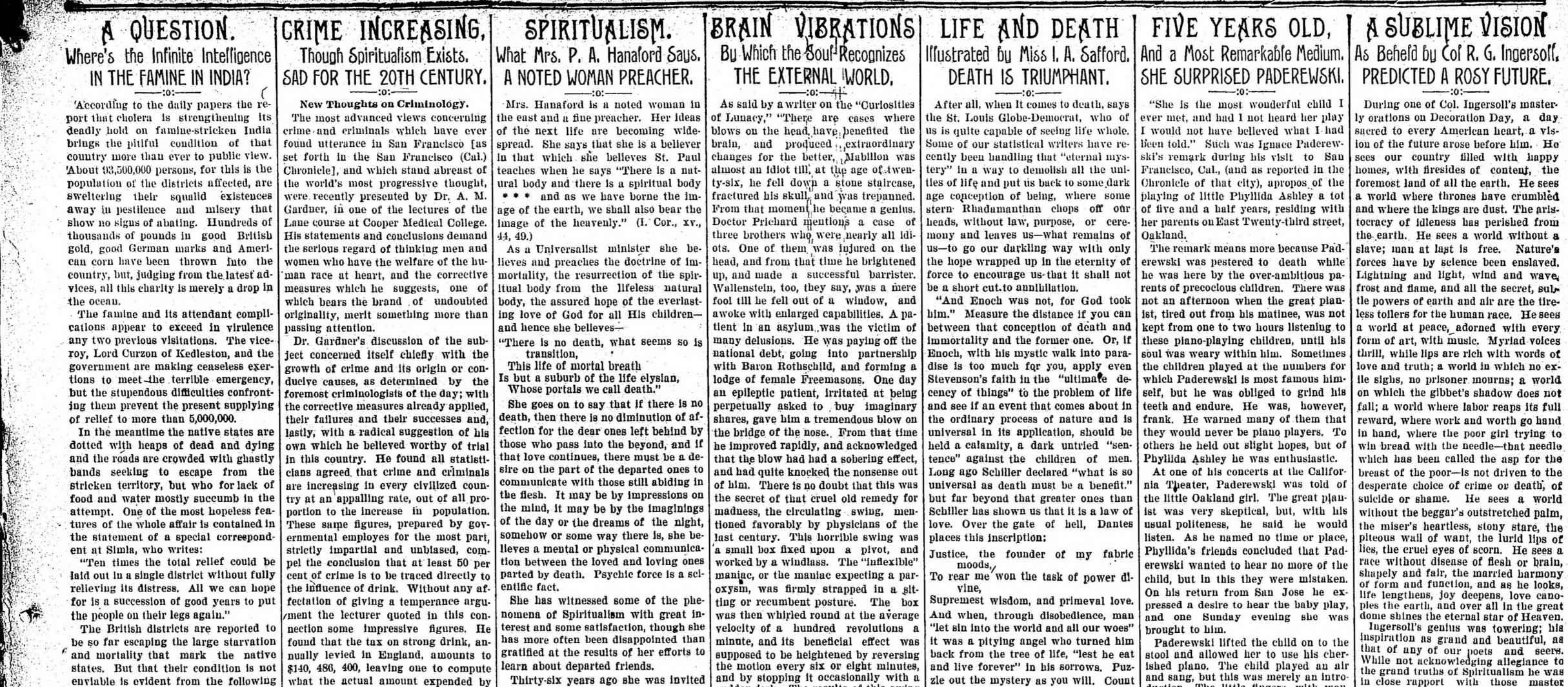
been," but let us strive to prevent the | this office. converse being true: "that which hath

habits, perhaps, procrastination is the | Price 15 cents,

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mind of God,

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sudden jerk. The results of this swing

(which occasionally brought on concus

sion of the brain) were profound and

protracted sleep, intense perspiration,

ion people in Boston, generally accepted spondent of the scene at Ahmedabab, a city in the presidency of Bombay.

description sent by a Bombay corre-

Charles Foster. She stipulated that mental exhaustion, and a not unnatural and power of choice, had gone wrong, tensely interested. He passed from the "In an open space upward of 200 875,000 annually for drink, a sum expiring people. We do not believe that room and returned with a bonbon, but were seated, old and young, being famthe medium should not know her name horror of any recurrence to the same and found the creature unequal to it, or ceeding all that is expended in the supon the other side of life there was any port of schools, the police department or anything about her. Her friend deremedy, which left a moral impression the little girl declined it very quietly ine personified. The smell arising from claim that from some sleeping seed very great desire manifested to conthat acted as a permanent restraint. and proceeded with "Der lieben langen their filthy rags was sickening and had and for the maintenance of public sired her to write three questions on through evolutionary law life's chain Tag. vert Col. Ingersoll to a recognition of attracted myriads of flies. That the results were often beneficial the grand truths of Spiritualism. He pleasure grounds combined. Statistics | tiny slips of paper and roll them in a we have indisputable evidence. The had reached the human creature not yet At its finish the master hugged her "Some, especially the old men, were could do more good in reaching the bony framework. A girl suckling two of the state of Massachusetts, covering way to keep the queries from the medicases of suspended consciousness after established in self-sustaining glory and and kissed her, and begged her to play masses of the people by his poetic elochildren was ghastly to look at, but the a term of twenty years, show a record um's sight. She did so, and placed one brain injury are well worthy attention. perfection. In any case the need of something else. Phyllida, all from quence, sublime imagery, and sentiin his hand. She was seated at a table. A man who awakes out of sleep is conchange and betterment was there and memory, played "Marching Through little ones, with hollow temples, sunken of 578,348 sentences for crime, 540,314 ments tremulous with the sweet caone side of which was against the wall. through whatever gates of death or Georgia," but this did not interest Padscious of a lapse of time, and can genereyes and cheeks and the napes of their dences of music, that characterized his being for drunkenness, giving some He held the little roll in his hand a moally even guess its duration; but the hell the Lord of life led on the process erewski until she rendered it in the necks falling in under their skulls, utterances, than he could have done if faint indication of the cost of the vice man struck on the brain is often uncon- it were better, aye kindlier, than to minor, when he exclaimed: "Marvelous! which seemed to overbalance their emament quietly, then said: "Arthur is with an avowed Spiritualist. As an orator What is this?" and again kissed the lit- he was unsurpassed, and his rhythmciated bodies, and with wisplike arms | to the community, aside from the main- | Margaret, and he tells me to give you scious of any lapse. A man was struck | leave it in its sorry imperfections. tenance of crowds of vagabonds in this word of encouragement." There- in the street, and was afterward deliri-In one of Dickens' under tales he pic- | tle player. and legs, were more dreadful still. ical sentences fell upon the ear with workhouses and poorhouses. Every upon followed words of tender advice ous. He was unconscious after the tures an old woman, withered and in-The ensuing effort was the rendition Many were suffering from disease and tender sweetness, leaving a benign innumbers had the fever. Those who year the people of this country pay out and hopefulness, saying a career was blow for fourteen days. He was then firm, sitting by the grave of her lover of the waltz from Weber's "Invitation fluence there which could not fail to do \$700,000,000 for drink, and 365,000 men before her, and she was to enter upon delirious and maniacal for ten weeks. and crooning the tale of her love to a to the Dance." Phyllida played this accould work were sent on where tanks good. His brain vibrations were in harare annually arrested for drunkenness. it soon, and be an active worker in a When he became more tranquil they fair young child who finds her there. cording to the interpretation of Rosenwere being dug. Others were given a mony with the sphere of poesy, and The vice of inebriety would be had field of labor of which she did not meal and passed on to the poorhouse." brought him to the asylum in a strait The child eyes her curiously, unable to that and De Pachmann, and when it thoughts dressed in spring-time beauty, enough upon this showing alone, but dream. Then the medium said: "Open waistcoat." He soon recovered, but connect the sweet romance of love with was over, Paderewski took her in his This picture is from a less seriously summer richness and autumns' golden its curse is transmitted to new genera- the paper and read your question." She when he became conscious he had clean such a face and form, and then she asks arms and walked around his salon with affected part of the country. The suffruitage, came like evangels unto the tions, until the blood of these dissolute had written, "Is Arthur with Marga- forgotten the fourteen days' trance, and timidly if her lover was an old man. her, smothering her with kisses. In anferings in the remoter districts, where mind, and were expressed to a world ret?" She had reference to her rever- the ten weeks' delirium and mania. At At that the woman draws from her swer to his questions he learned that the famine is worse, where all the cattle | and criminal families "underruns socieeager to hear them. We did not desire ty like devil grass." end and beloved friend, Chaplain Ar. | the battle of the Nile an English caphave long since died, where the water is bosom a worn locket and turns to the the child had been able to play when 2 to proselyte Col. Ingersoll to our cause precious and where cholera has now child the picture of a young Apollo, ra- years old. "Impossible," said Paderew-Intemperance, heredity, environment, thur B. Fuller, whose death at Freder- tain was struck on the head by a shot, while he was living; his mission was added its dread scourge can well be imthese are the three important factors in | icksburg had then occurred. She had | and became unconscious. He was taken diant in all the first glow of youth, and ski; but when he saw a photograph of confined to the liberalizing field, where asked him if he was with his sister, the home with the wounded, and remained facing him a maiden of some eighteen the infant at the plano taken over three the production of the criminal. Given agined. his heaven-born inspiration found corcelebrated Margaret Fuller Ossoli, in Greenwich Hospital fifteen months summers, fresh, blooming and as fair years ago, he accepted the proof, and A special dispatch from Bombay says the crime and its perpetrator, what dial recognition, whereas they would cholera is alarmingly virulent among methods has society employed in the This was in 1864. In 1868 she was or- deprived of sense and speech. At the as an artist's dream, "There we are, said that her attitude there showed have been regarded as unacceptable if dained, having been led by what she end of that period, an operation was dear," she says softly; "would you take that she was born to be wedded to a the natives on the famine relief works past for their suppression and correche had uttered them as a Spiritualist. It tion? What is it doing at present? at Viramagon, where there are fifty regarded as providential steps into the performed, and the brain relieved from that smiling girl for the old woman at piano. is a very foolish idea to suppose that in the pressure. He instantly arose from your side." And when the tell-tale eyes "Do take good care of the baby," said The criminal laws and prisons of the ministry of the Universalist church. deaths daily from the disease. order to be highly inspired one must be his bed, and continued the orders to the of childhood answer her in horror, she Thomas L. Johnson, ministerial delepast, founded solely on the principle of [ Thus there seemed to be a fulfillment of ] the great planist, when the reception a Spiritualist. That does not necessaretribution, Dr. Gardner passed with the words which purported to come sailors which had been so abruptly in- murmurs bitterly, "No, no, there is not gate from Bombay, says: "Bombay ended. "She will be needed, and if you rlly follow. Inspiration can not be conlittle comment, merely romarking it is from the spirit land. terrupted fifteen months before. Dr. a trace of the girl he loved left in me. will not give me the picture of that Presidency is under the rule of a Govfined or limited. It is the birthright of not so very far in the past, when within wonderful pose I shall have to steal it. When Mr. Foster took up the second Abercromble gives an analogous case. If he saw me at the grave he would ernor appointed by the Queen, subject, every soul honestly aspiring for the of course, to the supreme authority of half a century a nine-year-old child paper he said: "Joseph is with you. He | A lady was struck with apoplexy while never know me. And he is young as It must go with me." truth. Phyllida Ashley is the youngest child the Viceroy, who is also appointed by was put to death in England for steal- is one of your guardians. And here is sitting at the whist table. It was ever." Oh, it is life that changes us the crown. It is the smallest of the ing two pence worth of paint. Retri- another." At this point Mr. Foster Thursday evening when she fell, and past love and knowledge-not death, and only daughter of George and she lay in a stupor all Friday and Sat-Blanche Sharpe Ashley. She comes four Presidencies, but one of the most butive crimes and laws were founded broke off suddenly and acted as if not death! FREE ASTHMA REMEDY. important on account of its territorial on the theory that every criminal was a some one had touched him on the urday. On Sunday she suddenly recov-It is a grewsome tale, but it points a from three generations of musicians, normal human being, which he is not. shoulder and forbidden the utterance of | ered her consciousness; and her first deep truth and that is that a life that her mother being a well-known planiste position. Bombay City is its capital, holds the seeds of deformity and decay | and a former pupil of Mrs. John Vance and the chief emporium of the coast. To-day the fact is generally recognized the sentence already begun. Then he words were, 'What are trumps?' The within it is a fearful thing, and death | Cheney. Her grandmother was also a The district is included in the famine | that every truly criminal act proceeds | went on to speak brotherly words as if | clockwork had stopped at that point, Free Trial Bottle to Everyone Who from the guardian he had mentioned, and now the pendulum again comis the only justice of the gods to creaprofessional planiste and the entire area, and is just now undergoing one of | from a person either temporarily or pertures of such estate. To leave man to Suffers from Asthma. the most unfortunate experiences ever Closing, he handed her the paper. On it menced to swing." family is musically inclined. These manently in a morbid condition, and the new theory of the control and treat- she had written, "Where is Joseph?" The brain, like a musical instrument, any life of weakness and decay, any tastes have been born into and bred into known in the way of famine and requires to be in tune in order to give imperfect phase or crisis, would be the plague. For the relief of those sufferment of the criminal, who has become referring to her brother who had died the little girl. A physician who suffered many years from violent expression in an orderly manner to thing for which he might well arraign nineteen years before. Without hand-Phyllida was named for the charming ing from lack of food the government by his act an anti-social being, is based attacks of asthma, has discovered a sure cure for the pays about two cents a day for each of upon this view. The judicial taking of ing her the third paper, which he tossed ideas. Sometimes its normal vibrations his Maker, not for letting him out of it old English song, "Phyllida Flouts disease, and is now entirely recovered. He has writthe 4,000,000 supported. Private benevhuman life as a penalty for murder ofcarelessly into the grate, he said:"Oh, are interrupted by the pressure of the by any procedure that his higher wis-Me," dear to all lovers of ballads. She ten letters to the leading newspapers of the country. you'll find them very soon." She had | skull; sometimes there is a spontaneous olence is doing much in relieving the fers no compensation to society, and if dom found necessary. That death is is a dainty little thing, absolutely derequesting that their readers be informed of this new such a process-the final step in that void of self-consciousness. She has a remedy, and that he will mail, free, a trial bottle to distress of the people, which is scarcely it is not deterrent of crime has no justiwritten, "Where are my journals?" In action on its part, entirely different lessened by the relief measures of the anyone who writes for it. It has cured quite a number April she did find them in a wholly unsweet face, soulful as that of Paloma fication. There have been many imfrom those vibrations that are caused road that leads to fuller life is so clearof people who obtained the free trial: is an absolute Schramm, and she is fortunate enough government. Much has to be done yet provements in prisons themselves, al- expected place. by the senses taking cognizance of the 1y the teaching of both science and recure, perfectly safe and harmless, and so fortifics the to make the relief measures thoroughly | though this country and England might | external world. When one is intoxi- ligion-to any one who will not confront to have wise parents, who will guard In April, also, she received news of system that the cure is permanent. Write to W. K. cated. the brain cells vibrate disorderly, | that second or moral death of the Bible | her most carefully and avoid, above all | Walrath, Box 613, Adama, N. T., and he will forward effective, and to prevent wholesale starlearn the valuable lessons from two of the drowning of her youngest brother in and as a consequence the thoughts are with the physical change which Christ things, the "infant-prodigy" precipice. st once by mail, prepaid, a trial bottle, so that you vation all over India." the weakest nations on the globe. In the far Pacific. The intelligence did the Spanish city of Cueta, in Morocco, not reach America till April, though the incoherent, the mind cannot weigh accu-Rockwell Clanoy, Presiding Elder of plainly said was not death but sleeping She is not to be sent prematurely on the cantest it and see what it will do in your case, An 'Allahabad District, Northwest India there exists a prison colony which is a death occurred in December. But in rately ideas, and subjective visions are -that one marvels to find any intelliconcert stage to earn a living, but will offer like this ought to be taken advantage of by every model for the world. The convicts, February he was already in the spirit formed that are truly appalling. When gent person, to say nothing of scholars | be carefully nurtured and fostered and reader. Write to day without fail. Don't wait. Conference, says: "The population of northern India is a person is suffering from what is and thinkers, treating it otherwise, educated musically and otherwise. guilty of all manner of crime, are per- land, and when Mr. Foster said, "And mitted to freely mingle with the com- there's another." he was about to tell termed delirium tremens, the vibrations That man has made it the extremest Phyllida Ashley seems to have been 50,000,000, 80 per cent of whom are cul-WATER DOCTOR munity and to take service with the her that another brother was with tivators of the soil. The masses are exof the brain cells are so discordant that penalty for crime, as recently noticed, born under the auspices and in the enthe most hideous visions are formed is nothing to the point-unless to emceedingly poor. They live in villages, in vironment favorable to the fostering of will send his book of over families. The coachman who drives Joseph? She has often thought he was spontaneously, and the results, though phasize his bungling conceptions of it, your carriage is a convict. The man hindered, because by his not mentionmud huts, with roofs of bamboo and 64 pages, free, describing a great musician. and tile or thatch. Fields surround who cooks your food and waits upon | ing the fact, she was spared the sorrow subjective, are none the less real. The No doubt this little girl is a most reand the wide difference between the method, and containing these villages, and during the greater | you at table is a convict. They are of bereavement a few weeks longer. At brain being the seat of consciousness, a ends and ways of human law and the much useful information markable medium, and will finally be part of the year men, women, and chil- treated with trust and consideration on that time her sister was very ill, and pressure thereon changes at once its Divine. When man comes to under- acknowledged as such. of special interest to suf-

in the fields. Most of the land is held by native landlords, who rent it to the villagers in small lots, which are not large enough to support the holders. The people eke out a living by working for the landlords, and are paid daily in grain. When the harvests are good the common people can secure enough coarse food to give them one meal a day. In 1897 and 1890 the monsoon failed, causing widespread failure of the harvests and famine, which inare doing all in their power to save the lives of the millions of starving men, women and children, and we sincerely hope that the Christian Americans will

help us in this work of charity." Starvation in India, and yet a God! Dying there by the millions, and yet the crops are withheld by an Infinite Intelbut a mocking response! The sun rises a Divine Ruler of the Universe, who ground, do not afford the least satisfac- ship. This system Dr. Gardner con- ing! How long can that go on before fion to the one who is constantly sur-Yeying the scenes of misery in India.

ment Scriptures which prove or imply ful disposing influence to crime, he pro-Spiritualism; together with a brief his- poses shall be treated upon the same office.

thievery and capital crimes are unknown. In the city of Tokio, the capi- be easily perceived that she writes as if of the skull at a particular spot, and retal of Japan, there is another prison, a cheery, attractive place, a model of cleanliness. Here exquisite cloisonne ware is made by convicts. Those who are incapable of executing the more artistic processes take up simpler forms of artisanship. Only twenty-nine, out volves, not only northern India, but also of the 2,000, who have shown them-Rajiputana, central and western India, selves incapable of skilled labor, are set. the central provinces. Bombay Presi- to breaking stone. No form of punishdency, and other districts. More than | ment is known in any prison except | angel-orphany from Genesis to Revela-60,000,000 are famine-stricken, and confinement in a single-celled dark cage, | tion," and she sees no reason why those nearly 6.000,000 are being supported by and so obedient and well behaved is the Indian government. The famine this small army of men, that the dark be angels in heaven, and henceforth must continue to grow worse every day | cage is not used for months at a time. until the next harvest in October. The | Looking upon this peaceful, cleanly and Indian government and the missionaries attractive industrial hive, a recent visitor declared that "the recollection of the City Prison of San Francisco came over him like a nausea."

the consumer must be. The half-mill-

as the model American city, spend \$6,-

The Elmira Reformatory in New York seems to be the only penal institution in this country which is addressing itself intelligently, kindly and successfully, to the solution of the problem ligence! Prayers avail absolutely noth- of criminal reclamation. Here the indeing! The groans of the dying go forth | terminate sentence is in operation. in one agonizing wall to an all-wise Men are kept so closely at work at God, and yet they meet with nothing | trades that they have no time to brood over the past or to plan new evil. When and sets on scenes of starvation that they have been in the institution long vent the birth of the weak-minded, in- organ of pre-tertiary period-an eyebeggar description, and yet not a drop enough to indicate their desire to lead of rain falls to give hope to the wretch- good lives they are released on parole, ed people. Under the circumstances but are kept under close inspection unfinely spun theories on the existence of | til the day arrives when a continuous good record wins for them the everywhere an important lesson which counts the hairs of each head, and no- State's full pardon, and they are re- they should file away for future refertices each sparrow that falls to the stored to the full privileges of citizen- ence and consideration. Crime increas-

"Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritual- usually brings out the worst there is in I balance and found wanting." Look at ism: or a Concordance of the Principal a man, confirming him in a criminal ca- it in whatever light you may, Spiritual-Passages of the Old and New Testa- reer. Drunkenness, as the most power- ists, and the outlook is a sad one. tory of the origin of many of the plan. He would not wait for a man to 5,000 inhabitants. Now there is one to important books of the Bible." By commit a crime under the influence of every 750 inhabitants. Here is food for Moses Hull. The well-known talented | liquor before making him a public | reflection for spirits as well as mortals. and scholarly author has here embodied | charge, but whenever a man shows | There is no way in getting around the the results of his many years' study | himself a slave to drink he would place | facts; they are stubborn things. You of the Bible in its relations to Spiritual- him in a state institution with an indefi- must face them. They constitute a ism. As its title denotes, it is a veri- nite sentence, permitting him to leave grave problem for the scientist to solve. table encyclopedia of information on only on parole, and compelling him to | We live in a so-called age of enlighten- | Series 1, 2, and 3, each complete in itthe subject. Price \$1. For sale at this | show he has mastered the habit before | ment, yet contemplate the figures in re-1 self. Price, cloth, \$1 per volume. For

parted friends. She confesses that these facts which she has mentioned experience they did help to convince her that life is continuous, and that there may be communication with the spirit

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Boston Journal to accompany her to the

Boston office of the noted medium,

land. It is not impossible. "The Bible," as who have been saints on earth may not "ministering spirits" also to the loved ones not yet summoned to the Master's presence. Death is but an incident in the ever-continuous life of God's child:

"Death is but the close of life's alarms, The watch light on the shore-The clasping in immortal arms Of loved ones gone before.

funds necessary for the support of such reformatories he would secure by taxation levied upon the sale of liquor. In discoveries show that he was about a this way he would not only arrest an million of miles from thesexact truth. evil harmful in itself, but would pre- The pineal gland was probably a sensesane or imbecile progeny of drunken and though since its functions in that fathers and mothers.

The above conveys to Spiritualists trasted with the results following the there will be written over the portals definite and determinate sentence, of our republic, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, which offers no incentive to reform and | Upharsin"-"thou art weighed in the Fifty years or more ago there was one in our penitentiaries and jails to every

awarding him a final discharge. The gard to crime. They are appalling!

quence, in this city, peopled with a seemed to Mrs. Hanaford to be the club restored a man in this State who small army of thieves and murderers, reason for the sudden withholding of was violently insane, to his normal conthe rest of the broken sentence. It will dition. It removed luckily the pressure she believed in communication with de- stored the brain's normal condition. The brain being the scat of conscious-

ness, and consciousness depending on greatly impressed her, and as personal vibrations for its existence, a portion of the brain can sometimes be removed without in any degree affecting the mind: but if in the course of the operations its vibrations should in any way

be modified or changed. the entire na-Rev. Dr. Sears once said, "is a continual | ture of the individual will be changed. A blow on the head resulting in a fracture of the skull and the subsequent removal of a small portion of the brain, changed the entire nature of a Norwegian from a genial, kind, ever indulgent husband and father, to a tyrannical old scold. All this resulted from the surgical operation changing the vibrations of the brain making an entirely

different individual of the man. The study of the human brain reveals many singular things. The pineal gland was long supposed to be the seat of the soul, from the fact that physiology could see no earthly use for its existence besides that. One prominent Spir-Itualist located the soul there. But later

respect have ceased; its fudiments still

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to retrieve their records, and as a conse- have greatly distressed her. That has follows. A blow on the head with a of nature's methods, perhaps he will handle this death penalty a little differently. At any rate, he has not arrived at such judicious action in the case as to ness of his soul can not more than fit make his use of it a criterion for judging the Almighty's. Besides, if he had any decent human principle in the matter, it should not be to punish, but to protect that he resorts to such extrem-

that a stupendous scheme to create

race of beings greater than the angels,

in the greatness of conscience, goodness

ity, and this can by no means be applied to the natural law which, if uninterfered with, would claim but the ripest and the best from human harvests.

"He giveth his beloved sleep." How much is there in the nature of a criminal sentence in that soft whisper. The truth is that, by every discernible law of life, death is so logically an event or link in the eternal chain of being that no theology could stand that regarded it from any other standpoint, and thus it has grown with the old superstitions that surrounded it with the terrors of judgment and wrath and fiery sentence. That it but leads on. in orderly connection, to the life beyond, is the only rational view to take of it, and it has been well said that "had not Divine interference designed to raise the dead, nature herself is in the act to do it." After what manner they are raised up and with what body they come is another question with which perhaps the individual himself has more to do than all the death angels that were ever invented. It is enough that these angels

sleep." should be recognized at last as but servants to help man on to the best that is Sexual Development, and Social Upwithin him to bestow that may be, and the life he has prepared for himself. building." By E. D. Babbitt, M. D., And thus it is that all the better thought | LL.D. A most excellent and very valuof to-day has come to regard them. able work, by the Dean of the College Death "comes to set thee free, O, greet of Fine Forces, and author of other imhim cheerily," is the tone of the modern portant volumes on Health, Social Scipoet, and art gives us now for death's ence, Religion, etc. Price, cloth, 75 cents. For sale at this office. heads and ghastly reapers, angels of strength and tenderness bearing, as in

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derful dexterity and feeling, rendered

the Lohengrin "Wedding March," and

while she did so Paderewski became in-

with man, compels him to be great, So when the angel of the darker drink Himself shall find you by the river's

brink, And offering his cup invite your soul Forth to your lips to quaff-you shall not shrink.

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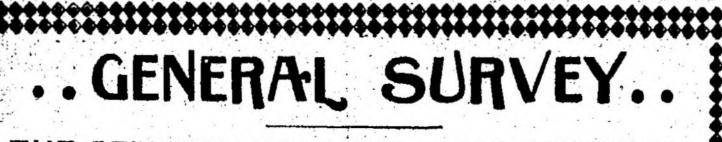
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ITEMS .- Bear in mind that items for laration of principles,' to my notion, address of the writer. We desire to sociation."

The full name and address of every peson who sends an item for this deit may not appear. Bear that in mind. Mrs. Maggie Waite is now at Syracuse, N.Y. Her address there is as fol-

lows: 304 South Crouse avenue. Henrietta Straub writes from Syracuse, N. Y .: "The convention of the New | called upon us on his way home from York State Spiritualist Association, held at Syracuse, May 11, 12 and 13, attracted big audiences, and was a con- | day, May 13, to appreciating audiences. summate success. I do not venture to All of the tests, descriptions and names proffer my individual opinions concern- in full were promptly recognized. He ing the merits of the different speakers | also spoke at our school house. Saturand mediums; this may be left to veter- day evening and Monday evening to a an judges. One thing, however, allow spondents that The Progressive Thinker | me to declare: If Spiritualism has many jects from the audience, and followed advocates and champions, as able and by tests. He also lectured in the Carenthusiastic as those shown forth at compositors. That means rapid work, said convention, then our cause must and it is essential that all copy, to in- prosper, and the world will have to acsure insertion in the paper, all other re- knowledge ere long, that Spiritualism Wm. Scheth writes from Kansas:

"That Lay Sermon in The Progressive Thinker of May 5, gives the best 'dec-

the General Survey will all cases be that I have seen yet. Mr. Griffen exadjusted to the space we have to occu- presses my views and ideas much better py, and in order to do that they will than I could do it myself; and I dare generally have to be abridged more or say (take it the world over) that there May 12 .- Prof. Lucius' Warde, a trance we ask co-operation among all friends they have, instead of burning brightly expressing a new personality, but only less; otherwise many items would be are ten Spiritualists who will say yea crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line and amen to Brother Griffen's views item is cut down to ten lines, and ten and ideas on the creed subject to where Daly to-night charged with breach of lines to two lines, as occasion may re- you will find one Spiritualist that will the peace. This is a subterfuge to hold quire. Every item sent to us for publi- accept and is satisfied with the creed

in selecting the best talent available. spend many a merry hour, but he has Mr. Cook, of Detroit, the soloist, will also be in attendance on Sundays. We shall have a most enjoyable season." Ella M. Pitkin writes; "The Band of Harmony (auxiliary of the Church of the Soul) will give a social afternoon and evening, Thursday, May 31, in hall but soon she and her only son were 608, No. 40 Randolph street. Tables | called to that "pourse from whence no at each session, Ladies will bring lunch which will be served with tea and coffee at six o'clock. Admission free. A charge of ten cents will be made for | away on golden wings. While there is |

score cards; also for coffee." J. Bullion writes from Michigan:

"Mesick and our sister village, Sher man, are all excitement, and many of our orthodox friends have been led into new channels of thought. Dr. W. O. Knowles, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Frankford, Mich. He delivered two lectures (with tests) in Sherman on Sun-

house full of curious people, taking subpenter school-house three miles north. Dr. Knowles is a fine magnetic speaker."

Mary Irene Dye writes from Kansas "We enjoy the paper greatly and appreclate your 'Divine Plan' of helpfulness. We do not see how you manage to give us the books, but accept the gracious gift thankfully, and wait for more light."

The New York Sun of May 13, 1900, has the following: "New Haven, Conn., allases, was arrested by Detective

general fund.

SOCIETIES. LOCAL grown to mature years now and is "teaching the young idea how to shoot." Father died and was carried away to the little burying ground, and mother Useful Suggestions for Spir- About the Objective and Subsoon followed. Then the home was itualists. owned for a while by a married sister,

If Spiritualism is to continue in existwill be arranged for progressive euchre. | traveler returns," I have been for ence as an organized movement for greatest treats I have experienced for some years in a new home of my own, only a few years longer, a radical many a long day. I mean the article where love wields the scepter; where change must take place in the methods headed "The Size of Man," by the brilltime does not hang heavy, but speeds of Spiritualists."

This must be so obvious to all who Dawbarn. I have read and re-read the much in recollections of earlier years to know anything of the matter, that it article, and my ego cries for more. I sadden us, yet it seems to have purified may seem unnecessary to write it. want to thank our friend and brother, our lives, and this life is so grand and The important point is in what direc- Charles Dawbarn, for the said article, great; not downward when the years tion must the change be made. This and hope very early he will favor your come on, but ever onward and upward should be as obvious, yet most Spirituntil in the dim vista of years it seems | ualists seem so blind that they cannot

will tell us how through the ether waves Local societies and they alone keep one subjective mind acts on another. the cause before the public in their re- subjective mind, so as to restore the spective localities. The literature will person to health again. J. J. Hudson STUDIES IN THE OUTLYING FIELDS OF be almost unheard of, except by a few in his book, "The Law of Psychic Phescattered individuals, the philosophy nomena," says, page 29; The objective will be untaught and the religion un- mind takes cognizance of the objective practiced where they do not flourish. world; its media of observation are the Yet, with few exceptions, they have for five physical senses. The subjective some time past, been growing weaker mind takes notice of its environments

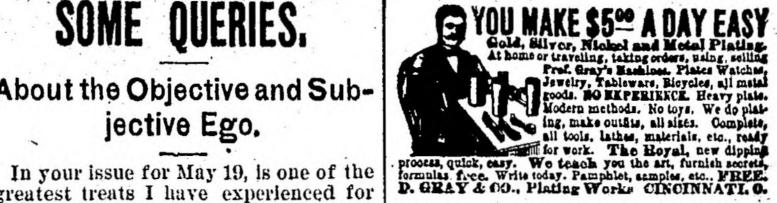
The remedy lies with each individual senses, it perceives by intuition, it persay: The officers are at work getting the Spiritualist. To the extent to which he forms its highest functions when the is willing to do without something else objective senses are in abeyance (or shape. There are several things that in order to contribute to the support of asleep). Page 152: "How the subjective take time for proper completion in this his local association, if there be one mind controls the functions and sensaway. As soon as possible printed where he resides, and to start one if tions of the body, man may never copies of the constitution and by-laws there be none, he is doing his duty to know." "That man is possessed of two will be mailed to contributing members. | the cause he professes to love. If un- | minds, an objective and subjective." As soon as camp season is over mission- | willing to make such a sacrifice, he need arles will be put to work. You should | not seek to throw the blame upon others

the way of incorporation and proper

them.

Spiritualists must have times and is necessarily going on now." "Where equipment of the office. Consequently places for public meeting, or the truth the silence begins for the mortal, ego is medium, with an extensive list of of the cause, especially in a pecuniary where all may see it, will only faintly because we are not yet broad enough to see and sense that the two personaliway, and solicit contributions to the flicker in individual bosoms. And when ties are but manifestations of the one they do meet they must conduct their

ego in operation at the same time." During the coming three months I meetings in an orderly and rational him until the police of other cities shall be pleased to visit all places in manner. The temple in which they as-If I understand it rightly, Hudson cation, should contain the full name and adopted by the National Spiritualist As- where Warde is known to be wanted the state that will furnish me speaking semble may be as humble as circum- says "Man has two minds, an objective can be communicated with. The pris- room and entertainment, and shall en- stances render necessary, but it must be and subjective, that when the objective



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elved as to the Wisconsin State Spiritunlist Association, for the benefit of all and poorer every year. friends of the cause in the state I would organization into proper and legal

bear in mind the fact that lack of or search around for the origin of the in full activity. I mean that this exmoney necessarily impedes progress in trouble.

know the source of every item that appears. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

Mrs. Donaldson writes: "As I have to write you regarding change of address. I also take the opportunity of telling you how much we appreciate the four books you gave as a premium at the beginning of the year. I am only beginning to develop mediumship, and am very often controlled for reading. I read the whole of The Next World Interviewed at our circle, and every interview was read in a different voice. Many of the controls claimed to be the spirit interviewed, and from the manner in which they were read we could see that was quite possible. When it was the interview of a foreign spirit. the control read in broken English and had all the gestures of a foreigner; this was especially noticeable in the case of George Sand. I do not know if this is a common form of development, but it was a very interesting experience. We like the paper very much and feel greatly interested in the letters from Franz Petersilea. I also read them un-

der control. Another member of circle has begun to take the paper.' Dr. Harriet Edwards, of Chicago, will lecture and give tests Sunday evening at Hibernian Hall, Davenport, Ia,

Good music. All are welcome. The London Times correspondent at Lourence Marques says that President Kruger has been consulting a youthful Dutch seer, who prophesied the restoration of peace by June 14, and the President's death three month's later. The President and the burghers are fully convinced that the predictions are accurate.

Last week we made mention that W. F. Ruffel had been ordained by the Students of Nature as a minister of the Gospel. The one who made the item from the report sent in, did so under a misapprehension of the facts of the case. Miss E. Ebbert, secretary, writes: "Mr. Ruffel was not ordained by S. of N., but was given a certificate as a recognition of being a test medium-not a teacher."

The Banner of Frankfort, Ind., says: "Articles of association have been drafted and are now being circulated for signatures for what is to be known as the 'Frankfort Spiritualist Association.' The articles state that the organization has for its object the investigation and propagation of Spiritualism. It is the purpose of the association to rent a suitable hall, elect a president, treasurer, secretary and three trustees, aud to hold meetings at stated periods to be determined hereafter. The members will be requested to pay such assessments to meet the expenses as may be determined upon by the officials. A well-known believer stated to a News reporter that it was the intention to have frequent lectures delivered on the faith, and that meetings or services would be held much after the manner of any other religious organization." J. A. Gash writes from Ohio: "I have read and reread the six volumes I have received with The Progressive Thinker. I prize them very highly. They are so cheap in price, but well filled with many truths. I am getting quite a nice library of occult science. May you live long to sow the gems of truth, is my heartfelt prayer. Geo. F. Perkins writes: "I have been busy out of town two Sundays of May, speaking at Elgin and at Englewood. I would like appointments with fair compensation, to lecture, sing and give genuine spirit communications, with millosophic explanation of the laws that govern spirit manifestations. Having had 16 years experience I feel competent to demonstrate the practical utilization of mediumship. Address me at 8558 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago. Illinois." Geo. W. Johnson writes from Arkansas: "My wife is a writing medium, the best I have ever met. We have received messages from fifty-one of our friends who have passed to the spirit life. She has only been in the work two years, while I have been a Spiritualist since the year 1850. Now. Mr. Editor, The Progressive Thinker comes to me all right; but I am in the wilderness; wife and I alone in Spiritualism." Elvar J. Hull writes from Cleveland, Ohio: "The East End Society of Spiritualists held the usual services at A. O. U: W. Hall, on Euclid avenue, near Wilson, Sunday evening, the 13th inst., Dr. J. M. Temple, of Washington, D. C., on

With the gifts possessed by these ladies we are greatly blessed, and they are Berthold Barmeith.' The Cleveland not a whit behind those who laid the foundation of Spiritualism in this city. case of embezzlement. His arrest was clearness of thought, and remarkable in his partner in the trance medium busithe large number of fully recognized ness, with whom he fought. Hartwell tests at each service. They will close had him arrested and told the police all their service for the society with the he knew of Warde, whose real name, he end of May, and will be free for any says, is Gearge DeLacey Kirwin, of 30 service at Camp-meetings during the summer. Their address is 707 East Warde will be held until further Ninth street, Kansas City, Mo." orders,"

The San Francisco Chronicle says: "Miss Flora MacDonald Shearer, educator and poetess, has again lost her the Spiritual camp grounds, held at has been placed under restraint several be laid in the auditorium and other imtimes, but each time returning reason brought about her release. Recently hotel will receive considerable atten-

her. Some malignant spirit was seek- the dining hall and tables arranged for ing to do her harm, she said, and each 300 guests. There will also be a large night she placed a note and a piece of provision, or store room, provided, from at 819 Lyon street. The note contained furnished provisions, including fresh an appeal for mercy, and the money was offered as a bribe. Fearing that dining hall and provision store will be her madness might take a dangerous turn, friends of Miss Shearer had her ployed by the managers of the camp arrested yesterday. Policeman McMurray took her to the Detention Hospital, lieges or eating tents allowed on the where she will be kept until her case has been inquired into by the Lunacy supplied from the big building con-Commissioners. The unfortunate poet- | trolled by the management. It will coness is 50 years of age. Twenty-five tain ample lunch counters and dining

years of her life were spent in teaching school. She has had several books published, and gained not a little fame for the excellence of her poetry and ethical essays. She is descended from a noted Scotch family, and was named for her grand-mother, Flora MacDonald, the sweetheart of the young Pretender."

W. F. Ruffle of this citly writes: "May intrude upon your space to correct a slight error in reference to myself; and but for the 'dead head' advantages to | Wayne, Ind.

Dr. S. D. Bowker writes from Kansas | oner's description tallies with that of a | deavor to aid your local work as well as | reverenced as a temple and approached | mind is quiescent the subjective mind is City, Mo.: "Mrs. Mary E. Kratz of Ev. crook who is alleged to have stabled a the state organization. Remember this in a spirit of sincere devotion to truth, active." Dawbarn says: "Where the siansville, Ind., spent the month of April man in Baltimore in addition to com- offer is open to all who desire and we not in idle curiosity for the sake of a lence begins for the mortal, ego is exwith us and did a very excellent work. mitting other crimes at various other hope to hear from every city and town silly amusement or even mainly for the pressing a new personality-that the She was followed by Mrs. Carrie L. times and places. One of these places in Wisconsin. Address A. A. McIn- purpose of hearing from spirit friends. two personalities are but manifestations cents. Bean and her daughter, Miss Edith Ev- is Butte, Mont. Warde was DeHill tyre, Secretary Wisconsin State Spirit- Its rostrum must be used for teaching. of the one ego." elin Edwards, both from Lincoln, Neb. Morrison there while he lived at 426 unlist Association, Junction, Wis., or Its ministers must be properly qualified Columbus avenue. Boston. as 'Professor. police, it is said, are after him for a on behalf of the State Association will ments for angelic hands. And while it They are strong in personality and due to a complaint of Llonel Hartwell, the cause of truth, I remain,

Goldsmith street, Dublin, Ireland.

The Democrat. of Anderson. Ind. says: "At a meeting of the managers of provements made on the building. The meats and vegetables of all kinds. The under the charge of some person emgrounds. There will be no stand privgrounds this year. All 'enting' will be

hall." Georgia Gladys Cooley has been secured to give the people of Monon, Ind., three lectures and test seances. The meetings will be held at the Monon Onera House on the evenings of May 29. 30 and 31. Frank T. Ripley, test medium and

speaker, can be engaged for the Sundays of June and July. Address all letters to 55 East Wayne street. Fort

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the undersigned for dates and other ar- men and women, instruments of the anrangements. Trusting that this effort gel world indeed, but fitting instrufind favor and be productive of good to may be proper work for angels to in

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# Letter from Cuba.

ualist for thirty years and have often for it? That is the measure of its thought a company of Spiritualists | heauty and its utility to him. could form an association for mutual mind, and is occupying a cell in the De- Chesterfield, it was decided to spend help (not a commune) if climate and speakers. Like the anthropophagi, the tention Hospital for the Insane. Dur- \$2,000 in improvements before the camp soll offered proper conditions. I have "men whose heads do grow beneath ing the last three years Miss Shearer meeting opens in July. A new floor will lived in California and Florida, but their shoulders' nobody ever saw one. found those States not well suited; but | but they serve to talk about. Or if I believe Cuba offers a climate and soil there are any high-priced speakers, they or any sacred memory, with tablets, and productions eminently fitted, es- must be such as, dear at any price, a the spell of madness again took hold of tion. There will be an addition built to pecially the higher mountain valleys, depleted treasury may occasion a sowhere, free from fevers, the raising of clety to place upon its platform and coffee, cocoa, tobacco and some few who deplete it still more by bringing fruits for profitable, shipment, and so that platform into contempt. money under the door mat of her home which campers and cottagers will be many other more tender fruits for The local society is a necessity to family use; besides sweet and white Spiritualism. The educated, earnest potatoes and half a dozen other quite intelligent speaker is a necessity to the good root crops, would make life easy local society. To do effective work he and enjoyable. In most of these higher | must live by it as he would have to do valleys rain is sufficient, so irrigation is in any other profession he might adopt not needed: "the nights always cool As well expect your physician to shoe enough for most refreshing sleep and horses for his support and attend the the midday heat not prolonged-giving sick free of charge, or your lawyer to plenty of time in daylight for enjoyable | cut your hair and demand payment for labor or recreation. The soil is very that but not for legal advice, as to re-

productive for grasses or corn, making quire the teacher of your religion and philosophy to earn his bread by other meat and milk production practical. I say community, for no American means. He cannot do it without detri-

family can afford to live alone long ment to his work. No public teacher should be expected enough for Cuba to become Englishspeaking, and sufficiently American in to give private sittings as a medium. customs, thinking to ward off the There is always a possibility of a pri homesickness that sooner or later overvate medium developing into a speaker

comes the judgment, and an unwise but when this is the case private medireturn to the States ensues. I never umship should cease to be practiced, at could tell why only the inferior peoples | least as a principal source of livelihood. should occupy the most healthful and The conditions and influences of the enjoyable regions of the globe. I be- two phases are essentially different, and lieve Spiritualists should inaugurate the perfection can scarcely be obtained or be gained as with our orthodox friends, J. M. White writes from Alvo, Neb.: reverse of all this. People of best retained in both by the same individual "For some time I expect to remain here thoughts and aspirations should have at the same time. and am stopping with Mr. A. T. Hin- best surroundings. Instead of letting shaw, two and a half miles east of Alvo. | capitalists from Atlantic coast cities While here I wish to hear from all buy up at from one to ten dollars per camps desiring either mental or fire- acre large desirable tracts they expect test mediums for the camp season." to get from twenty-five to one hundred rents. In all other directions attemptdollars per acre for within a few years, Geo. Friend writes from Toledo, O.: the readers of The Progressive Thinker "We, the members of the Independent Association of Spiritualists, unanimousshould send people into Cuba to inly unite in saying that we will close our vestigate and select location and report meetings with the present month, and N. E. MULFORD. facts. Trinidad. Santa Clara Province, Cuba. In so doing we close a successful five months' existence of our united efforts.

DR. W. YATES. Chicago, Ill.

Fox Sisters' Monumental Tablet To the Editor:--You kindly inserted Friend Merritt's and my appeal for spire them, it is no less proper work for flesh and blood Spiritualists to support

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lant California philosopher, Charles

readers with another article, in which

-personally-I would be pleased if he

Charles Dawbarn in his article says

these, our first workers and martyrs. It is natural law that no one can gain It did seem a just and merited cause anything worth having without making to thus commemorate their service and some sacrifice to obtain it. Every Spirlives for Spiritualism, and the first little itualist is ready to say that his religraps received at the Hydesville cottage. ion is the most beautiful and the best A lesson and moral came to me from To the Editor:-I have been a Spirit- in the world. How much does he pay this, your kind notice, and my efforts, namely, The folly and little use of any

> but personal soliciting to gain funds for We hear sometimes of high-priced church charity or any good cause. And second: We really injure (sometimes) and do little good by striving to give lasting testimony to love, worship mementoes or tributes of wood or stone. Good words and noble lives, heroic deeds, the divine and truly beautiful, will live, and any one who has striven to make life brighter and the world better, needs no monument.

Peter said unto Jesus: "Master, If is good for us to make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias,"-"not knowing what he said." And thus with your appeal and my letters for the Fox sisters which really resulted in nothing, only \$1 and two letters of inquiry. This has so often proved the same in

the past with so many great and good names of poets, priests and kings who have only a remembrance from their

good deeds and lives. What matters it what men or angels think or say in comparison to the "well done" of the spirit. All true acts, noble lives, yes, even beautiful thoughts, are NO SPECIAL INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED, enduring-cannot die, and must live. and each gives its exact, sure reward or blessing.

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should hope never to be writing on this line. I am, under spirit impression, requested to state that the title of 'Rev.' would be more befitting the divine atribute of mediumship, rather than that knowledge which is sought after in books, schools, etc., and which anyone of fair intelligence can get, and do get if they have the price, and which too much of, we are told, maketh a man mad. The very excellent society, the Students of Nature, under the pastorship of Mrs. Summers, did give me certificate or license as a medium. was asked to attend on Sunday weel last, by request of the church, and was the greatest surprise of my life, for I have done less work for her society than any other, yet how it shows her true appreciation of the work that doue, not by me, but through me. need only say in conclusion that my whole heart is in the true spiritual work and I do look forward to the time when I can devote my whole life to it."

Secretary writes from Saginaw Mich., reporting a good meeting on the

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Dr. J. H. Taylor writes from Cleveand, O.: "Mr. Samuel Fish, of Milan, O., with whom I spent the winter, received the excellent premium books becan be procured." fore 1 left there. The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, Vol. 3, and The Next World Interviewed were very highly appreciated

by them, and they wish me to thank you for your generous premiums.

have just returned to Cleveland." Carrie F. Weatherford has a few open dates for June meetings and for camps. Will answer calls to attend funerals. Address her at Alaska, Mich., or send message by Citizens' Phone.

Harry J. Moore is open for engagewrong." ments; will officiate at funerals or weddings in the city. Address him at 2979 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill. Dr. J. H. Taylor has returned

to A small packge was handed me to-day Cleveland, Ohio, after an absence of five months in Milan, Ohio. He has some vacant dates for lectures before

# How to Succeed.

ber 21 last, a few who believed themselves to be staunch Spiritualists realgestions how to develop organized Spirized the pressing need of a more liberal opportunity of understanding the grand itualism. One wants more religion in truths of our beautiful religion, took it i it, and another no religion at all: one upon themselves to launch out upon a more phenomena and another less: one breader sea of thought. Upon this voy- more philosophy and another is tired of age about seventy-five souls have been | lectures; and now the ladies are asked gathered in, and they have found peace | to take full charge, instead of only men. and happiness under that great wing of | If we organize a church, someone rebels immortality. We have spared neither | because we should have only a society; time or trouble in demonstrating to our and a plain society drives away the materialist brother the philosophy and spiritually minded who desire a church phenomena of Spiritualism, and we re- to lead the people into a higher form of alize that we have not bestowed labor | such organization than is now in the, in vaib, as we have been crowned with world. Whilst we refuse to co-operate success and we attribute that success to with every struggling effort, unless it harmony with the spirit world. After just suits us, we will fail to help the an intermission of three months, on Sep- progress desired. The local, state and tember 1, the association will re-open its | national associations are badly handimeetings and we assure the members | capped by a rebellion or refusal to coand friends that there will be found operate when some measure is adopted upon our rostrum the best talent that which does not just suit us-as for instance the late imperfect declaration of His Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritual-

Philip Lamneck writes from Ohio: "I | principles. have become so attached to The Dro-Humanity, male and female, rich and viction to thousands, but the new book for me to ever part with it. Like wine present to your many readers, it is a sense is frequently needed by the mangreat wonder that in addition thereto | agers of public efforts. All sympathizers | nation of obscure terms and passages who is willing to be known as a Spiritbooks without doing yourself a material

who manages the society can succeed. | icism. Long before the term was coined which was malled near my old home, if financially "helped. Spiritualism is or a clergyman grown to fit it, he had and on opening I found it contained a already popular, and thus the hypo- waded through and beyond all that is

True economy may be practicable by

employing settled speakers, thus saving railroad fares, and by the erection or purchase of buildings thus saving hal

ed economy seems to be real extravagance. The question commonly asked is, "What can the society do to save expenses?" If every Spiritualist, or a fair half of the number, should change it to this. "What can I do to enable the so-

ciety to meet expenses?" the difficulty will be overcome. If not, before this generation shall pass away the end of There seems to multiply many sug- Spiritualism as a distinct movement in the world will be upon us. E. J. BOWTELL.

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to the camp of the ancient Spiritualist. and settle forever every dispute regard- | turn asked her forgiveness. I don't believe that spirits are really ing the significance of Bible narrative ism is a clincher and it has carried con-

gressive Thinker that it is impossible | poor, wise and ignorant (even pure and | is the ripe vintage of a mellowed fruit impure) should co-operate to develop | and besides an argument simply unanit grows better with age, and consider- truth. As we are seeking truth and swerable, it is the warm, glowing coming the quantity and quality of the spiritual culture, we must organize upon fort of this age regarding the Bible. Spiritual food which you every week a business basis. A little common what it is, who wrote it, why it was written, what it stands for, the explayou can present your readers with such and earnest investigators should gladly the rendition of texts in the original interesting and valuable premium co-operate. But most of all. every one meaning, what the word of God is, what the holy spirit is, what the Lord is, all ualist should liberally contribute to the these absorbing questions now vexing financial support of the public cause. the "higher critics" are fully and for-A failure to give financial help is the ever answered. Moses Hull is the cause of our public lethargy. Any one father of what is called the higher crit-

cherish in our hearts, and consecrate with high and holy deeds, for the relig ion of Spiritualism and the cause of hu SYLVANUS LYON. manity. New York.

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with me, as having seen them in reality, although many of my other nightly visitations with old time comrades have been very pleasant. One of those whom I saw as having

passed over, appeared before me or bended knees, seeming to be in tears and feeling sadly on account of having caused me some serious trial while here. and implored my forgiveness, at the same time asking me if I did not think l, too, had been somewhat in the fault. responded in the affirmative, and in Address

happy over there, having wronged while here any human being, until they meet them face to face and they become reconciled to each other; and this is the kind of confession, and the only kind, that I really have any faith in, as being necessary to the soul's upliftment in the line of progressive happiness. Another spirit whom I saw in my sleep was a young friend who passed on from New Jersey last spring. 1 seemed to be walking with her in some strange place, on a great public highway. We did not converse. At the end of our walk. I turned and looked her square in the face (we had been walking arms around each other, for we were great friends) thinking to myself,

Why, Ida, you are now no longer living In earth life, but on the other side. She seemed happy and was as fair as the

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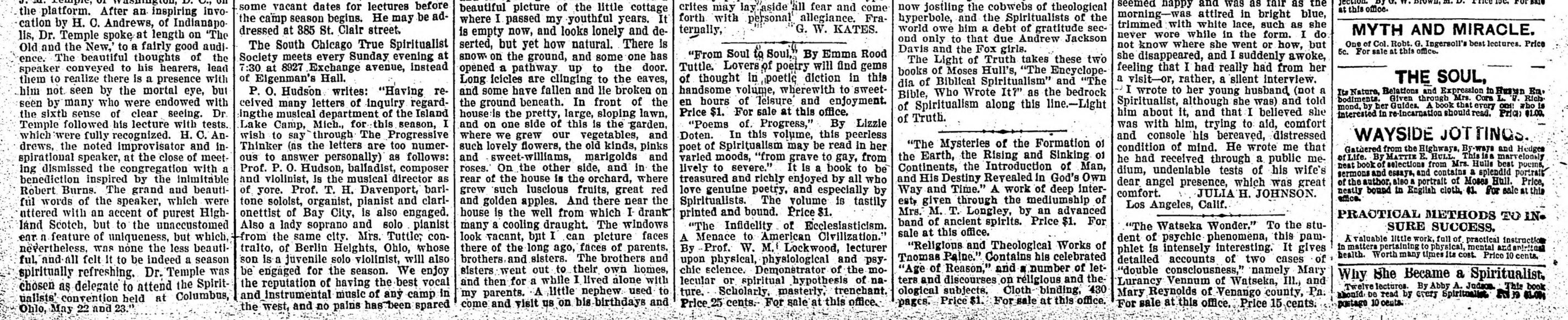
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CAMP MEETINGS

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### the grounds in good condition to receive picnics and the public in general. While that is being done, Mr. William Davis, the veteran boatman, whose friends are legion, is now at work painting the steamer and row boats and ere long they will be in tip-top shape for this season's use. The programmes for the season of 1900 are now in the hands of the printer and within a week will be ready or general distribution. Any one wish ing a Lake Brady program will please write Geo. N. Abbott, Lake Brady, via Kent, Ohio, or E. R. Kidd, Canton, Ohio. E. R. K.

Our Cause at Lynn, Mass. I would like to tell you something of the progress of Spiritualism in this city. About twelve years ago a number of friends used to go to some wooded spot on the outskirts and hold a social circle on every pleasant Sunday during the warm weather. From this little band has sprung our association, known as Camp Progress Association, known as Camp Progress Association. We have a large roofed pavilion with seats for about 900, a cook-house, tables to seat about a hundred, also roofed over. We meet and hold three services every Sun-day from June to the last of September, with read-mode form over a gud variant with good music from organ and voices. Miss Amanda Balley, who is widely known as a vocalist, has been with us until ill health has caused her removal from the State. Last season we had large audiences, frequently numbering three thousand people. This year we expect to have Miss Lizzle Harlow with us on our opening day, as she was present last year on the first Sunday. These open air meetings are productive of great good as many visit the grove who would not go to a hall. We have always the best of order at our meetings and that without the presence of an officer, and we have never had an arrest on our grounds in all the time we have held meetings. Our president, Mr. L. D. Milliken, is also president of the Spiritualist Association which meets in Cadet Hall, Lynn. Vice-president, Mr. N. H. Gardiner, of Salem; secretary, Mrs. N. H. Gardiner; treasurer, Mrs. H. O Merrill, Lynn. Our grove is located in Upper Swampscott, and Lynn and Salem electrics pass our entrance, each way every fifteen minutes, making it hope to make, if possible, our meeting even more interesting than in the past. MRS. H. O. MERRILL. Lynn, Mass. easily accessible from all points, and we

Inquiries are coming to this office already in relation to dates of Camp-meetings. All secretaries who have the best interest of their camps at heart will send at once the dates of opening and closing their respective camps, giving the name and address of the proper officers to whom applications can be made for programmes and



### It is in an Ohio Farm House.

The members of the family of James Miller, who live near Mount Eaton, O., are terror stricken at the appearance of the ghost of a woman, which, they say, paid them frequent visits lately and has acted in a most unaccountable manner. The uncanny visitor made its first ap pearance about a week ago, after all the members of the household except Mr. Miller had gone to bed. He remained up later than usual to take a good-night smoke before the fire. As he sat puffing sleepily he says he heard a strange noise behind him, as of some one sobbling. Turning about, he beheld the form of a woman, clothed in white, standing with bowed head and weeping oitterly. Mr. Miller started to his feet in surprise, as he had bolted all the doors leading to the house shortly before. The woman was a stranger to him,

and the manner of her entrance to the house was so mysterious that he asked her how she had got in. At this the figure in white looked up at him with tearful eyes and then walked slowly into the kitchen.

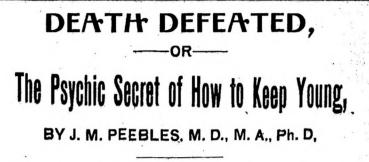
The dazed farmer followed wonderngly, and by the light that came from sitting-room he says he saw ghostly visitor place a skillet on the stove and begin to make preparations for a meal. She rattled the dishes in the cupboard and placed two plates on the table.

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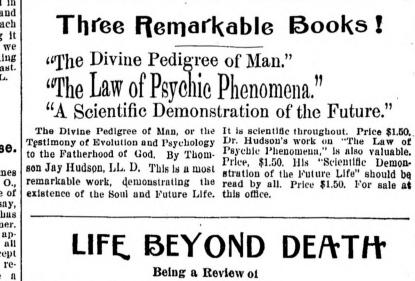
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This department is under the management of

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May 26, 1900.

Address him at Berlin, Heights, Ohio.

NOTE.-The Questions and Answers have called forth such a host of respondents, that to give all equal hear-ing compels the answers to be made in the most condensed form, and often clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this forced brevity. Proofs have to be omitted, and the style becomes thereby assertive, which of all things is to be deprecated. Correspondents often weary with waiting for the appearance of their questions and write letters of inquiry. The supply of matter is always several weeks ahead of the space given, and hence there is unavoidable delay. Every one has to wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal favor.

NOTICE—No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and ad-dress 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 avecasively large according by become excessively large, especially letters of inquiry requesting private an-swers, and while I freely give what-ever information I am able, the ordi-nary courtesy of correspondents is ex-pected. HUDSON TUTTLE.

H. Augir: Q. (1) How many are there who hold communion with the departed?

(2) What proportion of those who die in full belief in the Christian faith, retain that belief for any length of time after their transition?

A. Mediumship, in a greater or less degree is possessed by the larger por-tion of mankind, who unconsciously receive impressions from spirit sources. Accurate statistics would be impossible, but spirit intelligences claiming to know approximately have stated the number of pronounced believers in the world as exceeding three millions.

(2) All Christians retain their full belief, after death, and the time required for them to outgrow dogmatic training, is indeterminable, depending on their companionship and trend of thought. If they mingled constantly with those who believed in the church doctrines, ages might pass and yet they would be expecting to meet Christ, or go up to the light of the "great white throne."

Dogmatic training is not only a great misfortune in earthly life, it is a blight on the spirit.

Patient, Tallahassee: Q. You speak disparagingly of drugs, what can we use as a substitute?

A. The disparagement was more particularly applicable to the compounds of minerals, as it is far from proven that the system can directly assimilate. Only by their combinations in organ-ized substance is this made possible. Perhaps salt may be excepted, but it is a question yet unsettled if the food does not contain sufficiency of this substance to meet the requirements of digestion. There is no doubt, however, that its use as a condiment is greatly excessive and

an unnecessary strain thrown thereby on the excretory organs in freeing the system of its injurious presence.

Many of the vegetable remedies are concentrated from articles of food, such as asparagus, celery, etc., while others are the most virulent poisons known. The readiness of their absorption, contributes to their activity, and again the question arises. How can a drug that is polsonous—that is destructive to the processes of life—be beneficial in the lesser doses which the system is able to throw off? Morphine, atrophine, strych-nine and a host of other remedies relied on by physicians, paralyze the nerves, excite to spasmodic action, or strike directly at the centers of nervous force. As a last resort their use may be beneficial-although this has not been dem onstrated

further inferred that the science of medicine, must completely change front and base by admission of these funda-mental facts. The old idea that there is a drug, a panacea for every ill, or that mineral poisons mingled in the system can destroy disease, as an alkali, neutralizes an acid; or that diseased organs can be restored thereby, belongs to the age of leeches, blisters, blood-let-ting, purging and vomiting, which in the last generation made the name of doctor synonymous with death.

And yet there is a great work ahead to educate the people, who ignorantly believe that whatever he help allings, the doctors have remedies that if rightly chosen will cure. This ignor-ance is the harvest field of patent medicines, of which it may be maintained with absolute certainty that all the money expended therefor is as utterly wasted as through thrown into the fire, even more, they are one and all a damage instead of benefit.

H. Fuller, M. D.: It would be as well to refer spiritual manifestations to water, air, or heat as to electricity and magnetism. As in hypnotism, the laws on which it depends are the same.as those governing the control by spirits of mediums, and hence it is illustrative of psychic manifestations. It, however, does not explain the least of the physi

The exercise of mediumship carried too far is injurious, because it rapidly depletes the vital energy. When not ex-ercised until followed by exhaustion, the health will improve, rather than be impaired impaired.

Fred G. Ware: Q. While an inmate of the Soldiers' Home in California, I became acquainted with Mr. W. G. Wheeler, who was a medium and clair-yoyant. One evening as we came from supper, we met a Mr. Johnson, to whom Mr. Wheeler said, "I have just had a communication from the Rev. Dr. Watson, of Memphis, Tenn., saying that he had passed from this life." About a week after, when The Progressive Thinker came we received our first knowledge of the departure of Mr. Watson. Taking into consideration the difother necessary information. ference in time between Memphis and San Francisco, the communication was made within a few minutes of the time Dr. Watson left his mortal body. This has been a wonderful occurrence to me, and I would like to know if others have

had similar experiences. A. The fact is interesting as connected with the death of that noble man, the Rev. Watson, but volumes of similar occurrences might be readily collected, and form a cumulative dem

onstration of the continuance of life after the death of the body.

"Folk Lore," Galveston, Texas: Q. As all sayings must have had a beginning, can you tell us the origin of "Nine tailors make.a man?"

A. The study of the origin of these ancient sayings is of great interest and the disclosures made are often wonderful. In the old days in England, before the age of newspapers, various expedi-ents were employed to spread the news. Thus tolling the church bell for a death, and this still further refined to distin guish a man from a woman or a child. Three strokes three times repeated gave the message that it was a man; and three times two, a woman. For a child, twice three for a boy, and twice two for

a girl. These strokes were called tell-ers, and hence it was said "Nine tell-lers mark a man," which was changed into the senseless saying of "Nine tailors," etc.

### Camp Cassadaga.

The management of beautiful Lily Dale are preparing for a great time this coming season, every one seems to be entering into the spirit of making everything attractive for the prospective visitors, and by the way things are looking and the number of visitors already on the grounds this promises to be a ban-

ner season for this place. Visitors are arriving on every train, cottages are being opened, painters and

twelfth annual session, commencing July 22, and ending September 2. Good speakers and mediums will be present and a grand, good time is anticipated. All are cordially invited to visit during

Arkansas Valley Camp. The Arkansas Valley Spiritual Asso-ciation will hold its 7th annual camp-

Ransas, commencing July 7, and ending July 17, 1900. A cordial invitation is extended to all mediums and the right hand of fellow-ship to the entire human family to be with us. CHAS. O. BETHEL. CHAS. O. BETHEL. Winfield, Kans. Asst: Sec'y.

Lake Pleasant Camp, Mass. This camp opens July 29. The circu-

lars are now ready and can be had upon application. In writing for them please enclose stamp for return postage. Address Albert P. Blinn, Clerk, 603 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

Columbus Camp, O. The first annual camp-meeting of the

discharge these duties. A feature of the accasion will be the presence of the Northwestern Band, whose excellent music at previous camps was enjoyed by all present.

It is expected that all the mediums will be present. Altogether the camp this year will be one of the most inter-esting and successful in the history of

ing forward to it as a preasant and pre-itable outing. The Grand Hotel has been refitted and refurnished throughout, and will be under the management of Mr. F. E. Cooke, who has won golden opinions from the public as a skilled caterer. Write to the secretary, A. E. Gaston, Meadville, Pa., for further information.

**Onset Camp-Meeting.** 

ust 26, 1900.

mediums:

This favorite place of resort offers an attractive programme the coming season. The camp opens July 13 and closes August 26. The following list of speakers have been engaged: Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, J. Clegg Wright, Rev. Moses Hull, Lyman C. Howe, C. W.

Stewart, Rev. Morgan Wood, Rev. Dr. Austin, Cora L. V. Richmond, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Rev. Anna L. Shaw, Hon. Dr. Montague (M. P., Hamilton, Ontario), J. C. F. Grumbine, Anna L.

Cassadaga Camp, N. Y.

Gillespie. Mr. G. H. Brooks, of Wheaton, Ill., who has acted as chairman so accepta-bly for a number of years, will again

Cassadaga, and already many are look-ing forward to it as a pleasant and prof-

Commences July 15, and closes Au-

Onset is located fifty miles from Boston on the Cape Cod division of the N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R., over which exress trains are run daily to this resort. Steamers of New Bedford Steamboat Company make regular trips from New Bedford to Onset. They also make fre-

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camp our beautiful and restful "Maple Dell." The circulars are now ready and can be had upon application. In writing for them please enclose stamp for return postage. Address Lucy King, corresponding secretary, Mantua, Ohio.

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Camp

Bankson Lake. Mich.

Food is nature's panacea for all ills. The body is built up out of food, water, and air, by the rays of the sun. Keep all these balanced and in purity and perfect health is the result. Then there is a state of health which is immune against all forms of disease, even the most contagious.

Of these four elements of health, the food is of first consideration, as its selection, now that the primitive guiding instincts have been obscured by artificial tastes, is by desire and not the requirements of health.

Flesh in its various forms is the prin cipal reliance, and vegetables are only accessories. Flesh of healthy animals of itself may not be objectionable. It is almost perfectly assimilable, but contains no principle that acts on the secreting and excreting organs, which for animals of mixed diet, as man, is essential. Hence it is that a flesh diet, loads the system with waste matter, uric acid and its compounds, by which rheumatism, gout and fevers are the speedy consequence. When waste is retained it becomes the prolific soil of the swarms of microles feeding on this decayed matter, and thus gaining en-trance, attack the blood and healthy tis-

The great variety of vegetables and fruits furnish correctives, and may be regarded as nature's medicines, com pounded in her wondrous laboratory for the purpose of not only curing dis ease, but preventing it by keeping the body free from impurities.

If the liver and kidneys are torpid, tomatoes, turnips, asparagus are prefererable to calomel or protopholine. For nervous restlessness, coughs, colds, liver complaint and scurvy, onions surpass morphine. Lettuce is a cure for insomnia. The blood may be supplied with iron by spinach and pears, and gravel has been cured by onlons and spinach, after all other remedies had failed. As a diuretic nothing is as beneficial as asparagus. Asthma is relieved by car rots. For fevers lemons, cranberries and acid fruits are the best food and medicine. Constipation readily yields to fruits, especially grapes, and dlar-rhea to raspberries, blackberries or their cordials. Celery is of general benefit and sedative.

The apple supplies phosphates to the brain, assists the kidneys and liver, pre-vents gravel and relieves dyspepsia. Tea, coffee and cocoa are nerve stimu-lants, and prevent waste. Study care-fully the needs of the system, and make the bill of fare accordingly, so as to take all medicines as food. Pure water i the best stimulant. Pure air and all the sunshine that can be taken are the other factors, but not considered in this

reply. It will be correctly inferred that the active remedial principles contained in the varieties of foods, or similar prin-ciples which are found in plants not used for food, may be extracted and administered in more concentrated form, and thus the mistakes in choosing the right articles of diet be temporarily 1910." By Yarmo Vedra. For sale at 25 cents. Big Bible Stories, cloth 50 and more quickly overcome. It will be this office. Price, \$1.50.

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and many improvements are taking place all over the grounds. The Grand Hotel will soon be opened, The Leolyn Hotel on the outside of the grounds, will open June 1. The South Park is open with quite a number of visitors on its register. All the hotels have had

great improvements on them. The philosophy will be represented by a very able body of lecturers and teach-ers. Mr. Moses Hull, that renowned lecturer and scholar, ably assisted by his wife and a corps of able teachers, open their Spiritualistic Training School on the Lily Dale camp-grounds, the session commencing May 14, clos-ing July 13. The object of the school is to train its students for thinking, writing, public speaking and medlumship. The school should meet with the suc-cess it deserves, and a very interesting

circular is published, giving details of the work. Parties interested should

send to Moses Hull, Lily Dale, N. Y., for circular. Many are arriving daily to ioin these classes There will be all phases of the phe-

nomena represented for the Spiritualists and investigators to choose from, many of the finest psychics from the north, cast, south and west have already rented cottages for the approaching season, representing materialization, etherealization, transfiguration, etc., slate-writers, spirit artists, clairvoy-

ance, business mediums, healers, doc tors, palmists, spirit photographers, trumpet mediums and various others. Taking all in all, what with our

teachers in Philosophy and our demonstrators of the phenomena, it should in-sure a big season for glorious Lily Dale. I should also mention that this place is becoming famous as a health resort, why should it not? for we have the finest drinking water, invigorating pine groves, natural lakes and situated 800

feet above Lake Erie, and last though not least are the pleasant drives surrounding this locality, in fact we have

In conclusion I would say many fine souvenirs and programmes are being printed for the season's work; any per son wishing one should send address, name and 2-cent stamp for postage to us and we will take great pleasure in ending such souvenir and programme CAMPBELL BROTHERS.

Lily Dale, N. Y.

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Chesterfield Camp, Ind.

for July 15, 17, 19, 22, 24 and 26. This The camp-meeting of the Indiana As-sociation of Spiritualists will open at Chesterfield, Ind., July 19, and close will be Dr. Schlesinger's first visit to the East. Mrs. Minnie M. Soule, of Somerville,

August 26, 1900. The following speakers in order as named will be present: Carrie E. S. Twing, Moses Hull, Mrs. T. C. Nutt-Moore, A. E. Tisdale, Anna L. Gillespie, Swami Abhedananda, Oscar A. Edgerly, J. Clegg Wright and C. L. Ainsworth

For programmes and further information address Flora Hardin, secretary, Anderson, Indiana.

New Era Camp, Oregon.

The seventeenth annual camp-meet-ing of Vicksburg, Mich., will be held in Fraser's Grove, commencing August 3, and closing August 26, 1900. The camp ground is a beautiful oak grove situ-The pioneer Spiritualist camp-meeting ated one-half mile from Vicksburg, on

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of the Northwest is that of New Era, Oregon. Its next annual gathering will be held beginning June 23 and ending July 16, thus including Surface and ending accommodations at very reasonable July 16, thus including four Sundays. Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, of Chi-prices at grove and town. Carriages cago, will adorn the platform as test will run from the depot to the campmedium and lecturer. Her work is well ground day and evening for 10 cents, known, and she is held in general es-baggage carried for 15 cents. Speakknown, and she is held in general es-teem as a genuine medium. After an absence from Oregon of several years, she will be gladly welcomed to her for mer home by numerous friends. Full particulars may be had by addressing Mr. E. W. Penman, Canby, Oregon, who is secretary, or Mrs. Kate Oregon, the vice-president. Delphos Camp. The twenty-second annual camp-meeting of the First Society of State

Lake Brady.

meeting of the First Society of State Mrs. May Cecil Lincoln, of Buffalo, N. Y., will teach classes in Secult science the last week of camp. Mrs. Lincoln is well versed upon her subject and is a woman of advanced thought. Spiritualists and Liberals will be held at Delphos, Kans., from August 10 to August 26 inclusive. It is the intention to have this meeting the best of any in

the history of the association. Among the speakers already engaged are Will C. Hodge, Chicago; Rev. Mrs. Maybe, Topeka, Kans; Rev. Mrs. Hinsdale, Fort Worth, Texas, and Hon. C. B. Miss Cora Fuller has been engaged for the entire senson. the entire senson. Mr. Joseph King, materializing medi-um, of Pipestone, Mich., will be with Fort Worth, Texas, and Hon. C. B. Hoffman, Enterprise, Kans. A number us for the season, 1.1

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cents.

eached the ears of Mrs. M reached the ears of Mrs. shifts was yet awake up stairs, and she called down to her husband to learn what was the matter. At the sound of her voice the woman in white slowly Speakers: Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, Prof. W. F. Peck, Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes, Dr. Lewis G. Janes, M. A., faded away.

Mr. Miller immediately aroused Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Dr. N. F. Ravthe members of the family and told them what he had seen. They believed e had been dreaming until he showed them the skillet which still stood on the stove. There were no plates on the table, but the white cloth had been un-Fannie Allyn, Mrs. Ursula N. Geste-feld, Rev. B. F. Austin, Mrs. Cora L. V. folded and spread at haphazard. All

Richmond, Miss Susje C. Clark, H. D. Barrett, Rev. F. A. Wiggin, Mrs. Mary the doors of the house were locked, and a thorough search in the vicinity failed to reveal the whereabouts of the visitor. The management takes great pleasure The second night after the incident, which was yet unexplained, Andrew Miller, the farmer's son, aged abount 23 years, who had been to the village for Dr. Louis Schlesinger, of California, he mail, arrived home after the rest of the family had retired. As he entered the house, he says, the form of a wo-man stole in after him and stood, with drooping head, before the fire. The Mass., for August 5, 7, and 10. Rev. F. A. Wiggin, of Boston. Mass., August 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24 and 26. roung man thought at once of the ghost his father claimed to have seen and deermined to investigate. For further particulars, address Sec-

He accordingly advanced boldly to ward the woman in white and laid his hand on her. As he did so she seemed to elude him, and, turning about, he saw her standing in the same drooping posture several feet distant. Another effort to capture her was as futile as the first, and, bent on solving the mystery, he entered an adjoining room, and rocuring a loaded shotgun, returned. The figure was still standing before the fire, and taking deliberate aim, he fired. Simultaneously with the report of the weapon came an awful shrick, and as he smoke cleared away all trace of the ghost had vanished, but the old clock Не зауз: which had stood in the corner was shat-tered by the load of shot which had passed through its case. The shot frightened the members of the family, who had retired, and when the son told them his story of the ghost they were mystified more than ever. The Millers are just now worked up to such a nervous tension that they are afraid to re ire at night, and have announced their ntention of moving.

The appearance of the ghost in the house has revived a long forgotten tale that many years ago an old bachelor who lived there at that time was al-leged to have killed a young girl who worked for him. Many are of the bellef that the ghost is her returned spirit. The affair has caused much gossip among the neighbors, who have made up watching parties and wait every night within the Miller home for the reappearance of the ghost.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

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