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The Gondition in Spirit Life of Little Children, and Their Growth to Maturity.

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mansions; I go to prepare a place for ark of rushes, reeds or canes and

the kingdom of heaven.

there are only a certain number destined to reach perfect growth, The floriculturist prunes his rose-trees that there may not be over-blossoming; and all the fruitage of the earth, in its highest cultivation, is produced under similar processes of pruning.

... Nature is prodigal, but is also kind, orphaned, if they stood upon the earth, and while a nation like the Chinese is of the lives of those in penury, want, liable to become over-crowded for a while in being separated from the rest | You take up any paper at this time of of mankind the majority of the human | the year and you will read of benevorace need not fear over-population, although it has been a serious subject of | who are engaged in works of charity, discussion. There are natural cataclysms that sweep away the superabundance of the human race, and, until human beings are better trained and | by any body on earth. In order to more generous, there will be pestilence, famine and floods and every kind of | der to give every one full opportunity seeming disasters to take away the to express their thought of charity, besurplus population. It is beneficent | nevolent institutions have been erected that it should be so. Still at the pres- called orphan asylums. Then there ent time the earth probably could sup- are other institutions of charity, and port a very much larger number of every church society has its especial line people. But the impetus to life must be accounted as having an ultimate purpose and, if it is true, as we maintain, that only a certain number of souls can find ex-pression on a given planet, then of course everything must be arranged with the view to the ultimate as well as to the intermediate con-

human life, these little ones are loaned to the household and many of them pass out in infancy, or in early childhood, or before they reach youth or I from the standpoint of spirit life and maidenhood, or before they reach ma- of the true spirit of humanity, that inturity. So it has been the great study of many scientists, how to prevent children from dying. Just as it has been the great study with a great many people, who ought to have done something better, to prevent grown-up people from dying. You are aware that the "elixir of life," the "fountain of perpetual youth," which was the dream of Americus Vespucius and many others, has, in a measure, been in the minds of nearly every great philosopher and every great sect for all ages, who have sought to perpetuate the individual human existence upon the earth.

The majority of people say: "Oh, we do not mind when those who are aged pass on; it seems most suitable that tions of imperfect growth.

conditions and the fact that the percentage is so small of those who reach with similar conditions in nature, which analogy holds good, but that there is specific intention and purpose. not so great a tendency to genesis. But in all instances the lives that come into they cease to exist upon the earth do you think they have no place in the be-

preceding matter makes all the differ- for those who come out of the earthly ence in the world in the view of this state leaving their mothers here, minquestion. If these "little ones" have lister to them and teach them to minisno spirits, then, of course, they pass | ter to their parents. What a beautiful back to the dust; and the materialist | thing it would be, as said in a previous might complain that they do not grow | discourse, and as is often said by up, because all the materialist knows | Oulna, if you could care for the children of life is that which is manifest in one here whose parents are not in human human existence here. But if it is true, life or who do not recognize their duthat spirit precedes the body, as it must | ties as your children are cared for in in order that there shall be a body; if spirit life. There would be no orphans be satisfied under those circumstances. it is true, that every little life, even ev- and no need for orphan asylums. Ev- Her physician was called, for her ery life that does not see the light of ery home would have its percentage of health had failed. He was a Spiritualday reaps a spirit existence, then much | children and there would be joy and | ist; he carefully commenced to talk to of the grief, much of the deep sorrow. passes with reference to children going on to spirit life. With all their usual terror of death it is a remarkable-fact, that in the Romish church the children, if properly baptised, are considered better off in the other world than here because they are safe, they are not sub-

ject to temptation. into the Ganges, which is that its life | chains and read story books, that, may be saved unto Brahma. But the true story is this: It is not the living babe the mother so sacrifices, but you are aware, that there is in that country no interment, but there is crema- life is valuable life, and that state of tion, which of course, is perfectly existence is a state where the child life proper as a sanitary measure. The is needed; it is the next step, and it is poor, however, are not always able to presumptuous to suppose that all chil- ling that is there. It is a sweet little ticular life has something to do there. The mother's is the ideal state of love; were created to conserve the purity of afford the price and the expense of the dren are needed here and all people poem that you all remember, where the We do not say, the you, or another, or institutions never foster love, they are the church are turned over to those . "A Few Words About the Devil and

"In my Father's house there are many | a native woman makes a light raft or twines it around with flowers for the "See that you harm not one of these | needed decoration, then puts the little little ones, for their angels do always | body upon this and allows it to float behold the face of the Father which is out on the river to the sea to be cared for by the gods. It is a most pathetic "Suffer little children to come unto and interesting scene. A soft chant acme and forbid them not, for of such is | companies this kind of burial, when unto the river-god the mother bestows It is estimated that scarcely one-fifth | the child that cannot be given the too of the human family reach maturity, expensive rites and ceremonies of the perhaps the real percentage is even Brahmin or Buddhistic sepulture. less. Most of these pass away either in This is, in fact, what she belies: That infancy or childhood. We know that the kind river god and the spirits of the you are obliged to say, either that that would not permit her to speak of the when the apple orchards are all adrift waters will take care of her darling child is blotted out of existence or that visions she saw, telling her that she blossoms probably will ever reach frui- incantations and sacrifices in the usual opens up a great chapter of human ex- | see the visions. Of course, out of mer- | requirements. A child can read your tion. Still nature is prodigal of her flames. Perhaps something of this blossoming and gives abundant fruit- kind is true of every mother heart; she age for the season. We know that of trusts her darling, wherever it has all the buds that come forth in nature | gone, to Infinite love. She knows that | somehow and somewhere if she loves her child it will be hers.

But you must think of the great num-

ber of loveless lives, of the great number of children who are not the acknowledged children of any one, of the great number of those who would be crime and misery in the crowded cities. lent societies and institutions, of those who feed and clothe and give especial dinners to thousands and thousands of children who are not owned or claimed the name must never be mentioned, ease the human conscience, and in orof work in this direction. In fact the institutional work of civilized Christian countries in reference to those unfortunate, those who are poor, those who | When that little gird died the mother are maimed, those who are blind or crippled in any way are in excess of all other works put together. That which should be done by the state is left to the charity of individuals, because individ-As you find yourselves, however, in junis have the privilege of amassing wealth. Whatever may be said in favor of charitable institutions, and there is much that can be said, we say stitutional charity is a compromise; that institutional charity is a substitute for the real love and beneficence of the

You leave money to do that which you should do from affection, and interest in the welfare of earth's children. many noble lives are imbued with this of affection. She knew that if that kind of work, and they carry it for | child lived, and she believed that it ward from love of the work, and of | did, she would meet her in the next course in such instances it is product- life. It was the first step in that open ive of the flowering out of the highest | doorway of future life. That night she human philanthropy. But as a rule the | was rewarded with a lovely vision. Her endowment is simply certain conscience | little girl came to her, pressed her brow money given out of the surplus wealth. | and lips and said, "Mamma, I am with new the life, however small the begin- friends, and this is such a beautiful ning, that which the life was intended world into which I have entered." See they should pass on with their ripened to express will be expressed. If the what an open doorway came to that years and earthly experience; or even | babe passes out before the earthly state | woman, first through grief and then in middle age, but it seems cruel and has even been seen there is still a spir- through the shock given her by that unkind that little children should pass | itual existence, and although that spirit | minister's words at the funeral services on, should suffer and die." Some peo- existence is not fruitful in the direc- of her child. Had that child been bapple find great rebellion rising up in | tion of earthly experience it bears its | tised in the usual way she would probtheir hearts when their children pass | blessing to the household as a spiritual | ably have walked out of that church away. They consider it an especial act | benefaction. Many human parents, of cruelty that their children should many human mothers, and we must pass on. Of course these are all condi- say it here and now, will find their unborn babes as ready to meet them as We consider that the great supera- those that have had material breath; bundance of family life under certain even although their own lives were such as is the result of the ignorance of natural law and of higher ethics of life. maturity are, not only synonymous Do not believe your physician when he tells you that there is no life in the unborn babe. Every beginning of life has a spirit and those spirits are yours to In certain states of human existence | meet you and to minister to you when procreation is, of course, abundanf; in the time shall come. Meanwhile the other states, where the mental and oth- darlings of your household, those whom er faculties are more employed there is | you could not spare when they nursed and drew the breath of life from you. those who were with you an hour, or a existence have especial places. When day, or a month, or a year, or five

years, or ten years, or sixteen years, these also await your coming. In spirit states such mothers as have Spirit existence being true, and spirit | left their darlings here on earth care gladness in every household.

Of course these children cannot take | spirit daughter, about the possibility of up the thread and burden of human having a communication from her. life as they might have done here, but | One of our popular test mediums: we they take up the thread of life that is | think, Mr. Emerson, was passing assigned them—one equally valuable. through the city at that time; she went Do not think because they pass away to see him and she received a message before these boys can learn to toss and | had been instantly resfored; her feet | There is a story prevalent about the tumble one another about, and these lit-Hindoo woman who plunges her babe the girls can learn to weave daisy child lived from that time forward. therefore, they are not taught in useful ways. It is a great mistake to suppose that children are not wanted in the spirit world just as much as here Child

dren in spirit life as here.

the clothes and playthings had been used up and broken, if you did not put them away carefully in memory of More than thirty years ago your presthe minor notes in music, that one nause in life when the little form is hushed to rest and when, like a waxen or marble image it is laid away in the casket, when the children come in bringing flowers, when you are obliged to explain to them, and to know something to tell the other children, when nature opens a new chapter to you and way, unless it is the child life that goes Oh! there is great instruction in an toys and playthings that will not play themselves, and great instruction in that mother-love that crowds back her own grief in order that she may teach these other little darlings whatever has come to her of knowledge concerning the other life. If there has nothing come to her, God pity her and them. If the gap closes with a heavy thud, like the sound of the earth on the coffin lid and there is always an ache in her heart, and the little children do not understand when the sister or brother is spoken of why they are hushed, why

We knew one lady whose little girl at the age of nine was a beautiful and promising child; she had her toys dolls and playthings, and companions just like other little girls. She was an unusual child in disposition, sweet, loving and kind. The mother was a communicant in the church, we think the Episcopal church, but owing to a difference of religion on the part of the father the child had not been baptised. naturally wished her own minister to speak at the funeral services. To her great horror and amazement, the minster cast a shadow of doubt on the salvation of the little girl because she had not been baptised in the church. With her knowledge of the nature of her child with her idea of that little child she felt the indignation of the mother hear rise to sustain her in that hour. When she walked out of that church she walked out never to return. Since, if her child, never having done anything wrong could not be in heaven, she did not wish to be saved. Death was the great instructor in that case; for it took her out of her bondage of form and ceremony into the light of the religion In spirit states it is not so. However | grandpa and grandma and all our with consciousness that somewhere, away off in some distant, unknown place she would meet her child, but the

child would not have been here. We knew another mother-whatever the fathers' experience perhaps their feelings are more controlled-whose beautiful daughter, her only child, passed away. She, also, had the faith of the church, we think the Presbyterian, or the Congregationalist. She just as much believed that her faith would sustain her in such an hour as she believed the sun shone, but when the time came and her child was dead and the body beside her she felt the faith leaving her; just as you have felt the sand, on the re-action of the incoming tide of the sea, leave your feet. She was bewildered, she was shocked. With all the effort of her nature she strove to rally. She appealed to her clergyman, who preached the usual kind of sermon and gave such comfort as clergymen do give, but it all seemed to convey no meaning to her. She was well nigh on the verge of insanity, although of unusually strong mind. She would not accept any such result, she had fully believed that her faith and confidence in the Savior would be ample to take her through any trial, but she found it not so, that she could not her about the other world, about her Without denying any of the gracious acts and gifts that had come to her in the past; she felt certain of the companionship of her child.

Now even in the homes where this of disposition of the dead; so sometimes there more. The truth is, that the be asks how many children there are has; but that life has, it is in keeping barbarism of letting the unfortunate we are bound to concede that the Paper, 50 cents. For sale at this office.

as necessary that there shall be chil- household the links had not been severed; in that household there was uni-If you retained all of your children, if ty; and the religion that could exalt there were not one vacant chair, if all them beyond the deserted clay into the the clothes and playthings had been companionship of the skies was a suc-

some little life that was taken out of ent speaker knew a little girl whose your midst, if all your children grew up | mother was very orthodox, a strict con- have been under other circumstances in the usual routine of your home ex- formist to all the ceremonials of the more perfect, becomes unfolded there istence, how much thought would you church. The little girl visited a friend in its perfection. Those blossoms that give to the next step of life, to this where your speaker was staying and pass from earthly life seemingly before world of which we are talking? Of they became very much attached to each expansion find expression in the spirit course when the aged went on you other. Nothing was ever said about states, and possibly more congenial would think of them in their new- spirits or spirit life, but the love of the found conditions, but you would say: child and the one standing before you "Oh, they have arrived at the age when | for each other was marvelous. The litit is suitable to pass on," and the grow- | the girl saw spirits, and she would say | know, that having passed, that life is ing children would occupy all your to her mother: "Mamma, I saw my littime, thought and attention. But like | the brother last night and he told me a great many things." The mother was displeased, and instead of encouraging these gifts she spoke harshly to the child. But the visions went on, and every time she would tell her mother that she had seen her little brother the mother would punish her. She was a fair, delicate, fragile child, endowed with the gift of seeing, still the mother that never can be learned in any other taken away, and the senses overlaid them with that which was permissible out of your midst, out of your hearts. In the mother's religion, Of course the mother was sincere; the mother heart empty cradle, great instruction in the | could not have possibly brought itself to nunish the child if she had not been. But when the Great Awakener comes, when the final revealment shows to her that the little boy was visiting his sister daily and trying to make her, also, understand his presence, how great will

We only tell you these instances that you may know what a light you have entered into, how these vacant places have been filled, how your lives have expanded to include another realm, and to know that these children are cared for and trained according to their spiritual needs in the realm they have entered, that you need not feel that they are lonely and unaccompanied. All this should be a great comfort to your hearts. Neither are you to feel that they forget you. But, fathers, as you would not take your earthly daughters to every place that you visit, as you would not take them into the knowledge of all the thoughts that you have, your spirit children to you wherever you are, and that if you would have their presence and their care you must do something with those thoughts that We have been speaking of, something with your conditions of mind and your conditions of life that will make it possible for your spirit children to be with you wherever you'are and whatever you are thinking of; and if they are trained as messengers, or made messengers and guardinas to bear the message of life and love to other children on earth who are less fortunate than they, it is such a comfort to know that their human parents think of them in their work and in their knowledge. For the knowledge gained in spirit is to minister to those in need; to give of what is received; and if there is a tendency in any direction, in science or art, to assist those who are engaged in that work. As the young man who spoke through this organism one Sunday evening, said, he found his mission was in ministering to their little brothers and sisters when they would be tempted to any unkind word or deed of vho do not understand, and in helping life impinges upon this human state all

the time. These children are not satisfied to go away into their beautiful homes, and surround themselves with the joys and blossomings of spirit life unless they minister to those who have not such blossomings. So when the burdens of life in your daily toil are suddenly lifted and you say, "I feel better now than I did yesteraay," over some trial you have had to bear; or when suddenly in the midst of the clouds there seems a ray of sunshine to pierce through, no doubt it is your darlings or somebody's darlings come to minister unto you. There are kind motherspirits in these spiritual spheres who instruct these, your children, in the ways of ministering, and make them messengers of light unto your earth. And they wish that you who have no earthly children left would, also, take charge of some of the little ones here who have no earthly parents, their parents in spirit life may be ministering to your spirit children, and that you, also, assist those who have no homes to find homes with those who have no darlings

of their own. We know of those on earth who have no children who, nevertheless, are more true parents than those who are parents in the mortal form, because they minister to, feach and fill their houses with children.

The spirit states contain every provision for such as go there in early age You say, "What a pity that this young man or young woman should go who is just entering upon human life." Ah! if the vell could be thrown aside; we think you would then say, "how wonbefore they can go to human schools, from her child. It was as though she derful that that young life was taken to do a greater and higher work, to fulwere upon solid ground; she knew her fill a loftier and more perfect, mission." "This young man just entering into the off." Do not believe it. When the doubts ediffering institutional chargreat Master of tilings promotes a ity." Think of this, from a church youth, or maiden, or child to the next light, from one who had graduated in in bondage to ungodly men of wealth, knowledge does not come with such state of existence before the full fru- the schools of charitable institutions: positive splendor there is the hope, Ition of three score years and ten, or "We are beginning to have our doubts." there is still the thought of the one dar. | four score years, it is because that par- |. Let us learn these lessons of the skies: | chinery. Thus, the functionaries that | carefully our premium announcement.

stead of having more growth in the human form; having work to do there, having ministrations to perform, having something to fulfill not included,

possibly, in your present knowledge. Now, this being true, the fruition of life comes there as here, though not in the same way. This bud, that would surroundings than here. You cannot hypothecate what the life would have been had it stayed here; but you can not a failure, not abortive, has not been in vain and finds ample expansion and exercise for its powers. "Do they have to learn," you ask

"earthly things, as they do here

through coming in contact with earthly

existence?" We answer: They do not have to learn of earthly things in that state; they learn of spiritual things. Their purpose and mission is to learn spiritual things and impart it to those who have not the knowledge that they have. There is necessarily some conistence that never would be learned, cy to the child the visions had to be | thoughts quite readily, even here, and discern what is passing beneath the surface, and when the body is removed the child can understand your needs. You may take an intuitive child in earth-life and however much the mamma may hide her tears and turn away when she is in grief this child understands that something is the matter with mamma. If not very intuitive, the child speaks about it, if very intui-'tive the child tries silently to comfort the mamma in every possible way. Remove the barriers of time and sense and that child is still nearer striving to put balm into the mother's heart; to comfort his mind when papa is worried about business and comes home weary and care-worn. Is not the child's spirit just the same as when in the earthly form with all the rest of the children? Is not that child climbing upon his knee and patting his head and giving him comfort? Oh, in this expansion of your home; oh, in this including of the larger realm, in this admitting of the day-light of spirit existence condescend so much as to think, what will be done with these darlings in spirit as what It will do to you to uplift and strengthremember as Spiritualists, you invite en your human state. Make sure and glad this strong and wonderful boast of belief in spirit existence; and you need have no doubt that in any line of instruction or teaching adapted to their state and that which they need there is ample provision, and teachers, guardians and friends according to the law of adaptation. Not as there are teachers here, who understand one child here, but does not understand another; no great mill of human learning in which every child is put as into some hopper and expected to be ground out in the same way. Because with all the free schools, which are a great benefaction, in the human state there is still the especial need of every child which cannot be considered in the great bustle and whirl of this human world. The mother knows the difference between her children; she knows the difference in temperament and the different requirements; though she loves them all alike she understands that they are different. The wise teacher to help those young men who were en- also understands it. But in the earth's that make for human weal in this life. gaged where their difficulties were states and in the spirit states there is a over their ledgers, and who might be vast difference; in the latter every tempted in some way, so these children | child has teaching according to the find ample occupation in ministering to | need, according to adaptation; but in | ble and high-minded men and women all the waifs in the crowded cities and | the competitive systems of earth the | are standing studiously aloof from the strongest is foremost, wins the prizes and the praises, and those who are less favored are left behind. The human wrong to another; or in ministering to | carrying out the false idea of what is their fathers or mothers, or some oth- | called "natural selection;" while in the er fathers or mothers who are lonely, spiritual selection there is what you it takes a thousand church members to denominate moral hospitals for the to take their darlings near where they weak, asylums for those who need can minister also. For this great other | them, raised letters for the blind, the | in it." application of superficial and artificial means of hearing for the deaf, every method by which you can assist the a very lucrative one, a commodity of ness. In business and in work of your world the weak are trodden under foot. Theology has a good deal to do with one to conjure with. Membership in this. The great moral revolution of the church is used as floating capital this age is to assist those who are not able to help themselves: if they are weak physically supplement their weakness. In your system of training,

of competitive examination the weak are left behind. being according to the law of adaptation. When at last your colleges and universities shall become real instituspirit and the skies, there will be adap-

all systems. This knowledge, this higher training is percolating through the minds of teachers of public schools and institu- | that cesspool? Little or nothing. On tions are becoming pervaded by it. In one of those wonderful congresses of her tacit approval on such religious that assembled during the world's ex- acrobatics and calls it Christianity. prime of his early youth," you say, position a great church philanthropist | She too often shares in the profits of "what a pity, all his hopes in life cut said: "We are beginning to have our the sinner and then demands that the

starve and die, and the higher state fittest for membership in the church the true language of the skies and the heaven. How long will the people's parents of earth the true ministration faith in the church and what it should

SAD REFLECTIONS.

The Condition of Orthodox Churches in America.

Spiritualists are charged with falsehood and unfair dealing against the churches, which needs proof to make it good. The truth is worse than we have expressed it. Some of their own great leaders paint the churches in stronger colors than Spiritualists have done. Let them tell their own tale, and we will hear it. I will quote from one of their own fraternity and give the following brief extract from an essay by Rev. W. A. Evans, of Malden, Mass. This we regard as high authority, which shows the status of orthodox churches in America and makes pages of true history. The essay from which | they have rebuked. This they do for Arena, Vol. 14, No. 71, page 228. I have and preserve their self-respect. But

"Evangelical Christianity, born in the German Reformation, has already so far apostatized that another reformation is needed to fit the church for the work of the present century. Cold formalism, ornate with pomp and ceremony, makes the church of the present day, to a very large degree, a valley of dry bones greater than that which Ezekiel saw, and as sorely in need of a divine afflatus to give it life. Social discontent, born of pinching poverty on the one hand, riotous riches on the other, gambling, intemperance, commercial dishonor, political corruption, and the whole pestiferous brood of evils which prey upon the nation and threaten its peace, if not its perpetuity as a free republic-they all find their coveted opportunity in the worldly

the spiritual apathy of the church. "The only power in the church that is worthy of the name is spiritual power the power that comes of being right and doing right. The church has waxed, religion has waned; quantity has been

ideals, the grasping covetousness, the

denominational pride, the sectarian

selfishness, the moral cowardice and

attained, but quality lost. "No careful observer of men and events, as reflected in the religious press, can fall to see that the relative hower of the church over the masses for public and personal righteousness in this nation, has most signally and sadly failed to keep pace with the increase of communicants. Crime goes on increasing faster than the increase of

"What means this dying out of hundreds of country churches on the one hand, so that many districts once the radiating centers of Christianizing in- the meager returns for the enormous fluences have become the fields for mis- outlay of money and effort; in the sionary operations; and on the other, widespread skepticism that prevails; in the notorious corruptions of our cities and their equally notorious paucity of church-goers? The city churches wither, the country people have gone. What means this 'secularization of life' against which the religious press so vehemently invelghs? Why is it that there are so many lodges to every church, and that so large a part of the humanitarian and reformatory forces are concentrating outside the church? Why is it that, as every minister of the gospel knows, so many honorable, no-

"It is evident that 'There is some thing rotten in the state of Denmark.' "Instead of 'one chasing a thousand and two putting ten thousand to flight. catch it-unless 'there is something

The trouble is, a profession of re-

ligion, in many instances, is made to beweak in all directions excepting busi- trade. The church, having become numerous and eminently respectable, the name "Christian" has become a mighty and available assets. The church is made the decoy of thousands of fortunes, utilized as a screen of scoundrels. and, like charity, is made to "cover a multitude on sins." Legal robbers and pious frauds lodge under the shade of When the genius Froebel by the in- it. Many of the most cunning knaves, spiration of the skies thought to estab- the sleek rascals, the most adept praclish the wonderful "Kindergarten" | titioners of "man's inhumanity to man," plan, he came en rapport with the also belong to it, and use it as a cloak spirit spheres. Every child according for their crooked ways. Such are they to the individual needs; every human who bull or bear the market on boards of trade six days in the week and then go to church and look plous on Sunday; who in order to get surplus wealth tions of learning, on the plan of the corner the necessaries of life by which millions are filched-legally of coursetation according to the needs of the stu- from the common people; who wreck dent, and no "B. As." or "A. Ms." | railway systems for private greed or ground out of the same treadmill, but personal spite; who crush thousands to such knowledge as each is adapted to death beneath monster monopolies, or learn, receiving such assistance as is re- use the same unprincipled methods on quired. A sensitive child, that just be a smaller scale; who by evasion and cause of the competitive examination bribery dodge the tax-gatherer that the. cannot say the lesson which it knows | poor man out of his penury may supperfectly well while some more self- port the government under the protecconfident child presses forward and tion of which they live to get and grab; wins the prize, is crushed; and the dull and then, to hoodwink the people and child that needs some especial attention | keep up a respectable exterior, they and care is not helped, but if endowed | contribute to some church enterprise, with genius is helped from within and | endow a college, or rent the best pews, like Daniel Webster comes out above or become "liberal givers" to the

And what is the church doing to rid herself of these weights and cleanse the contrary, the church puts the stamp pulpit keep mum about the sin. She muzzles the preachers and puts herself and plays into their hands the tremendous power of ecclesiastical manecessary accompaniments of this kind | who have reached old age are needed little child answers the stranger when | this young woman | but the transition state between the who use them for the opposite effect.

which will teach the children of earth | are the least fitted for the kingdom of stand for endure the strain? One cannot single out any one denomination as being especially guilty. The same conditions widely prevail and one is probably as bad as another-if not worse. The plutocracy of the local church may, and frequently does, represent the very worst element in it, as judged by the highest moral and spiritual standard:

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So far has degradation gone that the

people" as abominably corrupt.

young minister, with however high ideals he has set out, soon learns that the favoring nod of the plutocrat is the "open sesame" to "good standing" and promotion in the church. Now ministers are but human. Put them where they must choose between slow martyrdom and ministerial mugwumpery, and what is the result? Martyrs there will be; martyrs there are, who with both eyes open walk into the fire for the sake of being true. They suffer shameful abuse by those whose sins I have quoted you can find in the Christ's sake, to keep a clear conscience quoted and condensed about one-fourth | the majority will not be martyrs. No man naturally likes to be voted a failure. Therefore make "success" synonymous with gathering "a wealthy and fashionable congregation," instead of a congregation of Christians; and need we be surprised if the preaching consults the convenience of the plutocrat rather than the needs of the parish? Need sensible people be disappointed under these circumstances if they hear sermons which aim at nobody and nothing-and hit their mark? Is it any wonder if the preacher "gives it to the Pharisees" who crucified Christ, and, somehow, fails to note the Pharisees of the present day who have a weakness

> The minister knows that if he ignores the distinctions of caste and class and honestly tries to reach the masses, put moral cleanliness and spiritual power above all personal and worldly considerations in the church, he is likely to pay for the privilege with his ecclesiastical head, at the beck of plutocracy whose piety would not sell in any market for fifty cents on the dollar. The reins are laid on the neck of the downhill steed in the church that is galloping faster and faster along the road of looseness in doctrine, and worldliness in life. The church is but a painted ship upon a painted ocean, freighted with no cargo, bound for no port. Spiritual power is an Impossibility in the church that has set its heart upon that worldly equipage and favor which in order to obtain it must grovel before wrong clad in rich livery and kiss the feet of the golden calf.

for "the uppermost seats in the syna-

on the people? Read the answer in the empty pews of the average church; in the phenomenal success of the Salvation Army, which studiously avoids every semblance to a church; in the hiss that greets the mention of church in representative gatherings of laboring men. The people are not fools; they are not to be caught with chaff! They know the difference between hollow shams and Christian sincerity. The average man infers that he will suffer no inconsiderable loss if he lives and dies outside the church. The writer does not wish to be mis-

Finally, what is the effect of all this

understood. He is neither a skeptic nor a cynic. He is an orthodox clergyman who loves the church and writes from a heart that is sad at a contemplation of these things. He bemoans the evils herein set forth. He longs to see the church awaken to her danger and behold the coming social battle, and bring forth fruit meet for repentance.

Southwestern Michigan.

That pioneer Spiritualist society, the Southwestern Michigan, held its yearly meeting at Lake Cora, June 24, and the occasion proved to be a genuine revival. For seven years Mrs. Sheehan-Horman has spoken for this society at their annual summer convocation, and never has she done better work than this year, when her audience of more than a thousand people listened with rapt' attention while her forcible utterances gave a yet deeper significance to the terms Spiritualism and Spiritualist. Mrs. Woodruff, of South Haven, who has for so long been a familiar presence

at these gatherings, gave the earnest message that is always eagerly waited for, and other speakers-Mrs. Williams, of Paw Paw, and Mrs. Lucetta Curtis, of South Bend, Ind., deserve more than mere honorable mention. Mrs. Coffman, of Grand Rapids, gave

from the platform words of affection

and remembrance from many relatives, friends and neighbors who had passed beyond the veil, to those still in the mortal, in 'almost every case giving names which were quickly recognized. Mr. Chapman, of Marcellus, improvised a fine poem from a subject presented by the audience. Mr. Chapman is comparatively new in this line of work, but is evidently destined to be

very successful.

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In our last letter we described a Temple of Wisdom within the celestial spheres. The temple which we described is in the fourth sphere, and there are temples, halls, and schools without number; yet no two are alike; still, a similitude runs through them all. They are of all grades and sizes, from the merest infant kindergarten to the most lofty and sublime. There are also grand conservatories of music, there are lofty edifices in which architectural designing is taught; there are thousands of thousands of chemical laboratories; there are brilliant buildings for the inventive faculties to grow and expand, especially those appertaining to electrical appliances, together with the study and uses of electricity—and, let us here say, that the knowledge of the electrical power, on earth, is yet in its infancy. We would like, also, to state how it will be on your earth a century or more from the present time.

All steam and horse power will be entirely obsolete. Electricity will supersede all other motive power, whatever. No other kind of light will be used. New inventions will rapidly appear for the generation of heat as well as light, and all heating and cooking will be accomplished by its aid. Another element will be joined to the electrical, which will give a pure white heat, that will melt rock and iron, and all smelting will be done with it. The day is not far distant when great palaces will be erected, built from vast blocks of crystal, in all the beautiful shades and colors found in prismatic states. Many of these buildings will be patterned after the brilliantly bell in every room. When friends who are divided by stained glass, now only used in windows, but as soon as the great white heat is discovered, sand will be more precious than gold, and will be used for thousands of purposes never thought of before—it will be smelted into glass, most elegantly colored, and pressed into great thick slabs and tiles; also beautiful pillars, domes, and ara- be in existence. besques. Great glass manufactories will line the seashores, ocean beaches and inland, wherever sand may be found. Houses will be built entirely of glass, requiring no inside work except doors, and these also will be made of pressed glass, after the most beautiful patterns. The fashionable, a hundred years from now, and asphaltum glass for building will not be transparent but opaque, yet light will be seen glittering through all the lovely coloring. Sidewalks and flaggings will be laid in ground

Now, how do we know all this? Because it already exists, as a great scientific truth, here in the spheres, as soon as possible, to be given to earth. We withhold nothing from earth that the people are capable of receiving. The waters of the ocean, and the air, will be made to generate as much heat and electricity as your whole world will need for all purposes to which it may be put-even your cars and vehicles will be made of glass. There will shortly come a time which might be properly called the "Glass Age." There has been a "Stone Age," an "Iron Age," and so forth, and one might say there had been, or is, a "Wooden Age" and "Brick Age"-although wood, brick, and stone, have been used in nearly every age-but there never yet has been, on earth, a glass age. That will soon appear. Nothing now seems so utterly worthless and barren as a great sand desert, but when the glass age comes, nothing will be more precious or useful; in fact, together with electricity and white heat, it will make a new and most brilliant age and, really, little else will be needed except food and clothing; but there will also be new inventions to supply these wants. There will come a time when woven cloth will be out of date and clothing will all be made from pressed material, much of it brilliant and shining in the extreme. Sea-weed and kelp will be used extensively in its manufacture, yet a great many other things besides.

Washing and laundry business will be entirely done away with. Exceedingly soft, warm, pliable material will be pressed into suitable underclothing that will not cost as much as the washing of a garment does now, and when soiled, can be burned instead of being washed. All manner of ordinary, as well as beautiful and brilliant dresses, cloaks, and so forth, will also be manufactured. The present fashions will have changed, and the attire of men less irksome and more suitable and durable.

But the ladies-bless their souls-they will revel in beauty to their heart's content. The most beautiful flowers will be made of thin flexible glass—for a method will be discovered whereby glass can be made as flexible and soft as any velvet or silk-and these flowers will be colored to imitate the natural ones which they will fairly rival, and subtile odors will be introduced that will be enduring. And now about food.

The diet of mankind will also change, and flesh will be eaten no more, neither of beast, fish nor fowl. That age will entirely pass away, and the glass age will rapidly hasten its decline. When all motive power is electrical, as it then will be, vast fields can be easily and rapidly cultivated. Men will set in glass cabooses, or little cabins, when working their electrical machines, which will plow, harrow and sow, all combined in one machine; then another will reap and rake, while yet another will thresh and bag the grain, together with an appliance that will hoist and throw or place it into a great receiver or car, which will straightway carry it to be cooked and flaked, then packed into glass jars. Thus much for grain.

The bakeries on earth will all disappear-and it is about time they should, for as it is at present they turn out very little that is not slow poison—and the cooking and flaking of grain, of all kinds, will leave little to be done except to stir it together with water, or some other refined liquid-probably the extracted juice of fruitinto pudding or small cakes which will be both delicious

Fruit of all kinds will be cultivated extensively, for there will be a combination cultivator and pruning machine, run by electrical motive power, and a man, neatly attired, sitting in a glass caboose, will run and work the machine. Fruit in immense quantities will be sent to great glass canning factories, and all not eaten in its natural state will thus be preserved. Glass cans, or jars will be much better and cheaper than tin, and exceedingly more healthful. Olive and nuts will take the place of meat, vegetable oils will be extracted, condensed into small cakes or preserved as oil in glass casks and bottles to be used in broths and soups.

Vegetables of all kinds will be cooked, mashed and mixed with a suitable amount of the aforesaid oils, packed in air-tight glass receivers, ready for consumption. People can have beautiful homes wherein very little labor will be needed. All manner of dishes and household utensils will be made of glass, easily kept clean. Beds and pillows will be made of air cushions, as will all couches, sofas and all sorts of upholstery, Carpets will be entirely out of fashion-all floors will be laid in beautiful glass tiles-mosaic floors will be all the rage with oc-

casionally a rug here and there. All slaughter-houses will be abolished, as well as the raising of animals for the purpose of murdering them

and eating their flesh. Animal life will gradually become extinct upon the earth, as it has become extinct on many of the planets. So you perceive by this, dear friends, those who think there would not be room enough in Eternity for so much animal life, that animal life exists only for a time on any planet-for a time surely comes when it ceases to be-and that time is when the glass and electrical age takes the place of wood, stone and iron, and electrical motive power takes the place of steam and animal power—and as soon as

Now when some read this they will at once say: "Oh, that is all speculation. One can imagine almost any-

men cease to be cannibals, animal life will fade away, that | ited in ensuing ages—these are the cause of that obscurity is to say, from your earth; but upon the earths not yet I in which the most important facts are veiled .- Tacitus.

progressed up to that point, it will be as it has been, and IMPORTANT MATTER FROM was, on the earth.

Now, kind friends, let us beg to differ, for we know whereof we speak. Just this that we have written has already been taught us in the Temple of Wisdom that we

told you of in our last letter. What good will it do you, or the world, at the present time, to know what may be a hundred years or more from

Well, it will do you the same amount of good that it does us here. Do you say: "I shall be dead a hundred years from now. All that you have said, that will come to pass, will not benefit me any." But, my friend, you will be just as much interested in the welfare of the earth and its inhabitants as you are at the present moment; aye, a thousand times more so, for your understanding will be immensely enlarged. You will be as eager for wisdom then as you are now, and will be as impatient to give it to the earth and all spirits who have it not, as we are. The grand-children of those who inhabit the earth to-day will be in the heyday of their earthly lives-middle-aged, active men and women. Will you not feel interested in riods of life; re-appearance on the your grand-children? Your own children will be in the earth, so long as we have not fulfilled spheres with you, but their children will be upon the the moral law given to humanity; our earth, and surely your children will be deeply interested in the children left below, as we are now in those we have left there, and you will desire to benefit your children the same as you do now, and you will love their children, left on earth, nearly or quite as much as you do them, in a hundred years from now, which is but a moment to

There will be no mail service, and you will signal and talk freely with the inhabitants of Mars.

"No mail service? How is that?" Well, my friend, the fad will be wireless telegraphy; and there will be a receiver in every house, and a little distance desire to talk to each other they will simply touch a little electric button, to call the attention of the distant friend; then they will talk with their friends as long as they please, back and forth, and not an electric wire will be used on the earth-not an iron railroad will

"Not a railroad? What then, pray? You are growing wild, we think."

Oh, no, no, my friends. We are as level-headed and sane as possible. Pneumatic tires will be exceedingly grooves will take the place of iron rails. We know it is not all clear to you now, but it will be then, and you will be the very ones, after you have been taught these things here, to push them forward to your grand-children.

"Well, how about accidents?" There will be very few, or no accidents, for when your cars are all run by electrical power, there will be no long trains, as at present. Each car will generate its own electricity at a trifling expense, and each can be stopped at a moment's warning. Most families will have a car of their own-they will keep a car as they keep carriages nowand grooved roads will take the place of highways-all persons paying a small road tax. Horses will be entirely out of date, but when the glass and electric age comes, people will not be in such a dreadful hurry as they are now, men will not be in such fearful haste to get rich, the railroad companies will have all gone to smash-not a railroad company on the earth, a hundred years from now. Just think of it friends, and "Uncle Huntington" will be as eager for the new state of things as he has been for the interests of the railroad companies he has managed on

"Well, how about the great heavy lines of freight trains? They cannot be run with pneumatic tires and

No, they cannot, and will not, for there will be none to

"Oh, you are talking folly." No, my friend, we are telling the truth. First of all, no cattle cars will be needed, for no cattle or animals of anykind will be raised or slaughtered. Next, all arable lands will be tilled as we have previously stated, and any very great amount of transportation will not be necessary, and great flaking mills will exist everywhere, as will, also, canning factories and merchants or families—there will be comparatively few merchants-will run their own private car to the mills and back, as people drive their carriages now, and the mills will also run their own cars through all the streets of a town or city for the purpose of supplying families with cooked and flaked cereals or other produce, such as we have previously described. The transportation of wood, lumber, brick, stone, lime, coal, oil, and all corresponding things, will have ceased. There will be no further use for them. Joining or cementing will be done, mostly, by fusion and all your great iron foundries will be no more. Of course, these things will decline gradually, as they cease to be needed. When manufactories can all be run by electricity, generated on the spot, they will start up everywhere, wherever needed, which will do away with an immense amount of transportation; in fact, every home will have its own generating appliances, and there will be so many new inventions for the use of electricity, that each house or family will manufacture much of that which they require. It may take something over a hundred years to bring all this to pass, but very much that we she heard some one say "Mother, than the apparition itself. have said will be brought about in a hundred years, for mother." She got up and went into the the inventions are even now already started, or are being worked out in the minds of men. They think they are doing it all themselves. How surprised they will be when they find that it was not themselves, alone, but that they were working out that which we had impressed upon their plastic brains, just as we are impressing this brain,

at this writing, to tell these inventors these things. "Well, what good can be accomplished by telling us

what will be, so far in the future?" We will tell you, friends. Thousands will read this, among them many inventors. Many minds will receive an impetus from what we have written. It all goes toward helping the time to come. If no one ever thought ahead of the times, there would never be any progress. Looking ahead is the cause of all progress. It is looking ahead and thinking of the good time coming that makes that good time come.

· Can anyone gainsay this? We are helping to bring about that good time in the future at this moment, and this medium is helping to bring it about by writing for us and listening to that which we have to say.

Suppose when a grand Wisdom Spirit stands by the side of Thomas Edison and impresses upon his brain great inventions, he should say, "Oh, I will not give thought or time to anything so visionary—so speculative. What we have now is quite good enough for me. What do I care about a hundred years hence?" He well understands that he is only sowing the seeds for something great and grand in the future, long after he has joined us here. If, we say, great sensitive minds like his should say this, the may rest perfectly secure and tranquil." world might be to-day where it was two hundred or a thousand years ago.

"Well, can't you tell us something about the churches, creeds, and so forth?" and when we come to these, friend Robert steps forward. "I would like to take a hand here." he says, and we gracefully and gratefully step one side that he may have his say—and he says: (To be continued.)

Religious despotism binds him who exercises it no less than him who is its victim.—Sentinel of Liberty.

The river of printer's ink is a black and muddy stream. but it has clarified the human mind and washed the soul clean of many superstitions.—Unity.

The credit given to popular traditions, and the fictions substituted for truth, and these two errors being accred-

OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES

HARBINGER OF LIGHT, MEL BOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

MAZZINI AS A SPIRITUALIST. Il Vessilo Spiritista remarks that not only was Giuseppe Mazzini a Spiritual-ist in the noblest sense of the word, but that he was also the precursor of that higher form of it-the intuitional and inspirational-which is now superseding the phenomenal. In proof of which Signor Cavalli quotes the following let-ter addressed by the Italian patriot to his friend, F. dall' Ongaro, in the year 1849. Having spoken of perennial progress as the law of human life, both here and hereafter, Mazzini proceeds to give a rapid sketch of his religio-philosophical system, which substitutes a hell; and comprehends "a series of existences-successive and progressive petransformation into superior beings scarcely satisfying that law; the hier-archy (of spiritual beings) ascending to-delivered to large and intellectual auwards supreme perfection, or God. * '* Hence the bond of union between the impression on his auditory, because the stage of life and that of continuous ex- lecturer was enabled to treat the subistence; and hence also the power given | ject in a thoroughly scientific spirit, and to help in the perfecting of the creat- therefore he succeeded in securing the ures who are beloved by us upon the attention of the medical men and the earth, which is the recompense of the materialists who constituted a not unsoul lifted up into angelhood; and this important section of his hearers. The power is manifested by what we call fact that one of his addresses was lisintuition, inspiration, faith, etc.; and is tened to with interest for nearly two the influence exercised by our dear ones hours and a half, was certainly comwho have passed over; hence, too, the plimentary to himself, as well as a memory of the past achieved by the be- pretty good indication of the interest ing, in proportion as he advances, just felt in those psychic problems which as in ascending an eminence, we obtain are agitating men's minds at the presa continually widening view of the ent time. The Caffaor of Genoa, publandscape that lies beneath us, until the lishes a very good digest of the second completed memory constituting some lecture, in which Professor Falcomer day the intelligence of the entire past, entered very fully into the nature and with all its joys and sorrows, etc., will meet with its supreme recompense. HIGHLY IMPRESSIONAL MEDIUM.

scribes as "one of the most distinguished of our young scientists." This gentleman, writing to the Professor, curacy of my presentiments." And then the Exhibition Building at Como, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 4th of February, 1899, and observing a plate upon it indicating that it was insured Luigi Ralli, a barrister, who was with lieve that our planet is not stationary. him at the time, "We must sell out our shares in that company, for I have a most vivid presage that the Exhibition well be destroyed by fire." As many remarkable presentiments of a similar kind had been previously verified, his mother sold out the shares she had held in the Company for about nine years, February and the 28th of March; and the sale was effected through Sig. Augusto Caviglia, a sharebroker of Milan. On the 8th of July, the Exhibition was burnt to the ground; and every time Dr. few days preceding the disaster, he was observed by his friend, Cattaneo Ernesto, to be weighted down by melancholy, operator at the other end of the wire. The operator is obviously an intelligent being; and what other hypothesis is adequate to cover the facts of the case than this, that the intelligent operator, or impressor, is a friendly spirit, in-

terested in, and watching over, the welfare of the Celesia family? BY DIRECT VOICE. impression that something painful was he was fast asleep. Next day, about tea-time, a blue official letter was brought to her, and on opening it she read that Messrs. Cox (well-known army agents) had learned the death of her son, and inquired what would be done with his effects. This was the first news of the grievous loss she was

called upon to sustain." THE LOGIC OF FACTS.

di Studi Psichiel (which is now published at No. 27 Rue di Collsee, Paris, instead of in Turin, as heretofore), by asking the opponents, of Spiritualism vided the facts upon which they are are facts," he observes, "and precisely because they are so, they will gradually command attention, in spite of everytrouble to laboriously demonstrate the Encyclopedia of Death. truth to any one. We would rather say to them: 'Read, study, prove; we have there be any strongen arguments on our Babbitt, M. D., L.L. D. A compact and side than this.' As to the facts themown way. Upon this point Spiritualists ical; facts and data needed by every

A HAUNTED HOUSE. friend, Professor Falcomer, of Alessan- office. dria, for a copy of the Gazette del Popolo (Turin) of the 27th of February Summer." By Lilian Whiting. last, containing an account of some mysterious noises which have occurred fail to be fed and delighted with this night after night, in the ground floor of book. Beautiful spiritual thought, coma place occupied by the Cavalier Tiz- bining advanced ideas on the finer and zani, in the Via Guglielmo Paladini, one ethereal phases of Spiritualism, leadof the principal thoroughfares of the ing the mind onward into the purer atcity of Lecce, the capital of the prove mosphere of exalted spiritual truth. A ince of that name, situated about 24 book for the higher life. For sale at miles to the south of Brindish From this office. Price, cloth, \$1. the hour of midnight or "twenty-four The new song-book, The Golden o'clock," as the Italians call it, to three Echoes, by S. W. Tucker, has found its in the morning, there is a continuous way into many homes, and its beautirumbling, such as might be produced by ful songs have cheered many sorrowing a heavy cannonade, and rendering hearts, which they are sure to do when sleep impossible. The ground floor of heard and sung. They should be heard the palace is inhabited by the owner in every home in the land. For sale at and his family; the flat above by a dis- this office. Price, 15 cents; \$1.50 per tinguished artist named Francesco dozen.

Tempesta; and the upper story by the family of a gentleman named Magli, The premises, which have been newly erected, have been vigilantly watched and carefully examined by the police and the municipal authorities, without discovering anything to explain the cause of the "infernal din," and although the house has been solemnly blessed by the priests, under the impression that the phenomena must have a diabolical origin, the unearthly disturbances continue unabated. But the popular instinct has possibly divined the real origin of these abnormal occurrences; for people have called to mind the fact that the site of the palace was formerly occupied by some old shantles, very much dilapidated, and by a baker's shop, and that in years temporary purgatory for an eternal past it was the scene of two murders. Hence it is concluded that the place is haunted by the restless spirits of the \$1.50. This book will constitute our

SPIRITUALISM IN GENOA.

Professor Falcomer's lectures upon telepathy between the living, and telepdiences, seem to have produced a strong functions of the ethereal or astral body, variously known as the aura, the perispirit, and the "double" of the physical body; the existence of which may be In a late number of his Archivio di regarded as scientifically proved by the Psichiatria, Antrepotogia e Criminolo- experiments of Col. de Rochas and gla, Professor Lombroso speaks of the others; the final conclusion arrived at | to you for \$1.10. You are at liberty to remarkable sensitiveness to spiritual by the lecturer being that the soul and select any other books in the list that impression of Dr. Celesia, whom he de- spirit pre-exist in union (using the word "soul" as the synonym of the ethereal | der, at 40 cents each. You can only body) and continue their united exist- make one order for three books at \$1.10. ence, after the change called death. It says: "In spite of my disbelief in Spirit- is amusing to read in the Vessillo ualism, it is my duty to verify the ac- Spiritista, that three medical men in Genos, Drs. De Paoli, Crotto and Addi | The Progressive Thinker. No other he goes on to relate how when passing have denounced Spiritualism to the "competent authorities," and invoke the here, will be sent out as premiums. intervention of the law, for the purpose of arresting the movement! They might just as well endeavor to suspend the in the Compagnia Anonima di Assicura- motion of the earth around the sun; zione, of Milan, he observed to Sig. that is to say, assuming that they be-

SPIRITUALISM IN SWITZERLAND. The Society for Psychic Studies in Geneva continues its praiseworthy practice of issuing its annual Rapports pour l'Exercise of the year, prepared by its president, M. D. Metzger, its treasurer, M. Gardy, and its librarian, M. Perrot. and representing a value of nearly In the first of these documents, a com-£6,000 sterling, between the 20th of prehensive survey is taken of the proceedings of the society, and it serves to show the spiritual and intellectual activity of its members, who are evidently working in a very earnest and, at the same time, a thoroughly scientific spirit, Celesia visited the building during the under the guidance of their president, whose valuable Essai de Spiritisme Scientifique was reviewed in the Harbinger at the time of its first appearas if impressed by some impending ca- ance. The society appears to number lamity. The facts, as related by Pro- eighty subscribers, who hold monthly fessor Lombroso, are corroborated by meetings at which lectures are deletters from Dr. Celesia's mother, from livered, papers read, and psychic subthe stock broker, and from his two jects are discussed, while its usefulness friends Ralli and Ernesto. The Pro- has been extended by the action of its fessor regards it as a case of telepathy; lady members who have formed an but granting that Dr. Celesia is the re- auxiliary association, in connection apcipient of the telepathic message, who parently, with the "Swiss Union of is the sender of it? There must be an Liberal Christianism." Our cordial sal-

utations to M. M. Metzger and Gardy. A STRAW ON THE SURFACE. As such we may regard the publication in Le Pelerin (The Pilgrim) a French Roman Catholic magazine, of a report of a spirit which appeared on All Souls Day to a barrister who was taking a holiday in a rural village, and who recognized, in the apparition, the Among the officers of the Royal Dub- form and features of a young gardner, In Fusileers, who fell in the engage named Theophile, who had lived with ment which involved such a severe loss him for seven years, and had died about of life on the part of that splendid regi- two years previously to the incident. ment, was Captain Weldon; and the In the course of conversation, the spirit London Daily Mail of the d20th of No- told his late employer that his body had vember last contains the following been buried in the cemetery at Amiens, statement of how that gallant soldier's where the barrister subsequently found death became known to his family: it, with a little woden cross at the head "His mother had felt very uneasy for of the grave. The facts are circumseveral days, and declined to go to a stantially narrated in Le Pelerin, withball given by her daughter, under the out so much as an insinuation that the "Devil" has had anything to do with weighing on her mind. That same night | them; and this is far more remarkable

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shame and sorrow the earnest, order-loving Spiritualists. follies and moral delinquencies!

and mental physiology, which produces the most powerful were except what we find in the Gospels. stead of rigid, altruistic discipline and culture.

ualists. He writes: "When ye come together, every one were doomed. of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath mediumship.

picked up dead drunk on the sidewalk, why, it is some old that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow turn honest, the answer is at hand: "For if the truth of God lence.-R. Baxter.

extend this parallel, though it might be continued indefi- he commands "resist not evil." If one smites thee on one yet am I also judged as a sinner?" The robbing, stealing, With such a picture of the character of the Christian nitely, and it would confirm more strongly the fact that cheek turn the other. If he forcibly takes your cloak, cheating and all forms of dishonest getting are so many

tianity were on a par with the mediumistic manifestations every motion of the animal-passions and selfish propensi- dupes.

[drunken spirit which had influenced him. But I will not [thou not away." And, to clip the climax of immoralism, [hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why

tion, the people have accepted their assertions as the truth. away into surrendering their selfhood to outside influ- Another most objectionable teaching is that of physical the final wind-up of all terrestrial things. It embodied But the main reason has been the unquestioning faith that ences, but regard true Spiritualism as intelligent co-opera- mutilation to secure spiritual blessing. "If thy right hand not only the falsehood as to time and circumstance, but miracles distinguished the three first centuries. This is tion of the spiritual and natural spheres of being for the offend thee cut it off and cast it from thee; it is better to also of his own character. "All power in heaven and the uniform testimony of Christian writers. And, of purpose of social and altruistic growth, so also the primi- enter life maimed than having two hands to be cast into earth" was his, and hence he was the supreme judge of all course, if God was working miracles through the members tive church, no doubt, had many earnest, noble souls, hell fire." Such doctrine is monstrous, and has had its mankind. No doubt the neglect of common duties and of that church, and thus the world was being converted, though largely tinctured with the grovelling superstitions baneful effect. Origen, the first great scholar of the the adoption of the tramp life was wonderfully strengthchurch, emasculated himself, and later the Flagellants ened by this notion. But lack of right teaching is often God will not, cannot work miracles through bad men. But another, and one of the most potent influences for sought to whip sin and the devil out of themselves. But the most immoral kind of teaching. The gospel Jesus But God did work miracles through the primitive church, the demoralizing of the early church, was the universal the principle was applied in another form. Paul directed was distinguished in this respect. There is not a sentence herefore that church was holy.

The conquests and spread of Christianity is declared to ever active agency in all the untoward events of individual ber to Satan for the destruction or torture of the flesh, the acquisition of knowledge. He chose his twelve that the Spirit might be saved in the day of the Lord.

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of to-day. Just as great—just as wonderful miracles have ties is attributed to devils, and no help can be found ex- But of all the obnoxious teachings of Christianity, the There is one more most important fact bearing upon distinguished the last fifty years as they did the first three cept in miraculous assistance from God, society is in the doctrine of Grace, which is based upon vicarious atone- the influence of Christianity in the three first centuries. centuries. The character of the two sets of miracles is most deplorable condition. That was the condition of ment, is the very essence of immoralism. Pure, unmerited Early in the fourth century, Christianity obtained control precisely the same. The conditions and mode of working the Christian church in the first three centuries. A true favor, entirely disassociated from all excellence of merit, of the Roman government. Constantine became a Christhem are also substantially the same. 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This poison stream has flowed by the grace of God he tastes death for every man, and earth has been reddened with the blood, and the air rent It is perfectly safe to say that the effect of mediumistic down through all the ages, and its pestiferous power is there is no salvation unless man "eats the flesh and drinks with the shricks and groans of the victims of Christian miraculism has not been the moral development of the felt more or less in the Spiritualistic movement. And we the blood" of this Son. Through the entire New Testa- persecution. Prior to Constantine they could only peractors. On the contrary, the wide-spread influence of have the idiotic exhortation urged on us to humble our ment nothing is demanded for salvation but faith in secute by expulsion and anothema, but once the sword was intemperance, to speak of nothing else, has filled with selves and pray to the Spirits to aid us in undoing our own Jesus. By that faith man partakes of the body of Christ in their hands the hated heretics must submit or perish. and all his sins are remitted. Without that faith, how- Even in their own meetings the bishops and elders would And so wide-spread were the facts that years ago, it was But we must go one step further and ascertain what ever spotless his life, he is damned. Now, what is the get into fistic fights, such as only the lowest groggeries of almost or quite universally conceded that the moral char- were the moral teachings of the reputed author of Chris- essence of the doctrine of grace, or atonement? It is this: the present day ever witness. Now, the simple conversion acter had nothing whatever to do with the possession of tianity, for it will be insisted that his teachings were per- Something for nothing. Mankind owe what they can of Constantine could not at once so change the character mediumistic powers; and especially those of the miracu- fect, and, therefore, all the moral delinquencies of the never pay. They deserve damnation, but God, for Christ's of the universal church. Indeed, all accounts agree in church are chargeable to its members and not to any de- sake, saves a part of them. They are not only destitute of stating that the Emperor made great efforts to reconcile A partial knowledge of the philosophy of the case fect in the teachings of their Lord and Master. We shall any merit, but are deserving of wrath and punishment. the warring clergy and factions, but without success. settles the matter at once. The special physical, nervous see. Of course, we know nothing what those teachings Justice is thus trodden under foot, and proclamation is They wanted vengeance on each other, and forced the made that God deals with man, not on the principles of hand of the civil power in persecuting those whom they mediumship, is the one most liable to moral aberrations of I have already discussed the belief in devils, and its in- justice, but of favoritism, and that those who have sinned hated. The influence of Christianity in the first three a particular character. Vanity, jealousy, intemperance fluence. That was one of the special teachings of the the most will love the most, consequently the vilest of the centuries created a body of people which has had no and deception are the most common defects. The primi- Gospel Jesus. 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But ings, strifes, tumults, suspicions, and backbitings." We Mount he said: "Take no thought for your life, what ye both Catholic and Protestant say to all men, by this docings, strifes, tumults, suspicions, and backbitings." We have had, and continue to have our share of the same conditions. And they are the natural results of unregulated what ye shall put on." Much effort has been expended to regard right through life, but at the last moment believe show that this language means something different from in Christ and you shall be saved, and the worse you have Human nature is such that, in the majority of cases, what the words imply, but the attempt is useless. He been the higher your seat in heaven, for you will have the mediums cannot escape the feeling of superiority over repeats it three times and illustrates his meaning by very most forgiven and, therefore, will love the most. Your others. It must be, they reason, that I am superior to forcible comparisons. He points to the fowls of the air, sins will all be washed away by the "blood of the lamb," others, else God, or the spirits, would not have conferred to the lilies of the field, and as God feeds the birds and land his merit will be accepted on your behalf as ample this wonderful gift. For, not only do mediums, but many beautifies the lilies, will he not feed and clothe you? The satisfaction to God. But fundamental principles usually others indules the folce and this are of containing the folce. others, indulge the false and superstitious notion that same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled and superstitions and this one of something for mediumship is a gift bestowed by some normal same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his disciples to nothing has the discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out when he sent his discipled all the same teaching crops out mediumship is a gift bestowed by some person or persons preach. They were forbidden to take purse or scrip or nothing has had almost universal application. Reason outside of themselves. This was preaching the contract of themselves. outside of themselves. This was pre-eminently the case change of garments. They were worse off than our would say that if a principle was true in the highest dewith the primitive church. It was the Holy Ghost tramps, for they usually have a blanket. And the test partment of life and action, it certainly must be so in the "poured out" upon them. They were simply receivers, in made to some who were disposed to follow him was to sell lowest. If it is right for God to set aside the principles of the superstitious phraseology of to-day, "instruments" of all they had and give the proceeds to the poor. The absolute justice, it cannot be wrong for man to do the a higher power. Hence, if they uttered a mass of gibber- Jerusalem church is represented to have obeyed this com- same thing. Hence we have the entire business of the ish, it was an unknown tongue, and the imagination of mand. All such teaching is essentially demoralizing. world based upon the principle that something for nothsome one else was the interpretation, but it was all from Any community attempting its practice would rapidly dethe Holy Ghost, or, as we call it, from the spirits. And teriorate. It laid the foundation for the monkey and means that and nothing else. "Profit," "interest," the tendency has been to relieve the medium actors from beggar which has so largely characterized and cursed "making money," are simply forms for acquiring someall the responsibility. Even in the murder of Ananias Christianity through all the ages. So also it has cultivated thing for nothing. They are the practical workings of and his wife, it was the Holy Ghost, and not Peter who that indiscriminate alms-giving which has been misnamed the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Gospel of Christ. killed him. And when some wonder-working medium is charity; for, in connection with this, he said, "Give to him And if you reproach the teaching and practice as dis-

the doctrine of his second coming in that generation, and

any extraordinary ethical excellence. parallel in human history for cruelty, perfidy, bloodthirstiness and remorseless butchery of innocent persons.

I have, as far as possible, sought to find the "divine power of Christianity in the non-manipulated gospels and epistles," and also in the life and teachings of Jesus as given in the gospels, and to "the Christian faith and praccenturies in everything pertaining to an ethical and upright life; and immensely superior so far as faith is concerned. Indeed, the whole claim of superiority of the primitive church is destitute of any historic proof. And the assumed excellence of the teachings of Jesus rests entirely upon the fact that he repeated, if we take the gospel stories for anything, the common sayings of the Jewish teachers of his time. But, as I have shown, whenever we come to any original teachings they are decidedly of an immoral influence. The repetition of a few of the common ethical maxims of the times is no palliation for the monstrous immoralisms of his constant teachings. His teaching of Miracles, Blasphemous Claims to Divinity, Needless Poverty and Trampism, Non-Resistance, Physical Mutilation, Possessing Devils, and Eternal Damnation constitute an array of immoralisms that no people would tolerate at the present time. That they are tolerated, as having been taught, is due to the false glamor with which his real character has been concealed. But we are outgrowing the delusion, and are finding out that the "Divine power of Christianity" consists in the hypnotic spell which has enslaved us. J. S. LOVELAND.

We believe in telling the truth even to the young .-

Erroneous zeal will make you do evil with double vio-

To "Questions for Bible Ex-

A writer in The Progressive Thinker Spiritualism would be much the gainer if its votaries were only careful to learn one thing at a time. If they spent their time in proving the facts of Spiritualism, rather than in assailing Scripture or theology (things they know little about and where they only see "men as trees walking") they would probably find one day that the Bible rightly understood is not at war with Spiritualism rightly understood.

The writer asks: "If the church is the

A .- Well, dear friend, none of them. Who said we should? Not the Bible: not Christians; for they offer Jesus Christ as the only guille. And Solomon. dear sir, was not a patriarch at all. The Bible itself finds fault with Noah; finds fault with Moses; finds fault with Solomon. Does it find fault with you also? Is this the ground of your opposition?

act a big fee for it?" A .- Neither the preacher hor the magistrate gets his autifority to solemnize matrimony from the Bible, but from the civil government. If you do not like to have the preacher marry people, you should tackle the civil government, and not the Bible. As to the "hig fee" you speak of, the preacher exacts no fee, but leaves it to the bridegroom to pay what he pleases. If you do not know these things, you should learn; and if you do know them, you should speak according to the facts. 'At any rate the grievances in this matter.

A.—The Bible will tell you what the sins were; read it, or hold your peace. The sins of that age, of every age, are violations of moral law. Moses did not enact a moral law, neither did Christ.

be a sun. It is foolish to talk about Christ or Moses or anybody else mak-Christ or no Christ, you will reap what | centive-all/ that 'concerns' you. Ezra you sow. As for circumcision, it is not | did not rewrite the Scriptures from relationship, as a grip and a pass-word the king of Babylon, and you ought not are among the Masons.

have been 'helping to pass the hat?' " A.—That pumpkin, vines can grow seven days in the week without stop- heads by spirits; what if they impressed ping to rest is no proof that man can do | these fathers how to vote? On Spiritas much without recreation or repose.

You surely do not wish us to class you good fix to fight. It is not a matter of with pumpkin vines. As to God's rest- much concern to me whether the books ing on the Sabbath, it is plainly metaphorical-legendary, if you prefer the word-but you are as averse to working and moral prompting. ing incessantly like pumpkin vines, as God is to having you do it. Your allusion to "passing the hat" is suggestive. Until Spiritualists are less afraid of this, their own cause will not prosper greatly. Wee to Spiritualism when its defenders are men who fight the Bible

commands he kept himself?" A .- The Corliss engine in the powerhouse lays its commands on the trolley lines of a whole city; obey them, and you will go somewhere, easily and

Q.—"Is it not more than probable that ancient writings of the Jews were lost in the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity?" A .- Possibly; yet more remain than

you have probably read with care, and quite enough for the main purpose. Remember that light for the head and mobilities. Show the Bible deficient here,

it on the door posts and altars of their little to answer for and soon enter to no one, but am free to commune with beings in such and such relations, and have left out some of the snake and A .- Not a whit more improbable in themselves than hundreds of stories ing a moral law. If such a thing was have read in the books of Spiritualism. sinful after they spoke, it was sinful be- And yet, if you-wish, you can leave fore they spoke. our moral transgres- them out for fourself without impairing sion is against the law of nature, and, the integrity of Bible teaching and in-

> a moral law, but a sign of covenant and memory, nor under a contract with to say so before you are prepared to Q .- "Is it not evident that the real produce some evidence.

> > Possibly. According to Spiritualism lots of things are put into people's ualist grounds you are not in a very which they voted are inspired, provided they are true in respect of moral teach-

Seize upon truth wher'er 'tis found, Among your friends, among your foes; On Christian or on heathen ground. The flower's divine where'er it blows; Neglect the prickles, and assume the

J. YOUNG M'FARLAND. Chicago, Ill.

THE MAN WHO PREACHED. "I'm an easy-going person, to most

little troubles dumb. And my motto is to simply smile and take things as they come; I remember God's above us when misfortunes fall on me-" Then he rose and ripped and tore because a fly fell in his tea.

"I believe the things that happen must be always for the best, And I try to keep a buoyant and a brave heart in my breast; God, I know, still guides our footsteps on the smooth ways and the rough-

Then he swore because he got a dab. of butter on his cuff. -S. E. Kiser.

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RELIGION,

were taught they could appease the gression and go onward and upward give the true knowledge to the world. wrath of God by shedding the blood of through all the cycles of endless eterni- One or two mediums seem to think they

temples. Is it not time the world was upon the line of progression, but pro-A Necessity of the Human the real grandeur, power, glory, charthe highest and best form of religion Religion is a necessity of the human the horrible crimes committed in his ing good and acquiring knowledge. soul. A germ of religion is born with name by the old Jewish nation. He They say they are not infallible, and every babe. From this germ is evolved never did it. He is a far grander, do not know it all. I am almost as well or developed all the forms of religion greater God than you give him credit acquainted with the spirit of a Greek that ever existed; each according to the for. Go look at the sun, moon, and maiden who departed this life in the environment or surrounding influences millions of stars, planets, and worlds in year 430 B. C., as I am with my own of the individual, sect, tribe or nation. the blue vault of heaven, and then ask family. I have seen and talked with of June 30 propounds questions for God of Nature never stops work on Q.—"If the priests of the 4th century As a rule, when a form of religion be- yourself if the creator and ruler of all her often, and learned the fact of her Bible experts. He himself is evidently Sunday; for I have watched the pump- compiled the Bible by ballot, then may As a rule, when a form of religion becomes well established, it adopts creeds the vast universe is not a greater being earth life from others; she is so modest
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She tells me, however, that Cleon, has reached perfection. This condition | holy angels for the fact that the rays of | the Greek leader, was a friend of her is a bar to further progress, and has in divine light are breaking the clouds of family. She spent her earth life in domany cases been a great hindrance to ignorance, superstition and intolerance. ing good in the city of Athens, where the advancement of the human race. The world does move-human intelli- she lived. She, on one of her missions Old forms of religion have resisted gence is progressing. The gateways of mercy, went to see a poor woman every evolution of new ideas, broader between the two worlds swing gently and child that were sick with the thought or new scientific knowledge. open at the touch of angel fingers, and plague, which was then raging in Evolution and progression are fixed the pathway to the spirit land is Athens. She contracted the disease and laws of the universe. We have reached illumined by their presence. For soon passed to spirit life, aged about our present condition under those laws. thirteen years I have held sweet com-In accordance therewith we have out- munion with friends on the other shore. grown many crude ideas that formerly They have come to me in every phaseprevailed. But many others, originating in materialized form, face to face, as me that activity is rest over there. She in pagan ages, still influence and shape natural as life. Sometimes they give is strewing the pathway of my life with our conceptions of religious duties. An me slate-written messages, talk to me the golden flowers of buoyant happiidea, no matter how erroneous or ab- through clairvoyants and clairaudients, ness. Being filled with the beautiful surd it may be, that is thoroughly im- by rappings and by telegraph and by facts that I have so imperfectly outpressed in a young child's mind by the impressions. The last mentioned force lined, can you wonder that the ordinary teaching of a plous mother becomes so impels me to write these lines. I have funeral sermon over one who has died near indelible, in most cases, as to re- learned more from them about life on in his sins grates sadly upon my soul? sist, in after life, every assault of rea- the other side than can be learned from I pity the poor preacher who has to son on that subject. As a result of this all the theologies on earth. I learn from officiate on such occasions. He knows early influence we find many highly them that there is no hell, except that nothing of the condition of the soul of gifted people still believing religious which we create by our own acts on the departed, and don't know what to dogmas that are too absurd to talk earth. I learn from them there is no say that would be applicable to the about. I have seen pictures in school death, only a change for the better. I case. For his benefit and for others I books representing a Hindoo mother learn from them that we cannot depend will give the substance of a message casting her babe into the mouth of a upon any other person to bear our sins, from Robert G. Ingersoll, which I rehideous crocodile, to appease the wrath but that each one of us must stand on ceived about a month ago. The conof her God. This seems to be the height our own merits; that as we sow so shall ditions were unusually favorable and of absurdity. But is it? Let us see, we reap; that the better we live here the spirit forces very strong. Mr. In-Can we not find its counterpart in the the better it will be for us over there; gersoll said: "I want to applogize to the most highly educated and intelligent | that when we leave this life we enter | world for my mistakes. I want Christian nations? We are taught, in the next with precisely the amount of especially to recant and recall every substance, that God, the great supreme | goodness or badness we possessed at | word I spoke in my last lecture in Boscreator and ruler of the universe, sent | the moment of death of the body, and | ton against the idea of a future existhis only son, who was equal with the then take our place where we belong. Father, to the earth for the purpose of All are more or less imperfect when livered at all other places. Thousands being murdered to appease the wrath they enter the spirit life. When they of people have been misled by my of the Father God towards his earthly arrive there the folds of memory are teachings, and I now regret it and feel children. Were it possible to raise lifted and they see every act of their badly about it. I want you to write Bible has nothing to do with your 1,000 men of common sense to the age lives clearly depicted before them. of maturity without hearing of this re- They are not judged by the great God, the world for the purpose of correcting, nuted act of God and then inform them but by themselves, and they are com- as far as possible, the wrong I have of it, the last one of them would laugh | pelled to judge correctly. There is no done. The true knowledge was within you to scorn, and tell you that the act escape from this. The torture of re- my reach. I ought to have availed myof the Hindoo mother was no more ab- morse of the wicked and vicious of self of it, but I got started wrong, and surd than this reputed act of God. This earth life are, in some cases, for the pride of consistency and force of habit idea of atonement of sins by the shed- time being, almost equivalent to the kept me in that channel of thought. ding of blood is purely Pagan, coming orthodox hell, but after atonement for This is a burden upon me here, and redown to us from ancient times of ignor- their sins, each, in just proportion to tards and hinders my progress, and I ance and superstition, when the people their deserts, enter the line of pro- am anxious to do all in my power to

cattle, sheep and goats and sprinkling ty. The good and pure in life have but own me. They are mistaken. I belong

outgrowing such heathen ideas? Is it gression can only be attained over my reach." not time for us to learn something of there by doing good to others, which is acter and goodness of God? The Chris- known to men or angels. Life in the tian world does a cruel injustice to God spirit world is not idle repose, as some in representing him as the author of all imagine, but it is one of activity in dotwenty-four years. And now, after the lapse of 2,330 years she is still continually doing good to others. She tells ence, and my views on that line dewhat I tell you and have it published to

the world through any means within my reach." S. H. WEST. Arrowsmith, Ill.

perts."

conservator of morals as well as religion, kindly state which of the patriarchs from Noah to Solomon would you have us take for a guide?

Q.—"Where is your Bible authority for preachers to marry people, and ex-

Q.—"Of what did those awful sins consist that caused the flood? These were neither laws of Moses nor the gospel of Christ. They neither had to get circumcised nor take no thought live for the heart are all that man for the morrow."

moral beings. Give us such and such corded in the Apocrypha, might he not premium announcement carefully.

and run from the "hat." Q.-Kindly tell us how many of his

agreeably; disregard them, and you will not go; or go with difficulty; or break your neck. How many of its commands does the engine itself obey? Will you find fault with it on this score and then defy its power? Similarly, God is the basis of the universe, no matter if there had never been a Moses or a Christ, God is that rock on which if a man fall, he shall be broken, but if it fall upon him it will grind him to powder. Note the goings forth of the power, my friend, and keep out of the way by living according to immutable and eternal moral laws.

needs to lead him to his highest possi- first edition of Art Magic sold for \$5 per and you will attack it at the center; a single copy of Ghost Land; yet we otherwise, you will waste your breath. furnish these seven books to our sub-Q.—"And if Ezra re-wrote them from scribers for \$2.35, when ordered in conmemory and guess-work under a con- nection with a year's subscription to Moral law is based in the relations of | tract with the king of Babylon, as re- The Progressive, Thinker, Read our

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Question of the Hour.

Methodists have 142 American missionaries in China, Presbyterians 209, and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions 110 .-News Item.

Because of these missionaries the United States has formed an "entangling alliance" with foreign powers, just what Washington, in his farewell address, urged us to shun, and we are now at war with the oldest, most populous and most peaceful nation on the globe.

Was the American government established as a propaganda of Christianity, origin, so now a Chinaman knows no or any other system of religion? If so. in what state paper is that fact set forth? That great charter of our liberties, the Constitution of the United States, says in its preamble:

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union. establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution."

Not a word is said in that instrument about the "blessings of Christianity," or the purpose to extend Methodism, or Presbyterianism, or Foreign Boards of Missions into any country. Such a thing was never contemplated by a single member of the delegation which framed that Constitution. So ambitious were they to make this a purely secular government they purposely excluded all reference to God, or other supernatural parties, from the instrument.

Religious cranks have labored zealously for years to amend the Constitution, and convert the government into an engine for sectarian purposes; but they have failed thus far.

Intolerance Exemplified.

Three Mormon missionaries were whipped by a Christian mob, at Concord, N. C., the other day, then they were conducted to the county line, and instructed not to return under penalty of death.

But that was done in the barbarous

About the same time two Mormon elders in Rockford, Ill., while quietly visiting from house to house, merely reports against their sect, were arrested by the police and ordered to leave the city, which they did to avoid direful consequences.

The Mormons are a Christian sect, claiming to follow in the footsteps of "Our Lord," but they profess to have a later and more clearly expressed Gospel than has the older churches, hence their unpopularity.

That was in the free and Christian

Over there in China the people place their Mormon brothers, so they want the whole caboodle of them to leave the Flowery Kingdom. For this the Western powers are angry, and are threaten-

ing to disrupt the Chinese empire. Have the Mormons cause for war against the United States because their missionaries are very generally outraged wherever they attempt to tell the story of "The Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ?"

In a Rapid Decline.

Now the information comes that the Methodist press is in a languishing condition. It is asserted all their church papers are published at a loss; are sustained by outside contributions. Only two, it is said, have made money. Thirteen others have received \$64,000 in subsidies and have sunk \$100,000.

The whole system on which the church of all denominations is built is going to the demnition bow wows. Its foundation rests on sand, and its fall is as certain as is the death of the old religions out of which the new was ronstructed.

Justly Indignant.

The Galesburg Mail gives this as a fact:

A young man who had been converted out with roots and insects. at a camp-meeting declared that all the pride and self-conceit had been taken out of his heart. To prove it he said he would go down in the audience and for himself which narrative is the most kiss an old colored woman. As he went down the aisle the old negress rose to bidden fruit the eyes of the first pair her feet and said: "Look heah, white were opened, and God, humiliated beman, you may not have no pride, but I cause they had discovered they were has. I ain't gwine to let no man Hob- naked, turned tailor and made them sonize me heah before all dese white clothing of skins, which he probably

"Spiritual Songs for the Use of Circles, Camp-meetings and Other Spiritualistic Gatherings." By Mattle E. Hull. For sale at this office. Price 10 God, This may be the reason of its centa.

Education the Savior of the World. Ignorance is the parent or superstition. Science, another name for

knowledge, is the parent of skepticism. In those countries where the people are mostly uneducated, there the church rules and there the priest is held in highest esteem. Of such European countries are Spain and Italy. In France, in Germany and in Great Britain knowledge is more widely diffused, and in those countries churchmen have been gradually discarding their inherited errors until with the educated only few of the ancient dogmas

In our own country, doubtless the New England States are most advanced in knowledge. There the gross barbarism prevalent in the church three hundred years ago has been very generally discarded. Unitarians and Universalists are most numerous in those States. and their philosophy has almost imperceptibly crept into all the orthodox churches, and modulated their faith, now forcibly shown in the great desire to get away from their old creeds.

The South, with its millions of uneducated negroes, only one generation removed from slavery, leads this country in illiteracy. It also leads in faith in the old creeds. There an orthodox hell and the Devil are in their glory. And there, among the devotees of the church, science is little known.

In Europe late statistics show that 79 per cent of the soldiers of Russia and Servia can neither read nor write. A little more than one-half of Italian and Hungarian soldiers can read; while up there in half-skeptical Great Britain 97 per cent of her soldiery can read and write, and 30 per cent are credited with a liberal education.

They who never think, without regard to location, believe as they were taught in infancy. Mumbo Jumbo reigns supreme among the savage tribes of Africa. And a great big exaggerated man, with all the passions, hates and loves of a barbarian people is worshiped among the thoughtless and uneducated classes in all Christian countries. Worse still, many do so who know hetter, that they may not be maligned and ostracised by the "faithful."

China, overthrew the ancient dynasty, and set up their own rule in the country, as evidence of loyalty to the new dynasty, the head of every Chinaman was shaved save a scalp-lock-known to us as a pig-tail-which was retained, symbolic of their servitude to the Tartars. In time the reason for wearing this uncouth appendage was forgotten. The descendants of those who first wore this mark of vassalage forgot its greater grief than the loss of that lock which demonstrates his slavery.

So the cross was used as a symbol of subordination wherever the Roman Supreme Pontiff planted it as his standard. The people were crushed and overborne, and this hateful instrument of torture was ever before them evidencing their servility. In time the acts of the oppressors were forgotten, until now it is the most sacred object to which the eye turns.

It is education, with a history of the past, that arouses hate, and invites to the abandonment of the cruelties and creeds of tyrannous usurpers. When it shall become universal the remaining Christian dogmas will take their place with the discarded myths of older religions, then will begin a new day. when Spiritualism will come to the front and peacefully reign forever. We pray the good spirits to hasten the dawning of that brighter day.

Cause of the Chinese Rebellion. There are said to be three times as many Catholic missionaries in China as there are of all denominations of

In a treaty between France and China, made some two years ago, special privileges were conferred on Catholics, which were not extended to Protestants. The Boxers interpreted that treaty as placing Christians outside of Chinese authority, exempting them from punishments to which Chinamen were subject. It is reported Catholic missionaries cited this privilege extended to them, and not to Protestants, as an inducement to embrace their faith.

If these statements are correct, and were similar privileges extended to asking the privilege of correcting false Buddhists in America, there would be a rebellion against the constituted authorities of which the troubles in China are only child's play.

Under threats of division of the empire among the great Christian powers, Chinese authorities have made concessions which the people will not allow foreigners to exercise.

Confessed Cannibals.

Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament is the name of a society of as low an estimate on all Christian priests of the Protestant Episcopal sects as do American Christians on church, who aim to restore the mass, practiced by Roman Catholics, to their church. At a late session held in New York, the "Eucharistic Sacrifice" played an iniportant part. One speaker said: "The church is spiritually nurtured and kept alive by the holy eucharist." that is feasting on the body and blood of a crucified God. That "body and blood" represent the human nature of Jesus, hence the eating of them by mortals is cannibalism, and nothing else. Another priest, Rev. Watson, said: "The constant preaching of the real presence of the body of Jesus in celebration of the encharist is necessary, because it is the unquestioned doctrine of the church." If the bread and wine is metamorphosed into the real body and blood of Jesus, then every participant in the sacrament is a cannibal.

> The Two Historians in Contrast, The first page of Chinese history, says the Encyclopedia Britannica, begins by describing the nucleus of the nation as a little horde of wanderers. roving among the forests of Shan-se, without houses, without clothing, without fire to dress their victuals, and subsisting on the spoils of the chase, eked

> The reader will contrast this history with divine revelation, and determine probable. Because of eating a fortore from the bodies of living animals, for human genius had not yet invented

the knife. It may be proper to mention that the | tarianism? Chinese story did not originate with greater probability.

Yes, Times Have Changed. Lately said the Rutherford News, of

New Jersey: "Less than ten years ago it was confidently believed that war, of any considerable magnitude, was well nigh impossible; that mankind, had so developed in the higher civilization that all differences between nations could be readily settled by arbitration, and that the enormous destructiveness of modern implements of warfare would deter all nations from yielding to the aggressive instinct. To-day we find the whole world more or less convulsed with the war fever and ready to plunge into the destruction of human life on a comparatively slight provocation. Verily the times have changed."

Religious demagogues saw their glory was departing. In every country where education is generally diffused the power of the church is declining. When it lost the whip and spur of hell, changing that flery domain into the Greek hades, "a place for the dead in general, without regard to their goodness or badness, their joys or their sorrows," as Rev. George Campbell, in his "New Translation of the Gospels; with Notes," defined the word 125 years ago, and this word was restored untranslated to the sacred text by the late revisers, with it went all the fright the Christian pulpit had taught for the last 500 years. The Devil, whom Milton made but a little inferior to God, took his departure with his bottomless domain, so it has become necessary to gain control over the barbarous races to retain even a remnant of its power. In all civilized countries the indications are, the church dogmas will be relegated to the Past within the next hundred years.

The revelations of the spirit world have been wonderful alds to the great revolution. Each new convert augments the opposition to the old creeds, while the united forces are quite irresistible The next grand effort should be to dethrone the usurper, human-born, whom priests have delighted to make, first co-equal with the Father, then that Father himself. They who wish to convert him into a real character, or a medium between the two worlds, are at liberty, so far as we are concerned, to do so; but it is blasphemy to clothe him with the attributes of divinity. Intelligence repudiates the claim, and the uncultured races are sought for as recruits

by churchmen driven to desperation, The Japanese repulsed a religion greatly inferior to their own, so Christianity could gain no footing among those islanders. Mahomet made all his conquests in suppressing idolatry, so no progress can be made in gaining votaries to a triple-headed God among that people. The last hope for future conquests by Christian missionaries is graphs, etc. China. That people, the oldest nation on the globe, with an unbroken history of 5,000 years, and ostensibly of 20,000 years, has a system of religion well adapted to their needs. They can see no good reason why they should change their faith at the caprice of "Foreign Devils," who, unasked, have intruded themselves into Chinese homes, and labor to destroy the common worship for what they conceive a very inferior system, and no way adapted to their

condition. Sectarians took advantage of commercial treaties. They entered the country through the open ports in the guise of traders. As such they built up places of business, secured the services of a few dependent natives, from whom they learned the Chinese language: then they commenced peddling their dogmas, and threatening with hell those who would not receive them. And that, really, is what has brought on the present troubles.

The Chinese are as devoted to their God-Joss, in their vernacular-as are Christians to their Delty, whose name the English borrowed from the Dutch. The Peace Congress, last year at The Hague, was supposed to be a peaceful movement looking to the adjustment of national disputes by arbitration instead of "trial by battle." But it was an assemblage of the Christian powers. The members of that Congress were selected by the executives of Christian governments. It resulted like an assemblage of priests intent on benefiting themselves and the countries they represented, with seemingly little care for

the outside world. Are Horses to Disappear?

Having some business that called us east on a flying trip, we took the opportunity to stop at Tarrytown, N. Y., for a couple of days, to witness the remarkable production of mechapical skill, a horseless carriage, or "Mobile," as it is called. The Mobile Company of America has purchased a large tract of land near Tarrytown, and erected thereon an extensive plant, where about 500 skilled mechanics are employed in turning out the wonderful Mobile. It certainly is a most ingeniously constructed machine, and is probably the best for general use in the market to-day. When once ready for operation it can be easily managed. We saw men, women, and even boys, running it, when once put in operation, and outstripping any horse, going up hill and down as if moved with animal life. The officers and employes of the firm are exceedingly courteous and obliging to visitors. there being several present from va-rious parts of the United States, some of whom returned to their homes with a Mobile. It is evident the horse in a great measure is to disappear as a factor in the industries of our country. Those contemplating buying a Mobile would do well to correspond with the Mobile Company of America, located at Tarrytown, N. Y.

Level-headed. Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, is reported as saying of the troubles in

China: "One thing is clear: All the missionaries should be compelled at once to withdraw to places of security; or, if they choose heroically to remain in fusions of her brain and pen. We conposts of danger, should be warned that they do this, as did the early missionaries, at their own risk. It is monstrous that a religion of peace and good-will bound in cloth. Price, \$1.50. For sale should be made, as too often it has been at this office. in the hands of its indiscreet apostles, a brand for kindling the flames of murderous war."

- Abuse of Authority.

It is stated that in Art. 29 of our treaty with China in 1858, provision is made that Chinese converts to Christianity who peacefully teach and practice the Christian religion, "shall in no case be interfered with or molested." Is it possible that the treaty-making power of this nation has ever been guilty of thus intermeddling with foreign powers in the interest of sec-

D. For sale at this office. Price, \$1. For sale at this office.

A Boy Has Visions.

A correspondent of the Chicago Blade living at Flemingsburg, Ky., gives an extraordinary/story of spirit power. As set forth, in the last few days visions of traged and ghosts have been troubling this community, caused by a mysterious and greysome find of human bones under the house known as the "old Augustus Sanford residence," located about four miles from Flemingsburg, and occupied at present by William Black and family, consisting of father, mother and their boy.

There are many mysteries associated

with this old house, which was once

occupied by a man, now deceased, who

was a quaint and peculiar kind of a being, one having few qualities calculated to make him desirable as one's neighbor. After his death it was learned that there was a trap door under his bed leading to the cellar. The door was so arranged that it could be opened from the bed, by merely pulling a sort of trigger attached to the bed. It is said that seven persons disappeared at this house in the last twenty-one years. The first was a traveling dentist known to be worth considerable money. He stopped at the house one night after selling a number of race horses, and had the money derived from the sale on his person. He was never heard of afterward, but at

the time of his disappearance it was not

known that he stopped with the eccen-

tric occupant of the house.

Thursday, May 15. Willie Black, aged 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Black, the present occupants of the house, had a vision, or claims he did, in which ghost told him to dig in the cellar and he would find a skeleton, that of a man named Bradshaw, the spirit said, who was murdered just north of the house, in the orchard, twenty-one years ago. When the boy made this known several men, your correspondent included proceeded to verify what had been communicated to the boy in the strange manner alleged. After digging about three feet we came upon a human skeleton, with old-style clothing still upon the remains. We also unearthed

about \$3,000 in counterfeit money. Next day the boy claimed to have had another vision. He said if we would dig in the opposite corner from where we had dug before we would find three more skeletons. We dug as directed, and when about three feet down we came upon three more skeletons, just as the boy had predicted.

The four skeletons have been viewed by several doctors, including Drs. Akin, Garr, Kehoe and Brace, and all pronounce the bones as human. About 500 people also saw the remains in one day, saying nothing about the reporters, who are as thick as flies, all after photo-

The boy appears to take very little interest in what is going on around him.

The College of Fine Forces.

Dr. Babbitt has now two courses of study, the Academic Course and the College Course. The Academic is simpler and very much cheaper than the other and gives new and powerful methods of cure which will save great suffering and big doctor's bills.

AN UNSHAKEN BELIEVER.

They're tearing down the castles we've erected in the air-They claim that Brother Damon never flourished anywhere.

They tell us that the story of his friendship was a myth; But I believe in Damon, and I've faith

in Brother Pyth. They cite us facts and figures, claiming it's a fairy tale. Of the residence of Jonah in the inside of the whale.

And they say that Billy Tell did not take snapshots at his son-But I believe the stories-I believe 'em every one.

They state that our immortal George not only lied but he Was not the lad who hatcheted his papa's cherry tree; But I believe that Washington was a

most honest youth-If that tree was an orchard, I'd declare it was the truth. They try to shatter my belief in Barb'ra Frietchie's flag.

But still my faith is steadfast, and it is not'prone to sag. I'd swear the tale was truthful if it said she waved a gun-For I believe the stories-I believe 'em

every one. They try to prove that Sheridan could not have "saved the day," They say he didn't ride like mad from "twenty miles away,"

go it blind-I've just as firm belief in it as if I rode | in contriteness, benevolence, simplicity.

pin my faith to every one of all the good old tales; I've confidence in all the men, the horses and the whales. They cannot break my idols-they can-

not spoil my fun. For I believe the storles—I believe 'em every one.

-Baltimore American.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Words That Burn. A Romance. By Mrs. Lida Briggs Browne. We are glad to welcome this, another literary effort, which in quality and tone is adapted to interest, instruct. and leave an impress for good on the mind of anyone that reads. Like the recently issued book, "Lisbeth," by Mrs. Twing this volume of "Words That Burn, is worthy of hearty commendation. No Spiritualist, or others, can read it with out being spiritually richer for ft. It is replete with the New Thought of to-day, We shall not attempt to analyze the

work. Mrs. Browne is not unknown to readers of this journal, as in time past she has enriched our columns by the efgratulate Her on this literary effort, and hope it may prove, as it deserves, a substantial financial success. It is well

TOU, as a progressive mind, should know something of the phenomena of that magnificent change called Death. On that subject you will find valuable information in the three volumes of The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World Those three volumes contain more valuable information on that subject than all the libraries of the world. They are furnished to the subscribers of The Progressive Thinker at a nominal cost. Read carefully our premium list.

Spiritualism as Witchcraft.

The Milwaukee Sentinel says that the subject of Spiritualism was considered at the session of the Wisconsin synod at St. Marcus church in a paper that was read by the Rev. A. Pieper, of St. Marcus' church. Mr. Pieper only partly completed his paper, which consists of six theses, but he will take the stand. that Spiritualism is "the work of the devil," and should be combatted by the Christian church. He holds that it is neither a religion nor a science, but a piece of witchcraft. He takes the stand that the Bible recognizes witchcraft as a reality and that Spiritualism comes under that heading.

Mr. Pleper read only two of the six theses and a general discussion was indulged in as the reader proceeded.

The first thesis treated the history of Spiritualism, Mr. Pieper holding that it was not a discovery of the modern times, but traces of it were found in the Old Testament and in ancient Egypt Assyrien, Babylon, China and other Eastern countries. The speaker then traced it up to the present day. In his second thesis he took the stand that the supernatural phenomena believed in by Spiritualists are not altogether frauds. but that some phases of it are real. such as the trance, though he did not believe that such a condition was produced by spirits, but rather by a condition of the body, such as disease.

The third thesis will treat the subject from the view that science is unable to explain many Spiritualistic phenomena. The fourth thesis will be the teachings of Spiritualism. In the synopsis that he has furnished, he holds that according to the Scripture the supernatural phenomena in Spiritualism are not the work of departed souls, but the work of the devil, and the teachings of Spiritualism are the teachings of demons. The fifth thesis will hold that Spirit-

ualism is neither a science nor a religion, but a piece of witchcraft, This will be an acknowledgment that witchcraft exists, Mr. Pieper taking the stand that in the Bible it is acknowledged as a reality and arguing from that point of view. The concluding thesis will be on the dangers of Spiritualism. He will hold that the Christian church has every reason to combat Spiritualism and will assert that the word of God is the only effective means to combat it with. Mr. Pieper is a Lutheran, and, like the Catholics, is violently opposed to Spiritualism. He certainly has an exceedingly narrow mind, or he would not regard Spiritualism in the light he does. He is at least fifty years behind the

times. Spiritualism, with its millions of adherents, has no fear of these assaults from the pulpits. They are perfectly harmless, doing the church no good, and Spiritualism no harm. The statements made by this divine have been refuted a thousand times.

Peace on Earth, Good Will

to Men. There is joy in heaven over every ef-

fort that makes for peace and concord and devoutness of soul.

Truth. on this consummation of our efforts. and as you read these poor words of mine try to feel what they cannot express, the soul exultation, the gratitude to the Divine Giver of all good, in earth as it is done in heaven, thereby land, our towns. bringing out and into your lives the fruit of the great prayer of the ages, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven." The Banner of Light as the oldest now of all our periodical publications. withstanding many tempests and rising grandly above many vicissitudes, is like the giant-oak around whose trunk wind vine-like and in harmonious concord The Progressive Thinker and The Light of Truth, the younger, vigorous champions of liberty of thought and our common immortality. While streaming from them all are the sprigs of olive, bearing peace and love to all the world.

Dear mortals, happiness consists altogether of kindness and love. If we love we are happy. If we give, we are happy. Happiness is service, sacrifice, devotion, the amplitude of the virtues of our older people, and create all kinds of soul life. Bestow the best you have dissensions between families and indiupon others and in the giving you find abiding happiness. Nothing else abides. | tolerate them. But I put my trust in it-I'm content to | All else is vainglory and death. Without charity we are nothing. Wisdom is | machines, we could, of course, buy | place where no agitation could disturb O that this work may go on!

Be sure that in giving this testimonial of the watchers in spirit life over the turmoils now allayed, we reap our abundant rewards in true happiness. May peace and love abide with you, the workers on these and all the other papers struggling to interpret the munificent benisons of our world.-Light of Truth.

NEARING THE BEAUTIFUL RIVER

I am nearing the beautiful river, It's silvery ripples I hear: How I long to glide over its waters To that home of love so dear.

Bright faces of loved ones are waiting | than any other people in the world. To welcome me over there: They beckon to me o'er the waters, Their joy and their love to share. Chorus-

I am nearing the beautiful river. Its silvery ripples I hear; Soon I'll glide o'er its soft waters. To that home of love so dear. Hark! music like a sweet-voiced bell. Farewell! dear friends of earth, fare-

I am nearing the beautiful river. That flows thro' the shadowy vale: On its borders are daintiest flowers Ever seen in earth's meadow or dale Sweet perfume and music ideal

Greet my spirit with rapture sweet,

As I eagerly strain at the fetters That are binding my weary feet. Oh! I long to cross over the river, Tho' leaving some loved ones behind: But they know I'll watch over their

footsteps When the path into heaven I find. Ah! the silver-robed angels are coming. With a promise of peace and rest; Oh! at last has my soul found the sunshine

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THE OPINIONS

a Distinguished China-

There is living in London, Enga-in fact, he holds a high position in a firm of eastern merchants-a Chinese gentleman who has for many years , be-China, and with whom a representative | the Infinite. of the Buffalo Express has had a most interesting interview.

"You English," he observed, speaking our language with remarkable fluency, "only look at Chinese matters from your own point of view. Ah! if you could only look at them from ours! "Western civilization is to us a mere mushroom. It is a thing of yesterday.

Chinese civilization is unnumbered thousands of years old. We consider ourselves at least 2,000 years ahead of "There was a time when we had, like you, our 'struggle for life,' our race for wealth; our ambition for power, our haste and hurry and worry, We, too,

had your clever inventions-gunpowder, printing and the rest-but we have lived long enough to find out how essentially unnecessary all these things are, "We have also had our periods of doubt, fanaticism, and dissension in matters of religion. We have had our martyrs, our reformations, our nonconformists, our intolerance, and finally, our toleration. Yes, thousands of years

WISDOM FROM THE CENTURIES. "But, as I say, we have outgrown it all. From the experience of past centuries we have learned wisdom; from the mistakes and disasters of our ancestors we have learned that none of the things for which we strove were really worth striving for.

"Our passions and ambitions have settled down into a calm desire for happiness in this world; our religion is reduced to a philosophy of life which the test of the last 2,000 years has proved to be absolutely sound.

teach our children that their happiness | ingly ingenious manner; the center can only be secured by the perform- nearly closed up and made stronger by ance of duty, by the observance of moral and business obligations, and by | watched the wondrous building and resurrounding one's self with a circle of | pairing till a violent storm obliterated equally happy friends and relatives. lot which falls to his kindred, he finds | tect. Intelligence! Who can deny it to his greatest happiness in sharing his good fortune with them. And in China we never cease to work. There is no such thing as 'retiring from business.' Work is part of our pleasure, because it is part of our duty.

A COMFORTABLE PHILOSOPHY. "We believe in making the best of this life, which is the only one we know anything about for certain. That is the Be All and End All of Chinese philos-

"All through China you will find the same level, uniform spirit of content. "You may think we live lives of ignorance and squalor and idleness, but I assure you it is not so. We are as well off as we want to be, and no man can improve on that.

"Now, these being our circumstances, you of the western world come to us with what you call your new ideas. on earth. I come to you with charity | You bring us your religion, an infant of 1900 years. You invite us to build rail-Words can not tell of the glory felt | ways so that we may fly from place to | here when our prayers had been an place at a speed which for us has swered by the deep burial of all strife | neither necessity nor charm. You want | and contention between our three great | to build mills and factories so as to depapers, The Banner of Light, The Pro- | base our beautiful arts and crafts, and gressive Thinker and The Light of produce tawdry finery in place of the beautiful textures and hues which we | tied a twine to it, fastening the same In beautiful symbol let us put a period | have evolved after ages of experiment. | to another nail higher up on the oppo-

"Against all this we protest. want to be let alone. We want to be free to enjoy our beautiful country, and kept on towards the floor, while the the fruits of our centuries of experi- other sought the twine and ran across ence. When we ask you to go away the window. Here I drove another that now and henceforth these great in- | you refuse, and you even threaten us struments of good may do our work on | if we do not give you our harbors, our

"And now, having carefully considered the matter, we of the so-called Boxers' society, have decided that the only way to get rid of you is to kill you. We are not naturally bloodthirsty. We certainly are not thieves. But when persuasion and argument and appeals to your sense of justice are of no avail. we find ourselves face to face with the fact that the only resource is to put you out of existence.

THE MISSIONARY QUESTION. "Consider your missionaries. They

come, as I have said, with a new religion, upon the main principles of which they are bitterly divided among themselves. They tell us that unless we accept their doctrines we shall suffer eternal punishment. They frighten our children and the more weak-minded of viduals. No wonder that we will not

them; but we do not. We have no use for them. We have learned to do without them. Yet you say you will force us to buy them, whether we will or not. Is that just? I say it is an impertinence-an outrage.

"A good deal is made of the fact that we are not soldiers. Well, we have ceased to be soldiers, because we have become civilized. War is a barbarism. The effect of our having arrived at our present stage of civilization is that we have increased and multiplied beyond every other race on the face of the earth. In spite of our great mortality (which seems to be very shocking to you, although we recognize in it only a wise provision of nature), the Chinese race is increasing at a greater pace

"We could if we chose overwhelm the rest of mankind. That we do not do so is due to the perfection of our civilization, our philosophy, and our morals. We number 400,000,000 human beings, and who could withstand us if we chose to assert our power? Do you think we are unconscious of it? On the contrary, we understand it only too well. Let the white races of the earth appreciate the fact that we and not they are its mas-

WHAT HAPPENS TO INVADERS. "There have been twenty so-called successful invasions of China. But what has happened? Have the invaders dominated the Chinese? No. The conquered have absorbed their conquerors. All have became Chinese. The very Jews who have come among us have been absorbed by our race-a thing which has never happened elsewhere. "Let me repeat that all the forces which divide men in the west have all who would gain a fair conception of practically no existence in China. Politics, religion, private ambitions, the necessity for expansion, land-hunger,

the Chinaman is inert, careless and simple, he is a child. There never was a greater mistake. "He has learned the secret of being happy. His life is placid, and nothing troubles him so long as his conscience is clear.

gold-hunger-all these have no exist-

ence in China. You think that because

"There you have our character in a sentence. Let us alone, and we will

INTELLIGENCE.

Some Interesting Examples

Noted. To the Editor:-Kindly permit me to say a few words in regard to that "Infinite Intelligence" that has been so much written about and talked of, fully longed to the Boxers' secret society in | realizing my finite mind cannot grasp

> It seems to me there must be an Intelligence running through all matter. through all things, animate and inanimate. The other morning as I was taking my deep breathing exercises out on the plazza, with face toward the rising sun, in true oriental fashion, I espied between me and that glorious orb, a gossamer spider's web, wet with pearly, shining dew. It was a marvel of perfection as to fineness, form and skill in its workmanship.

> I called Jay to admire and help me gush over it; he put his finger too near, the web being viscld from its newness and the dew, clung to the finger and was torn. The spider was a little grev insect not over the eighth of an inch long, with five tiny, red horns protruding from the upper surface of its body. It remained quiet at the center of its wonderful piece of mechanism all that day. Next morning the web was most skilfully repaired and several strands added to its circumference: I am sure it had been all done in the darkness of night or the dim dawn of the early morning. No delicate, fairy, human fingers

could have wrought the marvel. It was cabled to a tree limb on one side five feet distant, on another side to a twine I had stretched near by, on the third side to an oleander bush a yard away. These cables were lovely in execution as I could see through my magnifying glass; divided into regular spaces of plain gossamer and fuzzy white links. No man living has the ability or intelligence to build such a wonder as this modest insect had done; the day was windy, the delicate fabric swing to and fro for many hours. The next "We believe that the best thing to morning found it several strands larger, pursue in this life is happiness, and we | broken places mended in an astonishthe linked cables. Day after day we it, and perhaps, in the seeming cruelty If a Chinaman prospers beyond the of nature, destroyed the gifted archithis little spider? The other week I went into a friend's

store; he sat at his desk behind a screen

of lattice work; in and out of the diamond shaped interstices, through and through, ran a sweet potato vine, so royal in appearance, that for some little time I did not recognize the plebeian origin of the careening, emerald beauty. My friend looked up and said, "Don't you want one?" "What is it?" I inquired. "Wait a minute," he replied. He went to a back room and brought me a large, sprouted tuber. I brought it home, placed it in a small bucket with the sprouts up, filled the vessel with tepid water so half of the potato was covered, then hung the pail near a sunny window, taking care to add a little water every day or two to make up for evaporation. In a few days the vine was rampant. I watched it in its search for support. On one side of the large window was a bracket to which an empty bird cage was attached. It soon ran up to this, twined about the cage, in and out, between the wires. making it a bower of yerdure. In the meantime two tender branchlets had been dropped and were seeking a support below. I drove a nail still lower, site side; in a week one branchlet ran down, wound round the nall and then nail in the wall away from the casings, and still another on the side of the cage a foot and a half above it. At first the vine seemed to hesitate as if it were pondering, "Now what shall I do, run out on this dark wall or across the sunny window?" I was from home a few days. What was my surprise on returning to find my little traveler had put out two more branchlets, one of which was running along the wall, the other across the window. What can all this be but Intelligence? So human as to almost seem wise.

I make a saturated solution of sodium chloride; in this, for a patient's special use, I place a Russian towel, then wring it loosely out, hanging it in an airy place for the water to evaporate. leaving the salt to crystallize on every little loop and thread. In a short time there is a perfect forest of lovely, fragile, needle crystals of many sizes, making for the inactive skin of the ailing person one of the finest flesh brushes ever invented.

Later I looked at the solution remaining in the bowl after wringing out the "If we wanted your railways, and towel; having set it aside in a quiet it. The liquid has disappeared, while the mineral has built itself into a heap of beautiful, equal sized cubes! Who can say there has been no Intelligence In this mysterious work? Thus I could go on multiplying ex-

amples ad infinitum. Has any reasoning mortal the least idea that all this Occult Knowing How, sits on the outside of these operations, in the form of a man, with a crown on his head, a sceptre in hand, while any number of "Elders" stand curtsying before him by throwing down and picking up their crowns?

It seems impossible; yet can one deny this universal Intelligence? Call it Law; but can we say it is an unintelligent Law?

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TOLD BY PALMISTRY-LAUGH-THEY WERE TO MEET TRAGIC CAME TRUE

Do the lines which cross one another, cut strange little channels, die out or stretch and stretch themselves over one's hand tell the story of a person's life? Is the future of a man or of a woman mapped out and then diagrammed upon that individual's hand so that all who see it and may read, will know? Or is it mere coincidence which makes the prophecies of those who give dire warnings or tell of joyous futures sometimes come strictly true?

This is a story of romance and of tragedy-a tale all the more wonderful for its being true. It is a relation of facts which prove that the mysteries of Scheherezade linger with us still. It expands from the fertile fields of Pennsylvania to the wealth of Washington, and through it runs the hand of human

Potter county has never produced two handsomer girls than Grace Richardson and Effic Copley. Cousins they were and of an age. Chums almost inseparable. Miss Richardson lived with her parents in Middlebury township. They were not extremely wealthy persons, but they were well to do. A better farm than theirs was not to be found for twenty miles about. Hundreds of sheep gamboled in their pasture fields and their cattle were famed at the county fair. So Grace Richardson always went well gowned, and she knew how best to bring golden hair and azure eyes

she wore. Effie Copley was the antithesis of her danced and sparkled. Her parents, too, were well to do, but their acres were not so numerous nor their herds so many as those of the Richardsons, whose farm land theirs adjoined. They were content with lesser things.

Girls develop young in Potter county. The rich country air makes the red blood tingle in their veins and they grow strong and hearty. So it was that at 14 years of age Grace Richardson and Effic Copley were very near matured. Company they had in plenty and both could scarcely wait for later years to come.

VISITED THE GYPSY CAMP.

At this time there passed through Potter county a wealthy band of gypsies. All the way from Texas they had come journeying toward New York. Not ordinary nomads were these persons. From their beautifully constructed wagons dozens of thoroughbred horses trailed far behind. Prone to trade, they were as honest as any horse traders could well be and word of their good faith went on before them.

To a vast concourse was the party going as an escort to their queen. This woman traveled in a carriage all her own, She was arrayed as was the Queen of Sheba, and at night she slept in a tent of many gorgeous colors.

The gypsies camped for three days in a bit of woods on the outskirts of Cross Forks, and there the people gathered from all the region round about and had their fortunes told. Seated upon a gilded throne and bedecked with forest flowers, the Queen gazed into the palms of her visitors and revealed their fortunes to them. It was noted that the Queen was not an optimist. Quite frequently would she refuse to talk with some of those who called. To others she gave gloomy forebodings of the dark days to come. "The world is full of sorrows" she would explain, "but quietly left the house. Sprague fol-

them out together." To the grove in which the gypsies had encamped Grace Richardson and Effie Copley went. They saw the gorgeous tent which enclosed the Queen, and the dozens who entered there and then came out again made them very curious. So they took their place in line and waited to see what the future had in store for them. So inseparable were the girls that they determined that each. should hear what was told the

Together the girls marched in before the Queen. She took a hand of each, and looking at them sharply, simply

"I do not want to tell your fortunes." their importunities the gypsy, taking on the hillside she bloomed as in the of Nature are poured upon them until vibrant energy and this relieved makes the reader, but the philosophy and a in its business with its subscribers-a their hands in hers again, began slowly, years gone by. It was there in the land | they see the errors of their former be- a cool molecule. To resolve the phe- cosmology based upon the vibratory | portion of the profits of the office reas she traced the lines, to read:

DREADFUL PROPHECY.

"I see before both of you," she said, as if reciting a story well known to her, "a few years of happiness. Then will come days of sorrow. You will both die quite young, and your ends will be too dreadful to contemplate. Both will go to the grave by violence and after the same fashion. I did not want to on your hands, and what is traced there comes true." Then the Queen dismissed them with a sorrowful smile of sympathy.

to Grace Richardson and Effic Copley. Laughingly they rejoined their friends and told them of their fortunes. Then they departed for their homes. The gypsies moved on and were forgotten, had beaux in plenty, but of all those ingly first broke the news that soon she his vengeance." was to be married.

membered by all who live at Cross ton. The casket was opened at the sta-Forks. It was the most promising in tion, and there hundreds of the dead many years, and all the neighbors man's former friends gathered to do gathered to wish the happy couple well. last obeisance to the body. Dr. Cum-Grace Richardson was a bridesmaid.

county, and everything seemed to pros- gypsy's prophecy was ended .- Philadelper for awhile. Mansfield is an ed-phia Inquirer. ucational center as well as one of business. It has a normal school, big stores and temptations. Of the latter the Cop- B. Newcomb. Excellent in spiritual leys did not know until their daughter appeared at their door and announced that she had come to stay. All of this occurred so sudden that it took the people's breath away.

MURDERED, BY HER HUSBAND, handsome volume, wherewith to sweet-

TWO AWFUL MURDERS FORE- | before it was learned that Goodwin's love had been won away from his counreturned to Mansfield. The next morn-FATES-YEARS AFTER WORDS lying in an alley in the principal part of the town. A deep bruise on the head and a bullet hole told the tale of churches, the lukewarmness expressed

mansion and tenement the people gathered for but a single purpose, the punishment of the destroyer of their peace. Foremost among them was Goodwin. as the town had been upon the discovery of the murder, no less startled was It to learn the very next day that Goodwin had been arrested and taken to Wellsboro. For so sincere had his grief

in the minds of the residents of Tioga None knew what evidence there was court attended by some of the best attorneys of the northern tier of counties. He smiled upon his friends, shook hands and reassured them he quickly would be free. Then the blow came.

As a mist rolls away and discloses a trial. The first witness was the person to whom of all others Goodwin had ner in the murder—the woman for into delightful contrast with the gown | whose sake Mrs. Goodwin had been slain. Calmly she told the gory taleeach detail she painted in the most charming cousin. She was tall and grewsome hue. There was little dedark. Her hair was as glossy as a fense. And at the hanging, which ocblack bird's breast, and her dark eyes curred in June, 1898, Goodwin told his person say he wished he had the faith story just before the black cap was ad-

MAN'S DIRE THREAT.

Mrs. Goodwin's tragic death recalled with startling vividness to Grace Richardson the prophecy so earnestly made by the Gypsy Queen so many years before. Her parents pooh-poohed it, her friends smiled at the recollection, but the young woman, still unmarried and unloving, believed that some day the prophecy would come true. Miss Richardson grew thin and wan. She wanted to go away, she cared not in what direction; some place where the scenes of her troubled brain; some place where she was not known.

After weeks and months of pleading, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson consented to this plan. Joyously did the victim of the strange hallucination pack her trunk and hie herself away to Galeton. There in the midst of the lumber region, where things were fresh and new, she would find peace.

At Galeton resided Frank Sprague. A lumber king was Sprague. His acres reeked with virgin timber, and his employes were numbered by the score. He was big and commanding, and into his coffers gold was flowing fast. About this time Mrs. Sprague became ill and Miss Richardson, moved by pity, went to nurse her back to health. So womanly was Miss Richardson and so dainty that not only did she win her way into the heart of the invalid, but into the soul of the husband as well. Earnestly he pleaded with her. If she would but run away with him, he said, they would go to the other end of the world; he would cover her with riches and with happiness as well.

Contemplation of Sprague's proposition frightened Miss Richardson far more than the gypsy's proposition. She there are many joys. You will find lowed and promised that should she ever wed her life would pay the price. Galeton had quite lost its charm by this time. Miss Richardson, still broken in health and on the brink of nervous prostration, returned to the home of her parents in search of the peace which was not there. Day by day the specter of death followed hard behind her. It crept into the room by night and laughed at her derisively in the morning. Then to save her mind. to make one last dash for preservation, this woman determined to flee far

PROPHECY FULFILLED.

A party of friends was going to California at this period. Miss Richardson became a member of it. At last, distant nia girl met the man she was fated to earned and so dearly bought. wed. Guy T. Hale was his name, and. strangely enough, he, too, was a lumber man. In far-off Washington Hale's possessions struck deep into the forest. happy far beyond their dreams.

A dispatch from Tacoma tells the rest of this strange story.

"Frank F. Sprague, a Pennsylvania tell you, but you insisted. It is written | numberman," it says, "arrived in this city from his home in Potter county, that State, a few days ago. He proceeded to the home of Guy T. Hale, seven miles from town, without delay. Now all this seemed but a huge joke Sprague found Mrs. Hale, a former acquaintance of his, at home. Her husband was away.

"When Mr. Hale arrived home he was met at the door by his wife, who told to the front and shout the truth in no rapid then it is a vibration. Thus which the wave radiated. him that Sprague was within. Scarcely mild tones, without a tremble in the when molecules come together under The universe is not a complex meso were their prophecies. One year fol- had she spoken than Sprague, who had lowed close upon the heels of another followed close behind her, shot Mrs. until four had been passed. The girls Hale through the heart, and she fell dead into the arms of her husband. who visited the Copley house the most Retreating into the house, Sprague then favored was Walter E. Goodwin. An committed suicide by shooting himindustrious roung man was Goodwin, self. Hale, who is nearly wild with and he was well to do. He had a store grief, states that his wife had told him the other side of life to cheer and con- ter which will be maintained as long of his own and a little farm and seemed Sprague once threatened to take her sole those whom misfortune and trouble as the pressure or resistance is mainto be gaining a fortune. It was to her life if she ever married. He had come have overtaken until they are nearly tained. In this manner heat is a vibracousin Grace that Miss Copley blush- all the way from Pennsylvania to take fainting by the wayside and have been

A short time ago the remains of The Goodwin-Copley wedding is re- Sprague arrived home from Washingmings and Druggist Hayman made an-But this little country town quickly examination of the corpse and found became too small for Goodwin and his that Sprague had placed a revolver aspirations. He and his charming little | muzzle between his teeth and pulled wife moved to Mansfield, in Tloga the trigger. So the tragedy of the

> "Discovery of a Lost Trail." By Chas. suggestiveness. Cloth, \$1.50. For sale at this office.

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SPIRITUALISM:

Do I hear the question asked, if Spiritualism will ever become a popular religion? My friends, Spiritualism is to-day the most popular religion in the world. It is a religion that if rightly understood by the people, would be wished to be believed by nearly everyone. It is embraced by hundreds every year, and they are becoming Spiritual ING GIRLS WARNED THAT try help-mate. One day Mrs. Goodwin ists in every church all over our land. Some do not know it, and some have ing her mutilated corpse was found had enough of Spiritualism to know to what society they belong.

> by so many on the subject of religion, For a quarter of a century Mansfield is the Spiritualism in their natures had been free from serious crime. From working in its own good way to counterbalance the evils they have been taught through the past generations. They have come to the conclusion their own belief is not right, and have heard His had been the loss, he said, and his the scriptures expounded in various must the vengeance be. But as startled | ways, until becoming tired of the many versions of it, some git down quietly, discouraged at the conflicting opinions, while others go on investigating on their own account until they become convinced that hell is not one-half as appeared to be that few were willing to | hot as painted by the old divines. If believe that he was the slayer of his any come to stumbling blocks in their path that seem insurmountable, they The trial of Goodwin will remain long | always take the easier way, the pleasanter path, where the footbold is clear county. It was fraught with sensation. and the way so bright, that everyone will be enabled to see the glory and the against the prisoner; the defense was light of the new life, that happy land coolly confident. Goodwin appeared in | that lies at our door and where the doors are ever ajar and angel hands are waiting to welcome their friends to the beauties of the higher sphere.

> Is Spiritualism popular? I ask. Did you ever tell an unbeliever, one that knew nothing of our faith or in what mountain, so did the prosecution's mys- it consists, that that person did not extery disappear with the opening of the press a wish that he or she had the faith to believe the beautiful theory, beautiful in living and more beautiful looked for aid. She was his guilty part- in dying? How many times in telling my friends of my belief, I have had the same thing said to me, and no doubt you have had the same. "Oh, if I only had the faith to believe your beautiful religion."

> > Now, my friends, did you ever hear

to become a Methodist, a Presbyterian, a Baptist, or a Catholic? Is it anything to be wished for? Did you ever in your lives hear the wish expressed that anyone had faith to believe one of their doctrines? And why not? Because every teaching of Nature is in direct opposition to them. Every soul shrinks from the horror of such a faith and turns to something more beautiful, more tangible to get hold of, and where it is all light instead of darkness. Nothing but fear taught by other than angel teachers has instilled into the minds of the young the feeling that her childhood would no longer haunt their forefathers and belong to some they must follow in the footsteps of church in order to be saved. It is nothing beautiful in the religion itself, but a fear born of something dreadful to come if not lived in the only manner been taught from their earliest into possess? or have I misunderstood the meaning of the term popularity?

> No one can doubt for one moment that we are sincere and earnest in our of the fact that their religion is a fraud in a degree: although it has done its work well, it must now make way for feeling of good will to all men, making no exceptions between the good and the bad, the high and the low, but giving each and everyone a fair chance and able angel teachers to teach the new truths to be learned to enable us to be advanced on the tree of life as far as we are capable of climbing with the powers we possess here and the help we are given.

Shall we attain a higher degree of Spirituality? It is impossible to tell of the vast possibilities for the attainment of Spirituality. It is without limit. Although we may not satisfy ourselves in this life, believe me everything is sent to us to help us to become something higher, something better. We but the divine presence is over all, inspiring us with higher hopes and mightler ambitions, and our lives are growing nearer the divine plan Nature intended us to fill in this great universe | water become foam by the same pro- line, the concentric, the feminine wave. of life.

The very discords in the churches are purifying them. They are cleansing the impure and making them examine their own hearts and minds and leading them to look further for something better and more elevating than they that they insisted, and giving way to tall trees of Yosemite and the vineyards where the treasures of the storehouse

everyone is not a Spiritualist. It could not be. It is an impossibility. Our natures are not alike, but the spirituality friction causes molecular heat. What in each octave, it is possible to form | we have left is \$1.50. You can readily There he took his bride and they were | within is constantly working and strug- | is friction but a vibration. Prove it? | chords, minor and major, to the number gling with the coarser part of our natures, and is sure to triumph in the end. | rhythmic motion. When two bodies sand (1,500,000) and since each has a | We do this work in accordance Look at the many good things that have | that revolve with the same velocity distinct path of motion, each path with The Divine Plan, in order to assist come with Spiritualism. You can count the blessings by thousands. Is this nothing to be thankful for? Believe when two bodies revolve with different their forms can thus be accounted for our premium list, and you will certainly me, it is flourishing like the green bay tree, and before we know it light will each these will only touch each other was not the dominant cause of forms enter the doors of the most careless ob- periodically in about the same way as in life, but the conditions under which servers and they will become imbued | when you moisten your finger then run | the path of dynamic force operated in with the spirit of progress, until it will it over the surface of a varnished table. the beginning, had an influence as to not be asked in whispers if he or she is | it periodically touches the table. When | the form of the wave which would be in a Spiritualist, but thousands will come this rhythmic contact is exceedingly accordance with the environment in voice or a quiver of the nerves for fear | pressure and these revolving at various | chanical structure when properly unsomeone will say he is a Spiritualist, velocities, will alternately touch one derstood. The entire present cosmology but all will rejoice with joy unspeaka- another, and this ar an intensely rapid is too complex to be true, the laws of ble that they have been enabled to see | rate becomes a vibration, this vibrant | nature are based upon too complex a | per. then the time you have paid for has the light with so much force that they energy crowding upon the molecules hypothesis and lack harmonious suc- expired, and you are requested to renew fear to tell no man their convictions, faster than these can dissipate the cession. and know they are truths sent from same, results in a heated state of matpicked up by their angel friends and made to see the beauties of our religion. MRS. D. E. PAINE.

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VIBRATIONS: THE LAW OF THE UNIVERSE

Will It Ever Become Pop- The Star, the Molecule, Their Path the Law of Design. By E. C. Getsinger.

did the Tartar, and that this same wall both animate and inanimate.

Little did the Chinese statesmen state of darkness exists, but when in dream when they constructed the great | tensified by the atmosphere it becomes wall around their empire to obviate heat and light. Again the source of all against the invasion of the Tartar, that light on this planet is probably rethis same wall would be an obstacle in solvable to vibrations. The sun is a vithe way of civilization and that the brating body and it is likewise vibratstatesmen of our day or possibly of ing the vast field of ether in which it is fifty years hence would order its demo- immersed. The stars in absorbing these lition at certain periodic distances so | vibrations by their atmospheres become that intercourse with civilization will luminous bodies and these scintillate be accelerated. This wall was built; their light to us. The whole universe is when a fixed state of thought existed in a vibrant structure and this state of vi-The very discords arising in the other | the ranks of that government and | bration makes the vibratory law one of when it was thought that'the Tartar the dominant laws of the universe. The hordes would always be a menace. relation of vibrations to the creation Little did they dream that civilization can be carried into the realm of the would threaten the Empire of China as causes of forms and designs of life-

> would serve as an obstacle in the way | The moisture on the window-pane in an empire, each trend of thought is as a the room is warmer than on the outside. citizen and according to its degree of im- | thus the molecules forming the two surportance is either noble or plebelan- faces conflict in their expansion and graded in this realm according to the their contraction which results in the law of fancy in one individual, and ac- window-pane setting up a high rate of cording to the law of utility in another, vibrations. The path of this vibration or a combination of both. In this is in the form of floral designs. The thought realm each individual has molecules of moisture follow in the rules of government, and a thought that | wake of this path of motion, the temapplies for citizenship must stand the perature of the window-pane is graduaccepted or rejected. But the individ- point, when the moisture freezes and ual whose thought realm has become the flowers on the window-pane result like an ancient Chinese empire is the by the moisture having outlined the

The history of religion of science | Another experiment in sound waves teaches us to beware of a fixed state or a study in vibratory physics is made its form by blending with the dynamof thought, but to cultivate a flexible by taking a tin can three inches in di- ical entity of human, and since this latconviction whose radius of expansion ameter and in depth, one end open; is graduated by common sense-the place a hole in the lower part of the the beginning of creation before matter product of civilization.

The great problems of science are not tin speaking trumpet and place it in this conclusively analyzed in one lifetime, hole when making the experiment. line), enters a dynamic world and there but generations can only pass final Next take a piece of tambourine head, exists under new conditions, where natjudgment. The minor problems can be wet it and stretch it tightly over the ural laws still govern. Its condition passed upon after a brief time of trial. open end of the can, tie it firmly, and must of necessity be subject to the The fundamental laws of nature are then leave it dry. When dry take fine dominant and universal law of vibravast problems and those that were ap- pumice stone and rub the membrane | tion, and by the law of correspondence parently solved and given us a century down to a thin film. To make sound levitates to a plane that corresponds ago as being facts are now found to be waves visible place upon this mem- to the manner of life of the individual, untenable, and were it not for the flex- brane a little lycopodium powder upon | which in turn gives the soul its "pitch ible conviction of the civilized mind the film about the size of a quarter, in- and octave." this change of opinion would still be sert the speaking trumpet into the hole impossible.

now dealing forces even the conserva- der will dance into the path of the tive minds beyond the possibility of sound waves. Sing another tone and conservatism, which is only another it will form another design. In this conservatism but what it was branded | miniature trees, etc. All of these are a Tartar and rejected. But there is a sound waves or paths of motion. The vast difference between a genuine form changes with each change of tone. scholar and thinker whose cautiousness Now suppose that in the early history is the stamp of his sincerity, and the of the Earth's formative epoch the exrigid conservative thinker who ap- hausted heat waves as they came up points himself as a guardian against a through the stratified earth, became re-Tartar invasion into the realm of sci- duced in intensity so that by the time ence and who, when approached, mere- they reached the water these became ly knits his brow as if it were possible modes of motion whose vibrations for him to concentrate intensely, then equaled those of sound waves, and they know anything about and have looks as wise as a tree-full of owls and these playing up through the water in around them, and therefore miss many finally drawls out the fact that "this is which was held in solution the subfancy. Now is not a religion popular | not exactly in accordance with the au- stances that form gelatinous comthat everyone would like to have faith | thorities on the subject." But such | pounds these were drawn into the wake words were never uttered by Goethe of the path of motion, there aggregating when he found the young harum-scar- this substance which finally encomum Schiller, nor by the practical Liszt passed the wave, and thus fixed a physwhen he found the esoteric Wagner, nor | ical outline to the dynamic entity—the | should be in every family in the United work, and mean what we say, and the by the fiexible-minded co-workers of sound wave-after a long period of conchurches believe it too, and they are Darwin when he dared to lay his views stant action, resulting in an undevel-

The electrical science has revealed sorbed in this process of evolution and some of those finer forces and with the flora formation hardens until the not find in all the libraries of the world more advanced thought and higher such rapidity has one, marvel come zoophites are the result. upon another that the pseudo-guardians of science have fled in dismay. The owls have deserted the tree of knowl- as all forms of life, is an embodied enedge.

were both kicked and pummeled.

fundamentals of science as did the rela- this dynamic entity is perpetuated by tion of vibrations to the electrical sci- a combination of laws governing matence. As electricians became more and ter and energy in its combined state so more familiar with the fluid with which | that there is an acceleration of this enthey were dealing, so did these find it ergy during the life of a being (the asnecessary to consider the laws and phe- similation of food is one), rather than a nomenon of vibrations. And much of dissipation of the same or the annihilathese results are due to the peculiar re- tion of the creature. Each specie was searches of Tesla, who finally discov- so formed in the beginning and as such ered the secret of lighting by high al- evolves its potentialities, and does not ternations or by vibrating a small vol- evolve into a higher manifestation of ume of electricity at the rate of hun-life-each specie is a distinct form of dreds of thousands times a second. life and remains such. may not see the whys and wherefores, | Electricity sufficient only to ring a tel- | The cause of sex is explained by me ephone or operate a telegraph instru- in this way: A sound wave has two ment when lashed into a high degree of manners of pulsation, the one from the agitation becomes the lighting power of center outward, the other from outward an alternating current, and so does to the center. The excentric is mascu-

Vibratory energy when not operating | modes of motion. Dynamic entities pulunder stress or resistance imparts a sated inverse or excentric, and this, in sensation of cold, but the same rate of the end, resulted in the inversion of the vibrations when operating under a muscular structure and the sex organs, stress of resistance manifests as heat, and the other in the excentric state of consequently heat is a vibratory energy | the same. have ever enjoyed, and they are sure to and only manifests as heat so long as In an article of this kind it is, of This seemed so strange to the cousins from the shadow of her youth, amid the come into a more liberal atmosphere, the stress is maintained. A heated course, impossible to attempt more than one dollar Spiritualist paper. Not only What All the World's a-Seeking. molecule is one overburdened with a to give a mere stimulus of thought to that, but it introduced the Divine Plan of the smiling days that the Pennsylva- lief, and enjoy the blessing so richly nomenon of heat or of cold to merely laws has been completed, in which sciconditions under which the vibrant en- ence is reconstructed in about ten of My friends, be not discouraged that ergy operates, is simplifying the its branches and will soon be compiled our subscribers for \$2.35. After paying causes of one-half of natural phenom- into book form. ena with one sweep. It is said that In one hundred octaves, seven tones Certainly! A vibration is a rapid and of over one million five hundred thou- less, by far, than the actual cost to us. come in contact with each other they forming the basis of a specie of life, in forming the nucleus of a library in smoothly roll upon each other, but the entire classification of species and every Spiritualist home. Read carefully velocities and come in contact with by the laws of vibration. Environment tion operating upon matter under stress sults in a law which becomes operative the tag of your wrapper. or resistance. Friction is not a contin- on the next new condition, and this uous contact between two revolving again results in another law and so on. molecules, but is agrhythmic contact, until all laws of nature are resolvable and if the contact alternates at the rate to one unitary law, and that is vibra-

more, it is decidedly a vibration. youd the earth's atmosphere this vi- energy. brant energy is merely motion and a The Creator only created two objects

the winter time will assume a beautiful The thought realm of a man is like flora because the glass on the inside of test of these rules and is accordingly ally lowered on the inside to a freezing one who has reached a fixed state of path of the vibratory waves or the path thought which acts as a wall around of motion, these become fixed by the his mental state—where one thinks he frost. The different flowers or designs repels the invasion of Tartars, when are caused by the different rates of viin fact he rejects the fruit of civiliza- brations, the thickness of the glass, the rapidity in the fall of temperature, etc.

and in a loud and steady voice sing a becoming awakened to the knowledge at the feet of conservatism where they oped specie of flora. Therafter the limes, carbons, phosphorus, etc., are ab-

This is my theory of the cause of designs and forms in life. Man, as well Nothing has so much changed the brant energy embodied in matter, and bound, and are an ornament to any

The action and recoil occurs in all

A natural law is the result of conditions—the natural sequence of developed potencies of matter, the dynamic manifestation of aggregate matter reof eighty thousand times a second or tion. This will make the structural universe the result of almost infinite paths | upon Spiritualism." By Moses. Hull The stupendous mass of the sun of motion, where stars outline the For sale at this office. Price ten cents. whose molecular particles are all rotat- waves and encompass the stupendous ing under great stress one against the "sound waves," or constellations the ture." By Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood. other, has made the sun a vibrating same as the molecules which encommass of incandescent matter, the radia- pass the zoophite wave in the water. I the ablest lecturers on the spiritual rostions of vibrant waves of energy form The law of the star is the law of the trum. In this little volume he presents heat near the sun and these heat waves | molecule-one immersed in ether, the in succinct form the substance of his "Mind and Body: Suggestions and when dissipated out into the other agi- other in water-a more dense subtates this subtle substance into light stance; the one attracted by stupendous of Nature; and presents his views as this light vibration becomes mere waves of dynamic force, the other by demonstrating a scientific basis of Spirwhich reverberates to the planets mersed in the ether form constellations all who love to study and think. For whose atmospheres collect the same. In the heavens under the influence of sale at this office. Price, 25 cents, Where? How? Is It Infallible? A and this solar energy when thus re-in- vibratory paths, the molecules imfew thoughts on other Bibles." By rected to the surface of the earth, be- under the influence of lesser intensities

-atoms and souls. He was able to manipulate the potencies of the two by utilizing the laws as they developed, until the mechanical universe was formed and until the intelligent expression of THE STORY OF A SUMMER the Concrete Mind was manifested in

the human form. Some years ago I was inclined to pantheistic atheism, but subsequent discoverles have led me to believe in God as a unity-a Creator Infinite, whose will when concentrated for the purpose of spiritual guidance of the human souls upon the earth, or during the early history of man in the physical development of his body by giving forth from the Almighty Presence a series of sanitary, dietetic and social laws for man's physical development, such an occurrence was a manifestation of God upon the earth and when this occurred through human agencies, such a person was called a prophet. In this way the concentration of the Will of God, gave

him an apparent personality. The soul of man is an intelligent entity whose faculties are the reflection of the powers of the Concrete Mind and in this way is the soul limited while its Creator is unlimited.

I mention these points so as to ob-

viate against the readers' utilizing any of my views in reinforcing their atheistical tendencies, should there be such. The soul is a dynamic entity possessing nine attributes or faculties, these when uniting and blending with the dynamic entity known as the power of life, or that wave which caused the form, these two upon combining form an intelligent life, possessing powers of discrimination, voluntary application of will, intelligent direction, application, and execution of its powers. Many animals have souls, but none have nine attributes. The dynamic entity or the power of life, and the intelligent entity or the soul, having lived in a blended state within the euclosure known as the body, after death or dissolution (this intelligent entity or the soul loses ter form existed as a dynamic entity in The Psychological Marvel of can about one inch in diameter, take a encompassed it, hence will remain such after being stripped of the physical out-

In-so-much as the electrical science has undermined the materialistic foun-The finer forces with which science is certain tone into the same and the pow- dation of science, so has the modern science of psychology undermined the materialistic philosophy of life, and if the views here presented seem to be name for a fixed state of thought. Ge- way one is able to make the designs of radical, the maxim that "coming nius has never knocked at the door of ferns, daisies, lilies, star-fishes, clams, events cast their shadows before" will tend to modify the impudence of my intrusion.-Medical Times of New York.

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Geo. Raley, known in Sioux City, Ia., as Geo. Zelmer, is still at his old work

a feast inside!"

a number of places for spiritual work. For engagements address him at Fort Worth, Texas.

C. E. Dent writes from Vicksburg, Mich.: "I expect to attend the camps as follows: Will be at Briggs Park camp, Thinker whenever I have an opportunlty. I hold myself in readiness to conduct funerals or solemnize marriages. or work in the missionary work when called on. Address, Vicksburg, Mich."

Farmer Riley, the well-known materializing medium is now in the city, and is open for engagements to hold seances here whenever desired. Mr. Riley has an excellent reputation as a materializing medium. He has been sick for several months unable to do anything. He has now recovered, and possesses greater powers than ever as a medium, and his manifestations can not fall to be satisfactory. A letter will reach him if addressed to 16 Pacific avenue, Room 27. Those who desire to see him personally can do so by consulting Policeman Bland, of the Open Board of Trade.

Mrs. Sue Gary writes from Rockport, Ky.: "I would like to make inquiry through your paper for the whereabouts of Charles Gratz (Sphinx). Some that met him in Kentucky last year are very anxious to communicate with him."

from Walton, Mich., sworn to by nine persons before a notary: "We the undersigned wish to certify to the following test put upon Miss Dolly Williams (a medium) in a circle held for that purpose June 28, 1900: First, we put a pair of black mittens on her hands, sewed them to her dress sleeve with white thread, sewed her dress up in front, put her into the cabinet, sewed her hands down to her lap, sewed her fast to the cabinet, and closed it up. There was talking independently, and through the trumpet; hands appeared from the top and bottom of the cabinet. She was in this trance for about one hour, and when we opened the cabinet we found the mittens on her hands, the same as we left them; everything the same except that she was tied hand and foot, head and neck, and wound up in a regular network of black thread, and there was no black thread in the room when we put her in the cabinet."

J. H. Moon writes from Little Rock. Ark .: "A good test medium would do well here. I would be glad to correspond with some good lecturer and test medium who would like to come to our city."

vegetarians cannot offer the first want to know about, of which we have effectual remedy for the discontinuance | been so ignorant, and their helpful. of meat eating? It is very foolish for straightforward way of dealing with them to say it is wrong to eat meat, for | matters spiritual makes me feel that I it has been used for millions of years. If they think it is not good for anyone | mind, Franz Petersliea. To me, they to eat meat, let them bring out a remedy. Do they think the working people can live on nothing?"

Mrs. M. E. S. writes from Fort Dodge. Iowa: "I believe Mrs. Hooker McEvoy, In her article 'An Earnest Appeal for Honesty,' voices the sentiment of every honest investigator of Spiritualism. Any so-called medium that cannot stand an honest test condition, has no right to be a medium, and should under no conditions be allowed to practice their sleight-of-hand or legerdemain art on any public, faithful or skeptical. It is a fact well known to all kinds of tricksters, that it is an easy matter to delude the faithful Spiritualist. If ever any non-Spiritualists happen to be present at such scances they are as a rule relegated to the very rear seats, no matter how honest may be their motive for being present, and the faithful never protest at such apparent injustice. The least bit of a trick proves the phenomena to them without a a thin fraud as keen as they now see all the fallacles in the orthodox church. Another detriment to the cause is the \$1 rate seance, which you are expected such action would soon crowd out the

Take due notice, that all items for

erd, Minn.: "Those sterling workers, G. | ment for its use. Miss Cary is occu-W. Kates and wife, stopped here one pying Benson's Hall three nights a night, June 13, and lectured and gave ence. Hope they will come again and a poem read in the opening exercises,

ive Lyceum of Galveston, Texas, held their third annual sunflower party June 'Love lightens labor,' and the emphasized thought 'As the sunflower turns its face to the light of the sun so Spiritualism turns the face of humanity to the light of 'Truth.' July 4 the children and a number of adult friends met at the residence of the conductor, which was prettily decorated with flags and bunting, and appropriately commemorated the nation's birthday with recitations, songs, etc."

Mary A. Ingalls, of Philadelphia. Pa.

writes: "Since I became a believer in Spiritualism, nearly six years ago, I have heard what I believe to be spirit voices, which guide me. I have had impressions which, when followed, always leads me to success. I am acquainted with a true medium, unknown to the public, except in a small way, and while entranced she has told me of events which would come into my life months ahead, and the events have taken place just as predicted. I have supposed that of deceiving the people. It is strange I was being directed by invisible spirits, how Spiritualists have been deceived Within the past two years I have read a few of Helen Wilman's books, and at M. A. England writes: "The books re- present I am taking lessons in Mental ceived all right, and please let me | Science of an Institute in Canada. My thank you for them, for I look upon | teacher tells me that all power is within them as a present, and like many oth- myself. He gives me no thought that will visit several places before going to sages from deceased friends and relaers I don't know how you do it. Be- spirit friends are my helpers." Of side being so beautiful to look at, what course the voices you hear emanate | tions sent by mail to us will be forward- | ing been carried on under conditions infrom spirits. Any person who teaches Prof. J. Madison Allen has made a | you that all power is within yourself, flying trip to Northern Texas to deliver | certainly lacks common sense. All a Fourth of July oration, and will visit | power is equivalent to infinite power, and no human being possesses that.

Viola writes from Syracuse, N. Y. "The First Spiritualists' Church closed its meetings in Clinton Hall, Sunday, June 27. Mrs. Mary C. Von Kanzler, their speaker and medium for the past Grand Rapids, Mich., August 12, 13 and | month, has been requested to return to 14; August 5 to 11 at Vicksburg, Mich.; them after the heated season has at Haslett Park, August 19 to stay a passed. In her private work she has few days. May take in some of the made many friends. She visited Auother camps a few days. I will take burn, N. Y., and in the future, with subscriptions for The Progressive other interested minds, will do some work there. "The society has not held any meetings for more than a year, was the words of their then secretary, Frank Mohr. The societies in Oswego and Hannibal have not held any meetings for almost a year. The president of the State Association reports a need of missionaries for the work. What we most need at present is financial aid. It would prove the greatest missionary of to-day, with our already developed speakers and mediums put into the field under right generalship, so as not to give all the money that the people can raise into the hands of railroad magnates. There could also be brought into use much undeveloped home talent, that would unfold into great good. that could help to hold the scattered forces, and with the hope of a visit from a speaker once or twice a month. there would be kindled a flame of in-

Mrs. Minnie G. Van Tyne writes from East Syracuse, N. Y .: "I have been a reader of The Progressive Thinker since February last, taking advantage of your generous offer of premiums, the Occult Life of Jesus of Nazareth Mrs. R. V. Ferris sends the following and The Next World Interviewed, which I prize very highly. Grand meetings have been held in our community by Mrs. Mary C. Von Kanzler, whom we secured about three months ago to give lectures and tests. There is no one more pleased than I am to receive spirit messages, but it is not wholly spiritual tests that tend to upbuild the cause of Spiritualism. I agree with Brother J. M. Humphrey that our cause should be called 'Modern Educa-

Miss Thomas's meetings in Hygela Hall have been closed for the summer. This has been a year of excellent success. At the request of many friends, Miss Thomas gave a pienic on Sunday, July 1. Mrs. Townes kindly gave the use of her beautiful grove, also her house, at East Grossdale, for the purpose. The day was beautiful, and over | ficers and arrested. Some years ago, 200 people were in attendance and a most enjoyable time was had. All went | gaged in healing the sick, a wellhome delighted and with loud praise for Miss Thomas's ability as an entertainer.

Mrs: Eliza Smith writes: "Since read-

ing the first two or three letters from the pen of Carlyle Petersilea I look for his offering each week, and even long for the paper to reach me. They an-Columbus Wells writes: "Why is it swer so many questions that we all am indeed listening to that master stic field in this section of our country alone are worth the price of the paper. and I sincerely hope that they may continue for a long time to come, as 1 believe that worlds of good may be accomplished thereby. Often have I been tempted to write direct to Carlyle Petersilea, thanking him for the privilege of reading those grand thoughts, so masterfully expressed, and assuring him of the great good to be derived from them, but I have not yet ventured to assume that liberty. I am getting together a library of spiritual books. having already a good nucleus upon which to build, and I now wish you to send me the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World-Vols. 1, 2. and 3, and The Next World Interviewed, for which I enclose you \$2.50. The Progressive Thinker is a rare gem. with its liberal, unselfish policy, and I do wish it could find its way into every

"I am not prepared to state that the dead can come to life," said H. R. question. If said Spiritualists could just | Peters, "but the experience of a friend reason a little coolly on-the subject they of mine in a Pennsylvania German | \$700 damages in the case of Lucinda so love, they would be able to see many | town recently would seem to incline | Rounsevell and H. L. Blackman vs. W. one that way. In the town where he was visiting he became acquainted with his wife. Miss Blackman and Mrs. the local undertaker, and in that way was enabled to be present at the to pay whether anything is proven to funeral of a young woman who had ex- for a year. During that time, the plainyou or not, and helps in almost every pired from a shock at seeing her huscase sustain a fraud. If the medium | band fall from a load of hay, according | their good graces, finally telling them be honest, no such price is necessary, to the Chicago Record. He was not any hall would be crowded by people | hurt at all, but she was to all intents eager and anxious to hear the truth | and purposes, as dead as the proverbial were a price set in the reach of all, and door nail. The body was laid out in the parlor and all the relatives and tricksters, and they would not be able | friends had assembled to pay their last to deceive a large mixed audience very respects to the dead. As is customary interest in a mine owned by his wife at little ones as well as: the elder ones. long, and could be prosecuted for ob- in that locality, a big funeral dinner | Empire for \$400; that it was purely | Mrs. Culbertson delivered a very able | most completely changed from that of

home in the land."

the parlor door opened and in walked rifice of valuable property, but his courage enough to return to the dining-

interest of our glorious cause has taken place in this city during the past few, weeks, through the mediumship of Miss! Alice M. Cary. Miss Cary is one of the finest instruments the spirit world has, being finely educated, and a gifted musician and composer. Possessing these valuable qualifications normally, and being of an exceedingly refined and sensitive nature, it will be thus seen that Wilmer Holmes writes from Brain- the spirit rarely has so fine an instruweek, to highly delighted audiences, tests to a small but appreciative audi- last Sunday being especially so. After she was controlled by Colonel Inger-Correspondent writes: "The Progress- | soll, who gave one of his grand and eloquent addresses for which he is so famous. After the lecture Miss Cary 17, the theme for discussion being gave upwards of thirty tests, nearly all of which were recognized."

Word comes from Toledo, Ohio, that Mrs. Laura Webb, the Southern editor, author, poet, and elocutionist, is reported to have attempted to end her life there recently by taking a dose of chloroform. She has been in Toledo several months, giving entertainments, and while there attended several Spiritualistic meetings. She took such an interest in Spiritualism, it is said, that she became deranged and very violent. She tried to throw herself from a window Saturday night, and was locked up in a police station. For a number of years Mrs. Webb edited a Southern newspaper, and enjoys a wide acquaintance with literary men and women. Her husband was a general in the Confederate army. It has been correctly estimated that where one becomes insane in consequence of investigating Spiritualism, one hundred become insane through religious excitement.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay, of from their home for several weeks. dium of Mrs. Piper, who, while in a They will leave for Milwaukee, Wis., on | state of 'trance,' has recorded with pen-July 9, and intend doing a missionary | cil on paper, in reply to questions work along the line of travel. They asked, certain communications or mescamp at Clinton. Iowa. Communica- tives of Dr. Hyslop, the inquiries havchange place. They write: "We had the pleasure of attending Briggs Park camp-meeting last Sunday. weather was fine, and in the afternoon quite a large audience listened to the lecture of Dr. Peebles. The opening of

camp indicates a prosperous season." The citizens on Church street, South Charleston, Ohio, are much alarmed, it is claimed, over a haunted house in the neighborhood. The house is occupied by C. F. Diffendal, a prominent livery man. For some time the family on arising in the morning would find the dence of Brother J. W. Bowen, northfurniture changed about and upset. It was thought some members of the family were doing it, but this was found to be incorrect. On Sunday night Mr. Diffendal sat up, hoping to find the intruder, but failed, although the furniture was changed and more havor than ever prevailed. Last night Mr. Diffendal had Mr. Drake, the marshal, and Ralph Harrold, editor of the Sentinel, to stay at the house. With all the lights avenue. The old officers were re-elected extinguished the men kept watch, but nothing was seen or heard. However, next morning revealed the fact that "spooks" had visited the house, as the furniture was changed from room to room and tables in the room where they | mond sun-burst pint given to Sister sat were upside down. All this occurred with three men sitting in the room in the darkness. The house is tor, so they had a handsome engraved owned by Mrs. Graham, of Springfield, | souvenir programme of her reception, The whole affair is a mystery, and will be sifted to the bottom, if possible.

Mrs. M. J. Carter writes: "Our Spiritual (4th of July) celebration at Jonesboro, Ind., was a complete success. Dr. H. C. Andrews was here and gave two. of his characteristic patriotic speeches, which were a blaze of eloquence from start to finish, under influence of Mrs. Colby Luther and Mrs. Alice Marsh."

Santa Teresa Urreak, the woman healer (notices of whom have often appeared in The Progressive Thinker), on whose head Mexico has placed a price and who is accused of having twice incited the Yaqui Indians of Sonora to rebel against the established Government, is now in Arizona, and a few days since she was married at Clifton, to one Juan Rodriguez. The couple went to Metcalf to spend their honeymoon and the next day word was brought to Clifton that the bridegroom had attempted to murder the alleged saint. Two sheriffs chartered an engine and hastened to Metcalf. They found the village in an uproar. After trying to kll his wife, Rodriguez had shut up the town and disappeared. He was subsequently run down by the ofwhile Santa Teresa was in El Paso endressed stranger from Mexico sought to make her his wife and proposed that they spend their honeymoon in Mexico. Santa Teresa was at the time a fugitive from her native land for political reasons and her father refused to sanction the match, fearing that the Mexican government had devised the scheme to decoy her back across the border and thus effect her capture.

Clara P. Johnson writes from Canon City, Col.: "Reports from the Spiritualseem to be scarce, and therefore would give the impression that the laborers in the Spiritual work here are asleep. This is not the case, however. We hold meetings and seances here in our little city quite often, and they are always well attended. We have a young lecturer here, Harry A. Davis, who gives splendid promise of becoming one of I am about to build, my labors in the our leading speakers. He is liberal in Spiritualistic fields will be carried forbelief, and as a speaker he is earnest and impressional, which together with a splendid flow of language makes him only brother are the motives which an interesting and entertaining speaker. Mr. Davis, working with his father, a splendid medium, Charles H. Davis, of Frankfort, Neb., together with a few other self-sacrificing souls, have aroused much enthusiasm in the noble work in this vicinity. With such earnest workers as these and such progressive journals as The Progressive Thinker, the cause is sure to gain ground."

The Denver (Col.) Post says: "Spirit ualism and how far its influence may be permissible before fraud is declared is the vital point in the trial to recover C. Marshall and Jeannette A. Marshall Rounsevell conducted a restaurant in 1897 and Mr. Marshall ate at their place tiffs allege, he ingratiated himself in 4. There was a large attendance, and that he was a clairvoyant and occult scientist; that he was not as other men are, but that he had spiritual guides, who instructed him to be rlend the two lonely, hard-working women by giving them an opportunity to purchase a half

the corpse. It didn't take a minute to guides had given him messages from clean the room, leaving. the intruder departed spirits, relatives of the sisters, from the spirit world in sole possession. | and these messages wrged the women to The undertaker finally plucked up place their small sayings of \$400 into the mine and soon they would become room, and found his subject enjoying a very wealthy, Many were the converhearty meal after her enforced fast. sations held in regard to Spiritualism, Her first question was: 'Was Jake hurt | and many messages, were received by Charles Heisen writes from Balti- until Mr. Marshall shone with a spiritmore, Md.: "Quite an awakening in the | ual halo to the women, who believed him wealthy, honest and a friend raised up by their dead friends to help them in their struggle for a living. This intense belief lasted until a short time ago, when assays revealed the worthlessness of the mining property, and now the suit comes as a result, and a jury will decide whether Mrs. Rounsevell and Miss Blackman were sort of criminally ignorant and trustful and whether or not Mr. Marshall was wrong in claiming this occult power and thus influencing the unwary. The case is

being tried in the county court." Lyman C. Howe is at Lake Brady this week.

The Salt Lake City News says: "The question whether there is a life after this, and if so, whether the fact can be demonstrated, has lately occupied the minds of some scientists. Professor Flournoy, of the University of Geneva, is just out with a book dealing with this subject. The author has for a heroine a young woman who on weekdays earns a living as an employe of a dry goods shop, but on Sunday acts as the 'medium' of a Spiritualist circle, which invited Professor Flournoy to examine her. In these trances this young woman becomes the wife of a rajah of South Kanara, who lived in the fifteenth century, and while so 'controlled' she converses fluently in a mysterious Oriental tongue. But she is not delighted all and were vigorously enconfined to this role by any means. She essays others, and with as remarkable success. All the tests that scientific men could suggest to M. Flournoy to apply to this remarkable young woman when in a trance he has adopted, but by none of them has it been proved that the elements of fraud is 'Mlle. Smith's' controlling force. On this side Professor Hyslop has lately conducted certain psychical researches in the same line. Grand Rapids, Mich., will be absent These have been made through the meed to them from time to time as they | tended to preclude the possibility of deception, and to be, at the same time. free from telepathic influences. The inference which Dr. Hyslop conveys in his discussion, as the result of these repeated inquires and the verification of their details, is that it is easier to believe that the information received came from discarnate spirits than from | now located at Lily Dale, are sent me

any other source." G. H. Brewster writes: "The Sunflower Social Club," of which Mrs. Georgia Glady's Cooley is president, met Thursday evening, June 28, at the resieast corner 31st and Dearborn streets. Mrs. O. B. Wilson, vice-president, preinstructed to reply, requesting another for our next meeting, which will be held at Sister Allison's on Thursday evening, July 26, No. 2521 Michigan with the exception of the secretary, W. FitzHugh Smith, who resigned. Bro. G. H. Brewster was chosen to fill his place. Some of the members of the club thought that the handsome dia-Cooley at her farewell reception, was not enough for their president and paswhich was decorated with beautiful floral designs by Mrs. Dr. H. A. Cross. It was a spontaneous outburst of feeling on the part of her followers, and no doubt will be warmly cherished and come to the front wherever Mrs. Cooley may be. The club had a picnic Sunday afternoon, July 8, at Washington Park.'

Mrs. F. Otto informs us that resolutions were passed at Syracuse, N. Y. endorsing Mrs. Mary C. Von Kanzler for the good work she did there as speaker and test medium.

Carrie Swenson writes: "A grove meeting was held on Mr. T. Ryan's farm, four miles east of Pine City, Minn., from June 30 to July 5. As it rained most of this time the roads were muddy and prevented many from at tending but those that could be present seemed very interested. Mrs. S. M Lowell was the speaker and test medium, the writer assisting a little at times. Mr. A. Moe, from Grantsburg, Wis., spoke in the forenoon on the 4th of July. The Woodside Society at this place is chartered by the State Association, and its members are very earnest workers in the spreading of our philosophy. Mrs. Lowell is willing to attend such grove meetings wherever her presence is desired. Her address is 1203 Aldrich avenue, North Minneapolis, Minn., or Anoka, Minn."

Mrs. S. Snyder of Philadelphia, writes that she has the three volumes of the Encyclopedia of Death and Life in the Spirit World, Art Magic and Ghost Land. Of course she is delighted with

them. Mrs. Wm. H. Lyon writes from Maine: "I wish to extend thanks to you for the four premium books received. consisting of the three volumes of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, and the Next World Interviewed. I consider them almost a gift and very interesting. I wish every Spiritualist and Investigator could have them in their homes."

Allie Lindsay Lynch writes: "I have removed from Chicago, and will make my home at Mena, Arkansas. As soon as I am settled in the quiet little home ward. Health for a loved companion, quiet at home, and to reside near an lead to my removal from the great noisy city on the lake. Friends will please write me ata Mena, Arkansas, Box 176."

B. R. Anderson writes: "As the horror of being buried alive seems to prevail, I will state what has entirely quieted my alone, my request might not be carried out. When the decision to bury has become final, I have requested that a sponge thoroughly saturated with chloroform may be placed beside me in the casket. It should be sufficient to prevent the possibility of waking. To me an assurance of this kind entirely robs

premature burial of all its horror. Mrs. Latham wrifes: "The Spiritual people of Leonidas, Mich., held a picnic on the lawn of Mr. S. Kinnie, on July a general good time. After a very bountiful dinner served under the as chairman on the occasion. They were then pleasantly entertained by several fine recitations and songs by the taining money under false prefense." | was served. In the midst of the meal | friendship that prompted such a sac- | and patriotic address; Mr. Carpenter | last year, but everything runs smoothly

also gave a short address, subject, 'Training Our Children to be Patriots.' The entertainment was interspersed with several fine musical selections by Mr. Geo. Milliard and his graphophone. In the evening a seance was held by Mr. Riley Louther (transfiguration medium), with very satisfactory results."

New Camp at Columbus, O.

On the "Glorious Fourth" I closed my

first engagement with this camp asso-

ciation. The intense heat is against us,

but the situation has many promising

features. The grounds are dry and spacious, with chance to cover two acres or so with a lake of spring water, and the approaches are easy and pleasant. Considering the various disadvantages attending a new camp, the attendance the first Sunday was very good and a marked interest manifested. Mrs. Cora Noyes followed each lecture with platform tests, and those who were personally concerned seemed to accept them as genuine and satisfactory. On the Fourth, particularly, there were several that were quite striking, and she impresses one as sincere-not loaded with "stock tests." At the flag-raising, Rev. Mr. Parsons of the G. A. R., made a pertinent and interesting speech. He is a Methodist divine, and was a chaplain in the U. S. army during the Civil war, and a man of fine abilities. He sat upon the platform during the afternoon lecture, and cordially endorsed the address. It was his first experience in a spiritual meeting. The music was excellent, both the instrumental and vocal. The band boys seemed interested in the meetings and their music was choice. Miss or Mrs. Black from Columbus sang a charming solo in a charming manner, and a male quartette from New York

A new trolley line is in prospect for next year which will connect the camp' with outlying towns and cities, and make access cheap and convenient. On Sunday morning, Mr. Marshall, of Columbus, gave an address of welcome, in behalf of the mayor of the city, breathing a cordial spirit and fraternal interest in the objects and aims of the camp association. If the people appreciate the opportunities this camp offers them, they will fill up the room with tents and cottages, and make this a great center of attraction and a power for good. Mr. Dennis, the president, and Dr. Noyes are active and hopeful. in the state in the near future. May prosperity attend it.

LYMAN C. HOWE.

Lily Dale Camp.

Letters denouncing, and letters supporting materializing mediums who are almost daily. This question of the reliability of this phase of mediumship cannot easily be settled. As long a people demand and will run after this kind of manifestation they must take their chances as to its genuineness. To say materialization is all humbug is carrying the matter too far; to accept sided. The meeting was an enthusias. | all as genuine is equally a mistake, as tic one, and especially so when Sister I honestly believe from my own experi-Cooley's letter to the club was read by ence in investigation, however, there Dr. H. A. Cross, and the secretary was | are other ways by which communication can be held with the spirit side of life, and ways by which useful instruction can be given, and through this we can gain all that we seek without cheating ourselves or being cheated. The only way to get rid of fraud is to let it die a natural death; that is, give it nothing to feed upon. If you have been cheated once, and you know you have, keep away from the flame that burned you and do not, moth-like, go fluttering back to have your wings singed again. When people get awakened to the full meaning of the message brought to earth through the inter-communion of the two worlds, they will see more clearly the heights from which their spirit friends are watching, and will look higher than the seance room for that which will feed their hungry souls, and bring to them the deeper meaning of life, and the truer revelations of the spirit world. We are pleased to know that Mrs.

Thankful Gaston, wife of our honored president, A. Gaston, is again to spend the season at Lily Dale.

Those who are attending Clegg Wright's classes speak of them in the highest terms. We are glad they continue through the month. Rev. Moses Hull has purchased

home at Lily Dale. We understand Rev. A. J. Weaver also contemplates the purchase of a cottage here. Mrs. Greenameyer is again located at

The camp is already well filled, and there is every indication of a large attendance during the entire session. Hotel accommodations are good, and all

who come can be well served. MARY WEBB BAKER.

Lake Brady, O. The encampment here is now fairly started with enough genuine mediums on the grounds to convince all the skep-

tics in the Western Reserve if they would only come here to be convinced. Willard Hull and E. W. Sprague were respectively speaker and test medium at the opening session, with D. A. Herrick as chairman. Many leading Spiritualists occupied the platform and made short speeches. Mr. Hull gave one of the finest addresses we have ever had the pleasure of hearing. Said he: "Love is life and God is love, therefore Love cannot die. But the man who loves nobody must covet death. Yet death is only transformation. The dead are more alive than we are who live on the wrong side, the seamy side of life. It is time Spiritualists were converted. Representing as they do a tremendous fact in nature, they should learn to appreciate it more and apply it to the needs of life. The beautiful ship of earth is floating through space with a noise so loud you can't hear it. One man has control of the hold. Though the ship is freighted with all the needs of life, every passenger must pay tribute to him for the privilege of pulling out a few things. Our economic system makes it impossible to do business honestly. Any one who tries it will be bankrupt in a year. This is the verdict of business men. Opportunities for young men are growing narrower and agitated mind on this subject. My only | narrower under this struggle of individfear now is, that as Lam living entirely | ual interest. And what is individuality? A mop-rag on the wheel of God's eternal decrees because in doing for others we do for ourselves. Of all sa-

ing this grand, glorious, yet besotted country, based upon a bung-hole economy; cutting bung-holes as it were out of the air and building barrels around them. An angel with a spy-glass may. find a soul away down in the dark cavern of the dead millionaire, who has allowed others to starve around him, but it will take an angel to do it. But the beautiful shade trees, the people were higher powers are controlling all this, called to order, Mrs. Culbertson acting | and giving us an object lesson in the struggle for life down here in its claypits that will eventually bring out the

cred things the most sacred thing is a

platform such as this where we dare

angel in the human." The management of Lake Brady is al-

STRANGE MENTAL POWERS.

How People Are Influenced.

Startling Words From the Committee Appointed to Investigate Personal Magnetism and Hypnotism for the Benefit of World Readers.

From New York World





REV. J. C. QUINN, D.D., PH. D., Pittsheld, In.





Hypnotism is no longer a myth, a fanciful creation of the mind, but a reality, a most potent power, capable of producing infinite good. For the purpose of ascertaining the exact value of this much talked-of power a committee, composed of a prominent minister, a well-known physician, a practical business man and a leading railroad man, was appointed to investigate Personal Magnetism and Hypnotism The committee carried on a series of investigations in regard to the power of Hypnotism to influence

he actions and deeds of people in the everyday walks of live. The first steps taken by the members of the committee was to master the science in every detail, so that they might state from personal experience the good or evil this strange power might produce. They wrote the New York Institute of Science, of Rochester, N. Y., the greatest school of Hypnotism and Occult sciences in the world, and received full and complete instructions in regard to how Hypnotism may be used to influence people in business, how to use it in treating diseases, etc., etc. In a few days they mastered these instructions and were full-fledged hypnotists. It was clearly demonstrated that hypnotism may be employed so that the person operated upon is

entirely unconscious of the fact that he is being influenced; and, all things considered, the committee regards it as the most valuable discovery of modern times. A knowledge of it is essential to one's success in Mr. Stoufer performed the astonishing feat of hypnotizing Mr. Cunningham, of Pueblo, Col., at 5

distance of several blocks. He also hypnotized an aged gentleman and had him run through the street shouting "Red-hot peanuts for sale." Mr. Stoufer says it is indispensable to one's business success, that it gives a man a wonderful power and advantage over his associates. Rev. Mr. Quinn says that every minister and every mother should understand personal magnetism and

ypnotism for the benefit they can be to those with whom they are brought in daily contact Dr. Morehead says, after a thorough investigation, that he considers it the most marvelous therapeutic Jacob Rodrain, Jr., says: "I believe one may, through the agency of hypnotism, develop a force of

In speaking of this marvelous power. President Eliot, of Harvard College, said to the graduates: "Young gentlemen, there is a subtle power lying latent in each of you, which few of you have developed, but which when developed might make a man irresistible. It is called Personal Magnetism or Hypnotism. I advise

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The various phases of mediumship on the grounds are as follows: Full form materialization, manifestations in the light, independent slate-writing and independent voices, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ren- seek freedom from business cares or the ner, the former of Cleveland and the excitement of social and fashionable latter of Pittsburg. Trance and test mediums, Mrs. H. C. Ebertshauser of tiful, its grounds ample and well Sandusky, Mrs. Cooper, of Akron, and shaded, drainage and water excellent, Geo. W. Way of Wheeling Island, W. Va. Trumpet mediums, C. J. Barnes, beautiful inland town, in Northern New D. A. Herrick. Inspirational and busi- Jersey, 700 feet above the sea, and surness mediums, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague of Jamestown, N. Y. There hills, at the base of which flow the are other mediums that have not yet Pequest and Delaware rivers, along reported, expected on the grounds. | whose banks are many places of special Mr. and Mrs. Sprague are organizing a interest to artists and all lovers of the school for psychic development. The Womans' Lake Brady Associa-

tion has been re-organized for the sea-The Fourth of July here was duly ob-

works and dance in the evening. The Haines' Orchestra, of Detroit, has been engaged for the season and New York and Philadelphia by the we are safe in saying, now discourses some of the sweetest music ever heard at Lake Brady. Mrs. Flora Russell, assisted by Mrs. Sadie Herrick, with Miss Fannie Russell as accompanist, render presenting an ever pleasing variety of beautiful selections in vocal music. MRS. M. M'CASLIN.

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HUDSON TUTTLE,

F. W. D.: Q. (1) We constantly hear rappings on the doors and furniture, yet when we sit in circle we receive nothing. Why?

(2) What gases are there that will ignite when suddenly compressed?

A. (1) It is much easier for a spirit to give a single rap, than to time responses to questions. A well-organized circle, with patience, will reach the desired result.

(2) Hydrogen and oxygen, when suddenly compressed, unite with explosive energy and produce water.

"Hope" Q. How can the physical life be prolonged?

A. It is a singular paradox of human nature, this want to live on earth as long as possible, even if that life has become a burden for its suffering and deprivations. The tramp who sleeps under a hay stack and begs his cold lunch desires to live with the tenacity of the millionaire surrounded by every luxury heart may wish. Scientists speculate on the possibilities of prolonging life indefinitely, and theorize how by balancing the processes of renovation and decay, the vital forces may be conserved to a century or more. There are endless receipts for preserving health and life beyond the three score years and ten, allotted as the life of man, so diverse that they become amusing. The witty Dr. Holmes had rules by which he expected to reach an age which would go on record. He worked by rule, ate by rule, slept by rule, rested by rule, and came to a sudden end. Dr. Fiske, the distinguished historian, claims he is sound as a nut, yet works the largest part of the twenty-four hours, eats what he likes, drinks two or three quarts of beer, never gets out of a draught: prefers to sit in one: in short takes no thought of his health, and has the best in the market.

Dr. Pearson says his rule is: "Keep don't overload the stomach, breathe pure air and lots of it, eat a vegetable diet, den't eat late suppers, go to bed early, don't fret, don't go where you'll get excited, and don't forget to take a nap after dinner." That is good for a millionaire, but how is John Smith to follow, who has to work ten hours a day to support his family? Yet a great many John Smiths, with hard work and coarse fare, rough it to a good old age, and many a millionaire living by this rule dies young!

One old gentleman has been a vegetarian, drank nothing but water, indulged in no excesses, and claims his ninety years is due thereto. Another at almost a hundred has indulged in stimulants now and then, chewed and tobacco, and thinks his years are mainly due to the narcotics.

What are we to infer from such diyerse facts? Surely that there is no straight and parrow way to longevity.

J. M. Peebles has written a large book on the subject, and although his own life is prolonged beyond the average, probably not one of his readers will live a day longer for the reading. The fact is that human nature is endowed with marvelous persistency. There is in many a hereditary toughness of consti-tution, by which they are adapted to a great variety of circumstances, and able to bear heavy drains on their vitality. With healthy digestion, all kinds of food are digested and converted into strength. They can sleep soundly for half the day, or go without for day's together; they can labor at the most exhausting tasks for more than half the hours, or not work at all; they can drink water, or beer, or whisky, and yet retain the power of recupera-

Yet it does not follow that it is useless to observe the laws of health. The strong may not become prostrated by overtax, or strain, mental or physical, that would destroy the weaker, but they suffer therefrom, and the very consciousness of their strength may lead to their overthrow, as they lose that cautiousness those less robust are constrained to exercise, and they sud denly find themselves bankrupt. Yet it must be admitted that the first and most essential element of prolonged physical life, is a sound constitution, inherited from long-lived ancestors. To this must be added, for the best result, plain food, freedom from overburdening cares and labor, and confidence in the laws of hygiene and not in drugs.

J. A. Horn: Bolling water frees it from nearly all its mineral impurities such as lime, magnesia and iron, and if continued for at least half an hour, all germs. It does not free it from soluble

Reliance should not be placed on the testimony of spirits, locating mineral

Tobacco is a poison, and the habitual use of a poison cannot be a benefit. When the habit has been formed and age advances it may be tolerated, and the harm it does, when the system be-comes accustomed and the use moder-

J. J. Lake: Q. It is an old story that witches tie knots in the manes of horses that they ride. I do not believe. in witches, but the knots are there, and

how do you explain the curious man-ner in which they are tied? A. The folk-lore story of witches riddence, and conclusive it appeared to the one year and this book will be sent superstitions. Well groomed horses

have not these tangles. They are found on those neglected, and the shed-ding of a part of the mane, which becomes enmeshed in that which remains, It requires some time for the tangles to form which shows that they are caused by the tossing of the mane by the wind and the motion of the animal's head in feeding or moving.

The specimen accompanying the question is indeed marvelous, and might well have been braided by the witches who purused Tam-o-Shanter's good mare Meg.

In the times when witchcraft was believed as implicitly as any other Bible teaching, these uncanny recipients of demoniac favor, were not content to tangle the manes of the horses they rode at night, but twisted into snarls my lady's hair, and when the comb pulled, the ugly witch received the pet-

Querist, Marcellus, N. Y.; Q. What is the origin of the saying, "He won't set the North River afire."

A. In pursuing this phrase to its source, we become aware of the wonderful permanence of a thought changing its garb to suit the locality and comprehension of those who receive it. It illustrates the modifications of folk-lore myths, and the handing down of wise sayings, often remarkable for their exact preservation, and again changed in verbal clothing almost past recogni

In England the phrase is, "He will not set the Thames aftre." When the pioneer American used it, he was loyal to his own river. In either case the saying is meaningless, for no one ever did or can work so fast as to set a river on fire, and the phrase is always applied to a lazy worker. In the olden times the millers used a sleve to separate the flour from the bran, which had to be shaken by hand. Sometimes a rapid workman would set the wooden rim on fire, which a lazy man would not do. As this sieve was called a temse, the saying arose, "He never'll set the temse afire." As the names of the river Thames was pronounced exactly the same, those who knew nothing of the sieve or its name, mistook the saying as applying to the river.

Constant Reader: Q. What is the

story of Frankenstein? A. A German medical student con-structed from the material furnished by the dissecting table and church yard bones a being, which he endowed with life. It was a human, yet a monster and like a remorseless demon pursued its unfortunate creator, wrecking all his plans of life, murdering his sweetneart, and finishing by causing his death. It is one of the few romances which have a meaning far beyond the written word, and are new and fresh to every succeeding generation of read-Every individual creates a good or evil influence, which may be personi-fied as an angel to guide and guard, or monster to relentlessly pursue even to the grave, and beyond.

Burns and His Highland Mary.

To the Editor:-I see in a recent numper of your paper a request is made to have the poem reprinted that came from the spirit of Robert Burns through the medium of Mrs. Hyzer. I happened to have it in a scrap book, so I enclose it and send it to you. I think it has been somewhere near forty years since It was first printed. I have taken your paper nearly ever since it has been printed. I would be lonely without it. I have been a staunch Spiritualist for fifty years. What a comfort and satisfaction it has been to me ..

MRS. LUCY SMITH. Chicago, Ill.

The circumstances of the production of the following lines are these: Mrs. Francis O. Hyzer, of Montpeller, Vt., is sometimes influenced to write both poetry and prose purporting to emanate from departed spirits. She had one day been reading some of these productions to a lady visitor, who asked her if Robert Burns (the lady's favorite poet) had ever communicated to her. She replied that she had never been conscious of his presence, nor was she familiar with his writings. The lady remarked that she hoped he would some time make known his presence, and answer a question she had in her mind, which question she did not express. A few days subsequently, Mrs. Hyzer felt impelled by spirit influence to pen the following, which on being shown to the lady, was found to be an appropriate reply to the query she had

Fair lady, that I come to you A stranger-bard, fu' weel I ken, For ye've known naught of me, save through The lays I've poured through Scotia's

But when I speak o' gliding Ayr, O' hawthorn shades and fragrant

ferns. O' Doon, and Highland Mary fair,

Mayhap ye'll think o' Robert Burns.

am the lad-and why I'm here, I heard the gudedame when she said She'd know, in joyous spirit-spheres

If Burns was wi' his Mary wed. sought to tell her o' our joy— Na muckle impress could I make— And lady I have flown to see If ye'd my message to her take.

Tell her that when I pass'd from earth My angel-lassie crown'd wl' flowers, Met me wl' glowing love-lit torch, And led me to the nuptial bowers:

That all we'd dreamed o' wedded bliss. And more, was meted to us there-And sweeter was my dearie's kiss Than on the flow'ry banks o' Ayr.

Where Love's celestial fountains play'd And rose-buds burst and seraphs And myrtle twin'd, our couch to shade,

I clasp'd the love I'd mourn'd sa lang, And while by angel-harps were played The bonnie "bridal serenade, Though na gown'd priest the kirk-rite

Burns was wi' Highland Mary wed!

Ther's na destroying death-frost here To nip the Hope-buds ere they "bridal tour" is through the The

Eternity the "honey-moon." And now, my lady, if ye'll bear These words unto the anxious dame, think I can ye so reward,

Ye'll ne'er be sorry that I came.

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Ashley Camp. O. This camp begins July 29, and ends

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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.

Dr. W. D. Noyes, secretary, 189, N. Cleveland avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

sociation of Spiritualists will open at Chesterfield, Ind., July 19, and close August 26, 1900. For programmes and further information address Flora Har-din, secretary, Anderson, Indiana.

meeting of the First Society of State Spiritualists and Liberals will be held at Delphos, Kans., from August 10 to ugust 26 inclusive. For further par-Glasco, Kansas.

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The camp grounds will be open for picnics June 1, extending through the summer. The camp-meeting opens July l, closing September 1. Anyone wish-Kent, Ohio, or E. R. Kidd, Canton, Ohio.

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Canyon, July 1, and continues through July, August, and possibly September Any information desired in regard to this new and interesting movement may be obtained by writing May Taylor, Box 780, Denver, Colo. Lake Sunapee, N. H. The twenty-third annual Lake Suna-

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four weeks, commencing Sunday, July

29, and closing Sunday, August 26, 1900.

The Central Iowa Spiritualist Asso clation will hold its annual camp at Marshalltown, Iowa, September 2 to September 16 inclusive. Grounds open to campers after August 27. Leading speakers, Mrs. Marian Carpenter, of Detroit, Mich., and D. P. Dewey, of Grand Blanc, Mich. Other phases of mediumship will also be ably represented. For information or programs address W. H. Wilson, 301 N. Center street, Marshalltown, Iowa.

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Briggs Park, Mich.

Briggs Park Camp opened July 1, under the most favorable circumstances. The day was perfect. Dr. J. M. Peebles was the speaker of the day. He was followed in the morning by Mrs. Blake and in the afternoon by Mrs. Ferris with descriptions. They were all enthusiastically received and recognized. Dr. W. O. Knowles, who was to speak in the evening, was called upon to officiate at a funeral in the country and could not be present. A pleasant surprise awaited the people. Frank T. Ripley, of Boston, was present and filled his place. After his lec-ture, deavered in an able manner, he and Mrs. Blake gave some descriptions which were absolutely correct. Our attendance was large and everyone seemed happy. Rockford society will represented as a society on the grounds. Their tent will be in charge of Samuel Smith, of Fruitport, Frank N. Foster arrived to-day. Mrs. Carpenter is expected to-morrow to, visit with us until after her engagement closes, July 19. Our attendance last year was 20,000. This year we expect to double it. THOS. J. HAYNES, Sec'y.

Missionary Work.

The work of G. W. Kates and wife in Minnesota continues to be active, and attracts large audiences. They held large meetings in Hendrum, Minn., June 26 and 27. The society of "Mystic Seekers," at this place, chartered with the State Association, provided a good hall elegantly, decorated and a splendid quariette of singers, with three children musicians upon violins and the organ. The meetings were very interesting. The lectures were eloquent and forcible, while the spirit messages and descriptions by Mrs. Kates aroused great enthusiasm by their accuracy so forcibly presented. The meetings at Grand Forks, N. D., June 28 to July 2, are attracting much attention as witnessed by the following item in the Daily Herald:

ing a Lake Brady program will please "A large audience greeted the second write Geo. N. Abbott, Lake Brady, via appearance of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates at Hall's Academy last evening, when Mrs. Kates gave an inspirational lecture on evolution, a subject suggested by one of those present, followed by a number of very satisfactory tests. To say that the lecture was good would convey no adequate idea of its excellence. Mrs. Kates' control has certainly a wonderful command of lan-guage, which is used with force to elucidate some equally wonderful ideas relative to the influence and power of spirit control and the philosophy of Spiritualism.

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A Worker Again Replies to Dr. Conger.

To the Editor:-Dr. M. E. Conger writes in your issue of June 9 in reply to an article of mine criticising a previous article from his pen on the subject of "Free Camps."

month and have only just read his reply, so could not answer it before. I wish now to offer a few suggestions. understood his first article to demand free work from mediums and speakers Now he calls for camps "free to camp ers." I don't understand his position If he will make his demands clear then we can perhaps answer him in an intelligent manner. In reply, however, we will say that as far as our experience goes, camps cannot be run without expense, and some one must pay the bill. Who has any more right to foot the bill than the visitors who partake of the mental and spiritual feast provided at our annual camps?
Workers like Dr. Conger, who have other sources of revenue, can go and work for their health or for their love of the cause, but those who devote their entire time and energies to this work cannot do so. In regard to "fooling away money

paying car fare to hunt up heathen on the Western prairies, I for one would just as soon give a little time and money (if I had it) to educate prairie people as to pay it out to rapacious city landlords for hall rent in a vain attempt to spiritualize and humanize city folks, who would rather spend their money at the saloens, theaters, etc., than help along a missionary worker in Spiritualism.

I consider the work of a lecturer on spiritual topics just as much necessary on the "Western prairies" (where I live) as that of the school teacher, and furthermore. I consider my work as important as any school teacher or other educator, and as worthy of recompense The platform speaker on Spiritualism and kindred subjects is an educator and as such his or her work is as necessary in the sod schoolhouse as in the cit temples.

I don't believe Spiritualists, as a class, have built a great many temples, churches and halls as Dr. Conger says. At least I have only seen a very fev myself.

I would like to ask Dr. Conger a plain question and would like him to meet it squarely. If a camp-meeting is a good thing, and of course he believes it is, then why should we not carry the same line of work into every schoolhouse in the land? We all have to pay taxes to help build and maintain schoolhouses, why not demand an opportunity to use them for educational purposes along spiritual and reform lines.

I maintain that if the Spiritual phil-

osophy is a good thing, we can't teach it too much or too often. We ought to keep every man and woman constantly employed at a reasonable salary. But do we keep our workers employed?

In the majority of instances I am compelled to say most emphatically, No. I'll tell Dr. Conger why we don't. Some of our speakers and mediums are very independent thinkers, some have very high progressive spirits to back them. They say things about the labor question, the war craze, the marriage muddle, and many other things which are too radical for tender-feet people to listen to. They say these things because they are true and need to be said The consequence is, their services are no longer required.

Spiritualists as a class need bracing up, a stiffening of the back-bone; they need to take a firm stand upon all the great and vital questions of the age, and not be afraid to call a spade spade. Speakers must smooth over all the rough places in order to secure engagements, and then the independent, fearless few who used to uphold our Spiritualistic meetings, drop out in dis gust and join the ranks of the Free-thinkers. We have lost many of our old-time wheel-horses in this way. Personally I have some serious thoughts of

If there is anything on earth I de spise it is cant and hypocrisy. I believe in calling things by their right name and proclaiming from every house-roof and tree-top, if necessary, the truth as

regeneration, that should be considered by ambitious missionaries." We agree with Dr. Conger again, but we contend to advocate the most advanced ideas on the generation of human beings not only at our camps but in every district

schoolhouse. Dr. Conger again writes: "Some prac tical foundation work must be done if we expect to command the attention is just why I want more local societies. more organization, more agitation, more reformation of the individual. Organwork, educational work is necessary to bring about individual reformation; individual reformation must come before

we can have "right generation." In conclusion I would say, if Dr. Conger wants Spiritualism "to come to the front" let him respect the "tramp brigade" as he calls the hard-working itinerant missionaries who are break-ing new ground under hard conditions, urning over the hard-pan of priest craft and superstition with the sod plow of humanitarian love and good will to men. Let him see to it that the laborers are backed up with his best wishes and good thoughts, instead of telling them that the Salvation Army missionary is the only one "worthy of notice."

Spiritualism can never prosper as it should till we have back-bone enough among our folks to stand up for the adranced ideas given through inspiration al mediumship, not only about the truth of spirit return but every other subject of interest to human lives on earth. WILLIAM E. BONNEY.

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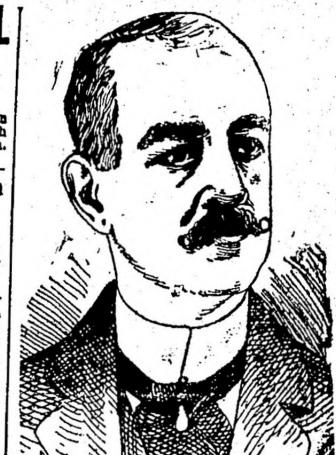
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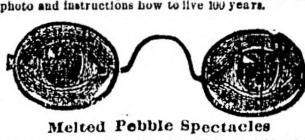
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