SPIRITUALISM—Progress, the Universal Law of Nature: Thought, the Solvent of Her Problems.—SPIRITUALISM

VOL. 22

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1900,

NO. 557

VITAL QUESTIONS DISGUSSED

Spiritual Propaganda-Gan Spirits Leave Their Mortal Bodies Temporarily?--The Bible--Vaccination and Its Effects--Malthus and Small Families--Marriage and Divorce.

Dr. J. M. Peebles Forcibly Presents His Views, for the Consideration of the Readers of The Progressive Thinker.

deepest sense is a fact, and a philoso- he will shine like a star among the phy-encouraging religion, still it is ques- million stars in the higher heavens on tionable if it contains all the lore, and the day—the not far distant day when all the virtue and all the concentrated we shall meet in the worlds of spirits.'
Wisdom of the ages. Spiritualists write Thus, my Brother," wrote John Brown, themselves down as numbering all the "have I related as best I could what the for sick, worn-out mediums, their halls seminaries, their free libraries for the poor, and their flery-souled mission-

"O wad some power the giftle gle us To see ourselves as others see us! It wad frae monie a blunder free us, And foolish notion."

libraries, one man subscribed \$10,000, it then or afterwards. fully two-thirds of what he was findn- | Another fact: Dr. E. C. Dunn was for

ventist, deceased, left this religious de- almost as a bar of iron. The pulse, so paganda work. If some of our rich for a time disappear. His breathing character while vestured in mortality, discernible. I have known these phesay in the line of education, the sup- nomena to last nearly an hour at a time. porting of the Belvidere Seminary, the They generally occurred just after we India and Ceylon, with their bearts fear, we understand the science of affre with truth, and their hands full of these phenomena. We perform them down from the highlands of immor- witnesses." Returning to his body had done. The spirit says-"Thus sow, had seen in the spirit spheres, such as and thou shalt reap an hundred fold." fields, forests, fountains, landscapes, burning? Brother, are you sowing the happy even to ecstasy, and others in good seed? Brother, are you doing the lower spheres restless, dreamy, sordepth of your conscience. Remember category of other and many similar phe-

IS IT-OR IS IT NOT TRUE?

That spirits while dwelling in mortal bodies have the power to, and do temporarily leave them (except by a silvery electrical cord), and meanwhile travel

stantiating the affirmative:

passed to the higher realms of immortality. I never met him in the flesh, but a few months previous to his departure, I said to myself, I will send him a copy of my pamphlet entitled-"Who Are These Spiritualists?"-we will exchange pamphlets. During the night succeeding the day that I made the resolution, himself and wife, at midnight, were quietly asleep, when heavy spirit raps awoke Mrs. Brown. These sounds continuing she awoke her husband, and he hearing the raps and becoming clairvoyant, said: "Why, here comes Dr. Peebles! I never met him in the mortal, but it is surely him. My spirit friends knew him and he has something for me, but I cannot clearly see just what it is, but I certainly see him, and he has a printed message

John Brown, in writing me of this words that my spirit guide gave to me. He said: 'John, tell' Bro. Peebles that he is on the threshing-floor, and for the of orchards, and little save briars and good of humanity. We want him to bugs in the most inviting berry fields continue writing for us the burning harshly blamed for having hare-lips, or impressed upon his mind, words such as will burn up the chaff and leave the pure truth of Spiritualism. The bar- believe it all, believe its history to be nacles must be knocked off from the history, its visions to be visions, its the wheat. They have all too long proverbs, its abounding errors to be grown together. Tell him to continue errors, its falsehoods to be falsehoods, standing firmly upon the rock of truth, its inspired truths to be truths-and I Fear must be removed. Stony creeds can scarcely understand what all this are, in fact, more liable to take the that crush must be rejected, and a "fuss," this snarling and growling and small-pox than the unvaccinated, betrembling, half-doubting belief in a semi-criminations concerning the old cause of vaccine-virus-depleted organspirit world must give place to knowl- book has been about. The controversy izations. edge. This knowledge will dry the perhaps was all well enough, but how mourner's tears, and comfort the sick | much wiser is the world? Such Biblical | Liverpool, England, Dr. Mitchell, writes on earth. Tell him, furthermore, that growlings do not feed the hungry, his chapters are like bugle peals, sound- clothe the naked, build educational insavagely raging between truth and principles of Spiritualism.

of learning, their liberally endowed charming letter from Mrs. Georgie give you rest." "Blessed are the pure Gladys Cooley, of Chicago, a most excellent woman as well as fine medium aries toiling in both this and foreign and lecturer. In this letter she says: upon the platform you walked into the hall during the afternoon service, and stood upon the platform to my right, while Mayflower was giving messages. She also saw you and spoke of the fact. The Rev. A. B. Simpson, standing a It was just after four o'clock in the few months ago in the American The- afternoon. It was positively real. I ater, New York, before an immense au- certainly saw you on the platform, as dience, so aroused their enthusiasm for did my spirit friends. Were you con-Christianify in the line of foreign mis- scious of the visit and have you any sions that \$78,000 was subscribed be- memory of it at the present time?" The fore the service closed. One man gave question again is, had I really left my nearly all his farm, women gave their body and traveled to. Chicago or not? jewelry, several gave parts of their If so, I was not externally conscious of

cially worth. And all this was to go to years a splendid unconscious trance foreign lands to convert the heathen to medium. He had his eccentricities, as Christianity. Whatever we may think most mediums or all have in some way. of the wisdom of such conversions; Often he left his body-so he said, and such gifts bespeak the deepest sin- so his spirit teachers affirmed-and rifice that ought to put to shame the spheres, aided by his guides. At these niggardliness of many calling them- times he was more like a corpse than a living human being. His body would Recently, also, a Seventh-Day Ad- become partially cold and as rigid Spiritualists would do something of this | would become very, very slow, hardly organization of Lyceums, and for send- retired. At first they alarmed me, but ing lecturers over this country, through the spirit guides would say, "Have no Spiritualist literature, it would add as a matter of education to the medium much to their happiness when looking and to thousands of attending spirits as tality-looking and seeing the golden often exhausted, he would give the harvest gathered from the good they most beautiful descriptions of what he Brother, is your lamp trimmed and temples, people strangely clothed, some counsellors there is wisdom.

Recent controversies in the Spiritualist journals upon the Bible, if neither. very instructive nor ornamental, largely through the interstellar spaces, guided revealed the tastes and characters of things are lovely, whatsoever things are chemical changes and building up more those engaged in the contest. Human This question has often been dis- beings naturally find what they hunt if there be any praise, think of these cussed, and it seems to be with some a for, and quite generally they find re- things." question still. Permit us to give two or | flected what is the most prominent in three illustrations in the line of sub- themselves. Like attracts like. To those peering through green lenses, John Brown, Sr., the late "Medium of everything is emerald. To seek and dilthe Rockies," as he was called, recently | igently search for imperfect apples only in an orchard laden with golden fruitage, is not very commendable. I never knew a person attain perfection by pointing out and magnifying the imperfections of others, or belittling their

inspired utterances. The Bible is a collection of ancient tracts, pamphlets, and epistles, written some thousands of years ago, and bound together. The writers represented different nationalities, the Semitic predominating over the Aryan. The most of the authors were mediums, occupying different planes of unfoldment, and as in Spiritualism, we should naturally have different theories and some downright contradictions. The true and the good therein is to be conserved. Let us, though critics, be reasonable. Apples are excellent for food, but it is not necessary to eat the stems, phenomena, said: "I will give you the skins, seeds and cores. Some are so constituted that they see nothing but cores and worm-eaten fruit in the best

Conscientiously I believe the Bible-

While Spiritualism in its broadest and freason, of science and immortality; and I delight to bespatter with their uncorked

vials of indignation: "The heaven of heavens cannot contain thee." "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." "Comfort ye, com fort ye, my people." "Hate the evil and love the good." "Now abideth faith, way from nine to 20,000,000. But are spirits said, and it was all as vividly hope, charity, these three, but the greatthey really Spiritualists? Are they any | real as my own life." Now the question | est of these is charity." "And God shall better than their orthodox neighbors? is, did I leave my body and go to John | wipe away all tears from their eyes." their schools for orphaus, their resorts next morning conscious of it in memory. sions." "Come unto me all ye that A few months since I received a labor and are heavily laden, and I will in heart." "If this house were dissolved we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in "Last Sunday while I was speaking the heavens." "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. "What doth the Lord thy God require of thee but that thou shalt deal justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God." "We are all the offspring of God." "We are all brethren." "Let love be without dissimulation." "Cease to do evil and learn to do well." "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart, * * but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Clean yourselves from all uncleanness. * * Sanctify yourselves, therefore, and be ye holy." "Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of the strangers that are in thy land within thy gates." "Therefore, I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open cerity-also a liberality and self-sac- traveled afar off into different spirit | thy hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy in the land.' "But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself, for ye were strangers in the nomination \$400,000 to be used in pro- far as I could discover, would entirely land of Egypt." "Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among the people." "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against thy neighbor, or the strangers that dwell among you. "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man. * * Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother." "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." "God is no respecter of persons." "He that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done." "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." "The Lord will not cast off forever." "The Lord is good unto all and his tender mercies | pulsory blood-poisoning. There is, howare over all his works." "Be kindly ever, an inoculation worthy of our conaffectionate one to another with fidence, and that is the healthy magwork assigned you? Brother, do you rowing and wandering in search of brotherly love." "Rejoicing in hope, netisms from refined unadulterated really intend to do anything of conse-light. Upon the matter of these phe-patient in tribulation; given to hos-sources, beautifully designated in the quence for the cause you profess, be- nomena I do not dogmatize, but men- pitality." "Bless them that persecute | Scriptures, the baptism of the Holy fore your body dies? Answer from the tion-specify them as belonging to the you, bless and curse not." "Recom- Spirit-that is, the influx of sweet pense no man evil for evil. * * Live spiritual and heavenly influences. Sitthat while you may be good at dodging, nomena that I could enumerate, hoping peaceably with all men." "Overcome ting many times in agone years by the you cannot dodge death-and remember thereby to arouse thought, inspire evil with good." "This I say then, side of the sainted. Lucretia Mott, I further, that just as this life leaves you spiritual study, deeper psychic research, walk with the spirit, * * but the uniformly received a calm, peaceful the future life, leaden or golden, will and thus so far as possible settle the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, baptism of the Holy Spirit. Regenerate interesting question. In a multitude of long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, and exalted spirits, understanding the faith, meekness, temperance." "The spirit is life, because of righteousness. and to be spiritually-minded is life and | with the finer auris of the concrete depeace." "Whatsoever things are just, grees, are ever insinuating their ethe-

> of good report, if there be any virtue, etherealized, full-orbed characters. Surely the above Bible teachings quoted from memory will harm no one. Beloved, take down from the shelf that old moth-sullied Bible that so cheered and comforted your mother, and blowcovers, read it just as you read other books, exercising your reason and sound corded visions, trances, healings, in the course of a year; while the eleexhortations, prophesyings, gifts of tongues, materializations, transfigurations and uplifting inspirations-read and quiet your coarse, gruffy growlings -read it and forever quit hunting in its old back-chapter pages for filth and piles of compost just to so gladly, glaringly and relishingly put on exhibition! Further, ask yourself if all of our to-day mediums are saints, and if confessed, oh hypocrite, for meditation, repentance and resolutions to hencebeautiful. VACCINATION AND ITS EFFECTS.

medical men of the world admit-show present in our family." conclusively to the contrary. The four-fifths of the small-pox patients health?" had been vaccinated. The vaccinated

in this strong manner:

ing along the line of battle that is now stitutions, nor disseminate the glorious sacrificed at the altar of this modern Moloch, and infanticide has thereby slastic response. error. These chapters, with those of Let us for a moment bring to view been legalized among us. If -vaccinaothers, will ere long be compiled into a a few of the gems that make radiant | tion were abolished to-morrow, it would new Bible—the 20th Century Bible of those old Biblical pages that some so take generations to eradicate the mis land legislature has the right looks just like Papa did in my dream!" carefully our premium announcement.

"Your committee cannot recommend that vaccination should continue to be made compulsory by act of Parliament, for the following reasons: That the health and lives of some children arethough it may be in rare cases-undoubtedly sacrificed by it; that syphilis can be, and is, transmitted by vaccination; and that children from whom the vaccine lymph is taken may be syphilitic, the doctor at the same time having no means of discovering the fact."; Is it not a reckless presumption to insert into the pure blood of human beings, especially sensitive children, corrupt matter thrown out from the sores—the diseased parts of the beast? ders. Many physicians walk the streets And what adds to the malignancy of of our cities with the blood of unborn the presumption is the fact that this innocents upon their hands. Nature cow-pox virus may have, unknown to the purchasing doctor, passed through the veins of those tainted with erysipelas, scrofula, cancor, syphilis, and va-

rious skin diseases: As sphere touching sphere, atom infringing upon atom, as in the case of a grain of musk appreciably scenting a room for a century-so a particle of vaccine virus, infused into the blood, affects the whole physical organization, Parents being wiser and older conproducing physical changes and mental disturbances; thus more or less injuring the spiritual structure, which in turn corrodes and tarnishes the moral nature. Vaccination has not a redeeming trait. It is the total depravity of

medical science and ethics. Every atom, every particle of blood or nerve aura, contains the essential nature of the poison to whom it belongs. The poison: from the bite of a rattlesnake induces hissing. Persons mad with hydrophobia often howl. And so the aural poison from a tobaccosmoking, beer-guzzling psychic is worse than a nulsance; it is a disease-breeding assuredly right and honorable. What stench. The cures, or apparent cures, is the cause then of the unhappiness in wrought by such, will prove later to be wedlock leading to so many divorces? curses. Liars boasting of success along In a word it is ignorance gross ignorthis, line are moral fullures. They ance of each other's ancestry, tempera-

collapse and thinkers drop them. virus, into the human skin, and thus by the drunkard, the consumptive, the absorption into the veins, induces in | nervously jealous and suspicious, the most disgustingly degrading. The Old diseases. Testament law refused the Israelites with animals; for the reason that such an inoculating intimacy induced psycho-

logically a "descent of the species." It is apparent then, to the most superficial student, that one of the chief mischiefs in vaccination arises from the promiscuous mixing of natures, the brute and the human-amounting, in fact, to an artificial adultery of compsychic law, understanding this spiritual engraftment of the forces connected soever things are pure, whatsoever into our braids, working psycho- They are innocent entities plus moral really dead, isn't he, Mamma?"

MALTHUS AND SMALL FAMILIES.

If memory serves me it was Mary F. respective planes. The latter attract, us," she slowly added, and then, with Davis more than a generation ago who approach, marry, separate, because of an effort of self-control, she said in a said, "Fewer children and better ones." some stronger electro-attraction. But voice of tender cheer; "Now my little It is an indisputable fact that the lower | thinking men and women standing upon | girl must be washed and dressed and down in the moral scale the more nu- the very apex of earth's organic pyra- made ready for breakfast, for it is ing and wiping the dust off from the merous the offspring. A pair of spiders, mid, are rational and morally responsi- getting late." they and their broods, will produce ble. Better things, therefore, are exmillions in a single season. The queen pected of them. higher judgment-read the there re- bec, so it is said, lays about 50,000 eggs phant brings into the world but one of her offspring at a time. The world's bodily passion they are unpardonably had come to her, the young wife dis- maintenance of the equilibrium of the greatest men and most highly unfolded demoralizing. The serpent first charms, appeared from her Eastern home, kingdom. The king persuaded his women of culture have had few or no then stings. Divorces are the cankerchildren. It is not to be inferred from worms of the social fabric. If they do two years old. this, however, that large families are not undermine they at least iar the not desirable where parents are healthy, basic foundation of society. The famharmonially married and have both the lily, sacred in its best estate, is the unit capacity, the morals and the finances of national strength and permanency. to properly educate them. There is no But there is no marriage where there is you-even you yourself are perfect, ab- music like the pattering of children's not confidence, mutual help and the solutely perfect? If not, retire self- feet in the family home. But, con- brooding love of truth, sincerity and sidering the indiscreet marriages, in- purity. When these are wanting marsinuating diseases, heredities and other | ringe is a mockery; and the marital reforth live the good, the true and the environments, there are altogether too lation prostitution. many children born into the world. And this reminds me that when lec- is imaginary. Suspicions scorch the too hard to bear had kept her close see me, and I didn't see him."

turing several years ago in Honesdale, soul. Fears and jealousies wrinkle the company, but the strong, invincible. King Ludwig abdicated the throne in Can flowers bloom on mountain gla- Pa., a good-hearted, conscientious Ger- face. Storms sometimes purify the air; spirit of motherhood had inspired her consequence of an unholy alliance with ciers? Can death produce life? Can man farmer in humble circumstances at other times they demolish and de- with its conquering force, until now she Lola Montes, whom Mme. Diss-Debar poison protect against polson? Is it came to me and said with a sort of tear stroy. Palliate as the theorists may, it had, she said to herself, "entered into a affirms to be her mother by the aforeright to project into the human system in his tone; "Doctor, Lam a poor man a virus to prevent, if not a kindred, a with a family of thirteen, the eldest a by passion, or burned in the flery furmore malignant disease? Is it a pre- daughter of twenty-one, all unmarried, pace of sensuous lust. It is unendurable and her mother spent in the Art Inventative? The most distinguished and we do not want any increase at

Thoughtfully, meekly, in subdued genial, aspiring nature to be almost ship. The tares must be separated from psalms to be psalms, its proverbs to be Registrar-General of the London Small- tones of tenderness, I responded: "No. continually taunted by the tongue of pictures on this particular Sunday, pox Hospital informs us that nearly I should think not! How is your wife's | thrusts of ill-tempered Xantippes. Sui-

> nurses each baby too long." "Oulte likely,"- was my gentle, pa- act. thetic reply.

A venerable medical gentleman of any legitimate way to prevent having may be temporarily mixed, they are charm that speaks to the soul of home's the millions among all classes of Spiritlarge families; and, will the remedies chemically, fixedly incompatible. If the sacred love-world appealed to Jessie ualists. The seven books that we are In this strong manner:

you prescribe if you do so, be inmarried yet really ununited in soul—in Alvord with the strong sense of her offering to Spiritualists as premiums
their youthful innocence or through degreat loss, and she stood entranced and contain a large storehouse of useful "Not in the least," was my enthu- ception, or hypnotic suggestion, un- motionless, when suddenly little Mar- knowledge on Spiritual and Occult sub-

"Nothing, nothing, sir."

chief it has caused in the physical deterioration of the health of the nation. Where is our boasted freedom, where the liberty of the subject, when parents, at the instigation of paid and hireling informers, are reluctantly and with sorrowing hearts compelled to submit their children to the poisoned lancet, and to have inserted in the pure fountain of life the disgusting and impure products of a disease of the brute creation?"

Jacob Bright, M. P. from Manchester, brother of the great Commoner, John Bright, not approving of the late law of vaccination in England, proposed years ago this amendment.

"Your committee cannot recommend kindly inform me?"

"Certainly—and that without the least hesitancy! Labor hard, sir, during the day, use a diet of fruits, grains and vegetables, take a cold water bath each night before retiring, keep your mind on intellectual and spiritual affairs, and have a cool, well-aired sleeping apartment in your house especially for your-self—yourself only—remember that! In the higher circles of Germany and France, and I may add England and America, each person of the household has a room by himself and herself. This is not only a wise but a healthy arrangement," arrangement."

Listening to me seriously, and sadly too, this poor, unsophisticated farmer went away exceedingly sorrowful. It may be added that though quite poor and a large family on his hands, this German farmer had money enough to furnish board for several cats and dogs, and enough also to purchase plenty of coffee, tobacco, lager beer and other nonessentials to health and happiness. There's no poverty so morally pinching as the poverty of intelligence.

Nature's laws are just and inexora ble. The least infringement has its penalty. Purposed abortions are murbough, nor permits the peach to fall before fully ripe. It was the stern old psalmist who so bluntly said, "Fools because of their transgressions are

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE. Child-marriage prevails extensively

in India. Even babies are betrothed. scientiously believe themselves more competent, knowing the ancestral line, to select marriage-mates than the young themselves would be. And considering family broils and divorces this method of mating has been encouragngly brouched in America.

Divorces, sad to say, are growing more numerous each year. During one week last year in Los Angeles, Cal., there, were nine divorces greated by the courts and there were issued eleven marriage licenses. What's the matter? Where's the remedy? Marriage on the multiplying plane for propagation is ments, tempers and off concealed ten-Interjecting animal blood-calf-lymph | dencies. The syphilitic, the epileptic, dividuals to feel, to act animal-like. So | sickly, have no moral right to marry, to great is the disparity in the degrees of | breed, and to perpetuate by the law of life that such inoculation can only be transmission their physical and mental

Passion—seifishly inflamed passion gratifying their thirst by drinking bul- should have no voice in the sacredness lock's blood, and imposed severe pen- of marriage. The majority take this alties upon persons guilty of commerce | step in life too young. From twentythree to twenty-eight is the proper time for the young man and from twentytwo to twenty-six, the young woman. Previous to these periods they are not formatively firm and insture. Woman should never part with the ownership of her own body.

> The young before entering wedlock should be examined physiologically, pathologically, temperamentally, phrenologically, physiognomically, and sarcognomically by competent committees of medical men and women. These committees should be appointed by the State and amply paid for their services. Marriage for position, for wealth, for convenience, for policy, for gratification, or any other motive unhallowed by purest love will prove to be a broken reed-a vanishing hand.

Life, manifest in and all around us, consciousness and the possibilities of Mrs. Avord's slender form quivered

pertain to the deceptions and imperfec- proud to ask for an explanation, and Protestant. This royal equation of retions of civilized life. If inspired by almost heart-broken with the grief that ligious profession was necessary to the Much of pronounced incompatibility

is unendurable for love to be crushed sustaining peace." for enthusiasm and progress to be stitute, finding in these visits almost yokedato a moping drag, or for an able, cide is no escape. It does not kill. earlier than usual. "It is poor; very poor; I tell her she | Under the shield of any combination of circumstances it is an unwise, cowardly of home life in Holland. .

A SUPREME POWER, BUT NO SUPREME BEING.

We must bear in mind that the majority of

men are imperfectly educated, and hence we must not needlessly offend the religious ideas of our age. It is enough for us ourselves to know that, though there is a Supreme Power, there is no Supreme Being. There is an Invisible Principle, but not a Personal God, to whom it would be not so much blasphemy as absurdity to impute the form, the sentiments, the passions of men. All Revelation is necessarily a mere fiction. That which men call chance is only the effect of an unknown cause, even of chance there is a law, there is no such thing as Providence, for Nature proceeds under irresistible laws, and in this respect the Universe is only a vast Automatic Engine. The vital force which pervades the world is what the illiterate call God, the modification through which all things are running takes place in an irresistible way, and hence it may be said that the progress of the world is, under Destiny, like a seed, it can evolve only in a pre-determined mode.—Draper.

through an unhappy half-dying life-| face. time. Freedom is the soul's inalienable birthright, and in the enjoyment and stepped quickly to her side. practical pursuance of this God-given right it should feel no icy shackles, be who had almost fainted-no doubt from saddled with no unnecessary burdens, the over-heated air, it was said. A press no crimsoned thorn-paths, drink gentleman supported her and led by the no wormwood draughts, nor breathe the | hand a little child. socially-poisoned, pestilential air of dark, dismal dungeons. * *

Whatever said to the contrary, mar- to the outer world. both desirable and honorable. It is the made clear, and loving hearts were preliminary step towards co-operation. joined once more. The family forms the soul's first altar. Awed by the and purity, where kindness is law, self- me both up to heaven, haven't you?" sacrifice is worship, and love is as pure, tender and abiding as it is universal.

FULFILLED.

Margery Avord's Beautiful Dream.

It was a beautiful Sunday morning in June. The earth, and air, and sky were redolent with the spirit of the summertime. The breeze from the lake made its way through an open window in one of the large apartment buildings on Calumet avenue, and touched with its freshness the face of a child just awaking from slumber.

"O, Mamma," exclaimed little Margery Avord, "I have had such a beautiful dream. I thought Papa came, and he was a big, strong man, with eyes and hair, almost like mine, and he took with saying: "Three prestidigitators, proceeds from and depends upon ante- me in his arms and kissed me, and you Moses, Christ and Mahomet, that they cedent life. Living souls are not arti- and he and I all went off in the cars, might rule the world, seduced all the ficial products. Chemistry does not ever and ever so far away! Do you create. Spontaneous generation died in think, Mamma, that we are going to "Anatom" of Melancholy" gives the being born. Human bables are not die, and that Papa will take us both sentence in Latin and says that Henry whatsoever things are honest, what realized effluences; celestial sunbeams, shaken out of chemical test-tubes. away to heaven with him? Papa is of Landgrave heard him speak it.

> seraphic unfoldment. That souls eter- and her dark eyes filled with tears as settle the question of burial in consenally pre-existed is true. Entities and she looked at the eager child. "Yes, crated ground, issued the following atoms are equally conscious on their | Margery dear, your Papa is dead-to edict: It was five years since a cruel mis-

understanding had come into the lives Divorces, uncommon in the orient, of Edward and Jessie Avord. Too

many friends with gifts wrought by her own hands, and her artistic skill had been the pride of her husband. To Chicago, the great Western metropolis, she went, determined to win for herself and child an independent

years—shadows and heartaches, almost I became a Protestant, my God didn't

Many Sunday afternoons Margery their only recreation.

There was to be a special exhibition and Jessie Avord and Margery went

They were standing before a picture

God never united as one, oil and the quaintness and simplicity of the this book, and it has been well received "Well, doctor, I came to see if there's water. Though both are liquids and scene, crowned by that indescribable everywhere. It should be circulated by wisely joined themselves in wedlock, gery pulled her dress, exclaiming as she jects. You should have them on the "What will be the expense, doctor?" | making a mistake a most palpable, did so in a loud whisper, "O Mamma, shelves of your library where you can pointul mistake; no statute law, nor see! see! There's a gentleman who have access to them at any time. Read

to enforce-to rigorously compel the! Jessie Avord raised her eyes, and continuance of this distressing mistake saw-Edward Avord's eager, startled "At last! O at last!" he said as he

> The crowd parted to let a lady pass, Calling a carriage, Edward Avord

and Jessie and Margery were soon lost ringe on the material plane of being is | Only a few words and mistakes were

Here the fires of sympathy and self- showered upon her Mamma and hersacrifice and abiding trust should per- self, little Margery looked up with petually burn. Here should center the wondering eyes into her father's rap-

heart's warmest and tenderest attracturous face, saying, "Then you really tions—a symbol of that higher regene- are my 'sure-enough' Papa, aren't you? rate family-home-home of equality And you've come to take Mamma and "Heaven has come to me, my little Margery," her father said, "and toown dear home once more," and Jessie

answered back, with beaming smiles. that told of peace and sweet content. Was the child's dream a mere coincidence, or was it the fulfillment of that higher law of thought-vibration whose infinite currents sweep through the speechless ether? ELLA DARE. Austin Sta., Chicago.

Scoffing Kings.

The editor of the London Spectator says that though there are few kings who are plous, there are fewer who are scoffers at religion, and he can recall but one of the latter kind, namely, Frederick the Great, 1740-1788.

Frederick I., Emperor of Germany, surnamed Barbarossa, reigned from 1152 to 1190. Much of the time he was at war with the Pope. He is credited people of their time." The author of In the year 1451 Albrecht Achilles,

"Let the corpses be taken to the

house of the priest, who must see to their interment at once. Let us fight the Devil with the Holy Ghost." This historical fact is brought to light

by Prof. Thudichum, of Tubingen University, in an essay on Cemeteries. King Ludwig (Lewis Charles) of Bavaria, was a Catholic and his wife a taking with her little Margery, then but special favorite, Moritz Saphir, a distinguished Jew, to become a Catholic. Mrs. Avord had often delighted her By and by the queen induced the Catholic Jew to embrace Protestantism. His conversion in both cases was easy, but on a festive occasion, while in a convivial mood, he amused the king and his parasites by saying: "When I was a Jew, my God saw me, but I didn't see him; when I became a Cath-There had been struggles and failures olic, I saw my God (pointing to Christ and disappointments through the long on a cross), but he didn't see me; when

said royal sire.

TTE call special attention to The

Next World Interviewed, one of our special premiums. We are enabled to furnish it to our readers at the price announced in our premium list, from the simple fact that Mr. Horn donated the plates of the book to us. We: The wonderful shades and colorings, have sent out thousands of copies of

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

LETTER NUMBER THIRTY-ONE-Continued.

"First, defamation of character. You have, with malice aforethought, defamed all those persons whom you call Spiritualists, although yourself a Spiritualist, as has been amply proved by your own concessions. You have publicly defamed them by the most base and false accusations. You have accused them of about every crime the world knows anything about; and when a supposed follower of the meek and lowly Jesus so far forgets himself, and the express commands of his master, it should be taken up on the plea of justice to the world at large. You have made a public statement to the effect that the insane asylums of the world are filled with those whom you call Spiritualists. This is utterly false, as has been proved again and again. You have borne false witness against your brothers, and your master said: 'He that loveth and maketh a lie shall have his part in the lake of fire and brimstone, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.' If he did not say so, you believe he did, which amounts to the same thing to you.

"Then, Brother-Talmage, as you are proven guilty, your sentence has already been pronounced by your captain. Your sentence is just. You are to have your part in the lake of fire and brimstone, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

"Why, Brother Talmage, even I, the Infidel,' the 'Atheist,' the 'Great Agnostic'-Bob Ingersoll-have escaped that hell. I really can't help laughing to think that the 'Great Preacher' of the 'Divine Gospel' or 'Good News,' should get into that dreadful place with his eyes actually escaped.

"How do you feel down there, Brother Talmage? that is what I shall ask you.

"Give me your hand, my poor fellow, and I will try to lift you out. You may refuse, and not care to associate,

varicated the truth, and wilfully borne false witness, knowing it to be so; and you stand accused before the allseeing eye-and the all-seeing eye is the all-seeing Spiritplace where the emancipated spirits of men dwell. In three or four years, you, also, will be here, for age is already upon you, and I want to tell you, now, before you come, precisely how it will be with you.

receive one of his great vicegerents-DeWitt Talmageand you will be crowned by him, in person, to the sound of martial music-for you are a soldier, you say-with great honor and glory. Well, that is all in your imagination, my dear brother. You are being tricked by it. It tricks you worse than any fraudulent medium ever tricked at a scance. Oh, I know whereof I speak! You are, really, more gullible than any Spiritualist that ever lived, is of little value. and are doomed to suffer far greater disappointment than a Spiritualist who has grasped and holds in his hands the medium instead of the spirit of his friend.

"Well, you will come here. After a little while you will be conscious that you have departed the earth life, then, presently, you will be very eager to see God. But | delectable entertainment; but, to come back to our friend. | ily combat, that your present engageno God will appear. Then you will ask to be taken directly to him; but there will be none to respond. Then probably, you will try to get somewhere yourself-you won't have any clear idea where, but you will cry out for God and heaven, for you have told the people, that by the grace of God you are destined to go to heaven. The spirits won't hurry at all, and you will actually get into a white heat of exasperation at their delay. Perhaps you'll shout a little and pound an imaginary pulpit with your fists in a commanding and authoritative sort of way, but the spirits will only smile and say: 'That's Talmage! Wait till he gets over some of that earthly bluff. It is useless to say very much to him at present. Let him shout and pound until he wearies of it.'

"And now, brother, I will tell you what I mean to do. I mean to go right up to you and offer you my hand. expect that you will look at me in the most scornful way imaginable, and say, 'Can it be possible that my God has consigned me to the same place with infidels and scoffers?' Then I shall make reply:

"Brother Talmage, I simply heard the rustle of a wing and caught a glimpse of the beaming star of hope, and it has really done as much for me and perhaps more than your God and heaven have done for you. And if you read this you will remember these words. Come, brother! I hear the rustling wings now, and the star of hope still leads onward; Come!

"Come where? Do you still tell me there is no God, no regimentals?

you something very sweet. If you desire, I will take you to your captain, Jesus, whom men have called the Christ. Perhaps you will say, But it is through Jesus that I shall

"But Jesus himself has never seen God-not God as you understand him. We may and can have an interview with Jesus, and when you look into his sweet eyes all your past follies will rush over you like a whirlwind yet no word of his will accuse you, still, the sweet truth will strike you like an electric stroke: 'Neither do I accuse you. Go and sin no more.' But the sweet soul will not be able to remain in our atmosphere long and we shall presently find ourselves standing alone; then, all the abusive slanders, falsehoods, and insults you have heaped upon those whom you sneeringly call Spiritualists, will, like chickens—the brood hatched by yourself—come home to roost and your soul will be shaken by remorse as by a whirlwind—aye, you will cower and hide your face, but you can't hide yourself from yourself and the brood

will refuse to budge. .. "Now, what's to be done? Reparation, Talmage, Reparation. Pay all that thou owest. Repair the wrongs you have committed as quickly as possible, and let me just whisper it now: The sooner you commence the better. There is no need of waiting until you get here. Better leave a portion of the vile brood behind. Take back your insults, falsehoods and abusive slanders, and give the Spiritualists due credit for what rightly belongs to them. as good and pure as you are, perhaps, more so. They are, as a rule, far more modest; and no medium living on your earth to-day, has even received one-half the money-or as you have often called it, 'filthy lucre—that you have; and now I shall hip you a little here. You have cajoled the people into paying you what to a medium would be an enormous salary each year, and nearly every word you have uttered, in all these years on the subject of religion, is utterly false—has no foundation in truth whatever. You are, and have been, a blind leader of the blind. Who is the greater fraud, you or the Spiritualist medium? Who has robbed the public most, you or the Spiritualist medium? As a rule the Spiritualist medium is as sincere as you are and far nearer the truth. He gives his time and services as you give yours. He receives, perhaps, an eighth part of what you do, and many, very many give their time and services free. I do not believe there is a medium in the United States who would have refused to

dollars in his hand, or a hundred pounds. "The people of some if those churches were poor, very poor, indeed, could scarcely provide themselves food, shelter and clothing, but they were eager to hear the gospel and so managed to scrape together the money, and

give of his gospel, or goods news, to the hungry people of

London, Eng., until he had at first received five hundred

nearly every word you told them was false, utterly false. IMPORTANT MATTER FROM Don't call other men sinners until you cleanse your own

"You may reply: Well, I believe all that I say to be true.' In an earthly court of Justice it counts for nothing that you are ignorant of the law and through that ignorance transgressed it. The court exacts the penalty just the same, holding you responsible for your ignorance, saying you should have informed yourself; and we now say to you: Natural Law requires you to pay the penalty of transgressed law, whether it be transgressed ignorantly or otherwise, thereby compelling one in a measure to inform oneself.

"From the spirit of "ROBERT G. INGERSOLL."

LETTER NUMBER THIRTY-TWO.

We have a friend, still remaining on earth, in whom

we are deeply interested. This friend is worthy of all honor and esteem, and is greatly beloved and revered, as he should be. We visit him often, put ourselves en rapport with him, when his to the amount of affectionate interest of the mount of affection in waiting desired, while the interest of the mount of affection in maintain the mount of mind becomes to us like a page from an open book, to be read and understood. This friend is called a Spiritualist and believes himself to be one. He is also somewhat mediumistic, but as we in spirit read his mind, we find that he is really more of an evolutionist than a Spiritualist. He accepts evolution without demur or question, but casts aside involution; which reminds us of a man with only one arm, having lost the other, and it being so long gone from his memory, he either thinks he never had another, or, if once he had, he believes it was useless, of no universe. Thus when we are informed account whatever, and that he is better off without it; this strong right arm of evolution is all he needs, or all that anyone needs or ought to have—it is enough for all humanity. And here he rests, placid and secure, believing he has the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the wide open, while poor, foolish Bob, with shut eyes, has truth; and yet this dear friend believes in eternal pro-

> As we have said before, we often visit this friend, in spirit, put ourselves en rapport with him, thereby agitating the calm surface of his mind.

Friends, do not allow your minds to become fixed on or receive help from a 'Vile Infidel.' In that case you any one point and think you have the truth, the whole must remain until someone else offers you a helping hand. | truth, and nothing but the truth, for, like the friend "Now all the various counts, or accusations, that you above mentioned, you may have only a part of the truth. have brought against Spiritualists, are, in the main, false | We have purposely caused this friend a good deal of agiand untrue. You have, with malice aforethought, pre- tation of mind, for if the mind is not agitated it becomes like a calm and placid pool and stagnation is the result. whatever we fix our thoughts upon; but We beg of you, each and all, do not stagnate. Do not allow any idea to become unalterably fixed within the mind, ual World—those who dwell in the father's house, or that | for in that case progression is impossible. The meaning of the word progression is, that the mind receives new truths which it had not previously understood or conceived to be true, and when the mind becomes so fixed, it in no way can we get our bearings more becomes blind to the truth, consequently cannot see it, perfectly than by thinking over a list of "You now expect that God himself will stand ready to although it may be very plain to many others.

We agitate the waters of this friend's mind, that we may benefit him-keep him from becoming fixed, stagnant and blind to that which he ought to comprehend, in

other words we desire him to progress. Personalities should be hidden behind truthful principles. Persons are, after all, but like grains of sand on the sea-shore of life, all necessary, yet each separate grain | sites to spiritohl growth: first, the de-

Sarcasm never yet convinced any man of truth, and calling names is rather undignified and childish and is performed can never hinder spiritual calculated to weaken the position taken by the person who indulges in the, to him, pleasing pastime—that is, it is supposed to be pleasing to the one who indulges in that

This friend is somewhat mediumistic and clairvoyant, ments are so unfavorable to your inbut his clairvoyant sight is not always as clear as it might be. He sees things, as it were, afar off, and you are all aware that things look somewhat different off than they threment from the buter world. Always

This friend, who believes in evolution and discards involution, says that he discerns, or sees with the clairvoyant vision, a "Shining City," within the spiritual spheres, where those who pass out of earth life will meet-friend with friend, husband with wife and children-where all husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, children and friends will be re-united and happy together.

Now this is all true, looking at it from a distance, but rather vague and uncertain. The point that we wish particularly to make, is this: This friend believes and teaches that only man, or the human race, exists after the death of the body—only man is immortal. This has become a fixed or stagnant idea with him, which is much to be deplored, for his mind is grand and noble and should not become permanently or immovably fixed, consequently unprogressive. No one can go on and remain stationarv at the same time.

Now as we are spirits within the spiritual spheres, we have a right to assert that which is. We may not, and do not, know all there is to know, but there are many things that we do know positively-many things that we are not and cannot be mistaken in, no more than those on earth are and and can be mistaken in much that they know. heaven, and that I cannot wear a crown and don heavenly | They know that they are surrounded by a multitude of other living creatures besides man. They cannot be mis-"Not yet—not yet. Oh, my brother! But I will tell taken in it. We here also know that we are, and cannot be mistaken in it. In former letters we have asserted this fact again and again. We also tried to prove it to the earthly world; but, like a sum in arithmetic, we have proved it one way, that is we have proved it by the great | spirit all things are possible." Does not truth or rule of Involution; we will now try to prove it in another way, and if it stands the test both ways, we think our esteemed friend ought to accept the great fact, and

thereby hasten his progress. Now this time we intend to prove it—unmistakably prove it-through the very words that he has uttered and written himself. He first tells us that he sees-with the eye of the spirit, or clairvoyantly—a shining city within the spiritual spheres; which is as true as truth can be. He speaks of but one city, but no doubt he believes—as is the fact—that there are millions upon millions of shining cities here; but we will simply examine the one city that he speaks of. By examining one city we can, usually, comprehend, more or less, that which appertains to other cities, for cities are all much alike, both here and on the earth; enough alike to give a true and comprehensive idea of them all.

(To be continued.)

Search for Happiness.

If you are looking for perfect happiness the sooner you give up the search the better. The world is worn by countless paths that seek in vain for perfect happiness. And yet each generation begins anew the fruitless search. The rainbow of perfect joy arches our life, but never quite touches it. The path that leads nearest is pure unselfish

Some one has truly said: "My own happiness is something to desire; and yet, I know that I must win it by forgetting it in ministry to others. If I make my happiness the motive of my work, I spoil it by the taint of selfish- being a magneti to douso, draw to you

Peace, contentment and a certain amount of happiness may be found, but perfect, lasting happiness is not for earth. Life is not alone for pleasure, but for experience, too. Some wise one has said: "The attainment of happiness is a disappointment, but the pursuit of happiness is happiness itself." Another has said: "All is well that comprehensive view of the subject: ends well, and all that is not well is not yet ended."

We may write like saints and sages on the vanity of seeking earthly happiness and yet ere our ink be dry the itualist. One of the very best books on most of us will be seeking and believing with the children, the subject. Price, reduced to \$1, "there is golden treasure buried where the rainbow touches earth." CALLA HARCOURT, Chesnut, Ill.

We believe in telling the truth even to the young—Ex. sale at this office.

OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES

HARBINGER OF LIGHT, MEL- THE DAWN, CALCUTTA, INDIA BOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

ASTROLOGY. SOME OF THE STEPS.

I will now endeavor to outline some of the steps up which the student must propositions: Christ; every human-being "Le sang du juste a Londres fera faute is capable of uniting himself with the Bruslez par feu, de vingt et trois los six spiritual realm or Unseen Universe by means of desire united with expectation, by steadily concentrating upon that particular spiritual reality with which he desires to ally himself most completely. Second, by following out library of the British Museum by a any line of action (even the humblest), Frenchman, Le Sieur de Pavillon, in it is possible to mentally advance in the direction inwardly desired, while the his contemporary Nostradamus, and in felt in the object upon which the men-tal gaze is rivetted. To steadily concentrate the mental gaze upon an object or to hold persistently to the inward pronunciation of a forceful word astrologers, and was first made by the is to invoke association of the most in- Arab astronomer Albumazar (776-885 timate kind with the reality which lies A. D.) in his De Magnis Conjunctionbehind the chosen symbol: "Call upon ibus" (a copy of which is preserved me and I will answer," is a sentence among the archives of the British Muwhich philosophers may well attribute seum), nearly a thousand years before to every plane of consciousness in the the event. in the Scriptures that whatever we seek | the testimony of two great men, one with our whole hearts we shall surely the late R. A. Proctor, the brilliant find, we are but reminded in the tersest popularizer of astronomical knowledge, language that whole hearted, that is, and the other, Sir Edwin Arnold, the undivided devotion to any object se- singer of Eastern lore and a whilom cures our union with it. With concen- educationist in India, would be of tration and expectation must be com- special interest. That of the astronobined desire or love. We do not desire mer, however, is of an indirect kind a thing unless we like it. Love is the whose value gains by what it opposes impelling force everywhere. Love is or leaves unsaid. The astronomer acthe infinite creative agent by means of knowledged that astrology had a perwhich all things are fashioned, for out fectly reasonable basis in theory, but of love springs desire, aspiration, cour- added that "this fascinating theory age, determinate resolve—in a word, all which has in every age attracted the that can enable us to carry projects greatest minds, does not work out in into effect. There is a wealth of practice and hard fact." And he threw meaning in Swedenborg's utterance: out a challenge in an article entitled "Thought gives presence; love gives "The Planet of Mars," appearing in the conjunction." We bring into our pres- Cornhill Magazine for July 1877. The ence, or we go into the presence of challenge was in these words: what we love we become, for the act of loving is the cause of becoming. Silent

INDUCES SELF-KNOWLEDGE: introspection and self examination show us where we stand inwardly, and

subjects on which we could concentrate our attention and then pick out the one above all others on which we desire to concentrate. But 'it may be asked, "How can people concentrate their attention on spiritual subjects when material cares and duties demand their constant attention " The reply is, always remember there are two requisire for it; and second, the expectation of it. Humble manual work is not debasing, and honest duties faithfully

development. To use an decult term, the "Guardian of the Threshold" always confronts you with the fallacy which you must steadward growth that you must abandon either it or them. Inward repose is even more necessary than periodic re-

ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS'S "Magic Staff," "In all conditions keep an even mind." It is only through selfdiscipline, only through determined, resolute, persistent effort to keep your thought centered on a selected subject that victory can be won over the distracting forces of the earth's chaotic atmosphere. The student in his daily life must gradually train his mind in thinking consecutively and thinking definitely, and he will not permit himself to be led astray by all the manifold temptations to the scattering thought in every direction. He will read sustained arguments, long lines of argument, which train the mind in going along one definite line for a considerable period, and he will not permit it to leap from one thing to another rapidly, thus intensifying the restlessness which is an obstacle in the path and which will block him utterly until it is overcome. He will learn to choose that of which he thinks; he will no

longer allow his thoughts to come and

go; he will no longer let a thought come into the mind and fix itself there and decline to be evicted; he will be master dream of visionaries and mystics, to such I would say: "In the world of every fresh advance of scientific discovery establish the truth that spirit is the real and permanent, and matter but its transitory and changing expression. Do we not find the same truths taught by the inspired teachers of all religions? When Jesus Christ said, "As thy faith is, so shall it be given unto you." "If ye have faith even as a grain of mustard seed ve could remove mountains. "Taking the Kingdom of Heaven by force." What could he mean but that forces (when properly concentrated and lated" directed) over all things material and spiritual. As a clever writer has said "The curse of the present age is the belief of limitations." This is one of the fetters that bind the human spirit, forged by the materialistic spirit of our age, and which spiritualists should certainly be the first to shake off. The

PSYCHIC CULTURE that I have outlined dn-this paper are lated by Colville and which will bring ble knowledge of all other phenomena. this paper to anclose: "There is a law regulating human welfare absolutely plain and straightforward, and that law is inconsistent with a particular scican be summarily stated in the follow- entific philosophy, is the very antithesis ing precept: Whatever state you wish of the scientific spirit; and the shutto attain, that state image forth as a your-eyes policy in the scientific domain mental picture. See yourself mentally only finds its parallel in the more proin the present actual possession of whatever you wish to possess; then and find yourself drawn toward exactly that which is the goal of your desire and the crown of your most fervent aspiration."

methods of 110

"Religion as Revealed by the Material and Spiritual Universe." By. E. D. Babbitt, M. D., L.L. D. A compact and philosophic, historic, analytical and critical; facts and data needed by every student and especially by every Spircloth; paper 50 cents. For sale at this

"Who Are These Spiritualists and

The celebrated Nostradamus had also predicted the same fire in London in that year, about eleven years previous-

[The blood of the just which has been spilt in London requires it to be burned with fire in '66.] He states that he had made this prediction by "Astronomical Affections." There is a book in the mark, made a public declaration of the fact that the astonishing prediction of what would happen in 1789 was the common property of the mediaeval Coming down to more recent times,

"But if Mars were in truth the planet of war, if his influence poured from

near at hand (in perigee) upon the nations of this earth, excited them to war and bloodshed, we might well fear that the coming months would bring desolation in many fair terrestrial fields. For Mars has not blazed so fiercely in our skies since 1845, nor will he so shine again for forty-seven years as during the last days of August and the opening days of September. Moreover, Aurice during his period of greatest splendor, his days will be closely conjoined with those of the malign planet Saturn, the greater Infortune, as Mars himself is the lesser Infortune of astrologic systems.' The challenge thrown out by the

astronomer, however, recoiled against

him; for the Russo-Turkish war which

was at the time when the above-mentioned article appeared regarded by European diplomacy as a mere walkover for the Russians, soon assumed portentious dimensions; and on the 10th of December "in which," in the lan guage of the Sphinx, "Mars entered his domal dignity, the fiery Aries," Plevna was carried by storm with a carnage unsurpassed in history. In the edition however, of collected papers, "Poetry of Astronomy, 1881," by R. A. Proctor, the challenge thrown out by the author does not find a place, for obvious reasons. Again, in the current number of the Sphinx, there is an article entitled 'The Engine of Fate," over the signature of Sir Edwin Arnold, in which he gives a graphic account of a certain disastrous verification of a certain astrological prediction about "Mr. Edward Howard, the Director of Public Instruction in the Presidency of Bombay, under the government of Lord Elphinstone, and immediate chief of the Educational Department," his offl cial supervisor, and directing genius of the Bombay University, and of the Deccan College, of which Sir Edwin was, at the time, the president. Mr. Edward Howard was traveling down by the night express from Poona on important official business, and met his death (at a particular point on the railway previously calculated for him by a Joshl or Astrologer who had cast his horoscope) by the express colliding with a "furious runnaway engine." Not a very long time before the event actually came to pass, the Principal and his Chief had been conversing about Indian astrology, "which is entirely believed by the people of Hindustan, and indeed reduced to an exact system." "Idle as If there are any here who regard the it appears to the Western mind," Sir Edwin goes on to add, "the respect paid scheme of psychic development that I to the papers of the 'Joshi' is very ings resulting from them." And then he refers to his Chief having caused his horoscope to be cast, "which was not altogether to his satisfaction." Says Sir to secure these SEVEN valuable pre-Edwin: "Edward Howard had been going into the subject a little, and had caused his own horoscope to be drawn, not altogether to his satisfaction, as he laughingly said, since the old 'Joshi' had told him to be careful about a certain date and locality, with other particulars which now escape my memory." The prediction came out true to

> the letter, for the actual collision took The moral of all this, however, seems to us to be that the true scientific inquirer, while not bound to accept astrology as a verified science, should yet be wofully in error if he persists in ignoring facts, is in the spirit of the old Adam in us, he falls back upon the a priori fallacies of the Pre-Baconian days and takes facts or phenomena for fictions, assuming that his present verifled knowledge of a particular order of phenomena is the measure of all possi-The refusal to recognize or investigate nounced bigotry of theological creeds.

through the operation of the law of HE DIVINE PLAN has been caruniversal attraction you will, through ried out successfully by The Progressive Thinker, one continual current of the profits returning to our subscribers. Volume 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World only costs our subscribers 25 cents-far less than its actual cost to us. Its regular price to the trade is \$1.50. This work should be in every family in the United States. is elegantly and substantially bound, neatly printed and is an ornament to any library One million copies of this work should be distributed throughout the country. The Progressive Thinker one year and this book will be sent

"Buddhism and Its Christian Critics." What Is Spiritualism?" A pamphlet of By Dr. Paul Carus. An excellent study 40 pages by Dr. J. M. Peebles, the well- of Buddhism; compact yet comprehen-For sale at this office.

KEEP YOUR.



MAIN PREMIUMS.

The Progressive Thinker one year and Vol. 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, an intensely interesting, instructive and fascinating work, \$1.25. The twentyfive cents only pays a little more than the postage and the expense of mailing. The price of this work to the trade is \$1.50. This book will constitute our main premium for the remainder of 1900, and up to May 30, 1901. It is very valuable. It will hold your attention throughout, and will leach you a much needed lesson. The postage on the above book, which we prepay, is ten cents, hence it is almost a gift to our subscribers. It is furnished at considerable less than actual cost to us.

Offer Number Two.

Vol. 1, Vol. 2 and Vol. 3 of the Ency clopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, will be sent out when accompanied with a year's subscription for The Progressive Thinker, for \$1.10. The paper one year, and the three volumes, \$2.10. You can add to this order any of the other books, at 40 cents each. You can make only one order for three books for \$1.10. An order for one or more of the pre-

mium books must always be accompapanied with a year's subscription for The Progressive Thinker. No other books except the SEVEN mentioned here, will be sent out as premiums.

Offer Number Three.

Any three of the books in our premium list that you may select will be sent select any other books in the list that you desire in connection with this order, at 40 cents each. You can only make one order for three books at \$1.10. An order for one or more of the premium books must always be accompapanied with a year's subscription for The Progressive Thinker. No other books except the SEVEN mentioned here, will be sent out as premiums.

Offer Number Four.

Our regular premium, The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, Vol. 3, is only 25 cents. If you wish to add thereto one of the other premium books only, the same will cost you 50 cents. If you wish two additional books, the cost of the three will be \$1.10. You can add thereto any other books you desire at 40 cents each.

Offer Number Five.

If you wish to order only one book in connection with a year's subscription, and that one not our regular yearly premium, the price will be 50 cents. An order for one or more of the premium books must always be accompapanied with a year's subscription for The Progressive Thinker. No other books except the SEVEN mentioned here, will be sent out as premiums.

OFFER NUMBER SIX. SEVEN REMARKABLE BOOKS FOR \$2.35.

Offered at Far Less Than

Actual Cost. The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, Vol 1,

The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, Vol. 2, Price.....\$ 1.50

The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, Vol. 3. Art Magic, or Mundane, Sub-Mundane and Super-Mundane Spir-

itism. Price.. \$ 1.50 Ghost Land, Spiritualism, Occultism. Price.....\$ 1.50 The Next World Interviewed. The Occult Life of Jesus (including the Hull-Covert Debate).

Total price to the trade.....\$10.75 Total price to our subscribers. \$ 2.35

and the seven premium books. \$ 3.35 These seven books, substantially and elegantly bound, and printed in the neatest style of the printer's art will be furnished to our subscribers alone for \$2.35. But bear in mind that in order mlum books for \$2.35, the order must be accompanied with a year's subscription for The Progressive Thinker. The paper one year, \$1.00; the seven books.

The aggregate price of these seven

\$2.35. Total, \$3.35.

books to the trade is \$10.75. In order to assist in forming a Spiritual and Occult Library in every Spiritualist's home, these seven valuable books are furnished to our subscribers for \$2.35. which is less by far than actual cost. The authors make no years. The publisher receives not a single cent for the great expense he was to, hundreds of dollars being paid out in putting them in type, and electrotyping the pages, and making them ready for the printer. That is why you are getting these intensely interesting books for almost nothing. We are only carrying out the Divine Plan, inaugurated only by The Progressive Thinker. There are thousands of Spiritualists who take no Spiritualist paper, and this inducement is offered, in order that they may commence forming at once a Spiritual and Occult Library, and thus keep in line with the advancing procession. The postage on the above books and expense of mailing is about 85

By taking 85 cents from \$2.35, you will find that all we have left us for those seven books is only \$1.50.

cents, hence you are almost receiving

them as an absolute gift.

Postmasters. We have been swindled out of a large

amount of money by postmasters, who knowing a person desires The Progressive Thinker, sends his money, deducting a large commission. The Progressive Thinker is one dollar per year. The great rise in print paper renders it utterly impossible for us to give any commission to news agents or postmasters. Any person with ordinary common sense can see that it is impossible for us at present to furnish the natrons are requested to always deal tion received from whatever source will only be entered on our list for the amount sent. Please take notice of this

WORKS OF THOS. PAINE

THOMAS PAINE'S Examination of the Prophecies. A consideration of the passages in the New Testa-ment, quoted from the Old and called Prophecies Com-cerning Jesus Christ. Price 15 cts. For sale at this

Paine's Political Works Complete Two volumes. Theological Works; Poetical and Miscelianeous Works; Life. This set of five volumes all boxed ready for shipping, \$5.00 This is the best and cheapest edition and should be on the shelves of eviery student of liberal thought. For sale at this office

THE ACE OF REASON. By Thomas Paine. Being an investigation of True and Fabulous Theology. A new and complete edition, from now plates and new type; 196 pages, post 6vo. Paper, 25 cents: cloth, 50 cents.

LIFE OF THOMAS PAINE By Editor of the National with Preface and Notes by Peter Eckler. Illustrated with views of the old Paine Homestead and Paine Monument, at New Rochelle, also, portraits of Thomas Clip Rickman, Joe Barlow, Mary Wollstonecraft, Madame Roland, Condorcet, Brissot, and the most prominent of Paine's friends in Europe and America. Cloth, 75 cants.

COMMON SENSE. By Thomas Paine. A Revolutionary pamphlet, addressed to the inhabitants of America in 1776, with explanatory notice by an English author. Paper, 15 cents.

Paine's Theological Works. Age of Reason, Examination of the Prophecies, etc. Ilius. edition. Post 8vo., 482 pages. Cloth, \$1.00

A. Study of Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

By Lilian Whiting. Author of "The World Beautiful," "Kate Field,"
"After Her Death," "From Dreamland Sent," etc.
With portrait. 16mo. Cloth, gilt. Price \$1.25. The
writer of this "Study of Elizabeth Barrett Browning"
has thrown the book into five chapters, with sub-titles

as follows:
LIVING WITH VISIONS. "Summer Snow of Apple
Blossoms;" Music-Flow of Pindar; Friends in the Blossoms;" Music-Flow of Pindar; Friends in the Unseen.

LOVES OF THE POETS. The Prefigured Friend; Vita Nouva; "One Day, My Siren."

IN THAT NEW WORLD. Plsa and Poetry; In Casa Guidi; Florentine Days; Walter Savage Landor.

ART AND ITALY. Individuality of Character; The Clasped Hands; Kate Field's Records; Mrs. Browning's Death.

LILIES OF FLORENCE. Poetic Rank; Spiritual Laws; Modern Scientific Thought; The Consideration of Genius.

For Sale at this office.

SOCIAL UPBUILDING. Including Co-operative Systems and the Happiness and Ennoblement of Humanity. By E. D. Babbitt, LL. D., M. D. This comprises the last part of Human Culture and Cure. Paper cover, 15c. For sale at

... OR THE ...

Future Life According to Science.

BY LOUIS FIGUIER. TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH

BY S. R. CROCKEE. A VERY FASCINATING WORK,

This fine volume might weil have been entitled in that peculiar interesting style in which French writers excel when they would popularize scientific subjects in adaptation to the needs of the general reader. The author is not a Spiritualist—he even mentions Spiritualist mentions Spiritualists as "devotees of a new super-stition," etc., etc., in which he manifests the usual animus of the "scientific class," yet he says again: There is a true and respectable idea in Spiritualism, There is, to a Spiritualist, a manifest discrepancy in the authors's ideas, but the well-read mind will readily select and arrange the pros and cons, and out of the whole will find not only good mental culture, but much valuable information. The author holds the theory of reincarnation. Price \$1.50. For sale at this office.

Joys Beyond the Threshold

A SEQUEL TO THE TO-MORROW OF DEATH.

BY LOUIS FIGUIER.

THE THERSHOLD" continues on the same lines, en-larging and expanding the idea by reasons and con-siderations drawn from science and philosophy; claim-ing that the certainty of a new birth beyond our earthly end is the best means of arming ourselves against all weakness in the presence of death, and that the help offered by actence and philosophy to that end is far superior to that of any of the existing religions. From beginning to end it is interesting, entertaining, instructive and fascinating, and whether one accepts it all or not, much will have been learned and much pleasure enjoyed in its perusal. Price \$1,25, For sale at this office.

THE LAW OF NATURE,

Volney's Answer to Dr. Priestly, a Biographical Notice by Count Daru, and the Zodiacal Signs and Constellations by the Editor; Also, a Map of the Astrological Heavens of

the Ancients.

This is undoubtedly one of the best and most useful books ever published. It eloquently advocates the best interests of mankind, and clearly points out the sources of human ignorance and misery. The author ruin of ancient states. A general assembly of the nations is at longth convened, a legislative body formed, the source and origin of religion, of govern-ment, and of laws discussed, and the Law of Nature founded on justice and equity—is finally proclaimed

ORIGIN OF SPECIES,

By means of natural selection, or the preservation of a favored race in the struggle for life. By Charles Darwin. Gilt top, cloth bound. This book is the grandest achievement of modern scientific thought and research. It has passed through many editions in English, has been translated into almost all the languages of Europe, and has been the subject of more reviewa, pamphiets and separate books than any other volume of the age. Most of the great scientists of the age fully support his position. The thought of this book has become a part of the common inheritance of the race. For sale at this office. Price 75 cts.

"THE DREAM CHILD,

A Fascinating Romance of Two Worlds. By Florence Huntley. Price, cloth, 75 cents. Books like "The Dream Child" spur humanity on to make more and Dream Child" spur humanity on to make more and more demands of this nature, and will open up new heights and depths of spiritual knowledge.—Kila Wheeler. Wilcox. Will, I believe, take its place beside Bulwer's "Zanoni" and the "Seraphita" of Balzac.—Daily Capital, Topeka, Kansas. Although simple and unvarnished with any inflammable descriptions, enthralls the mind to the exclusion of other thoughts, until reluctantly the reader closes other thoughts, until reluctantly the reader closes the last page.—Minnespolis Suuday Times. For sale at this office.

Conflict Between Religion and Science.

Just the book for progressive thinkers. By John W. Draper. Cloth. \$1.75. For sale at this office.

Father Tom and the Pope,

ing" the same. "What's that?" says the Pope. "Put n the sperits first," says his Riv'rence: "and then ther you put in afther that, spoils the punch." "Glory be to God," says the Pope, not minding a word Father Tom was saying. "Glory be to God!" says he, smacking his lips. "I never known what dhrink was afore, "says he. "It bates the Lachymalchrystal out ow the face." says he—"it's Necthar itself, it is, so it is!" says he, wiping his epistolical mouth wid the cuff of his coat. Paper, 25cts.; cloth, 50 cents. For sale

THE TALMUD.

Selections from the contents of that ancient book its commentaries, teachings, poetry, and legends, Also brief sketches of the men who made and commented upon it. By H. Polang. 850 pp. Price, cloth, \$1.00. For sale at this office.

"WHERE I AM AT."

Elder H. W. B. Myrick Defines His Position in a Lucid Manner.

He Likes the Theory and Philosophy of Spiritualism.

a very widely read and circulated jour- help from others, that I was controlled nal. For artistic arrangement and by the spirit of a dead orator, and, dedainty display of contents it is simply ceived myself, have deceived others. sui generis. Believing a worthy effort | But here again my natural element of should receive the word of encourage skepticism saved me a mistake so prement I frankly express my delight and posterous. I took myself by the collar, stone, the battle terminated, because such a variety of living issues.

containing the last, the very last, lec- early stage-it died a bornin'.

"whether in the body or out of the genuine so far as I know. body, God wot," attributed to the shade I began the investigation of Spiritualmediumistic effort is not included.

not accept it as a lecture inspired by tofore said and done.

Perhaps I should tell "where I am at." much that seems, at least, to pass mus- ation and in love for humanity. to say that physical manifestations do yours, not especially appeal to me. I believe Gentryville, Mo. many of them to be genuine evidences of spirit existence and power and hence important and even necessary. But if I had my choice, to-night, of attending a disembodied spirit, I will take the struction and good advice. latter every time. You may say my Mrs. Carpenter's lectures were also faith is weak. I would say that my good. At the close of each lecture Mr. large. With me philosophy takes prece- and spirit messages. They were all the glittering spectacle, the tricks of was due to her work more than any-

tive woman, and she is a medium. She noon. "is a discerner of spirits." She is also

is a cultured woman. She is a promi- wet weather. Everyone seems to be nent worker in the M. E. Church. She having a good time. is district president of the W. C. T. U. She can offer a fine prayer or make us a splendid speech. And when, with closed eyes, she rattles off to me a nice little speech, full of trite and commonin a strait betwixt two." For I know near Caddo, Texas. The celebration was that she is abundantly able to make well attended and all seemed to enjoy that speech herself. So, no doubt, is themselves well. The morning cere-Mrs. Richmond equal to the task of monies consisted in Prof. N. N. Rosen-I do not know if the spirits of the de- and Prof. T. W. Brown, of Breckenparted really said these things or not. | ridge, reading the Declaration of Inthing to say. I wish that I could state sic, when the noted inspirational speakit otherwise but it is quite impossible. | er. James Madison Allen; of Springfield I do not wish to question the integrity Mo., arose and delivered an address on of these ladies. For all I know or can independent thought and action in all prove to the contrary, they are really of our undertakings, which remarks only the mediums through whom de- were very appropriate for the occasion. know of no expedient which will banish joyed themselves from the contents of do any important literary work was

treasure more than this: "Be not de Allen spoke on the text, "A True Life," ceived." I had a good friend, a teacher, which was very much appreciated. The | ical, archaeological, linguistic, etc. Isome years ago, a strong Spiritualist, balance of the day was spent in mutual ever strive to present the exact truth; and-often after hearing me preach he and friendly conversation, and thus would say: "You are an inspirational lended our first gathering of reformatory speaker. Some of the spirit friends are work. We congratulate the managers impressing their thought and influence of the celebration for their noble efforts upon you." I would feel flattered. And fon their side to make the gathering a the lady of whom I speak tells me that success, as well as the people in general my spirit uncle-who was a Christian for their courteous manner and good preacher in earth life-is my control, behavior when we consider the many and that, unknown to myself, he has different minds gathered together. often controlled in the delivery of my Their actions were kindly and peaceful, most successful sermons. Add to this and we extend hearty thanks to all. the fact that I often do feel an uplift in | Bro. Allen made many warm friends speaking, a sublime ease of speech, a while here who will long remember riage ceremony, marriage certificate, stationed in a distant apartment and peculiar inflow of beautiful thoughts bim for his kind and gentle words that entirely unpremeditated, and you have made a deep impression upon all. the foundation for a nice little case of self-deception. I could no doubt easily | Caddo, Texas.

profit in its generous pages of new, so to speak, and sat myself down hard. helpful and entertaining articles upon With close analysis I sifted my claims to inspiration. I had a shorthand re-I remark upon its circulation because port made of some of the most eloquent letters have come to me from New York and effectual sermons I delivered. Then, to California, from Canada to Texas, calmly, unmoved by the magnetic surelicited by my little rencounter with roundings or the flattery of friends, I Mr. Burr Chaapel. Some have ap- dissected those precious specimens of plauded to the echo and some have oratory. I found they dld not contain a "skinned" me to their entire satisfac- fact which was not already a portion tion in whole pages of bad grammar of my mental hoard; not an apt quotaand indecipherable adjectives. One en- tion or poetic pearl which had not thusiastic Hoosier (I, too, am one) is already been stored up in memory for troubled about my veracity. I said in such an occasion. In short, the speeches one of my articles that Mr. Ingersoll were simply on the level of my own made certain statements regarding attainments. My work in school, my Jesus in his last lecture published in library, my papers and magazines, my The Progressive Thinker. My Indiana | contact with lecturers at various friend thereupon, and moved by the gather-all these explained my very spirit of the antiquarian, delves into a best efforts without the necessity of file of the papers and triumphantly re-summoning back the departed shade of surrects from its paper tomb a copy of my respected uncle. So my only claim our well beloved Progressive Thinker to spiritual gifts passed away at a very

ture of Mr. Ingersoll, and lo! there is no | For the rest, I am simply an investisuch statement therein as I have at gator. I like the theory, or, if you pretributed to the great and lamented fer, the philosophy of Spiritualism. Agnostic. Hence he falls a-foul of me This teaching of the life here and its as at least inexcusably ignorant if not relation to that which is hereafter is not only beautiful but it is reasonable. All of which is very disconcerting to Instead of an arbitrary system forced a timid man like myself. However, on upon the belief, it is a rational scheme closer inspection, I discover that the of things which enlists in its support gentleman from the historic Wabash is the love of the heart and the thought referring to a lecture given by Mrs. of the brain. I am impressed with the Richmond, in the city of Chicago, and | thought that it is true. And the vawhich she, or they, or somebody, rious kinds of phenomena may all be

of the mighty Ingersoll. So I found a ism by reading Samuel Watson's book, way of escape. When I said last lec- "The Clock Struck One." I have just ture I meant the one about the Devil, finished "The Seers of the Ages," by delivered by Col. Ingersoll himself, in Dr. Peebles. In between I have read humanity promulgates, and then nurse the flesh, very much alive. I do not Owen, Davis, Denton, Epes Sargent, until they actually believe that God inrecognize the speech made by Mrs. and others, a goodly array. And during spired every word verbally, is very be-Richmond as an Ingersoll lecture at all. all these years I have preached, in the wildering to those who allow others to one of the vast temples of the holy city I have a collection of the peerless Free- name of Jesus, mercy, truth, love, kind- do their own thinking. Thinker's speeches, embracing nearly ness, the hope of immortality and the The man has not yet been born who if not quite all of them, and this unending Life Beautiful. Looking back, | can tell us all about the attributes of dispassionately, at those years of the Creator, and yet some of the small Understand. I do not say Mrs. Rich- preaching, I find but little to regret. I electric lights, of one-candle-power, mond's address was not interesting, honestly believe that my work, as a who claim to have been called to even valuable. I make no invidious whole, has made for the extension of preach, can inform us exactly along comparisons between her alleged Inger- Righteousness. In accepting Spiritual- lines pertaining to our duties here and soll speech and others which we know ism I am under no painful necessity of beyond, and measure with great preto be his. I simply announce that I do retracting a great deal that I have here-cision the mysteries that confound

The same gentleman demanded that would say: Taking the best there is in him who said, "Suffer little children to I should define my position. He wanted Christianity, I am a Christian. Taking come unto me, for of such is the kingto know if I was a Christian or a Spirit- the best there is in Spiritualism, I am | dom," they must see how wide apart ualist? Whether I believed in the phe- a Spiritualist. Much that passes and is nomena of Spiritualism or not, etc.? preached as Christianity I reject; and ter; see how deficient they are in toler-I have seen but little of the physical ter as Spiritualism is to me absurd and manifestations—a table tipped a few even vicious. But I judge no man. I times. Have heard the raps frequently, am among you for good-especially to H. W. B. MYRICK.

Briggs Park, Mich.

Sunday was an ideal day at camp. a notable materialization scance or of we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. listening to an address by Prof. Lock- A. E. Tisdale in the forenoon, while at wood, Moses Hull or Mr. F. E. Titus, I the afternoon and evening meetings would unhesitatingly choose the lecture. Mrs. Carpenter, assisted by her hus-And, moreover, if the choice was be- band, were the workers. More than tween the most noted "inspirational" | 1,400 persons turned out to greet them. lecturer and some sturdy thinker and It was the closing lecture for Mr. Tisbrain worker, who would give us the dale and the beginning of Mrs. Carresults of his own thought and research penter's engagement. Mr. Tisdale derather than the (alleged) utterances of livered a fine lecture. It was full of in-

"bump of credulity" is not abnormally and Mrs. Carpenter gave descriptions dence of phenomena, and brain motion recognized. "Snowdrop," Mrs. Carpenaffects me much more favorably than ter's control, was as good as she could table motion. To my mind Spiritualism | be. She is and has always been a great should be spiritual. The sensuous show, favorite with Grand Rapids people. It the wizard, the vending of that which thing else that this camp was organized. arouses the curious, these seem very Mrs. Blake was ordained by F. T. Ripfar from the ideal. Oh! that we all ley at the afternoon meeting. On accould drop forms and material allure count of the great number of campers ments and "worship in spirit and and visitors present all the time, it has been decided to hold our conference and I find in it much, very much, of Now a word about the inspirational meetings in the forenoon and have a lecture. I have a friend, a fine, sensi- lecture and test meeting in the after-

Mrs. Merrill was with us on Sunday clairaudient. She describes a spirit who with her autoharp and favored us with always accompanies me and she tells some very nice songs in her own way, me what he says. For all I know to the which is entirely her own. The singing contrary she may actually see my of Mrs. Claman, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. uncle in spirit by my side, and she may Haynes was also well appreciated. At | plainly presented. Nature intends that hear what he says and correctly repeat | the evening service Prof. Harris and | each one of us should live in this world it to me. How am I to know? I do Mrs. Merrill sang with much expression as long as possible and in as good not wish to question her honesty-will that incomparable piece of Mr. Longley. "When I Go Home." Altogether our But here is my difficulty. My friend camp is progressing nicely despite the

T. J. HAYNES, Secretary.

Swensonia Ranch, Texas.

On July 4 and 5, 1900, we celebrated place remarks, announcing that these with a grove meeting and basket picnic things are delivered to her for me by the 124th Anniversary of American Inthe spirit of my Uncle Jackson, "I am dependence, on the Swensonia Ranch, I know this seems an ungracious dependence, followed by song and muparted spirits actually address us out | The time having arrived for our of the "pale realm of shades." But I physical bodies to be sustained, all enfrom my consciousness the fact that their baskets. After dinner we had one reason why I made no reply at the these good women are able, without more music and song, after which Bro. any spiritual prompting, to deliver just Allen again arose and delivered an adsuch discourses. And as long as this dress about "Spiritually uplifting of stern fact is in the way I may be par- humanity and the fatherhood of God

even these mediums themselves, may ended the first day. On the 5th we had selected music on In fact there is no adage we need to organ and violin with song, and Bro.

PETER SWENSON.

Let Him That Is Without Sin Cast the First Stone.

Many accusations are hurled at Spiritualists and Spiritualism by those who imagine they have all the truth bound in their little bundles, not being overly burdened with toleration, but absolutely fettered with fanaticism. They seem unwilling that we shall have the priv-The Progressive Thinker is evidently have persuaded myself, with a little lege of "sifting the wheat from the chaff," or of "working out our own salvation." Not being able to meet us in argument, many will fling out accusations, forgetting that when Jesus invited those without sin to east the first the accusers were self-condemned, and they wrapped their robes of self-righteousness about them and departed, so that there were none left to witness against the poor woman, who was one of God's family, though a sinner like unto her accusers.

No doubt there are some who cal hemselves Spiritualists, who may have unsavory reputations-black sheep in the flock-who are not true to Spiritualism, and cannot claim what does not belong to them, any more than can a member of any other religious denomination, whose life casts a shadow upon everything about them.

We often read of ministers of the gospel proving recreant to their trusts, and actually becoming the very chief of sinners, but such unworthy members cannot be cited as an argument against Christianity. If we listen, we can hear that same voice coming down to us from the hills of Palestine, saying, "Go, and sin no more." "Neither do I condemn thee." How strangely in contrast is the conduct of some of these hot-headed churchltes, to the teachings of the Man of Sorrows, who was willing to forgive. These would-be followers of the Master desire swift and terrible punishment to be meted out to those who do not think and act in accord with their contracted vision. Some of the most frightful and bloody wars have been waged because of this kind of fanaticism. This idea of coercing or shooting religious beliefs into people who desire to exercise the liberty that God has given them, should be relegated to the shades of the barbarous past.

The marvelous number of beliefs that

greater intellects. When these men So to my friend-all my friends-I study with greater care the real life of they are from his well-rounded charac-

Surely we must soon witness great changes toward a more perfect brotherhood. We cannot afford to go back to Witnessed a planchette move once, but get good. If any, like my Hoosier the ages of superstition and bigotry. at random and unintelligently. That is friend, want to know who and what I Let us bear in mind that the humblest all. Perhaps it is enough. I am frank am, this is my reply. I am sincerely member of God's family is entitled to an honorable place in the great vineyard, without money and without price, character being the only passport. The rich men in this world may be beggars in the next. Kings and queens cannot take their earthly of long black hair, which floated over in the vicinity of the spot where the crowns beyond the terminal of their physical existence. There they will have to be side-tracked as being classed among the things that perish with the using.

"Death Defeated."

The literary activity of Dr. Peebles at his advanced age is remarkable, and is itself a signal illustration of the efficacy and potency of the hygienic rules not only taught but practically exemplifled by him. If anything the Doctor writes with greater force and vigor than in his earlier years. We may not always agree with all that he says, but we cannot gainsay the fact that he has the courage of his convictions, that he is intensely in earnest, and that his utterances and his writings voice no uncertain sound.

I am under obligations to the Doctor for a copy of his recent book on "Death Defeated." I have carefully read it, sound, practical instruction, suggestion and advice. One of the most important things in this world is to understand the laws of right living and to live in accordance therewith; and Dr. Peebles' "Death Defeated" is an invaluable aid in this direction. It is chockfull of excellent matter, clearly and health as possible; and this book tells us how to accomplish it.

In an article in The Progressive Thinker of June 23, Mr. Hudson Tuttle, in an extended review of this work, said. of it much that is in consonance with my own views anent it-said it, too, better than I could have said it. This relieves me of the necessity of making a detailed or long review of it at this in any event, owing to my state of

health. The great press of work devolving upon me, in connection with my duties in the War Department, since the beginning of the war with Spain, and upon the military operations in the Philhealth has been such that I have been unable to do any literary work or mental labor of any consequence outside of that which I have to do daily in the office of the chief quartermaster, U. S. Army, in San Francisco. I do not know when I shall be able to engage again in literary work. My inability to time to the various unjust attacks of certain writers in The Progressive Thinker upon my article on Dr. Peebles' "Christ Question Settled." Perforce, I doned a little incredulity. Somebody, and the brotherhood of man." This had to leave unnoticed their misstatements about me and what I have published in that work. And now I can only say that I have stated therein nothing but indubitable facts-facts historand the exact truth, so far as known or ascertainable at the time, is found in my contributions to the composition of the "Christ Question Settled." This every competent, unbiased scholar

knows to be true. WM. EMMETTE COLEMAN. San Francisco, Cal.

Hughes. A tasty, beautiful and appro- estate pour forth their shrill cadence; was president at the time of his death. ate wedding souvenir. Contains mar- the harps of some European servants A few days before his passing away he etc., with choice matter in poetry and previously instructed, send forth strains prose. Specially designed for the use of sweet melody amid the frantic of the Spiritualist and Liberal ministry. | clamor. Price 75 cents. For sale at this office.



THE LAND OF MAGIC.

Modern Miracles and Miracle Workers of Thibet.

BY TRAVELERS IN THAT PRAC-TICALLY UNKNOWN LAND-A WONDERFUL BABY,

as Southern Buddhism. In India proper of a young child.

of theosophy, it is claimed, served a my earthly dwelling."

and revolting. A Thibetan Bokt, who anterior earthly existence. exhibition of his wonderful powers in dependent sources.-Home Magazine. a few years ago. He was accompanied and assisted by a mongrel crowd of half-human compatriots. The exhibition promised by the wonderful magician was truly an astonishing one. He proposed, in view of all beholders, to rip up his abdomen, remove a handful of intestines, display them to the and heal up the wound by a few magical passes, leaving no vestige, of the damage inflicted.

Needless to say such exhibitions are not every-day occurrences, and the orthat in question.

four times previously performed the but he never was able to catch a great sacrificial act he was now about glimpse of the shade of his former em-

now forward, now backward, now dark. swung them around as if thrown by It may be a coincidence, but many listeners were deafened and their supposed to have lingered. senses distracted by the clamor. On every side of the auditorium braziers of pever saw his ghost, but I hear him. incense were burning. Six fakirs The noise which always accompanied air with intoxicating vapors, while six cabin just where the gold and bonds others stood behind, beating metal were discovered. I found the corpse of drums or clashing cymbals, which they the captain lying across the entrance to tossed on high with gestures of frantic my cabin on the day of his death. I shricks and distracting actions of this am not superstitious, but I must conmaniac crew produced no effect on the fess that the sounds which came from immovable lama.

SAT LIKE ONE DEAD.

He sat like one dead, his fixed and tim of imagination, but I wasn't. glassy eyes seeming to stare into illimit- In a large stone jar discovered under able distance, without heeding the pan- the log house by the searchers for the demonium that was raging around him. wealth of Captain Thomas, \$8,100 in "Can he be really living?" -whispered \$20-gold pieces was found. In a niche one of the awestruck Englishmen to his of the chimney of this structure was neighbor; but this question was speedily \$100 in gold and seven empty purses. answered by the series of convulsive in addition to the cash, \$10,000 in govtime, which I could hardly have done shudderings which at length shook the ernment bonds was in the stone jar. lama's frame. His dark eyes rolled The sum total of the find was \$18,200. wildly, and finally nothing but their Mrs. Thomas admitted this yesterday. whites were to be seen, spasm after. The story of the finding of the buried spasm threatening to shiver the frail treasure published in yesterday's "Ex-The teeth were set, and the features the friends and former business assomaking even an Ingersoll speech. And quist delivering the address of welcome | continuance to the present, consequent | distorted as in the worst phases of epi- clates of the eccentric old soldier on of Fine Forces, and author of other imlepsy, when suddenly, and just as the both sides of the bay. And now the portant volumes on Health, Social Sciippines, has aided in impairing my tempest of horrible cries and distor- wise men who were interested in the ence, Religion, etc. Price, cloth, 75 health, and for the last year or two my tions was at its height, the Jama seized failure of the California National Bank cents. For sale at this office. the long, glittering knife, which lay in 1888 are wagging their heads and length of the abdomen and then dis- stories that were going the rounds at played, in all their revolting horror, the the time of the bank's collapse. intestines.

witnessed such scenes before addressed had retained a fortune. was, though he uttered no sound nor were no end of sensational rumors reraised his drooping libered from his garding the developments that would A dead silence ensued o The living was exonorated from all blame. corpse moves. It raises its quivering This whitewashing, however, could hands and scoops up the blood from the not convince the associates of the preswound, bears it to the lips, which ident that the bank had been properly Price by mail, 15 cents. For sale at the wound, begin to press the severed there were many who believed he had lated body. The fakirs shout and send posed to have taken from the bank. up praises to Brahma; the drums beat; The discovery of the gold and the bonds the cymbals clash; shrieks, prayers, in- has led to a revival of these tales. vocations resound on all sides. The But the chances are that the gold was fragrant incense ascends; the flute play- the money belonging to the Standard "Wedding Chimes." By Delpha Pearl ers planted on the outskirts of the Soap Company, of which the captain

The ecstatic makes a few more pass-

es, and after wrapping a scarf previous. ly prepared over the body as if to cleanse it from the gore in which it was steeped, suddenly he stands upright, casts all his upper garments from him and displays a body unmarked by a single scar. Gesticulations, cries, shouts subside; low murmurs of admiration unable to explain why the Catholic MARVELOUS SIGHTS WITNESSED and worship pass through the breathless assembly, and then the Bokt, clasping his thin hands and elevating his Sun in a letter which that paper prints, glistening eyes to heaven, utters, in a deep, low tone, far different from the The country known to English-speak- shrill wail of the half-dead sacrifice, a ing folk as Thibet bears a very differ- short but fervent prayer of thankfulent name among its own people. It is ness, and all is finished.

called Bod, or Bod-yul, "the country of A Florentine traveler succeeded in Bod." The name Bod probably refers penetrating in disguise to Potala shortto Buddha, Thibet being the head- ly after the death of a Dalai lama, and quarters of what is termed Northern describes what he saw in connection

maism, a system of theology which has nized by certain secret signs to have re- the largest inducements. been defined as "Buddhism corrupted incarnated himself in a new-born inby Sivaism and by Shamanism or spirit fant. The baby, but a few days old, is that wild and weird land, in which the crepit body at the temple of * * and late Mme. Blavatsky, the high priestess selected the body of this young babe as

seven-year apprenticeship in the magic |. The Florentine says he was permitted | the Sun office into the City Hall you art, we have it on the most respectable by the priests to take the baby in his can readily convince yourself of the testimony that the lamas of Bod-yul arms and carry it off some distance, so facts." can and do perform feats which have as to satisfy himself that it was no not yet been explained in terms of sci- trick of the ventriloguist. The infant ence and which can only be classed as opened his eyes and gave him such a pense, and they are Republicans where The performance of the Bokts, or then repeated the same words, so there olics are Tammany men at present, bewonder-working lamas, are quite as could be no mistake about it. This ac- cause Tammany is in the saddle, but astonishing in their way as those of the count is confirmed by Abbe Huc, who Indian fakirs, who are Mohammedans, states that the child answers questions or of the Sanyahis or Yogis, who are and tells those who knew him in his ley. In his own vicinage the Catholic Brahmins, but they are usually terrible past life the most exact details of his prelate is a Democrat or a Republican,

A STRANGE TALE,

Led by the Chost of Former Master.

spectators and then replace them again THE SERVANT SAYS HE WAS DI-RECTED TO WHERE HIS FOR-TUNE WAS BURIED.

There is a ghostly phase in the finding of the buried treasure of the late dinary globe trotter might traverse In- Captain Richard P. Thomas beneath dia from Cape Comorin to Nepal and the old log cabin which the aged capnot be fortunate enough to witness so italist built with his own hands just bemarvelous, if revolting, a spectacle as yound La Loma, his suburban home in the Berkeley hills. John Downey, a When the hour of noon arrived the workman employed by Mrs. Thomas, is lama appeared and took his seat before authority for the ghost story. It was the raised altar, on which candles had Downey who discovered the corpse of been lighted. Before him was a radiant the capitalist on the day of his death image of the sun, and on either side of lying across the steps of the cabin. the altar were grim idols which had This is quite close to the log structure been placed there by the attendants. beneath which the treasure was buried. The lama was in person a small, spare | According to Downey, ever since the man, with fixed, glittering eyes, an death of the capitalist, a month ago, emaciated frame and an immense mass strange noises have been nightly heard his shoulders. He appeared altogether gold and bonds were concealed. These like a walking corpse, in whose head noises were generally confined to the through his long, almond-shaped eyes, enade. On several occasions Mr. Dow-He was about forty years of age, and ney, on being awakened from his sleep report alleged that he had already some by the noise, peered out into the night,

From the moment this skeleton figure | The sounds which emerged from unhad taken his seat the seventy fakirs der the log house, he says, were strange who surrounded him in a semi-circle be- and uncanny. He never heard the jangan to sway their bodies back and gle of chains, which up-to-date spooks forth, singing meanwhile a loud, mo- are supposed to carry around with notonous chant in rhythm with their them, but he is positive he heard noises movements. In a few minutes the ges- that were anything but earthly. He ticulations of the fakirs increased told a number of his fellow workmen of almost to frenzy. They tossed their his experience and admitted that he arms on high, bent their bodies to earth, was afraid to leave his house after

the hands of others. Meantime their people regard it as marvelously strange monotonous chant rose into shrieks and that the gold and bonds were found yells so frightful that the ears of the where the shade of Captain Thomas is

"No," said Downey yesterday: "I swung pots of frankincense, filling the his presence came from beneath the log under the log house scared me. I told some of the workmen about it, and they tried to make me think I was the vic-

tenement and expel its quivering life. aminer" created much comment among across his knee, drew it rapidly up the stroking their beards as they swap the proofs of the sacrifice in the protruding Twelve years ago Captain Thomas

was the subject of general condemna-The crowd of awestruck ascetics bent tion, when the California National their heads to the earth in mute wor- Bank, of which he was president, ship. Not a sound broke the stillness closed its doors and posted a notice that tors. At length one of them, who had many who believed President Thomas the living creature—for living he still An investigation followed. There

breast-and said: "Main, wan you tell accompany the findings of the men conus by what power this deed of blood is ducting the investigation. But when performed without destruction of life?" the work was completed Mr. Thomas

breathe upon it. They then return to conducted, and to the time of his death parts together and remake the muti- buried the treasures which he was sup-

drew \$8,000 of this money from an Oaklog cabin.

For some time before his death, Cap. sale at this office.

tain Thomas acted strangely. He was a very secretive man and objected to anyone questioning him about his financial affairs.

For the past month a search has been under way in quest of this wealth. The servants of the house were not told about the search and everything possible was done to keep the work secret.-The Examiner, San Francisco, Cal.

Catholic Before Anything Else.

A few days ago the New York Sun had an editorial on Bishop McFaul's declaration that it was time for Roman Catholics to make themselves felt politically. The Sun editor professed to be church sticks so close to the Democratic party. A correspondent enlightens the as follows:

"Your editorial on Bishop McFaul's proposition hardly does justice to the intelligence of your readers, the majorlty of whom know by observation why the Roman Catholics vote the Democratic ticket.

"The bishop says there are twelve million Catholics out of a total popula-Buddhism, in contradistinction to the with the reincarnation of the Buddha tion of seventy million. The absurdity Buddhism of Ceylon, which is spoken of who had taken up his abode in the body of running a Catholic political party while in this minority is plain on its Buddhism is no longer a dominant cult. "An altar is ready in the temple to face-more ice can be cut, more benefit Though ostensibly Buddhists, the peo- receive the resuscitated Buddha found to the church received by allying themule of Bod are in reality slaves to La- by the initiated priesthood, and recog- selves with the party which offers them

"An examination of the payroll of Greater New York, including the emworship." Shamanism is the dominant brought into the presence of the people ployees of the city works, police, fire, cult of Mongolia, and is a system of and reverentially placed upon the altar. | charities, and correction-all the city demon worship rather than spirit Suddenly rising to a sitting posture the departments without exception, will child begins to utter in a loud, manly show that a majority of the employees Thibet is regarded by students of the voice the following sentences: 'I am and heads of departments are Roman occult as the home of magic, and Buddha; I am his spirit, and I, Buddha. Catholics and out of proportion to the whether or no there be "Mahatmas" in your Dalai Lama, have left my old de- numbers in the population. The city works department and charities department are notoriously so.

"If you will step across the park from

Catholics are Democrats wherever Democrats have the patronage to dislook that it made his flesh creep, and | that party governs. New York Cathapparently they were Republicans in 1896, when New York went for McKinaccording to prevailing sentiment. If read. Price 60 cents. For sale at this office. had wandered from his native land and This incident is inexplicable, but it is penetrated as far as Benares, gave an not without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an ot without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an ot without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an ot without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an ot without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an ot without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an ot without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an ot without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an ot without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an ot without collateral support from increasing the penetrated as far as Benares, gave an other penetrated as far as Benares, Everywhere he is a Catholic before he is anything else-even a man.-Truth

OUR PREMIUMS. There are many Spiritualists who

know a good thing when they see it. There are others, however, who do not seem to realize what is going on around them, and therefore miss many chances to enrich their minds and enlarge their understanding. Vol. 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World is furnished to our subscribers at less than cost, and should be in every family in the United States, whether Spiritualists or not. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 constitute a wonderful magazine of thought on Death in its multifarious phases; in fact you can not find in all the libraries of the world as valuable information in regard to Death as you will have presented to you in these three volumes. They are nicely printed, neatly and substantially bound, and are an ornament to any library. Volume 3 is furnished at 25 two blazing fires had been lighted, midnight hours, which is supposed to cents, much less than the actual cost to which gleamed in unnatural luster be the popular time for ghosts to prom- us, and the three volumes, when orus, and the three volumes, when ordered in connection with a yearly subscription to The Progressive Thinker, only cost \$1.10. The aggregate cost of the three books to the trade is \$4.50. At this price, these three books ought to be in every Spiritualist family.

The Progressive Thinker is the first Spiritualist paper to inaugurate the Divine Plan-a portion of the profits of the office returning to subscribers in valuable books.

OR a moment stop and consider.

original dollar Spiritualist paper. It introduced a new era in the be desired. Notwithstanding the rise in the price of print paper, it has still maintained its status as the only one dollar Spiritualist paper. Not only that, but it introduced the Divine Plan in its business with its subscribers-a portion of the profits of the office returning to them. Just think of the exultation. For some time the howls, don't know much about ghosts and I Seven Premium Books being sent out to our subscribers for \$2.35. After paying the postage of these seven books, and the expense of mailing them, all that we have left is \$1.50. You can readily see that we are furnishing them for less, by far, than the actual cost to us. We do this work in accordance with The Divine Plan, in order to assist in forming the nucleus of a library in every Spiritualist home. Read carefully our premium list, and you will certainly want to become a subscriber to The Progressive Thinker, if not so already, and obtain the books we announce.

> "Human Culture and Cure, Marriage. Sexual Development, and Social Upbuilding." By E. C. Babbitt, M. D., LL.D. A most excellent and very valuable work, by the Dean of the College

"After Her Death. The Story of a Summer." By Lilian Whiting. No mind that loves spiritual thought can fail to be fed and delighted with this book. Beautiful spiritual thought, combining advanced ideas on the finer and ethereal phases of Spiritualism, leading the mind onward into the purer atmosphere of exalted spiritual truth. A but the deep breathing of the specta- business was suspended. There were book for the higher life. For sale at this office. Price, cloth, \$1.

> "Arcana of Spiritualism: A Manual of Spiritual Science and Philosophy." By Hudson Tuttle. A spiritual text-book of rich and inspired thought. An excellent work. Finely bound in scarlet and gold. Price \$1.50. For sale at this office.

"Longley's Beautiful Songs." Fourteen beautiful, soul-inspiring songs. with music, by C. Payson Longley. this office. "Longley's Beautiful Songs." Vol. 2.

Sweet songs and music for home and social meetings. For sale at this office. Price 15 cents. "Discovery of a Lost Trail." By Chas.

B. Newcomb. Excellent in spiritual suggestiveness. Cloth, \$1.50. For sale at this office.

"The World Beautiful." By billian Whiting. Most excellent in their high land bank. His widow believes that and elevating spirituality of thought. this was the money found under the Series 1, 2, and 8, each complete in itself. Price, cloth, \$1 per volume. For

SERIES ONE TWO AND THREE.

BY LILIAN WHITING,

Three choice volumes, each complete in itself, in which spirituality is related to everyday life in such a way as to make the world beautiful. Price \$1 each. For sale at this office.

Cultivation of Personal Magnetism A Treatise on

HUMAN CULTURE. By Leroy Berrier, Anthropologist and Author. A very suggestive and instructive book. Price, \$1.00. For sale at this office.

Psychopathy, or Spirit Healing A series of lessons on the relations of the spirit to its own organism, and the inter-relation of human beings with reference to health, disease and healing. By the spirit of Dr. Benjamin Rush, through the medium-hip of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond. A book that every healer, physician and Spiritualist should read. Price \$1.50. For sale at this office.

tions from spirit friends, and express great satisfac-tion. Price, el, and 20 cents extra for expressage. For sale at the office of The Progressive THINKER,

Out of the Depths Into the Light. By Samuel Bowles; Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, medium. This is a very interesting little book, and will be appreciated from start to finish by all who wish to gain spiritual information. Price 25 cts. For sale at this

OUTSIDE THE GATES and other tales and sketches. By a band of spirit in-telligences, through the mediumship of Mary Theresa Shelhamer. An excellent work. Price, \$1.00. For

According to Old Records.

By Dr. Paul Carus. A translation made from Japanesc, under the auspices of the Rev. Shaku Soyer, de:e-gate to the Parliament of Religions. Was published in Japan. Price, \$1.00. For sale at this office.

Views of Our Heavenly Home. By Andrew Jackson Davis. A highly interesting work. Price 75 cents. Postage 5 cents. For sale at this office.

The Religion of Spiritualism, Its Phenomena and Philosophy. By Rev. Samuel Watson. This work was written by a modern Saylor, agrand and noble man. Price \$1.00.

DEATH AND THE AFTER LIFE

A COMBINATION OF "The Question Settled" and "The

BY MOSES HULL

Contrast" Into one Volume.

This highly instructive and interesting work is a combination into one volume of two of Mr. Hull's splendit works. By this arrangement the cost is such that the reader is enabled to secure the two books combined at the Jame price as was formerly asked for them separately. This volume contains 462 pages and is handsomely bound in cloth, and contains an excellent portrait of the anthor.

THE QUESTION SETTLED is a califul comparison of Biblical and Modern Spirit-

ualism. No book of the century has made so many converis to Modern Spiritualism as this. The author's aim, fifthfully to compare the Bible with modern phenomena and philosophy, has been accomplished. The adaptation of Spiritualism to the wants of humanity; its moral tendency; the Bible Doctrine of angel ministry; the spiritual nature of man, and the objections of lered to Spiritualism, are all considered in the light of the Bible, nature, history, reason and common sense, said expressed clearly and forcibly. THE CONTRAST

consists of a critical comparison of Evangelicalism and Spiritualism. It is a most able production, and a parfect storehouse of facts for those who wish to defend Spiritualism, or find arguments against the assumptions of Orthodoxy.

PRICE SL FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE. MAN THE MICROCOSM

His Infinite and Divine Relations. Intuition—The Light Within. By Giles B. Stebbins. Price, 10c.

KAREZZA. ETHICS OF MARRIAGE.

By Alice B. Stockham, M. D. Rarezza makes a plea for a bette birthright for children, and aims to lead individuals to seek a higher development of themselves through most sucred relations. It is pure in tone and aim, and should be

widely circulated. Price, cloth, \$1. ASTRAL WORSHIP.

By J. H. Hill, M. D. A valuable contribution to the current discussion of religious problems. The author by illustrations and a planisphere (a representation of the celestial sphere upon a plane with adjustable cir-cles), traces most of the myths which lie at the base of Christianity to their origin in sun and star worship. The Progressive Thinker is the one illustrations rare and curious. The book is bound in only one style-heavy boards. Price \$1. For sale at

ranks of Spiritualism. Its success Superstition in all Ages Or "Le Bon Sens,"

By JEAN MESLIER.

A Roman Catholic priest, who, after a pastoral service of thirty years in France, wholly abjured religious dogmas, and asked God's pardon for having taught the Christian religion. He left this volume as his last will and testament to his parishioners and to the world. Translated from the French original by Miss Anna Knoop.

Post 8vo., 839 pages, with portrait. Cloth, \$1.00;

"The work of the honest pastor is the most curious and the most powerful thing of the kind that the last century produced. . . . Paine and Voltaire had re-serves, but Jean Messier had none. He keeps nothing back; and yet, after all, the wonder is not that there should have been one priest who left that testimony at his death, but that all priests do not."—James Parton.

EVOLUTIONISM.

A Series of Illustrated Lectures Upon the EVOLUTION OF ALL THINGS

IN THE UNIVERSE. BY OLNEY H. RICHMOND. Price. cloth, \$1.25. For sale at this office.

THE SPIRITUAL ALPS And How We Ascend Them.

How to reach that altitude where spirit is supreme and all things are subject to it. By Moses Hull. Price in cloth. 40 cents: paper 25 cts. For sale at this office. Apocryphal New Testament Being all the Gospels, Epistles, and other pieces now extant, attributed in the first four centuries to Jesus Christ, his apostics and their companions, and not included in the New Testament by its compilers. Cloth, \$1.50. For sale at this office.

VDLTAIRE'S ROMANCES.

A New Edition, Profusely Illustrated.

"I choose that a story should be founded on prob-ability, and not always resemble a dream. I desire to ability, and not always resemble a dream. I desire the find nothing in it trivial or extravagant; and I desire above all, that under the appearances of fable, there may appear some latent truth, obvious to the discerning eye, though :: escape the observation of the vulgar."—VOLTAIRE.

CONTENTS: "The White Bull," a Setirical Romance Zadig, or Fate," an Oriental History; "The Sage and "Zadig, of Fate," an Oriental History; "The Sage and the Atheist;" "The Princess of Babylon;" "The Man of Forty Crowns;" "The Huron, or Pupil of Nature;" "Micromegas," a Satire on Mankind; "The World as it Goes;" "The Black and the White;" "Memnon, the Philosopher;" "Andre Des Touches at Siam;" "Bababec;" "The Study of Nature;" "A Conversation With a Chinese;" "Piato's Dream;" "A Pleasure in Having no Pleasure;" "An Adventure in India;" "Jeannot and Colin;" "Travels of Scarmentado;" "The Good Brahmin;" "The Two Comforters;" "An clent Faith and Fable." One volume, post 8vo, 480 pages, with portreit and St

illustrations. Extra vellum cloth, \$1.50 postago, "Voltaire's satire was keen and fine-pointed as a rapier."—Magazine of Am. History.

"A delightful reproduction, unique and refreshing."
—Boston Commonwealth.

Or Mabel Raymond's Resolve,

By Lois Walsbroker. This is a novel written with a purpose to improve the human ruce; to moid the fu-ture offspring with reason, health and inspiration. No one need be afraid of this blok. Frice (1, postpaid. For sale 24 this (Miss.

Progressive Thinker.

Published every Saturday at 40 Loomis Street

J. R. FRANCIS, Editor and Publisher.

Entered at Chicago Postoffice as second-class matter. TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER will be furnished until

further notice, at the following terms, invariably in REMITTANCES.

Remit by Postofice Money Order, Registered Letter, or draft on Chicago or New York. It costs from 10 to 15 cents to get checks cashed on local banks, so don't send them unless you wish that amount deducted from the amount sent. Direct all letters to J. R. Francis No. 40 Loomis Street Chicago, 111

OLUBS: IMPORTANT SUGGESTION! As there are thousands who will at first venture cely twenty-five cents for THE PECGRESSIVE THINEBE thirteen weeks, we would suggest to those who receive sample copy, to solicit several others to unite with them, and thus be able to remit from \$1 to \$10, or even more than the latter sum A large number of littl amounts will make a large sum total, and thus extend the field of our labor and usefulness. The same suggestion will apply in all cases of renewal of subscriplions-solicit others to aid in the good work. You will experience no difficulty whatever in inducing Spiritualists to subscribe for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, for not one of them can afford to be without the valua-ble information imparted therein each week, and at the price of only about two cents per week

A Bountiful Harvest for 25 Cents. Do you want a more bountiful barvest than we can give you for 25 cents? Just pause and think for a moment what an intellectual feast that small investment will furnish you. The subscription price of Tuz Pro-CHESSIVE THINKER thirteen weeks is only twenty-five cents! For that amount you obtain one hundred and four pages of solid, substantial, scul-clevating and mind-refreshing reading matter, equivalent to a medi-

TAKE NOTICE!

At expiration of subscription, if not renewed, the paper is discontinued No bills will be sent for ex-Write to us, and errors in address will be promptly corrected, and missing numbers supplied gratis. Whonever you desire the address of your paper changed, always give the address of the place to which

FOREIGN COUNTRIES. The Progressive Thinker is furnished in the United

it is then sent. or the change cannot be made.

States at \$1.00 per year, the postage thereon being but nominal, but when it is sent to foreign countries we are compelled to charge 50 cents extra, making the yearly subscription \$1.50. Please bear that in mind.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1900.

The Missionary, Then War. lately said: "Too often the army follows the missionary."

The Chinese have a proverb: "First comes the missionary, then the consul, and then the general." They could have added with truth: "And in the trail of the general comes all the munitions of war, with destruction of cities, desolated homes and a slaughtered people."

The New York Times says: "The missionary is disliked, especially in China, not as a Christian, but as a 'drummer. as an advance agent of a Manchester firm, to force goods at the cannon's mouth, if need be, on the native popula-

It is in the disguise of "traders" the missionary gained access under the treaty to China. It was that fraud practiced on the Chinese authorities which made their presence so very obnoxious. Then they gained by later treatles favors which the native population did not share, and this inspired the formation of secret societies, known the overthrow of the Chinese empire, first shown in a racial war on all for-

The indiscriminate slaughter of forall foreigners, if true, is a terrible and we are slowly coming to see that observers, like the learned Dr. Blyden, calamity which shocks all of us, but if | by that process we are making dispresent advices can be trusted, it was astrous changes in the distribution of civilizing agency yet introduced into not the work of the Chinese government as such, but that of an organized | flood and drought and cyclone followed | have made the natives better than they mob. otherwise a revolt, threatening the | in the footsteps of our national avarice, | found them, and have stimulated foroverthrow of the constituted government. It was an event which is liable with many grave problems. But we to occur in any country during periods | are also discovering that it is perfectly of great excitement.

When we see the violence our own of things and solve our problems. labor strikers exhibit on some occasions we dare not write that the United States is not in danger of being subject for a time to mob rule.

A whole people may become temporarily insane, as do individuals, under grievous afflictions, as has been shown repeatedly in the acts of Southern mobs, liable to duplication at any moment in our own North under like

Then let us moderate our hatred of the Chinese mob, however numerous it may be, until we learn the extent of their grievances, real or imagined.

Churches Draw Lightning.

them have set out to ascertain the cause. They have finally come to the conclusion that "churches draw lightthem. It was only a few days ago a bolt of Jove crushed through the walls of a church, entered the head of the preacher as he had just engaged in prayer, and left him a blackened corse. the spirit fled.

The old theology maintained that God employed the elements as the messengers of his will, and executors of his judgments. The priest killed at his devotions, in the presence of his awestricken parishioners, in their philosophy, had been guilty of some secret sin which deserved public punishment, as an awful example to other offenders. In the skies, nor in the life to come, not It is hoped the lesson will have a salu- in any deputed representative of tary influence in the direction sug- | Jehovah, for no such representative exgested.

As drinking saloons rarely suffer by cyclones, or electric storms, on the hypothesis that churches attract these messengers of evil, because of their virtues, so we suppose the saloons repulse them because of their vices

Were we to advise in the premises, both church and saloon-are good places to shun in a storm, and the greatest safety will be found in keeping outside of them on all occasions.

Made a God by Royal Decree.

In Hungary, so early as 1598, Unitarianism-the worship of one God only-was legalized in the province of | world.' Transylvania as one of the four great religions. Trinitarianism was established by vote, according to generally received history, at the Council of Nicea in 325, when Jesus was deified and declared equal in power and glory with the Father, yea, that Father himself. The Emperor Constantine, Su- sure they would be sent to China." preme Pontiff of Roman Paganism, by Their greatest desire is "to wipe out the royal decree, confirmed this action of heathen Chinee," as one of them exthe overseers of heathen temples, known in our vernacular as Bishons. and there has been no sovereign with idolatry.

Who Will Answer Prayer?

The inquiry heading this article was the subject of the morning discourse lately preached by Rev. Wm. T. Brown. in the Plymouth Congregational Church. The Progressive Thinker has

maintained for years that prayers are but idle wishes, to which no response lows. It did not he sitate to ridicule the | if we do not wish ours to be infringed claim of Evangelist Moody that the upon. winds and waves were arrested in their this subject, we own to delight while know how the world of thought moves we extract some of the preacher's strongest points. Quoting:

"This is a world of prayer. Our hymns are all prayer. Our Sundays are days of prayer. At least once every seven days millions of voices are mingled together in prayer for almost every conceivable thing.

"* * At this very moment, while we are under this roof where hundreds of prayers have been uttered, all over our world are men and women of all races and religions pouring out their souls in an agony of prayer; the millions of starving people in India praying for food; the Boers praying for their independence; the Filipinos praying for deliverance from what they regard as oppression; fathers and mothers with streaming eyes and breaking hearts beseeching God to spare the lives of their dying loved ones. * * Prayer rests, as we all know, upon a pure superstition. No amount of prayer will make the slightest difference in the lot of the starving people in India. There is no judge of all the earth to do justice for them. They will echo this cry in vain. Millions of them are dying, and many millions more in the years to come are going to die of famine, and their prayers are no more effective than the blowing of the wind. No God can do anything for them. If they are ever to find of a Christian trader they steered for relief, if they are ever to find the fulfill- | the western coast of Africa. Arriving ment of their hopes and prayers that at their destination they would incite fulfillment must come by human hands. | native chieftains to war on neighboring Lord Salisbury is reported to have To many millions of them such fulfill- tribes. The captives taken by either ment can never come. No God has so | party, without regard to age or sex, far put in an appearance who can hear | were bought for a trifle, and shipped to the cry of starving India. No God ex- | the American colonies. Here they were ists who can do anthing for them.

> vain. Had they not perfected themselves in the use of the rifle, they would have been reduced to subjugation long ago. All their praying is of no avail. ever again be heard of. A few years hence not a hundred men will be found republics to regret their extinction. The | traders, and then: faith of those men is a delusion. No one questions its sincerity. No one will dispute the depth and earnestness of African tribes who had been bestialtheir religion. But it has no foundation laid deep in eternal truth. The God to whom they have prayed does not

save them from drought! And they still | spirits is never seen. For 100 years the remain outside our asylums for the nisane! Does anyone believe their prayers will have the slightest effect on the | Soudan, bringing all the barbarous peoweather? Certainly not. And yet, it ples they have met under the influence lies within the power of the nation, in of Islam. Mohammedanism has thus to us as Boxers, which are threatening the power of organized society and far more profoundly affected the lives nowhere else, to determine that question, to answer those prayers. We are the Christian influences, which are only only reaping what we have sown. In just beginning to make large headway. pursuit of gain we have not hesitated It cannot be said that this influence of eign legations to China, and possibly of to denude our land of its great forests. Islam is wholly salutary, though many moisture over this continent. So have Africa; but these Moslem proselytes until we find ourselves face to face possible for us to remedy this condition

entirely probable that we shall in the future make far greater progress in that respect, that man is the real master of nature, that Nature has been waiting for man to assume his rightful est resources. No sensible person beoperation of a vaster chemistry than any that has so far been dreamed of. servants of Nature. Such a position is their meat diet to roasted missionary. contrary to all reason. And we shall So many church buildings have been sometime know that it is truer that struck by lightning during the last few | men make climate than that climate months the wiseacres ministering in makes men. The science of forestry is in the near future to answer our prayers for protection against at least two the foreign legations at Pekin were great calamities. A knowledge of the laws of health and of the laws of sanning," probably because of the sacred- itation and the establishment of normal ness of the structure, and the great and just conditions of labor and recreamoral worth of those who worshiped in | tion and leisure will, beyond all question, solve many another problem over

> were accustomed to pray. "What this world needs to-day, and what each individual in it needs, is sanity and light. We need to put it far from our minds that we are violating some divine law when we affirm the supremacy of man. We are simply asserting the divinest law the human mind can conceive of. We men and women can make the sovereignty of love and the reign of justice a reality. Within ourselves and not elsewhere does that sublimest possibility lie. Not ists or ever did exist, but in humanity. We men and women have it in our power to determine and establish what is right. We men and women are clothed with the only divine attributes. that exist or ever can exist. We men and women are in our corporate capacity as the people, as humanity, as a nation, as society, the manifestation in time and on the earth of Omnipotence and infinite benevolence. In our hands, on our souls, rests all that tremendous responsibility which we have been wont to invest the being of a God with. To human association, and to that alone, are we to look for the accomplishment

The War Spirit Rampant.

of any just or loving purpose in this

An Arkansas paper before us mentions the enlistment into the United States army of two braves from that region, whose ambition and hope prompted the act, "because they were pressed it.

Great wars are the agencies the Fool killer employs to keep his subjects in power or inclination since that date to subordination, and prevent their multiundo the great wrong, so all the self- plication so peaceful people can occupy styled civilized races now worship the this earth. Given complete control, and son of a Jewish maiden, save the few power equal to their will, no person people who have intelligence and in- would be allowed to think, act or dedependence to discard such silly mean himself other than as the Boss Fool demands.

Mohammedism as a Civilizer.

As the mind is enlarged by a wider knowledge of the world, and of the persons in it the early conceptions of childhood disappear, and we grow more tolerant of opposing thought. The more we know, the less selfish we are-the more ready we are to concede others comes outside of himself or his fel- have rights which must be respected,

At the time of the Protestant revolt movements, and that the great ship in from Romanism there was but one which he was crossing the ocean was | Christian church, and that church was saved, with all its cargo of humanity, in | supreme. Governments and peoples obedience to his agonizing request. But were its vassals, and prelates and extreme as were and are our views on priests, professing to be vicegerents of heaven, lorded it over everything. The reading this discourse. That our read- masses accepted the priestly claim as ers may share with us in this joy and law, taught it to their children, and the whole Christian world was virtually

Outside the church all was evil. There was no good. It was Christian on the one hand, and heathen on the other. Every other system of religion was of the devil, and was to be destroyed, and God, it was claimed, had commissioned his ministers to bend all their energies for the complete destruction of those who denied the church

The African slave trade was specially sanctioned by the Pope, because the inhabitants were heathen, and he cited Bible authority as justifying the act And the texts were conclusive in the premises. No attempt was made to Christianize the negro; but Protestants, when they sprang up, accepted the Pope's opinion, and all joined in converting the black man into brutes, and compelling him to toil as such.

Fifty years ago the press, not under church control, showed up with all its horrors the African slave trade, as it

formerly existed. Until prohibited by law ships were fitted out in open port with rum, and manacles, and Christian officers, and Christian seamen, and under direction bought by Christian planters and con-"The prayers of the Boers are also | verted into slaves, they and their posterity, for all time.

In a late issue of Ainslee's Magazine, there was an interesting article which recalled with great force this Christian Their nationality is a thing of the past. method of Christianizing "Darkest No such thing as a Boer republic will Africa." In the course of it, reference was made to the brutalizing part rum and gin played in the slave trade as outside the survivors of the two African | practiced by professedly Christian

"It is pleasing to turn from the revolting spectacle of some of the West ized by their devotion to trade gin, to the picture which travelers draw of the great Hausa states of the Soudan [embracing some 15,000,000 of people] un-"Here are men and women praying | der Mohammedan dominion for a cenfor rain, beseeching the Almighty to tury, where such a thing as a bottle of Mohammedans of North Africa have been pushing across the Sahara and the of many millions of black Africans than of Liberia, regard Islam as the greatest eign trade with 'Darkest Africa' to a remarkable extent."

Dr. Blyden, of Liberia, in a position and location to have full information on the subject, thus recognizes Moham-"We are discovering slowly, and it is | medism as "the greatest civilizing agent yet introduced into Africa."

Think of it, good reader. There went the slave trader, intriguing with the barbarous kings for captives, and there went the Christian missionary, with place before responding with her great- rum and gin and the slave driver's lash in his trail, and here comes a regular lieves that we have gone beyond the | Doctor of Divinity, a Christian teacher. kindergarten stage in the discovery of resident in the American colony of the forces of this world and in the Liberia, on the coast of Africa, recogmastery of those forces. The coming nizing Islam as "the greatest, best, centuries are no doubt to witness the civilizing agent yet introduced into

Africa. With such facts respect increases for It is a mistake to say that we are the the cannibals, provided they will limit

Seeming Truth from China.

we write from China can be trusted, unharmed so late as July 1; possibly so late as July 6. When information reached the Boxers, who were in revolt against the established government. that the allied powers had bombarded which men and women in other days | Taku, destroyed the fortress, and killed hundreds of natives, the anger of the incoming light. mob was aroused, then the terrible slaughter followed.

Suppose the condition had been-reversed, and the great war ships of escaped with his life? We think not. found in bad company.

good sense—a thing many of them do | gin, through the press, to instruct and not possess-if they would withdraw | save the millions of the lowly. The from the disturbed country.

New Fields for the Missionary. Advices from Victoria, British Columbia, tell of the action of a body of cannibals on the coast of New Britain-two mountainous islands in the Pacificwho captured and dragged alive to the scene of the feast a boat's crew who visited the shore for trading purposes. They were clubbed into insensibility, then baked or roasted and eaten. There, certainly, is a fine field for missionary effort, and there would be no danger of national complications, however numerous the missionaries or multitudinous the converts.

Explanation Satisfactory.

It has been discovered that the reason there are no marriages in heaven is because there are no priests in that locallty to perform the ceremony. They have all gone to the other place.

THE WORLD'S HOROSCOPE

during his active life, wrote many instead of seeking greatness through startling things. The following, said to the destruction of life and property, the have been penned by him over forty rulers of the world, in self-defense, will years ago, will be read with deep in- be forced to change the entire system

feeling of astonishment, delight, terror, the primeval garden of the race. and incredulity. No branch of the During the century which has passed, Christian church is now exempt from the civil institutions of the world, such visitations. The two extremes of broken up in their old forms, have been well-guarded citadels. -

religious organizations of the age.

venders of literary wares. Sermons are the Lord. true sources of their efforts, but their where dwelleth righteousness. ability remains unquestioned, and their popularity suffers no diminution. Spiritual visitations take place in the library of the clergyman no less than in the parlor of the parishioner. The the first tremor of the avalanche.

A hundred years ago the most eminent European thinker of that day, one man, beheld in a spiritual vision what he styled "the jast judgment."

He saw Christ encompassed by an innumerable multitude of angels, making and now adds: his appearance In the midst of the separated from the goats.

Wrapped together as a flery scroll, the patience ceases to be a virtue." spiritual spheres to purity and peace mony. We tremble for the outcome. and deliverance. The world was open in its interior significance, and Christians, who on earth had been divided through the varied interpretations of the letter, were united in the reconwas just a century ago. Now it is a remarkable fact that ever since, a corresponding change has been taking place in the natural world, as if the events beheld by the seer were throwing out their waves of influence, and reproducing among us the same phenomena. As when a man's soul is delivered from avarice and hate, and lust, and all the deadly passions, the body feels it, and changes to a new expression, so the advent of a new life into If what seems authentic advices as | the great spiritual family or collective Christendom, has signalized its incomcorrespondential myriad of thoughts and facts. As the obtuse boulder may be uplifted by the tidal-wave, so the most sensual intellect, however fixed in old superstitions, is rolled up gradually to a new level by this great ocean of

Within that hundred years, cotton has entered to clothe the world, and steam and its giant successors to lift the Atlas burden from the shoulders of the giant Industry. As the sculptor of China had bombarded an American old proposed to Alexander to carve port, with results similar to those ac- | Mount Athos into a statue with a city companying the bombarding of Taku; in its plain, so Christ has come to shape is it possible a single Chinaman, in any the rocky den, the bleak summit, the her right hand the New Jerusalem. Admiral Kempff, of the American navy, | Similes apart, the epoch of the Corwisely abstained from participating in onation of Labor has broken upon the It seems, and we hope it is true, the Eden faded, fromicits traditions. Men physical renovation of the race has evidently began; for truth comes as the herald of reform; and there is a material John the Baptist, who baptizes the outward, and announces the coming of the Spiritual Christ.

There is a richer moral vegetation, an outgrowth of humane ideas covering the heartsoil of Christendom, so long ice-bound is bigotry, as with a sweet sanguinary from the inflamed passions of the individual. It was a scene of conflict between men fighting from the love of blood, and delighting in ripping up the bowels of old men, and cutting off the breasts of women, and dashing out the brains of infants upon the hearthstones. Now mark the contrast, During the recent wars men have fought from public direction, and, as in

Thomas Lake Harris, poet and seer, will have become so inter-united that of foreign policy. The railroad is a The reappearance of spiritual man-great civilizer. Children are now born ifestations, after, an obscuration and who will live to see, in all probability, duced throughout the world a mingled standard of civilization carried back to

Evangelical and Unitarian Protestant-Jundergoing universal transformation. ism alike are influenced, and Rome is Our own Republic is a monument shaken in the midst of her compact, which rises like ancient Ararat, above the subsiding waters of despotism. The But while the footsteps of spirits thus new air of liberty fills the lungs of the reappear, not alone upon the fossil beds world. Already the federation of all of history, but in the luminous ether of the people in one cosmopolitan republic, the thought-world of to-day, the church, looms up gradually among the possithrough its accredited ministers, with bilities of the future. Already it is ters of the Spanish Main, the forces of morning after a night of storms, amidst Morgan, and the brigantines of Drake, the singing of birds and the blossoming of spiritual phenomena to most of the hope of the idealist. The heavens and the earth commune together. The spirit While we have the confessions of world is bared for human introspection. eminent divines, that all religious par- The law of the elimination of the divine ties, except the party of Spiritualism, truth of the Scriptures from its spiritare numerically either on the wane or ual sense, has been made known. Chrisstationary, the afflux of numbers to the | tianity henceforth is made the crownstandard of a faith in spiritual com- ing science. Regeneration is brought munication, is unparalleled. In spite of | within the domain of accredited and the cavils of the secular press against established principles. The faith of the the intellectual value of literary pro- Christian, and the truth of the philosoductions emanating from spirits, some pher are one. With what wonder we mediums who suppress the origin of the | behold the world returning to sanity. writings which they receive from It shall awake in the coming future, spirits, and care to use them as their and discover itself sitting clothed and own, find a ready market among the in its right mind, at the feet of Christ,

preached in the most aristocratic A spiritual crisis evidently has taken churches which are actually written place in the interior world of the planet, out from the dictation of spirits, and the ultimations of which are fast mergprayers, which have the same origin, ing into light. The vision of the seer are memorized, and spoken by clergy- was not hallucination but a sublime men of the first distinction. It is true reality. The old Heavens and the old that the eminent divines to whom we Earth have passed away, and we look opinion that this religious interference refer conceal from their audiences the for a new Heaven and a new Earth is the chief contributing cause to the the light of to-day, having "all eyes

Is He a Prophet?

A gentleman of large observation and experience, for many years a representchurch of the day is like a Swiss village ative of the American government in shaken by the tremor which announces | the extreme East, wrote us soon after the destruction of the Maine, in Havana, that that event marked the beof the most calm, temperate, cool- ginning of a long series of disturbances blooded and best balanced in the which would follow, and result in world's list of heroes of the pen, withal changing national boundaries, and the a devout, conscientious, thoroughly just formation of new social conditions all over the world. The same writer has just called our attention to that letter.

"The present disturbance in China spiritual world inhabited by the de- will lead to national complications parted nations of Christendom. Minds which will astonish those who have but partially free from the superstitious been hugging the delusion that religious fancles with which the middle ages had | tolerance is one of the most firmly fixed overlaid the essential truth of Chris- features of the Occidental social systianity, priests and congregations of all tem. An issue will arise between the sects of Christendom, living in that par- professed Christian and non-Christian tial twilight of the spirit life, beheld nations growing out of the present the long-expected reappearance of the turbulence, which will result in the Son of Man. Marshalled in societies, flercest war the world has ever known. according to the predominance of good The aggressions of Christian missionaffections or impure lusts, they were aries, leading to the revolt of the divided into two great, yet opposite Boxers, are but straws showing which congregations, the wheat being win- way the wind blows in the East. The nowed from the chaff, and the sheep fires of righteous indignation, long smouldering, will burst into flame when

broad realm of the apparent but ficti- We hope our friend will prove a false tious heaven of spirits, who, without prophet, but we place him on record, the Christian element, usurped the and shall watch with great earnestness Christian name, the evil doers of every the general trend of events. The whole grade and caste of crime were drawn Christian world united against China into one association and assigned to a will give rise to insurrections at home locality in the world of shadows cor- which will be difficult to suppress. responding to their own insanity. And then strifes and heart burnings, There was heard a sound of universal with conflicting nations temporarily thanksgiving from all men of good united in a common cause, will inaffections. There was a descent of evitably lead to discord instead of har-

Living Without Nourishment.

Nikola Tesla, the great inventor and rival of Edison in electrical discoveries. ciling truth of the divine spirit. This in a late article in the Century Magazine, gives indication that he is in sym-

pathy with Spiritualism. We quote: "There seems to be no philosophical necessity for food. We can conceive of organized beings living without nourishment and deriving all the energy um. In a crystal we have the clear influenced by unwise leaders? evidence of the existence of a formative | "It is a mistake to say that the Chilife principle, and, though we cannot nese will not fight. They are brave self-respecting men and women refuse understand the life of a crystal, it is soldiers when they are well led. They to accept fancies for facts, or ecclesiastinone the less a living being. There may are intensely imbued with a love of cal assumption, childish conception and be, besides crystals, other such individ- country and their religious rites. The unreasonable speculation, for the deming by throwing out to the surfaces of | ualized, material systems of beings, | armies of the viceroys are well armed. | onstrations of exact and verified knowlour terrestrial human brotherhood a perhaps of gaseous constitution or Many guns have been manufactured in edge-the term stands for loyalty to composed of substance still more tenu- China and immense numbers have been truth. ous. In view of this possibility—nay, imported. Plenty of the people are well probability—we cannot apodictically armed and know how to use their Spiritualism?" we respond that it is deny the existence of organized beings | weapons. It is a mistake to underesti- | demonstration to-day, under circumon a planet merely because the conditions on the same are unsuitable for the existence of life as we conceive it. We cannot even with positive assurance asthat we are unable to perceive them."

They Multiply,

A new Christian sect, with the Bible part of the country, even those so desert solitude of earth into a glorious for its guide, has sprung up in Georgia. humble as laundrymen, would have image of a Maternal State, holding in It is known as the Fire Baptized Association. Its object, of course, is to escape the flames of hell, a good thing to the war on China, hence Chinese blood | world. God'himself has come to every do. H. I. Irwin, of Lincoln, Neb., is the is not on our hands. But it is probable | hut in Christendom in the guise of a | reported progenitor of this latest candithe American minister to China suf- beneficent material providence. There date for immortal glory. The organizafered a common fate with the other is more bread, more clothing, more tion claims five distinct and essential Part the country and you will have allied powers, simply because he was fuel, more physical comfort of every works of Grace, first, Conversion; sec- nothing but 400,000,000 Chinamen. sort, than the world has known since ond. Santification: third, Baptism with They will hold to their religion, of slaughter of missionaries, was not so live longer; hygienic laws, of which the fire; fifth, The heavenly Dynamite, any people have the right to interfere general as was apprehended, but they best men of the past century did not whatever that may be. The sect is also with their religion." have had a big scare and would show dream, are not only discovered, but be-known as the "Holy Roller Dancers."

Sects come as the waves come When navies are stranded; They'll go as the tides go When their mission is ended-The gaining of pelf for their founder.

Located at Last.

A Rev. John Gibson, down there in Memphis, has now located hell for sure. It lies just two miles below the surface perennial verdure of charity. War is of the earth, occupying all the interless barbaric. Ancient battles were mediate space to the other side of the globe. The divine says "the gospel and g'romotry" confirms him in his location, and that "there is no foolishin' Hell being so near it is hoped the

for danger and escape the eternal roast.

"Talmagean Inanities, Incongruities, the Crimea, have improved the hours of Inconsistencies and Blasphemies: a Retruce to interchange humane personal view of Rev. T. DeWitt and Rev. Frank | Copies for saie at Lyon & Healy's. courtesies. The soldier is outgrowing DeWitt Talmage's oft-repeated attacks his trade. Before many years have upon Spiritualism." By Moses Hull elapsed, the material interests of men For sale at this office. Price ten cents. D. For sale at this office. Price, \$1.

Valuable Information About China. The probabilities are a long contest of arms between the Western nations and China has commenced. It may last for years, and ultimate in changing the boundaries of a great empire, perhaps cause its destruction. As this war has

its foundation in an attempt to Christianize China, it is well for all our readers to understand the situation, seeming recession of centuries, has pro- Asia intersected by railroads, and the- that they may not be misled by any faction, whether religious or political. Gen. Julius Stahl was for ten years officially connected with China. He visited that country in the capacity of American Consul-General for China and Japan. In a letter over his own signature, published in a late issue of the

Washington Post, he makes the follow-

ing statement, which we copy to the

exclusion of less important matter,

omitting his introductory: "The young emperor and his tutor are few exceptions, scoffs at the doctrines firmly believed that vice and want, in sympathy with the reform movepresumptuous, or repels the approach moral and intellectual depravity, have ment; in fact, they might be said to because of the impressibility of the of the Immortals as an implous intru- no permanent foothold upon the planet. lead it. The better element stands for sion. The buccaneers and the fillibus- And again, sweetly as dawns the May reform and progress, and I found among the merchants of Shanghai and other places I visited a full spirit of sacking wealthy cities and plundering of orchards, a Spiritual Spring breathes sympathy in this effort. The other elethe galleys of the plate fleet, could not rejuvenating breath. upon the human | ment is headed by Tuan and his son; have excited a more bitter hate among soul. The spiritual laws, hidden from with them, I see, are the Boxers and a the Spaniards of Panama and Lima, the wisest of uninspired men, are re- strong following of the lower element. than is aroused by the approximation discovered and legitimatize the wildest The dowager empress has been an anti- pepsinoids, in the form of superstition, reformer, and, while I do not think she as to destroy the power of assimilation. would have been willing to go as far as Tuan, she has contributed by her influence to the present situation. Should anything have happened to the present emperor, she would, I think, have been perfectly willing to see Tuan's son on the throne. Li Hung Chang and at least one other of the viceroys are with the reformers, but I am unable to say how many, with their armies, are to be found on either side.

"With these differences inside the imperial family, it was an easy matter for Tuan to take advantage of the feeling existing against the missionaries. I do not mean that this feeling is against the individuals, but among every people interference with religion is a sore point. and the people of China do not like the effort to convert the people. A Buddhist is particularly sensitive on this point. "I am, therefore, distinctly of the

uneasiness, and the organization of the and no sight," seeks to defend the Bibsecret society known as the 'Boxers.' Tuan is the head of the organization. He has used the influence of the religious feeling with great effect, because by this means he brought to his side and his ambitions a tremendous influence, both in point of numbers and sentiment, in this way increasing his own power, by which he hoped to gain his own ends in the administration of the affairs of the government.

"When this 'Boxer' society had spread, without the knowledge of anyone, except the promoters of the organization, until it involved, let us say. millions of people, it was impossible to prevent outbreaks. Mobs are disorderly things, and the people had been purposely inflamed against the religious influence working in the country from the outside—against the foreigners.

"Then came the next terrible mistake, the bombardment of the forts at Taku. It was a fatal error. Admiral Kempff showed wisdom and good judgment in not taking part in that bombardment. It was a mistake, because the forts of Taku were not in the hands of the Boxers, but of the government of the country, and what greater lever could Tuan and his leaders have than to point out that these foreigners had not only interfered with their religion and tries to control their country, but had actually commenced the war themselves by open hostility against the government of their country. You can readily understand, then, how these smouldering embers of revolution suddenly burst into a flame.

"I cannot speak authoritatively as to the strength of the two forces. The federal army is comparatively small. I do not know its numbers. Each viceroy has his own army, and I do not think anyone can tell the number of soldiers in any or all of these.

"I do not know how many of these viceroys stand with the reformers as against Tuan, the 'Boxers,' and the disaffected troops. No one knows. China is a sealed book to everyone. Everything now depends upon the strength of these two factions. Everything in Peking depends upon what force has stood for the protection of the foreigners and what is opposed to them.

"When the relief comes to these people in Peking, I do hope with all my heart the cry for vengeance will not they need for the performance of their prevail. Why wreak vengeance upon life functions from the ambient medi- an ignorant mass of people, misled and

mate that fact.

rupt China. Why should they do so? accepted by the Church for centuries, sert that some of them might not be Disrupt a nation and you ruin it. Let present here, in this our world, in the us of the United States leave Russia | the nearness of the spirit world, and in very midst of us, for their constitution out of the question as an ally. In what some form of conscious intercomand life manifestation may be such regard would the civilized world be munion between the two worlds or benefited by the acquisition by Russia states of existence—are beliefs as old of territory in China? Why, Russia her- as man. Modern Spiritualism gives self is not civilized, and in what regard | proof of these realities through its variwould she advance these people? It is ous phenomena. The manifestations a question of the Slav against the occurring in the past, not being now Anglo-Saxon, and the latter must subject to verification, have to be accontrol.

here—a Chinaman is a Chinaman still. strated immortality. the Holy Ghost; fourth, Baptism by course, and I doubt if any country or

"Launched in Life." Many readers of this paper will be

pleased to learn that Mr. Victor Vogel,

who is well known among the Spiritualists of Chicago, has been devoting a part of his time to the publication of his musical compositions. We have now before us a copy of his latest composition, a wedding march entitled "Launched in Life." The music as well as the title page is very unique in character. The title page is very handsomely engraved and printed in three colors, representing the most important event of one's life in three scenes: The central figures representing a courtship scene, and the others the wedding cereclergy will be on the constant lookout | mony and the happy home. The music is very pleasing and attractive. Mr. Vogel has kindly dedicated this composition to the officers and members of the "League of Eligibles" of Chicago.

"Astral Worship." By J. H. Hill, M.

Dr. Geo. A. Bacon Answers

the Question. A clever correspondent in the issue of

May 12, asks "What is Spiritualism?"

though evidently with no intention of answering his own query. He makes use of it, in the first place, to exploit his orthodoxy with reference to the Bible; and in the second place, to exploit his heterodoxy as to Spirit-

ualism. In the latter case, however, he simply displays such a lack of any real knowledge of the subject as to render what he says wholly ineffective.

Every intelligent observer knows that the majority of Bible believers are so because of the bias given to their early instruction in Biblical teachings, and not from personal or independent examination. The impressions made on the mind in childhood or in early youth, child nature, are most enduring and difficult to efface. Hence their hold. even while the very teachings are seen and felt and known to be apocryphal,

The correspondent evidently belongs to that large and respectable class who take their theology with a spoon. To digest it requires such extreme doses of Instead of doing a little original investigation and thinking for himself, he has accepted indiscriminately the offerings of interested parties.

To traverse his opening sentence, it is known that men and women who are too skeptical to accept the evidence of their own senses, in matters occurring in the sanctity of their own homes, through members of their own family and under circumstances fatal to deception even if such a motive existed often exhibit the greatest credulity in a wholesale acceptance of analagous events, alleged to have occurred nobody knows when, recorded or witnessed by nobody knows who, under circumstances totally unknown, with each and every step incapable of verification. One who "strains at a gnat and swal-

lows a camel," becomes dignified by He is indeed a bold contestant who in

lical account of creation; the origin and destiny of man; who upholds its astronomy and geology of the cosmos; or its horology, necrology, chronology and the theology of the scriptures. Science has shown these to be but religious fables, the conceptions of primitive men in the infancy of the race.

While the Bible is freely acknowledged to be a wonderful compilation of religious writings, it was never intended to be want some are disposed to make it, an object of fetich worship. When ecclesiastically representative

men throughout the world both in Catholic and Protestant churches; men like Prof. St. George Mivart, the eminent Roman Catholic scientist, Prof. Briggs, Prof. Phelps, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Rev. Doctors Smith and McGiffert, Rabbi Fleischer of Boston, Rabbi Wise of Cincinnati, Rev. Dr. Hillis, Dr. Parkhurst and many another-whose utterances to-day are as essentially radical as were those of Paine a hundred years ago; when good men and religious men, yet in the churches, publicly assail certain portions of the Bible and deny the authenticity and inspiration of other parts; when a prominent pastor of the great Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Cadman, before an assembly of 400 clergymen, including bishops of that body, can assert that "The inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible are no longer possible of belief among reasoning men," and be applauded for it-ordinary laymen may be pardoned if they question the verity of not a few Biblical statements.

If as Milton says: "Creation feels through each minutest

The genial influence of the season"so similarly do leading minds in all the churches respond to the progressive spirit of the age; to the demands of the Higher Criticism; to the spirit of truth; to the knowledge which science reveals.

The term "intidel," which our friend uses so contemptuously, has long since lost its power to frighten intelligent men and women into believing or claiming to believe, any story inconsistent and improbable-however contrary to every principle of natural reason and justice! When in the mouth of any half-informed, narrow-minded person it is applied to those who refuse, at the dictation of every bigoted churchman, to believe that the moon is made of green cheese-it becomes a badge of

When in the sacred name of religion,

But answering his enquiry, "What is stances that can be easily established. "I do not think there is any serious of the truth of Angel Ministration, a idea on the part of the powers to dis- doctrine clearly taught in the Bible and

Indeed, the belief in immortality, in cepted, if at all, solely upon faith. To-"It would be impossible to make an iday, however, tens of thousands upon effectual and wise partition of China. I thousands of honest investigators, of You cannot make a Chinaman anything every shade of religious belief, and but a Chinaman. After a lifetime spent | many of no belief, are glad witnesses of in this country—he may have been born the glorious fact of a present demon-

These include many of the most renowned and scientific men known to the world. Space alone forbids their enumeration here.

Recently the Psychical Research Society of England and America, composed of eminent clergymen, and scientists, and independent investigators, have published some of the results of their work. Despite the prejudice of these men, such was the overwhelming evidence, presented in numberless instances, that original opponents like Prof. Hodgson and Prof. Hyslop, the latter of Columbia College, and others like unto these, have publicly acknowledged their conversion.

When the highest scientific authority in England, and in the world for that matter, declares that the facts of Spiritualism are as clearly established as are the facts of any science-he who seeks to deny or decry these facts, only shows his own failure to enter into a comprehension of their stupendous signifi-

Apart from the evidence furnished through spiritual phenomena, what solid and accepted proof have we of a continued life beyond the grave?

Washington, D. C. "Cultivation of Personal Magnetism.

Treatise on Human Culture." By Leroy Berrier. For sale at this office. Price \$1.

Ego in Bature's Kindergarten.

that grieve the soul of an old-fashioned thinker, like my- vast kindergarten. self. I had always supposed that an "atom" was matter It is a feature of Ego's life history that while standing The later evidences of life beyond death have been Form now sparkles with beauty, while intelligence is also divided innumerable times till it could not, even in alone he makes no record of which mortal man can con- framed in this same ignorance of this fact in natural law. manifesting law, order, and a creative power which can thought be divided any more. That, to me, was the ulti- ceive. He must mate, and thus assume "form" by blend- The mortal has loved form. It is form he worships, and even repair injury to form. Life is present, because life mate of matter. And it made no difference whether this ing with another atom, before we can even picture him as his whole fear has been that death took the loved form is the essence of divinity, of which every single atom is a speck was a whirl of ether having a good time all to him- an entity. Yet it is Ego, who, as a solitary individual from him forever. And when form has actually reap- fractional manifestation. Ego is always himself. He has self, or just a chip of the old block in which life around atom, is really God Junior. All that is outwrought by peared this man of ignorance immediately bubbled into a neither brain nor any other organ. They are as unnecesme is everywhere embedded. Now I find certain scien- form is the result of individual atoms combining their form of ecstasy called Modern Spiritualism. The mortal sary to Ego as they are to God Senior. Presently, by astists of to-day talking about splitting and splintering forces to produce effects impossible to one alone. Sciatoms and calling the new fragment "corpuscle." So I ence deals only with forms. It can usually tear them want it distinctly understood that when these mind-dis- apart. When it fails it calls the form an element. But changes that mark the passing years. At last he (or she) possible to him while alone. He was alive and had power turbers get all through, and have chipped their last cor- all life history, from our side of life, is a struggle with puscle to its ultimate, that is what I mean, every time and form. If we keep in mind the indestructibility and uneverywhere, by the word "atom." They may bore holes changeableness of the atom we will perceive some of the to compel, or induce, Ego to keep form in repair without no step in the process of world creation at which life apthrough their atoms, and smash them into smithereens to illusion which halos earth history. their hearts' content, but my atoms won't stand any such usage. They cannot be tampered with. They are the foundation fact of creation, and always a compound of intelligence, energy and what we call "matter." I have never calculated how many such atoms could dance on the point of a needle, for my atom stands on the very verge of the unthinkable, albeit it is the foundation fact of existence, on which the student reader and I will now

take our stand, regardless of size. The atom has a most remarkable and inherent quality It delights in addition, subtraction, multiplication and di- Love is a blending, and hate an unblending of form vision, thus infusing itself into every problem of the uni- Cruelty and suffering can only unblend form. Love and verse. As I have said, the atom itself is all but unthinkable, but the moment it clasps hands with another atom | in form. Whether Ego acts by intuition or reason he is we have "form." It is a case of matrimony. The twain alike manifesting in and through form. And his mani- unblended Ego and his sire and direct our thoughts and highest possible at one era then crystal will be the then have become one molecule. Of course this is followed by festation is the united will power of a number of Egos investigations to the multiples of Ego we have been ultimate of intelligence and life. The planet itself is bigamy innumerable. In fact molecular existence is a series of domestic rows, frequent separations, and renewed | Whatever tears apart and destroys form is simply an epiloving embraces pervaded by a flavor as of first love. "form" it becomes quite thinkable, and not much more but is just the same eternal, indestructible atom he was how few of these particled Egos are individualized at any cule to exhibit a new form, which at once becomes a fact mysterious than poor human nature itself. We can discern the intense individuality of the atom. It is perpetually trying experiments. It thinks it is in love with another atom, and it forthwith blends into form. More and more loving atoms join the group, till the scientist becomes intensely interested, and grows learned in what he calls biology.

We have seen in our last article something of the process out of which the genus and the species are born, for the monerula of humanity was only a type of the monad dent reader will find herein a key to some of the so-called problems of life. They are problems only because the scientist is so terribly afraid of getting too close to First Cause. He knows that Infinite Energy may destroy form in an instant. The lightning's bolt that springs from blending his own intelligence with that of the electric mass, he gathers and subdues to his will and his need, facing the risk with a courage born of experience. He has crept as close to First Cause as the nursing child to its mother's breast, every time he compels infinite energy to his service. As he grows he toddles into a selfhood that can do much more than harness lightning and compel electricity. But he must keep close to First Cause. Herein is the fundamental thought on which our success as explorers depends. Every atom is an Ego. total aggregation of atoms is First Cause, or if you please, God Senior. There is nothing more, and no less is posmatter. If we keep this in mind we break every theological fetter, and stand absolutely free to explore tive and negative will. A moment before he was just a of which form is born. The astronomer tells us he is through all eternity.

pressed, and declare that every atom is an Ego, divinely in the unparticled mass we are taught to call "ether." gifted because himself a fragment of the divine, but with personal limitations because he is only a finite fragment speck came out from the ether, and Ego was born. The of the whole. As Ego he is not only an atom but re-mains absolutely without form or size that mortal mind Infinite are these speck atoms. Everything else in the can grasp. He has, however, an individuality that can universe, of which we can conceive, is in form, and there- into the groups called molecules then "dead matter" is an when the planet's whole expression of life was that of compel heaven and earth to his service. Some of my fore nothing but a gathering of speck atoms into mole- impossibility. Every atom being alive every molecule is monsters whose fossil forms now, decorate our museums. readers may have seen a steam hammer deliver a blow of a cule and mass. I know this is sadly untheological, for in- necessarily permeated by that life. The molecule being Life was fed by life into such forms under the then exthousand tons, and the next moment gently crack the spiration, working through Holy Writ and ordained composed of individual atoms becomes itself an express- isting conditions. And so life must be fed by life till it shell of an egg. So man may spend his whole career as a priest, has been saving and damning form. And form race in cracking egg shells, if he so choose, but the poten- has seemed to ignorant man as the ultimate of soul life. tiality of the mightiest power is always present.

in this realm which we call "below man." It is a ques- cross, then form is the all important fact in human exist- ative process the scientist finds it now manifesting as gas, tion of form. We have said that an atom knows nothing ence. But the reader must remember we are walking liquid and solid. either of size or of form, and that it is absolutely inde- hand in hand with science—together exploring new fields structible. It is Ego, always and everywhere. Ego is and science asserts and proves that form tumbles into life, manifesting as conditions may permit. Molecules out of which to develop that tiny form. There will althus a formless, sizeless entity, containing in his own pieces. Nothing remains but indestructible atoms. right matter, energy and intelligence. Energy in ac- Those atoms are united exactly as couples mate into martivity is vibration, so Ego's field of action has no limit ried life. Two human beings are said to become one, ate Ego. In the rock Ego has selected his companions, monize earth life but presently evolve into forms too resave the utmost outreach of his own vibratory force. We and sometimes a dozen, but, all the same, the forms re- and to each grouping the scientist gives a name. This fined and spiritual to express pain, suffering and death. are not now concerned with what may be his highest main absolutely distinct, and are separable by legal pro- choice of associates may at first only manifest as "attrac- The effect of this change we must trace or our study of limit, but propose to descend into the lowest depths at cess and death. There is not a form in the whole uniwhich life becomes conceivable to scientific imagination, verse which is not composed of speck atoms, each with an

There are attempted changes in the meaning of words) and there watch some of Ego's experiences in Nature's [individuality of its own, proclaiming its freedom to come | demand and compel. When the crystal has been born

Life appears to us to have lived upon life from the very beginning. But if we can imagine a realm where atoms rule in unblended individuality we can see them smiling blended into form. But since that atom is always an Ego of living Egos, will presently be found to give us a footat our pictures of life. All that takes place is that one form unblends another form. The atomic form that has conquered and swallowed another form attracts to itself certain of the atoms by a process which we call nutritive assimilation. The rest of the atoms fled away absolutely unharmed. Everything in life of which we can conceive is an output of the growth or destruction of form. wisdom magnify form. We only perceive mind at work acting together through forms we call bodies and organs. when flashed into intelligent individuality.

In that Ego realm of which we have spoken, what pitying among its citizens as they discern mortal attempts to save forms from eternal destruction by theological dogmas and faith. The orthodox God and the savage's fetish are discover what Ego may have to gain or to lose by his ad- Egos, each a fragment on fraction of the Infinite Ego. ventures in form life. But at every step we must keep

God Senior himself has vibrated. It was then that a

And why not? If God created man—who is form; and if,

looks at himself (or herself) in mirror or photograph, and sociation with others he achieves form. He has discovthinking of himself as form watches anxiously the ered that by association with others he can do things imevolves a system, called New Thought, which is really di- as an atom. As a molecule he shares in the united life rected-at, and confined to form. It consists of an effort and the combined power. There is, as we now discover, drugs, or even hygiene.

of life's mysteries. Surely the student reader will now of life out of which manhood has been evolved. realize that he has a solid foothold for his climb to a

reflection of Ego. Or we may put it another way. God it remains as an eternal fact. It is life, always and every-Senior, being all there is, is too large for human compre- where, and always ready with its creative power to mulhension. Ego being an atom of the divine, and there- tiply when conditions will permit. It is perpetually fore, God Junior, is too small, and is beyond our powers ready to attract or repel, and conditions will determine in the other direction. So we must, perforce, leave the the form its intelligence must assume. If crystal be the taught to call "form."

sode for Ego, who has thereby harvested an experience, The unparticled ether becomes particled. How many, or the time comes when these conditions permit some moleone time is beyond our arithmetic. If we call ether "sub- in nature. It may be, yes must be, microscopic, but the stance" then each of these particles is an expression of in- life Ego is almost infinitely smaller. But Ego is its cresmiles, and hearty but unparticled laughter there must be telligence and energy in that substance, and science tells ative father all the same. Or rather a group of Egos comus that energy is showing itself in the form of motion. bined their intelligence and power into the new form. It This motion is believed by leading scientists to manifest is born with and from intelligence, matter and energy, itself as a hollow whirling ring, and so small that millions and brings with it the all essential feature of life which is founded on fear of form. The miser's greed, the politi- must blend before the human mind can grasp the fact and the power to attract to itself other Egos, and thus reprocian's lust are expressions of form impossible to Ego as a call it "matter." No cutting, splitting or smashing is duce the new born form. divine atom. Man's sorrow, joy, remorse are nothing but possible to that whirling speck. It is the first manifesta- Just here comes in the essence of this special study of form experiences. Unblend form and they are gone, tion of movement in the otherwise immovable ether, and Ego in kindergarten life. We see that life not only does that is the ultimate of every living being. But the stu- Nothing remains save Ego the atom, whose divinity is un- is born without surgeon or midwife. Nay so far as mor- but must multiply its forms according to prevailing containted and untouched by such experiences. The reader tal intellect can grasp such a fact, we may assume, if we ditions. And the life so born will be in harmony or dismust remember it is no part of our task to hunt for mo- choose, that it has been an eternal and particled express- cord with other life forms according to those conditions, tives or object in the existence of Ego. The theological ion of the Infinite Whole. Or we may logically go yet and must take new shape when conditions demand. dream that a form man was created for the glory of a form further, and picture to ourselves, without scientific pro- Herein is certainly the key to the mysterious forms our God is a large-sized sample of the nonsense that would test, the universal ether as itself composed of these mi- scientists are chasing with their microscopes, declaring with Half-tone Portrait and spectearth, or flashes from heaven, has taught him that. But befog us if we made such an attempt. The one fact that nute whirls, each alive with intelligence and energy, and they are deadly foes of humanity. The microbe and ba-Ego exists, and is necessarily an individual atom is our each with a separate individuality. So much being as- cillus are certainly facts, and may be identified among fundamental point, and, so far as we may, we will try to sumed we now find ourselves in the midst of a universe of their fellows by an individuality as marked as that of any

creative power in finite degree. He wills, and his poten- lecting companions from the crowd around him, and surely as mammoth or cave hyena when conditions tial energy becomes kinetic or active. To use an every- driving off unacceptable company. In these humble be- change, and not before. Homo is waking to his power. according to the rate of his vibration, and his own posi- positive," or the principle of attraction and repulsion out he can change conditions within his own organism. cosmic speck-a homeless old bachelor. He had no watching in yonder nebulae the birth of a universe. That ment" whether by drugs, hygiene or active mental energy. We now, once again, repeat the thought already ex- wants, no desires, neither likes nor dislikes, but just idled | means that Egos innumerable are there in active associa- The point I want to emphasize is that Ego in his degree, tion, and with their united intelligence all directed to one and Homo in his degree, are each wielders of creative end. In that association is what we call "life," for life is force. Their emanations which we call "thoughts" are the expression of intelligence amid the conditions of alive, and take form as ultra microscopic specks like Ego ness of the author. Price 10 cents. For sale at this Ego's surroundings.

ion of individual attraction and repulsion. It has likes has evolved from the atom into these microscopic foes beand dislikes, the same as the Ego atom, for they are the fore the form of Homo can be made to writhe amid expression of its intelligence. And this intelligence hav- plague fury, and presently dissolve into its unharmed We must now make a little study of the powers of Ego to save that form from hell, a divine form died on the ing, in untold cons, passed through the conditions of cre- Egos.

Senior and God Junior expressing itself just as conditions | real value.

there is an outlet for a further display of intelligence. pears. It was always present; and the scientific hunt for The one biological record that must ever remain un- the beginning of life on our planet has thus been ever a studied is the life history of Ego and his father First ludicrous attempt to discover the impossible. This dis-Cause. Our studies must begin and end with the atom covery that every form contains life, and is the expression therein is the truth we are seeking, and the key to many hold by which to reach other truths in the manifestations

San Leandro, Cal.

By Charles Dawbarn,

We want to keep in mind that the live atom, being ultra microscopic, that is to say, far beyond mortal ken or Ego is a reflection of First Cause. The student is a instrument, will never become an object for study. Yet but a molecule of the universe, and, in its turn, dominat-When intelligence becomes active something happens, ing by its conditions its own little groups of atoms. So

other form life. But such microbe is only a half-way At the very first glance we perceive a marvelous exhi- house between Ego and poor Homo dying of plague or hand in hand with science, which is really the orderly ar- bition of intelligence. It is life itself, varying only in de- cholera. That form is as much the child of Ego as every rangement, and common sense use of accumulated facts. gree from atom Ego up to First Cause. We must not, other form of life. Of course it propagates its own, as Ego while alone is unthinkable and unwatchable by however, think of Ego as a speck who is to grow in size does every other living thing born of Ego and blended mortal eye. So is his father God Senior. We are forms, and power, all by himself, as he gathers experience. For into form. It may have been centuries or ages before it and can only think of forms. God Junior wields the as we pass outward from the atom we find intelligence se- reached even microscopic size, and it will die away as sible to Deity than the whole of intelligence, energy and day word he "vibrates," and instantly attracts or repels ginnings this faculty of selection is called "negative or He has discovered that amongst other wonderful faculties

I am not proposing to discuss what is called "treathimself. Such specks are of little might for good or ill If matter be the result of the gathering of Ego atoms until they have blended like to like. There was a time

Let your Ego and mine, reader, think thoughts of love, peace, justice, truth, each and all become form specks Attraction and repulsion are themselves evidence of amid which an inharmonious microbe could find no mates are only combinations of Ego atoms, with intelligence al- ways be microscopic life seeking mates and finding them, ways present, because intelligence inheres to every separ- but most of them become creations that not merely hartion of cohesion," but it is life. It is the life of God Ego's experiences will remain imperfect, and of very little

right hand corner of the first page is advanced each week, showing the number of Progressive Thinkers issued up to date. Keep watch of the number on the tag of your wrapper. Lectures by the Swami Vivekagands, on Raja Yoga; or Conquering the Internal Nature, and other subjects; also, Patanjall's Yoga Aphorisms, with commentaries and a coplous glossary of Sanskrit terms. Revised and enlarged, 12mo., Cloth, \$1,50. Raja Yoga is an ancient system of Indian Philosophy, and one of the four chief methods that the Vedanta Philosophy offers to obtain freedom and perfection. Swami Vivekananda became a familiar figure in several American cities during the three years following the Parliament of Religions at Chicago; he was cordially received in America, where the breadth and depth of his teachings were soon recognized. His teachings are universal in their application. The book is cheap at \$1.50. For sale at this office.

Woman, Church and State,

557

The above is the number of the present issue of The Progressive Thinker,

as printed at the top of the first page, right hand corner. If this number cor-responds with the figures on your wrap-

per, then the time you have paid for has

expired, and you are requested to renew. your subscription. This number at the

A Historical Account of the Status of Woman Through the Christian Ages, with Reminiscences of the Matri-

archate.

BY MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE

THE AMOUNT OF VALUABLE IN.

formation succinctly and clearly stated in this volume of 554 pages is amazing. The title, as above given, falls to convey an idea of the fulness and completeness with which the subjects are treated. The Matriarchate, or Mother-rule, is the thems of the first chapter, in which much lore, quaint, quaer and curtous, is brought to view in elucidation of the subject. This is followed by chapters on Celibacy, Canon Law, Marquette, Witchcraft, Wives, Polygamy, Woman and Work, The Church of To-day, Past, Present, Future; and there is not a chapter in the book that is not handled in a masterly manner, and that for quantity and quality of information, is not worth the full price of the volume. It is packed with knowledge well-arranged, and intensely interesting from beginning to end. No one can possibly regret buying it; it is a valuable addition to the library of any free and truth-loving mind.

Price, \$2.66. For sale at this

AUTOMATIC WRITING

[SO-CALLED] WITH OTHER PSYCHIC EXPERIENCES

SARA A. UNDERWOOD,

men Pages of the Writing.

Handsomely bound in cloth. Price \$1. Postage 10 cents. For sale at this office.

THE SPIRITUAL BIRTH. OR DEATH AND ITS TO-MORROW.

The Spiritual Idea of Death, Heaven and Hell, By Moses HULL. This pamphiet besides giving the Spiritualistic interpretation of many things in the Bible—interpretations never before given, explains the heavens and hells believed in by Spiritualists. Price, 10 cents. For sale at this office.

THE REAL ISSUE.

By Moses Hull. A compound of the two pamphilots, "The Irrepressible Conflict," and "Your Answer or Your Life;" with important additions, making a book of 160 pages all for 25 cents. This book contains statistics, facts and documents, on the tendencies of the times, that every one abould have. For sale at this office.

God in the Constitution.

ORIGIN OF LIFE and How the Spirit Body Grows. By M. Faraday. Price, 10c. For sale at this office.

The Development of the Spirit

After Transition. By M. Faraday. Transcribed at the request of a band of ancient philosophers. Price 10 cents. Por sale at this office. The Spiritual Body Real.

Views of Paul, Wesley and others. Valuable tos-timonies of modern clairvoyants. Witnesses of the separation of the spiritual body from the dying physical form. By Giles B. Stebbius. Price, 100.

CHURCH AND STATE The Bible in the Public Schools; the New "American" Party. By "Jefferson." Third edition. 28 pages. Price 10 cents. For sale at this office.

The Science of Spirit Return. By Charles Dawbarn. A scientific rehearsal that is truly interesting. Price 10 cents. For sale at this

Seers of the Ages.

Spiritualism, Past and Present.

OCTRINES STATED AND MORAL TEND-ENCIES DEFINED. BY J. M. PREBLES, M. D.

An exceedingly interesting and instructive book. Cloth. \$1.25. For sale at this office.

To the Editor:-After five months of to comfort those in distress, and aid Your Ruling Planet Discovered by Astrology. af Astrology and its laws. Price, 25c.

Appeals to Methodists. A short discourse by spirit Bishop Haven, given automatically through the hand of Carrie E. S. Twing. Price 20c. For sale at this office.

RIGHTLIVING

SUSAN H. WIXON,

Author of "Apples of Gold," "All in a Lifetime," "The Story Hour," "Summer Days at Onset," "Sunday Observance," etc., etc.

"Living is an art, a method of expressing great conceptions; in fact, the highest method, the noblest of the arts."—Thomas Stark King.

This book gives an admirable course of study in ethics, and supplies a long-felt want of an ethical text-book especially adapted to the comprehension of children, as well as older persons whom it is wisely and appropriately designed to interest while teaching them relyable athical lessons. them valuable ethical lessons.

The author shows a wise practicality in her method of teaching the principles of ethics. She illustrates her subject with many brief narratives and anecdotes, which render the book more interesting and more easily comprehended. It is especially adapted for use in children's lyceums. In the hands of moth-

ers and teachers it may be made very useful. Young and old will be benefited by it. It is a most excellent book and should be widely circulated. CONTENTS: Right Living. What Is Morality? What is Ignor-

Right Living. What Is Morality? What is Ignorance? Knowledge the Great Treasure. Concerning Education. Conduct; or Right Doing. Virtue, the Illuminator of Life. Prudence, an Economy of Life. What Know Ye of Justice? Fortitude a Noble Possession. Temperance and Intemperance. Is the Use of Tobacco Dangerous? Cultivation of Individuality. Character, a Jewel of Great Price. Idleness, Auother Name for Loss. Industry, the Staff of Life. Value of a Trade. Recreation a Necessity. Games of Chance. Truth and Faisehood. What is an Oaft? or the Worth of a Promise. Fraud a Crime. The Poison of Slander. What Is Hypocrisy? Conscience, or Moral Sense. Schishness, the Menace of Society. Gratitude, a Fragrant Flower of Life. Is Reverence to live that religion we will have no chance to go wrong, for we will be too Moral Sense. Selfishness, the Menace of Society. Gratitude, a Fragrant Flower of Life. Is Reverence a Duty? Self-Reliance. Self-Control. Sek-Respect. Foolish Pride and Silly Prejudice. Anger, the Distortor. The Angel of Forgiveness. Observation a Great Faculty. Perseverance, the Friend of Man. Punctuality, a Promotor of Success. The Difficulties of Life. Temptation, the Demon on the Highway. Habit, Second Nature. Power of Will. Courage, Necessity to Right Living. In Regard to Concealed Vice. Beautiful Charity. Fidelity, the Giver of Strength and Honor. Value of Wealth. Avarice, Not a Means to Life's Best End. Good Nature, One of Life's Best Blossoms. Reason and Free Inquiry. Free Speech. A Free Press. Hights of Animals. Rights of Children. Human Rights; or the Equality of Man.—Moral Cleanliness. Politeness—The Gentleman. Politeness—Continued—The Gentlewoman. Best Society. Progress; or Enlightenment. Wisdom.

"Origin of Life, or Where Man Comes Price, Cloth, \$1. Sold at this Office,

GHOST DANCING. Sioux, principally Brules, the Chey- heard, the old-timers say, was never ennes and the Arapahoes journeyed forgotten. At times the song would be into the desert of Nevada and there an incoherent, disconnected conversa-

Coming of the Messiah-Its Underlying Idea.

CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED THE

Ghost dancing among the Sioux In- upon him, of his crucifixion, suffering many of them belonging to the band of York Sun. dians is a thing of the past. The Mes- and death. He instructed them in the famous old medicine man, Sitting siah craze, which led to fierce battlings | morality and taught them certain re- | Bull. They believed the Indian millenwith the whites in the years gone by, ligious dances and songs, the ghost nium would come with the next spring has died out. Such was the unanimous dance among them. The medicine man when the new grass appeared. Soldiers opinion of the ranchmen and former In- told them that they had been punished were hurried from all parts of the coundian fighters who were among the dele- by the white races for evil deeds done try. They herded the Indians into the gates to the recent Nebraska Repub- by their forbears, but that their time agencies, and pursued the wandering lican State Convention. Among these of travail was about ended. They said bands of fanatics into the Bad Lands. delegates was one who was neither a that he had told them that all the dead and there proved to them that their ranchman nor an old Indian fighter, Indians should return to life; that the ghost shirt was only painted muslin and yet he knows more perhaps of the great herds of buffalo, antelope, elk and and incapable of turning the bullet of history of the senseless craze that lured | wild horses were to be reincarnated; | the white man. The ghost dance was to death many of the braves of the that thereafter the white man would held for six days and nights at the be-Northwest tribes than does any of the be unable to manufacture gunpowder ginning of every new moon, by comranchmen. This man is Gen. L. W. or bullets that would penetrate the mand of the Messiah. Month after Colby, for five years Brigadier General dress they were to assume; that he month in 1890 the dance was kept up. of the Nebraska militia, but now a law- would cover the earth with thirty feet yer of Beatrice. It was Colby who led of additional soil, well sodded and tim- Indian police, backed by the soldiers, the State militia to the frontier in the | Bered, under which the whites would | all of the Indians except the Sioux were | winter of 1890-91, when ghost dancing be suffocated, and that any white man brought under control. The Sioux were was at its worst, and his connection who escaped would be turned into small numerous and defiant. They refused to with that campaign prompted him to fishes in the rivers of the land. All that quit dancing and treated the agents' oroutbreak and the basis of the queer | believe and organize.

illusions that prevailed in the tribes. purpose of placing the physical being in talked with his son, killed years before sonal search was ordered. The first dea state of exaltation wherein the spirit in war. gains intimate communion with the The men and women began to make by the Indians, who had their guns dead and with the Messiah. It is a holy shirts and dresses. White muslin concealed beneath their blankets and curious fact, attested by the better edu- | was used. Blue and yellow stripes were | ghost shirts. There were 140 bucks, cated Indians, that this idea of an In- placed on the back and front. On many and 250 women and children in the dian Messiah was an adoption of the were rude pictures, some of eagles and band. The signal for hostilities was Christian idea of the Savior, doubtless some of buffalo. Eagle feathers were given by the medicine man grabbing a traceable to the teachings of the early worn on the shoulders, sleeves and handful of earth and flinging it above missionaries. The expected advent of head. Nothing made of metal was per- his head. The soldiers were of Custer's an Indian Messiah has been among the mitted except guns. First a man stood old command and soon railied. The Intraditions of the Indians of North in the circle of dancers, then a woman, dians retreated to their tepees after America almost from the beginning of until a large circle was formed. They they had lost fifty-two men. Before the their contact with the whites, and when danced round and round till, one by one, battle ended 116 Indians, including Big the failure of crops in 1889 and 1890 the dancers grew tired and dizzy. They Foot and sixty or seventy women and left the Indians without the subsistence | fell to the ground and foamed at the | children, hiding in the tepees, were ment failing to furnish all of the sup- returned to consciousness they told of killed. plies demanded—their minds naturally wonderful things they had seen and This demonstration of the worthless-

investigate the reason for the Indian was asked of the Indians was that they ders with contempt. The collision came These medicine men described the 29. Several companies of soldiers had Ghost dancing, according to Gen. Christ as a man of forty years of age. surprised and captured Big Foot's Colby, was nothing more nor less than They said he gave them certain signs band, the leaders in the deviltry of the an adaptation of the frenzy dances of wherewith to work miracles and these times. They were lined up while a the whirling dervishes of Turkey and they had tested and found effective. search of their tepees was made for Egypt, an exercise undertaken for the One chief professed to have seen and arms. This proved fruitless and a per-

upon which they depended—the govern- mouth, then lay as dead. When they killed. The soldiers had twenty-five Price \$1. For sale at this office. turned to thoughts of the Messiah's ad- heard. The song they sang while danc- ness of the ghost shirt as armor had a vent. In the summer of 1890 the idea ing was in the nature of a chant, with powerful effect upon the other dancing

cine men from the Shoshones, the frain was at times a wail, which, once, did the Messiah idea present the future claimed to have seen the Indian Christ. | tion between the Great Spirit and the When they returned they told to great | ghost dancer, supposed to take place | tribal meetings what they had seen-a after the latter, having fainted from followers of the craze sought to revive man with head bowed in sorrow and exhaustion and mental excitement, had this dance, but each time it was sternly with scars on wrists, feet and face. He | mounted upon wings and entered into | repressed. The end came last year when

By the influence of the agents and the at Wounded Knee Creek, on December tachment of searchers was shot down

the Messiah had actually come. Medi- second beat of common time. The re- belief died hard, however. So alluringly office. Price \$1.

to the simple-minded braves that they were loth to give it up. The following year ghost dancing was again started, but was soon stopped by the Indian police. Periodically since then have the NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN TO whiter race from sin and suffering, of the Cruelty that race had practiced agency about 2,000 Indians gathered, only a score of believers in all the Sioux could be got together. Then, and then agency about 2,000 Indians gathered, only, was it finally abandoned.—New

THE WHITE ROSE GRAVE.

A snow-white rose upon a grave-Long may its blossoms bow! The sweetest flower God ever gave To deck a saintly brow. Its purity is like your face,

Its golden heart your hair; And in its perfume I can trace A symbol of your prayer. Dear friend, count every leaf that grows A loving thought of you;

And every snowy bud that blows A memory wet with dew; And every root that rests in gloom A heart-string twining, dust; But all the rising sweet perfume As higher hope and trust.

I'd envy this fair plantlits place So near your folded liands, Did I not feel your angel face Looks down and understands. Each time you seek these green retreats, O count my spirit near:

For in a rose's heaft there beats The heart that placed it here. Fair rose, thro' symmer's drouth brave.

And through the winter's strife; The dearest dust sleeps in this grave-O garland it with life! Make fragrant all the summer air. And with your dying breath A message unto heaven bear, Of love that knows no death.

CALLA HARCOURT.

"From Soul to Soul." By Emma Rood Tuttle. Lovers of poetry will find gems of thought in poetic diction in this handsome volume, wherewith to sweeten hours of leisure and enjoyment.

KINDLY CRITICISM.

Loveland on the influence of Christianity.

I remember to have read a similar

article from his pen, in the Banner of Light, some time ago. I mused over this in this wise: "Why does a man who claims to be intelligent, put his intelligence to such ill use?" when suddenly one of my spirit teachers became visible to me and said: "Why marvelest learned by observation and experience thou concerning the expressions of this man? His language demonstrates his status in progression. He has been a student on many lines of thought and shadows to the light. Our spiritual has mounted some summits, but lacks true spiritual unfoldment and growth to give him the necessary counterpoise, of great price in places that seem bartrue light and understanding of things spiritual. However, he fills a niche in God's plan with man. His point of view for some time past and at present is egotistical and rendered oblique do good my religion," and in the effort through the selfish shades of which his personal aura is composed. However it will soon be disturbed and changed, then he will see the same things of while looking only for the good in all which he now speaks so ill, from another point of view and behold of a truth what his part of service in the past and present should have been to the progress of the world and the weal of the people. He is gifted with talents for the use of which he must give an account."

gression's car and are dead weights

the people? True, I have always done

everything I could in my humble way

I have long since learned under the

stowed, are, as a rule, not appreciated

at the time by those so aided, which

condition then makes it hard for the

benefactor, whoever he may be, for the

reason that there are no reciprocal cur-

rents established to bring back ex-

pended energy. It is a give all and re-

ceive nothing service; but I have also

triumphs, we journey through the

sight and discerning powers are quick-

ened to behold and to gather treasures

In contemplating what we owe to the

world, we should place before us this

busy to search for the faults of others

"Mind and Body: Suggestions and Hypnotism Applied in Medicine and

Education." By A. C. Halphide. President Chicago Society of Anthropology.

For sale at this office. Price \$1.

MRS. M. KLEIN.

We pass through afflictions

that all comes right in time.

ren to the physical sight.

and striving to promote it.

Van Wert, Ohio.

He disappeared, and again I mused like this: What have I been contributing and what am I now, to the progression of the world and the weal of

illness caused by a serious accident, I those in need whom I could reach-to the limit of my strength and means. im again able to read and write a little. To-day when The Progressive Thinker Still perhaps more could have been done sometimes, yet I see not how. was handed to me, I read it with great When we send out none but good interest until I came to J. S. Loveland's thoughts and wishes and do in word article on "The Influence of Christianiand deed what our strength and means ty," the perusal of which pained me. I permit, we certainly contribute our fail to see the use or good to any cause share to the great cause of humanity. or individual, in continuously trying to berate and belittle the works and tutorship of angels, that our divinity workers of other spiritual eras or of our must prove itself by our humanity, and own. Sensitive as I am, I felt the Protoo often my ardent desires and efforts fessor's bitterness, especially toward to do good and help others have brought Jesus of Nazareth, etc., and that he me very sorrowful experiences, which wished for yet stronger language, if it have taught me that services of love were possible, with which to express for the weal of others, unselfishly be-

Then a sad expression came over the "Our Bible: Who Wrote It? When? face of the angel, and he continued: "It Where? How? Is It Infallible? A were well if all mortals did consider Voice from The Higher Criticism. A more seriously their own duties as fac- From." "The Evolution of the Spirit few thoughts on other Bibles." By tors of the whole human family and from Matter Through Organic Probecame widespread and was followed some variations from a monotone. Indians, and they sullenly submitted, Moses Hull. Of especial value and in expected contributors to the progress of cesses, or How the Spirit Body Grows."
soon after by the announcement that Emphasis was given at about every after weeks of protest. The ghost dance terest to Spiritualists. For sale at this the world and the weal of all its people. By Michael Faraday. Price 10 cents. Alas! too many clog the wheels of Pro- For sale at this office.

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

that is no reason why they should be suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly understood that our space is inadequate to publish everything that comes to hand, however much we might desire to do so. That must account for the non-appearance of YOUR article.

WRITE PLAINLY .- We would lik to impress upon the minds of our correspondents that The Progressive Thinker is set up on a Linotype machine that must make speed equal to about four compositors. That means rapid work, and it is essential that all copy, to insure insertion in the paper, all other requirements being favorable, should be written plainly with ink on white paper, or with a typewriter, and only on one side of the paper.

ITEMS.—Bear in mind that items for the General Survey will all cases be adjusted to the space, we have to occupy, and in order to do that they will generally have to be abridged more or less; otherwise many items would be crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line item is cut down to ten lines, and ten lines to two lines, as occasion may require. Every item sent to us for publication, should contain the full name and address of the writer. We desire to know the source of every item that appears. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

Ferdinand Fox Jencken writes from during my recent illness in Seney Hos-

Virginie Barrett writes: "I am at Lake Brady for a few weeks of rest. I letters to Lake Brady, Ohio, by way of | eight o'clock." Kent, care of hotel."

J. Martin writes: "I have just completed reading that wonderful work, been nothing short of a revelation to Christian social reformer. It is said me, and a source of information little dreamed of. It is truly a marvelous rendition, and bespeaks its angelic au- | bodily defective. They carry on frauds thority in every line."

Cornelius Van Buren writes: "I wish to correspond with some good, honest psychometric reader or test medium, who has at heart the work of an evangelistic nature, and who can give readings or tests in public after lectures. wish to have such a person accompany me in a new evangelistic work in the Western states. Steady employment. Address at Waterloo, Iowa.'

Harry Moore writes from 2979 Wa bash avenue, Chicago, Ill.: "As my wife will take charge of the Avenue Spiritualist Society the ensuing fall and winter, I will be open for engagements with societies after the month of August, and anyone addressing me at the above address will find out my terms and the nature of my work."

The New York Press says: "A man and his wife, Christian Scientists, have been arrested in West Virginia on a charge of murder. The Humane Soclety ordered them to provide medical attention for their sick child. They refused to do so. The child died. This capital charge is the logical outcome of these conditions, and the trial will be interesting as defining the point to which the law will redress wrongs committed under the stress of religious mania. The parents did not intend to kill their child. There is, however, such a thing as accessory to a crime after the fact, where the criminality is not direct, but is limited to mere concealment. In this case there was an actual command which was disobeyed. The strangeness and unreasonableness of such cases lie in the fact that the use of medicines under pressure is not incompatible with a belief in the nonposed to exist and be supreme and a physician's treatment taken also. But never do you find a Christian Scientist who is willing to take a soupcon of medicine with his overmastering faith. he is sick himself, but his helpless children must suffer for his error.

The New York Times says: "Christian Science was arraigned in strong terms yesterday by William A. Purrington in Let us put aside selfishness, and be lib- in it freely-too freely, perhaps. Amid a lecture delivered before the class for the_discussion of present day problems at the Broadway Tabernacle. Speaking on 'The Sophistries and Dangers of Christian Science,' he characterized the so-called faith as a product 'of ignorance, irreverence, vanity, vulgarity, inconsequence, incoherence, and greed, and charged that its textbook, 'Science and Health, With a Key to the Scriptures,' was written in a jargon at once irritating and comical in the eyes of intelligent and educated persons not under the spell of the delusion."

E. W. Church writes from Harveyville, Kas: "Having a small inheritance in land, and feeling the need as a worker for the public, of some retreat for quiet rest, I decided to found such for all who should prove congenial to myself and to each other. My desire is to hold public meetings where addresses upon advanced lines of thought will be presented free to the people. We began with Spiritualist meetings. One such meeting was arranged last fall, and the Town Hall engaged, but the directors learning the purpose of its use, utterly refused to allow the exercises to take place there, as they declared them unfit for a place which was sometimes used as a church. Application was then made for the M. E. Church without success. There have been thus far two meetings held this summer with fair attendance. Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 28, and the subject 'Good Roads.' These have been grove meetings, and the others have been held on Sunday. The desire is to establish Sunday grove meetings during the warm months. The effort might well be copied elsewhere, since the groves

was in Chicago, and went to see the could not be sure whether the appearatime. My informant is an American Bangs Sisters, and had a reading. I ance was his friend or a spectral illu- lady residing in Peking," According to wrote questions to four friends in spirit | sion till he had tried to touch it and | Dr. Ellis, the present is the third meslife. folded them with four sheets of heard the voice. Goethe saw an exact sage received by him from his informblank paper, in a plain envelope, sealed counterpart of himself advancing to ant. He said he knew positively that It up and placed it between two slates, ward him, an experience repeated by Minister Conger and his family were holding them in my hands while the Wilkle Collins. Sir Walter Scott re- absolutely safe up to 6 o'clock July 21, medium sat away. In due time she re- lates that soon after the death of Lord and were under the protection of the moved the slates, and I opened the en- Byron he read an account of the de- downger empress. The latter, the docvelope and found the four sheets of ceased poet. On stepping into the hall tor says, desires it to be known that, blank paper were covered with seven immediately after he saw right before though she is powerless to prevent the pages of closely written answers, in him in a standing posture the exact revolution in the capital, she will proink, to my questions,"

were God's first temples,"

CONTRIBUTORS.—Each contributor | Take due notice, that all items for is alone responsible for any assertions this page must be accompanied by the or statements he may make. The editor | full name and address of the writer. It allows this freedom of expression, be- will not do to say that Secretary or Corlieving that the cause of truth can be respondent writes so and so, without best subserved thereby. Many of the giving the full name and address of the sentiments uttered in an article may be writer. The items of those who do not diametrically opposed to his belief, yet | comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

Hull, of Buffalo."-

given at the home of Mrs. Slosson, No. | tures I ever heard delivered, by A. E. 19 Elizabeth street, Thursday, July 26, Tisdale, the blind medium. In the afafternoon and evening. The ladies are ternoon Frank T. Ripley ordained our requested to bring lunch, and Mrs. Slos- sister and co-worker, Mrs. Emma son will serve ten and coffee at six Blake. Following this Mr. and Mrs. o'clock. Social in the afternoon, and a Carpenter took the meeting in charge, progressive enchre party in the evening, and that great audience of hundreds of A-cordial invitation is extended to all people sang, and dear Mrs. Carpenter's their friends.

A late dispatch from Baltimore, Md., says: "A score or more women of this city are now mourning the loss of gold uables which they handed over to Spiritualistic sharps to have their troubles the two 'mediums' or 'professors,' who Harry Leroy. They are charged with obtaining money under false pretenses." We advise Spiritualists everywhere to look out for Spiritualistie "sharps." cities, and they are well patronized, showing how easy it is to deceive a certain class.

New York: "Will you kindly grant me | Harmony holds its sessions every first space to thank the friends of the Ad- and third Thursday of the months the the streets. The vast audience forgot vanced Spiritual Conference of Brook- whole year around. We are not having the sacred surroundings and burst into lyn, especially Mrs. M. Robinson and vacation as many suppose, because Mrs. | frequent applause at his arraignment her little band of 'Willing Workers,' Richmond is away for the summer. of the liquor traffic and the trusts and for their kind assistance to my family | We are having very pleasant meetings | his optimistic prophecy for the world's place of meeting is No. 40 Randolph his hearers by the statement that he street, room 608, Handel Hall Building. | had seen more drunken men and women We begin at 3:30 o'clock for afternoon in England and Scotland in a month session. The ladies bring refresh- than in Topeka in twelve years. He fornia home with its sunshine and flowhave open dates for winter and camps | ments, and we serve ten and coffee at | followed his home thrust with an exon reasonable terms. Please address all six o'clock. Evening session begins at

The following is going the rounds of the press: "A movement against Spiritualism has been started in Germany by The Arcana of Spiritualism,' and it has the court preacher, Stoecker, the great there are no less than six hundred mediums in Berlin, the most of whom are and humbugs in the name of ghosts. They are reported to have 60,000 followers in that city, who show great variety of character. Some are serious; some seek spirits for sport; some let weak nerves lead them to seances and visions; while most regard Spiritualism as a new way of calling up the dead to | Christian Endeavor vote, and declared | band. Her strong healing powers have teach the living."

Mrs. Hamilton Gill, the well-known test medium, will visit the following Michigan camp-meetings: Island Lake, Briggs Park and Vicksburg. She will also attend Clinton and Marshalltown camps, Iowa. The friends will please note that the usual Thursday evening circles have been discontinued, as Mrs. Gill will not be in Chicago until after September 15.

The Muncie (Ind.) Herald says: "The Mediums' Protective Association of Indiana has been organized wit a membership of over 100. The purpose is for mutual protection against so-called unjust discrimination by the directory of the Indiana Association of Spiritualists, who have issued an order that no medium will be permitted to do business in the Chesterfield camp unless invited by the board. Heretofore the mediums were wholly unrestrained." We can not see wherein bonest mediumship is injured in any way by the Chesterfield camp board. The speakers are invited, China, but the climax will be put upon and why not extend the same privilege to mediums? True mediumship never Russia with the help of the English, suffers in such a case as this.

Wm. Scheth writes from Kansas: "Brother Mathis' suggestion in the last Progressive Thinker is a very good one, I than the United States, and her empire and I hope that every subscriber to The | will even last longer than China's. Progressive Thinker will take notice Those future wars will be less bloody and carry out his plan. I have been than the present one, as Japanese are entity of disease. Faith might be sup- practicing Brother Mathis' suggestion | milder and not as cruel as the Chinese. ever since I was a subscriber to The Average people will then become better Progressive Tunker. I never allow and also more friendly to the higher one to go to waste with me, but I send | world. They will then listen to our adthem all out to do missionary work vice and information, and the two wherever I think they will do the most | worlds will draw nearer together and And the pity of it is that he is not con- | good with people who are as hungry | work in unison to the common benefit tent with enforcing his theories when for truth and knowledge as I am, but of the human race. And so, good will less able to pay for the same. By prac- | come out of evil, and this present ticing this method we are enabled to cruel war will after all be the first step bring light and knowledge (at very little | towards a final blessing to all humancost) to a large number of people who lity." It is exceedingly easy to "prewould other wise remain in darkness, dict;" and some spirits seem to indulge eral with our papers when we are these innumerable prophecies some can through with them."

> Joseph E. Benjamin writes from Bennington, Vt.: "The books and papers received, with many thanks and much gratification. They constitute an immense amount of good reading matter for the sum invested. Of course it is learn which of our state camp-meetings surprising until one stops and thinks I will visit. I desire to inform them and sees that you are doing it on the Divine Plan with the help of kindred spirits, all for the betterment of hu- Freeville (N. Y.) as long as that camp is manity. May the strength of all good open; after that go immediately to Lily and true spiritual power abide with you Dale. I will be at my country residence forever. I am something of a Panthe- near Fulton, N. Y., during the intermeist: I fail to find any God but man, diate time, where all correspondents de-The more I read and think and reason, siring to engage my services either for the more I find out that I don't know, platform work as speaker and test meand I know that I don't know. Self- dium, or to officiate at funerals can adcreation and self-destruction is what I | dress me."

find uppermost." Wells, Texas, a famous watering place | with other foreigners in a subterranean and health resort. He was the princi- passage between the imperial palace pal speaker at the grove meeting at and the British legation. They are suf-Caddo, Tex., held on the 4th and 5th of | fering somewhat from lack of food, but July, in celebration of American inde- no bodily harm has come to any of pendence and in behalf of universal them." This is the communication sent mental liberty and true civilization. to the President's mansion. Washing-His next points will be Fort Worth and | ton, D. C., by Dr. J. C. Ellis, a physician Dallas, Dennison, and Indian Territory. In good standing, and claimed to have The Westminster Review says: been received by him direct from Pekin "There is no doubt that a person may | through a secret but entirely authentic apparently see objects and hear words | source. "I am not yet prepared to anwhich another person close by cannot see and hear. Such impressions are to be referred not to actually existing objects, but to the action of the subject's ly trustworthy. I expect another mesmind. Dr. Abereromby tells us of one sage soon, and will take pains to inpatient who could, by directing his at- form the authorities and the public." tention to an idea, call up to sight the When asked how it was that he could appropriate image or scene, though the receive messages from Pekin when the thing called up were an object he had government could not succeed in renever seen, but had merely imagined. | celving official communications, Dr. El-S. H. West writes: "On the 21st ult. I | When meeting a friend in the street he | lis replied: "That will be explained in

representation of his departed friend, tect the foreigners at all hazards.

whose recollection had been so strongly brought to his imagination. After stopping a moment to note the extraordi-

peared." teresting and instructive, and her test | us next Sunday."

Occult Temple, Detroit, Michigan: preciative. The lectures and messages | your energy and your ink, friends. Speakers-Rev. B. F. Austin, of To- were very kindly received, and it is my Mr. Gibson is alive and well, and is still ronto, July 23; Lyman C. Howe, August | desire to express her good speed in all | the respected pastor of the Bartlett 2. August 21 and 22, dedication of their work in the Union. I was at the street church, where the crimes were newly rebuilt temple, by Rev. Moses camp meeting at Grand Rapids yester- committed. 'Be sure you're right; then day, July 15, and in the morning I lis- | go ahead." A Band of Harmony benefit will be | tened to one of the most scientific lecguides did the rest. Oh! it was a glorious day, full of love and spirituality. Much harmony is exercised on the watches, diamond rings, and other val- be glad of this camp, and we are sure of success in every particular. I have National day in charge, aside from my removed. Detectives are looking for week's engagement. We from Grand Rapids send greeting to all other camps, went by the names of Milton Ellis and | and hope you are getting along as well as we are in Grand Rapids."

Londoners (England) fought their way to Christ church, Westminster. lately, to hear the Rev. Charles M. Shel-They can be found in all our large | don, of Topeka, Kans., but only three thousand persons were able to wedge themselves in, and so the preacher-editor was compelled to address an over-Mrs. LeSieur writes: "The Band of flow meeting in the adjoining hall, and still another that congregated in the pression of horror at his discovery that eastern home, two weeks ago and am many ministers of the Gospel and church dignitaries in Great Britain were stockholders in British breweries. most delightful site for a camp-meeting. Speaking of the dawn of religious Nature has been bountiful in her gifts, brotherhood, Mr. Sheldon announced that a great evangelistic propaganda mination to succeed of our co-worker, would soon be undertaken in the Mr. G. V. Cordingley, the other camps United States by Dr. Newell Dwight about the country-porth, east south Hillis, of Brooklyn, and other promi- and west-will have to look to their nent American divines. To the Chris- laurels. I lectured to an appreciative tian Endeavorers of the world, whose audience last Sunday afternoon, and convention Mr. Sheldon had come to at | shall again occupy the rostrum, Sunday, tend, he suggested that politics was one | July 22. Mrs. H. Downing's home tent of the most inviting fields of activity | seems to be the magnetic center of the that lay open. He said that the present | camp ground. She welcomes all with a mayor of Topeka was elected by the sweet smile and a cordial grasp of the that organization was all that was needed to make the society a political | ful water that her guides prepare is a

> Henrietta Straub writes: "The follow-Fred Straub may seem preposterous, but I promised to send off what I received, to be recorded, if possible, in The Progressive Thinker, even should it all be erroneous. It was received July 7, 1900: "Dear mother, once more I was in China, to make sure that I was not mistaken in my yesterday's observations. Alas! it is the clear truth, and not one of our poor boys left to tell the sad news or bury his comrades. It is a weird, it is an ominous sight. War will now be precipitated. China will succumb and be divided, and our States will be a prominent factor in these events. It will receive a large share and become one of the foremost powers in the affairs of the world and stay so until defeated in a war with Russia. Then the United States will be wiped out in her turn, as she wiped out her fate by Japan, who, after defeating will make the best of what she finds in the United States. Japan will carry commerce and culture much farther not fail of hitting the mark, just as ordinary guessing on a horse race-some one is bound to predict correctly.

> Mary C. Von Kanzler writes: "To the friends who read The Progressive Thinker and have been writing me to through the columns of The Progressive Thinker that I now intend to be in

"Minister Conger, his family, and Prof. J. Madison Allen is at Mineral lady guests are safe. They are confined nounce the source of my news," said Dr. Ellis at his residence in K street "but it can be depended upon as entire-

Geo. W. Mathews writes from Vancouver, B. O.: A am pleased to inform you that on the 22d of June, George nary resemblance, he advanced toward | Campbell, of Naniamo, B. C., organized the Vancouver Psychical Research So-

it and the figure gradually disap- a society in this place to be known as M. E. Kelley writes from Williams- clety. We now have twenty-two memport, Pa.: "The First Church of Spirit- | bers on the roll; and expect to double in ualism has for its pastor, Mrs. Helen the next six weeks. We are going to Taylor, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Taylor try and get Mr. Hull to speak here has served the society for nearly two when he comes to Naniamo in Septemmonths, and has been successful in ber, if he can find the time. We expect proving her worth. Her lectures are in- to have Mrs. Reese, of Naniamo with

The Religio-Philosophical Journal Mrs. L. N. Claman writes from Shel- | says: "The liberal press of this country by, Mich.: "I have completed a very moralizes over the death-bed confession successful seven weeks' engagement of Rev. Geo. Gibson, of San Francisco, with the the Englewood Spiritual Who, they say, was guilty of the mur-Union, 63rd street, Chicago. My stay | der of the two girls in Emmanuel among the dear old friends was a pleas- Church of this city, for which crimes ure. Our audiences were large and ap- Theodore Durrant was hanged. Save

> J. K. Bubb writes: "I need The Progressive Thinker in my business. In its columns I find facts explained. I find truths therein, grand and sublime, which children and older ones should

tribute of the psychologically-developed | ble. In this practical age of analytic soul is the art of acquiring knowledge and sympathetic methods of procedure by what might be termed interior pene- the true scientist first makes sure of his tration; that is, the nature of the thing premises, after which, if he is careful ground among mediums, and all seem to resolves itself into one's inner con- of the logic of his premises and doesn't sciousness without any apparent effort | use ambiguous terms and ambiguous of the mind. Thus a letter may be held forms of speech, his deductions and conunopened in the hand or laid on the breast and yet rend with perfect clearness by the mental vision of an adept. Even more strange is the art of transferring the body, yet it is asserted that | what constitutes man? What, if any, those who have delved deeply into the are the peculiar traits of character that secrets of nature can and do project distinguish him from other animates? their astral bodies to any point they wish. A person in Madrid wishing to we full to find in man one trait not communicate in New York can thus possessed by others. Man excels in throw out not only mind, but his astral some traits and is excelled in others. body, which can be seen as one would Man, however, possesses a greater perceive a magnetic aura. This, it is number in a higher degree than any said, is done by the adepts of the East | other animated being but his excelat any time, and from the interior of lence is wholly a result of fortuitous Thibet-a land in which no white man environments whereby greater evoluhas penetrated-there comes wonderful | tion is obtained; not from any original stories of the science of the Mahatmas, design or impress. or men learned in Brahminical lore."

Camp with a stirring address.

Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong writes from Lake Villa, Ill.: "I left my Caliers, and my dear soldier boys, for my tion. stopping off en route to fill an engagement at Deep Lake camp. This is a and with the will power and the deteralready been felt here and the wonderbalm for suffering humanity. I shall be at Central New York Camp, the first ing message and prophecy by spirit of August. I bring greeting from the golden state to all eastern friends."

S. M. Tucker writes: "The Arkansas Valley Spiritual Association held its annual camp-meeting in Island Park, Winfield, Kansas, commencing July 7. and closing July 16, 1900. While the attendance was not as large as it might have been, we had a good time and paid all expenses. Our speakers were Mrs. Hinsdale, of Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Mabee, of Topeka, Kans.; Mrs. Bessie Bellman, of Howard, Kans, and S. M. Tucker, of Wichita, Kans. Their lectures were well received. Our platform test mediums were Mrs. Steward of Kansas City, Mo.; and Mrs. W. W. Aber, of Spring Hill, Kansas. W. W. Aber, materializing medium, held several seances. All manifestations were well received. At the election of offi cers for the ensuing year, the following were elected: President, S. M. Tucker, Wichita, Kans.; vice-president, Mrs. Bessle Bellman, Howard, Kansas; secretary, Chas. O. Bethel, Winfield, Kans.; treasurer, Mrs. Harriet Eastman, Winfield, Kans.; trustee, Dr. A. S. Martin, Cedar Vale, Kans. The association is in a prosperous condition and determined to continue in the good

Pon-she-wa-ing, Mich. Sunday, July 8, was closing day of Pon-she-wa-ing Camp-meeting. day being cold and rainy, the audience was not so large as on former Sundays, but those who were in attendance enjoyed two grand and soul-inspiring lectures. The address by Mr. O. A. Edgerly in the forenoon was highly appreciated by all present, and in the afternoon Mr. A. E. Tisdale held the audience spellbound with his profound lecture. Miss Glada Kellam sang in a pleasing manner "Whatever is is Best." a poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, with music by Mr. Maxham, and with her permission, dedicated to Mr. Tisdale. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Martha Root she could not be with us on Woman's Day. Dr. Rosamond Conger, of Chicago, addressed the meeting in the afternoon. Dr. Conger's talk was very impressive and shows to us that she has worked and thought on this subject for many years. Drs. M. E. and Rosamond Conger were with us two weeks, delivering lectures and teaching a class in practical medicine. They are genial no evidence of immortality. The secand pleasing people and were greatly ond birth is wondrously mysterious, missed by all after their departure. All regret very much the absence of Mrs. Root and hope at some future time to have her with us-

CORA FULLER.

Hell on Earth. It has been said that "whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad." was reminded of this while reading "The Opinion of a Distinguished China-

man," on page 4 of The Progressive

Thinker, July 140 di Are the so-called Christian nations mad and likely to have their religion destroyed by the Chinese for trying to kill some of them to make others pretend to sand years experience before Christianity was born, is a false religion, not in harmony with the Golden Rule.

Is John Buil mad in trying to kill the Boers, Chinese, Hindoos, Egyptians, in killing Philippinos and Chinese? savages without an army, or force. He only used common sense, as Mr. Gladstone said. General Sherman said that war is hell-he knew it by experience to be a fact. General Grant said, "Let us have peace"-which is pure Christian-

The authors of war make hell on earth, and purgatory for themselves in spirit life, if there is any truth in the forces and virtually exist only in chemi-

B. FRANKLIN CLARK, M. D. Belvidere Seminary, N. J.

A QUESTION.

Hope of immortality is not a conception of race infancy. The idea is an after thought of his more adult age. Aeons of ages, rolled away during which abnormal man frisked from bush to tree, disporting and utilizing his caudal appendage, giving no thought of immortality.

Primitive man believed that the visible body constituted the man; and seeing the body become lifeless, decay and ultimately vanish, he logically concluded that extinction was the finality of all animates.

But there came a time when apparitions were seen and recognized as old acquaintances who had formerly lived in flesh podles, whereupon man jumped to the conclusion that he was immortal. This original idea was not a case wherein the wish was parent to the thought. The idea was wholly suggested by apparitions; by the reappearance of those supposed to be extinct.

In discussing any controverted question, the essential factors leading to reliable conclusions, are sound premises, An exchange says: "A remarkable at- otherwise false conclusions are inevitaclusions may equal demonstration. Hence, in discussing the mooted question of man's immortality, the paramount factor is to ascertain exactly Now, in viewing animates collectively

Fossil thinkers claim that man alone

Willard J. Hull will open the Clinton is endowed with reason, and yet it is mates forecast, and store food for future use, thus clearly evidencing a high standard of reason, implying memory, sensation, consciousness and delibera-

> Instinct is not applicable in such cases, inasmuch as animates accus to store food for future use where nature fails, as in frigid and temperate zones, if removed to the tropics cease to store food after a short experience.

Again, it is claimed that man alone has hope of immortality. This, too, is wholly conjectural. We have seen that immortality is wholly a suggestion of apparitions. It is well known that the dog, horse and donkey recognize apparitions. Each of these animates have long memories. Hence it is highly probable that in apparitions they recognize old friends, suggesting continued existence. The fear they often manifest on such occasions is evidence that they discern apparitions to be different from ordinary animates.

Thus we learn that the difference in the higher species of animates is so little that it is safe to assume that if any are immortal, all are.

It is an axiom conceded by all, that any phenomenon that had a beginning must have an ending; that all animates have been and are being evolved from primal elements of crass matter, by the reciprocal and antagonistic action of cosmic forces; that the primal condition and primal form of matter is gaseous, consisting of hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and carbon. These are the potential elements of matter. Subordinate gases-argon, for example-may not be considered in this connection.

The cosmic forces inherent in matter are gravity, heat, electricity, mag-

netism and life. These premises are so absolutely sound, they may not be controverted. However, as electricity, magnetism and life never manifest except when heat is present, it is possible that each are only differentiated forms or properties of heat, thence it would follow that gravity and heat are the dominant factors by which all phenomena are evolved. Heat and gravity are antagonistic forces, originate and perpetuate all motion, without which all motion would cease. Motion from gravitation is always centripetal; motion from heat is never centripetal. Vital motion (from heat and life combined) may be in any direction. Sensation is present only in vital motion; all others are insensate, without design or purpose, hence disastrous, destructive phenomena equal the beneficial productive. Dehand adown the eternal ages. Therefore as crass matter alone-including its cosmic forces-is eternal, it follows that all evolved phenomena, differentiated, must ultimately be resolved back to primal elements, whereby extinction of distinct phenomena becomes absolute. No other conclusion is possible.

In a previous paper it was shown that mind, in which individuality is manifested, could only evolve from its latent, quiescent state when matter was undergoing evolution; that when matter was undergoing dissolution back to primal conditions, all special phenomena previously evolved therefrom must also be disintegrated, whereby individuality is extinguished; that any number of apparitions and communications, however obtained from those invisibles who have obtained the second birth is still apparitions and communications prove that they remain in the earth's material sphere of cosmic forces and are subject thereto, consequently possess material bodies, without which no individual manifestation could ever occur. Now, as mind was evolved into action by cosmic forces, it follows that a reaction of these forces would cause dissolution. Worlds evolve and dissolve with the same certainty as the frailest flower. Surely puny man may not hope to escape.

When speaking of man, mind is always included as one attribute of his evolution and constitution. Prior to which mind had no recognition. Mind is an expression of life through evolvbelieve what they know by many thou- ing matter. When evolution ceases, mental expression ceases.

If mind was not thus subordinate our intense love of abode in flesh would never submit to eviction. If matter was subordinate to mind immortality would Irish and others? Is Uncle Sam mad be assured. All nature, however, shows that mind is the toy of insensate forces. William Penn had great success with otherwise everything would be lovely and lightning would kill (evict) nobody. Now then, if it is true(?) that Prof. Loeb has produced animates from un- chic science. Demonstrator of the mofertilized eggs; also twins and triplets from the single egg at will, by varied proportions of various salinous solutions, it must be conceded that manifestations of life, including mind, result from chemical action of cosmic

> cal combinations that are evanescent. However, in conclusion, we may not forget that as something pever comes at this office. Price 10 cents.

from nothing, it follows that mind MAN'S INFLUENCE capable of expression, but when the essential forces (heat and life) are no longer co-related with matter in the requisite combinations wherein man is involved and whereby man is evolved and finally resolved, each and all again becomes subject to evolution. But as dissolution of phenomena extinguishes every trait of individuality, subsequent evolution is in no logical sense a reincarnation.

Prayers and tears, my dears, will not GEO. M. RAMSEY. change it. Washington, Pa.

IN EVIDENCE.

Reasonableness of Immortal

To the Editor:-With this I send you a copy of a communication I received through the agency of some occult intelligence. The original was found among my private papers where, to me. it seems it could not be placed by human hands. Therefore to me is in evidence of immortal life. To others I think the reasoning and sense to be of value. Respectfully your,

Topeka, Kan. J. N. ADAMS.

One of the strongest arguments for a future life'is a necessity for it, to supplement the imperfections of this one. We see the wicked flourish and the good languish in poverty; the selfish win success, riches, honor, and the leadership among men; while the generous altruist fails in business and is universally execrated; the useless and vicious vagabond who cumbers the earth, and whose only possible claim to filling a useful purpose is that he may serve as a frightful example, lives to a green old age; while the widow's son, the only support of a family, dies; or the woman who walks the earth a being too noble to be classed among her kin, is cut down in the flower of her days, her career of usefulness cut short. If there were no hereafter we must needs create one, to even matters up and make of such things a harmonious comprehen-

The economy of nature teaches the same lesson, nothing is wasted; every dead leaf, every surplus seed, the de- intimate friend, asking if it was true caying bodies of plants and animals are utilized, to the ultimate particle.

Nothing rests; but from the moment when death occurs the process begins by which the dead material is worked up into new forms of life. But would it not be an anomaly if everything is preserved and utilized and the spirit wasted? The noble qualities, the possibilities for usefulness, developed in man or woman by education or thought, are these lost when the owner dies? What is there in the universe of so much value as moral worth combined with mental strength? In all ages this has been admitted by all men of all religions. The stars swerve from their course; the sun stands still; yes, even the Son of God comes down from heaven and dies to teach men the way to moral rectitude. Admitting the eternity, the indestructibility of matter, we must admit no less for that which alone renders matter valuable, "the spirit." Here as elsewhere, the soul which de-

serts its material domicile, continues its

conscious individual existence; else the cosmos is chaos and blind, chance uselessly rules a purposeless aggregation of matters and forces. In the Garrisonian philosophy death is but an accident, and not a very momentous one. Every action in life has its influence necessarily upon the future. There is no heaven and no hell in the sense that the "saved" are indiscriminately sent to swim in never-ending bliss, and the "damned" are plunged into eternal torment. For "there is no God dares wrong a worm." Justice demands what observation teaches, that every good or bad deed must receive its due recompense, must be followed by its inevitable consequences. This is the inexorable decree of the "Father," whom even the gods themselves could not influence. And so by pure reasons, apart from the authority of revelation or inspiration, we are led to the conclusion that the being who inhabits the body of every man or woman, is eternal and must continue to live after separation from the material envelope, and to live as an individual; for life without consciousness is nothing but annihilation.

But this compels still further admissions, for such a life would be of little value were the associations formed in this world not continuous in the next. The faith that sees in death the way to rejoin the loved ones gone before, is too beautiful, too precious a-thing to be baseless. What would Paradise be worth without it? Nothing in the imagination of man is worth as much. No scheme of happiness can be conceived that would not be valueless if this feature were omitted: this thought alone soothes the grief of the mourner and robs the grave of its terrors. What are all your golden crowns and harps, your bouris and happy hunting grounds. your elysian fields and your Valhalla, beside the privilege of once more clasping the hands of her who for a quarter century walked the earth by your side?

TOLUME 1 of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World treats of the "Mythical Origin of Death;" "A Magdalen's Passage to Spirit Life;" "Impressive Communications from the Spirit Side of Life;" "Death Considered by the Spirit Lucretius:" "Oddities in Reference to the Dead;" "Death from a Vibratory Force;" "The Day After Death Beautifully Illustrated;" "Sensations of the Dying;" "A Birth Out of Dark Conditions;" "After Death Experiences of an Avaricious Man;" "A Special Visit to the Spirit World;" "Fragrance at a Child's Death Bed;" "The Varied Experiences of a Humanitarian Spirit;" "The Impressive Testimony of an Exalted Spirit;" "Indications of the Process of Dying;"."The Idlosyncrasies of Death;" "Life and Death Thoughtfully Analyzed;" "Signs in the Process of Dying," etc., etc. In fact this volume is a mine of valuable information, and every person should have access to it. It should be in every home. Read the premium terms carefully, and then send for the Three Volumes of the Encyclopedia of Death.

"Social Upbuilding, Including Co-operative Systems and the Happiness and Ennoblement of Humanity." By E. D. Babbitt, LL. D., M. D. This comprises the last part of Human Culture and Gure. Paper cover, 15 cents. For sale | Bave it. Price, cloth, 75c. at this office.

"The Infidelity of Ecclesiasticism. A Menace to American Civilization." By Prof. W. M. Lockwood, lecturer upon physical, physiological and psylecular or spiritual hypothesis of nature. Scholarly, masterly, trenchant. Price 25 cents. For sale at this office. "A Few Words About the Devil, and

Other Essays." By Charles Bradlaugh.

Paper, 50 cents. For sale at this office.

"A Plea for the New Woman." By May Collins. An address delivered before the Ohio Liberal Society. For sale conta

医药品合物种类的 70

OVER MAN.

Remarkable Words on Personal Magnetism From An Eminent Divine.

No subject has excited so much interest or awakened so much discussion among thinking people of late as that of Personal Magnetism, It is worthy of note that clergymen, doctors, college presidents and men of science everywhere are giving it deep thought. Many of them have openly certified to its wonderful powers. The outspoken words of the Rev. Paul Weller, of Gorham, N. Y., in this connection will call forth po little additional comment.



REV. PAUL WELLER.

In answer to a personal letter from an that he (Rev. Weller) had become a firm believer in Personal Magnetism and Hypnotism, Rev. Weller wrote:

"The facts are: The subject of Personal Magnetism or Hypnotism, to which I have devoted many years of study, was recently more forcibly than ever called to my attention through reading a scientific work on the subject, now being circulated by the New York Institute of Science, Rochester, N. Y. tate to say that the reading of that book and the subsequent study of its contents have worked an all-powerful, important and good influence over me. My recommendation of Personal Magnetism, a subprofit, is made after thorough investigation and with statement deliberately. The study of Personal Magnetism, as set forth in the admirable books I have mentioned above, should be next to the study of the

"Personal Magnetism embodies all the laws governing man's influence over man. It is the power that makes men mold the minds of men. It turns life's failures into successes. It develops the latent powers of the will and makes one capable of the accomplishment of great deeds. I have received many letters on the subject, and to all writers I have an-Rochester, N. Y., asking for their scientific work on Personal Magnetism and Hypnot'sm. It will be sent to you free of charge. If its perusal does as much for you as it did for me, you will thank me the longest day you live for having called your attention to the book.' Yours truly,

It will only be necessary for you to send your request to the New York Institute of Science, Dept. N. B. 18. Rochester, N. Y., and you will receive the volume Rev. Paul Weller recommends by return mail. IT IS FREE. A postal card will bring it.



DIAL PLANCHETTE.

This instrument is substantially the same as that employed by Prof. Hare in his early investigations. In its improved form it has been before the public for more than seven years, and in the hands of thousands of persons has proved its superiority over the l'lan-chette, and all other instruments which have been brought out in imitation, both in regard to ce: and correct ess of the communications receis its aid, and as a means or developing mediumship. Do you wish to investigate Spiritualism? Do you wish to develop Mediumship?

Do you desire to receive Communications? The Psychograph is an invaluable assistant. pamphlet with full directions for the Formation of Circles and Cultivation

of Mediumship with every instrument. Many who were not aware of their mediumistic gift, have, after a few cictings, been able to receive delightful messages. A volume might be filled with commendatory letters. Many who began with it as an amusing toy, found that the intelligence controlling it knew more than themselves, and became converts to Spiritualism.

Capt. D. B. Edwards, Orient, N. Y., writes: "I had communications (by the Psychograph) from many other friends, even from old settlers whose gravestones are moss grown in the old yard. They have been highly satisfactory, and proved to me that Spiritualism is indeed true, and the communications have given my heart the greatest comfort in the severest loss I have had of son, daughter, and their mother." Dr. Eugene Crowell, whose writings have made him name familiar to those interested in psychic matters, writes as follows: "I am much pleased with the Psychograph. It is very simple in principle and construc-tion, and I am sure must be far more sensitive to spir-itual power than the one now in use. I believe it will generally supersede the latter when its superior merits become known."

Securely packed, and sent postage paid from the manufacturer, for \$1.00. Address: HUDSON TUTTLE.

Berlin Heighta Ohio. Studies in the Outlying Fields of Psychic Science.

To which is added Spiritual Phenomena: How to in-Vestigate their various phases; how to form circles and develop mediumship; an absolute test of genuine mediumship. By Hudson Tuttle.

A most excellent work. Every Spiritualist should

MISS JUDSON'S BOOKS.

WHY SHE BECAME A SPIRITUALIST.

264 pages. One copy, \$1; six copies, \$3.

Or, An Appeal to the Baptist Church 82 pages. One copy, 15 cents; ten copies, st.

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS. 209 pages. One copy, bound in cloth, the paner.

For Bale at this Office, 40 Lounds Miran



This department is under the man-

Hudson Tuttle.

Address him at Berlin, Heights, Oblo.

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

NOTICE-No attention will be given anonymous letters. Pull name and address must be given, or the letters will not be read. If the request be made, the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has become excessively large, especially letters of inquiry requesting private answers, and while I freely give whatever information I am able, the ordinary courtesy of correspondents is expected. HUDSON TUTLED.

Mrs. C, G.: Q. Can a person by concentrating the mind on others, influence them-as to be well or ill, or act as they A. As a general expression the an-

swer is No. That it is possible has been widely taught by those who pretend to teach the art and these claim to give the occult means whereby anyone can hypnotize whomsoever they please. It is utterly false, and they who pay for such lessons are defrauded of their money and doomed to disappointment. It is true that certain ones can influonce certain others who are in accord with them. There is just this molety of truth in the so-called "absent treatment," which in the main, benefits by suggestion. It is possible for a person who is harmoniously related to another, by concentration of mind to transfer not only ideas, but strength and life, As such intimate connection cannot exist where the thoughts and purposes are evil, the tremendous power which might be placed with irresponsible persons, is confined to exceedingly narrow limits.

The "evil eye," and the influence of incantations, charms, and the dreaded "hoodoo," which like a spiritual vampire absorbs life at its source, are from

suggestion, and self-hypnotism.

In the few cases which may be classed as genuine, direct contact between the operator and recipient exists or has existed in the past.

S. A. Aykroyd, D. D. S., Kingston: Q. A warm friend who has given a great deal of attention to the study of Spiritualism, became insune, and was removed to an asylum about two miles from us. My wife, writing automatically received this message from him: "Oh, God! what an experience I am going through, partly in the body and partly out. Oh, if the physical body could only die and let me loose, what a relief it would be. What would you think of me if I should do something desperate? Not much! I will not. I have strength to control myself.

"Go to my wife. Help her if she will accept it. If she will not take from you, send it unknown, and I will return it to you ten fold. POOR JACK." How can such phenomena be account ed for? Does the spirit actually leave he body, or is it by telepathy.
Can the spirit leave the body and

appear at a distance? The great number of instances of

"double appearance" which have been recorded, leave no doubt that the spirit can leave the body, and appear at a With all the conditions favorable, and

an intense desire to communicate, it would appear the most plausible and reasonable explanation of the method by which the foregoing message was re-ceived, to accept it just as it purports; although the walls of the asylum confined the tortured body, the spirit went out to communicate with those to whom he was most strongly drawn.

R. R. C. Mack: Q. In case of a person buried alive, and signs of great struggle are apparent when the casket is opened, can you say as a medium that the persons thus buried revived sufficiently to realize their condition: or was it the final death struggle?

A. While there are many cases of premature interment, the displacement of the body often taken as evidence that the coffined dead had revived t life is not trustworthy. The escape of gases by the decomposition, may throw the head aside and change the position of the body. Hence conclusions should be carefully reached from such evi-

A person in the stupor or trance which simulates death, does not require an appreciable quantity of air for the oxygenation of the blood, for all processes are at a stand-still. Even a hermetically sealed casket contains sufficient air to preserve life. But when the awakening comes, there is instant call for air, as all processes in the body are resumed, and life cannot be sustained

beyond a few minutes.

As those who have passed through, the dreadful ordeal of having been supposed to be dead by their friends, almost invariably say that they were fully conscious of everything occurring around them, should they fail to arouse before being consigned to the grave, they would be still conscious, and if they awoke they would know exactly where they were and their awful fate Yet the torture could only endure for

M. C. G., Hartford, Mich.: Growth in mediumship may be assisted by sitting in a carefully selected circle, or sitting apart an hour for communion, by one's

Mrs. M. A. S.: The "explosion of a ball" in your circle is not a rare occur-rence. Similar phenomena have been presented in a great many circles. It is imply one form of manifestation, and a very convincing one. It would be much better for you if you could induce one or two others to join you in your

G. W. Post: Q. What became of the body of Christ after it was buried in the sepulchre?

A. If the strict meaning and interpre-

tation of the text of the New Testament as it is given us be taken, then the body of Christ was resurrected. He

identity. In fact the literal resurrection of his physical body is considered au astounding miracle, the purpose of which is to prove the resurrection of all believers! Until the story of the sepulchre is proved to have historic authenticity,

speculation as to the body placed there-Subscriber: Q. I wish you to answer first in regard to my family: How many of us are dead? Am I married or single; how many brothers and sisters have I? How many dead, how many living. How about my health? What is the matter with me, and what will cure me? I loaned some money to a medium, and I don't know where this medium now is. Can you tell me how I can get the money? If you can I will

divide with you. A. This is an example of a very great number of letters received, differing only in the fact that it contained 12 two-cent stamps, and the promise of a division of the spoils. Should all these questions of family be answered it would be no test beyond mind-reading, and as for the process of getting his honest pay from _____, this department has had many difficult questions, but none as inexplicable. It is better for 'Subscriber" not to know where this "medium" is, for it saves him the worry of the attempt "to get blood out of a

To all these letters, of interest only to their writers, we have given as far as possible personal reply as a matter of courtesy, as only questions having a general interest are admissible to the columns of The Progressive Thinker.

Mrs. M. D. Peterson: Q. Why do my spirit friends appear in different ways; sometimes luminous, at others just as they did while in earth-life? A. A snirit by the well-known laws of magnetic control can appear in any form it desires. Such appearance is subjective, depending on mental impressions so vivid that they are received by the mind as objective. Surely such unexpected and characteristic appearances, are valuable in evidence of the genuineness of their source.

Nora Batchelor: Q. Will you kindly suggest some book, or books, containing short essays or articles on the philosophy of Spiritualism, which would be suitable to read at the meetings of a small society which is not able to em ploy a lecturer? The Spiritualist journals are taken and read by most of the members, hence articles in these cannot be used with profit.

A. One of the best books for your purpose is A. B. French's Lectures and Addresses. Write him at Clyde, Ohio. Price \$1. If you wish something to read and discuss, you will find Religion of Man and Ethics of Science valuable. The Arcana of Spiritualism may possi bly fill both places.

No Creedism for Me. "When Freedom from her mountain height

Unfurled her standard to the sir, She tore the azure robes of night. And set the stars of glory there."

Let us be free, rightfully, religiously, altogether gloriously free, bound only to the truth that maketh free. I believe in a free, changing, progressive religion, just as I believe in a free, progressive man. I disbelieve in creedism, just as I disbelieve in slavery. I cannot concede the right of any former age to make a religion for this. I prefer a meal cooked to-day, rather than one prepared four thousand, or two thousand years ago. My appetite affects me now, and calls for the truth and best thoughts of our time, dished up in improved vessels, all burnished and bright with the light of the present. I believe that every one should think and live their own free thought, inde-

pendent of any creed or set religion. The advancing mind must of necessity change in its conceptions and belief; otherwise there could be no progress, and life would be without advantage or purpose. So surely as life is a school we must change as fast as we learn; and perfect liberty to think is essential to the best activity and development of mind. Hard and fast creeds are chains to the wheels of progress, and hold them down in the time-worn ruts of unreasoning superstition. It is our privilege to be free, easy, and happy in conversational exchange of thought, and so entertain and profit one another; but ectarianism is a hindrance in the way of free communion, and can find no place in the great true heart of Liberty. Why restrain and fear to give me your religious thought? And why must I be guarded lest I offend? Whence the discordant vibrations that disturb the love, joy, and peace of the soul? It is creedism, my friends, not truth, that hinders reciprocation and cramps expression. Let us be free in the truth, and then we may grow and be happy; inviting the sunshine, while sowing flowers for ourselves and others, in the great free garden of the world:-

Be free and progressive, in the light of to-day; In the shine of the present, is the time

to make bay.

WILLIAM J. HILL, M. D. Petoskey, Mich.

SOUL QUESTIONS.

Oh, my friends in earthly temples, Can you hear what spirits say, From the realms of life eternal,

Can you catch the gleam of sunlight As our thought-waves outward roll? Can you grasp the thoughts, the bless-

As they flash from soul to soul?

Can you read by intuition That grand truth from heaven above Teaching mortals that 'tis given For each other here to love?

Can you search the endless record Of the light and love divine. As throughout the rhythms of nature

It, from sun to sun, doth shine? Can you bring to mortal dwellers On this earth, that truth sublime, Teaching that the souls of mortals

Will exist through endless time? Oh, ye noblest ones of earth life, Oh, ve true and kind of heart.

Teach all mortals here and with you, From the truth ne'er to depart. Guide the erring, bring this blessing To all others, to each youth, Let them know that justice, honor,

Are but records of the truth. Help them gain the blessed knowledge That by pure platonic love.
They will gain the best reward
In the summer land above.

And, oh, let all earthly mortals Read-and learn the lesson grand;

Earthly purity and kindness Bring true joy in summer land. May the blessings of the angels Now fall fast on every head;

Let not one in all creation Think a single soul is dead. H. L. CHAPMAN. Marcellus, Mich.

"The Spiritualism of Nature." simply came to tife, and he is said to Prof. W. M. Lockwood. Price is cental have showed his wounds to prove his For sale at this office.

THE CAMP-MEETINGS.



Ashley Camp. O. This camp begins July 29, and ends August 19, 1900. For programmes address H. Baxter, Ashley, Ohio.

Maple Dell Camp, 0. The National Spiritual and Religious Camp Association will hold its tweifth annual session, commencing July 22, ending September. For full particulars and programme, enclose stamp and address Lucy King, corresponding secretary, Mantua, Ohio.

Lake Pleasant Camp. Mass.

This camp opens July 29. The circulars are now ready and can be had upon application. In writing for them please enclose stamp for return postage. Address Albert P. Blinn, Clerk, 603 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

Columbus Camp, O. This camp will open July 1, and close August 27. Send for programmes to Dr. W. D. Noyes, secretary, 189, N. Cleveland avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Chesterfield Camp, Ind.

The camp-meeting of the Indiana Association 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.

Delphos Camp.

The twenty-second annual campmeeting of the First Society of State Spiritualists and Liberals will be held at Delphos, Kans., from August 10 to August 26 inclusive. For further par-ticulars or information write to President J. N. Blanchard, Delphos, Kansas; M. J. Main, vice-president, Simpson, Kansas, or E. S. Bishop, secretary, Glasco, Kansas.

Cassadaga Camp, N. Y. This favorite place of resort offers an attractive programme the coming season. The camp opens July 13 and closes August 26. Write to the secretary, A. E. Gaston, Meadville, Pa., for programmes programmes.

Onset Camp-Meeting. Commences July 15, and closes August 26, 1900. For further particulars address Secretary, Onset, Mass,

Vicksburg Camp.

The seventeenth annual camp-meeting of Vicksburg, Mich., will be held in Fraser's Grove, commencing August 3, and closing August 26, 1900. For further information address Jeannette Fraser, Manager, Vicksburg, Kalamazoo county, Mich.

Lake Brady.

The camp grounds will be open for picnics June 1, extending through the picnics July camp-meeting opens July summer. The camp-meeting opens July 1, closing September 1. Anyone wish-1, closing September 1. Adjoint wishing a Lake Brady program will please write Geo. N. Abbott, Lake Brady, via Kent, Ohlo, or E. R. Kidd, Canton, Ohlo.

Mount Pleasant Park, Ia. The eighteenth annual camp-meeting of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualists Association will be held at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, from July 29 to August 26, 1900. All wishing circulars should write to the secretary, Stella A. Fisk, 18 N. 11th street, Keokuk, Iowa. Those wishing to rent tents, etc., should write to John Nelson, Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa.

The Ottawa Camp. The Ottawa, Kansas, Spiritualist camp-meeting, from August 8 to August 13 inclusive. H. W. Henderson, president, Lawrence, Kans.; Ezra Carpen-

Freeville Camp. N. Y. Opens July 29 and closes August 12. B. L. Robinson, president, Freeville,

ter, secretary, Wellsville, Kans.

Grand Ledge, Mich.

Grand Ledge Spiritualist Camp-Meeting commences July 29 and closes August 26. For further particulars and full programmes, write to M. F. Phares or Geo. H. Sheets, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Briggs Park, Mich.

Briggs Park Camp opens July 1 and closes August 19, 1900, at Grand Rap-ids, Mich. Program cheerfully mailed to any address received on postal card to Thos J. Haynes, secretary, 389 Western avenue, Muskegon, Mich.

Camp-Meeting at Deep Lake.

The Illinois State Spiritualist Campmeeting opens its second season a Deep Lake, 11/2 miles from Lake Villa, Ill., on Wisconsin Central railroad, commencing July 10 and closing September 1. Those who intend to camp with us please let us know in time so that we can make preparations for you. Address G. V. Cordingley, President, 3300 Wabash avenue, Chicago, III.

Island Lake. Mich.

Island Lake Camp, Island Lake, Michigan, commences Thursday, July 19, and September 3. For further inforcloses September 3. For turns, and mation address the secretary, Ella B. Brown, 268 Twenty-first street, De-Verona Park Camp.

Opens June 15 and closes August 26. For programmes address Albert F. Smith, president, Bangor, Maine. Lake Helen, Fla.

The Southern Cassadaga Camp, Lake Helen, Florida, will open the first Sunday, in February, 1901. Emma J. Huff, corresponding secretary.

Niantic Camp. The Connecticut Spiritualist Camp-Meeting Association, at Niantic campgrounds, Niantic, Conn; season of 1900, commencing June 25 and continuing until September 8, inclusive. For programmes address Mary A. Hatch, secretary, South Windham, Conn.

Los Angeles, Cal., Camp.

Arrangements have been made to hold a camp-meeting at Sycamore Grove, Los Angeles, Cali, September 2 to 20, inclusive. Address Elton T. Franklin (Neb.) Camp.

The Northwest Kansas and Southwest Nebraska Spiritualist Association will hold their fifth annual camp meeting at Franklin, Neb. from July 20 to August 6 inclusive. No pains will be spared to make it a success. For an nouncement, circulargiandiother infor mation, address the secretary, C. H. Simpson, Franklin, Nab. 16

Colorado Camp,

Canyon Camp, opens in South Boulder 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

pee Spiritualist Camp-meeting will be held at Blodgett's Landing, N. H., for

four weeks, commencing Sunday, July 29, and closing Sunday, August 26, 1900. For programmes address the secretary, W. H. Wilkins, Claremont, N. H.

Marshalltown, Iowa. The Central Iowa Spiritualist Association will hold its annual camp at Marshalltown, Iowa, September 2 to September 16 inclusive. Grounds open to campers after August 27. For in-formation or programs address W. H. Wilson, 301 N. Center street, Marshall-

town, Iowa. Haslett Park, Mich. Eighteenth annual assembly of Spiritualists at Haslett Park, Mich, August 2 to September 4, 1900, inclusive. For programmes address J. D. Richmond, secretary, St. Johns, Mich., or G. F.

Ottmar, Riley, Mich.

Lake Brady, O.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Renner, materializing mediums here from Pittsburg, have given several interesting seances on the grounds. In one just witnessed the writer was permitted to examine the cabinet and every article of clothing worn by the medium. Not a shred of white could be detected anywhere. The cabinet was merely a curtain hung across one corner of the room. Mr. Renner, who was managing the seance, did not reach the cabinet until three white forms had appeared. Then "Fly," the Indian cabinet control, announced himself. He claimed the name of Fly had been given to him by his tribe because he was their swift-footed medicine man. He called each person in the circle some appropriate funciful name, such as "Black Locks," "Bright Eyes," and even "Pumpkin Skin," to one of sallow complexion.

Another grotesque cabinet spirit was "Bowery Bob," who graphically described his earthly life in which he had supported his widowed mother and little sister by selling papers. 11

French, German and Spanish were all spoken by the ethereal visitors. A gentleman in the circle at the spirits' request sung a German'd soilg' and she danced the accompaniment. Another gave a Spanish skirt and sleeve dance, the long, wide "angel" sleeves" of her white robe in the semi-darkness resembling wings as she waved them over and around her head. Part of the time and around her head. Part of the the the room was comparatively fight, when the color of eyes and hair, could be easily distinguished, and several claimed to recognize familiar faces in the cabinet visitor and exchanged loving kisses with them. One hady recognized "Matthey Sadia" set the firm Code. nized "Mother Sadie," of the Sun Order Angels of Light. The worlter was greeted with one who claimed to be a former pupil. When the lights were lowered the spirit robes sent forth a soft illumination that made them very plainly seen. One form coming out, passed all in the circle, asking one after another, "Where is my baby? Oh, give me my baby," stretching her arms out to each. She then stooped beneath the writer's chair. There was a sound as though a child suddenly cried out,

been the nurse of a little child which she killed by letting it fall accidentally. From this she became insane and had

died in that condition. Spirit lace was produced in the following manner. A white illuminated figure came out and stooping, appeared to pull something from the shoe of a young lady in the circle, saying, "What makes you keep lace in your shoe?" This she pulled and tossed about and it seemed to grow in size under her manipulations until the size of a lace win dow curtain. She then called a lady and gentleman forward and throwing it over their heads, covering them almos completely, declared they were "bride and groom." MRS MCASTIN

Lily Dale Camp.

The session of 1900 was opened by President Gaston, in a few well-chosen remarks, at the close of which he turned the meeting over to the chairman, Mr. Brooks, who in his happy manner assumed the duties of his posi tion. Carrie Twing was the first speaker on the programme, and gave a racy talk on "Temperance in all. Things."

The usual camp routine has begun, consisting of conferences, lectures, thought exchange in the evening, dances Wednesday and Saturday even ings, and last but not least. classes par excellence conducted by J.

Clegg Wright.
The Hull training school has closed, and we hear much praise of the work done, and talk of its continuance another year. Too much cannot be said in support of such school and classes as an adjunct to the usual distinct of

The lyceum starts out under the auspices of Miss Austin, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Miss Peterson. Miss Austin has been engaged here-in this work be fore, and her coming this season be-speaks for the lyceum, beforehand, suc-

Cess. At 51 %
There are excellent bathrooms under the management of Mr and Mrs. Winchester, now ready. These cooms are neat and clean, and every sway conducive to the comfort of the public.

The bowling alley under the management of Mr. Reed is an attraction to young and old, and helps develop the muscles while resting the brain. The management at Lily Dake deserve great credit for their painstaking efforts to secure comfort and pleasure for their

The Marian Skidmore Library under the care of Mrs. Cowan, is another feature not to be overlooked.

The Northwestern orchestra comes back with even greater power of attrac-E are trying our best to estabtion than heretofore; and all in all, this camp never opened with larger attend-ance or greater attractions—on the rostrum and off-than it has to offer this year. There are mediums of every phase, and to many no doubt, this is the chief attraction; but there is food for all given here in abundance, and no one need turn away hungry. ,
MARY WEBB-BAKER.

"Death Defeated; or the Psychic Se-Brown, secretary, 341½ So. Spring Peebles, M. D., M. A., Ph. D. Price \$1.

Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

The Promotion of the Weal of Humanity.

The promotion of the weal of humanity at large, is a theme which has heretofore been relegated to the philan-thropist, whose quiet work was placed in the form of a quiet book and quietly laid away, where as a rule it was sure to do the least possible harm to the enemy whose power we are seking to overthrow; to wit, the wrongs which are now so rapidly increasing the woes of mankind. The time has now come when each one concerned must be his own philanthropist. If the essence of philanthropy consists in seeking to pro-mote the weal of the race at large, then to become a philanthropist on general principles, is but to carry out the most primitive dictates of common sense. That is to say, since the wrongs we are seeking to right, affect the great mass of humanity in the same way and almost in the same degree, it is necessary in correcting these wrongs, that the suffering masses shall see the exact character of the evils that are to be dealt with; to see that the removal of these wrongs means the relief, not of one nor of a few of the sufferers, but of all of them. What has heretofore been merely

dreamed of as a beautiful theory, enforces itself upon our common sense as the most practical of all practical problems in this practical age in which we live: namely, that each individual of the suffering masses—the great body of humanity-must know that to make it the supreme object of life to throw off the great burden of injustice from his neighbor, is the only possible salvation for himself; that the external conditions of life throughout the civilized world to-day are such that the same process in general which tends to the relief of one tends in like manner to the relief of all The principle of self-protection is brought to bear. The necessity for the speedy relief of the race at large, in-stead of being merely the utterance of an occasional dreamer yelept philanthropist (as in the past), becomes the demand of every man and woman in this vast army of suffering ones. We seek the good of all, in order to our own individual self. Thus as it were per become philanthropists. force we whether we are aware of it or not We reason the case with our neighbors. We conclude that it is time for this frightful injustice to step down and out. We become philosophers, without suspecting the fact. We are gradually approximating that degree of develop-ment in character that is sure to

WHAT LACK WE YET?

triumph in the end.

Let me whisper in your ear, my good brother, my gentle sister. The habit of lazy indifference in he realm of thought has been the great curse of the world throughout the past. The convenience of paying some one to do our thinking for us, has been the bane of civilization in all ages until now. One of the first things for each one to do, therefore, is to wake up and be sure we are awake to the exigencies of the case in which the welfare of so many millions is involved. Reform, which was once the uncertain task of an occasional enthusiast, has now become the business of the hour, in which every thinking man and woman is concerned. This includes the uncounted millions of sufferers in general; it includes you and me as Spiritualists, in particular. If indifference heretofore has been a crime, it is henceforth the bloody dagger with poisoned edges, which is to cut short our career in speedy self-destruction.

Let me whisper in your ear again. Let me say to you that there yet remains

ANOTHER FOE.

which menaces our individual peace, as well as our fraternal welfare, both present and prospective. That foe is jeal-ousy. We must learn to size up this ousy. We must learn to size up this foe, which with skulking step has trod the earth both night and day, and when deadly work. Life is too short to permit this monster to longer lord it over the peace of so many millions un-resisted. Jealousy in the heart of man, is as the worm at the apple's However fair and smooth may be that apple on the exterior, it is yet being constantly destroyed by the devouring ravages of that malignant canker worm at the core. Jealousy demands a thousand times more of serious attention from earnest thinking men and women than it has ever received. Jealousy is as universal as life itself upon this planet. It did not originate with the dawn of written history, but millions of years previous to that time. Jealousy has for its causes, all the springs of action that the human imagination can conceive of. Jealousy has been the occasion of more mischief, inharmony, unhappiness, war, bloodshed, and pande-monium generally, than all other causes combined since time began. The most important thing yet remains to be said about jealousy. The real victim of this destructive passion is ever the individ-ual who exercises it. It crushes the sul: squeezes it into a compass, as it were, as small as a grain of wheat: de stroys its happiness for this life, and unfits it for the enjoyment of that home of the soul in the sweet by and by, the elysian dream of every genuine Spiritualist, and of every so-called Spiritualist as well.

THESE TWO mortal foes of the human race-Indifference and Jealousy-must be weeded out of the garden of our future prosperity: not merely crippled with the scythe of organic regulation in the enforcement of constitutional power. ganization, however, in its place, is the great essential factor which is to win for us material success, and place us ultimately on a basis of financial in dependence of our present masters, the great monopolies, which to-day are obbing us at will. But the two foes I have named must be dug out, root and branch, from the constitution of each individual, by the power of self-disci-pline. Each one must do it for himself. Another cannot do it for him.

"Greater is he that ruleth his own spirit, than he that taketh a city." Put this proverb in one end of the scales of thought value, and all other proverbs combined (bearing upon development of character) in the other end of the same cales, and this one will outweigh them all. Herein lies the foundation upon which alone the superstructure of perect character can ever be built. Yours for the speedy triumph of right.

THOMAS H. B. COTTON. San Francisco, Cal.

lish libraries in every Spiritualist family of the United States, hence we are offering Seven valuable books as premium. Those seven books have been sold for \$10.75. A single one has sold as high as \$25. The first edition of Art Magic sold for \$5 per copy. As high as \$15 has been paid for a single copy of Ghost Land; yet we furnish these seven books to our subscribers for \$2.35, when ordered in con-

nection with a year's subscription to

The Progressive Thinker. Read our

premium announcement carefully.

THE THOUGHT GARDEN. Great Work by a Great Author. "THE UNKNOWN"

GAMILLE FLAMMARION.

"The Unknown" created a marked cluating as the most fantastic of Poe's sensation in France when first pubtales. It treats on incredulity, credulished and can scarecly fail to arouse ity, hallucinations, psychic action of one the greatest interest in this country. It mind upon another, transmission of is an eminent scientist's study of the thought, suggestion, the world of phenomena of the spirit world. In dreams, cerebral physiology, psychic touching upon the various physical dreams, distinct sight in dreams, actual manifestations the cuttous discountries. manifestations the author cites many facts, premonitory dreams and divingabsolutely authenticated instances, and tion of the future, etc. 487 pages, cloth-chapters of his book are as weirdly fas-bound. Price \$2.00.

For Sale at the Office of The Progressive Thinker.

DEATH DEFEATED,

The Psychic Secret of How to Keep Young,

BY J. M. PEEBLES, M. D., M. A., Ph. D.

It certainly is just what is needed as here always, they should know how to a book of good suggestions and instructive right and enjoy the life that betions along the line of health. He longs to them. This is undoubtedly the treats the subject in his own matter-of- most useful book for the masses the fact style. The book comprises a prac- Doctor has ever published, for it strikes tical subject handled in a practical at the root or cause of disease, and tells manner by a practical man. Even if how to avoid it. 212 pages, cloth people do not wish or expect to live bound. Price, \$1. For sale at this office.

Three Remarkable Books!

"The Divine Pedigree of Man."
"The Law of Psychic Phenomena."
"A Scientific Demonstration of the Future."

Testimony of Evolution and Psychology Dr. Hudson's work on existence of the Soul and Future Life. this office.

The Divine Pedigree of Man, or the It is scientific throughout. Price \$1.50. to the Fatherhood of God. By Thom-son Jay Hudson, LL. D. This is a most stration of the Future Life" should be remarkable work, demonstrating the read by all. Price \$1.50. For sale at

LIFE BEYOND DEATH
Being a Review of

The World's Beliefs on the Subject, a Consideration of Present Conditions of Thought and Feeling,

Fact.—To Which Is Added an Appendix Containing Some Hints as to Personal Experiences and Opinions. BY MINOT J. SAVAGE, D. D.

Leading to the Question as to Whether It Can Be Demonstrated as a

8vo, Cloth, 842 Pages. After a review of the beliefs held in holds, as a provisional hypothesis, that worldliness" which it replaced, which lows:
was in turn followed by the Spiritualstic reaction against agnosticism. He
points out the doubts concerning the Doctrine of Death and the Other Lifedoctrine of immortality held by the Jesus and Immortality—The Other

the past concerning life beyond death, continued existence is demonstrated, Dr. Savage takes up the present condi. and that there have been at least some tions of belief and considers the agnos-tic reaction from the extreme "other-chief contents of the volume are as fol-

churches and the weakness of the tra- World and the Middle Ages-Protestant ditional creeds and the loosening of Bellef Concerning Death and the Life their hold upon the people. He then Beyond-The Agnostic Reaction-The considers the probabilities of a future Spiritualistic Reaction-The World's life, probabilities which, as he admits, Condition and Needs as to Belief in Imfail short of demonstration. The volume includes a consideration of the Short of Demonstration—The Society work of the Society for Psychical Re- for Psychical Research and the Immorsearch and also an appendix giving tal Life-Possible Conditions of Anothsome of the author's own personal experiences in this line. Dr. Savage periences and Opinions.

For Sale at this Office. Price \$1.50. Postage 10c.

OUR BIBLE: WHO WROTE IT? WHEN? WHERE? HOW?

Is It Infallible?

A Voice from the Higher Criticism. A Few Thoughts on Other Bibles. BY MOSES HULL.

Excellent as an exposition of the Higher Criticism and an analysis of the Bible from that standpoint. Of special value and interest to Spiritualists. For sale at this office. Price \$1.00.

"THE LANGUAGE OF THE STARS." A Primary Course of Lessons in Celestial Dynamics.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE LIGHT OF EGYPT."

This important primary work is the first practical exposition of the Astro-Magnetic forces of Nature—in their relation to man—that has yet been issued by the American press. It contains fourteen special lessons, embracing each department of human life, in such plain, simple language that s child can understand the elementary principles laid down. And in addition to these lessons is an Appendix, containing a full explanation of all technical and scientific terms in general use upon the subject, thus forming a brief, yet! practical Astro Dictionary. This work is illustrated with special plates.

For Sale at This Office. Price, Fifty Cents.

THE WOMAN'S BIBLE. PART II. Woman: A Lecture Delivered to Judges, Kings, Prophets and Aposties. Comments on the old and New Testaments, from Johns to Berelation. The comments are keen, bright spicy, full of wit, the work of radical thinkers, who are not ignorant of the higher criticism. There is not a dull page. Paper, 50c.

Bibleand Church Degrade Woman The Law of Correspondence Ap-By Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Comprises three essays on The Effect of Woman Suffrage on Questions of Morals and Religion. Price 10 cents. For sale at this

FORCE AND MATTER. By Ludwig BuechBer. A celebrated book. Cloth.

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE. Or The Three-fold Power of Sex. By Lols Walsbrook er. Price, 50 cents. For sale at this ornice.

MYTH AND MIRACLE.

plied to Healing.

A course of seven practical lessons. By W. J.
Colvillo. Limp cloth, 50c. Zelma the Mystic, or White Magic Versus Black.

By Alwyn M. Thurber. Occult philosophy clothed in story form; aims to give a better understanding of magic, black and white. 880 large pages. Cloth, e1.25.

PROGRESSION,

Ladies Only.

By Mrs. Dr. Huiburt. On the present status of woman physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. The divine law of true harmonial marriage, etc. Price, 100.

Or How a Spirit Advances in Spirit Life. The Groin tion of man. By Michael Fareday. Price 150, For One of Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll's best lectures, Price



DR. G. E. WATKINS, NATURAL PHYSICIAN.

· The Physician can only be the servant or handmaid of Nature in the cure of

Disease.

In reality we can do nothing; we can only remove the offending cause while

Nature

Performs the cure, and therefore we lay it down as a fundamental maxim in is to act as a

Servant to Nature.

If you believe that the above statement is true, and believe that this meth- mit. od is the right one, then write to-day to

Bending age, sex and leading symptom. DR. C. E. WATKINS, Ayer, Mass.





TRUTH

The only way to find out who is the "Greatest Psychic Physician living" is to read what their patients say.

DR. C. E. WATKINS never claims that he is the greatest physician living, or that he is the

GREATEST PSYCHIC.

He believes that there are hundreds of healers who are just as successful as he's, and he never yet has claimed that he is or was the best psychic, although twenty years before the public as the independent slate-writer with the record of not one person who ever accused him of fraud, ought to make the public THINK when they compare his claims to other so-called psychics.

DR. C. E. WATKINS

only desires those who are sick to remember that for over twenty years he has been before the public as a psychic, and over twelve years as a physician. and he never claims greater powers than others; but we believe he has a right to think he has as great gifts as those who claim so much. Kindly read the following

TESTIMONIALS:

Dear Sir:-You diagnosed my case correctly, and I thank you for your kind | earthly enjoyment may be obtained for attention. Yours respectfully, MRS. FOX. Hartford, Conn.

better now that I'do not think I need who need medical assistance. Wishing | none to hurt or destroy throughout the you success. I remain, yours truly, SIMON GELIS.

Torrington, Conn.

Dear Doctor Watkins:-Your very kind favor of the 6th is received. that you shall treat my case as soon as I can remit you the money, which will be in the near future. Earnestly thanking you for so much kind attention and pleasantly anticipating your professional services. I am, yours fraternally, WALLACE MERRILL.

Mrs. E. Casper, 215 University avenue S. E., Minneapolis, Minn, writes: "I received your ever kind and welcome letter, and think your diagnose was very correct."

Dear Sir:-Am getting very negligent about writing, but I expect it is because I am feeling so much better. Kindly T. F. CARTER. Newport, R. I.

Dear Sir:-Your letter, also the tablets for my cold came all right. The medicine was very good, and within two days stopped my coughing, which had been very bad. I think you have done more for me than any doctor. I have had, and hope you may continue to help me, so I may soon be able to go without taking medicine. Respectfully BELLE SMITH. No. Prospect St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Doctor:-Inclosed you will find \$5 in payment for the third month's treatment: I am much better, in fact am getting along nicely now. With my best wishes I remain, respectfully, MRS. R. L. WOOD. 310 N. Bellinger St., Herkimer, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-Yours of the 7th inst re ceived and I consider your diagnose of my case exceedingly correct. Yours HENRY A SKINNER. College Place, Wash.

TESTIMONIAL.

B. F. Poole:-43 Evanston Ave., Chicago, 111.: Your melted pebble spectacles are wonderful: I can see to thread a fine needle and can read with comfort, and my eyes are getting stronger. Your clairvoyant system of fitting is perfection. I am, your friend, MRS. L. E. MARTIN, Blairsville, Pa.

For ten cents we will send by mail, a 4-oz package of my Magnetized Compound; for sore or weak eyes. Once used you will not be without it. Ad-B. F. POOLE & CO.,

43 Evanston avenue, Chicago, 111. First. The Philosophy of Cure. In laves. Price, by mail, \$1. For sale at | to us. We desire to form the nucleus | Now is the time to get up cluding Methods and Instruments). this office. By E. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL. D. A very instructive and valuable work. It should have a wide circulation, as it well fulfills the promise of its title For sale at this office. Price 75 cents. | cents.

Book of the New Moral World."

(Continued from No. 554.) "After man shall have attained all the requisites to ensure the health, unity, knowledge, charity, kindness, and general prosperity of his race, seeing or knowing that all that man can do for man has been done over the extent of the globe, his mind will be expanded his sympathies will be increased, his knowledge of nature will be enlarged, and his desire to promote happiness will be unlimited as long as means shall offer to add to it all that have life or conscious sensation.

"Man will not then wantonly destroy the life of any animal, or give unnecessary pain to any conscious being that nature has produced by her, at present, mysterious means, and for her, at pres-

ent, mysterious purposes.
"By the previous appliances explained in this book, man must become intelligent, charitable, and kind to man; and when he shall have been made intelligent, charitable and kind to all of his own species, he will become truly good, medicine that all a Physician can do and he will not merely ardently desire to remove pain and suffering from all

> his ill-formed habits contribute to create animal misery and produce sufferings to beings as sensitive to pain as himself, or in some cases, perhaps, more so, while in others it may be less. He has been trained in principles and practices so different that he will be always kind and charitable to his own species, and, so far as is consistent with the progress and well-being of the human race, to all that has conscious existence. His desire will be made to be to withdraw the causes of misery from all that is conscious of pain, and to be an active agent upon earth to produce the most happines to all that have life. "A rational being can never have pleasure in seeing or knowing that any other being is unhappy, and much less can such a being be a willing agent to cause the misery. Nor can man, while he knows there is pain experienced which he can remove or assist in removing, or pleasure unenjoyed which he can give or assist in giving, ever enjoy the full extent of the pleasureable sensations which he is capable of receiving. Man has been expecially formed with powers, when he shall be made rational, capable of giving and receiving, on a most extended scale, compared with his present position and proceedings, a high degree of happiness and enjoyment to his own and to other species; as in his irrational state of existence he has been equally well adapted to create and inflict misery on his

own and other species. "The difference between man being an active agent to produce misery of to produce happiness, is the difference between a most inferior and a most superior being, or, in the language of superstition, between a terrestrial demon

"As soon as man shall be made ration-. al, his pleasures, his happiness, his highest and most exquisite enjoyments, will arise from his active agency to produce happiness upon earth, not only or party, country, or color, his own specles may be, but without considering of what species the living existences may be, so that the greatest amount of

all that have life. "To effect this result, high intelligence and sound judgment will be re-Dear Doctor:-I am feeling so much | quired, as well as a spirit of universal benevolence. But the training and eduany more medicine. I feel very grate- cation to accomplish all that can be exful to you for the benefit I have re- pected upon our globe will be secured to ceived from your treatment after suf- all by the superior acquirements and fering as much as I did from my com- rational minds that will be given to evplaints. I have recommended you to all ery infant from birth. 'There shall be

whole earth.' "And assuredly man cannot enjoy the full extent of the happiness of which human nature is susceptible, until he shall be so trained, educated, and placed, that he shall both besire, and be feel that the diagnose is very correct, actively engaged in promoting the hap-and promise you right here and now piness of all that have life." (To be continued.)

> C. H. MATHEWS. New Philadelphia, O.

Note.-To those persons who have expressed a desire to obtain a copy of this book, I will remark, that it was printed 55 years ago and given to an unappreclative world; and, so far as I know, not another copy is in existence.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

only will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate of fifteen cents per line. About seven words constitute one line.]

Passed to higher life, from her home at Matteson, Mich., Feb. 3, 1900, Mrs. Celinda Cushman, aged 95 years. The funeral services were conducted by the Congregational minister of Matteson, and Mrs. Emily D. King, of Butler. Mrs. Cushman has been a Spiritualist for many years. She was a medium, and has written many beautiful poems. MYRTLE D. KING.

Passed to higher life, from her home at Jonesville, Mich., June 19, 1900, Mrs. Electa Culver, aged 76 years. The deceased has been an avowed Spiritualist, for many years. The funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Emily D. King. of Butler, Mich. M. D. KING.

On the 14th inst., the infant child Emma, daughter of Dr. E. I. Jacobson, 2654 Eberly avenue, Chicago, passed to spirit life, whither her mother had gone only three months previously. As on 2:45 o'clock. Harry J. Moore, pastor. the previous occasion, Mrs. M. Summers conducted the public services. Many children present tenderly strewed | Sunday at public halls. evergreens upon the casket, in token of their sorrow. The remains were laid at rest in Forest Home cemetery.

"The Gospel of Buddha, According to Old Records." Told by Paul Carus. This book is heartily commended to students of the science of religions, and to TOLUMES 1, 2 and 3 of the Encyall who would gain a fair conception of Buddhism in its spirit and living principles. Spiritualist or Christian can scarcely read it without spiritual profit. Price \$1. For sale at this office.

E. SUMMERS.

"The Priest, the Woman-and the Confessional." This book, by the well known Father Chiniquy, reveals the degrading; impure influences and results \$10.75. We, after paying the postage riet Martineau, Judge Edmonds, Horace of the Romish confessional, as proved, and expense of mailing, realize only Greeley, Lord Lytton, Fanny Fern, Dr. "Human Culture and Cure. Part by the sad experience of many wrecked \$1.50 for the seven—far less than cost Livingstone and the Czar of Russia.

> "Spiritual Songs for the Use of Cir- hence this remarkable offer. By subcles, Camp-meetings and Other Spirit- scribing for The Progressive Thinker, ualistic Gatherings." By Mattle E. you then have the privilege of purchas-Hull. For sale at this office. Price 10 ling these books at the premium prices.

Dr. Peebles' Wonderful Cures Have Made His Name Famous the World Over.

Read His Generous Offer to the Sick.

THERE is probably no physician or healer living who is

I curing more cases of Chronic and obstinate disease
than is Dr. Peebles. During an experience of over fifty,
years this TRUE AND GREAT HEALER has
cured thousands of those who had been pronounced "incurable" by the best local physicians. Mrs. Alfonso Buck,
of Mechanicsville, O., says: "It is now about three
months since I began your treatment and I am happy to
say that I am free from those dreadful pains and have
gained is pounds and am still gaining rapidly. My doctor had given me up as "incurable." Being sure that I
owe my life to your skill I most cheerfully and heartly
recommend you to all those in search of health." Miss
Maggle Polson, of Guthrie, Okiahoma, says: "Elk months
ago I suffered with teraible headaches, heart trouble and
female weakness. My friends despaired of my lite and I
was so weak I could do nothing. Now I am well, strong
and hearty. I can never forget the good you have done
me."



that have life, but he will earnestly exert himself to secure for all animal creation as much enjoyment as his existence and this will at the same time ad- known for relieving pain and suffering and curing diaease. One of his patients "Man does not yet know how much they alone would alwost raise the dead." Besides being the greatest Psychic Physician living he is an authority in Europe and America on Psychic Phenomena and the Psychic Science. He has written an essay "The Psychic Science in the Cure of Disease," which he will send free to any sufferer asking for it. The Doctor's diagnoses are equally as astonishing as his cures. His Psychic Gifts enable him to accurately locate the diseased and weakened tissues, thus he never has to experiment for weeks to discover the real trouble. No disease is really practices which have made him cruel to | incurable if perfectly understood, for every effect or diseased condition has its his own species and to the animal cre- cause, and if this is seen and removed by the aid of natural forces, health will be ation generally. To be made rational restored. What is your condition and its cause? It is within your power to know. he will be trained in principles and No two cases are exactly alike so do not spend precious time in taking patent medicines which are prepared a "text-book" case, or risk your life in the hands of a physician who does not understand your condition. Write to-day for a FREE DIAGNOSIS and special advice in your case. This will cost you nothing. The Doctor will also send you his essay on this wonderful science and other valuable literature FREE. Thousands of so-called "incurable" cases are cured by this method. So do not despair, if your physician has failed to cure you. Just write the doctor a plain, truthful letter, giving him your name, age, sex and leading symptom, in your own handwriting and receive a complete diagnosis of your case

> G. D. Younge, of Wimer, Ore., who is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, says:—"I consider it my sacred duty to extend to you my heartiest thanks for the perfect cure your medicines and advice have effected in my case. I was very skeptical when I began the use of your medicines, and treatment, but I am free to say that I now have a confirmed belief in their almost miraculous efficacy. Three months ago I bore about my body the hideous spectacle of my disease. Now I am a mentally and physically robust man." Mrs, Lydia Mason, of Boyd, Oregon, who had not walked without crutches for a long time, after a few weeks of our treatment says:-"I can now walk without my crutches for almost half a day. I am gaining rapidly and expect to soon be in perfect health again."

> Mabel Keyes. of Ifon Creek, S. D., who had suffered for a long time from eczema, says:—"The roughness of the skin has entirely disappeared. I am very thankful indeed for the great good you have done me. I talked with our family physician and he thinks my cure is remarkable. I doctored with him before I called on you and he said he did not think there was any help for me and he is one of the best doctors around

Address Dr. J. M. Peebles, Battle Creek, Mich

Sunday Spiritualist Meetings in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins' spiritual meetings. 40 E. Randolph street, Handel Hall, Fourth floor, Sunday evening, 7:45. Wednesday evening, 675 Larrabee street, corner Garfield avenue.

The Progressive Spiritual Church, G. V. Cordingley, pastor, room 409 Handel Hall, 40 Randolph street. Services at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Band of Harmony, auxiliary to the Church of the Soul, meets at Room 608 Handel Hall Building, 40 Randolph St., every first and third Thursday of the o'clock. The ladies bring refreshments; supper served at six o'clock. Evening without considering of what class, sect, | session commences at a quarter to eight. Questions invited from the auing programme. All are welcome.

> 4308 Cottage Grove avenue, each Sun- taining beautiful illustrative plates. day. 3 p. m., conference and tests; For sale at this office. Price, postpaid. 8 p. m., lecture by J. K. Hallowell; tests \$5. It is a wonderful work and you by H. F. Coates and others. All are in. will be delighted with it. vited. Good music and seats free, There will be a Spiritual meeting at

2:30 each Sunday, at Smith Hall, Wisconsin and Larrabee streets. German and English speaking by Mrs. W. Hilbert and Mr. Bernhart.

Spiritualistic services will be held every Sunday afternoon at 2:45 p. m., 1453 N. Springfield avenue. Tests at 4 o'clock prompt. Wm. Fitch Ruffle,

Garden City Spiritual Alliance holes regular meetings at Mackinaw Hall, No. 294 and 296 East 43d street, every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Spirit messages, Tests in telepathy or thought transference, good music. Seats free. May Goodrich, pastor.

The Gross Park Spiritual Society meets at 1785 N. Hoyne avenue, every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The South Chicago True Spiritualist Society meets every Sunday evening at 7:30 at 8927 Exchange avenue, instead of Eigenman's Hall.

The Englewood Spiritual Union So-[Obituaries to the extent of ten lines | clety meets every Sunday at Forbes' Hall, 420 W. 63d street. Competent leaders of spiritual thought and mediums of note in charge.

Church of the Star of Truth, Wicker Park hall, No. 501 West North avenue. Services at 7:45 p. m., conducted by Mr. and Mrs. William Lindsey.

Truth Seekers meet at the Teutonia Hall, corner of 53rd and Ashland avenue, every Sunday afternoon at 3

The Chicago Liberal Society is a nonsectarian association for the encouragement of morality, the promotion of education, the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge, and the inculcation of truth in the place and stead of error and superstition. The Temple services of the society are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in Corinthian Hail, Masonic Temple, 17th floor, and are in charge of Thomas B. Gregory. You are cordially invited to attend the

The Avenue Spiritualists Society will meet at 2979 Wahash avenue, corner 30th street, every Sunday afternoon at

at private residences.

of a library in every Spiritualist home, See terms on another page.

"The Bridge Between Two Worlds." By Abby A. Judson. This book is dedicated to all earnest souls who desire, by harmonizing their physical and their psychical bodies with universal nature and their souls with the higher intelligences, to come into closer connection with the purer realms of the spirit world. It is written in the sweet spiritual tone that: characterizes all of Miss Judson's literary works. Price, cloth, \$1; paper, 75 cents. For sale at this

"Principles of Light and Color." E. D. Babbitti Mr D., LL. D. A truly great work of a master mind, and one month, beginning afternoons at three whom Spiritualists should delight to honor. The stesuit of years of deep thought and patient research into Nature's finer forces are here gathered and made amenable to the well-being of dience, and answered by the guides of humanity. Medical men especially, and Mrs. S. J. Ashton. Always an interest- scientists, general readers and students of occult forces will find instruction of Church of the Spirit Communion great value and interest. A large, fourwill hold meetings in Kenwood Hall, pound book, strongly bound, and con-

We want ten thousand clubs formed in every part of the United States, for which we present inducements never before offered by any Spiritualist paper. These clubs must consist of ten subscribers, and each one will get Volume 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death; or if they would prefer it, they can have the Next World Interviewed. They can have their choice of the two. Each subscriber in order to avail himself of this offer must pay \$1.15. The fifteen cents is to pay expense of postage and mailing, and the books sent out are practically a gift. They are not cheap affairs; they are nicely and substantially bound in cloth, neatly printed in clear type and are ornaments to any center table. The contents are indeed valuable, such as every Spiritualist family should have. The aggregate price of these two books to the trade is \$2.75. To each of our club subscribers one of these books is a gift, and when they receive the one of their choice. they will be delighted with it, and will wonder how we

can afford to do so much for them. The one who gets up the club will be entitled to The Progressive Thinker for one year, and (Vol 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit Spirit World, and also the Next World Interviewed. He will not only get The Progressive Thinker for one year, but both books. Helgets what is equivalent to \$3.75 for his trouble. There should be no difficulty whatever in getting up hundreds of clubs.

Volume 3 of othe Encyclopedia of Send in notice of meetings held on Death, and Life In the Spirit World will not only interest Spiritualists, but Bear in mind that only meetings held church members will be attracted to it. in public halls will be announced under The Rev. M. W. Savage, a leading libthe above head. We have not space to eral divine of New York, leads off with keep standing notices of meetings held several of his masterly productions. treating Death infrom an advanced standpoint. He is followed by leading Spiritualists who treat of Death in a philosophical and fascinating manner, The Next World Interviewed is also a pedia of Death, and Life in the very excellent work. The plates of Spirit World, Art Magic, Ghost this book were donated to the office of Land, The Next World Inter- The Progressive Thinker by Henry J. viewed, and the Occult. Life of Horn. It consists of communications Jesus (including the Hull-Covert from the spirit side of life from leading Debate) constitute our premium minds there. Fifty-five communicalist. Those seven books have been on tions are given by prominent personsale, costing the buyer in the aggregate, lages, among them Prince Albert, Har-

To Do All the Good We Can.

Who is so widely known as one of the

SPIRITUAL HEALERS,

Successfully Treated And Cured

> Thousands of Patients. Will Diagnose Your Case FREE

Lock of bair, age, sex, one leading symptom, full name, three 2-cent stamps and plain full address.

REQUIREMENTS:

SEND TO

Box 132. SAN JOSE, CAL.

sis of your case free, worth dollars to you. Address, FRANCES L. LOUCKS,

Lock Box 7, Stoneham, Mass. NEW DREAM BOOK. 1,000 Dreams and their interpretation; price. 25 cents; sent by mail on receipt of price, in coin or stamps. Address DR. R. GREER, Maywood, Ill., 556

Challoner Worm Powders Effectually destroy any living thing in the human alimentary canal and stomach. 624 Sedgwick st.,

Card from Annie Lord Chamber-Dear friends, you can greatly help me care for my blind sister. Jennie L. Webb, one of the earliest me-diums now in the form, by writing a letter to a spirit

friend. Bend it to me with \$1, and I will try and get reply by independent writing or whispers. Address Annie Lord Chamberlain, Milford, Mass. 531tf

A. JANE, PSYCHOLOGIST AND ASTROLOGER.
Trial reading, 10 cents and stamp. By mail only.
Give date of birth. 52 So. Broadway, Aurora, III. 559 MAGNETISM. Diseases cured by Magnetism, without use of medi-cines, at patient's homes, Sundays and evenings.

Reed City _anitarium and Private Hospital, A. B. Spinney, M. D., Prop. Staff of eight consulting physicians and surgeons; professional nurses, steam heat, electric light. Cheapest sanitarium for the accommodations in the world. Board, medical attendance, nursing, baths, massage electrical treatment all for \$10 A WEEK. Cases diagnosed free and treated at a distance by correspondence. Prices reasonable. Send your name and address with stamp to BEED OFTY SANITARIUM, Reed City, Michigan.

OUR MOTTO COLLEGE OF FINE FORCES

The students of this College represent four con-tinents, and many of them are physicians, medical professors, or clergymen. Hudson Tuttle, the well-known author. calls this college "An institute of refined therapeutics, which is fast becoming of world-wide fame, and attracting students from many countries. It builds on exact science, and includes the magnetic, cleatric, chemical, solar, and spiritual forces which underlie everything. Its course can be taken at home, and a diploma conferring the title of 1). M. (Doctor of Magnetics) granted." Send stamp for catalogue. for catalogue.

A cheaper and simpler ACADEMIC COURSE has been established for those who do not wish to take the more claborate COLLEGE COURSE. It covers new and beautiful methods of Nature, which are powerful to heal and upbuild. Address E. D. BABBITT, M. D., LL. D., Dean, 58 North Third St., San Lose Colleges of March 1988.

parts of the United States and Canada. Thousands have been cured after being given up to die. His psychic powers are unequaled, as his cures prove. Talk doesn't prove anything. Facts are proof. He also cures diseases of men, such as loss of manhood. debilitating losses causing nervous exhaustion. Behd name, age, sex, lock of hair, 6 cts in stamps, for a diagnosis. Address,

DR. J. S. LOUCKS, M. D., 85 Warren st., Stonebam, Mass.

See the unsolicited testimonials of cures that tell a true story that needs no more proof. Judge a physi-

cian only by what cures he makes, not by what he RIVERHEAD, N. Y.—Dr. J. S. Loucks—Dear Sir:
After ten months of severe suffering from excessive irritation of the stomach, bowels and bladder, and other complications, unable to eat except a raw egg, followed by great distress. In the last stage of dyspepsia, I was advised to try a clairvoyant and sent to you a lock of hair. You described the case perfectly. On taking the pleasant remedies I began immediately to pick up and can now eat a hearty meal and attend to business. It is considered a wonderful curs.

Yours very sincerely, James B. Slade.

MRS. MIGGIE WAITE

Reading by mail. \$1.06. Business advice a specialty.

Beading by mail. \$1.06. Business advice a specialty.

Bol S. Crouse ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

Solt S. Crouse ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

DON'T READ THIS.

Frances L. Loucks, the only psychic wonder living, that uses the spiritual X-ray without any leading that uses the spiritual X-ray without any leading and after one month's treatment from you, I had gained ten pounds more in flesh, and the change in my general appearance was so great that it was a matter of remark among my friends. And will say that I had employed the best medical aid I could get here, but they gave me no relief whatever, and I was growing worse under their treatment, and I have no doubt that if I could not have received your sid Kind Dr. Loucks:-Mrs. Eckhart wished me to

no doubt that if I could not have received your aid I would not to-day be in the land of mortals. I conider your magnetic remedies a dead shot. You can make such use of this letter as you choose. It may be of benefit to some suffering mortal. Most sin-JOHN W. LYON. Decatur, Ill., Lock Box 226.

send for treatment for my daughter, as I met a Mrs. Allen W. Lamb, of Garland, N. C. She told me that you cured her after five other doctors tried and failed, and gave up her case as incurable.

Dunn, N. C.

J. B. FARRAR.

Dr. J. S. Loucks-Dear Sir:-I feel encouraged to



YOUR LIFE AND DESTINY REVEALED BY THE STARS.

F. F. NEITZEL "Prophetic Seer," Scientific and Psychic Astrologer. Send 30 cents (three dimes) and Date of your Bir.h. for a short reading, with prospects of the coming year. Full readings \$1.00 Address F. F. NEITZEL, Box 988, Spokane, Wash.

Myself cured, I will gladly inform any one addicted to Morphine, Opium, Laudanum, or Cocaine, of a never-failing harmless Home Cure. MRS. M. E. BALDWIN, P. O. Box 1212, Chicago, Ill.

TO GAMP-MEETING GOERS

Spiritualists Generally Who Take no Spiritualist Papers, Greeting:

If you are a Spiritualist and read no Spirit- Discovery of a Lost Trail ualist paper, then, of course, you cannot know what is going on in our movement. To you it pages. Mr. Newcomb made a distinct success with made a dist is midnight darkness in that one respect, however wise you may be in other directions. Progressive Thinker, being the largest Spiritualist paper published, combining cheapness and excellence it will be a splendid agent to keep you apprised of what is transpiring in the great Spiritualistic Cause. Thousands of Spiritualists who attend our camp meetings, take no Spiritualist paper. They will go there to have a spiritual feast, and then return home to remain in utter darkness and ignorance as to what is going on our ranks throughout the world. We ask this class particularly to subscribe for The Progressive Thinker, and thus have their homes illuminated throughout the year.

We don't believe that more than one Spiritualist in ten who visits the camp-meetings takes a Spiritualist paper. We greatly desire to reach this class. We are sure The Progressive Thinker will be a benefit to them while they will be a benefit to us. The benefit derived will be reciprocal.

TALMAGEAN INANITIES. Incongruities, Inconsistencies

and Blasphemies. A review of Rev. T. DeWitt and Rev. Frank De-Witt Talmage's oft-repeated attacks upon Spiritual-ism. By Moses Hull. For sale at this office. Price

Children's Progressive Lyceum. A manual, with directions for the organization and management of Sunday schools. By Andrew Jackson

OF THE ANCIENTS.

Or Sex in Religion. By Eliza Burt Gamble. "It is a sensible, quiet, logical statement of opinion, deduced at times curiously from statistics which might be open to doubt; and never for a moment sensational or

THE GOD IDEA

MEDIUMSHIP, A chapter of experiences, by Mrs. Maria M. King. Price 10c. For sale at this office. RELIGION OF THE FUTURE. BY S. WEIL.

Croth, 11.15. . . . Paper, 60 cents.

themselves from the dogmas of orthodoxy and from the dogmas of materialistic science, for it will she dogmas of materialistic science, for it will strengthen the conviction of the free mind that mind and senses are not the whole of lif.

The chapters reveal a new method in paychic and spiritual research. They show vivid glimpees of a supendous moral remains that will supersede moral confusion; that only varifiable tenses can survive, and the childhood period of faith and finess will be supersed by knowledge and facts. For one of the color of the color

Old Testament Stories Comically **Illustrated** By Watson Heston. Price, boards, \$1; cloth, \$1.50. Heston is inimitable.

A Few Words About the Devil. And Other Essays. By Charles Bradlaugh. With the story of his life as told by himself, and the history of his parliamentary struggle. With portrait. Paper, 50c.

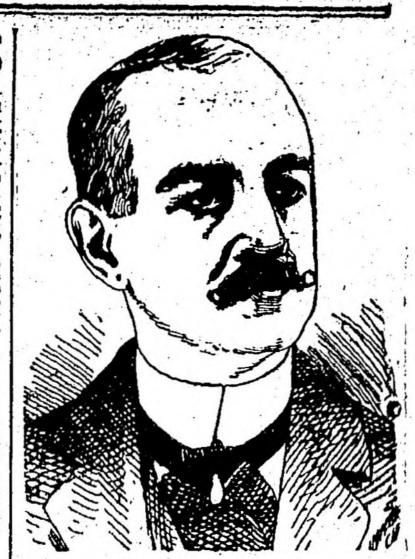
The Other World and This.

A Compendium of Spiritual Laws. No. 1, New White Cross Literature.

revolutionary.—Chicago Herald. 329 pages, large by AUGUSTA W. FLETCHER, M. D. type, cloth bound. Price \$2.25. For sale at this office BY AUGUSTA W. FLETCHER, M. D. In this volume the author, in the thirty-nine chapters, discusses a wide variety of subjects pertaining to Spiritualism, from a spiritualistic standpoint. She evinces the powers of a trained thinker, both in matter of thought and fine literary style, and capability of thought expression. The subjects are well-handled with conciseness and yet with clearness. It will prove a field addition to any Spiritualist's library, and a most excellent book for any one seeking information concerning Spiritualism and its teachings.

This is a work of great value, written by one of the For Sale at this Office. Price, \$1.50 keenest, most powerful and most truly religious minds of the day. It is particularly a work which should be put into the hands of those who have freed ZUGASSENT'S DISCOVERY. Sequel to The Strike of a Sex. By George N. Miller. Paper, 25 cents. For sale at this office.

> THE RELATION Of the Spiritual to the Material Universe; and the Law of Courses. New edition; saletyes and series.



THE EMINENT

Obsession Cured.

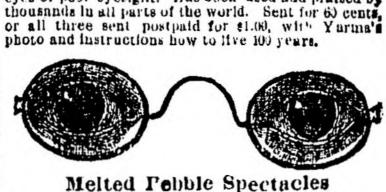
Special Attention Given to Nervous Ailments. Astonishing Cures of Disease, Physical and Mental, Through

Readings and business advice, by mail. \$1.00 and two stamps.

For correct diagnosis of disease send five two-cent stamps, age, name, sex and own handwriting.

and truthful medium for the Spirit-world than Chas.
Walter Lyan. Jos. Rodes Buchanan. Address, 1017 Castro st., Oakland, Call.

BETTER THAN COLD. Elixir of Life Nos. One and Two Cures all forms of stomach, liver and kidney disease: also constipation. A sure cure for that tired, worn-out feeling. Guaranteed to assist your system to health with pure, rich blood. Sufficient quantity for one One package of our Magnetized Compound for sore eyes or poor eyesight. Has been used and praised by



who developed this clairvoyant power in me. I can idjust my Melted Pebble Spectacles as perfectly to your eyes in your own home as if you were in my office, as thousands can testify. Send stamp for photo. B. F. POOLE & CO., 43 Evanston av., Chicago, Ill.

showing styles and prices and photo of Spirit Yarma,

YOUR FUTURE accurately calculated by 37 Opera House Block, Denver, Col. From \$1.00. \$2—TRUMPETStions 36 in. high-magnetized when desired-12 on re ceipt of price. Address WM. A. MURRAY, 508 K. 2nd

Geo. F. Perkins, Emaline Perkins, Platform and Private Test Mediums, 8558 Cottage Grove ave., flat 14, Chicago. Circles Friday. Readings

popular. The great number who have seen cheered and strengthened by him will welcome another book by this wise teacher whose words of help are doing so much to nake the world better by making men and women better able to understand and enjoy it.

"Discovery of a Lost Trail" is a simple study of that strange and beautiful thing called life, but grand in its scholarly simplicity. It will be in demand by many who have not previously read metaphysical writings. Price \$1.50. For sale at this office.

Or Psychometric Researches and Discoveries. By Wm. and Elizabeth M. F. Denton. A marveloud work. Though concise as a text book it is as fascing as a work of fiction. The reader will be amazed to see the curious facts here combined in support of this power of the human mind, which will resolve a thousand doubts and difficulties, make geology plain as day, and throw light on all subjects now obscured by time. Price \$1.50. For sale at this office.

In three volumes, cloth bound, \$1.50 (ach.

Christ JESUS, MAN, Martyr. A Symposium by W. E. Coleman, J. S. Loveland, Hudson Tuttle, Moses Hull, J. R. Buchanan, B. B. Hill, Rabbi I. M.

Wise, Col. Ingersoll-and what the spirits say about it. By J. M. PEEBLES, M. D. Whether this book settles the question or not, will be found eminently entertaining, and brings to gether a mass of evidence to establish the historical character of Jesus. A large volume, cloth, \$1.25. For sale at this office.

TALLEYRAND'S LETTER TO THE POPE. This work will be found especially interesting to all who would desire to make a study of Romanism and the Bible. The historic facts stated, and the keen, scathing review of Romish ideas and practices should be read by all. Price, 25c. Sold at this office.

WOMAN: FOUR CENTULIES OF PROGRESS. A Lecture delivered at the Freethinker's Inter-national Congress, Chicago, Ill., October, 1893. By Susan H. Wixon. Price, 10c.

STARNOS. By Dr. Della R. Davis. A rosary of pearls, culled from the works of Andrew Jackson Davis. Intended for the light and solace of every sorrowing and stricken heart. Price 50 cents. For sale at this office.

STRIKE OF A SEX. By George N. Miller. Dealing with the populationers. Paper, 25 cents. For sale at this office.

MAN

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. A POPULAR ACCOUNT OF Basults of recent scientific research regarding the origin, position and prospects of mankind.
From the German of

DR. LUDWIG BUCHNER, Author of "Force and Matter." Essays on Nature and Science," "Physiological Pictures," "Six Lee-tures on Darwin," Etc.

The great mystery of existence consists in perpetual and uninterrupted change. Everything is immortal and indestructible—the smallest worm as well as the most enormous of the celestial bodies,—the sand grain or the water drop as well as the highest being in creation, man and his thoughts. Only the forms in which being manifests itself are changing; but Being iteclf remains eternally the same and imperishable When we die we do not lose ourselves, but only out personal consciousness. We live on in mature, in our race, in our children, in our deeds, in our thoughts—in thort, in the entire material and physical contribution, which, during our short personal existence, we live furnished to the subsistence of mankind and of the property of the personal existence. The property of the personal existence of mankind and of the personal existence of mankind and of the personal existence. The property of the personal existence of mankind and of the personal existence of the personal existen