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MISSIONARIES.

in China.

The evidence continues to accumulate that Rome is largely responsible for the Citizen has given, in its issues of the past two weeks, sufficiently conclusive. evidence to satisfy any fair-minded perthe papal priests in China—as in the Philippines, Cuba, and everywhere else, has roused the resentment of the peofor God." In part he said: ple: but the Chinese have not submitted patiently, as did the Filipinos and other ence as a preacher of the gospel of benighted peoples. The result is, the Jesus Christ among the cultivated peoinnocent suffer with the guilty—the ple of the city of Corinth. He is also in images. But all thinking is impossible Protestants with the Romanists— our text declaring a great truth. without including a material as well as although the uprising was at first

kins, stationed at Pao Ting Fu, where | sponsibility and the difficulties of his the Boxer troubles began, has been re- mission. With no commanding presceived by the American board through | ence or eloquence or power of convinc-Mr. Pitkins' wife, who is at present at | ing logic or attending miracle he de- the New York Journal photo-engraved Troy, Ohio. The letter was dated May livers his message. 28, and in it Mr. Pitkins tells of a fight in a near-by village on March 16. He

"It seems that in the moonlight of Saturday night the Boxers came down to the village, surrounded the houses of the Catholics as they were pointed out to them, and then robbed them, allowing no one to escape. Finally, they fired the houses, and as the people rushed out of the flames they were killed and thrown back into the fire. Only one man escaped, and they pursued him. He jumped into a well, and so they fired their guns into the well and threw down bricks until, thinking him dead, they left. He managed to get out, and started for Pao Ting Fu, told the Catholics, and they waited all day for other survivors to come. As none came on Monday they saw the provincial judge, and he sent soldiers, but they could "The Catholics were absolutely wiped

out, thirty or more. Everywhere we know that they are not interfering with the Protestants. It is paying off old scores against the Catholics.

Evidence such as the above comes from all sources. In the Northwestern Christian Advocate last week there was printed a letter from Bishop S. M. Merrill, one of the ablest as well as most conservative of the Methodist bishops. Bishop Merrill is regarded as having "the judicial mind," par excellence. He

"In connection with the sad condition of things in China the remark has been made that the missionaries are largely responsible for the hatred the Chinese feel toward foreigners. It is not worth while to reply to this, so far as those are concerned who make the statement. as they evidently feel toward the missionaries very much as do the natives of that dark land, and stand in need of missionary labor about as much as do

"There is, however, a serious side to this matter, and there is reason to fear that substantial ground exists for the belief that the conduct of some missionaries has been very objectionable and well calculated to arouse the enmity and the patriotic hostility of the people against them. There are missionaries and missionaries. The missionaries who represent the evangelical churches, preach the simple gospel of salvation through the sacrifice of the incarnate Savior, and teach the people the way of life, do not by such methods excite the wrath of those with whom they labor, nor the opposition of the rulers who learn of their methods and their teaching. But there are others who make a widely different impression. They represent a great church, with imposing ceremonies, with distinctive dress, with high ideas of official dignity and authority, and make demands for such honors and reverence and obedience as become those who are entitled to rule. In many instances their arrogance and assumptions are such as to arouse the suspicion that they aim at nothing less than the establishment of a foreign government over their followers, if not over the entire community where they set themselves up as lords and princes.

"It is well-known that where the Roman Catholic bishop fixes his residence in heathen lands he gathers around him a retinue of servants, sets up a little throne, puts on the toggery of a prince. appears in public with such pretentious displays of authority and receives from subordinates such marks of reverence and submission, as to create the impression that he is in fact a prince, ruler or king. It is also known that in connection with these assumptions of greatness, the Romanists make such representations of the authority of the Pope as to lead the simple-minded observers to think that he is a temporal ruler, divinely commissioned to govern princes. kings and emperors, so that they naturally conceive the idea that these foreigners intend in time to overturn their to dust, we shall forever enjoy the government and subject the nation to the power they represent as ordained of | eternity." heaven to rule the world.

"It is worth while in the present crisis to look into these methods of the Romish Church, and to study the impressions they must make on the minds of Chinamen, who know so little of the actual state of the world without, and who are so jealous of their own institutions and of the divine right of their own rulers. It is difficult for us to question the statements of those who imagine the pretentiousness of these put upon Rome the fearful responsibiliforeign bishops; and yet, a little reflect ty for the massacres in China. Has she tion on what we see in our own country, | not done in other lands just what she is where the display only excites our pity | doing there?-Citizen, Boston. or disgust, knowing, as we do. its harmlessness and emptiness; will satisfy us that where the people do not see through it the idea must come to them. that it means the displacement of their laws and customs. This impression is strengthened, and must be when these rying the principles of evolution into 'lord bishops' actually sit as judges and new fields. Cloth, \$2. For sale at this determine causes of a civil kind, and office. impose fines, panaceas, and other temporal penalties for disobedience to their | Hypnotism Applied in Medicine and orders and failures to pay proper re- Education." By A. C. Halphide. Presspect to their personal dignity. The un- | ident Chicago Society of Anthropology. trained heathen do not distinguish he. For sale at this office. Price \$1.

HIGHER FACULTIES.

The Baneful Work of Rome Power of Seeing Spiritual And Thoughts About Some Things.

The Rev. C. N. Moller, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, preached in troubles in China, though of course the St. Louis lately on "Man's Spiritual daily press dilates upon Russian aggres-sion, German aggression, etc., etc. The ii., 9, 10: "But as it is written, eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that son that the arrogance and avarice of love him. But God hath revealed them

"St. Paul is writing about his experi-

"When he made his entrance into Cordirected against the papal priests only. Inth it was in weakness and fear and A letter from the Rev. Horace T. Pit- trembling, showing the sense of his re-

depend on the enticing words of man's forms as given by a draughtsman, wisdom, but in the demonstration of the found they were nearly correct. In the spirit and of power. That faith does same way the spiritual and phrenal not stand in the wisdom of men, but in forces formulate the images of the the power of God. That the revelation outer world as well as of all thoughts of the Holy Spirit of the great unseen and sensations and impress them on realities of the Christian faith is not that picture-plate, the sensorium. This dependent on the senses, which he sums | wonderful sensorium covers the front up as the eye, the ear and the heart, and upper-front region of the brain He protests that men are not merely both parts of which are called the Sinsensual, but have receptive spiritual ciput, and although using to a certain powers, that 'they might know the extent the outer brain while we dwell things that are freely given to them of in our earthly bodies, we may know God.' He tears away the veil and that these amazing subtleties must find shows to men the higher vision of them- their principal home in the psychic selves and the glorious possibilities in brain. This idea of the sensorium. the cultivation of higher faculties.

erally moved by this strange messenger | world and especially for the world to or his message. They were devoted to come. the beauty of art and nature; they were absorbed in various schools of philosophy that did not dream of definite spiritual power. It seems wonderful that under the circumstances St. Paul should by getting into rapport with a patient have made any impression at all, but at a distance can project a force which the results of his life work are an evidence of the truth of his statement 'that | case however, does not possess more or faith does not stand in the wisdom of less of a psychic or sensitive nature, the men, but in the power of God.'

itual-life of man is confronted to-day with the same disposition that St. Paul faced in the early days of Christianity | healing with much success, will adverin Corinth. We are living in days that have many claims to distinction, with thing. This is on a par with the course breadth of knowledge and power of which Hutchings took when he proprogress that former ages could not have dreampt of. And yet it is development of what St. Paul calls the the students had paid their money and eye and ear and heart. When men speak of useful knowledge they mean generally such knowledge as is concerned only with this world of sense and time. Practical education does not usually include the thought of the train- | they were not. ing of children for a future as well as a present state of existence.

"The French eclectic, Cousin, once asked a friend what he considered the most serious symptom of the day in the world of thought. The friend made several suggestions, and at length Cousin said: 'Nothing seems to me to compare in seriousness to this, that God is apparently disappearing from the minds people who are generally so much in of men.' This is apparent in the thought-life of the people of this day as in France of thirty years ago. Its truth | It includes articles from the Rev. M. J. can be realized by conversation with Savage, W. P. Phelon, M. D., Jas. C. educated men or by reading the socalled theological novels of the day, my former student, William Emmette One of the most recent of these novels | Coleman, J. M. Peebles, M. D., Dr. shows how men can shut out of their | Dean Clarke, Chas Dawbarn, Cora L. thoughts their higher faculties, their V. Richmond, Hudson Tuttle, Dr. Fred powers of communing with God, and L. H. Willis, Moses Hull, Dr. C. W. limit themselves to the eye, the ear and | Hidden, Carlyle Petersilea and various the heart.

"God has made us in his image, beings of inexhaustible capacity, of number of beautiful passages from boundless possibility. God made us not | eminent authors, which is a department merely for the changing world, but with of the book of great value. powers to apprehend the things unseen he hath prepared for those who love taken by an able writer which does not him. When Jesus answered St. Peter's seem to be properly analytical, and as confession of faith he said unto him: some others are using the same terms 'Blessed art thou Sinton Bar-jona, for as expressing the foundation of all life, flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto a few words would be appropriate. thee, but my Father which is in heaven.' | Speaking of the formation of a universe "We have the power of receiving the the writer says: "There were just three direct influence of the guiding, teach- facts in nature, with which the Great ing, loving Spirit of God. The develop- Experimenter must work as his raw ment of the higher nature, the power to | material. They were matter, force and receive a revelation in this present intelligence." In another place he calls world, is measured by our love for God. | these "distinct entities." According to And love for God implies a striving to this, force must be distinct from matbe pure and true and obedient to his ter. But in the whole known world commandments and calls for adoration, forces are exhibited in currents or thanksgiving and prayer and an earnest | waves of water, in the sweep of winds seeking after all other means of grace or gases or steam, and these are all deor strength for the spiritual life.

"We thankfully recognize the marvelous canacity which is inherent in the litty by itself? Reasoning from the ear and eve and heart. They are evidences of divine wisdom and goodness. but they point to a seeing and hearing universe is in harmony with itself. power, to an imagination and affection | Within this matter, we perceive that that is an everlasting gift, for we can but believe that after the fleshly eye and the ear and the heart have turned beauty, the harmony, the love, of

tween ecclesiastical and civil rule when the outward appearances and results are not distinguishable. Verily, there is a sense in which some missionaries intensify in the Chinese mind their nat-

ural hatred to foreigners." After reading the above, no one will

"Harmonics of Evolution. The Philosophy of Individual Life, Based Upon Natural Science, as Taught by Modern Masters of the Law." By Florence Huntley. A work of deep thought, car-

"Mind and Body: Suggestions and

Other Things.

By saying thoughts and other things is as much as to say that thoughts themselves are things, and that is just what I mean. When Lord Byron says: "Thoughts are things, and a small drop

Falling like dew upon a thought, pro-

That which makes thousands, perhaps millions think,"

he is evidently referring to the old-fash-ioned metaphysical conceptions, according to which, there are no things or substances except thoughts or mental a spiritual side. A clear-minded person can project by means of thought, substances which can be caught on sensitive paper in the forms of triangles, squares, houses, etc., just as he may choose to have them. Some time ago a number of these thought-forms and "St. Paul declares that he does not placing them by their real subjective shows it to be the real book of life, the "The people of Corinth were not gen- picture store-house of memory for this

If thought can thus send out a stream of substances which can be collected on sensitized paper, it is very easy to understand how a magnetic mental healer will cure disease. If the patient in this healer's force will strike on a rock and "The preacher of the higher—the spir- some other process will prove more effective. Some powerfully magnetic healer who is able to practice absent tise to teach others to do the same posed to teach other people to become lightning calculators like himself. After tried their best to equal their master, they found that Mr. Hutchings could add an example five times quicker than they could even see the figures, for to tell the truth he was a psychozolst and

I have received Vol. 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, issued by The Progressive Thinker Fublishing House. I have been surprised and delighted to find so much that is beautiful, cheering and exalting in one book. This is a book for making Spiritualists still more spiritual and a book also for our church the dark about the whole destiny of man as he passes into the higher life. Underhill, J. O. Barrett, G. W. Kates, other excellent writers. H. V. Sweringen, A. M., M. D., has quoted a large

In the same book there is one position partments of matter. Why speak of force then as something distinct, an enknown to the unknown, we must include some grade of matter, for the there is some all-penetrating and almost infinitely refined substance which we call spirit. In working out the problem of atoms which constitute the true department of matter, I have found that no force or action of any kind is possible without the co-operation of spirit; in other words that the union of spirit and matter is absolutely necessary in all things. Force then includes matter and spirit and judging from all examples in nature, goes forth in fluid form. Intelligence results from a physical brain kindled by mental and spiritual ethers, these very ethers themselves being composed of both matter and spirit. The universe then consists of these two great divisions of matter and spirit, differentiated into all their boundless forms of manifestation.

Peebles, M. D. This is a book witty and racy like all of Dr. Peebles' writings and containing thousands of facts drawn from various parts of the world and multitudes of historical points and opinions against flesh-eating and wrong methods of life. There is an immense array of points that the people are in dying need of understanding. Occasionally some will consider him a little extreme in sending out his edicts against so many

Death Defeated, or the Psychic Se-

cret of How to Keep Young. By J. M.

THOUGHTS ARE THINGS. A PLEATO ALL SPIRITUALISTS

greetings and best wishes. We are all engaged in the place in his paper. cause of truth for the purpose of enlightening the people and demonstrating to them that we are immortal beings unite in one grand effort to bring the weekly circulation and are in direct communication with the world of spirits. of The Progressive Thinker up to at least one hundred In no better way can we produce the evidence of our better way can we produce the evidence of our better way can be thousand subscribers. Remember that our friends in the lief and knowledge than by assisting the spiritual press in spirit world are more interested in this work than we are its efforts to accumulate at the facts than can be had in and every dollar that we invest will be returned with inthis grand work of spirit communion. When the editor terest when we enter the spirit world where we will all asof The Progressive Thinker first contemplated the com- semble sooner or later. Death of the body is just as inevmencement of this formidable work, his dream was to give to the world a large weekly paper at a less price than had future. Much of our happiness in the upper world deever before been believed could be accomplished. went about his work with the determination to make a

success of it. He put the price at one dollar a year, and has kept on improving the paper up to the present time, and now behold it! Look at the vast army of correspondents he has from all parts of the world. Men and women vie with each other in striving to do the most good in satisfying the people that they have all the evidence at their command to prove that all human life is immortal and also progressive.

But the dream of the editor did not end by giving to the world the best weekly paper at the smallest possible price. but now he is adding forit thousands of books written expressly for the cause of Spiritualism. These books contain much valuable information. A list of these books

can be found in each number of The Progressive Thinker. hable than the dollar we send. I write this open letter to the readers of The Progressive Thinker wholly without the knowledge or consent of

things, but he will set multitudes of

people to thinking and making observa-

tions on themselves. It seems Dr.

Peebles can't find out that he is get-

keeps on rolling out books every year.

making speeches in all quarters and

managing a large business. "Having

passed," he says, "far beyond the sev-

entles, onto the very verge of the

eighties, and yet hale and vigorous

why should I not live a century? Why

die at all, as my forefathers did? Why

not live in this body immortal on

earth?" Tut, tut, dear Doctor. Are

you about surrendering to this theory of

as possible, and have you grinding

away at these ruder earthly duties, for

the world needs your toll but if I was

a betting man I would bet that you will

you are doing at present. Now it is

very easy to replace the waste of the

fleshy part of our bodies, but what

about the bones? The cancellous part

of the bones is almost devoid of blood

vessels, and how are you going to sup-

ply the waste of this part without a

plenty of blood vessels? The bones al-

the vital magnetisms of the rest of the

beautiful climes. Blessings on these

Christian Against Heathen.

up from all "Christian nations."

were glutted with blood shed by mobs

stead, at Buffalo in Idaho and at other

places working men' were shot down

like dogs for striking for better wages.

Confucius, the great! Chinese prophet,

said: "Do not unto others what you

you would not have them do unto you."

and Jesus said: "Love one another, re-

turn good for evil," but neither the Chi-

nese beathen nor the professed Chris-

tian obey the commands of their great

religious teachers. China invented the

compass and printing and gave the

world many inventions. If she were to

send her missionaries to the Christian

countries and threaten to slice up their

territory and destroy their institutions,

and plant Confucianism where Chris-

tianity now exists, I would expect to

see "Christian Boxers" hustle John

Chinaman out of the country with nent-

ness and dispatch and kill him if he

hesitated long as to to the order of his

going. It would not be a bad idea for

"Christian nations" to first cast the

beam out of their own eres and then

The Christian nations are horrified at

E. D. BABBITT, M. D.

these grosser earthly scenes.

To the Spiritualists of the United States I send my the editor, and I do truly hope he will not fail to give a

itable as life is essential to our greater happiness in the pends on the amount of good we do in this world.

If God has any respect of persons it will be manifested towards those that have accomplished the most good in this world. When we realize that we have all the facts at hand that will demonstrate the truth of immortal life, what more can we do than to assist and instruct others in the same glorious truths.

Go out, my dear brothers and sisters, each one of you G." For instance, Mr. Porter says he and get all the subscribers you can for The Progressive sent up the name of "Lewis H. Fin-Thinker. I am not engaged in any begging scheme for I all of which were fictitious. Mr. Porter am doing all that I ask you to do, and if we do not succeed in extending the list to one hundred thousand for a Christmas presentation to the editor of the best and cheapest Spiritualist paper, to say nothing about the value of the premium books we get, which are more val-

Minneapolis, Minn. DR. WM. CLEVELAND.

GOD--CONSTITUTION.

ting old and nobody will tell him, so he Important Thoughts on the Subject.

DENUNCIATION OF THE ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE RELIGIOUS BE-LIEF INTO THE CONSTITUTION-LETTERS TO THE NEW YORK

The Rev. James M. Boddy says in his letter in the Sun to-day on "God and the Constitution:"

earthly immortality? Really, I would like to keep you out of heaven as long "Now, unless a man has mental myopia, he should know that a Constitunot reach one hundred years, especially Delty imply a recognition of the creeds if you keep on driving things the way of the Christian church."

I presume the reverend gentleman from "mental myopia" in the slighest degree, and his line of reasoning might ways become brittle with age and grad- Constitution tinkers wish to insert ually become a dead weight to absorb therein, which are bracketed ones:

"We, the people of the United States of the earthly ego is laid aside and the las the ruler of nations, and His reweight, rises triumphant into more civil affairs] etc." Now, right here in these last words is

bones, then, dear Doctor, that can thus "the nigger in the woodpile" concealed. open the gates of Paradise. Anyone A constitutional adoption of them you not"? who has looked through the veil and would have precisely the effect of "the seen the glories of the Beyond should recognition of the creeds of the Chrisnot be anxious to live forever among tian church" and the destruction of religious liberty in our land. Every intelligent and impartial thinker will readily perceive this fact at a glance. It is only the sufferers from "mental myopia," whether ministers or laymen, who are so blind that they can't see or won't see the point. the atrocities in China. The Emperor

Those who claim to be the authorized of Germany said: "I shall not rest till interpreters of "His revealed will." are. China is subdued and all bloody deeds and have been in all past generations. avenged," and the cry for vengeance the makers of the creeds, whether Cathand the destruction of China is going olic or Protestant, and the statements of dogmatic theology contained in the Christians should not forget that recent | "Westminster Confession" or in the bloodshed in China was, not caused by creed of the Catholic church would bethe government but by the Boxers who come the standard by which to judge We should not forget that for several people. Just think of it—if it is possiyears there has been a great deal of talk | ble to think of an impossible thing. in Europe about slicing up China and Here would be a union of church and parceling out her territory among state with a vengeance; and, therefore, Christian nations. The Christian mis- all the millions of Hebrews, Shakers, sionaries have for years advocated that | Quakers, Unitarians, Universalists, policy. The proposed method of "Chris- Spiritualists, Liberal Religionists of vatianizing China" has excited the people rious cults, Freethinkers, etc., would be of that country and they are now trying classed as "disbelievers" or "heretics." The return of his children God never reto eject the foreigners from the coun- Every one of these millions, because of try. Christian nations should not for his "heterodoxy," would become liable But beckons them to Him, to share in get that they sometimes have rebellions to arrest, fine and imprisonment, if and atrocities at home. The German such a fanatical law should be estabnation shed rivers of Jewish blood; Rus-lished by constitutional amendment; sia horrified the world because of the and thus they would be deprived of atrocities perpetrated on the Hebrews; both civil and religious liberty at one He never will send from his care for a the streets of Paris a generation ago, fell swoop.

and the guillotine: Christian England onia" that afflicts these misguided relighas spilled rivers of blood and she is lous fanatics prevents their perceiving He will gather them home from the ut now engaged in wholesale killing of the the force of that clause of the Constitu-Christian Boers for territory and gold tion of the United States which is as Of the world, to bind up their poor. mines. In the United States we mob follows: "Congress shall make no law Chinamen, and burn negroes at the respecting an establishment of religion, He will show them new ways to atone stake, and in New Orleans a few years or prohibiting an establishment thereof, Italians. At Hazelton, Pa., at Home- the press." Ye men and women of America who But thrice blest are they who live for

are patriotic and liberty loving-ye who are intelligent and progressive enough So that they shall have no atonement to to believe that every one should possess the inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience-rise up, I pray you, in earnest protest against this reactionary movement on the part of religious intolerants. Let us all take our firm stand upon the high and broad platform of universal justice and perfect religious freedom, so wisely established by the noble, self-sacrificing, God-inspired men and women who founded our nation and its government. Thus shall we prove ourselves worthy of the blessed heritage of civil and religious liberty which they bequeathed to us, and under for more than one hundred years. Brooklyn, July 24. PATRIOT.

Association, to put the church into the Constitution, by making national recognition of the basis of the church; that | nifying in the affirmative, sent a note is. Jesus Christ and the Bible. Senator | back to him with a name totally differ-Frye and Representative Morse, in ent from that of Lewis G. Hill, so Mr. their respective chambers, were the rep- Porter says. Mrs. von Freitag asked

On March 11, 1896, a hearing was had before, the Judiciary Committee of the | name she asked a bystander to read it. House on this subject. The proposed | The name was read and Mrs. von Frei amendment acknowledged Almighty tag asked that the note be returned, God as the source of all power and authority in civil government, the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations, and His revealed will as supreme authority in civil affairs. One of its advocates made what he called a clear statement | heard of anybody by that name, that of a clear question, thus:

"The parties in this debate agree substantially in these two things: First, tional recognition of Delty does not that the Constitution is a secular docunecessarily imply the recognition of the ment; and, second, that the facts in our church, Nor does the recognition of the life are Christian; but the one party claims that a secular Constitution is right, and that it ought to remain so, and that all the facts in our national cannot imagine himself as suffering life should be brought down to it, viz., abolish Government chaplaincies, prayers in Congress, Bible in the schools, her.—Ottumwa (Ia.) Courier.

"deceive even the very elect," providing etc. The other party contend that evthey were as ill-informed as he seems to ery Christian feature shall be mainbe concerning the actual words these tained, and ask that the Constitution be amended so as to secure all such features."

system. Finally, the power of resist- [acknowledging Almighty God as the brought this out even plainer by asking ance becomes less and less, until the source of all power and authority in one of the Christian speakers what he weary body that has been so long a part | civil government, the Lord Jesus Christ | meant by the revealed will of Jesus Christ. The speaker answered: "The higher man, freed from its depressing vealed will as of supreme authority in Bible." Then this colloquy occurred: The Chairman-"Then you wish the Constitution to recognize the Bible as supreme authority in civil affairs, do Dr. McAllister-"Yes, sir.'

The amendment was opposed by the president of the American Secular Union and Freethought Federation, some individual Freethinkers and by Freethinkers.

proposed amendments. E. M. MACDONALD.

New York, July 24.

AN ASSURANCE.

A pardon is given to the soul who re-

And dwell safe from harm, in the mansions above.

Singularly enough, the "mental my- His children, whose weakness has led them astray:

termost parts broken hearts!

ago, lawlessly shot to death a lot of or abridging freedom of speech, or of That they may rejoice in His kingdom at last!

> Right's sake. HELEN M. SWAN. make. Roseburgh, Mich.

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SPIRITUAL SEANCE.

Messages Delivered from the Living.

Mrs. Maud L. Freitag's Vigorous Response.

It is said that Mrs. Maud von Freitag, the Spiritualist medium who has been giving public seances in this city for the past few weeks, delivered messages from fictitious persons and persons who are living to those who sent up names of that character last Sunday evening. Mrs. von Freitag's method is to cause persons in the audience to write names of deceased persons on slips of paper, have them collected others and brought to her. After a re on Spiritualism she gives a seance in which she delivers messages from the departed ones to the writers of the notes. Last Sunday, Clarence Porter, of the firm of Porter Bros. & Hackworth, sent up six names which he says were all fictitious and all of the given names were "Lewis all of which were fictitious. Mr. Porter was seen this morning and said that Mrs. Freitag called the name of Lewis G. Hill, which Mr. Porter had written, and asked who recognized the name. Mr. Porter says he arose and Mrs. von Freitag said she saw a spirit just in the rear of Mr. Porter. Mr. Porter says that Mrs. von Freitag delivered a message from the mythical Lewis G. Hill stating that he was a thousand times happier than when he was on earth in Ottumwa and more to the same effect, She then asked Mr. Porter if he desired his message returned, and upon his sig-Mr. Porter to read the name aloud, which he did, and it being the wrong which was done. After a time she picked out the right note containing the name of Lewis G. Hill and gave it to Mr. Porter, who emphatically says that he never knew Lewis G. Hill nor even

Emmet Work sent up a name of a young man who now resides in Keosaugua by the name of Blackford. Mrs. von Freitag, it is said, also read a message from him sent from the spirit world, whereupon Mr. Work proclaimed that Mr. Blackford was very much alive. It is said that Mrs. von Freitag in scathing terms denounced the imposition that had been practiced upon

MRS. FREITAG'S REPLY. The following is the letter in which Mrs. Freitag presents her side of the "An article appeared in Tuesday's

Courier in regard to the messages delivered at one of my seances from persons who are living and responses being given to fictitious names. Now, any one of the four hundred people within sound of my voice Sunday night will remember that after the lecture and before the ballots or folded slips of paper were collected and placed upon the table. I made a clear statement in regard to the law governing this phase of the phenomena of Spiritualism by saying the process of death does not change character; the sinner does not Spiritualists, the Seventh Day Advent- | become a saint in the twinkling of an ists and a Jewish rabbi and a Unitarian | eye simply because he dies, but retains preacher. It was their common agree- many of his characteristics for a time ment that the amendment not only put | after passing to the other world. Only religion as a universal matter in the through progression can be become per-Constitution, but it also put in a definite | fected. Consequently there are a great Christ. By acknowledging Christ as norance and comparative darkness the supreme ruler of nations it threw some time after leaving the body. out of court entirely the Jews and the These we call "personating spirits." They can not manifest to a person who That the Rev. Mr. Boddy is very ill is absolutely and positively honest in informed in this matter is not surpris- his investigations and who understands ing, for very few newspapers have re- the law of spirit return but if the door are in rebellion against the gevernment. the "civil affairs" of our country and its ported these hearings or printed the is opened by a dishonest thought, if fictitious names are written, or names of living persons are given, it sometimes occurs that a personating spirit will assume the name written upon the slip of paper, announce himself to the medium's guides as an honest spirit, present himself to the medium, demand attention, and thus give to the seeker what he is searching for-dishonesty. I have reliable information that Sunday night there were at least forty fictitious ballots upon the table, some person showing their high order of intelligence, even called upon a dog. In such an atmosphere, under such conditions, what can one expect save that lower forces will manifest to them. A number of actitious ballots were rapidly selected after the two personating spirits had responded, as any number of people can testify. The forces concentrated every energy to have them laid aside that intelligent and loving spirits, who were anxiously awaiting an opportunity to communicate, might be allowed to do so. Let the person who wishes to honestly investigate prepare himself for this investigation by endeavoring to learn something about the law that governs spirit return. This he may do by a study of the philosophy. I am more than sorry that I can not at this time hold another meeting, but on account of sickness in my home, must return at once. Will however, be back to Ot-

> "Human Culture and Cura Pari First. The Philosophy of Cure. (In.

> tumwa in all probability, one year from

date. Spiritualism is to me a science, a

truth, a religion. Though I have to

fight every inch of the way, I shall re-

main in the work, because I know it is

knowledge beyond all price, and I want

others to share this knowledge with me.

"MRS. MAUD L. FREITAG."

Your correspondent is addressing you from what is undoubtedly the strangest city and the most peculiar community in the United States, if not in the world. Shalam is its name, and it represents the latest word in Utopias. A town with a new civilization, a new bible, and a new religion and the strangest combination of laws and customs which ever perplexed the student of sociology or delighted the radical and impractical reformer. It is situated on a tract of land nearly 1,000 acres in extent, about six miles north of Las Cruces, and about 50 miles north of El Paso, in Mexico. Its present population comprises about 3,000 souls, but it is constantly growing, and the indications are that within the next decade the 10,000 mark should be reached.

In recent years there has been a marked tendency to inaugurate these strange settlements, having for their purpose the exploitation and demonstration of various socialistic theories, says a writer in the Philadelphia Times. The vogue of Bellamy's "Looking Backward" gave a decided impetus to the movement, and many experiments predestined to failure were attempted. It is doubtful if any of these can equal Shalam for the practice of extraordinary principles. It is an odd combination of ancient religious superstition and the most advanced and radical socialism. Nevertheless, in spite of the

fact that the living conditions are entirely opposed to the generally accepted modern ideas, the inhabitants are happy, contented and prosperous, and believe that they are the saving remnant which will bring forth a purified race to regenerate mankind and effect the salvation of the earth. The adults composing this community are Spiritualists and vegetarians, but the children reared under this strange

system are the chief hope of the believers. It is they, and not the grown men and women, who live in Shalam, who are to demonstrate to the world the possibility of a new economic and social fraternity. Through them earth is to be regenerated and man led out of the darkness of the competitive system into one where private property, if not wholly abolished, is made subject to a sort | foolish doctrine. Rev. Charles Sheldon, of communism with which writers of | in a late story, says: "Were Christ here the order of Bellamy have made us fa- to-day, the pastor of any wealthy con-

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supernatural origin. Its founder was Even greater works shall ye do." Dr. Newbrough, a New York dentist and | Churches, are you Christ's followers? Spiritualist who died in 1890. It was he | No, no, a thousand times no. You do who wrote the new bible, which is the | not believe in the teachings of Jesus. daily guide and religious mentor of this queer community. His name is held in deepest reverence and the believers regard him as the sacred apostle of the divine and accord his memory much the same veneration which the Mormons bestow on Brigham Young and Smith. The Bible which Dr. Newbrough wrote is a mammoth work and is called are of God. "Oahspe," a word meaning earth, air and sky in a language spoken before the | spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and flood. It is said to have been written | daughters shall prophesy; your young on the typewriter by Dr. Newbrough, his hands being guided by supernatural | dream dreams. beings, and was printed without being read by the Doctor.

It is certainly a work without a counterpart, filled with extraordinary phrases and with more peculiar illustrations, but it is the sacred book of a unto those who shall be heirs of salvaunique community, which was founded | tion? to-establish the religion it teaches, and out of the spiritual and economic doctrines set forth therein, to found a new race. The story of the writing of this bible is very remarkable and is related angels with messages in those days? with bated, reverent breath by the If so, he has the power to do so again. Put out the flames and break each cruel faithful members of the sect.

commencing the inspired writing Dr. ately began to purify his life in order to to your dead creeds. Look for the livgone. He became limber and sprightly | mankind from the darkness and horror and had a new lease of life.

Then came the spiritual revelations. He was one morning strangely impelled to go to the typewriter. He was entirely unskilled in the use of the instru ment, having always employed a stenographer for his correspondence. He was therefore filled with amazement, even awe, to find his fingers involuntarily manipulating the keys at a speed which no human operator could hope to duplicate. He received a strange in junction not to read what was printed, and having worked himself into a religious fear of losing this new power he | After the National hymn, rendered by obeyed reverently. The next morning the choir, and an invocation by Mrs. also before sunrise. the same power | Loe F. Prior, the assembly was formal- | This were indeed the depth of sacrifice. came and wrote (or printed, rather) ly opened by Mrs. A. E. Sheets, of No soul could lower sink nor higher again. Again the matter was laid away very religiously, he saying little about it to anybody.

For 50 weeks this continued every morning, half an hour or so before sunrise, and then it ceased, and he was told to read and publish the book Oahspe. The peculiar drawings in Oabspe were made with pencil in the same way. A few of the drawings he was told to copy from other books, such as Saturn, the Egyptian ceremonies, etc. This was the miraculous manner in which the new bible was derived. Those who constituted the fraternity not only follow its economic doctrines and refrain from considering anything that is theirsthey call themselves "Kosmons," which is said to signify, in the language of their sacred scriptures, non-owners of any and everything, but the children are taught to revere the book as the inspired dogma of their religion.

CHILDREN WORSHIPED BY THEIR ELDERS.

Probably the most remarkable feature of this strange religion is the attention which is bestowed upon the children; indeed, it might well be called a sort of juvenile paradise. The youngsters have the finest and largest buildings in town, they receive the choicest food, are carefully clothed, and so educated as to become regenerate and fitted to promulgate the holy religion. Further, the children actually own the settlement, and the name Shalam signifies "Children's Land." This land, with all the improvements thereon, has been deeded to trustees and their successors forever, for the use and benefit of the children now in Shalam and those who may come after them, and can never be incumbered by mortgage, nor sold to deprive them of a home and an inheritance. More remarkable still is the fact | Peebles, M. D., M. A., Ph. D. Price \$1. that only a few of these children are the | For sale at this office.

offspring of the settlement. The great er part are waifs and outcasts who are collected from the various parts of the country and are adopted by the philanthropic "faithists," as the rulers of Shalam call themselves.

At a suitable age the children are taught "spirit communion" and many other mysteries of the strange faith. There is so much, however, that is reasonable and practical in their regime, and the affectionate solicitude for the welfare of the children is so genuine, that even the scoffer can pardon much of the extravagance. The children are taught by the kindergarten methods, and the older ones are instructed in such trades as they show a liking for. Throughout the settlement the paternal idea prevails.

FOOLISH DOCTRINE.

Spiritualism or Christianity, Which?

Rev. Walter Lyon, of Stockbridge, N. Y., said recently in conversation with Mr. D.: "O, you are not a believer in that foolish doctrine, are you?" refering to Spiritualism. Rev. James Ensign, the great evangelist of Central New York, being present, replied: "Just see the families it has wrecked."

I have heard Bro. Ensign spoken of as a sound reasoner, and I was greatly astounded to be told of his remark. He very well knows there are as many black sheep hiding under the cloak of Christianity as elsewhere, but this should not injure true Christianity; so with Spiritualism.

crown, set with gems of living light, to be worn in place of the old one of faith and hope. You spurn it beneath your feet. My brothers, it is because you do not understand. You close your eyes and ears, so fail to see or hear the angels God hath sent to bring truth unto the world.

Rev. Talmage, in the New York Christian Herald, in answer to a question concerning the Godhead, replies: "It is a mystery which we cannot solve. But we should not hesitate to believe, as we believe many things we do not under- position.

Now, Bro. Lyon, if the Christians believe many things they cannot under- well attended and much enthusiasm stand, I say the Christian religion is | was manifest. - C. H. SIMPSON. gregation, they would crucify him TOWN'S FOUNDER A NEW YORK again, even after the lapse of 2,000 The deepest depth of sacrifice were years of historical Christianity."

Is not this true? "If ye are my fol-Appropriately enough, Shalam is of lowers ye will do the works that I do. You cannot do his works. The bread of life which you will find in the Bible, you reject with contempt, with scorn. I. Cor. xii.--Concerning spiritual gifts brethren I would not have you ignorant. Healing, prophecy, discerning of spirits. I. John iv.—Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they

> Acts 2:17-I will pour forth of my men shall see visions, old men shall Ps. 91:11—We shall give his angels

charge over thee to keep thee in all thy Hebrews 2:24—Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister

Rev. 22:6-God sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must

shortly be done. Bro, Lyon, do you believe God sent his How dare you deny that power. Why According to popular tradition, before | should God remain silent to-day and speak in the past? Will you tell me. Newbrough found himself unaccount- How do you know Spiritualism, which ably affected with the well-known in- you call foolish doctrine, may not be voluntary twitching of the hands, so true? Have you ever investigated? common to Spiritualists. Against his No. Then it is your duty to do so. You, will whenever he placed his hands on a teacher of the people, should teach paper with pen in hand they immediate- | the truth, the truth which Jesus taught, ly wrote strange religious messages. but which is rejected to-day by all Dr. Newbrough then conceived the idea | churches. One thousand sects all differthat he had been selected for some ing and failing to agree. O, it is time strange spiritual mission and immedi- you ceased trying to convert the world be better suited to receive the celestial ling truth which angel messengers bring message. He then gave up eating flesh to man to-day. It is most precious and and fish, milk and butter, and took to will live long after the creeds are forrising before daylight, bathing twice a gotten. The creeds which Jesus never day, and occupying a small room alone, taught. Were Jesus here to-day he where he sat every morning half an could not join the churches. O Rev. hour before sunrise recounting daily to Brothers, strive to make your churches the Creator his shortcomings in govern- truly spiritual, teaching the truths ing himself in thought and deed. In six | which the apostles taught. Pray that | To hear these fateful words, and feel years' training he reduced himself from | you may receive a true understanding 250 to 180 pounds. Bodily ills were of the Bible teachings, and help to lift

Grand Ledge, Mich.

God is love and saveth to the uttermost,

EMMA DUELL.

The sixth annual meeting of the Grand Ledge Spiritualists Camp Association was opened at their beautiful summer home, Grand Ledge Camp, Mich., July 29, 1900.

The grounds, always beautiful, have been made more attractive this last year by substantial improvements. Grand Ledge, who has been chairwoman of this organization for four years. With a beautiful tribute to Mother Nature, she lovingly alluded to the red men of the forest who once had a home on this lovely spot, and welcomed their return to us through the media present, exhorting them to be true to their mediumship, to the cause, and the spirit world. Each member present of the state association, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and trustee, as well as the representatives of the local societies, officers of the camp, members of the choir, pianist, campers and visitors, were each welcomed in turn. We feel that we are especially blessed in having this loving, large-hearted woman at the helm of our craft. Although Mrs. Prior had been programmed for the afternoon service, Mrs. Sheets prevailed upon her to give a short talk in the morning. As Mrs. Prior has just returned from the South, having labored there in the spiritual field for four years, she is identified with their interests, and for fifteen minutes gave us an impassioned appeal to send to them our best spiritual thought.

Several good mediums are on the ground, among them Mrs. Francis Ruddick for independent slate- writing and trumpet work, who has just arrived. Other good mediums are expected daily. The management have also secured

physiological lectures. Thimble parties, social hops, boating and fishing for recreation for every idle

Mrs. Prior's lecture in the afternoon was a fine effort, and proves that her engagement will be a success. . MRS. E. S. PARKER

"Death Defeated; or the Psychic Secret of How to Keep Young." By J. M.

Young People, Franklin, Neb. We feel so proud of the success which attended our efforts on Young People's Day that we wish to report it to your paper. Harry A. Davis was appointed to make up the programme for the day, and he together with the hearty co-operation of the young people of the camp

ful one in all particulars. Franklin's pioneer medium, Chas H. Davis, was invited to conduct the Young People's Circle, which was held at 10:30 a. m. The attendance was good and the clairvoyant tests were excel-

succeeded in making the day a success-

At 2:30 p. m., Mrs. Laura B. Payne, of her best, and the inspiring sentences with which she encouraged all noble and praiseworthy ambitions which are embodied within the individuality of each of us. carried to all who listened the realization of the grave duties of life which are resting upon each of us even now, "while the shadows of life are sloping to the west." Mrs. Payne has by her honest labors and her upright and exemplary life become the favorite of the camp.

In the evening we had the pleasure of listening to a short address by Mr. Otho | blank. Shelburn of Holdridge, Neb., who spoke upon the subject, "Individuality and Force of Character vs. Imitation, as Factors in the Advancement of the Human race." Mr. Shelburn is a young man of moral courage and stamina such as make up the character of those who are born to rule.

Our young orator, Harry A. Davis, gave a fine lecture on the subject "Retrospection and Reminiscences." Harry is a citizen of Franklin, and a young feel proud. He is a thinker and has the ally fulfilled, moral courage to stand by his convictions, such as characterized the great THE and good of all ages. His address is good, his logic excellent and he gives promise of becoming one of the foremost orators of the day.

spersed with music by the Reeves band. Declamations were given by Misses Alice Simpson, Lillie Muxlow and Altha Reeves. Mrs. Payne also favored us with several songs of her own com-Altogether the Young People's Day was a great success. The meetings were

THE DEPTH OF SACRIFICE.

To enter heaven and taste each cup of bliss,

Meet friends whose love had but diviner grown Beneath the Central Sun that o'er them shone: Then hear, above the songs of love and

praise, The awful shricks that know no end of And see, beyond the faces lit with

prayer. The hopelss eyes grown wild with their despair, And hear, above the harps' celestial strains,

The harsh, discordant sound of clanking chains. To gaze until the eyes with tears are blurred.

And all the mighty depths of pity

Until the loving heart can bear no more, And, rushing back, tells all the horrors Begs Him who called these sinners into

To save them all and end the awful strife; To prove his love-rend prison walls in

chain-Blot out forevermore all pain and sin-Throw wide the gates and let His chil-

dren in. To plead with tears of sympathetic Then hear the words, "Your prayers are

all in vain. . 'Tis written down, one way alone can The flame-tossed souls from their eter-

nal grave; But dreadful is the cost! The way is If one among the blest resign her bliss And take upon herself the sin and pain

Of all the tortured souls that sigh in vain, I pledge my word to set the captives free. And bless them all throughout eternity.' the face

Grow white with fear, or soft with pity's grace; of a belief in an angry God. Learn that | To feel the scales of thought now rise, now fall, ' 'Twixt love of self and sympathy for

> Until at length the fearful strife - be And pity's tears press down the scales at last:

> And having conquered self, to rise and say: "The sacrifice is made-I go to-day!" Then bid farewell to friends, to joy to

And, like a loosened star, from heaven fall.

Yet what were Hades' depths to one whose love Had led the lost to happiness above!

The very thought would make their ·loys her own-Their very songs seem hers, but sweeter grown. The loving heart that could so nobly dare

heaven there To prove what seems but sacrifice, to Is but the height of spirit recompense. Chesnut, Ill.

Would scorn the flames and build

CALLA HARCOURT.

OR a moment stop and consider. The Progressive Thinker is the one original dollar Spiritualist paper. ranks of Spiritualism. Its success financially has been all that could 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 Seven Premium Books being sent out to Mrs. E. S. Parker to give a course of 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 | man, we all know, and foo well somein forming the nucleus of a library in times, what "thought" can do for us: every Spiritualist home. Read carefully how instantly, the entire body is Tuttle. Lovers of poetry will find gems our premium list, and you will certainly | changed or injured by a thought of in- of thought in wetle diction in this | Spirit World, Vol. 3, is furnished for 25 want to become a subscriber to. The tense fear or anger. All this is what handsome volume, wherewith to sweet. cents. You must not substitute any Progressive Thinker, if not so already, may be termed the automatic power of en hours of leisure and enjoyment, other of the premium books for that and obtain the books we announce.

IMPORTANT MATTER FROM OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES

THE SPIRITUAL REVIEW,

The phonograph is a materialization of the 'si' "

LAW OF PSYCHOMETRY. Every sound and every scene leaves an enduring impression upon everything around it, and the highly sensitive psy-Topeka, Kans., delivered an address to chometrist is able to see or feel with the young people. Mrs. Payne was at more on less accuracy the repetition of these scenes that have passed or reawaken the long silent sounds upon touching the article that bears their record, though unperceived to ordinary mortals. Thus to the born psychometrist the past is ever present, but not so with the future.

Here is the difference between psychometry and astrology. The future has left no record in the rocks or other articles, as its vibrations are not yet put and not "bloodshed and slaughter," will in action, hence the psychometrist may the omnipotent power of thought-conread the past but the future to him is a

The astrologer reads past events from aspects formed by the planets at varlous times, and as he can calculate to a day when those aspects will again occur at any future time, the future is as

TWO WORLDS, MAN-CHESTER, ENG.

We see clearly what physiological Each of the programmes was inter-

ACCOMPANY SLEEP,

and place, and can it visit then "worlds | selves. there must be or we would not recall of the present day. the dream in the morning.

be more than usually vigorous in the as before stated, by all sentient life. light of such an astounding experience; yet the very sleep in which the dream occurs depends, we are told, on the quiescence of these cells. Can it be possitioning organs? In a trance is the lib- by friends who had gathered from complete? We know nothing, perhaps by towns. we never shall know, but to us the rious problems of spirit.

A GHASTLY EXPERIMENT. people of Lexington, Kentucky, are tests which were all fully recognized. hypnotized by a local physician last tests which were all recognized. Monday. She was then placed in an or- Mrs. Hull has organized a lyceum dinary coffin and taken to Wood Lawn | which is very large for this camp and Park. The coffin was deposited in a which would be a credit to a larger grave previously prepared, three feet camp. She also has a large class in deen. The grave was filled in, and in voice culture. order to make the affair realistic a There are more campers here than has grassy mound and gravestone were been for a few years past. There is a placed over it. The girl was yesterday project on foot which will lead to the disinterred in the presence of a large erection of a new hotel and by next crowd, the coffin lifted out, the lid un- season we hope to have a good, roomy screwed, and the girl found in the same | hotel where visitors can be entertained. position as when she was buried, ap- | The following mediums are present: parently sleeping. The physician Mr. and Mrs. Folsom, trumpet and mastepped forward, spoke a few words in terializing mediums; Mr. Chase, spirit her ear, and she instantly awoke and photographer; Mrs. McCoy, materializgreeted him with a cheery "Hello!" ing medium; Mr. D. Reynolds and C. H. She rose from the coffin, joined her Figuers, healers, and other mediums friends, and walked home.

LIGHT, LONDON, ENG.

In answer to "A Question and a Hypothesis," by "H. A. D.," I should like to be permitted to say a few words. Physical scientists have practically been brought to the conclusion that matter is not what it

APPEARS TO OUR SENSES: that no particle of matter has been found so smal! that it might not be further sub-divided; that all matter, howsoever ponderous and solid it may ap- here; her forte is trance speaking and pear, is constantly in a state of motion psychometric reading. Dr. J. M. as regards its own atoms; that the Peebles will appear on Saturday, and Roentgen or X-Ray has demonstrated we are all waiting for him, for we anall this in a remarkable manner, caus- ticipate a feast of good things when he ing, in its more perfected application takes the platform. through photography, animal tissue, for instance, to almost entirely disappear from view; and leaving the appearance to hold their property and improve it. of the bones as merely more or less dense shadows. What does all this eviflence tend to prove other than that all physical manifestation is nothing but the eternal, and universal substance

"ETHER" IN VARIOUS RATES" of vibration? "Thought" is the power which manipulates and controls this ether; and no physical condition exists but which is the result of "Thought." In a modified and automatic manner It introduced a new era in the this power is exercised by all sentient life; for example, animal and insect life, in cases too numerous and well known to need mentioning, demonstrate its power. The instinctive thought of the insect or animal'to hide itself from its natural enemies, causes its shape or color to change with its changing habitat. The bare of the northern regions, for instance, the moment the ground is covered with its winter mantle of snow, feels itself a too palpable object of attraction to all its foes; and forthwith the power of thought commences to demonstrate itself by the changing of

TO THE SNOWY WHITENESS of its surroundings. And, as regards

the consideration of its power in the hands of more perfected control up to the omnipotence of Divinity itself. Now comes, to my mind, the answer to

the question of "H. A. D." All matter is subject to laws appertaining to the plane of physical existence; therefore, under those laws; minerals would be disintegrated and resolved to their original element by the action of oxygen; and all vegetable and animal tissues, after what is called "death," are resolved by the action of yeast germs, producing first, fermentation; secondly, acidification; and finally, decomposition.

The power of "thought," however, is the universal law which is above and has control over physical laws; and in so far as man learns to live in accordance with that universal law, which is THE LAW OF LOVE

trol be gradually manifested. As the

writer, "H. A. D.," instances, Jesus and many others, from time to time, have possessed and demonstrated its powers. Again, under the severest-test conditions at various manifesting seauces, the application of the power has been plain to him in the life of an individual over and over again demonstrated by as is the past, and if he is correct in the matter having been passed through past it necessarily follows that he will matter; to do which it was necessary to be in the future, unless by due warn-temporarily dissolve the "vibrations" ing the individual avoids some of the which composed the physical subevils that are threatened. But this he stances in question. Another instance cannot always do, try as he will, and is afforded by the experiments of Colo-Angels come holding out a shining man of whom any community may well the astrologer's predictions are gener- nel de Rochas, as shown by the reproduction of the photographs issued some time since as a supplement to Light. The last illustration is that of the girl whilst in a deep mesmeric trance and

HAD DISSOLVED

under the influence of music. The head,

hands, and part of the arms

and resolved into vivid bands of light: which means that her vibrations, being no longer under her own thought but what of sleep itself, what of the control, were subject to the temporarily human soul lately so active, now buried dominating power exercised upon her in a repose as still as death? Does the by the mesmerizer and combined in a soul itself sleep? Does it, like the body, wonderful manner with the effect of need repose? What happens to the music. As soon, however, as that powmental and moral powers of the man er and influence were removed, did her when overcome by slumber? Is the original vibrations, or in other words. mind liberated from the bonds of time normal appearances, re-establish them-

not realized?" What of the strange How to gain perfect thought-control phenomena of our dreams, wherein or should be the aim and religion of every dinary and familiar secular events con- human being; but it must never be fornected palpably with some of our daily gotten that it is only possible in so far experience are either blended with oth- as the law of universal Love is absoers not so connected or are turned up- lutely obeyed. We, therefore, can form side down, and presented in an unmean- a tolerably fair idea of how near, or ing fantasy which, nevertheless, seems rather, how far we are from the enjoyat the time natural? Is our full normal ment of such power, which is ours by consciousness there? Hardly, or the inherent right, when we for a moment dream could not be so incongruous and glance around upon the so-called civilimpossible, yet a partial consciousness ized and religious portion of mankind

One word further. It must not be im-And what of those strangest, but well- agined that the possesion of this power attested, of all dreams, in which the of perfect "thought-control" will or can dreamer sees with vivid intensity an subvert physical laws. Man must first event in the future? If the sleeping learn to obey the laws of his physical form held the complete and normal con- being in their entirety, which of a nesciousness with the brain functioning cessity include the moral laws, before in the usual way, one would suppose the he will gain any degree of it much activity of the connected brain cells to above the automatic power possessed,

Ashley Camp, O.

Ashley camp was opened Sunday, ble, then, that in sleep whatever the July 19, 1900, by the well-beloved panled with a year's subscription for physical accompaniments, the soul does speaker, Mattie E. Hull. A large The Progressive Thinker. No other become at least partly liberated, finding crowd greeted her, and her remarks books except the SEVEN mentioned the cells for the time useless as func- were appropriate and were appreciated here, will be sent out as premiums. eration still more completely effected? Cleveland, Columbus, Akron, Kenton. And in death is the liberation final and Ashley, Delaware, Galion and all near-Moses Hull spoke to a large audience

problem of sleep can never be solved on in the afternoon. He delivered one of any more material ground. All the sci- his masterpices-subject, "Joan, the entific problems lead up to the myste- Medlum." A heavy rainfall just at the conclusion of his address; threw everything into confusion and interrupted the services, and the tests were delayed, The New York correspondent of the but when Mr. C. H. Figuers was pre-London Evening News telegraphs: The sented to the audience he gave many greatly excited over a remarkable hyp- Moses Hull spoke again in the evennotic experiment which has just been ing, and in spite of the rain a large auperformed there. The subject was dience gathered in the commodious au-Maud Matthews, a girl of 14, who was ditorium. Mr. Figuers followed with

are expected. Mrs. C. H. Figuers of Cleveland, was prevented by sickness from attending. Everything points to a highly prosperous season.

C. H. FIGUERS. Freeville, N. Y.

The second week of this camp has nearly passed and the management are more than pleased with the attendance at all the meetings. The force of mediums and speakers are Mrs. Von Kanzler, of Syracuse, who has proved herself a grand, good and true test medium from the platform. Mrs. Brewer is yet

The trustees are about forming a stock company and getting into shape J. W. Dennis is here yet, and will abide here till the close, acting as chairman or lecturing and filling in as the occasion may require. A handy man to have around a camp. COR.

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Early settlers of the Eastern American shores were impressed with what seemed to them the extraordinary performances of Indian wizards and conjurers. Cotton Mather and his cotemporaries were believers in witches, and Interdicted intercourse with them; they were therefore quite ready to believe that the Indian Shamans were on familiar terms with the devil. Good with them, and that they may be heard Court of Indiana. almost every night in the place where The case referred to originated in the the dead are buried. They say they Circuit Court at Frankfort, and was who have mingled and associated script. closely with Indians and have atof an unseen power are observed.

would be accepted without question, death. cannot lightly be thrown aside; nor is such evidence ignored by the best thinkers of the present day. Forms representing human beings have apparently been born in the air, as it were, within a narrow cabinet, in the presence of numerous and critical observers and there dissolved in air. One may view these extraordinary scenes and be firmly convinced that they have been produced without the aid of any of the methods known to science or art, and yet disbelieve that they are representations of disembodied spirits. On the corrary, one may conjecture or suspect the affliction of a hitherto unknown law of nature and experience a desire to investigate.

are due to the presence of organized be- ifornia on a honeymoon tour. On their ings that are invisible and who yet return to Frankfort they built a subhave the power to manifest themselves stantial residence in the very heart of and assume to be disembodied spirits. Theosophists that the performances are with them as merrily as a marriage bell. to be attributed to Diakka, or the spirits Now comes the "rift in the lute" of of vicious men and women who have their unalloyed happiness. been unable to free themselves from A little less than a year ago there apearthly influences and linger within the peared in the beautiful little city of earth's sphere and amuse themselves by Frankfort two members of the despised confusing and misleading those who cult of Spiritualism. They were megive themselves up to Spiritualism. In diums, whose method of communicaconnection with the theory of invisible tion with departed spirits was through organized beings, a recent statement a trumpet. So thoroughly was their made by an eminent scientist. Nikola telephonic line with the underworld ferance. All our facts have been ad-Tesla, will be read with interest. In the established that the tones of spirit June number of the "Century" is an voices traveling over it could be readily article entitled "The Problem of In- distinguished one from another, and conceive of organized beings living they were also perfectly certain to without nourishment, and deriving all whom they were talking. The mediums the energy they need for the perform- made a tremendous "hit" in Clinton nice of their life functions from the county's capital. Two members of the ambient medium. In the crystal we legal profession—which is notoriously have the clear evidence of the existence skeptical-became infatuated with the of a formative life principle, and though apparent reality of these conversations we cannot understand the life of a which were being daily carried on becrystal, it is none the less a living be- tween the two worlds. These men, J. T. ing. There may be besides crystals Hockman and Asa H. Bolden, took up other such individualized material sys- with the new fad and were soon enjoystitution, or composed of substance still absent friends and relatives. Among more tenuous. In view of this possi- others they talked with Mr. H. H. bility—we cannot apodictically deny the Bradley and his legal adviser, Judge existence of organized beings on a Joseph C. Sult. planet merely because the conditions of the same are unsuitable for the existence of life as we conceive it. We cannot even with positive assurance, assert Judge Suit, the supposed fact that his

are unable to perceive them." manifestations have already been ac- to be easily found among his papers in counted for. Spiritualists themselves his offce safe. have been imposed upon by bogus socalled mediums. There have been many vigorous search among the papers and instances in the city of Ottumwa where effects of the late Judge Suit. Remarkthe tricks of charlatans have been exposed, some of them by believers in had been signed by Messrs. Petty and Spiritualism. There have, however, Parrish, just as detailed in the spirit been professors who have appeared and conversation carried on through the went away with all the honor that could mediumistic trumpet. Mr. Petty, one attach to a genuine medium. There of the witnesses to the will, had died in have been those among us as citizens the meantime, but his signature was whose honest lives and characters were pronounced genuine by a large number above the suspicion of fraud.

Recently there have been demonstrations of a hidden power that have created considerable inquiry and some investigation. It has been said of the medium that she can read messages without looking at them and that she identifles spirits and describes them to their friends in the audience. There are those, however, who were in the audience and witnessed the manifestations who claim that everything can be explained by the word "trickery," that the medium invariably follows a certain vised to the Frankfort Commandery, track or program, and that she insists on her own conditions in case of an Col. David A. Coulter, the latter a meminvestigation.

doubt arise when an invariable program the instrument. is adhered to in occult manifestations;

the audiences that attend these lectures

We understand that the medium conducts the performances as a form of religious exercise, and this is a right guaranteed by the laws of the land. This, however, pre-supposes that those who exercise the right are earnest and honest and do not attempt to decelve the public.-Ottumwa (Iowa) Democrat.

A STRANGE STORY

A Will Brought to Light by a Spirit.

A CASE OF ABSORBING INTEREST APPEALED FROM CLINTON CIR-CUIT COURT TO THE SUPREME TRIBUNAL.

Spiritualism is derided by most people and there are many who will scarce-Father DeSmet in one of his published by listen to a discussion of its pretenletters writes of the "Religious Opin-sions. Yet this belief, religion, cult, or ions of the Assinibolus," under date of | whatever one may see fit to term it, de-July 28, 1854, in which he says: "The spite the obloquy and abuse which have belief in ghosts is very profound and been heaped upon it, figures very largecommon in all these Western tribes, ly in a case which will be tried within Indians have often told me, seriously, a few days in the State's most august that they had met, seen and conversed and dignified tribunal—the Supreme

spoke in a kind of whistling tone." In brought by the Frankfort Commandery, this connection it is important to note Knights Templars, against Mrs. Isaac that in the materializing seances of Miller, for the purpose of recovering a Spiritualists (so-called) the apparitions portion of her first husband's large esthat are moved to speak, converse in tate, alleged to have been bequeathed to a whistling tone; here is an analogy the commandery by the decedent, in a that does not seem merely accidental, will which was not brought to light and it may apply a great deal. Adepts until long after his death. The story of in Spiritualism also aver that during the lost will is as unique and entertaintheir seances they are warned of the ing as any to be found in the realms of approach of mysterious power by the fiction, yet its truth is established by passing of what seems to be a cold the fact that it is gleaned from the cold, current of air over their hands. Those matter-of-fact pages of a legal tran-

One of the early residents of the city tended their secret pow-wows, say that of Frankfort, Ind., was Hiram M. Brada like experience attends them on such ley, who possessed such business saoccasions; there is first a cold air cur- gacity that he succeeded in amassing a they are quite at liberty to do so. rent passes over their hands and face, fortune of something like \$40,000. His of scientists of acknowledged reputa- lord. The children died before their our side to please the parsons. tion to investigate the phenomena of mother. A woman was brought from so-called Spiritualism and these inves- Lafayette to nurse Mrs. Bradley during: Light, London, that fifty pounds should tigators, such as Crookes, have encoun- her last illness, and, as many such cases | be thrown away on the thankless, usetered such experiences as to almost, if eventuate, Mr. Bradley was fatally less task of convincing the clerics of not quite, stagger belief and confuse smitten with the nurse's charms and what they ought to know already. Such them with the performances of alleged married her, after having mourned his a proposition should not be seriously enspirits. The testimony of so many wife's death a becoming length of time. | tertained for a moment, unless we are thousands of individuals whose evi- Bradley and his new life partner re- prepared to continue the undertaking dence, if given upon any other subject, sided in Frankfort until the former's and establish forthwith a fund for the

HIS ABSORBING PASSION.

H. H. Bradley's absorbing passion in life was the study and practice of Freemasonry. He frequently declared to friends that he intended to leave a goodly portion of his fortune to the Masonic lodge of the city of his residence. In due time Mr. Bradley was "gathered to his fathers," and his widow paid to his memory the perfunctory show of respect which he/had bestowed upon that of his former spouse. Like her deceased lord, Mrs. Bradley seemed afflicted with the "matrimonial mania," and, within a few months, was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock to a young man named Miller, also a resident of Frankfort. Availing themselves of the A startling theory has been pro- golden store so kindly left by Mr. Bradclaimed that the occult manifestations ley, the pair betook themselves to Calthe district which is held sacred to There is a belief in East India among | Frankfort's "four hundred." Life went

tems of beings, perhaps of gaseous con-ling the pleasure or conversing with

LEARNED OF THE WILL.

In a conversation with the spirit of that some of them might not be present former client. Bradley, had died without here, in this our world, in the very leaving a will was touched upon. Immidst of us, for their constitution and mediately the ethereal jurist entered a life manifestation may be such that we positive denial of the statement. He said he had made a will for Mr. Bradley Granted the probability suggested by and that the document was duly attestthe great scientist, and many of the ed by the signatures of John A. Petty occult manifestations of so-called Spirit- and T. C. Parrish, well-known residents ualism might be readily explained of Frankfort. The judge further de-There are other ways in which these clared that the missing document ought

> Little time was lost in prosecuting a able to relate the will was found and it of Frankfort citizens who had known him intimately during his lifetime. Mr. Parrish is still living and at once corroborated the terms of the document, at the same time throwing a great deal of light upon the will itself and upon the circumstances under which he was called upon to act as a witness. The will disposed of Mr. Bradley's estate in entire consonance with his oft-repeated determination while in the flesh. A widow's portion was left to Mrs. Bradley, \$1,000 each to two of the decedent's brothers, while the balance was de-Knights Templar. Alexander Given and ber of the State Board of Monument

The Knights Templars had their atthat is to say, when the medium seems tention called to this miraculously reto direct all the operations and controls stored will by Messrs Hockman and the will of the audience in the way in Bolden, who entered into a contract etc. Price 15 cents. For sale at this which the exercises shall be conducted. providing that they were to receive for The observations in this article are their legal services one-half of whatnot intended to endorse or disprove of ever sum they might succeed in recoverany of the proceedings, nor do we pre- ing for the commandery by a suit at law 40 pages by Dr. J. M. Peebles, the welltend to offer a criticism on perform- based upon the discovered will. The known author. Price 15 cents. For

suit immediately commeaced to have it declared genuine and of full force and effect. After a lengthy and very exciting trial, Special Judge Rabb decided the will to be genuine. Upon that finding the widow of Mr. Bradley-now Mrs Isaac Miller-gave the necessary bond and sued out an appeal from Judge Rabb's decision to the Supreme Court of the State.

MUCH SPECULATION.

Frankfort, and, although the mediums and their trumpet have been industriously trained upon the spirit world, no answer has as yet been received to the all-important question, "Why did Judge Sult, who was at the head of the commandery, Knights Templars, when he drew up that will, and who was the attorney for Mrs. Bradley in settling up her deceased husband's estate, fail, dur-Bradley?" What reason-could have in- kind. fluenced him more powerfully to suppress his knowledge of the instrument than his affection for his brother Knights and the cherished order of Masonry should prompt him to reveal it?

from the judgment of the lower court, an effort has been made to compromise with the commandery by turning over to it a certain portion of the property of flesh" has been strictly demanded, and Mrs. Miller and the special beneficiaries named in the will recovered in such an uncanny manner, to say nothing of the citizens of Frankfort in general, who take a keen interest in the case.—In- liberty! The present growth of mind dianapolis (Ind.) Journal.

Spiritualism and Christianity.

Non-Christian and philosophical Spirhas recently been made about Mr. Haance with orthodox Christianity, no and evolution.

Well, if Christian apologists choose to reconcile their theories to our facts,

Let it, however, be distinctly underand soon afterward the demonstrations family consisted of two boys, one girl | stood there can be no meeting half-way, and his wife, the latter dying of con- no compromising with truth, no mixing It has not been beneath the dignity sumption some years before her liege of facts and fancles, no trimming on

The suggestion has been made conversion of the clergy, in which case it might be found that each convert would be an expensive luxury, and cost about as much as is required by the soclety for the conversion of the Jews before one proselyte is obtained—say, two or three thousand pounds.

It would be a disastrous mistake to endeavor to make Spiritism subservient to the powers that be, lay or ecclesiastickal, and would result in the withdrawal of the more rational, thoughtful and enlightened believers in spirit return, from the cause. Such people would certainly refuse altogether to have their names publicly associated with the movement. Spiritualism must not be converted into a religion, for it simply means the scientific investigation of psychical phenomena generally, and also the endeavor to obtain compassed beyond this physical plane of being. In carrying out these experiments, we require no assistance from parson, priest, or initiate. In is not for Spiritualists to humbly sue, cap in hand, for recognition by the clerical party.

To act thus would be to deserve all the opprobrium and contempt in the the past. We who have left the clerical artifice, "Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.' We no longer exist merely upon sufence. Spirtualism—that once despised, claim relationship.

W. H. SIMPSON. Grahamstown, S. Africa.

Island Lake Camp, Mich.

As our meetings have been ably written about, I thought I would send a few words concerning the social side of Island Lake camp life. Every cottage on or close by is occupied this year, and if we had more we could have let them. This gives the camp the benefit of a good attendance, mostly young people. Mrs. Agnes Tuttle has a class for dancing, which meets twice a week, and is a decided success, as our estemed friend, Dr. Peebles, can attest, he leading the grand march, and being one of

the leaders in a quadrille. Yesterday, August 1, being programmed children's day, the little ones were given the preference, winding up in the evening with the one act playlet, "Little Red Riding Hood." Considering that only five days were given to prepare this play, it certainly speaks well of the aptness of the little ones and patience of their instructor. Mrs. Tuttle's next effort with the little ones will be a one-act cantata entitled "A Gypsy's

To-day is Woman's Day, and Mrs. Goss, of Detroit, gives a "novelty party" to the ladies, of which I will write later, as it is a novelty to me yet, not knowing anything further than that the ladies are invited to bring "thimble and scissors," and refreshments served. Mrs. E. C. Goss, the genial, lighthearted manager of the the hotel, paid

a short visit to Detroit, returning to the lake Monday evening, when a delegation of ladies met her at the depot. headed by the "Ladles' Band," who escorted her to the steamer S. V. Hallock, all took passage to the opposite shore. the band playing several selections during the trip.

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office. "Who Are These Spiritualists and What Is Spiritualism?" A pamphlet of ances that seem to satisfy a majority of document was filed for probate and a sale at this office.

ERROR AND REASON.

Sophistry.

icine.-Solomon. Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.-Thomas Jefferson.

It seems to be a serious question in Naturally, a great deal of speculation | these days of fads, strange theories and upon this remarkable and puzzling case delusive doctrines, whether for not it has been indulged in by citizens of were better to encourage or repress the promulgation of indiscriminate opinions, now that printing and postage are so cheap and intercourse between individuals so general. Had we an infallible censor no doubt much that is writ-

ten should be "blue penciled," but the censor is liable to err as is the writer, and there is nothing left but for us t permit each one to say and write what he or she pleases, leaving the task of ing his lifetime, to make known the sifting out the grain from the chaff to came associated in the juvenile mind contents of this last testament of Mr. the discriminating judgment of man- with intolerance and few children loved

backs because of the difficulty of discriminating the intolerable charlatans who insist on being heard and prominent in season and out of season. No Since the appeal has been prosecuted | diagnosis of this class of self-deluded victims within the power of those who have not graduated as experts can separate the one from the other, as the symptoms are not dissimilar, each ap-Mr. Bradley, but thus far the "pound of | pears to be earnest and honest, and anxious to bestow a benefit on mankind. the outcome of this most remarkable the Christian zealot no more than the and mysterious case is awaited with a | bigoted theorist who palms his specious very great deal of anxiety by Mr. and | theories as facts, posing as leaders and evangelists, and to the exclusion of reason and common sense. Yet this is supposed to be a land where every individual enjoys the broadest

towards the dawn of light and liberal opinions is still shadowed by the insufferable religious faddists, and like noxious weeds overgrow and crowd out the flowers of reason and better judgment itists must necessarily have strongly The faddists, those who fancy themdisapproved of all the stir and fuss that | selves priestesses and hierophants, divine healers and God-appointed leadwels. An Anglican priest has admitted ers, who set at naught reason, are intolthe facts of Spiritualism and endeav- erant of contradiction and prepared to ored to show they are quite in accord- vanquish both logic and reason. These propagandists who set at naught all doubt just as much so as astronomy, laws of nature and established facts geology, paleontology, anthropology, and attempt to force their peculiar beliefs and theories on others, have seldom more than very little religion of their own. They have a vague and shadowy conception of the duty they ble dividing line between the laugh owe their fellow man, of justice, of charity, of benevolence, but a robust apprehension of the devil, who to them is a pulsing potential personality, full of flesh and blood, and fire of hate and malevolence. These blind leaders of the blind are the upas trees that blight and kill the flowers of love and happiness and make desolate our common world. Their songs are weird wails of discordant sounds and leave a chill and shadow on the sweet springs of human life. They are sincere and ignorantly self-assertive, and this makes it the more difficult to deal with them. The doctrines of the church that teaches the dogma of vicarious atonement and infinite punishment as necessary for finite sins, are still the corner-stone of their religion, but is fast fading away before the light of reason and modern research and leaving in its stead agnosticism and the brighter rays of Spiritualism. The controversy going on in the churches in that day or in his biographers. must lead to a better understanding of true religion, for grains of truth are sometimes found mixed up with the

Science and reason, coupled with that twin sister intuition, are fast renovating the world of thought and removing | natural manhood on entering his presthe stumbling blocks to a clearer and better civilization, and the eye of faith sees no limit to progress or the revelamunications from those who are ions in nature's infinite storehouse. The is one whose honor rests on quicksands one-time belief that the earth was flat, and who feels the tremors that foretell because the Christian theologian his own humiliation. thought so, and those who dared to think otherwise aroused the ire and hatred of the self-contented conserva- like Lincoln. But his name and pertism, even to the rack and torture, has sonality survives in the hearts of manhappily passed away and never to be re- kind and the years add lustre to his vived again. The scientific discoveries | fame and fresh laurels to his character. future, that has been heaped upon us in | to-day in the solar system and spectrum | But where are the people who despised has played havor with many precon- this clown. Echo answers where. churches are not to be lured back by ceived ideas. Through its instrumentalities we can weigh the sun, the moon, is distinguished by ill nature and lack the stars, and tell of what they are of sympathy. Without this it is solely made. The spiritual matter, or rather a question of expediency whether to be spiritual attributes-motion or electric- serious or humorous-or mixed: In any mitted by independent investigators, ity-flung out of the sun is converted Psychic research is recognized as a sci- into light and heat of friction with our atmosphere, is now believed by many, ling the finer instincts of those who creasing Human Energy," Mr. Tesla friends above could not merely know neglected, ugly duckling-has grown The law of change is the law of growth champion that error. As the French contributes this paragraph: "We can they were talking to friends below, but to be a veritable swan, far above the and the obscure problems of nature will. cackling geese who now would seek to be gradually solved in the crucible of breaking eggs." I have no doubt Bill reason, and man come under the regimen and order of nature with a rhyth- Mother Hubbard has been influential in mic harmony each in his own, as the making preachers adopt a style which growth of flowers.

chaff in all controversies, but are not

numerous enough to pay for the win-

When Spiritualists become more pro- of the "hand-me-down" sermon of old. gressive and less aggressive, more practical and less speculative, more humanitarian and less sectarian, more philosophical and less theosophical, they will rise to the distinction of reformers, of which the world never saw, and be come a moral power they have yet never reached, and the cause receive an impetus for growth and progress never dreamed of. We need a more humane policy, more charity and less conceit, anopen confession that the wisest is groping towards the light, uncertain of the message received. A conforming to the principles of justice and right, and a warmer sympathy binding all together

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landers in the days of their strength

were fond of dancing. When the youthful vigor departed and they could no longer "shake de hoof" with distinction, some of them were easily persuaded that dancing was a sin. Religion beto see the minister or a very zealous But this method has its serious draw- church-member approach. Deacon Mc-Tayish had a son who "was little better than one of the wicked," and who would be very sleepy on the night when there was a dance in the community He would retire early, jump out of the window and away to the dance. Like all intelligent beings protesting against unnatural restraint, he was tempted to excess in asserting his rights and would show you "dancing as was dancing." It came to the deacon's knowledge. One morning he came in with a birch

"So you went to the frolic last night Haven't I told you dancing was a sin? "But, father, the Bible says there is a time to dance."

"Yes, my boy, but you took the wrong time. Now is the time for you to dance," and he proceeded to apply the

There is no better indication of advanced mentality than appreciation of that venomless humor that announces the absence of both hate and fear. The Bible accords with all human experience in saying there is a time to laugh, and it is largely a question of selecting the proper time. Subject to minor qualifications the right time is when you feel that way. Discretion is the better part of valor, and it is not always safe. but to judge of this is the prerogative of each.

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About the Size of It.

A Presbyterian organ-has made a grand discovery, and if it would act in harmony therewith good would follow. It says:

"The chief reason why people do not go to church is because they have no interest in Christ or the life to come. People would rather go to see Jesus perform one miracle than to save ten thousand souls. Not only did the contemporaries of Paul's day fail to attract toward him, but they drove him out of their cities. Dress it in whatever robes you will, religion has no attractions for the irreligious. There have been times when, and there are yet places where the pressure of public opinion forces unspiritual persons to attend church but there never was a time when, and there will never be a place where, such persons may be expected to attend of their own will."

Jesus taught his followers to take no thought for the morrow. The consequence was, his disciples were beggars and subsisted on the toil of others. Tramps are not popular in this age, so the boss tramp has fallen into disfavor. And "the life to come," consisting of eternally glorifying the occupant of a throne, with no intellectual employment, is not very attractive to the educated.

The feats of the prestidigitator are miracles to the ignorant; but they cease to be such to those who know Nature never changes its course at the caprice of any man. Romancers lie, true science never.

Yes, there were persons too intellectual in Paul's day to welcome his insane visions following a sunstroke as gospel truths, and as they saw him leading the rabble away from productive labor into mendicancy, so they treated him as the police in prosperous cities of to-day are in the habit of doing to Mormon elders. and drove him out of town.

True, religion has no attraction for ers. People may attend church under the pressure of public opinion, but they have no respect for its foibles. Though dragooned to listen to diatribes against the Devil and his cheerless abode, with plaudits for an earth-born God, in private they ridicule the dream and the dreamers, and have no respect for their shallow faith.

Hypothetical.

Suppose, if such a preposterous idea missionaries to China it had been Spiritualists, or Agnostics, or in fact any now administered, would trouble itself to send its fleets, its armies, and its munitions of war for the protection of its heretical subjects? Would not the do so at their own peril? This government was not founded in the interest of any religion, but to advance the material prosperity of the entire population." But this self-evident postulate does

religion is antagonized. A few years ago we were threatened with a Turkish war. In a revolt of Christians against the constituted au- just starting for China: thority some missionary property was destroyed belonging to foreigners. Im-Turk and wipe his country off the map of nations. The clergy were the loudest in condemning officials, some

not seem to apply when the dominant

even demanding the impeachment of the national executive for not blockading Turkish ports and making reprisals. Well, it does make a difference whose ox is gored, as we see in many relations of life, but eternal justice may not that hath known man by lying with

Woman Is Victor There.

made for his special pleasure.

There are regions, says an exchange, where women rule and they seem to do so very satisfactorily. Among the Nalars, on the Malabar coast of India, woman's power is autocratic and absolute. There husbands are indeed "of no importance," being mere incidents in the social organization, and are won and divorced at will. Woman frames and ad- his inspiration to "spare nobody." ministers the laws under which man lives, and through her is the descent of property, which he may earn, but not own. The rice field is the scene of his will ask him to become her husband.

Getting at the Facts.

It is very just to mention the fact that the Baptists, as a denomination, have always favored the divorce of church and state. They experienced the persecuting spirit of the other evangelical churches in the early settlement of New England, and from this fact, perhaps, they have been more tolerant of others than any other orthodox denomination. Adonirain Judson, their first missionary to Burmah, throughout his long service, so conducted himself as to gain the confidence and esteem of those among whom he labored,

pulpit of Chicago, on the 22d ult., with the text, "Why do the Heathen Rage?" was so just in regard to our Chinese troubles, we are anxious to place him on record by copying a few extracts from that discourse. He said, after declaring those who confine themselves to preaching the gospel, and stand aloof from civil functions as in no way responsible for these revolts. but-

"Those missionaries who combine civil authority with their religious instruction are partly responsible for the condition of things in China. More than 300 years ago in Japan the Roman church persecuted the Japanese who refused to accept their doctrine. At this moment similar things are at work in China. Bishops of theirs have titles Chinese.

and other temporal penalties. They surdo not distinguish between the ecclesiastical and civil rule.

"The result is an anti-foreign feeling. An anti-foreign spirit has been developed, and no one can help but see that the first attack is made upon the missionaries who have assumed to exercise civil power.

"I was in China five years ago this month, and many of the conditions I examined on the spot. I also have the testimony of missionaries on the ground at this moment. They declare the bishops secure the release of their converts when brought before the courts. I tinue daily occurrences. and that the authority of the French Philippines at the present time. These | were changed in process of ages to a things lead to uprisings. The war with huge man, inhabitant of a great city Japan put an end, for the time being, to just above the clouds; but he is still Only missionaries who confine them- same loves and hates and cruelties selves strictly to their religious duties | which characterized the earliest concepcan do any good. Those who do not so | tions of a god. confine themselves only provoke uprisings on the part of the jealous above the childhood notions of a mon-

Agreeing with this position of Rev. McArthur is a statement of Rev. Dr. Halsey, secretary of the Presbyterian violence, and bloodshed will cease. The Board of Foreign Missions, who on the Gods are only the reflection of the peosame day declared:

"The missionary has had his share in fomenting this trouble and must bear his share of the blame. Some of the missionaries have been politicians as well as Christians, and their grasping, place to a civilized one. Then wars will selfish attitude has helped to bring about the present condition.

"The whole Roman Catholic propaganda is political as well as religious. This has been prominently exemplified only recently in the Philippines, where all the influence of that great church of ages was used for self-aggrandizement. So it is in Peru, Chile, and Brazil. There missions are simply monasteries of the middle ages over again.

"In China the Boman Catholics have suffered first because they meddled with Chinese politics. Minister Wu Should be subordinated to assuring the said: 'You would not tolerate a band of | defeat of the opposition candidate, and Chinese missionaries coming to New York and preaching Confucianism and meddling with the government."

Bounteous Earth.

How is this, from that old Pagan, Pliny, the Naturalist, who was a very voluminous author near 1900 years ago, and perished in the volcanic eruption of has convinced him his then aged friend Vesuvius, in the year 70 when Pompeli was buried in ashes. He knew nothing those who know the falsity of its teach- Labout the Christian religion; but he thought and wrote like a modern philosopher, though he was clearly agnos-

"The waters deluge man with rain, oppress him with hail and drown him with inundations; the air rushes in | ningly striving to undermine the founstorms, prepares the tempest and lights | dations of a free government, by subup the volcano, but the Earth, gentle stituting a theocracy, with themselves and indulgent, ever subservient to the as special agents, in place of that estabwants of man, spreads his walk with lished by the people. flowers and his table with plenty, returns with interest every good commitis supposable, that instead of Christian | ted to her care, and although she produces the poison she still supplies the l antidote; though constantly teased more to furnish the luxuries of man he writes: faith other than Christian, as Jew or than his necessities, yet, even to the Mohammedan, is any one so foolish as last, she continues her kind indulgence. to believe the American government, as | and when life is over she plously covers his remains in her bosom." ...

Pliny's idea of God fits into present thought. He said: "God is what Nature is. God cannot

do what Nature cannot do. He cannot powers that be declare in a moment: "If | kill himself, nor make mortals immorthe propagandists of such sentiments | tal, nor raise the dead to life, nor cause engage in the task of trying to convert one who has lived never to have lived than twenty.'

Had Pliny lived to-day, and been in possession of modern facts, he would have been a very zealous Spiritualist.

Who Is the Barbarian? Said Emperor William on the 28th ult., addressing a body of his troops

"If you close with the enemy, remember this: Spare nobody. Make no prismediately the whole Christian world oners. Use your weapons so that for a was in a tumult, and wanted their re- I thousand years hence no Chinaman will spective governments to suppress the | dare look askance at any German. Open the way for civilization once for

> That may be the Christian way of acting, but, verily, it has the ring of the savage, as related in Numbers 31:17, 18, who credits the direction to "the Lord":

"Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman make the same distinction as does the him; but all the women children that sectarian who fancies all the world was have not known man keep alive for yourselves."

> A little later came the command which was fully executed according to the divine word:

> "So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God commanded."-Josh. 10:40. It was from such passages in the "blessed Bible" Kaiser William drew

"Spiritual Fire Crackers, Bible Chest nuts and Political Pin Points." By J. activity, and if he shows himself to be | S. Harrington. A pamphlet containing industrious and frugal and capable of 179 pages of racy reading. Price 25 maintaining a family some Nalar maid | cents. For sale at the office of The Progressive Thinker.

Tears for the Man. Humanity justly weens as it reads of the barbarities cruelly inflicted on the objects of Chinese hate who unwisely intruded themselves on a people who had no sympathy for their teaching. The tear is for the man or the woman, not for the propagandist of a creed or a system of religion which of itself is only the reflection of an ignorant and rugged age, no way advanced beyond that of the China of to-day.

We shudder at the thought of missionaries being stripped of their clothing, chained to stakes, jabbed by sharp-Rev. R. S. McArthur, in the Calvary | pointed sticks, slowly strangled, melted | lead poured down their throats, the body writhing in agony, then cut to pieces with knives, the parts consigned to the flames. We are half inclined to deny relationship as human beings with such brutal assassins. But we must not forget this action is the product of a species of insanity paralleled by burning the negro on a Southern plantation for some real or imagined wrong.

> The Chinese savageism is no greater other Christians with slightly varied views during the latter part of the Middle Ages whose innumerable instru-

The unfortunate and learned Hypatia, which excite the jealousy of the a philosopher and a teacher of mathematics, torn from her charlot on the "Some missionaries actually sit as way to her academy in which she justices in civil cases and impose fines | taught, stripped of her clothing, pounded by clubs, murdered, the flesh round themselves with all the dignity scraped from her bones by Christian of kingly rulers, and the native heathen | monks, acting under direction of Bishop Cyril, now canonized a saint, always rises before us as we think of the orgies of human devils on their defenceless

> We have no apology for Chinese luna tics any more than for Christians acting under similar impulse. Our hatred is for the act and the low grade of civilization which will tolerate such aggressions. We find the germ of such crimes against the race in all the prevailing religions, liable to lead to scenes of slaughter at any moment. While they exist violence and bloodshed will con-

Savage man invented his gods, and He clothed them with the attributes of "The same thing is going on in the the tyrant and the oppressor. These contemplated uprising of Boxers, governed by the same passions, the

When Pagan and Christian shall rise ster being, representing the vices and passions of his race, and shall formulate a creed in strict harmony with the inculcations of Nature, then wars, and ple who worship them, jealous, revengeful, cruel, tyrannical, repentant, as are their makers; merciful, kind and loving as civilization advances. Civilize the world and a barbarian God will give cease and the nations of the earth can thereafter dwell together in peace and harmony.

Danger from Priests.

From this until November the party press will limit its labors to the supreme task of convincing the dear people that on the election of its candidate for the Presidency depends the safety of the Republic; that all other questions the elevation of its own. An old fellow at our elbow, very zealous in 1840 for the election of "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too," was told by his employer:

"Young man; you have a greater interest in, and may be more affected by the election of a constable than in the election of a President."

Sixty years of subsequent observation was correct. Parties come and go, each in turn playing its part in the drama of life, each zealous to convince the voter that his party is right, and all other parties are wrong; but the government continues to move forward and will regardless of the party in power. Danger comes from the intriguing, hypocritical and demagogical clergy, ever cun-

By Letter from India, In a private letter from J. A. Balfour, Esq., Bombay, India, of date June 23,

"We are having a very hot time here during the last few days. The long expected monsoons were much delayed. We generally have the first burst of the rain for the season from the 10th to the of property and maintenance of or-12th of June; but have had nothing to | der. Accordingly the malcontents are date. It is hoped next month will make | firmly yet gently restrained. The badup for the want of rain this month, else time is not over without robbing the what a fearful time we shall have.

"As you know, the famine is simply terrible throughout india. Thousands | gin to flow again; work is plenty, wages distant people to their views they must at all, or make twice ten anything else are dying. About 80 per cent of the rise, and all is tranquillity and cheerfulcattle have been destroyed for want of food and water-simply died. It will take years to repair the damage already done by the pestilence. "And as usual cholera has been get-

ting in its deadly work. Its ravages are horrible among the famine-stricken men, women and children-poor, emaciated, tottering skeletons, dropping and dying along the roadsides, in spite of all the efforts of the government to help them. Their corpses are frequently caten by wild beasts.

"The mortality at Godbra (?) when the cholera was at its height, was terrible-1.500 bodies were burned on one "work" in four days! Think of that, at one station, alone! "I do hope we shall have a good, rainy season this year. It will mean

life to millions of poor humanity." Later advices by cablegram show 6.281.000 sufferers are now on the relief list, and that rain has fallen in some districts, but is greatly needed in others.-Editor.

It Is the Old Method Revived. Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, in a late pamphlet entitled "Guarding the Cross with Krupp Guns," is very severe against what he claims is a new policy for spreading Christianity. In this the Elder is mistaken. It is the old policy revived. All the countries of Europe outside of Rome were subordinatel to the dictation of the Pope by warlike

methods. Medieval history takes us

behind the scenes and presents a fright-

ful view of the triumphs of the cross in

its armed aggressions on older relig-

"'Lisbeth. A Story of Two Worlds." By Carrie E. S. Twing. Richly imbued with the philosophy of Spiritualism. Price \$1. For sale at this office.

ions which it designated as Pagan.

The death of Charlotte Mulligan, a philanthropic woman of Buffalo, says the Chicage Tribune, was recently announced. Though comparatively unknown to public fame her death will be mourned by thousands whom she had helped. For many years Miss Mulligan had worked among criminals, discharged convicts, tramps, and disreputable men of various kinds with extraordinary success. She was a woman of rare executive ability and possessed remarkable capacity for controlling and governing persons belonging to these classes. She began her philanthropic career in her seventeenth year by conducting a Sunday school for boys, but of late years devoted her time to men of the class above described, for whom she founded a home, at first upon small scale, but gradually enlarging it until it became one of the largest charitable institutions in Buffalo, and known all over the country among "the submerged tenth." It is said that she has helped over 100,000 homeless and than that practiced by Christians on disreputable men, reforming many of them and helping to give them a star in the world. They are known "Miss Mulligan's men," and are proud ments of torture are still preserved in of the appellation. Her work has not been limited to charity. For twenty years she had been the musical critic of wide influence upon art as well music. She also took a strong interest in the advancement of woman and founded the Twentieth Century Club in her city. But the work of her life in which she was most interested was the rescue of the unfortunates and criminals among men, and in this noble work she was wonderfully successful, while shrinking from publicity and deprecating the world's applause. Death has ended her philanthropic work and her place will be hard to fill, for the combination of qualities which she brought to that work is rare. Surely upon her gravestone should be in-

> We have always claimed that it is only by humanitarian work that one can approach closely to the angel world. Belief in this or that cult or sect sinks into utter insignificance when compared with the noble work of Charlotte Mulligan. It seems pitiable to see so much preaching, so much forensic effort, and so much expenditure of capital to promote this or that cult or sect, while there is so little effort in the direction of humanitarian work. It is far better to raise one sinful soul into the light than it is to give birth to a new sect, a "new God." or a "new savior." Only by this way can the world be redeemed and the masses, placed on a higher plane. There is work to do in order to save our country from the ruinous prophecy made by Lord Macaulay in

scribed, "She hath done what she

have not a high opinion of Mr. Jefferson, and I am surprised at your surprise. I am certain that I never wrote a line, and that I never in Parliament, in conversation or even on the hustings -a place where it is the fashion to court the populace-uttered a word indicating an opinion that the supreme authority in a state ought to be intrusted to the majority of citizens told by the head; in other words, to the poorest and most ignorant part of so-ciety. I have long been convinced that institutions purely democratic must sooner or later, destroy liberty or civilization or both. * * *

1857. When writing to Henry S. Ran-

dall he said:

"You may think that your country enjoys an exemption from these evils. I will frankly own to you that I am of a very different opinion. Your fate I believe to be settled, though it is deferred by a physical cause. As long as you have a boundless extent of fertile and unoccupied land your laboring population will be far more at ease than the laboring population of the Old World, and while that is the case, the Jefferson politics may continue to exist without causing any fatal calamity. But the time will come when New England will be as thickly populated as old England. Wages will be as low and will fluctuate as much with you as with us. You will have your Manchesters and Birminghams, and in those Manchesters and Birminghams hundreds of thousands of artisans will assuredly be sometimes out of work. Then your institutions will be fairly brought to the test. Distress everywhere makes the laborer mutinous and discontented, and Inclines him to listen with eagerness to agitators who tell him that it is a monstrous iniquity that one man should have a million while another cannot get a full meal. In bad years there is plenty of grumbling here, and sometimes a little rioting. But it matters little. For here the sufferers are not the rulers. The supreme power is in the hands of a class. numerous indeed, but select; of an educated class which is and knows itself to be deeply interested in the security wealthy to relieve the indigent. The springs of national prosperity soon be-

"I have seen England pass three or four times through such critical seasons as I have described. Through such seasons the United States will have to pass in the course of the next century, if not in this. How will you pass through them? I heartly wish you a good deliverance. But my reason and my wishes are at war, and I cannot help foreboding the worst.

"It is quite plain that your Government will never be able to restrain a distressed and discontented majority. For with you the majority is the Government, and has the rich, who are always a minority, absolutely at its mercy. The day will come when, in the state of New York, a multitude of people, none of whom has had more than half a breakfast, or expects to have more than half a dinner, will choose a legislature. Is it possible to doubt what sort of a legislature will be chosen? On one side is a statesman teaching pa tience, respect for vested rights, strict observance of public faith. On the other is a demagogue ranting about tyranny of capitalists, and usurists, and asking why anybody should be permitted to drink champagne and to ride in a carriage while thousands of honest folks are iff want of necessaries. Which of the two candidates is likely to be preferred by a workingman who hears his children cry for more bread? "I seriously apprehend that you will in some such season of adversity as I have described do things which will prevent prosperity from returning: that you will act like people who should in a year of scarcity devour all the seed corn, and thus make the next a year

not of scarcity, but of absolute famine. There will be, I fear, spoliation. The spoliation will increase the distress The distress will produce fresh spollation. There is nothing to stop you. Your Constitution is all sail and no anchor.

"As I said before, when a society has

Dhenomena. Startling

Music Without Instruments, and Independent Messages Given==The Dawn of a Mew Era.

the many messages given independently through the me- It has made even the heaviest burdens of earth-life endiumship of Mr. Oscar Ward, the young man mentioned durable under the revelations it has brought of that life in in my former letter, who gave his consent very reluctant- spirit spheres. It has taught the children of men that ly, he does not care to be brought into notice. But as I earth-life is a part of eternity, and that they should do am aware that he is one of the finest mediums in the their best here in order to fit themselves for progression's country. I and a few others are urging him to make a pathway after crossing the divide that man calls death. practice of his gift. These messages are wholly the work It also shows that the Eternal Now is of equal value with of the spirits and are dropped in his presence. Music the Eternal Hereafter, for unless the former is properly without instruments that can be heard as far as a piano, lived, man's condition in the latter becomes most pitiable. and voices that talk from one to two hours; in fact every | Spiritualism lays great emphasis upon the laws of conknown phase of mediumship has been improved upon in sequences. It says gently yet firmly that there is no forthis young man. Spiritualists should investigate this me- giveness for sin, save such as is worked out by each indidium's rare power, as I predict his time will be in demand vidual in the bitterness of mental anguish and despairing ere long. He depends upon his labor for a living, and is grief. Its all-compelling must forever admonish its adnot master of his own time, and can rarely be induced to herents to be on their guard to find every avenue of imhold a seance. The voices have been heard in the light provement, and to avoid every pathway of error. It says with the medium in full view, and the scances for music also that "under each rank wrong lies the root of right;" the Buffalo Courier and exercised a take place in a perfectly bare room with sealed doors and which it is man's duty to find, to carefully cherish in the windows locked. There is not the slightest chance for name of truth, and develop to full fruition, in order that fraud, and messages are given in the departed one's familiar hand-writing. Sealed questions are also answered "human kindness among the sons of men," and gives a with seals unbroken, answers being inside the sealed en- tender word to even the least in the household of manvelope. Some of these men of science might do well to kind, that grief may be swallowed up of joy, and that hunlook into these manifestations. The guides say there is ger and cold supplanted by food, raiment and all the necno limit to the manifestations that will occur when the essary comforts for body and soul. It is the religion of development is where they desire to bring it. At times universal peace, and the light of its ideal is so dazzling in several voices speak at once. Music, voices, raps, bell- that respect as to cast a halo of glory over the entire ringing and table-moving have all occurred at the same globe. It has breathed its messages of love and good will time. People here are not aware of the wonderful things into the ears of receptive mortals, until they have taken that are occurring in their midst. A message on the outward form in an attempt to secure the disarmament of spirit body is very instructive and places the description all nations of the earth. Truly it is the religion of huin such plain terms that all may understand who read. manity that aims for the civilization of the race. Poems of a beautiful nature are also among the messages. Spiritualism blesses all who apply its divine truths to We few Spiritualists here are satisfied that we have the their daily lives. It helps to make men and women more straightest way of communing with the other world that considerate of one another's feelings. It leads them to

THE BEAUTY OF SPIRIT RELIGION.

New Canton, Ill.

the most attractive and truly beautiful religion that ever adherence to duty, and loyalty to truth. In fine it is the was vouchsafed to man. It stands for everything that is religion of the soul, based upon the immutability of natupure, good, and true in life; and emphasizes in particular ral law, as set forth by Infinite love. It is the religion of the necessity of self-improvement in all departments of humanity and for humanity, a "thing of beauty and joy man's nature. Its teachings may be misapplied by the forever" to all who live up to its precepts and exemplify thoughtless, while the evil-minded may debase the liberty its principles. It is probable through demonstrations, it gives them to license for their acts, yet in itself its in- logical sequences, and intuitional perceptions. It is a herent principles of right, of justice, of integrity, of loyal friend, a safe leader and an ever-present staff of suppurity and nobility of purpose, make it stand forth as pre- port. As such it embodies the highest and stands before eminently the most beautiful religious truth the world the world as the religion of beauty, as well as a beautiful has ever known. It has always been a factor in the re- religion. "You are surprised to learn that I ligious experiences of the race, and its phenomena have We live behind a veil. Reality been at the root of every expression of religion the world Lies out beyond this veil. We see it not has ever known. Only fifty-two years in its modern ex- Except by glimpses. When we leave this dream, pression, yet it has signally blessed humanity among all This hollow, mocking dream, that men call life, nations of the earth.

It has proved that death is but change, and that con- Naked and beautiful; all harmony scious life goes on and on in the world of souls, unfolding Thrills into one sweet song—Intelligence; as does the leaf from the bud, until it is face to face with And we go onward to the goal of dream. truth and ready to do its prefect work. It has dried the Welcome the hour that such shall come to you; tears of the mourners and soothed the pain of the afflicted. Welcome the hour you pass beyond this veil. It has opened the gates of light and love that sorrowing mortals may behold the glories of the life elysian into which their dear ones have graduated. It has given the taught mankind that the ills of the body can be con- Ward, being printed on various kinds of paper. quered by the power of the soul. It has verily given all

To the Editor:—Enclosed you will find a copy of one of mankind joy for sprrow, pleasure for pain, life for death.

find their own in their neighbor's good, and proves the brotherhood of the race. It leads mankind away from error and temptation, and places idols of a sublime order before the minds of all thinking people. It stands for morality, sobriety, justice, equality, fraternity and uni-Spiritualism is so many-sided in its nature as to make versal good will among men. It is devotion to principle,

The veil's withdrawn; we look upon the truth

The foregoing is a copy of one of many original mesbalm of healing to those who were without hope, and has sages that come independently of the medium, Oscar MRS. PENNEFEATHER.

entered on this downward progress, either civilization or liberty must perish. Either some Caesar or Napoleon will seize the reins of government with a strong hand or your Republic will be as fearfully plundered and laid waste by barbarians in the twentieth century as the Roman Empire was in the fifth.

world's goods engages in humanitarian | would like to ask where that man went, | in premiums that I must improve this work, to the full extent of his means.

Papers. issue of June 15, announces its suspen- upon vice as an outgrowth of the mortal papers and books are the right hands of sion for an indefinite period, to enable the editors, Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, to recuperate their health. They are suffering from nervous prostration, consequent upon over-exertlon and insufficient material support. This is the case of all the incentives to lie; steal or murwith too many who are laboring for the der to gratify the needs or the passions good of humanity. We hope that our of mortality, he would take a different neighbors will resume the publication view of the subject than that indicated of their excellent periodical in the near by the extract. As we understand it, future, under more favorable circumstances.-Religio Philosophical Journal.

We deeply regret that the Medium has been compelled to suspend publication; but as we have said before. California has proved a veritable graveyard vance of him, who take the new arrival not giving your readers one of the for Spiritualist papers. The list of in charge and lead him forward to grandest benefits, I don't know who is. is far too long to be enumerated in our ever advancing, never retrograding, a paper, let him be ever so poor. columns. There have been several first- with worthy examples and beneficent class papers devoted to Spiritualism started in California, notably the Carother like enterprises had preceded them. Ernest S. Green widely an the heavenly portals, while doubt and etic effusions clairaudiently, from one nounced his effort in the realm of the unbelief were the broad roads to end- claiming to be the spirit of Adah Isaacs occult and spiritual, yet his paper less wee and undying pains. passed away prematurely, proving a dismal failure.

All these multifarious efforts were commendable in so far as an ardent desire existed to promote the cause of Spiritualism; but that alone is insufficient to sustain a Spiritualist paper. The angels, advanced spirits, can do but | self.-News item. little to sustain an enterprise of any | The word Bible is the Latin for book. kind on the material side of life; yet we Its sacredness and its inspiration are venture to say that spirit messages | fanciful. God inspires every author as have had much to do in starting so much as he did those who wrote the many papers in California, which have Gospels, or the Prophets, or the Penmet with an untimely death. It is a fact patent to every close observer, that tatench. If Rev. Ribbany is educated, it is difficult to sustain first-class re- as his ambition to write a book would which flood the Pacific coast, there is sand years, certainly not three thousand premium announcement carefully. absolutely but a very little returning and more years, as claimed by churchcurrent. However good an occult or men, we may expect a pretty good pro-Spiritualistic publication in California duction at his hands, unless he has the

be a success there financially.

Misled by a False Faith. A late writer, of course bearing a large old-time orthodox stripe, hearing

so much about a played-out hell, thus inquires, and remarks:

masses to a higher plane, while each of the devil in the whole Bible. 'If hell the earth, too. one blessed with a goodly share of this has been closed, the writer says, 'we You are making such a splendid offer

so that we can go somewhere else."

California a Graveyard of Spiritual grand mistake taught by the church, to circulate as many books as possible, that wrong is eternal, and as such de- and give books to some. "Cheap books" The Medium, of Los Angeles, in the serves eternal torture. Were he to look for "the million!" is my desire. The condition only, ending with the physical angel friends to enlighten this world! body of which it is a constituent, the disrobed spirit entering its new sphere of being and of action, disincumbered death is a birth into a new life. When freed from the body the disenthralled spirit does not rest in the tomb, but is welcomed into what with us is an invisible world, by a multitude of those who have entered the new life in adthose which have expired in that state higher and still higher planes of being. enticements all around him. Thus circumstanced we apprehend the writer. so anxious for a hell to punish wrong, rier Dove and Golden Gate. They will be content to dwell with the late could not be sustained, and went calmly reprobate who swung from the scaffold down to the graveyard where many to glory, now filled with remorse because he had been falsely taught that New York. 75 cents. "belief" was the key which unlocked | The author received these really no-

> To Write a Bible. Rev. A. M. Rihbany has startled Mo- poetic diction and quality. renci. Mich., by announcing that he will withdraw from the Congregational

The Progressive Thinker and Its Premiums.

To the Editor:-I notice that my time is most out, and I inclose the money for "What has become of the diabolical- another year. You are making a splencharacters recently deceased if hell has did spiritual paper and publishing with this difference, that the Huns and been, as it is asserted, abolished? house, and I am glad to give you credit Vandals who ravaged the Roman Em- Nowhere in gospel or epistle is there for all. I am glad, too, of the harmony pire came from without, and that your such crime laid to Satan himself as the among our spiritual editors, and I hope Huns and Vandals will have engen- daily paper publishes every morning, and think it will continue. It is wrong dered within your own country by your A man was recently executed in one of for some to say that our cause is our states who had committed more growing dark, for the private circle and This direful prophecy can only be cruelties against women and children in the general activity of our angel friends prevented of fulfillment by raising the one year than all the like wrongs told are making the beams bright, and all

> chance, with thanks, I not only send That writer is laboring under the my spiritual papers to various parties Enclosed I send you the three dollars and thirty-five cents (\$3.35) for your seven premium books and for your paper another year. A HAMMOND. Hot Springs, Ark.

ONE OF THE GRANDEST BEN-

To the Editor:-Enclosed you will find money order for \$1.25 for The Progressive Thinker one year and Vol. 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World. This will make three volumes of that work, which I consider worth ten times the price. If you are Every Spiritualist should take so grand Lexington, Wash. F. W. SCOTT.

BOOK REVIEW.

Echoes from Shadow-Land. Agnes Proctor. The Alliance Publishing Co.,

Menken, known as the author of "Infelicia." These poems are certainly strikingly characteristic of that author's style and peculiarities of thought. in

church and write a Bible to suit him- E are trying our best to establish libraries in every Spiritualist family of the United States, hence we are offering Seven valuable books as a 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 formatory papers in California. The suggest, he has as as good a right to as- a single copy of Ghost Land; yet we Rocky mountains seem to shut them sume to be inspired of God as had furnish these seven books to our subout from the East, and there they can- Moses or any other man. Living in a scribers for \$2.35, when ordered in connot get any foothold. While these bar- later age, better educated, with the ac- nection with a year's subscription to riers yield to Eastern publications cumulated wisdom of possibly a thou- The Progressive Thinker. Read our

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INVOCATION.

Our infinite Father and Mother in all love and sweetness filling the world with its varied blessings, giving us light and shadow, the glory of the morning and the peace of the twilight, the solemn and sacred rest of night, we turn our faces toward the morning's gladness and lift our hearts in thanksgiving. We turn them toward the peace that cometh in the twilight, and feel that goodness fills our lives. We stand beneath the solemn arch of night and lift our faces heavenward with the sense that Thou our world and its strange changes, its light, its glory, its darkness and its drear, the worlds of thy magnificence and truth stand in the light that hath not shone upon the land or sea; that there in the Eternal City waiting for the souls thither.

We ask to-night that we who watch in the by-paths may climb the foothills toward the level plain may sense the active crest rising and falling under the skies to-night, far feet have trod. mountains that are just a bit afar; and we who have on the Pacific coast is more than the great shining rocks Time passes and the gliding years cover the history of After the man who had been the world's life had passed reach the top we still shall see the everlasting hills of God broader, sweeter spiritual sense.

us those examples of great love, of sacrifice of self, of gen- existing. He does not stop to think of others but he me through the tomb that I have found!" erous deeds, of noble lives of holy one's e'en as the Christ's toils r self, to gain this to-day, to gather more to-mor- And lo, the man that the world has called a king of life "Greater is he who giveth his life for his friend than all hath been; and lead us through the plains and valleys row. He steps upon the lives of his fellow-men; he leads his brother into the dark vaults where the tombs of others; and he who gives his life gains it, and he who loses within the City Beautiful. everlasting in the heavens and trembling child to seize something, in what he calls his erosity was buried; to that one where morality faded and and trusts in the infinite Lord, walks calmly through the not made with hands. Amen.

His Life Shall Find It Again."

to you according to their opinion. But find the student the land. he holds a flower, as I hold these roses to-night in my adversity. He knows that if he stops to help, his own death to die." hand. He looks into the petals, he finds the wonderful success will be delayed; but he cannot pass her by and so A man who forgets his moral obligations is dead; a man City Beautiful and it touches the brow of the unselfish into color and fragrance. And as he looks at them he astray.

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in life and in death.

Each of these flowers is a scientific problem. They are in of cheer, while the world laughs at his philosophy. He own seeming interests for the good of others, lives. He existence and they are life. They are something more, journeys on. Once more he is confronted by the great cannot die. He who loves his brother so well that he they are the strange mystery of death, for their stems have heart -hunger of humanity, and from what he has he would give his life for him, finds rather than loses it, and been severed from the nourishing roots that lifted them stops to give to others less fortunate than himself; and his failures are the arteries of triumph through which his above the earth, and they are dying now. But they will while he is giving to others and they are forgetting his white soul walks unto the avenues of God's reward. never cease; they will always have their place in nature, name, the sounds come wafted back to him, the echoes of Seek not in this world to gain all its glitter and its the great man's life, and he looks with admiration and glory, but rather seek with patience, tender souls to cheer, We may turn anywhere, it is the same story. You and with calm eyes upon the prosperity of his neighbor. His broken hearts to comfort, some life to uplift, some I are living and dying every moment; each inhalation of prayer is for strength and his word is for courage, and by trembling hand to place in your strong one, some one that art everlasting in thy love and that beyond the shadows of our breath gives us life and each exhalation carries out and by there comes a time when right stands upon one you can point to the stars above and whisper in their desomething that has been ours never to belong to us again. side with folded hands and a great temptation with out-spairing ears the words of hope and benediction. Each day we have a new beginning and a new ending of stretched arms upon the other. She looks upon him with Life is a never-ending mystery; death is as great, but I life. The sun has never set upon the same life twice. her wanton face. She whispers to him the words of her never confound that silent change from this physical inwe are living more each hour and we are dying more. endearment. He stops, he trembles, he sways, when all heritance to that life beyond as death. We are given the This is a part of the great solemn story of the endless at once the thought of the real meaning of life comes to key to immortality when we are given existence, and we and from the law that lifts the soul upon its journey waves of the sea of life that forever kiss the sandy shores him and he says: No, he who giveth his life shall find it bear it with us safely in our hands through this world and again, and I shall find mine in that path of rectitude and into worlds beyond. The only death that can possibly And is life to be especially asked for, and is death to be virtue which leads down through the shadows of Geth- come to us is the death of error and of sin, and the resursense the hills, the foothills that are near; and we who especially shunned? Do you feel that the ocean with its semane and up upon the hills where trembling, bleeding rection from this must be in God's good time. If not in

gained the rugged cliffs and stand halfway amid the that are there under the moonlight? No. And is life our two travelers, and when one day they meet, age has through the long vaults and amidst the gleaming skelemountain heights may sense the peaks and have the more than death, and is death more than life? Let us fol- placed his hand upon the man of success; his tons of his life, he turned to his friend and said: "This is strength and courage left to climb, knowing that when we low the question a little way and let us take it with its brow is marked with deep wrinkles; the clear shrewdness my empty cellar of despair. This is my grave, yet whereof his eyes is still there, and passing back and forth he in the world thinks me living. What have you to show?" above our happy eyes, and all the pasture lands of peace There are men and women who move among us in their watches what belongs to him. The other man whose The other answered: "Very little indeed. I have only and all the meadows, all the plains of love. Oh, make our daily walks who have died, who have passed through the brow is placed with the consciousness of efforts in behalf the white hands of a neighbor that are lifted in prayer. hearts courageous and our spirits brave until their shadows of the agonies of great griefs, who have passed of others, with the power that comes from the vanquish- have only the blessings of an old man that fall from muffled beat shall be to us the sound of courage, and the them without a sign, without a word and who, through ing of his own temptations, with the knowledge that death trembling lips. I have only the kind words of the poor shadows that are on our paths the banners floating in the the ashes of buried hopes and buried loves, have risen tri- has been conquered, that greed and hate are forever slain, and simple, and these I prize," land of truth. And make us all to feel that life in its vi- umphant into that higher existence which makes them in- slowly approaches the great man of the world and taking The men stood looking at each other, when suddenly a cissitudes and joy is but the school wherein we learn, is vulnerable to the narrow shafts of sin. There are brave his hand would give him congratulation. But the other light illumined all the place and the glory of God seemed but the school wherein, as athletes grow, we learn the hearts that sing the song of courage into our weaker ones bids him stop, and says to him: "You have lived a life of upon them, and the man found by his side instead of the skill of strength and brawn and power, and when we dare and make us hear the notes of hope. It brings a picture simple, holy deeds. You have sought, through the paths hand of a feeble girl the strong arm of an angel of light; to climb and rise above the level of to-day we can ascend to us of one who journeys out into the wide world with the of unselfishness, through the death of your own ambi- and instead of the trembling words of an old man a chopurpose of aiding himself. He begins his life by looking tions, the path to eternal life. I have been selfish and rus of voices singing "Peace on earth, good will to men;" Fill every heart with courage and with peace, and give about see what he may do to benefit his own personal held my place in the world. Take my hand and walk with and instead of the prayers and thanksgiving of old and

splendid strength of life; he goes on and the world says, sank into the arms of death; to this one where truth was shadows into the light that fadeth not." "See him, how successful he is, how much he has gained. laid aside; and among these funeral piles and with these The subject of my evening lecture is, "He That Loseth That man is living, I am proud to see him succeed so. tombs around him, with the mocking faces of the skele- tween him and his soul's desire the bridge of gold was He is winning fame, the world will know him. He is a tons of memory, the mistakes of past experience floating builded, set with the sacred gems that glisten forever on There are two mysteries that confront the world. One great light. How much he is doing." And he runs on by him, he stands naked and unfolded before this one who the finger of time, and his trembling feet walked across it is the strange mystery of life and the other the strange scarcely looking to the right or left. His strong eager would be his friend. The world calls his life successful into the garden of Paradise, into the Eden of Peace. mystery of death. And what is death, and what is life? hands grasp whatever they will; they hold it in such a grip and grand; it is filled with dead men's bones; it has the For unselfishness is the world's redemption, and love is Some one will tell you that life is the active vital ex- that it is his. The weak perish in his path, and the smell of the tomb and the mouldery dust and decay of the crown that shall lift the souls from out the shadow pression of existence, the partaking of the world's activi-strong who meet him wrestle with him, and with panting avarice. He who seeks too much of life finds death. The into the light; and though the thorns may pierce, its eterties, the by-path in all this central existence; and they will breath of success he hurries on to see what next shall be Dead Sea fruit that his eager boats had brought back nal glory is set with the white light of tenderness of tell you with equal brevity that death is the end of this his. He gathers glory, shining, bright. He wins fame from the blackened, stagnant pool of time was about him, purity. God is good and loves his children who underactive life, that when we die we cease to act and we are and renown. Look about you, these are his large build-bitter and full of slime. The heights of his own ambi-stand him and who are near to him. placed in the earth and that is the end; that is death, and ings, yonder are his warehouses, and listen to the whirr of tion have been rather the roads leading downward; and My brothers and my sisters, forget to be selfish and they are satisfied with the answer. They have told it all machinery that tells you of his triumphant march through the man whom the world calls living sleeps in the depths learn to be generous. Know that when your hearts have of, his own follies. He who finds his life through ave- reached that place where you can stand at the white altar and ask of him the meaning of those words. He stands | Another man stands out on fancy's magic screen. He nues of this kind takes the straight road to death. For it and lay them tenderly upon it, surrendering into that inbefore you with the deepest perplexity in his heart when sees a weary girl who is breasting hard against the tide of has been truly said, "It is not all of life to live, nor all of finite hand what you love most, you gain it and you can-

fragrance, the light and the color, and he says, "This is he puts into the frail little hands that which means so who forgets the purity of the soul he has in charge is and the brave, and God's children are known by the two life, but what is it?" It is the painted glory of the sun- much to him and gives her hope and courage. He speeds dead; a man who forgets to reverence the high and holy marks on the forehead. light; it is the kiss of the breeze; it is the whisper of he along hearing only the echo of her whispered words of things is dead. For him must be in the long line of fuwind; it is the tears of the tempest; it is the light of the thanks. The world says he has begun with a mistake; he turity a resurrection and a birth, for God is good and his day and the shadows of the night; it is all of these blended is full of sentiment and folly and he will be sure to run children who die in the darkness and shadow of their environment must be reborn through the pain of their own the man of pain.—Colton. asks the question, "Why is the one the blending of all Again he stops; old age comes in his way. He cannot consciousness, unfolded from the womb of agony and re- True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, colors into the purity of whiteness and the other the sug- leave it; he knows that he, too, will one day be old and morse into life's higher and better comprehensions; and but in the worth and choice.—Ben Jonson.

gestion of the red rose of June?" Each is a part of life. feeble, so he waits to give a word of encouragement and the man who forsakes jealousy and hate, who sacrifices his

this world, then in those other worlds that wait for us.

feeble women the symphony of the choir invisible saying, across the bridges that are set for us until at last we stand crushes the bleeding hearts of women; he reaches over a a soul's mistakes are. He points to this one where gen- finds, and he who places his hopes in the hands of others

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Dowagiac, Mich. ments, and presented to the sage or the | may be procured of Hudson Tuttle.

Briggs Park, Mich.

We had an enthusiastic crowd again the pre-silurian age, conducting it carping objectors with a full, and fair to-day. Mrs. R. W. Barton, of Roches- main truth. Anything that will not through the intervening stages of devel- answer for the hope that is in the soul ter, was the speaker of the morning. The subject of her discourse was "The | We teach that the best thing any hu-"Philosophy of Death," more beauti- Class-rooms of Eternity." The ques- man being can do is to think. which were all recognized.

> trouble. Her descriptions were all good sessions! and were recognized. In answering the

ter, Mrs. Ferris, and Mr. Carpenter.

know!". Mr. Mitchell arrived on the grounds,

and will remain with us for a while. He is of too great renown to need comment, as a materializing medium, THOS. J. HAYNES, Sec'y. "The Gospel of Buddha, According to

Mr. Hodge opened with a poem, the idea of which was that the most beautiful story for mortals to read is found last. The following clipping embodies camp-meeting, the thought struck me to in the blush of roses, and other phenom- | the main features: ena of nature. Holy Scripture is traced in the rocks as well as in the suns and

planetary systems. was afterwards made that they were F. Peck, of St. Louis. the result of an intelligence, and those spirits said that they once had mortal emonies, and a large crowd attended, rium, daily trimmed and festooned with The sage and philosopher can ponder bodies, and although dead they were about five hundred people passing flowers and twining vines, and our orrich heritage of his heirship to immor- came a proven fact, and although perse- large number who are in camp for the Bay City, if equalled, are not surpassed. tality. The bereaved and stricken souls cution followed, Spiritualism persisted season, on the ground. President Peck's

I have never seen an honest person investigate Spiritualism without becomthe world's seeking, but came to us from the invisible side of life, as soon This beautiful and most excellent The Bible is filled with it. I want to Hull is one of the most effective and im- Port Huron, entertained the Doctor, he say to my hearers that you are going pressive speakers on the Spiritualist informs us, 48 years ago, while he was to see your departed friends in the platform, and his lecture on "Natural delivering a course of lectures in the light. I have already had these mani- Law" pleased all the hearers. He will above-named city; and a page and a ism destroys, and truth will always re- the day's programme.

stand investigation will have to fall. "Is it reasonable that people who

be damned; but think and accept, if it on these grounds. All things conspired At the afternoon service, Mrs. Lee agrees with your sense of right and just to make the meetings a success. The ducts her services in a different manner never persecute any human being. I speaking was excellent. Mrs. Curran, en record both on earth and in the highfrom what the majority of the mediums | heard a man say that he had investi- | who gave proofs of spirit presence, was | er spheres above us. Other speakers do. She gives her descriptions before gated Spiritualism and was convinced at her best. Mr. Weaver made an earn- of national fame are to follow. We her lecture. This is out of the ordinary, that there was nothing in it. I found est plea for Spiritualism and for Maple earnestly hope that the editor of The Its recorded facts disarm cruel or- Mind," who planned, and executed the as the rest of our workers usually give that he had attended just three seances, Dell, and Mr. Dunakin gave an able ad- Progressive Thinker will some day visit the lecture first. She won her way into Think of one getting a full knowledge dress. It was pleasant to notice that our camp and take a vacation rest. He the hearts of her audience-with little of chemistry or astronomy in just three "Spiritualism is the philosophy of life speaking.

> questions by raps on the table on the in its entirety here and beyond. It is rostrum, they were given so loud and philosophy. It is fact. It is here to the attendance in a body of the First distinctly that they could be easily stay in spite of all that may be said Society of Spiritualists of Cleveland. against it. It is based on actual knowl- They came unexpectedly, but were re-The evening service consisted of de- edge. We know there are frauds. ceived with warm hearts and open scriptions and messages entirely. This There are black sheep among our peo- hands. At their head were the officers meeting was the best attended of any ple as well as among others, but our of the society, Mr. Barker, president; meeting of the day. In fact they al- people are just as good as any on the Mr. Kerr, secretary, and Mr. Eberhard. ways are at our camp. The mediums globe. The tendency of Spiritualism, treasurer. who took part in the service were Mrs. | When understood, is to make people from the mortal to the spiritual plane of Blake, Mrs. Claman, Mrs. Payne, Dr. better. Spiritualism is the best thing lectures every afternoon at 1:30 in the Knowles, Mrs. Coffman, Mrs. Fritz | that ever came to this work-a-day world | auditorium, by Mrs. Curran and Mr. Mrs. Barton, Mr. Ripley, Mrs. Carpen- of ours. The knowledge that comes of Weaver. our continuance beyond the grave is This portion of our science is what worth more than all the creeds. God is commence their work. They will have proves our position and gives us the beneficent and good. We have not fall- full charge of the meetings on next Sunright to say "We know." Others say en from Eden, but are on the up-grade. day, which will be the "yearly meeting that they "believe," but we say we If we have a creed it is that of Inger- day." soll: 'The place to be happy is here, the time to be happy is now, and the way to opened with unwards of twenty in at-

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The eighteenth annual encampment of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist's Association opened Sunday morning at Mr. Hodge said in part: "Heaven will Mt. Pleasant Park, a large crowd being speakers, and the beautiful messages be no heaven unless I meet my mother present at the opening ceremonies, conheard in Hydesville, N. Y., called the at 10:30 the annual address of welcome of the campers but of all the visitors, Rochester knockings. The discovery by the president of the organization, W. that our grounds, considering the beau-

structive discourse.

The Salem witchcraft was a Spiritual- At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the plat- twice, with all the stirring vigor and istic manifestation. Spiritualism is form was occupied by Willard J. Hull, eloquence of his younger days. the basis of every religion in the world. the editor of the Light of Truth. Mr. Our president James H. White, of festations. The genius of Modern Spir- remain at the park until August 2, lec- half of the reports of his lectures were itualism is its cosmopolitanism. There turing each afternoon. A test seance shown us to-day, printed at that time in is no good thing that Modern Spiritual- at 4 o'clock by Dr. H. M. Temple closed

Brother Will C. Hodge, our old coworker, was present and took part in the opening exercises. DR. J. C. PHILLIPS.

Maple Dell Camp, Ohio.

Yesterday was a very interesting day

sembled in the auditorium to hear the

The interest was greatly increased by During this week there will be public

On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Kates will

The Maple Dell Summer School has

tendance. It has four departments: "Modern Spiritualism allows you to The Psychic, under Dr. D. M. King; lead just such a life as you choose, Oratory, under Miss Inez May Hill; the Mr. King is also here from Benton either good or bad, but you yourself Scientific, under Prof. Kerstetter, and Lessons in English Language, by A. J. whatever you sow. Heaven is a condi- Weaver. The new school building is tion and not a place. We are going to not yet completed, but it is a fine struct-This book is heartly commended to stu- before passing your judgment on Spir- these grounds. Interest in school work dents of the science of religions, and to itualism, until the blossoming time is growing everywhere among Spirit. office. Price 6 cents. A. J. WEAVER.

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Wondering why you do not (or rather wishing that you would) attend our say through your widely-circulated journai that we are having a great spiritual refreshing at our Island Lake camp, through the inspirations of our from our mediums.

It is the combined testimony not only tiful lake, the grove, the pure water, the The day was an ideal one for the cer- capacious hotel, the magnificent audito-

Mrs. Sheets, one of our best speakers, hours he held the closest attention of meeting, was with us the first Sunday, "In my thirty-two years' experience, the auditors, who gathered in the spa- and her inspired messages were well recious auditorium at the park, to listen ceived. The Rev. B. F. Austin, the exto the address. The subject was "The Methodist preacher and late college proing a convert. Spiritualism was not of Spiritual World." President Peck is a fessor, and Giles B. Stebbins, the plotalented orator, and his hearers were neer, the following Sunday. Last Sundelighted with the interesting and in- day, the old traveler, pilgrim and patriarch, Dr. Peebles, addressed us

the old Port Huron Commercial. These lectures bore a stirring testimony against slavery which had not then been abolished, and orthodox creeds, as well as giving the proofs of the spiritthat these lectures would read well if republished, though delivered nearly 50 years ago.

Sister Baade, of Detroit, makes an excellent presiding officer. She is to address the camp next Sunday. Then comes another of the old pioneers, Lynearly all who were on the grounds as- will be more than welcome.

ELLA B. BROWN, Sec'y. OLUME 1 of the Encyclopedia of

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.. GENERAL SURVEY ..

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

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WRITE PLAINLY .- We would like 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 ad-

The Progressive Thinker goes to press early Monday morning of each week. Camp-meeting reports should always reach the office on the previous Friday | tions are proceeding secretly between | himself, he desired to get in on the or Saturday at the very latest. Bear | the American authorities in Manila and | ground floor, before such action was that in mind.

"L." writes: "Mrs. Cora L. V. Richand to the great satisfaction of all present. This address has been re- to be keenly interested. ported expressly for The Progressive Thinker. Mrs. Richmond has made annual visits to Corry for several years, lance with Mrs. Amy Buchanan, of the grand teachings by her guides." be published shortly.

Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong has been in Clficago for a few days. She came direct from California where she has been doing an excellent work. She goes from here to Grand Ledge Camp, then to Buffalo, and the Freeville Camp,

The Logansport (Ind.) Reporter speaks as follows of the Chesterfield Camp: "The officers of the Indiana association are fully determined to protect their members and the public against false claims of pretenders, and have taken every precaution to rid their camp of all but those regarded genuine by the state association.'

The Chicago Chronicle says: "Eugene Blanc, who has been persistently claiming that the spirit of his dead wife has been haunting him, cut his throat with a razor at Perryville, Mo., and will die. Mr. Blanc did not get along with his wife very well and they separated. Mrs. Blanc frequently threatened that if she died first she would come back and haunt her husband and make life miserable for him. Shortly after the separation the woman died. Since her death Blanc has frequently declared that Mrs. Blanc's spirit has appeared at intervals in his affairs and has so annoyed him that life was not worth living. He has threatened to commit suicide on several occasions."

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey write from Mukwonago, Wis .: "Myself and wife, of Grand Rapids, Mich., are doing the work assigned us by the spiritual intelligences. We are holding spiritual seances at the Universalist church on | gets into trouble in consequence of Sundays, to large and interested audiences. During the week our sister, Mrs. S. J. Andrews, opens the doors of her magnificent mansion and invites the people of Mukwonago in, and we have enjoyed several very interesting and social greetings from both sides of life. This place is quite new as regards the spiritual work. We expect to remain here a few days longer, and will then go to Waukesha, and fill engagement." The Chicago Journal says: "It took a score or more of Catholics from forcibly compelling a preacher to cease his ti rade against their faith. The preacher was Henry A. Sullivan, who says he was a Catholic priest, now ex-communiof a sermon containing many exposures of the Catholic church drew a large congregation to the church. Before the are represented here, and I suppose it preacher had proceeded far a woman in the center of the church arose from her pew and exclaimed: 'You are a liar, and | preacher, but it seems that he still reyou know it!' The whole assemblage was in great commotion and the police who had been stationed at the door were called upon to remove the disturbers. A wagon-load of police arrived, near the grounds of the Chesterfield but could not pacify the audience. When the service was over the preacher left under the guardianship of the police. His exit was greeted by cat calls, eggs and stones. Several windows in the church were also broken." No doubt every word uttered by Mr. Sullivan against the Catholic church was true. The savage Catholics present | hold seances on the grounds of the time in this city. On the 22d Mr. Hull would undoubtedly have killed him, had it not been for the timely arrival of the

police. W. H. Simpson writes from Grahamtown, South Africa: "We who have thought our way out of dogmatic Christianity have no wish to be regathered into the fold by some shepherd on the look-out for sheep. In fact we have no desire to be regarded as sheep or goats, and strongly object to being driven into the fold to be periodically fleeced. There can be no reasonable objection raised to Christians endeavoring to revivify into some semblance of life their dead dogmas and dving beliefs by means of our living facts. Let theologians spiritualize Christianity if they can. But we for our parts should resolutely resist all attempts to Christianize Spiritualism or convert into a formulated religion what should simply be a scientific investigation of occult phenomena. It can no more be considered a religious exercise to talk with a friend out of his body than if he were in it." H. L. Bigelow writes from San Jose.

Cal.: "The First Spiritual Union of this place is waking preparations for and anticipating a good time when the State Convention of Spiritualists holds its meeting here in September. Henry H. Brown has been our speaker for the present month, and has also had a class in psychometry, which was a success. He has many warm friends in

San Jose."

Take due notice, that all items for is alone responsible for any assertions | this page must be accompanied by the 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 comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

> The Chicago Daily News of July 26 says; "According to a letter written to the police by Miss Lizzie Gasser of Skaneateles Village, N. Y., she was made the dupe and then swindled out of \$11,000 by two spirit mediums, mother and son, who she now supposes are in Chicago. Chief of Detectives Colleran has been requested to find them." The Indianapolis (Ind.) News says:

'A crowd of 8,000 or 10,000 people were at the camp of the Association of Indiana Spiritualists, July 27. It was the largest number of visitors the camp has ever known on the first Sunday. Mrs. Carrie Twing, of Boston, lectured at 10 a. m., on 'Visions.' She has caused the Columbus Post of July 22: "The something of a sensation by her declaration that any person could be his own medium. She said she would be glad when the dollar and the medium is divorced. The Rev. Moses Hull, of Buffalo, lectured in the afternoon, and there were numerous platform tests. The names of mediums who have been authorized by the directors to hold forth at the camp have been announced, and includes about fifteen men and wo- suit was brought by Geo W. Seilars, Jr.,

According to information obtained in London, some friction has arisen between the Vatican and the Washington | the tents, and which amount was se-Government, respecting the rights, privileges and property of the church in the | Sellars stated to the Press-Post that he Philippines. There is a suspicion in learned that a receiver is to be appoint-Cardinal Rampolla's mind that negotia- ed for the association, and to protect the insurgent chiefs, in the course of which a demand of the latter that the mond, of Chicago, Ill., addressed a large | present Spanish clergy should be exand appreciative audience at Corry, Pa., | pelled from the Philippines and their | probably to the end of the time which Sunday, July 29. 'The Question of the | property confiscated has not been re-Hour was the subject for the discourse, | jected with indignation. The Cardinal | replevin suit is set for trial in Ananl was handled in a masterly manner, and ambassador Draper have had sev- drews' court on the 26th."

Arnold Stulting writes from Kalamazoo, Mich., of a very satisfactory seheld on either side voices spoke through | spirit inspiration, and seems to think The lecture alluded to in the above will the trumpet. Correct answers were Mrs. Richmond could have given that given to mental questions. A question was written in the Holland language on a slate and correctly answered in English. Slates were written on when | field at least forty years, and been more held by a person ten feet away from the medium, one message being written in labors of spreading the spiritual philos-Holland.

The Indianapolis Sentinel says: "The first lecture at the Chesterfield camp by Moses Hull will be heard Friday afternoon. The third Sunday will be the banner day of the six weeks' session, One of the chief attractions will be Swami Abhedananda, the Hindoo, a recent convert, who will in his peculiar style demonstrate the benefits and his great Ingersoll lecture is certainly one knowledge of the religion. On Sunday, Aug. 12, Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota, populist candidate for president, will speak. Others with national records will be J. Clegg Wright, George P. Colby and Oscar Edgerly. The interurban line between Chesterfiled and Anderson was thrown open to-day and hundreds of visitors will patronize this mode of reaching the grounds forom the

T. H. Sketchley writes from Seattle, Washington: "A medium in Webster City, Iowa, wrote me a few days ago that she was not taking a Spiritualist rather do without a coat than The Progressive Thinker." What is true of the medium at Webster City, Iowa, is true of hundreds of others scattered through the country—they take no Spiritualist | neapolis, September 7, 8 and 9. Special paper. Whenever a medium, however, some odious law on our statute books, the talent engaged are G. W. Kates, then they want the assistance of a Spiritual paper, and of course get it at | Peebles, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Max

The Democrat of Canton, O., says: "In conversation with one of the bright lights of Spiritualism who is located tion. It does not pretend even to sup-

T. H. Sketchley writes from Seattle, gards it as duty to warn sinners of the wrath to come.'

The Indianapolis (Ind.) Daily News says under date of July 26: "The saloons Camp were wide open last Sunday, but a demand will be made on them to be delivered by Lyman C. Howe, the close, and an officer will see that the noted trance speaker, August 2. The order is enforced. The directors of the sixth and seventh lectures by Rev. association have decided to expel Au- Moses Hull, on August 21-22. On the gust Koch and wife, after a trial in 21st Mr. Hull will deliver his famous which there was a good deal of bitter- lecture on 'Joan of Arc.' the mediumness. They have been forbidden to istic heroine of Orleans, for the first state organization, but insisted on do- will deliver the dedicatory address of ing so. They have a cottage at the the newly re-built Occult Temple. The camp, and say they will go into court | dedicating to the cause of Spiritualism to establish their rights to occupy it." of a place sacred to spirit communion Spiritualists generally have great faith | marks an epoch in the history of our in the Anderson camp, and believe its | cause in the city."

success in the future will be great. Critic writes: "The following is from | some time each morning Mrs. Amanda the Religio-Philosophical Journal: 'A Kerr, of Connelsville, Pa., has noticed certain class of people, small in num- that the board walk in her yard has ber, but loud and continuous of voice, aptly designated as 'Calamity Howlers.' infest the world to-day. The intelligent | Mrs. Kerr, a boarder named John Grinman and the good citizen, if he sees a | dell and several other people were sitpossible evil or pending danger, feels | ting on the poarch, a figure of a woman impelled to seek or invent a method to approached and said: 'Will no person overcome or obviate it: but the calam- | here help me find my husband? I murity howler only howls. He is never an | dered him somewhere about this place instrument of good, but sometimes does | years ago and I cannot find his body, evil because his baneful noise frightens | although I have been digging up the the timid or grates the nerves of those within its influence. There are many nights. The spook seemed to address of such in the ranks of Spiritualism, as well as in other avenues. We are ontimistic; we look on the bright side; we try to see the good, the pure, the true, and desire to be blind to all that is untrue, unreal and deceptive. If we are doing our duty, trying to overcome evil with good; to build up instead of tearing down, we shall have no use for pessimistic ideas, or calamity howling, in to get his shoes the spook, to the and Mrs. Carpenter were the workers As a Critic I desire to say that the pessimist has a niche to occupy just as much as the optimist. If Brother Newman desires to be blind to all that is de- | merly one of the best boarding houses

books and subscriptions? The fact is, says she is not afraid of the spook, but must never be blind to that which is un-true, unreal and deceptive. Supposing in the early days of the house a man our police officers adopted Brother New- and woman stopped over night in the man's tactics, how long would it be be- place, and that in the morning the man fore our city would be completely could not be found." ruined."

that he saw a railroad train rushing through a corn-field adjacent to the village of Economy, and exactly following a course since laid out by the surveyors of the line of the C., R. & M. railroad. Many persons recall the fact that Mr. Williams related the dream at the time. The road will be built along the line definitely traced by Williams as the course of the train seen in his dream. D. R. Higbie, M. D., writes: "The premium books, Vols. 1, 2, and 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World came to hand all right. Thanks. They ought to be in every family in the United States, there is so cheap!

That there are more camp-meetings in Ohio than can be sustained, seems apparent from the following taken from Spiritualist camp-meeting, near Worthfigton, was slightly interferred with Saturday evening, by Constable A. El. Thomas, of 'Andrews' court, serving replevin papers upon Amos Davis, president; W. D. Noyes, secretary, and Cora B. Noyes, treasurer of the Columbus, ation for the large 60x90 and the two of the firm of McAulley & Sellars, tent and awning manufacturers, to collect a claim of \$260, alleged to be a balance on cured by a mortgage on the same. Mr. taken and his property tied up. Constable Thomas allowed the property to remain, and the meetings will proceed, they have set for the continuance. The

E. T. Dickinson writes: "Elder Myspeaking each time, and a great inter- Jacksonville, Fla., at the residence of rick seems quite proud of the fact that est has been awakened in her, and in Elliah F. Rice. While her hands were he is a 'doubting Thomas' regarding

masterly Ingersoll lecture herself just as well as not. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond has been in the spiritual lecture constantly employed in the arduous ophy than any other medium that could be mentioned. Let anyone who is not laboring under prejudice, read her lectures on 'Life, Its Origin, and Its Mysteries;' or the lecture on 'Spiritual Chemistry,' inspired by the late Prof. aided, is indeed most preposterous. The 1 to increase our order.' of the most remarkable productions that of the silver-tongued orator. Let the Elder get genuine tests from the spirit side of life, and he will without a three dozen sturdy volumes on the spiritual philosophy, minus spirit aid, or few moonlight nights."

to the use of speakers. The State Spiritualists' Association of Minnesota will hold their annual convention in the Unitarian Church, Minrailroad rates to the State Fair, held that week, can be obtained. Amongst Mrs. Zaida Brown Kates, Dr. J. M. Hoffman, Mrs. C. D. Pruden, and the excellent local workers of the State. A large convention is expected.

She had been wrestling with a new near the auditorium, Lake Brady, the cook in the kitchen and she had found writer was informed that Spiritualism her to be sadly deficient in the needed is not a religion, but is considered sim- art. For two weeks she had been exply in the light of scientific investiga- pecting company before whom she wished to show herself in the light of patrol-wagon full of police to prevent a | ply a code of ethics or morals, and ev- | an excellent housekeeper. The guests ery individual is free to do as he or she were some relatives of her husband whom she had never seen. She was a young wife, noted widely for her out-Washington: "I enclose to you a clip- spoken ways and her native wit. The ping from the Post-Intelligencer, a day came and the hour and she realized cated, and the church was the Onward | daily paper published in the City of Se- | that not in one particular but in many Presbyterian church, North Leavitt and | attle. The religious crank, like the 'star | the dinner fell short of her expectations. West Ohio streets. The announcement of empire, has 'westward made his They had sat down at the table, which, way,' and has arrived safe and sound she thanked her stars, looked pretty upon the Pacific Coast. All vocations enough for a better meal than was to follow. Turning to her young and proud is only fair to let the crank have a husband, who was at the head, she said show. This D. L. Fordney is a 'defunct' in tones of deep conviction: "Now. Frank, ask a good blessing, for we have

a devil of a cook." C. W. Burrows, M. D., pastor of the Spiritual Union, sends the following: 'The fifth in the Union course of summer lectures at the Occult Temple, 132 Michigan avenue. Detroit. Mich., will-

The Philadelphia Item says: "For been displaced or overturned, the sod dug up and the flowers uprooted. When yard here and all around for many her queries especially to Grindell. 'You,' she said, 'are old and must have | scribe." known something of the deed at the time I killed my husband.' 'But I have no shoes or socks on, answered Grindell. 'Wait till I put them on and I will' help you find your husband's body.' 'No, come at once, or it is in vain,' was the answer. And while Grindell went wonder of all the people on the porch, for the society in the city when the suddenly melted into the air and dis- camp was started, and their efforts appeared. Mrs. Kerr's house was for- were a great help to us at that time.

R. A. C. Mack writes extolling the Cale Williams, of Richmond, Ind., late article by Dr. Peebles. He doesn't formerly a resident of Economy, has re- like the harsh views of Mr. Loveland called a dream he had sixteen years when speaking of the Savior and the ago. He declares that he related the Bible. Nor does he like the views exdream to many persons at the time and pressed on prayer "He says: "God does he denies that he invented it to prevent answer prayer, but not in accordance present circumstances. He dreamed with its quantity, but according to its sincerity and quality. If most of men's prayers were granted as they request, it would put them in the insane asylum, because a nation's ignorance or selfishness, like that of India, or the Boers of Africa, is so great and widespread that the spirit of God cannot permeate and control the masses to know what is for their good and best interest, and lead them to act accordingly, and they become the victims of famine and subjects of a stronger power."

from Washington, D. C., says: "A fraud

order was issued to-day against Francis Truth and the Francis Truth Institute | m., followed by Mrs. Mullins with tests. much of value to all in regard to condi- of Divine Healing, of Boston, Mass., by tions of spirit life, and so cheap, so the Postoffice Department. Francis Truth advertised himself as a divine lists of Owosso, Mich., on August 1, at healer, capable of successfully treating the home of Mrs. John Steggall. Sunany disease that flesh is heir to, the only requirement being that the suffer- Park, later at Grand Ledge and other ing patient place his faith and a fee at | camps. They are workers who are unthe disposal of the healer. It was not necessary that the patient be in the presence of the healer to obtain the treatment, as the divine power was supposed to flow free and unobstructed for | noble Mission, and were actively enany distance, provided that it was the will of the healer that it should do so. Ohio, Liberal Spiritualist Camp Associ- In fact patients from a distance were more desired than those who could ob-14x24 tents occupied by them. The serve the actions of the healer. In a Truth pleaded guilty to the charge of obtaining money through the mails under false pretenses, and the mail coming to his address, which has been held at the postoffice at Boston since his arrest. is now being returned to the writers." A Grand Rapids (Mich.) paper says: "Even the spirits of the upper world can't get news from Pekin. According to Frank Ripley, one of the mediums now in attendance at the Briggs Park Camp-meeting, the condition of affairs in China is such that the inhabitants of the ethereal world cannot penetrate to the scene of hostilities or gain a knowl- tered societies." edge of the happenings here for those who are anxiously awaiting it there. from Hickman, Neb.: "We passed instruct, and lead the investigator into Glasco, Kans.: "W. W. Aber, of Spring | China; Russia first, because she will | City, Fort Dodge, Atlantic, Avoca and | them upon a solid foundation whence | Hill, Kansas, will be at the Delphos camp-meeting."

Connais Russia hrst, because she will be different phases of phonomena can done to her diplomats, and the other national done do her diplomats are not done do her diplomats. done to her diplomats, and the other na- | coln and Beatrice, Neb. At each of | be more accurately judged. tions quickly after. America will hold these places we find quite a number of | Hon. A. B. Richmond occupied the off as long as possible, however, on account of her varied interests in that

thropy." F. H. Coggeshall writes from Lowell Mass.: "There have been a few changes in our executive board, among them is the retirement of Mr. J. Banks. our secretary. Mr. Jos. J. Devine has been elected to fill the vacancy. We are having excellent results at our grove meetings, the attendance running between 150 and 200, and much interest is being manifested. I am also pleased to inform you that your efforts through the columns of The Progressive Thinker James J. Mapes, and then to say the lare reaching quite a number here, and medium herself is equal to all this, un- trust ere long that we shall feel obliged

country and because of her philan-

The Banner of Light well says: "It will be seen from the letter of Lyman could be given to show the personality | C. Howe, on our sixth page, that our esteemed friend and co-worker, W. H. Bach., the wide-awake editor of The Sunflower, is seriously ill at his home in doubt become a changed man. As it is, Lily Dale, N. Y. Mr. Bach has been an he might as well contend that A. J. indefatigable worker for Spiritualism Davis and Hudson Tuttle wrote two or lever since the knowledge of spirit communion was vouchsafed to him. Whenever the call came he was ready to rethat Miss Lizzie Doten's poems from the spond; wind and rain could not stop Inner Life, and Poems of Progress, took him, and he never failed to appear at shape after a brief mental pastime of a the post of duty according to promise. He has ever been keenly alive to the A two-story cottage at the Chester- needs of our beloved cause, and has paper at present. I told her she was field Camp, Ind., belonging to the late | freely given of his best to make Spiritnot consistent, and for myself I would | Mrs. Colby Luther, has been dedicated | ualism represent the best and truest thought of the age. He has worked with might and main to sustain the idea of practical co-operation, and has verily turned night into day to accomplish the purposes for which he labored As a natural result, he has overworked, and is now suffering from the cousequences of the same. He seemed a tireless worker, but nature has at last rebelled, and demanded a respite. W. H. Bach cannot be spared at the present time; his services to the cause, and his worth as a man, are too valuable to be dispensed with now. He must get well: therefore, we second Brother Howe's suggestion that the thoughts freighted with the balm of healing be wafted to him on his sick bed, coupled with the invigorating mental suggestion that he must at once begin to get well. Brother Bach, the best wishes of thousands are with you in your hour of suffering, as well as their sincere sympathy. All say with us, 'You must get The Chicago Tribune of August 4.

says: "Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzgerald, a melium, who, it is said, is wanted in almost every large city in the United States on charges of swindling, has been arrested. She is now on her way to New York in custody of Detective Sergeant Murphy of that city, where she is wanted on a charge of extortion. On this charge Mrs. Fitzgerald was arrested in Chicago four months ago, but was released through habeas corpus proceedings. She eluded the police until Tuesday night, when she was arrested on Sixty-third street, near Stony Island avenue. Detective Sergeant Murphy came to Chicago to take back to New York John Clark, deputy collector of the municipal revenues in New York City. When he arrived here he found two prisoners to go back instead of one.":

Mrs. C. H. Mullins writes from Owosso, Mich.; "Mrs. Hattle B. Sears and I left Reed City, July 31, having spent three weeks at Dr. Spinney's sanitarium. Fifty or more attended the Freedom meeting last Wednesday, which was held in the sanitarium hall. Many were present who had never attended a Spiritualist meeting before. After being at the sanitarium, and seeing and knowing how Dr. Spinney is struggling to reach out to the needy ones, I feel that every Spiritualist ought to help him in his noble work. Kind thoughts and cheering words are helpful, but they will not buy bread and butter. Dr. Spinney needs financial aid. I feel he deserves it. We found Reed City ready to accept our truth. We started the ball to rolling, and I know no better way to keep it rolling than to have everyone to read The Progressive Thinker. I herewith send names and hope ere long that many more will sub-Sam A. Foss, physical and business

medium, has removed to 592 W. Van Buren street. Flat C.

Thos J. Haynes writes from Grand Rapids, Mich.: "A pleasant affair was penter, on last Tuesday evening. Mr. at this office. As an expression of our appreciation, ceptive, how about counterfeit money? I in Connelsville, and has an interesting | we presented to Mrs. Carpenter last | family. Cloth, \$1.50 and \$2.

Would that be taken in exchange for history connected with it. Mrs. Kerr | year a diamond ring. In order that the public might know that Mr. Carpenter's in this world of ours a man of necessity she insists that her premises must not | work was appreciated equally with that of his excellent wife, the friends of our chairman among whom we wish as officers to be classed, got together and purchased him a ring. While it was not a diamond, it was an emerald of purity and great value, the purchase price being \$40. It was presented to him by our treasurer, Mr. Baldwin. He was greatly surprised and I think pleased as well. He will take with him from us our kindest love and best wishes when he

leaves us." Columbus Wells writes: "Did it ever occur to the re-incarnationists that their theory of re-incarnation has never been proved? Scientific facts always carry with them the proof of their truthfulness, therefore re-incarnation must fall to the ground; for the want of proof it must remain a theory and a belief."

Dr. A. B. Spinney writes from Reed City, Mich.; "Mrs. C. H. Mullins and Mrs. Hattle Sears, of Chicago, have been visiting at my sanitarium the past three weeks, and doing some good A special dispatch to the Inter Ocean | work for the cause. Mrs. Sears gave a fine intellectual spiritual address in Sanitarium Hall, each Sunday at 3 p. They gave a satisfactory seance, delighting and instructing the Spiritualday, August 5, they will be at Haslett selfishly giving their lives and gifts to the cause of Spiritualism of the good of humanity. They did not forget The Progressive Thinker, but spoke of its gaged in obtaining subscribers for it." D. E. Griffith writes from St. Paul,

Minn.: "The third annual convention of the State Spiritualists' Association of Minnesota will be held in Minneapolis, he thinks he is—and possesses for himcriminal trial held in Boston recently | Sept. 7, 8 and 9, at the Unitarian | self the strict, adherence to principle church, 8th and Mary Place, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, president of the New York State Spiritualists' Association, Dr. J. M. Peebles, of Battle Creek, Mich., Max Hoffman, the celebrated slate writer and test medium, of Chicago, G. W. Kates and wife, and other promising workers will take part in the convention. Our State Association has made a splendid record for the year. Through the excellent work of Brother G. W. Kates and wife, who have been doing missionary work throughout the state, we now boast of seventeen char-

> honest and sincere Spiritualists; but in rostrum Tuesday afternoon, Methodism every place we have to confront the versus Spiritualism being the subject of same general condition, the same com- his address, and it was an able effort plaint, viz., 'We have been duped and swindled so often by wolves in sheep's clothing that we are compelled to hold all at arm's length for fear of again being duped.' Everywhere we hear the same general remark: 'If a good, honest medium would locate here, and prove their work by close acquaintance. they would have all the work they could possibly do, but our folks are afraid of strangers, and are slow to extend fellowship to such for fear they may have reason to regret having done so.' The limited time we had to spend in each locality we visited, prevented our coming in contact with all who are quietly interested in our cause; but we feel that we have sown seed in each place that will finally ripen into a harvest, and we are proud to say we have made many warm friends, who increased in numbers daily with our stay, and always many regrets were expressed at our not remaining longer. For the past two weeks we have been visiting among relatives, but the coming week we will again take up the work at the camp at Ottawa, Kansas, where we are engaged for the entire meeting; after which we will be glad to serve societies anywhere at a reasonable compensation. Our guides have dedicated anew our lives to this grand philosophy of uplifting humanity, and helping man to understand his nature, usefulness and destiny as an immortal

entity in the realm of nature." James Beyd writes from Riverside, Cal.: "Allen Franklin Brown, a wellknown eastern lecturer, psychometrist and missionary worker, recently from Texas, has been holding meetings in Riverside and San Bernardino with much acceptance. He is also in the interests of the Southern California Camp-meeting Association, of which he has been chosen presiding officer and conductor for the coming meeting in September. His work here was much appreciated by those who heard him. and the camp-meeting association appears to have selected the right man for the work."

Dr. Peebles, after having a sitting with Mrs. M. St. Omer Briggs, at Island Lake Camp, states that the reading was not only excellent and spiritual in qual- | starving as infants of the larger growth, ity, but was convincing and uplifting. Such messages as come through her inspired lips are freighted with the very have witnessed many manifestations of breath of heaven.

in our midst a young man who called July 30. It was the experience of the himself King Turner, and who posed as | mediums and those that have been bena trance medium. He had a suite of efited by practical Spiritualism. room at the Victoria Hotel (our leading | The Wigwam is a place of liberty and hotel) and advertised extensively, and freedom of expression that I have did a large business. Not until he left | failed to find in other organizations. did any of us know he was a fake. Seated in the heart of nature and her After he had humbugged the community glorious surroundings, its walls decto his hearts desire, he left, leaving be- orated with the beautiful, cleanliness hind his 'test book,' it containing the and order, inspiration and power must names of some of our leading citizens, come to those that sit within, and I and also the names of those who were | must confess that I can breathe in my in spirit life. So you see all he had to soul the spirit of truth and independo was to look over his book and then dence. I have never felt this in the sale at this office. startling things. There are several with in my many years of toil for the name whom he humbugged and who spirit world. vestigated the case fully and now be- natural law, practical harmony, so little lieve he is Lionel J. Hartwell, who has understood, then indeed, will be the until a short time ago been associated dawn of the new dispensation. May with the notorious Jules Wallace. God and the angel world sustain all They had trouble in New Haven, Conn., | those who are sacrificing their lives for | where Wallace was arrested for prac- the sake of humanity, and while they unfolding its laws from the deeper and clearer spiritticing fraud under the name of Prof. are so little appreciated here, there is Warde, and they dissolved partnership, a life where compensation is their inand he is now working the gullible as heritance. May the noble woman who easily as the malodorous Jules has has worked as an officer in the Wigwam done. I hope you will publish this and since its erection find compensation in do all you can to help locate this the angel world. smooth-tongued fake. He is about 6 feet 2 inches, weighs about 175, black hair, gray eyes, and about 25 years of age. He is a handsome fellow, and while here had several of our bestknown young ladies out riding and to places of amusement, and no doubt some of their well-filled purses are missing along with him. If this succeeds in locating him, telegraph at my expense, at the following address and I will be very thankful. 1118 Washington street, Allegheny, Pa."

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Island Lake Camp, Mich. After such lectures given by Rev. Dr.

Austin, with his eloquence and logic, next in order came the veteran Dr. Peebles, who spoke of the creeds and orthodoxy, as back chapters and dead issues the preachers were afraid to defend. The Doctor's lectures have been historical, inspiring and constructive. Spiritualism has become an established fact. It has its millions of devotees. How are we applying its truth and principles?: It is not enough to know we exist, but how we do exist, and under what conditions. The Doctor answered the question of what became of idiots, murderers and suicides after death. His illustrations were apt, and some of them very pathetic, that many wept for the 'poor in spirit,' and some in joy. His lecture on India was greatly enjoyed. It was said by some who heard him forty years ago that he speaks now with more eloquence and vim than he did in his younger days, although he is now almost eighty. The 31st was his day to bid us adieu, which was done with all the pathos of a man who never expected to see us again, although he is preparing for another tour around the world.

The camp is progressing nicely, with new campers. Socials, dances, circles, etc., with conferences, fill up all our spare time. The Ladies' Auxiliary elected new officers. J. W. BRIGGS.

Lily Dale Camp.

The speaker for Grand Army Day was Rev. Morgan Wood, whose unique style and vigorous handling of his subject was greeted with much applause. Mr. Wood is a careful man, and prudently stays within the pale of the church while preaching the essence of Spiritualism. We hope he is as free as which he so much admires in others. The broadness of the platform at Lily Dale is an indication of the broadness of the principles of Spiritualism; and no matter whether in the church or out, there is room for all liberal-minded thinkers. But a Lily Dale audience is quick to detect the ring of genuineness. and is critical while it is tolerant.

President Gaston assumed the duties of chairman for the afternoon, while Bro. Brooks took a half holiday. Prof. Lockwood has followed Mr. Wright with a series of private classes which are well attended. These classes Ben F. and Mattle E. Hayden write along scientific lines are doing much to

which was well received. A pleasant feature of the camp are

the Forest Temple meetings held evenings and mornings in the wood. We have with us this week Cora L. V. Richmond, Prof. Lockwood, Mr. Wilde and Mr. Grimshaw, beside many other prominent workers whose names I cannot mention.

There are many Canadian visitors and we are told there are more coming. The attendance increases and the interest unflagging-and more strangers than ever before.

So the good work goes on while the field of Spiritualism broadens, and the seed gathered here will find soil in every State in the Union. MARY WEBB-BAKER.

Anniversary of the Wigwam, On

On Monday, July 30, there was gathered together a large company of friends to re-dedicate the Wigwam which was erected to commemorate the memory of the Red Men, and to the credit of its president and co-workers is now free of debt-something to be proud of, for the fact of them giving | Religion. free meetings and to aid in the development of spiritual gifts which constitute every form of manifestations of spirit. It was not a gathering as some would say of the lower order of intelligences, but of bright-looking men and women if we are to judge by what is expressed in thought. Then Onset and her judges need not be ashamed of the patrons of the Wigwam, and I predict, gifted with prophecy, that in years to come some of the crude talent or infantile mediumship will be shining lights in the future of Spiritualism, for Spiritualists must go back to their first principles. That is to say, as the churches have cornered God, so have they cornered mediumship. They have catered to a few knowalls, have selected a few to voice the truths of Spiritualism regardless of many essentials, have voiced none practical, and ignored the plain, practical, everyday facts of life given to the few, the higher ethical presentation of Spiritualism, while there are thousands

seeking the a b c of Spiritualism. I have been a worker for ten years. spirit power, but never in all my ex-Stephen R. Allen writes from Alleperience have I ever seen such demonperience have I ever seen such demonstrations of spirit as I did on Monday, gheny, Pa.: "There recently appeared strations of spirit as I did on Monday.

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NOTICE-No attention will be given anonymous letters. Full name and adnot 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 ex-HUDSON TUTTLE

The Arcana of Spiritualism.

Now that all subscribers to the Arcana of Spiritualism have at last received the book, I ask their pardon for the delay which has been as annoying to me as possibly to them. The publication was entirely in the hands of the English house, and farther than forwarding subscriptions I had no voice. The book was larger than at first antic-Ipated, and hence the cost greater. Subscriber's received their books at the stated price, but the orders cannot now be filled for less than \$1.50 postpaid, for the muslin bound, or \$2.50 for full morocco, gilt. A small consignment has been imported, to avoid too long delay in forwarding orders.

I take this opportunity to thank the many friends who not only sent their subscriptions, but have since the reception of the book, sent what is more valuable, words of their appreciation of its pages, and fraternal greeting. It is quite impossible for me to write, as my heart desires, personally to each and HUDSON TUTTLE.

A. II. Frank: Q. In a recent publication on vegetarianism is the following, and it has been puzzling me very

"Do animals have rights? If no, what is the excuse for the existence of our humane societies? Why prevent pounding, beating, laceration or mutilation of lower animal life? Why call flagellation and persecution of our brother creatures inhuman? On the other hand, if they do have rights, by what law? Is there any standard of right to living beings other than the law of justice? Not that is known to ethics. Then must we not inevitably come to the concluto life, liberty, and the pursuit of hap- is a competent officer, and he married piness, and that ultimately man will recognize that his more lowly brotheranimals must be his companions in life and not his clothing and fodder?"

A. To admit that all animals have equal rights with man to life, liberty to the most absurd conclusions. The microbe which breeds fever in the veins, or destroys the tissue of the lungs, must not be destroyed, but go on in "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness." The wild animals that destroy the products of cultivation, the insect pests against which perpetual warfare must be waged to save the fruits and grains, all have a right to live as they please! mosquito, who has a right to its natural diet of blood! The writer in his fundamental law which overrides all best use of their environments have the right of existence over those who do not. This is true of the races of man-

If this be true of the races of manwould extinguish the human race. Mankind in its infancy had a desperate struggle against the animals of the wild. Armed only with a club or stone, he fought for existence against the huge bear, the terrible lion, and smote the wolf, or the tiger, and his art outno choice. He must kill or be killed, feed or be fed upon.

His diet was mixed; wild fruits, grains he learned to cultivate, and the products of the chase. Briefly such was his early estate.

With the increase of knowledge, and growing density of population, the products of agriculture more and more supplied the demands for food, and domestic animals the place of those of the

These domestic animals are truly creatures of his creation, and are not found in the wild state. He has through ages cultivated the wild stock until he has modified it to suit his purposes.

Now, aside from all questions of justice, right, morals or sentiment. man, to exist, must be lord of the world. The condition of India shows the result | by experienced and liberal teachers. Its where, by superstition, this law is ig- art departments include music, paintnored. These animals are sacred because the doctrine of reincarnation declares that these animals are embodied spirits-perhaps relatives and friendsand thus at least 20,000 people a year perish by bite of poisonous serpents, or feed beasts of prev.

The wild animals, when they interfere with man must be destroyed. The domestic animals are well fed and cared for during their lives and perhaps the sum of enjoyment is greater for them than for the wild races.

In this discussion all turns on the meaning of Right. That which must be: which is of the order of the world, must be right, whatever be our conceptions of its morality.

That which gives the best results, and called right.

While the necessity for the destruction of animals exists, that man may have a place, there should be no cruelty, and as little pain as possible. Man's supremacy does not imply the right to inflict unnecessary pain. The best interests of all are subserved by humane When man becomes spiritualized, he will shrink from flesh as food, with

more and more aversion, but this does not enter into this question. Mrs. Mary Brewerton: Such automatic movements when sitting in a circle are of common occurrence, and

perfect yielding to the control. Student: Q. Why is the term "Modern Spiritualism" used in distinction

cease to be incongruous when there is

from Spiritualism? A. Spiritualism is as old as mankind, but there is a marked distinction in what is known as "modern."

"In the olden times a spirit appeared as a ghost, an intangible being that came uncalled and left the affrighted spectator a subject of ridicule. Spirits were lawless and came as warnings or without purpose.

"Modern Spiritualism came as a reaction against materialism, and the single idea which gave it birth was that ghosts or spirits were individualized entities subject to law. It is distinguished from the ancient by its sweep ing claim that all spiritual phenomena and the evolution and existence of spirdress must be given, or the letters will lits is by the operation of fixed and ascertainable laws. Scientific men have investigated spirit phenomena in all its phases and have become satisfied that behind all the mystery there is the fact of spirit being and return.

"When the new Spiritualism was instituted fifty years ago, on March 31, intelligent answers were first received from ghosts or spirits. That day we celebrate as the advent of the new conception of the spirit world and spiritual existence. We have the means to communicate with the spirits at will by methods conforming to well fixed laws. We claim that the spirit is evolved as the last term of a long line of beings, the protoplasmic monad being the first, Death is only a transition to a higher plane. We are able to comply with the conditions which allow the spiritual beings to communicate with us in an orderly and legitimate manner. There are demands made by all religions of to-day or the past to have faith, to believe. The demand made by Spiritual-

The Delpit Outrage.

That marriage-annulment case in Quebec-the annulment by the ecclesiastical court of the marriage of one Delpit to Miss Cote-which marriage the priests now declare is null (after the wife has borne Delpit three children) because the couple were not married by a priest-should not be forgotten, because Rome boasts that she alone "keeps the marriage tie sacred." A writer in the Montreal Witness says:

"I always supposed that the civil code of this province expressed the laws relating to marriages performed within the province, but the Delpit case apparently ignores that code as if it never existed. Clause 128 orders 'that marriage must be solemnized openly by a competent officer recognized by law;' clause 129 states that 'all priests, rectors, ministers and other officers authorized by law to keep registers of acts of civil status are competent to solemnize marriage;' and clause 134 recognizes the validity of marriage licenses where bans are not called. So far, the Delpit marriage was no doubt in full accord sion that all animals have equal rights | with the code, for the Rev. Mr. Barnes the parties without any opposition, pre- Fraser, Manager, Vicksburg, Kalamasumably under authority of a license | zoo county, Mich. granted by one commissioner to issue such documents. After living with his wife for a sufficient length of time to become the father of three children, and the pursuit of happiness, commits | Delpit seeks to have his marriage annulled on the plea that both himself and his wife were Roman Catholics when Mr. Barnes, a Protestant minister, married them, and consequently no real | Kept, Ohio, or E. R. Kidd, Canton, Ohio. marriage was solemnized.

"One cannot understand in a free British country the Church of Rome saying to one of its members, and that a woman, 'Even though you are legally | Association will be held at Mt. Pleasant married in accordance with the laws of | Park, Clinton, Iowa, from July 29 to Man must not resent the attack of the the country, even though you have August 26, 1900. All wishing circulars borne three children to your husband, should write to the secretary, Stella-A. even though to annul your marriage is sympathy for lower beings, forgets the to degrade you to the lowest depths of Those wishing to rent tents, etc., should a woman's degradation, we annul your | write to John Nelson, Mt. Pleasant | still distinctly characteristic. palliative conceptions of morality. The | marriage as if it never existed; we | Park, Clinton, Iowa. highest law known in the realm of liv- brand your children as illegitimate, and ing beings is that those who make the | we brand you as an unmarried mother.' Under what laws of God or man has the Roman Catholic Church in the Province of Quebec received power to issue such kind—the race making the best use of a cruel, audacious, and I, according to the earth. has the title deed against all | my light, would say, disloyal judgment? | inferior races. The Indian had no right | And under what law has any Canadian to hold 3,000 acres, for his miserable judge the liberty of passing on a case support by the chase, against the Anglo- justly brought before him to the bar-Saxon, who for all the advantages of baric cruelty of such a court? If such B. L. Robinson, president, Freeville, his superior cultivation requires not laws exist, let them be made known in N. Y. half a score. The race that uses the the cause of humanity, to say nothing land to best advantage has the right to of religion, in order that members of the Roman Catholic Church may avoid marriages celebrated by Protestant clergy, kind, it has far greater force applied to and that such clergy may be saved the the supremacy of man over the lower | shame of being unconscious particianimals. If the doctrines quoted were pators in acts of ultimate cruelty topracticed, the multiplication of animals | wards innocent people, that in the nature of things, as men, their souls would revolt from.

"Is there any act, law or agreement which places the Church of Rome in the Province of Quebec outside of and above the law of the province, and, if huge mastodon. He was physically so, why? The various Protestant weakest of all, but more crafty than the Churches are given power by law to regulate their own discipline of memwitted the strength of the lion. He | bers, to appoint, depose and deprive fought his way to supremacy. He had officers, but they are given these powers on two distinct provisos-first, that they shall not interfere with the rights, etc., of other religious communities, and, second, that nothing they shall do shall be contrary to any law or statute, now or hereafter in force in this province: in other words, they are righteously and wisely bound, by the laws of the province. If the Church of Rome is not so bound the sooner it is bound the better, if only, as this Delpit case demands. in the interests of conjugal morality and common humanity.-Citizen, Boston.

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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 Hardin, 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 particulars or information write to President J. N. Blanchard, Delphos, Kansas; M. J. Main, vice-president, Simpson, Kansas, or E. S. Bishop, secretary, Glasco, Kansas.

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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 un-

til September 8, inclusive. For pro-

grammes address Mary A. Hatch, secretary, South Windham, Conn. Los Angeles, Cal., Camp.

Arrangements have been made to hold a camp-meeting at Sycamore street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Colorado Camp.

Canyon Camp, opens in South Boulder 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 Sunapee Spiritualist Camp-meeting will be For programmes address the secretary, W. H. Wilkins, Claremont, N. H. Marshalltown, Iowa. The Central Iowa Spiritualist Asso-

ciation will hold its annual camp at Marshalltown, Iowa, September 2 September 16 inclusive. Grounds open to campers after August 27. For information or programs address W. H. Wilson, 301 N. Center street, Marshalltown, Iowa. Haslett Park, Mich.

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programmes address J. D. Richmond,

secretary, St. Johns, Mich., or G. F.

Ottmar, Riley, Mich. Nebraska State Camp. The Nebraska State Spiritualist Association will hold its second annual camp at the Crete Chautaugua Grounds, Crete, Neb., from August 16 till August 26 inclusive. Crete is about 20 miles from Lincoln. The grounds are very conveniently and pleasantly situated

Campbell, president, Havelock, Neb. Freeville Camp, N. Y.

and every effort will be put forth to

make the meeting a success. Further

particulars may be obtained of James

The Central New York Spiritualist Association, Freeville, N. Y., fifth annual camp, opens Saturday, July 28, closes Sunday, August 12. B. L. Robinson, president.

-Summerland, Cal.

The tenth annual camp-meeting of the Spiritualists of Summerland, Cal., conducted by the Summerland Spiritualist Association, will commence August 26, 1900. M. A. Spring, president; W. P. Allen, secretary.

Lake Brady, O.

Lake Brady still continues to be the center of attraction for all interested in spirit communion throughout the Western Reserve. However, we hear good reports from our sister camp, Maple Dell, situated at Mantua, O.

The social features of Lake Brady during the season so far have been above the average. A literary or musical entertainment and two public dances each week besides an occasional camp dance.

The delightful open air concerts given each evening by the orchestra add greatly to the general enjoyment. The orchestra is under the management of son. The camp opens July 13 and the famous Halnes family, the present leader being Miss Lillie Haines, who is tary, A. E. Gaston, Meadville, Pa., for only fifteen years of age. She is a beautiful, spirituelle-looking child, and while playing seems inspired. Indeed, the phenomenal rapidity with which she has mastered the violin would indi-The Mothers' Meeting address by

> and many wish a repetition of it. Lake Brady is well supplied with musical talent this season. Prof. Hans Metke and Frederick Fabrican are both exquisite performers, the former on the piano and cello; and the latter on the Herrick, also a sweet singer, sometimes | knew nothing of it.

Mrs. McCaslin was highly appreciated

Oscar A. Edgerly gave us four excel- you, with which I will close. lent addresses during his engagement. He claims no education, no knowledge lost by death one of the dearest little even of the utterances crossing his lips, wives God ever gave to man. Her he has few superiors. The most re- supernatural or hereafter. I stood at markable discourses he gave were two, her bedside as she breathed her last, one immediately following the other, in the doctor on one side of me and the which a deceased clergyman and a pro- nurse on the opposite side of the bed. found and scholarly atheist expressed | She had been unconscious for more his own peculiar views. Though both than a day and her eyes were closed, admitted they had been much modified but just as she was gasping her last-

since passing from earth life, they were | breath, a most wonderful expression | mediumistic talent, two materializing to it at the time and said: "Doctor, and two trumpet mediums; Mrs. E. W. Sprague and Mrs. Ebertshauser, both Look at that expression." excellent healing and business mediums, besides the famous Shepherd Brothers, magnetic healers, who have averaged from forty to fifty treatments day. Then we have Madam Virginie Barrett, a French psychometrist and inspirational artist, and others. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague are still | are constantly together. I stood at her

ers and test mediums. MRS. M. M'CASLIN.

Onset, Mass.

I just thought we would waft a are doing all in their power to present | earnestly seeking the truth. the best philosophy and phenomena to the public, and it is appreciated by those attending the meetings. We have had lectures by Dr. G. A. Fuller, Prof. W. F. Peck, Mrs. Henrietta Kimball, Mrs. Sarah A Byrnes, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Dr. N. F. Ravlin, Prof. E. H. Griggs and Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock. Mediums so far Dr. Louis Schlesinger cultarity unto themselves. Dr. N. F. Ravlin has awakened the people; he is so earnest and his lecture upon how he became a Spiritualist was one that touched the hearts of alle who heard him. Prof. Griggs' lecture was an intellectual feast, and one could well afmonth of August Will be enjoyed by those having the privilege of attending the meetings. Mr. A. J. Maxham is the singer of the

camp and he is enjoyed by all who listen to him. The large steamer chines in every

Sunday and brings' large crowds and there are excursions most every day upon the water in the Steamer Genevieve. Our conference nieetings are quite a

success, and are of profit to all... There are many mediums upon the grounds-Mrs. C. B. Bliss, Mrs. Allbright, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. E. I. Webster and so many that it is a very easy matter for one to have an opportunity to learn as to the continuity of life. The wigwam under the wise direction

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HOME CIRCLE.

Striking Experiences of an Attorney-at-Law.

To the Editor:-I occasionally see mention made in your paper of the "Home Circle," with encouraging editorials for their extension and inviting held at Blodgett's Landing, N. H., for | statements of the experiences of others, four weeks, commencing Sunday, July and herewith avail myself of that in-29, and closing Sunday, August 26, 1900. Vitation to give you some of the experiences we have enjoyed in our home circle in this city.

Until very recently we have been meeting weekly at the beautiful home of Brother Markley, where six or eight, and not to exceed ten congenial friends to form our circle, with the assistance of our little medium friend, Mrs. Inez Wagner, of this city, whose control is "Blossom," and whose revelations and phenomena are something wonderful. She generally gives full names, and her descriptions of spirit friends are so exact and minute in detail that we rarely ever fail to recognize them, and we fee very fortunate indeed, and greatly favored in having her most valuable as- Science. sistance. She is certainly rapidly developing into one of the finest mediums in the West, and gives promise of a great future.

At our sittings we have raps in abundance, table tippings, and table raising clear of the floor, and messages and communications from the spirit friends of nearly every member of the circle,

some of which I will give here. A few years ago there was committed in this city one of the most bloody and atrocious murders that history has ever recorded. An old lady by the name of Matson, living alone, was brutally and foully murdered in her home, in a most cruel manner, by some unknown per-son. Shortly thereafter a young mu-latto by the name of Frank Nevils was arrested charged with the crime. fended him, and the first trial resulted in a hung jury, but at his second trial he was convicted, and shortly there-

after committed suicide in jail, had always believed in, and stoutly | Chicago Times-Herald. maintained his innocence, believing he was the victim of a conspiracy and was offered up as a sacrifice to appease the clamoring of an outraged community, Daily Advertiser. that must needs have a victim.

On the evening I speak of, however, "Blossom," the medium's control, turning to me said: "Judge, here comes a colored man to you who is in great distress. His head is bowed so low I can't see his eyes." I told her to get his name, and she replied: "He says his name is Nevils, Frank Nevils." I then said: "Frank, I always believed, and do yet, that you were innocent of the crime with which you were charged, but I want to ask you this straightforward question, "Did you kill Mrs. Watson?" And much to my surprise As and consternation, and against my own belief, his answer was "Yes." I then said, "What did you kill her for?"

He replied, "Money." I again asked, "Did you get any money?" and he said, "Not very much." But I further insisted, asking him "How much? Was it as much as ten dollars?"

To which he replied, "No, I only got

five dollars." I respectfully refer this instance to Dr. Hudson, who claims in his "Law of Psychic Phenomena" that clairvoyancy | CHAPTER 1, is nothing more than telepathy, or mind-reading. Yet these disclosures were the exact reverse of my mind, I believing all the time that he was innocent. There certainly could be no mindreading about that, for had it been, the violin, and Mrs. Florence Russell, of Al- disclosures would have been the oppoliance, and Miss Fanny her daughter, site of what they were. Remember that respectively vocalist and accompanist, the medium through whom this was prepare the way for each lecture with gotten, was not a resident of this countheir sweet inspiring songs. Mrs. Sadie | try when the crime was committed and

Ope more instance I desire to give On the 28th day of October, 1899, I and yet in grammar, rhetoric and all taking off was rather sudden. I was that goes to make up a pleasing address | then an infidel, a believer in nothing came over her features as of wonder or Lake Brady is still well supplied with surprise. I called the doctor's attention what does she see? What does she see?

But the doctor shook his head, saying, "I don't know."

At one of our circles the spirit of my mother came to me through "Blossom," of course, and I asked her, "Mother, have you met Emma, my wife, in the spirit land?" and she replied, "Yes, we with us doing excellent work as speak. | bedside when she passed out. My arms were laden with flowers, and when she looked up and saw me, she looked surprised. Do you remember that look?" No one present in that circle knew

anything about that occurrence. To an investigator as I am, such evibreeze from Onset to our friends in Chi- dences are simply paralyzing, and parlightful, that the weather is perfect, any mercenary motives, as money that the nights are cool, and the days formed no part of the consideration, and just right to make it an ideal place to was no feature of the circle, only a spend your vacation. The management | small home gathering of friends,

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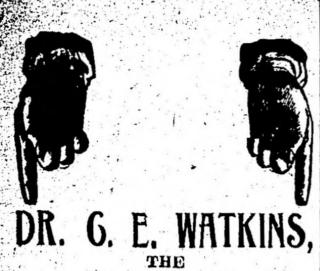
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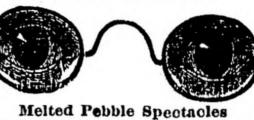
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