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By One Who Wore the Ermine When On Earth-Qiven Through the Lips of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

#### Like Othello, "My occupation was gone."

of human arrangement of laws, I passed into spirit life. possible, as you will see." Honored far beyond my deserts, yet aware of fulfilling, as Then I saw what seems

preme guidance. It is true, that I accepted a change of | earth. Yet as they approached their countenances were laws when inevitable; but founded in the Common Law of radiant, and their forms were arrayed in brighter raiment Great Britain and borne forward under its Magna Charta, than my own. As they came forward the scroll was placed I believed the laws of this country were most perfect | before me, and I saw therein one of my own decisions. Yet there were times when it seemed to me that there was read it; as I read it the sentences burned into my mind and not sufficient simplicity, and that the making of too many into my heart, since I knew by that decision all these lives laws might ultimately constitute the ruin of this Republic. had been affected, and many of them had passed out of The one thing required of the individual life I conceived earth life because of it, and many of them afterward to be, the fulfilling of man's duty in the line of life he had through the circumstances resultant of that decision. marked out for himself.

State church; though in my secret heart I wished it were; in judgment than I?" still I could do nothing to promote it. I believed our forefathers did act wisely when they separated church take for such things to occur in spirit-I know it was not from state. So I felt I would enter into the presence of a great length of time measuring from the human standthe All-Wise, the dominant being whose judgment would point, but it seemed like ages-there came first one then be according to the strict lines of his infinite wisdom.

had been fully up to the highest sense of duty of one in had adjudicated according to the law. But I found in my position. There was no weak yielding to sentiment some instances, to my great horror, that I had been utto best of my ability.

least," said he, "for I have not had in my heart one un-From the affairs of human judgment, from a long life kind thought concerning the only one through whom it of studying and acting upon man-made law, from a judi-would have been possible for my human life to have been ciary which now seems an entanglement of error, yet saved. "Then," I said, "is it possible that the case in which I then thought was the greatest and highest form which I adjudicated against you I was in error?" "Quite

Then I saw what seemed to be quite a multitude of peofar as within my judgment lay, my highest duty. I believed the law to be the supreme guidance of men and nations, and I deplored any departure from that su-class of people from those I had mingled with upon the

I cannot name to you what that decision was, not be-In religious matters I was content to take, in a modified cause now I am ashamed of it, but because I do not wish form, the opinions of my father. I belonged to the my personality at present to be known. But it burned church, to that church which in Great Britain is the "Es-tablished Church," but which in this country is not a I thought, "can it be possible that these men are greater"

Again and again, for whatever length of time it may

another, then two or three, then a score all bearing simi-While there was something of humility (all is humilia- | lar testimony from away back in my professional life at tion in the thought), still I had that consciousness of hav- the bar, where I began upon that principle of following ing fulfilled my duty well and of being obedient to the the highest mandate of the law regardless of sympathy or laws of my country and my God; that made me certain of human sentiment. A goodly array of faces appeared bea high estate in that kingdom. I believed that I had few fore me, some of whom had been mad with grief; others shortcomings; in fact, if anyone had challenged my right had been frenzied when condemned; but all seemed to be I would have said, as far as I know, considering human in better states than I. Their raiment was not so shadfrailties and weaknesses, my life has been up to the correct owed. They did not seem to be afflicted with aught that standard of duty and rectitude. I never reviewed my pro-fessional career in the judiciary, that I did not think it of crime I had followed the legal proceedings closely and when judgments were rendered. I took the greatest care terly and absolutely mistaken. Though I said, as if in selfnot to allow my mere human feeling, which I believed a defense, crying out against them all: "I am not to be weakness, to get the better of my judgment and the law in the case. As I had sworn in taking my high office to sus-tain the laws of the land, so I fulfilled that oath according tain the laws of the land, so I fulfilled that oath according (B) at my heart strings, and there came a voice pleading, (B) at my heart strings, and there came a voice pleading, "But justice should be tempered with mercy always.

But, as I said in the opening sentence, like Othello, my Even as I would obtain mercy I was to be merciful. occupation was gone. I did not sleep until that day I had forgotten this in the austerity of my life and when, according to our ritual, we are to be resurrected judgment, in duty fulfilled and the doing of that which from the dead. I heard no "awakening trump," no voice I had set out to do. So in no instance where there was an summoning me. I was not aware of having slept. I opportunity, where there might have been a chance fo passed out of earth life as from one room to another; and mercy, for the recommendation to mercy, even if one had there, confronting me, were friends and those of my own been constrained to observe the full letter of the law, had household. They looked upon me with the greatest I availed myself of this right of recommending mercy: kindliness, with loving greeting. I thought they did not though women had pleaded with me with tears in their pay me quite as much respect as they should have done, eyes, though former clients had pleaded with me on beconsidering some of them had been very humble in mate- half of young men, though there had been hundreds who rial life. I had been somewhat of a prominent man; their had signed petitions on behalf of an oppressed class or manner was more like the meeting of an equal. I thought people, still did I refuse. When all these confronted me I detected, if possible, a look of compassion in the gaze at the very threshold of my spiritual existence I said: "Am of some of them. They, pitying me! who would, of I in hell, and have you assumed the raiment of light to try course, enter into my inheritance of spiritual life as one me here at the very gateway of this immortal life? I will who had been just in all his dealings. I perceived that not yield even now, for I have dealt justly with all my they received me with the greatest affection; but I saw no fellow-men." attendant angels, none whom I thought had authority. It Still the voice sounded in my ears: "Be ye merciful seemed to me as though treated in keeping with what I even as ye would obtain mercy," and it came upon me at had been in the earth life that, I should have had a little last, that in following the perfect line of the literal fulmore recognition. fillment of duty, of my perfect observation of all religious I do not know that I expected an escort of angels, but and moral laws, and the announcement of judgments ac-I had pictured to myself a sort of tribunal, similar to my cording to my highest conception, intellectually, of court room, but much larger, into which I would be led duty, there nevertheless would be such errors against huand where my competers would be arranged to receive me. manity as to bring this array of witnesses against me; "but Although that would not be the judgment seat of the who shall plead my cause? Who! I cried, will stand and Most High, still it would be a sort of preliminary examina- defend me? Am I here in the midst of all these who tion for me to pass to the higher judgment. So imagine confront me, and no one to plead for me? I who have my surprise on seeing these people, members of my own been accustomed to pronounce judgment?" family and friends, whom, indeed, I was glad to see, whom Then did the voice, relentless, pursue me: "No pleading I realized I had in some measure neglected when they of others availed with you, no tears moved you to human were upon the earth, for my professional career. sympathy, nor did you take into consideration their ig-They came around to welcome me as to some new existnorance and lack of moral training. In no instance did ence, though I had not passed from earth; I had no conyou ask for clemency and, on that account, who can plead sciousness of entering the state or place of heaven. Then' for you against yourself?" I perceived that there seemed to be no especial raiment, Then the conviction came as a solemn condemnation that I did not seem to be clothed in light. But no one I am lost, and this is but a brief respite before that fata came offering me the raiment of the spirit with other be- hour. Perhaps I have slept for hundreds of years and longings that I supposed would naturally be my own. I this is the awakening unto that which precedes judgment, also perceived, as I looked upon my spirit form, that I and this is all to roll away-like a scroll, and the heavens did not seem to be clothed in any especial brightness. and the earth are to disappear, and the judgment is to con-The gamments of earth had been cast aside. There was front me, and this is my first examination. How shall I no insignia of office; but I found myself wrapped in what pass then, when that great, gentle, benevolent counteseemed to be something like shadow, a sort of gray nance meets me; He who had no harsh judgment for any substance or mantle enfolding my form. I thought this except the judges, and who viewed the abandoned sinner must be something simply incident to the newly arisen spirit, and when I came to be placed in full possession of and the outcast with leniency? How shall I be able to bear it when that visage of light meets mine and I have no my spiritual glory I would have raiment of light and a record of loving kindness? high estate because of a cruse salus. I remembered that in my early ambition in my profes-I said a sort of requiem over my earth-form; while men sion, although I had loved I would not follow the voice of paid tribute to me, and there shone on me the beam of that love, because it would take away from my own exglory and splendor from the office I held on earth, and pectations; and I remembered hearing afterward in the height of my brilliant career that she whom I had first those things that are conferred by human judgment; for I felt I was to pass to that which was so much superior, loved had died of a broken heart. I remember the conalthough the highest office, I regarded, in my own governtempt with which I read that message, and thought: ment had been bestowed upon me. "How weak are women's hearts that they could thus Presently I was confronted with a man wearing a fool break so easy. Had she just been patient and lived a that seemed familiar, and yet it was strange, because, if I while longer I might have raised her to my own estate." was right in my recognition, on earth I had known him as But she had died, and there did the matter end. While in humbler life. But he came forward to me, wearing what that did not change my views, for I was then and am now looked to be raiment of light; his countenance was be in no mood to declare it; but I bore my life well in my neficent. He said, as he held out his hand, "You are wel- profession. It was said of me and believed of me, that I come to this life, and I am appointed to say to you, for the was the most devoted, most honored, most respected that thread and bear it forward continually to your own judgment which was an error of the head and not of the among all the judiciary. Now where was I? In my heart I have long forgiven you; but it was in your power, hopeless state I even remembered that face, that youthful not only to have saved all that belonged to me, but my beautiful face which in the first flush of young womanlife." Then I remembered the countenance and how I hood I had loved, but had cast aside as interfering with had, notwithstanding the weakness tugging at my heart) my aspiration in my profession. Where was she? I was strings, pronounced judgment in exact accordance with ashamed to think of her. Yet something came to me that the law, and I wondered at his patronizing air. Then I possibly she might plead for me. My mother, where was said to him: "Sir, I remember your face now, but it seems she? In the midst of all those around me the mother to me as though we have changed places; I see you are in a whom I had forgotten for the sake of my worldly honors, measure sitting in judgment upon me." "Not in the the mother whom I had, it is true, supported or aided, but I that made this grand arraignment before you. None of I had forgotten.

who had never received from me any love since my childhood, where was she? Oh, perhaps in the great void that was coming to me, in that terrible judgment that I felt was to overtake me, I never in all the ages of eternity would behold those faces, or gaze upon others than these kindly, benevolent people who chose to forgive me. I did not even ask them for their forgiveness; I did not even feel toward them in a kindly spirit. It seemed to me as though their presence was a sort of impertinence. Oh, the appalling consciousness was then mine! They

had left me. I was alone. I was no longer confronted with my victims, for now it seemed to me that I was something of a murderer; it seemed to me that, without intending to be so, holding myself wholly in the right, I had committed sins such as criminals do; it seemed to me that a sort of prison house was forming around me, that I was going, perhaps, into that outer darkness where there are weepings, wailings, and gnashing of teeth. All of this gradually changed, and I seemed to myself to become a thing without a heart, a thing without light, to be separated from my kind, to have placed between myself and them this great barrier, Would no one come back. even with reproaches? I would treat them kindly enough if they would come and tell me that I had wronged them, and that they knew it was an error of the head and not of the heart. I would tell each and every one of them, that I did not understand, that I was ignorant of this great other law. But in the midst of all the moving worlds, in the great splendor of the heavens and starlit skies and of souls I felt utterly and absolutely alone.

Have you ever been wrapped in any selfish mood of sorrow, or of self-love, or even an ecstasy of human passion, shutting out all other things except your own sorrow, or your own enjoymentt, or your own self-consciousness and suddenly become aware that you were separated from every other human being, from every other soul? Then you may understand, somewhat, my feelings. I remembered what I heard a clergyman say once. He was not a clergyman of the regular church. He was what was formerly called a "dissenter," still I heard him say that man was doomed to go down the steeps of eternity alone, and I felt that that was prophetic, and I thought, "Am I only one of all the other people in the great kingdom of spirit life who are alone and have they to confront this terrible solitude as I do?"

Then I saw myself, the other me. I do not mean my body, for that had been put away with very great honor, but I saw what seemed to be myself-proud, unbending, without sentiment, harsh in judgment, with outward behaviour that was full of decorum, but selfish in the pursuit of human honor and of gain, and having allowed nothing to stand between me and that human height. As I saw myself I looked like a stone in age, not beautiful, like any statue I ever saw, but like an image, immovable. Was that my life?

Then I fell to torturing myself with conjuring up all conceivable things that would come to me: I thought of that 'burning hell" and whether it was a literal flame, and how I had heard a heart-rending revivalist once say that, "Hell was a million times hotter than any furnace." Then I fell to torturing myself about other things-little neglects, little unkindnesses and all acts that were done with the view of my own advancement.

thought of unkindness; and no one is permitted to accuse another here. It is the law of spirit, that we attract those like unto ourselves, or we attract only our own conditions | The Growth of Liberalism. which we have made. Now let me show you another picture.

those in spirit life have come to you. They have no

I saw my childhood days. I saw my mother as she then was, and how, up to the time when this dread ambition seized me, I was full of affection, and she, seemingly led me by paths along which grew flowers that I wished to gather for her in childhood, those first wild flowers for which we ransacked all the fields, and hills, and woods, then a little further on there the violets; and, oh! I remembered the scent of violets around her, whom I have mentioned, and I grew faint when there came up in my heart, full of pain, the thought that I would never behold her again; and my mother, divining my thoughts as I turned away, said:

"My son, there is one way unto perfect happiness, and that is by self-forgetfulness."

"But how am I to forget myself," I said, when there is nothing that does not remind me of my own short-comings?

Then she said: "There are those in deep shadow. Come with me and I will show you."

I saw those who, 'neath the command of men, even like myself, were suffering in sorrow and agony. I saw them under the stress of human laws condemned to slavery and servitude-not in technical sense perhaps, but in the sense of oppression and power. I saw criminals in high places loved, respected and honored. I saw men in lowly places dishonored because of toil and poverty. I saw in the midst of the reeking crimes of crowded cities many bright lights crushed out by harsh decisions and cruelty. I saw fails and penitentiaries founded by men who were conscious of more humanity and greater piety than I myself possessed, and since in the midst of their crimes some of these men would wipe out the memory of the mother's face; and I saw others whom I could hate. Oh, if I could stamp upon human minds the impress of what came to me! That whomsoever thinketh himself great, wise and good shall pause in the midst of his career and remember what he is. Then my mother said: "Yours is the mission, since you know all this from beginning to end, and have knowledge and access to all laws enacted by men, yours is the office to change human jurisprudence and that which is miscalled justice. First," my mother said, "you are not to think of crime from the human standpoint, but from the spirit; that takes into consideration the human condition. You are to endeavor to ameliorate the conditions of crime. Then you are not to consider that human laws in any sense are perfect; but you are to work for the greater perfection of human fellowship." "But, mother," I said, "what do you mean? You talk

as though there would be no laws, as though anarchy would prevail."

"My son," she said, "has it ever occurred to you that anarchy may be masked under the garb of law, that the greatest and divinest law may be put to death, even as was our Lord, because of human judgment?"

Then a new light came unto my spirit. As I gazed upon human law, upon all that relates to the affairs of hall to you on any terms." like a rope of men, it seemed to me that it was simply

## FREE THOUGHT.

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The fundamental concepts of Liberalism are close kin to Liberty; free, not selfish, narrow or contracted; "embracing other interests than one's own;' open, candid, generous, broad-mindeo; charitable judgment of men and things. Liberalism impels us to demand "jusi-ice for all," not merely for self. No one can be a good citizen of this American Republic who is not a Liberal; who is not imbued with that principle in the preamble of the United States Constitution, "to promote the general welfare;" who does not recognize the glorious fact of equal rights for all, so finely expressed in the Declaration of Independ. ence.'

Amid the clash of creeds for 806 years Liberalism has steadily gained, and is to-day permeating the churches. Occasionally a single society fails to keep step, to the harmonious march of Liberalism.

Yesterday a Congregational church was dedicated in the town of Texas, Kalamazoo county, Mich., where forty years ago I began my public lecture work. For forty years these people have been without a church, most of them Spiritualists. They are a moral class, have been orderly, law-abiding, kind, neighborly, L. S. Burdick, now past 80, and his wife, formerly Mrs. Laura Voke, of Paw Paw, devoted Spiritualists, are a humanitarian, progressive couple. There are many here of a similar bent of mind, liberal, hospit-able people; yet, I am informed that when the lot for the church building was about to be leased for ninety-nine years the church officials desired a clause to be inserted excluding Spirit-itualists' meetings. The owner of the land said: "No, I have many good friends among the Spiritualists.'

I presume the church power has fixed it so that no Spiritualistic speaker shall ever be heard inside its walls! Doubtless that will be the arrangement in heaven.

Rev. Samuel Jones said: "Thank God! I have had but three fights since I was converted."

A couple of the members of this church could boast of but one. Through the neglect of Spiritualists to care for the instruction of the young as diligentis instruction of the young as diligent-ly as the church. Christians here may gain the third generation;; but the lib-eral spirit is abroad. The world is growing better, although there are ex-ceptions, like this new church. I used to say: "Well, Spiritualists are too lib-to say: "Well, a public snadkar of any eral to exclude a public speaker of any other persuasion from advocating 118 sentiments in their building." I offered to rent a Spiritualist hall in a town not many miles from here. The secretary wrote me: "I am authorized by vote of our society to say, we cannot rent our

That society needs liberalizing. It may be exceedingly spiritual, but is it

that this state would never end.

Then I again heard the voice: "God is love." Could this be and I be cast out? Yet was I more than any other? I instantly asked, since all this had come for all my persistent seeking for self, why should I not still seek for self? What was it that I wished, recognition in the king-dom of life which was not like my own. "All must work out their own salvation with fear and trembling." I had leaned upon the foundations of the church. I had supposed that my salvation was secure. I had given myself no concern about this, because I had followed the routine worship. And now I must work out my own salvation with fear and trembling? Was I not afraid? Was I not trembling? Was I not in a prison-house? What was there to confront me as the judgment of the Infinite? Would I be forever cast out? Again the voice: "God is love," came in accents sweet and familiar.

Gradually when this fear had almost taken possession of my soul, I saw the face of my mother. Oh, how I yearned for her! Yet I shrunk back. "Mother, you have not forgotten me? and yet for all those years I did nothing except my formal duty toward you; my mind was wholly alienated, my heart was dead. All there was, was myself. I forgot your paling cheeks and the wrinkles that were forming upon your brow, though you smiled, and praised that which men applauded in me. Then when you went away from earth life I forgot to mourn as children mourn for the mother they love. I only thought of you as having passed out of life, and gave you my dutiful regard at sepulture, and now, now you love me, you are coming toward me. Do not look at me with those loving eyes or I shall certainly expire," and I fell prostrate before my mother, and my mother lifted me up as if I were a babe and said: "My son, in the midst of all this it is madness and blindness thus to reproach yourself. There is that which is selfish even in too much self-reproach, and if you immure yourself thus in great sorrow because of your short-comings it is as much an error as to immure yourself in pride when on earth; do away with this and come into the life that is most natural. That which you did was incident to this over-weening ambition, and I, myself, might have fostered it. In your childhood I told you to emulate the example of great men. I bade you look at them as a stimulus for all you did; but I met all that on leaving my body. I met that with which you now reproach yourself. But come with me."

As I went I grew into a better state, although I still dreaded those haunting forms, those past decisions, those that were not tempered with kindness and mercy, the array of people whom it seemed to me now I had-wronged. I said: "Mother, is there no time nor anything in eternity whereby I can blot out that record?" "My son," she said "there is no need of blotting it out; these great errors of life, by their very greatness, react and you see in them stepping-stones to higher conditions. Your record is suf-ficiently bad from the standpoint of life here; but not one of all these whom you have seen bears you one unkindly thought, and it surely is selfishness if you now take up condemnation."

"But what shall I do?" I said, "which way shall

"You are here and these friends are kind, then let me show you," she shid, "the law of life in spirit. None sit in judgment upon others; you have been at the judgment seat of your own conscience. Not one of all these forms that you saw confronted you, but it was your own introspection, the vision of conscience, the partial awakening

straw; all the parchments, all the tomes I had read were | truly liberal? I am glad that the bulk like dust and ashes as I looked into human hearts and hu- of Spiritualists are not il-liberal-that man lives. I said, "Mother, will it be in my power to change this?"

"When you have found the truth, my son, you will be able to impart it; until then you can do nothing."

"But what is the truth, my mother?" and then she pointed, as there seemed to be another vista beyond where we stood. There I saw a beautiful vision. The clouds opened, and there, in golden bordered letters. I traced, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.

"My son," she said, "when that commandment wa given it superseded the law and the prophets in Judea: why should it not supersede all the laws in the enlightened nations of the earth since it is true?"

"But how can it be true? Must there not be law before this can come true?"

"Oh, yes! for many, many centuries there must be, but," she said, "there comes a time-look again."

I saw certain lives whom I had considered seditious, certain ones whom I had helped to condemn growing luminous with that great love that was written there, and they came from among the people, and illumined human hearts to fraternity. Then there were new orders so-cially, and they brought about a new arrangement of business, and all those things that I had thought were illegal, seditious and worthy of being put down and destroyed; and they created local centers which became more and more radiant. Then I saw a horrible vision. I saw police and the militia employed against, and courts of justice condemn these men, as I had done. I cried out, "You are mistaken; these men are not seditious!"

My mother smiled. She said: "Your voice will not reach them. As yet the world is not in a condition to hear. But these centers of light will increase; these men called seditions will melt these shadows that you con-demn; ethical law will increase and at last there will be a Those Spiritualists, independent thinksense of the fraternity of the race."

"But I will go," I said "to the highest tribunal in the land and tell them that this is wrong, that they have persecuted men who are nearer unto me than I knew."

"That will not avail," she said. Reach the masses, appeal to those who constitute the power, the leaders of lives who rise to this knowledge and this standard. The men in power in the land where you lived are but creatures, not the creators, and so when these people understand they will destroy them, other lives will be sacrificed, these men will slay them. Have you not heard," my mother said, "that the blood of martyrs is the seed of the church? In the great church of humanity the blood of those sacrificed in such a cause must form the seed for the future hu-

manity." Then I looked again. I would inspire such minds as I found were ready, minds that were peaceful but earnest; minds that were intent upon bearing forward this message. I, who had condemned such agitation, who had believed only in the usual course of the law and the usual

enactment of law, would impress their minds to seek for different legislation, to ask for different privileges, and this I will do unto the end; if there is any power that can be brought to bear upon human lives for this end I shall fulfill it.

In my weakness, in my humility I am learning as a little child. My mother led me through pathways of violets when I had forgotten myself and lo! there among the violets and the lilies, waiting for me, was the one whom I and below him all are serious.-Addi-

they are not mere sectarians.

I have rented church buildings, and had some of them tendered free for my lectures, especially my temperance ad-W. F. JAMIESON. dresses. Texas, Mich.

#### Michigan Notes.

The society at Sturgis, Mich., has already commenced the fall and winter work. They had two excellent meetings on Sunday, September 23. In the forenoon, Mr. Herbert Arnold, of Burr Oak, occupied the pulpit of the Free or Spiritual Church. Mr. Arnold, who is cashier or book-keeper at a bank in his little city, a few miles east of Sturgis, is a young gentleman of promise; he possesses a rather attractive personal-ity, and his remarks were provocative of thought (sometimes con and sometimes pro). We hope he will warm the "sacred desk" with his presence soon again.

In the evening, Miss Eugenie Belfour, who is the sister-in-law of the president of the Harmonial Society, Dr. Denslow, entertained a numerous audience; she delivered a lecture, from a carefully prepared and faultless manuscript, which was inspiring and suggestive. Miss Belfour is a true gentlewoman, and she imparted pleasure and edifica-tion by her thoughtful and philosophical inferences from ascertained data. -

It is the intention to keep up these meetings regularly every Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. When pro-fessional speakers are not present the members or friends of the society will hold forth; the vocalists of the choir, assisted by the church organ, will exe ers and friends of progress generally, who live within a reasonable distance, of this city would do well to avail them selves of these opportunities of attend-ing Spiritualistic and scientific services in the Sturgis Free Church, as there

are none others held nearer than Ohlcago (at least not regularing, I think). The church will be open every Sunday, I am informed, so no visitor from the Sunday country shall return disappointed. All are invited and would be welcomed. It is almost unnecessary to add that everything connected with those meetings s free-free church, free seats, free speech and free "salvation" thrown in. Sturgis, Mich. THOS HARDING.

Shakspeare says we are creatures that look before and after; the more surprising that we do not look round a little, and see what is passing under. our very eyes.-Carlyle.

The man of pleasure should more properly be termed the man of pain. -Colton. Often the elements that move and

mold society are the results of the sister's counsel and the mother's prayer .--E. H. Chapin.

It is an inevitable something that a man cannot be happy unless he lives for something higher than his own happiness.-Bulwer.

Man is the merriest, the most joyous of all the species of creation. Above AOD.

## THE FROCRESSIVE THINKER

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

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to talk precisely as he did when on the earth and within it by whatever name one may please. man.

or brain.

am doing my level best to let you all know that I am not likewise." got it! Great God! I have found it;" and you cry, "What | these homes to those who need them." mortality! There is no Death!"

"How do you know?"

LIFE AND EXPERIENCE IN SPIRIT LAND money it might be easy for them; but money has no value with a pretty and comfortable home in the center of it, more than four hours a day, the remainder of the time here; the soul must pay-pay to the uttermost farthing: and no man on the earth has a right to any more in his should be given toward cultivating some art or solonce on not in cash, but in unutterable woe. This is not fancy, lown personality, and human beings ought not to live, hud- all of them as for that matter. No person should eat my friends; these are not idle words but everlasting died together like sheep, in a city, in tenement houses- more than two meals a day, and many can get along with houses owned by rich landlords who, each week, rob these one. If a man does not toil more than four hours a day truths.

themselves with objects of art and beauty. No man treat themeworse than they do their dumb animals.

knew so little after all. I feel now as though I were sift- have the most to bestow, and those who can give or be- I have found the way to be happy, so I will work for the that you have, at least, an income of six dollars per week. being few, rare, and far between; and, then, friends, my of soul or spirit are the poverty-stricken ones, conse- for I like to be good and happy." power as a writer was never as great as that of a talker or quently are the most unhappy. How strange it would That man said, "As long as I can," and he can forever atives; suppose you sit down to a breakfast of oat-meal lecturer, for I gained power and strength from those seem to you of earth, if one of your multi-millionaires and forever, and forever, and the more he does the mush and a cup of coffee, the coffee really can be diswhom I was addressing or talking to, and when I got well should say to himself: "I begin to see the error of my happier he gets, the wiser he becomes-aye, he is a very pensed with, one would be all the better if one did not started I sometimes ran at a headlong pace and did not ways. Instead of gathering to myself I will bestow. God-an immortal Jove! started I sometimes ran at a headlong pace and did not ways. Instead of gathering to myself I will bestow. God—an immortal Jove! always know just where I should stop; moreover, spirits Here, now, I am worth so many million dollars. I will Now, my friends, that is one way of getting into heaven, for five persons, plenty, all they ought to eat; the sometimes got hold of my brain and worked it to suit reserve enough of this money to make myself and family and one of the very best ways I know anything about. oatmeal costs two and one-half cents, this feeds, and feeds themselves, for some especial purpose. I often wondered comfortable, also to make my home beautiful and luxu- You all want to go to heaven, don't you? That is when well, five people; but when dinner time comes, we will ing but writing, and writing through a foreign instrument homes if they had not been robbed of that which right- moment if you can help it. Why, the spirit can have day in the week, that is, we will have peas one day, beans fully belonged to them. Now I will bestow all my sur- heaven in the body as well as out of it. You don't need to another, onions another, squash another, and so on; then Now I don't want to be slapped in the face, because I plus wealth and try to induce others, who are rich, to do get out of it to get into heaven, and if you don't get we will have fruit; vary the fruit each day if the season

have you found?" and he shouts back, "That which all First, perhaps, he finds a widow with a family of little, something toward making a heaven for yourself. If you ty-five cents a day. humanity have been seeking since the world began-Im- helpless children; her husband, maybe, has just been have not got any money, you can search for jewels to dis- Now, as a rule, people dress more expensively than they

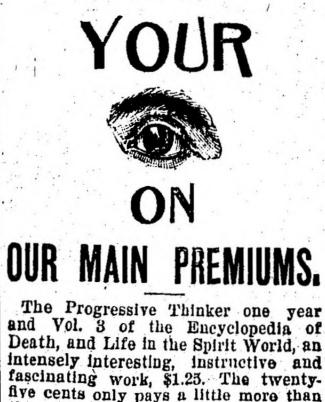
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and sciences. should be in poverty and no man should be over rich, and Well, the richtman who has thus bestowed his surplus No intoxicating beverages should ever be distilled or no company of men should have the power to rob the wealth becomes exceedingly happy, and his face shines sold, and it is a great sinful blot on the government that Robt. G. Ingersoll says: Friends and readers of The people. A company of men whose business it is to rob with joy; for love, wisdom and goodness have entered into licenses are granted for the selling of that which takes Progressive Thinker:-- I want to say a few words on an the people are no better nor different, except in name, his soul. Now he says: "If my capabilities are larger than away man's reason and fills his body with disease. When all-important subject. Do not expect the spirit of a man than a company of highwaymen. Robbery, call some of my poor brothers and sisters, and circumstances a man has an acre of ground and a good home, a faithful, have placed me where I am able to do more good, I ought loving wife and two or three sweet children, he ought to his material body, for a great change has come to that Oh! it is beautiful here. Such wrongs are all righted to be very happy and thankful; but, I want to be happier be good and happy, and the most of men would be. When On! It is beautiful here. Such wrongs are all righted to be very, happy and thankful; but, I want to be happier be good and happy, and the most of men would be. When OUR MAIN PREMIUNS. here; and, perhaps, you will be better able to understand still; I want to be wiser yet; consequently, I will look men and women cease to be cannibals, that is when they OUR MAIN PREMIUNS. All the eloquence of rhetoric he has, mayhap, thrown how it should be on earth if I tell you how it is here. around; mayhap there is other work for me to do. How eat no flesh, the cost of living can be brought down to a into the waste basket as so much rubbish, or so many un- First, then, we have no such thing as money value. All much happier it makes me to work for the good of my very small amount. Now, friends, suppose some of you necessary words. I tell you, my friends, it takes the the riches we have belong wholly and entirely to the soul brother man than it does to simply work for myself alone. Itry a method of living such as I will here suggest. starch out of a man, mightily, to find out that he really and spirit, and those who are the very richest in spirit As a rich, grasping man, I was always miserable, and now We will say that already you are comfortably housed,

knew so little after all. I feel now as though I were sift- have the most to bestow, and those who can give or be- I have found the way to be happy, so I will work for the that you have, at least, an income of six donars per week, five cents only pays a little more than ing jewels from an enormous amount of chaff—the jewels stow the most are the happiest; those who have not riches good of others with all my might, and as long as I can, and your family consists of, say, five persons, perhaps the postage and the expense of mailing. father, mother, and three children; or it may be other reldrink it. One-half pound of oatmeal will make breakfast if this were not the case, providing there were any such rious if need be; the remainder I will bestow upon those you die, or shuffle off the mortal coil? Well, why not go have a greater variety, we will have bread, potatoes, to- siderable less than actual cost to us. beings. Well, now it is quite different. I am not talk- who have no homes. I begin to see that all would have to heaven right now, just where you are? Don't wait a gether with some other vegetable; vary the vegetables each heaven before you get out of it, you won't find it when will permit; and nuts; vary the nuts likewise. Now a dindead. I don't want to be told that my efforts are not This man then takes his money and with it purchases you do, for as you are, so you will be for a long time to ner of this kind will not cost more than ten cents each worthy of me. That which I am trying to do is worthy of a tract of land in a pleasant locality, divides it up into come. Better hurry a little; you can't afford to wait. person; so a good dinner for five persons will cost fifty any man or spirit. I am trying to tell the truth-the acre lots and upon each lot erects a pretty, convenient Why live in hell fifty years, more or less, hoping to find cents, the breakfast and remaining household expenses great and glorious truth of the immortality of the soul. cottage-a real comfortable home-he can make as many heaven at the other end, when you might find and take it would not exceed twenty-five cents, consequently a family When a man is in deep, dead earnest, he doesn't always improvements as his means will allow. Now he has got along with you each hour and year you live on earth? of five persons can be well fed for seventy-five cents a day, stop to cut and dry his words, but he shouts them forth so many pretty and comfortable homes for as many as Why, my friends, you don't know what a great big heaven and we think that even fifty cents a day could be made to in terse, short sentences. He is not trying to cater to an they will shelter, and he sets himself to the task of finding you can make in that length of time; so, go right about it cover the cost. If one had his acre of ground and house, audience or please the people, but he shouts forth, "I have occupants among the poor and needy that he may bestow this moment, one and all; no matter whether you are a free of expense, he could raise at least one-half the food multi-millionaire or not, you certainly are able to do necessary, which would bring his expenses down to twen-

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been concubines and quoted from a th	ranslation lies. My friends I hope	mont will now tell you whether the pre- tended quotation of Mr. Smith from	manage of Mrs Kinith shirt one man abot	But were it lawful to read in this as-	them in the original. The words to	keen in line with the advancing proces-
s proof of the truth of his charge, h	low, will be here this evening, and I	Ligori, 18 correct. You will recollect	that it is not found in the nage of St	councils, and the words of bishops and	of the disputed passage, as follows:	sion. The postage on the above books and expense of mailing is about 85
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s a saint on the 15th of September, p	what I call it. There is no foundation	priests to keep concubines upon a fine.	the moral theology of the church of	reproach or caluminy on his clergy and	of Ligori, under the head of 'An Epit-	By taking 85 cents from \$2.35, you
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ords of the disputants so the reader it	to make one exposition before I pro-	Mr. Kinmont:-I am called on in my	This is the statement that Mr. Smith	cil. Tom. 1. p. 449. Edition of 1551,	serve that this "Epitome of the Moral Doctrine" to which Ligori alludes, is an	
in judge of their merits:	ceed. Many of you were here when my	I professional character simply, and have	making as a normant translation from the	and Philou Corp. Ju. Canon. p. 41, as	epitome compiled by no less a person-	amount of money by postmasters, who
om Ligori, and I shall have given al- in	mistake, respecting the Catholic church.	no part or lot in this debate. (Mr. K. is understood to be a Swedenborgian).	coll denies that there is such a passage	promoti priests from keeping more	age than Pope Benedict XIV, as we are informed by Ligori himself, in the 301st	knowing a person desires The Pro- gressive Thinker, sends his money, de-
ost a speciment of the immorality and 1 h	hy quoting a pretended extract from	I sincerely believe they are disputing about shadows, and that both parties	in Ligori or that there is in the Coun-	than one concubine," and declare mar-	page of the 8th volume of his "Moral	ducting a large commission. The Pro-
ith, on general points of religion and i c	could be found in that writer's works to	are equally in the wrong: but I will do	in proof of it he has brought us on odi	And here is Costerus and Cardinal	Theology." That the previous Latin words are	gressive Thinker is one dollar per year.
hich we could be more copious than it	t so much as a semblance of truth. I	difficulty of fact. I find it stated in	tion of St. Ligori, and the decrees of	read here; but I will reserve all this for	truly and faithfully the words of St Li-	The great rise in print paper renders it utterly impossible for us to give any
is one; but from respect to our audi-	have now before me the entire works.	Samuel Smith's work and marked as a	which he has produced, has not, upon	a more convenient season.	gori and fairly extracted from the 8th volume, p. 444, is duly certified by the	commission to news agents or post-
ce we shall give but the remotest   c	of Ligori, and I have placed them in the presence of my friend, Mr. Camp-	quotation from Ligori, under the article	the page referred to, the passage	Mr. Campbell received documentary substantiation in reply to his letter to	following learned gentlemen.	masters.
"A bishop, however poor he may be, 1	bell. The 9th volume has an index,	Concubines of the Clergy "A-bishop	reference to Ligori is to a decree of	Mr. Smith, which appears in the ap-	We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing extracts from	Bear in mind when making a re-
not appropriate to himself pecuniary	containing every word of any import-	however poor he may be, cannot appro- priate to himself pecuniary fines with-	Trent. But there are always two ways	pendix or notes supplementary to the	the Moral Theology of St. Ligori; and	mittance, that only one book, the En- cyclopedia of Death, and Life in the
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al see. But he ought to apply them to t	through the whole nine volumes. noth-	out license of the Apostolical see. But	and the other, substantially, whether	219, 253, will there see with what sol-	nal Latin copy of that work, now be-	Spirit World, Vol. 3, is furnished for 25 cents. You must not substitute any



# **A VANDERBILT TELLS WHY** SHE BELIEVES SPIRITS RETURN.

MRS. LA BAU, THE COMMODORE'S (in the papers. They tried to tell me have recently been taken in by it in DAUGHTER, GIVES HER EX, the spirits meant him. But I knew it this vicinity. The "messages" are PERIENCES-HER CHID DIED IN wasn't so. Three weeks later Mr. ANOTHER CITY AND SHE WIT- Shepard passed on suddenly. I was

NESSED HIS PASSAGE INTO THE CLOUDS.

La Bau, "with Jeannette Danforth, who died a year ago."

THE WORLD A SCHOOL.

Mrs. La Bau's theory is that those

Up in the third-story bay window of a big white brick and marble mansion at a seance she saw Jeannette Danthat tops one of Riverside Drive's beauforth's spirit. tiful hills sat an old lady yesterday looking out of the window. Hers was a face that bespoke strong character. There were firm lines around the mouth, an authoritative poise of the head, a pair of blue eyes that could look one through and through. She was Mrs.

Allcia Vanderbilt La Bau, daughter of all would have been well." old Commodore Vanderbilt and possessor of many of his millions after contesting the will.

who do not believe in the spirits here The World yesterday told of the suit are eventually forced to do so after for \$20,000 brought against her by Ardeath.

thur P. Dodge and of Mrs. La Bau's "This is only a little kindergarten, get their hands on it, there will be no remarkable defense. In a word, she de- this world of ours," she said, "and we | writing done. Be sure of that. pass on to better things. But those who clares in her sworn answer that she was influenced by a medium, Jeannette won't believe in God's Spiritualism are Danforth, to buy a quarter interest in forced to come back again. But they Dodge's patents because the medium can't come in the flesh, but as in spirits, gave her messages from the spirit world and they must come through the meto do so. diums. Then they tell us that they be-

The house that the Vanderbilt money lieve now. "These spirits leave a very uncomhas bought Mrs. La Bau is a palace in miniature. It is forty feet wide and fortable feeling in the mediums, and five stories high. It commands the full | whenever any come back for me I sweep of the Hudson from its great always ask them not to leave this feel-

windows. It is furnished with all that ing in the mediums." taste can suggest or money buy. It has Mrs. La Bau never uses the word even a wonderful electric elevator "die," because she doesn't believe it. which starts and stops at any desired She says "pass on," instead of "dying." floor by the simple pressure of a button. Every person who doesn't believe in Her son, Walter La Bau, took the re- Spiritualism she calls a "doubting porter upstairs in the elevator and Thomas." showed him into his mother's room. "How can you believe in the spirits

THE MEDIUM WAS HYPNOTIZED.

One glance was enough to tell that the elderly lady in the window was a Vanderbilt. There were those keen, strong eyes-that roundness of face and those little heavy purses of skin under

she asked. "You set yourself against them, and even if something is proved to you, you expect to have it proved all over again every time." HER SON A HEALER. Mrs. La Bau's son is a handsome man derbilt visage. There was that full of perhaps thirty-five or thirty-eight. velope and burn them before the eyes habit, too, which all the elder genera- While he shares with his mother some of the audience. This is generally reof her beliefs in Spiritualism, he said "Won't you sit down?" the old lady vesterday that he did not believe all people were mediumistic. He has gone Mrs. La Bau was somewhat averse to deep into the mysteries of the spirit and gives the contents to the medium bilt La Bau, is not so interested. She

when you go in prepared to disbelieve?"

HOW IT IS DONE! former in California.

HOW HE PRODUCES PRETENDED pared slate to the top. This we placed SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA, AND on top of the other slate I had woshed,

"SPIRIT" TYPE-WRITING.

transparent trick that it would not be later. worthy of notice were it not that so many presumably intelligent people different. About a dozen still, smaller

nearly all prepared beforehand, and the netize them, he said. Then I took one machine is always worked by the "me- and wrote my name all over one side. dium" or an assistant, the keys or | While I was doing this he came up

"It was the same way," went on Mrs. space-bar being rattled to give the au- and for an instant laid the large slate dence of spirit return. dience the impression that the spirits on the pile, and to divert my attention are writing in the dark. Sometimes, from his movements, let me read a Mrs. La Bau was in Boston then and | when the medium is in the cabinet with | brief message he had written on the the machine, he will actually write two large one. Then, taking the slate I had thirst of the flesh, as food to the appeor three short messages or answers to been writing my name on, he took the tite, there are those who are not in "I didn't pay any attention to it," she suit the occasion. Type-writing can be top slate from the pile of small ones, tune with anything but that which is said, "but when I came back my maid done in the dark anyone familiar put the two together and I held them material and tangible to the eye of told me that Jeannette Danforth had with the machine, but it is slow work, awhile. Of course I found one full of earth. There are those who must see passed suddenly while I was away. She and explanation is made that a little writing-the one he had fixed for me and feel and smell and taste their eviwas one of the best mediums that ever girl "control" of the medium is "just and covered with the big slate. I men- dence of continued life after so-called lived, and if Dodge had left her alone learning." The medium has all the tion this experience to show the modus death.

prepared messages in his pocket, when operandi of one medium. Perhaps some the seance begins, and after they are who read this may recognize the "test." handed out he pockets the blank paper | In our next issue this story will be conprovided for the use of the "dear spir- | tinued, with some additional facts that its." If the audience will insist upon we had not, in the beginning, intended the machine being covered and locked, to mention. so the medium or his assistant cannot

A TRICK WITH BALLOTS

One method of ballot-reading used by some prominent mediums in their circles is this: The cards or ballots written by the audience are collected by the medium or assistant and placed in an

envelope or bag. This is supposed to remain in sight of the audience. In reality, it goes into the cabinet and a dummy just like it takes its place while the medium in the cabinet examines the ballots at his leisure by the light of a small bull's eye lantern. After he has answered most of the questions and copied the rest, another "switch" is made, and the real ballots are again under the eyes of the audience. Of course some of these present are positive there has been no change, but you must remember that the hand of an expert is quicker than your eye, and also that in every circle of that kind there are a number of confederates or assistants,

large slate he held a smaller slate, just i like the ones I had. This was all prepared, written full of messages (that would fit anybody) in different colors. The Sleight-of-hand Per- In the short interval before he handed Takes the World of Progress back my slate he had turned the large in its Arms. slate-a quick movement that scarcely

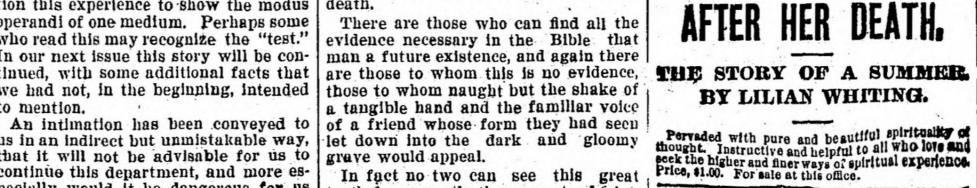
> anyone would notice-bringing, the pre-Spiritualism comes to people only as they are able to receive it, only as they and the rubber band placed" around are capable of understanding it. them. In a few minutes I opened them Dr. Thomas, of the People's Church and was astonished to find one filled this city, says: "I know my loved ones with writing. Of course I did not de-

still live and are conscious; my own soul, my whole being tells me so." Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage says: The next sitting was worked entirely

know that our friends are alive and all about us as we walk and as we sleep; slates were placed on the table and I my consciousness tells me so." washed and wiped all of them, to mag-

mand, and will recognize only the spirit Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of All Soul's of perfect brotherhood as its creed. Church, this city, preaches good Spiritual truths and yet he pever had evi-

While it comes to the souls in tune for its vibrations as does the knowledge of a supply of water come through the



grave would appeal. In fact no two can see this great truth from exactly the same standpoint, for that point is self and no two are exactly alike? But that makes no difference to Spiritualism; phoenix-like it rises up from the sands of time, from the ashes of burned witches; from the ages of myth and superstition, and spreads its broad wings over the whole world like a great mother of the uniyerse

Evidence of continuity of life comes and comes; through the ignorant to the ignorant and the wise; through the poet to those who are attuned to poetry; through the philosopher to those who have capacity to measure and weigh, and analyze, and reason; through the musician to those who are filled with nature's harmonic vibrations; to the egotist with something like a hickory club; to the materialist in a material way, etc.

the spiritual movement.

is life, nature, spirit.

Spiritualism?

tials.

tions.

spiritual, the higher, the real man.

around and in and through all organiza-

tion: the foundation for many organiza-

It requires human beings to make or

create organizations here, financial, be-

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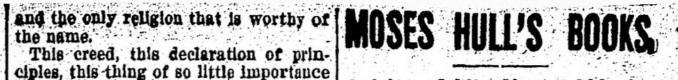
and in it and under it is the ever rest-

less spirit of excellence: the spirit of

man trying to gain, to win, to grow; to

rise above others; the spirit of ambition;

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The above is from the Modern Mystic and Occult News, published by Ed. D. Lunt, at 629 South Olive street, Los Angeles, Cal. It is presented to our

readers as a matter of news, at the request of an ardent Spiritualist, who has had a varied experience with the

sleight-of-hand performers. Spiritualists as a class want to know what is going on in our ranks, and not be kept in the dark, like incompetent children. The above has no reference to genuine and it is very easy to make these changes without detection. Some mediums have the bogus ballots in an engarded as a clincher. Another method is to switch the ballots into another room, where an assistant reads them, in the cabinet through a speaking tube, cunningly concealed. This way has its advantage, as if the voice of the assistpower. These methods have been recently worked in Los Angeles, and are

DECEIVES THE GULLIBLE. This is such a bald, hoary-headed and | tect the trick at the time. That came

the eyes which are a part of every Vantion of Vanderbilts possessed.

said, in a pleasant tone.

going into details about the technical world. His sister, Mrs. George Morgan side of her defense, preferring to leave Browne, who was Miss Bertha Vanderit to her counsel.

"I'll say, though," she said, decidedly, lives with her husbband at No. 75 East ant is heard by any of the audience, it "that Dodge hypnotized Jeannette Dan- Fifty-fourth street. He is a member of is regarded as an independent spirit forth to tell me those messages from the Union, University, Harvard and voice and an evidence of the medium's the spirit world. I'm sorry now I didn't | other smart clubs.

do as the spirits themselves told me. When pressed, Mrs. La Bau gave sev-They gave me a control which showed eral examples of the healing power posall Dodge's schemes to be worth sessed by her son and herself. Their nothing to me." cook, Della, had pains in her back the

Mrs. La Bau lay down what she was other day, and is still not herself. reading, pushed her gold-rimmed spec-"My son," said Mrs. La Bau, "simply tacles back on the top of her iron-gray sat down beside her and put his arm hair and slapped her hand on the little against her waist. In five minutes the table in front of her to emphasize her pains were gone.

statement. "But do you believe in Spiritualism?" asked the reporter.

BELIEVES IN SPIRITUALISM. For a moment the old lady hesitated. Then she said:

"I have never denied, and I will not He laughed, but did so. But the horse deny now, that I thoroughly believe in was cured. It was simply due to my the same way. But your traveling me-Spiritualism. I don't believe in any of healing power. I call it the gold cure." this clap-trap Spiritualism; I take mine direct from God. And why shouldn't I believe? I once received the greatest proof in the world.

"It was forty years ago. There was doesn't seem it. She is the daughter of something that I wanted to come to old Commodore Vanderbilt and the pass most earnestly. I was a scoffer aunt of all the present generation of the then, but I locked myself in my cham- family. She speaks with the tone of one ber and I prayed. I cried, 'Oh, Lord, if always accustomed to giving orders, this can come to pass I will believe.' and she dresses very plainly for a And it came to pass. Now, how can I woman of great wealth. She proposes disbelieve?"

Ster

There were tears in the old lady's eyes | Mrs. La Bau believes that the planby this time, but she brushed them chette table, a heart-shaped affair with od is the one commonly used in giving away with a laugh. What proof had two wheels and a pencil, will work for slate-writing seances in public halls been shown to her she would not say. some people through spiritualistic agen-It was plainly something close to her cy, but she never heard of the weird heart.

"And since then," she went on, "I have seen too many from the spirit world to disbelieve. I have seen God face to face: I have seen my little dead children. I receive 'controls' from the spirits all the time."

"But others would believe if they could see these too?"

BASES HER BELIEF ON BIBLE.

"Ah!" laughed the old lady, thoroughly, the woman of the world now: "that's what so many ministers have said to me. But, mind you. I don't believe in all this clap-trap Spiritualism. I take my Spiritualism from the Bible and will find many gifts of Spiritualism. whody is spiritualistic Some the University of City of New York. were not employed by him.

used elsewhere.

### SLATE-WRITING.

class.

"I have done more. Once when we were driving at Cape Cod near Onset the horse hurt himself in the sand and sprained his shoulder. I gave the conchman some \$20 gold pieces that I had and told him to rub them on the horse's shoulder every twenty minutes.

WILL FIGHT DODGE'S SUIT. Mrs. La Bau is a woman of perhaps sixty-eight or seventy years, though she pared slate completely. The medium

to fight Dodge's suit to the end,

A SCRAP OF HISTORY (Continued from page 2.)

said extracts are verbatim, truly and correctly given by Mr. Smith.

ularly, the passage disputed by Bishop Purcell, which is contained in Mr. prepared slates and carry out their part Smith's "Synopsis," p. 294, par 7, head- of the program. The "medium" does ed "Concubines of the Clergy." Duncan Dunbar, Pastor of the McDou- work is done by the agent or helper who gal Street Baptist church. John Ken- is always on hand to help mediums. nady, Pastor of the Methodist Episco- This go-between generally prepares pal church. Spencer H. Cone, Pastor of the slates and attends to paving the from God. Read your Bible. In it you the Oliver Street Baptist church. stool pigeons, who can truthfully say will find many gifts of Spiritualism. Sam'l. F. B. Morse, Professor, Etc., in they are strangers to the medium and

The methods of producing so-called

independent slate-writing-18 or 20 in number-are so numerous that we will mention now only those in most common use among mediums of the shady

The "Prof." who owns the premises he occupies always has a system of trap doors and sliding panels which are used to pass the slates to concealed assistants, who embellish them with pictures and messages in the name of your loved ones, and pass them back

dium must depend upon his manual all of these use the silicate flap, which fits into the frame and covers the pre- | Read it carefully, Helene.

shows you both sides of the slate; you are willing to swear it is perfectly clean. In placing the slate upon the table in front of you he dexterously allows the flap to drop into his lap, and when, after sitting awhile with your hands on the slate, you turn it over you are amazed to find it filled with writing. perhaps in different colors. This meth-

and on the stage. It is easy for an oxpert to fool any committee not acquainted with the flap trick. The production of writing on slates brought by the audience and held in their hands, is

very simple and easy when you know how. The slates are all prepared before being brought to the hall. In every city there are plenty of people who can be induced by a small fee, or perhaps a ticket to the show, to bring the

not see these people. This part of the

mediums in the various phases referred nothing that can prevent it. to. California has furnished the East with some of her sleight-of-hand perthose little children invited it in, Spiritformers, but they do not flourish, as the ualism has plowed through stormy seas genuine spirit manifestations here in and braved the tornado sweep of bitterest opposition from church, and clergy broad daylight can not be counterfeited. and imitations, and still it moves on The genuine spirit manifestations in and on, always manned with a crew as Chicago so evershadow the fakes and true as life, always pushing forward tricksters, that the latter excite but and leaving its enemies by the wayside in deep wonderment at its rapid gait. little notice. In fact, Chicago mediums Differences belong to individuals and cannot be excelled; they are among the they prate and rant, in the heat of pasbest in the world, and can convince any sion over the smallest matters of diskeptic that the spirit survives the vergence; grow personal and call each death of the body. other hard names, in other words, lose

THE GALVESTON HURRICANE.

Little Bright Eyes, good and fair-Mine are dimmed by age and care-You may read for grandma, dear, This long letter; I'll sit here; Will it tell your father's ill? ... Hush! my beating heart, be still! Take it to the light, my dear,

Read it loud and read it clear. I can see it's not from him. Though my eyes are old and dim, I can see enough, my child, To convince me. Am I wild? Hush! my waiting heart. Be strong dexterity to carry him through. Nearly Oh! I hope there's nothing wrong! Am I here, or do I dream?

> Then the childish voice rang clear, And the grandma's heart with fear Heard the story long and said. Of that hurricane so mad. How they ran and cower'd below: Of the terror none could know, But the people who had been Through the havoc, wreck and din.

How they shook with fear and awe! How they trembled when they saw Frightful tempest, mad and wild! "He is doad! He's dead! my child." At the end, these words she read: "He is numbered with the dead." Fast the tears in torrents fell, On the hands, she loved so well.

Grandma, hear you not, he's dead? Have you listened while I read?" But no sob nor cry she heard-Just a gurgle, like a bird . When he first begins his song, And she waited, waited long. "He is numbered with the dead!" And she raised the drooping head.

> "What doth all thee, grandma, dear? Thou dost neither speak nor hear." Stroking soft the snowy hair With her little hand so fair. Lifting oft the drooping head, Sadly cried she, "Papa's dead! it a name by which it may be dis-Canst thou neither speak nor hear?

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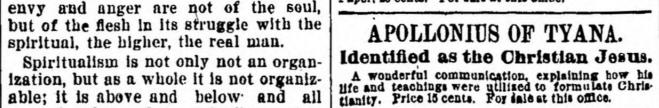
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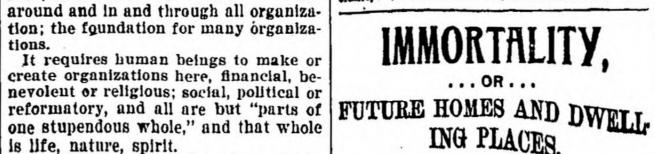
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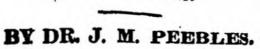
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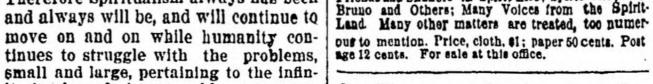


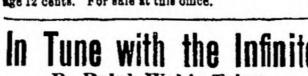




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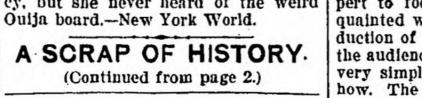
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power; nobody can pass away in the same house with me. I have never seen any one pass on and I never will. The spirits have told me so. Both my little children passed away when I was far	Wm. Green, J Free Cong. ch Finney, Paston Broadway Tab ruary 23, 1837. On receiving tion from Mr. 1 op Purcell the Ligori. He po request. Turn
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when my little boy went, edition as above reported. I carried it many years ago. We were here in New York. The baby, who was only three months old, was in Saratoga. Suddenly I saw his spirit. It was just as if you looked out on those beautiful clouds there in the west."

The old lady pointed to the window, where the sun was sinking over the shimmering river. There was a big bank of clouds over the Palisades. She was the mother now, and her eyes were moist.

"It was just like that," she said softly. "High above the clouds was a great round flame, just as if it had been made of opal. . And there through the clouds was little baby's spirit going straight toward the opal frame. I saw whole discussion. him reach it just as plainly as day. March 7, 1837. SPIRIT CHILD WAVED FARE-

WELL ..

"Then his little spirit stopped and was the custom of the Catholic clergy waved its little fingers toward me. to keep concubines, and probably is at "Good-by, good-by!" and he was gone. the present time, in some countries, from his departed friends the first time. "The baby's gone. He's passed on," the foregoing constitutes an important | He goes again for that, complies with

lows:

I said. "My husband laughed. 'Nonsense,' he while to cut out and paste in the scrap- | derful results."

said, 'you're always worrying.' But in book. It is well to keep such facts bea few hours came a telegram. The fore the eyes of rising generations. baby was gone. He had passed on just | The book from which the forgoing has at the minute when I saw his little been taken has undoubtedly long ago by the same means they secence the spirit. It was the same way with our gone out of print. It is doubtful if a names or questions you have written. little girl. We were here and she was single copy of it can now be found in One prominent medium I had a sitting away. I saw her spirit go. A friend the library of a Catholic, priest or lay- with had all the time during the sitting. was coming upstairs. I asked her what man, notwithstanding the fact that in his hands, a large-sized slate. He time it was and she said 'Eleven through it Bishop Purcell has displayed handed me two smaller slates with o'clock.' That was the hour that my in an eminent degree the faculty of an noiseless binding. I was directed to "artful dodger." But upon the subject | wash and wipe the two slates thoroughlittle one passed on. "I knew Elliott F. Shepard was going of the "Concubines of the Clergy," his ly. After this was done he took one three weeks before. I suddenly felt it art failed him, and he met his "Water- in his hands for a moment to see if it roming from the spirits. I told my loo." It would be interesting to know was thoroughly washed and dried, he family that some one in the Shepard if his share of the edition of the debate | said. All this time he was holding the mmily was going. They laughed, and was ever really distributed among his big slate. And right here is where the Other, Essays." By Charles Bradlaugh. first morning my uncle's passing was people

In giving private sittings the medium u. Green, Jr., Deacon in the Sixth uses various methods, according to his e Cong. church, New York. C. G. mey, Pastor of the Church in the estimate of the sitter. One who visits Then with terror and despair. oadway Tabernacle. New York, Feb- this city frequently has a private ar- Wildly tangled in her hair rangement with a stationary store near In receiving the above communicahis rooms. He leaves at the store sevn from Mr. Smith I asked from Bisheral pairs of prepared slates of the same Purcell the loan of the works of St. gori. He politely complied with my kept neatly wrapped in the usual style.

e 8, I found every word in his own shrewd and hard to work, and who brings his own slates, his "guides" find and the Synopsis of Mr. Smith to our some objection to the sitters's slates. mutual friend, Mr. Kinmont, to whom and if the sitter objects to those the meit was now my time to appeal. Mr. Kin- dium has in stock the latter suggests mont read both the original and the that he buy a new pair of the required translation; and then certified as fol- size, and kindly mentions where they

may be procured, near by. The victim The above (version of Smith p. 294) I | sees nothing wrong with this proposiregard to be a faithful translation of | tion. He goes for the slates, the clerk the passage as it stands in the 8th shows him a number, he selects a pair. he knows are clean, the clerk goes back volume of Ligori, page 444. to wrap them up, switches in the pre-

Alexander Kinmont.

pared ones, and the victim takes them Cincinnati, February 3, 1837. Having read all the proofs of this disto the medium, gets his sitting with the slates in his own hands just as they cussion, I certify, that the reader has substantially, as correctly, as under all came from the store, finds that one or the circumstances could have been extwo slates are filled with writing, and pected, a fair representation of the takes his leave fully. convinced that A Campbell. spirits do write on slates. He knows it -no trick possible. And any person who says that medium fakes is a liar

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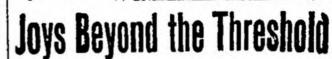
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#### Then follows a column of sickening

details which we gladly suppress. And the American Republic is practically a partner in the guilt of such massacres, and the honest, conscienclous tax payers, who abhor war, and all acts of violence, share in footing the bills of cost.

And at the bottom of all this destruction of life, of this waste of treasure, of ruptured familles, of desolated and burned cities; and, worst of all, of pestilence, starvation and death, sure to follow, was the attempt to force an offensive religion on an unwilling people.

A bull from the Pope ordering the slaughter of the entire population of the Netherlands, containing at that time more than three millions of people, if carried into execution, would not have been more cruel or bloodthirsty than is this war on indigent Chinese who saw no other way of righting their wrongs than by the sword. Our Western civilization, if imbued by the spirit

Christianity Not the Civilizer. A Great Revival Needed. "Europe owes its superiority over A convention of Christian Workers Asia to the greater energy of its peowas late in session in this city. Rev. ples, and to the advance of science and art, bringing in their train useful inven-tions, improved methods of communica-R. A. Torrey voiced the universal wish in a paper entitled, "The need of a gen eral revival." If the subject was not a tion, the enormous growth of commerce, serious one it would be difficult to sup and the general uplifting of intellect press a smile while reading this extract and softening of manners which are the natural result of the increase of knowlfrom that paper: edge and the spread of art among the "Many of us who are professedly or

hodox ministers are Infidels. World-So says the "Literary Guide," in reliness is rampant among church memviewing a claim that faith in Christ is bers. Many church ministers use the methods of the world to accumulate the distinguishing difference between riches. Many do not believe in the whole Bible. Immorality is found Eastern and Western civilization, and that that faith is the cause of the differeverywhere. Men marry one wife after another and are still admitted to good ence. The Guide added: "There can be no true comparison, soclety. What we need most is a gen-

from the standpoint of religion, beeral revival." If by a "revival" is meant a "ceasing tween Eastern and Western civiliza-tions and African barbarism. The dif-ferences between Europe and Asia have their root, not in differences of religion, but in climate and soil, surroundings, to do evil and learning to do well," then we echo the wish. If, on the contrary, it means, as we suspect, more worldliness in the church; greater zeal in There is another reason why the accumulating wealth by begging from Western civilization leads the Eastern. honest toil; an increase of vice; and In the West are collected and centralmore hypocrisy-professing to be what ized the progress of the entire East. they are not, then we hope the revival will be a failure. That disbelief in Commencing with the first dawn of church dogmas is rampant among its members all know, and the greater the civilization, we find the arts and sciences had taken root in the valleys of knowledge the more pugnacious is that the Tigris and Euphrates, and around disbelief.

the Persian Gulf. They were carried The Sleight-of-Hand Performer. through Arabia into Egypt; became prominent in Phenecia; extended West-The Evening Times, of Warren, Pa

has the following in its September 10th ward into Greece and Rome, and overpread all Europe. Commerce, through Issue the Mediterranean, enabled the ex-"Lily Dale, that Mecca for all Spiritualists, draws a very large patronage change of ideas between the East and from Warren, where there are a good the then new West, Then came the many followers of that particular be-lief. A few days ago, a youth of per-Crusades, and the more thorough mixure of Europeans. Returning from suasive manners arrived in town and called on some of the leaders in the their long marches, their victories, and work mentioned. His name, he said, their defeats, a new impetus was given

was Tony Starr, and his home at Parkto knowledge, which gave rise to the ersburg, West Virginia. He further art of printing and to the Reformation. stated that he was a 'trumpet medium' and was desirous of pulling off a sitting. The young man did not convince those Till then the church held the world in thrail, and people could only think with whom he talked, and they sus-pected that he was not all that he claimed to be. In order, however, to satisfy their own doubts and the 'medium's' anxiety, a session was along old lines without risk of life. The discovery of America; the peopling of the New World with advanced thinkers; the establishing of a great Republic in no way the slave of the Church: the mutual interchange of adarranged to take place Sunday evening. at a certain private residence. Fifty vanced thought between Europe and America, and giving free rein to genius, all have made the West what it is cents a head was collected from about fifteen persons, and at the appointed

to-day. China was isolated from the rest of nour the assemblage got together, the lights were lowered to the proper degree of spookiness, and the festivities the world. She was a hermit people, with outsiders shut out. She gained no new ideas from abroad. Her civilizacommenced. Starr worked the trumpet n an amateurish manner for about fifteen minutes, making such state-ments as 'Mary is here.' Suddenly and tion was the product of her own soil and great minds. The West gained by a mixture of races; but China remained without warning an electric light stationary; was even slow to accept illuminated the room, and disclosed the improvements thrust upon her. Her fakir with the trumpet to his mouth great wall on the North; a supposed ndustriously earning his fees. The light came from a pocket battery carboundless ocean on the East: the towering Himalayas on the South; with imried by one of the spectators and passable mountain chains and sandy pletely nonplussed the performer deserts on the West, made her just When an explanation was demanded all what she is, a peaceful, contented and he could say was that if the trumpet prosperous people, truly wonderful in was at his mouth he did not know how

their grand achievements without ex-traneous aid. Her religion is the proit got there. "Threats of arrest were made, but duct of her own philosophers, as are all her institutions, her language, and her literature. Could she have been imfinally, after scaring away the remnant of self-possession which he still pos-sessed. Starr was allowed to go, on the roved by accepting and practicing condition that he smash the trumpet, Christian doginas, without a knowledge

refund the money and promise never to offend in a like manner again, all of which he promptly done. It was a very entertaining evening for those who were present, and the chances are that Mr. Tony Starr, of Parkersburg, W. Va.,

"The Advance," a Congregational orwill not soon again attempt to monkey gan, hit the mark squarely when it said with the up-to-date residents of this section of the country." "Disturb a bone deep down in the A good object lesson for Spiritualists earth and there will be a quiver along and investigators. If a similar plan were followed generally, the tricky More than a "quiver," there is an sleight-of-hand performers in materialalarming shake; for it betokens ruin to ization seances would soon find their the whole church system. Demonstrate occupation unprofitable, and leave the

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The threads of the old existence are not cut at gence, refinement and good judgment, such as will show the best of interest the touch of death.

Death ushers us into no foreign world. All that is essential to human life here will be found there.

The activities of our being on earth will be to go to Cleveland to purchase the cer-tificate tickets for the same on the railhe activities of our being in heaven.

The aspirations of earth must shadow and type the occupations of heaven.

Death makes no break in the continuity of character. A man is the same here and here-

after. He changes as his aspirations dictate. A wise man before death will be wise after please ascertain about these points at your station some days in advance to avoid trouble. death.

will be the headquarters of the dele-gates and visitors. Fine accommoda-tions and service there at special rate There will be foolish persons over there as here. The selfish man before death will remain the of two dollars a day. Those who do not wish to stay at a hotel, have the privilege, of course, of stopping where they please; we have no restrictions in the matter.

same selfish man after death, or until he reforms. The fingers that have been busy handling the croupier of our American Monte Carlo, which faces Trinity Church, cannot turn at an hour's notice to playing harps in the New Jerusalem.

Home; if Mr. Mayer is generous enough to deed the property outright to this The above are the sentiments of Rev. Richard association, surely the country at large Heber Newton, of New York. Is it any wonder can collect the fund we ask for, that the treasury may be well equipped for the good work of the N. S. A. This is the that, with such sentiments, his listeners from last call from headquarters before the Sunday to Sunday are drawn largely from allotted time expires, and I trust that the donations, large and small will roll in upon me at once; I will acknowledge brainy Spiritualists.

each one, and you will win the heart-felt gratitude of mortals and spirits alike. The phenomena of Spiritualism are simply the result of a natural law, and that is why it is common in a measure to all the churches.

Having driven hell and brimstone fire out of Rev. Newton's Church, killed the Devil, and improved heaven, Spiritualists naturally gravitate to this fund. to hear him preach.

Spiritualists have no patent right on spirit eturn.

Spiritualists have no monopoly of Nature's

The Virgin Mary appeared at the various shrines of the Catholics, and promotes the ing us at this time, and we are enjoyheathenism of that church, demonstrating that this particular "Virgin Mary" is behind the times, and not marching on the true lines of progress.

of the hund slaughter; but the act is in harmony with Kaiser William's direction, to "give no quarter, and make the two memorable for a thousand years." Instead of "Let us have peace," let our the restore him to his of a Redeemer to restore him to his of the restore him to hi

From the N. S. A. Home Concerning Chairmen of So-Office.

THE CONVENTION.

Fraternal greetings to all the friends The management of local Spiritualist and workers in the good cause. Here, societies is somewhat peculiar in many at the home office, the work is going on, and convention matters are shuping quietly. We believe that the annual as-sembly of the N. S. A., to be held in Oleveland this year, will prove one of ways. In no item more so than having n presiding officer. This person an-nounces each feature of the meeting, and is not content with a general intro-duction of the speaker. He starts by, the most important that has ever been making some opening remarks-sometimes lengthy, and then the song, invo-cation, another song, the speaker, the convened. Much interest from Maine to California is shown in the meeting, collection, another song, the 'medium "who will give tests (not make an ef-fort), and then announcements and a and the delegates chosen by the various societies are men and women of intelligence, refinement and good judgment, closing song, and still further some one for the benediction. Each of these "calls up" the chairman - and he be-In our cause, and the utmost of good sense in their deliberations-however much they may express their opinions. comes a major domo of importance. It We hope for a large attendance at evis often queried if all this is necessary. ery session, and that many visitors as The original cause was the fact that a trance speaker needed care and prowell as delegates will be at this eighth annual convention of the N. S. A.

where the certificates can be had-

The Forest City House, Cleveland,

tection upon the platform. Yet, it would seem that the controlling spirit Again we request those who intend (if the medium cannot help) would be able to proceed without a perfunctory roads; full instructions for doing so announcement made at each meeting. I have seen a medium "introduced" have been given in the spiritual papers, and it seems by this time all must untwice regularly at each meeting-once for a lecture and then for tests. To be announced would be sufficiently per-functory, without the repeated intro-duction. Tact is often wanting, but the same is derstand them. Be sure and call for the certificate tickets at your rallway station, and do so in time to give the agent opportunity to secure them for you if he does not have them in his of-fice. At small stations you will have to purchase a ticket to the nearest station

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cieties.

great need for a competent and pleasing chairman. They often become a 'boss" instead of a "protector." They often sit at the speaker's desk (or near it) and thus bring unpleasant conditions

to the speaker. Ladies presiding at meetings usually take a prominent place in front of the platform and pose for effect. They, may look well there, but it savors of an egotism that does not impress. Add modesty to tact and then supplement with a little common sense, and the chairman will be O. K. Otherwise he s often an incubus

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is often an incurus. Haslett Park camp-meeting, the past season, omitted to provide a chairman, Now comes the Mayer fund again; the and they found it worked splendidly. money is coming in daily, but we still need a few hundred dollars. The fund There was not an item of friction in ought to be filled and closed by Octotheir exercises. The platform was ber 1, but we will hold it open for the given entirely to the speakers to mancontributions that come a little late. Please friends, send what you can, and have a vital interest in the N. S. A. age according to their ideas of proprie-ty and needs for personal effort. It gave them a free platform! They found an opportunity to work up pub-lic efforts of a pleasing character that otherwise would have been missed. Their greater zeal was called out and they infused spice and life to the meetings that a chairman would have made impossible.

that but it is not always according to the talents of, and often not pleasing to the speaker. When possible, give a free platform to your speakers and call out their best endeavor. A speaker can better manage his meeting than can



#### Calveston Disaster Foretold.

To the Editor:-1 write you and the friends again to tell you of the latest experience. I inclose a letter which Mr. Orvis loaned me after much persuasion on my part. You can see for yourself that Mr. Orvis told that poor girl the truth; but she, like Thomas of old doubted. I consider this a wonderful test. Perhaps you have seen and theard more wonderful things than this. Of course it is all so new and strange to me. I have a dear grand niece in spirit life, Anna Miller by name. She passed away not quite a year ago, near Richmond, Va. She came to me through Mr. Orvis and told me the circumstances of her death, all perfectly correct. Mr. O. also said to me: "You are to receive a letter from a Mrs. Russel, from a city far to the north, and somewhat west of here.' On my return to my rooms I found a letter for me at the postoffice from a Mrs. E. T. Russell, of West Bay City,

Mich. Mr. O. is kept busy answering

anyone else. I am

letters from different people all over the United States.

We have been presented with a handsome silk quilt to be disposed of by this association, for the benefit of the Home fund. It is the work and the gift of Mrs. C. Nelson, of Los Angeles, Cal., and we are indeed grateful for it. Other contributions-like the books before mentioned-have been a source of help The good Spiritualists of Washington

are getting ready for the work of the season. Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes, the popular and eloquent speaker is to oc-cupy the platform of the First Associa-tion during October; we anticipate a rich treat from her ministrations. That earnest and sincere worker in

the cause, Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch, of Boston, seceretary of the Massachusetts State Association, and officer in a number of Spiritual societies, is visit personality.

Our good brother and valuable me-dium, J. H. Altemus, of this city, gave a benefit for the Galveston sufferers last week, and realized a very handsome sum for the same. 'His tests were well received and enjoyed, us was his vocal selections. Mr. Altenius always

It is true the chairman often does

AN OBSERVER.

watchwords be, "Let us have mercy."

#### Praying to a Purpose.

A correspondent of the Truth Seeker recites the following well-known fact, in showing the evolution of prayer:

"When Halley's comet appeared in 1456 it was considered the harbinger of vengeance of the Deity, so the Pope ordered all the church bells in Eurpe to be rung, to scare it away. The faithful were ordered to add a special prayer to their daily supplications. As their prayers had so frequently before been answered in eclipses, and in times of drouth and rain, so on this occasion it was declared that a victory over a comet, when it disappeared, had been vouchsafed to the Pope, who got the credit for exorcising successfully, and expelling it from the skies. Halley, however, who discovered the [periodicity of the] comet in 1705, guided by the revelations of Kepler and Newton, also discovered its motions, so far from being controlled by prayer, were guided in an elliptical orbit by destiny, and he predicted its reappearance in 1757, The same comet, seen in 1835, with a

tail which almost spanned the heavens, is again expected in 1910. Prayers continued long enough may seem to the ignorant to drive it away, but like the setting sun it appears again when it has circled its orbit.

#### Children to the Front.

that there are Christians who formulate catechisms and have become expert in the business of asking questions to which they have not the ability to furnish satisfactory answers, so are turning over to children the responsible task of formulating their own answers. Well that is very proper when we remember David was represented in one of our Sunday School catechism lessons as the most perfect man, though he leaped and danced with all his might, perfectly nude, before an idol and his maid servants, and killed Uriah to get his wife. Children would have sought elsewhere for a perfect man, had they the competition of the Oxford and Inbeen left to formulate an answer.

#### Fagots for Heretics.

In a history of St. Helen's, Bishopgate, by a late rector, it is stated Mrs. Abigail Vaughn left a legacy of four shillings per annum, to buy fagots to burn heretics. The church, St. Martin evitable, and change its methods of Outwich, to which the donation was made, was long ago demolished, but it the fuel for the purpose the kindly dis- rivals in the God's Word business has spirits. posed legatee so generously provided. The heart naturally glows with love for a system of religion which gained Its dominancy by a generous use of the stake and fagot, with a threat of the prolongation of such cruelty throughout eternity.

of a Redeemer to restore him to his primitive condition. If there is no Savior, and no hell from which man needs saving, then the whole founda-tion of Christianity rests on a false base, and, like the house built on sand,

it will fall of its own weight. So that "bone," or its fossilized representative, becomes a powerful weapon in the hands of science to demolish a system of religious faith

of Western arts and learning? We

More than a Quiver.

by that bone that countless millions of

years have passed away since it was

buried "deep down in the earth" and

think not.

in a late issue:

the whole theological line."

"From turret to foundation stone"

-built on fraud, and has been perpetuated by fear and force ever since.

#### Too Polite to Oppose Evil.

Rev. Dr. Gunsaulus, who proposes to ouild in Chicago during the ensuing year "The Twentieth Century Church," to replace the Central Church where he now ministers, is reported to have said during a late discourse relating to his

proposed work: "We have been so polite to evil that our church committees have courteously bowed themselves out of the communities where evil is rampant and rime is nurtured." "An honest confession is good for the soul," says an old adage. Dr. G.'s con fession is unquestionably truthful. Churches, and church committees are blind to the evil all about them, but over there in China, horror of horrors,

they worship God under the name of Joss, so until the late unpleasantness Christians were flooding that country "The Congregationalist" represents with missionaries to teach the people the true name of the Universal Father, and that that father in Galilee had a son by a Jewish peasant girl. That is a more important thing to establish than is the reformation of sinners so abundant in all our great cities.

Competition Ruined the Business. "New York, Sept. 18 .- The old Bible House at Fourth avenue and Ninetleth street, the home of the American Bible Society for nearly fifty years, is to be sold and the great printing establishment of the society will be given up and the Bibles printed by contract. This step has been made necessary by

ternational Bible companies in England."-Press Dispatch. Just think of it: The great Bible Society, that has been flooding the world

for many generations; the last fifty years at one place in New York, has been compelled to surrender to the in-God," it was expected God would proremained while it was lawful to use tect his own, but competition among Stead attributes his peculiarity to

driven the American House to the wall. Will the fire-cracker manufacturer suffer because of this act? and how will the gold-leaf business be affected? Probably the lack of demand for Bibles by the "heathen Chinee" has prejudiced the interests of the manufacturer.

daughter masqueraded as a boy and chemistry. ran away from home. To this the au-

thor replied: "If the incidents of a book are likely to reproduce themselves in the conduct of those who read them, whatever moral is attached to the incident, it is to be sincerely hoped, for the sake of his wife and family, that Dr. Price will not be caught dipping into the Old Tes-tament."

It is because the immoralities told of in a book do corrupt minds of its readers that we oppose the reading of the Bible by children. For the same reason it should be excluded from the hands of the clergy; for familiarity with wrong doing lends unconsciously to the commission of crime. Our dally

papers, so full of details of crime, are largely responsible for the vices of the great cities. A Charitable Outlook,

#### The editor of "Christian Work" takes very charitable view of a divine life

He says: "A divine life does not always man-ifest itself with the same degree of strength and vigor, but oftentimes displays weakness and a wavering dis position; and even the greatest saints find difficulty at times in resisting temptation, and in the right perform-ance of their duties." It is, probably, because of that "weakness and wavering disposition," so many " saints" are found inmates of reformatory institutions, particularly o State penitentiaries. The preacher read of it in their boly books then: "Vice seen too oft, familiar with he

face, They first endure, then pity, then embrace."

#### Playing Cards Lead.

It is usually represented the Bible, or part of it at least, was the first pro duction of the printer's art. Hallam, in his "History of the Middle Ages," at authority no one calls in question, or page 548, 2d col., Harper Bros. edition 1839, says: "It is generally agreed, that playing cards, which have been traced far back in the fourteenth century, gave the first notion of taking off impressions from engraved figures upon wood."

A Desirable Discase.

The Kansas City Star says: "W. T Stead, the well-known English journallist, is subject to a nervous disorder, or business. Publishing the "Word of account of which his hand writes in dependently of his conscious brain. Mr.

If there are "nervous diseases" that enable men to write with the vigor of W. T. Stead, without the aid of his brain, we are curious to know if the "disease" is contagious; for there are other editors who would be benefited if similarly afflicted.

Some of the liberal churches are attracting many Spiritualists, because their respective ministers are cultured, and teach sublime spiritual truths, having appropriated the spiritualistic phenomena in all their varied manifestations.

Many mediums have seats in Dr. Thomas' church, because they hear there about ministering angels, and many practical things in reference to Spiritualism and earth life.

Now, you might as well understand what these liberal preachers are driving at.

They have opened business with spirits-real live spirits from the Angel World-and, are competing for business-audiences.

Competition in this business is not a killing

affair, but a good thing. We have on the Spiritualist rostrum talents duct of health boards and school boards in locking the public school doors against children, because parents, from honest that will compare favorably with those of the renowned liberal divines. Some of our lecturers have certain special gifts of improvization and inspiration that can not be excelled. In that respect they are superior to any of the various leading liberal ministers now drawing on our Britain, and especially in Parliament, ranks for audiences.

The fittest will survive. If the liberal churches appropriate Spiritualism as they have done and are now doing, and demand rigid honesty, virtue and morality on the part of the members and ministers, and maintain a greater degree of general cleanliness before the world than the general cleanliness before the world than the Spiritualist societies do, then they will attract the brainy, better class from the latter, and control capital to carry on reformatory work. If, however, the Spiritualist societies lead in the above respect, they will maintain the ascendancy, but not otherwise.

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7. The un-American and illegal con-

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physicians and surgeons in England France, Australia, and America against the scourge and curse of vaccination. This exhaustive book on the subject of vaccination, by Dr. Peebles, of 347 pages, is now in the binder's hands. It

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE.**

Visitors as well as delegates to the N. S. A. Convention in Cleveland, can secure certificate tickets of the railroads. Ask for certificate tickets for the National Spiritualists Association Convention. MARY T. LONGLEY. Washington, D. C. Secretary

Hell for the Bables. The St. Louis Presbytery, by a vote of 2 to 1, decided adversely to a revisdamuation

I feel that I can never be grateful enough to The Progressive Thinker, to Mr. Orvis, and last but not least, to the dear spirit friends who have all given me this comfort and peace of mind that only comes through a knowledge of the truth as it is found in Spiritual-ism. May The Progressive Thinker exist as long as man and semblance of man exists, May Mr. O. live long to spread the light of living truth broadcast, and may the angel world continue to come down and bring messages of for a look into the promised land. MRS, THERESA MARKHAM.

Asheville, N. C.

THE TEST AND ITS FULFILMENT.

Mr Ernest Orvis, Asheville, N. D.: Dear Sir:-Your reading received, and all you told me is as true as gospel with one exception, but that does not matter. You say you see no future for me, and tell me I am about to be visited by and ten me i am arout to be visited by flood, and that you see something like a tidal wave advancing from a large body of water, and you want me to warn folks. Why, Mr. Orvis, don't you know that folks would call me crazy? They make all manner of fun of me here at

the house because I have written to you. Besides lightning never strikes twice in the same place, although I must confess your letter has made me nervous. You tell me to flee from Galveston. Well, I will if I see anything as you describe for me. Thanking you,

I remain, yours truly. EDITH LANGLEY.

Galveston, Texas.

Just from the Press

In July last mention was made in these columns that Mrs. Dr. Houghton-Chaapel had in press a small edition of

her beautiful poems, which she was getting out for the special benefit of her ersonal friends. We begged her to enlarge the edition, and place the gems on the market; for it seemed to us they were too valuable to be limited in their reading to a few private individuals. She yielded to our request, and the Poems, beautifully printed and nicely

bound, are fresh from the hands of the binder, every one-there are fifty-five of them of varied length-a brilliant of literary worth, with incidents of real-life, so natural in their recital as to make the reader share with the author in their personal application. Some few of the poems have appeared in The Progressive Thinker, and given joy to all who read them. The price is 60c. Address the author at Palmetto, Fla.

#### O. J. Johnson.

This gentleman, who resides at 822 16th avenue S., Minneapolis, Minn., has lately returned from California, where he has large mining interests. Mr. Johnson is a prominent Spiritualist, and if his mines prove as lucrative as he thinks they will, he will certainly ion of its creed. It sustains infant become one of the leading agents in a grand reformatory work.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

SANGTIFIED SWEATING. Cruelty to Young Girls in Convents---Shall It Be **Tolerated Longer?** 

'A TRACT JUST ISSUED IN LONDON | England for about four years, informed -SIGNED "S. J. ABBOTT," SECRE. me that she had to spend four days a week at laundry work and scrubbing TARY TO THE CONVENT ENfloors, etc.; yet no government or QUIRY SOCIETY, 8 -GRAY'S school-board inspector ever visited the PLACE, LONDON, W. C., ENG. place. The child further stated that There are now upwards of thirteen one form of punishment adopted was to hundred monasteries and convents in put the children in a dark cellar and the United Kingdom, about nine hun- tell them the rats would eat their toes dred being convents, or religious houses off. The child did not make these for women, and every one more or less statements by way of complaint, but in answer to simple questions. a prison.

Quite recently the infamous methods According to the "Catholic Directory" for 1839, there were then but seventeen of getting children into Roman Cathoconvents in the whole of England and lic industrial convents in Ireland have Scotland, or about half the number now been exposed in the Court of Queen's established in the county of Sussex Bench. The elder of two girls was told by a woman engaged in a conspiracy to alone.

With this enormous increase and the get them away that, if she would ask fearful evils involved therein, legisla- for a penny she would give them one tion is urgently required for the protec- each to buy some sweets. They asked tion of all inmates of such institutions. and received the penny, and were then Including nuns and those under their | charged with begging, a man representcontrol, the number of inmates can ing himself as their father, appearing in scarcely be less than fifty thousand, court to aid in the conspiracy-the These have thus far been abandoned by father himself being ill in bed at the the British government to the tender time. An order of committal was made mercies of Mother Superiors, who by the magistrate. On discovering the neither know or respect any law but the whereabouts of his children and the canon law of the church of Rome, truth of the matter, the father made unthough the cruelty and tyranny prac- successful applications to the Chief Secticed in convents have been demon- retary, and eventually applied for a strated beyond question in our law writ of habeaus corpus, and had his courts, as in the trial Saurin v. Star. children restored to him. Mr. Justice etc., also in France, America and else- Boyd in delivering judgment said, "It where. But so little is known by the was admitted that the practice preoutside world of common-place things valled to a large extent of getting up in convents, that in 1895, when it was bogus cases for the magistrate for the proposed to bring all convent laundries purpose of having a large number of carried on by way of trade under the chudren committed to industrial Factories and Workshops Acts, not one schools who ought not to be there, and ally elaborated from crude forms of animember of Parliament was able to meet thereby a fraud was committed upon the misrepresentations of the Roman the authorities and upon the rate-pay-Catholic members; with the result that ers, on whom the burden of keeping nomena imperfectly observed and fanthe bill was so altered that these iniqui- these children there was imposed." He tous institutions were exempted from commented strongly on this case of piinspection and from all the provisions ous fraud as "the worst kind of fraud school, phallic worship the equally uniof the Act, though a petition, hurriedly | there was."

A young girl who had been an inmate got up and signed by one thousand proprietors of laundries, against their ex- of a convent laundry told me that one emption, was sent to the House. of her fellow-inmates, who was very ill The laundries, work-rooms, dormito- and a great sufferer, was made to con-

ries, and general arrangements for the tinue at the laborious work of ironing women and girls not under vows in until she was too weak to stand, and these institutions, are as separate from then, worse than Egyptian taskmasters, the cloister and all that appertains to who deceive the world by their apparwas inevitable. Thus speak the doctors factory from the private apartments of go into the labor-room to make men's the proprietor of any secular establish- colored cotton shirts, and continue at this work, without any respite from the ment. In France, convents have long been hours of labor, until within two or three subject to some sort of government in- days of her death! Truly, as the bishop spection. But in spite of this the most of Nancy says, "These nuns have no shocking abuses have come to light, as other end in view but that of gaining the readers of the "Contemporary Re- money." view" for April are aware. Some of Another poor girl who suffered from a these abuses were known to govern- painful abscess, had to continue at her ment officials in France, though the toil without mitigation, though so weak French public were ignorant of them. | that she used to faint while at work. But the letter addressed to a cardinal at She was in danger of being choked, so Rome, by Mgr. Turinaz, Bishop of Nan- was taken to the doctor. On her way, cy, charging the nuns of the Good Shep- unperceived by the nun who accompaherd with crimes which cry for yen- nied her, she posted to her mother a geance, got into the French newspapers, letter she had penciled on scraps of paand brought forth evidence from official per, which letter I have in my possessources and from the victims them- sion. In it she says, "I am posting this clous cruelties upon helpless orphans me. Oh, I should be punished! I am and others in convents in all parts of going to the doctor, and that is how I of evolution-acted as the instructors reach this beautiful city. Some are growth. The tenet to which religion France, of which I have received am posting it.... It is just like a prison and guides of the child-humanity of our taking the path of carnal joys, some the has most fiercely clung is that things enough details to fill a volume. The .... We have to work and keep the planet, imparting to its races and nawriter in the Contemporary Review nuns. We have food like they have in | tions in turn, the fundamental truths of | crowded most is the one that bears the | specify the particular fields in which says, "There is no contradiction" to this the workhouse. They read all your let- religion in the form most adapted to the sign-board "Gold." As these pilgrims this contention has been most fondly pyidence, "except from the Sisters ters before they are posted and open all idiosyncrasies of the recipients, themselves," and "an enormous num- that come in.... I have just the same ber of persons in all walks in life must [clothes] as I came in with, and my ers of the great religious are members be liars, conspiriators, and worse, if the boots are hanging off my feet. I wish of the one Brotherhood, and were aided denial of the nuns be well founded." P. vou would send me a petticoat and stays in their mission by many other memfor my birthday. For God's sake don't bers, lower in degree than themselves, 595. The frightful picture, with all its har- say you heard from me, for it will be initiates and disciples of various rowing details, cannot be given with a read. You had better not write any let- grades, eminent in spiritual insight, in few strokes of the pen. Some of the ter, for I shall not get it. Send me a philosophic knowledge, or in purity of poor victims were nearly starved, cru- petticoat and put me a shilling in the ethical wisdom. These guided the in-"Elly beaten, shut up for days and even hem of it!" weeks, fed on bread and water, and This was written, not in heathen acted their laws, ruled them as kings, otherwise ill-treated, and all were China, not even in South Africa, where taught them as philosophers, guided sweated and treated as slaves. Failing we are spending blood and treasure for them as priests; all the nations of anto accomplish the allotted task, or of oppressed millionaires and the rights of tiquity looked back to such mighty fending the nun in authority, met with white men, but in the metropolis of civ- men, demi-gods, and they left their such punishment as female tyrants lized England, where in the name of traces in literature, in architecture, in legislation. alone could inflict; some of which must the "Good Shepherd" white girls are opalmost have exhausted feminine inge-pressed in convents and have no rights except that of submission to their nuity to devise. A hairpin was driven into the head of | "holy oppressors." one by a blow from a nun. The eye of The perilous attempt of the two girls of prehistoric remains, for the most another was torn out by a stroke from a to escape from the convent of the Good cat-o'-seven tails. A young girl named Shepherd at Sheffield is referred to in Elisa died from meningitis, who had Tract No. 1. I will therefore only menpreviously been struck on the head with that, according to the Sheffield Indesame malady, was let down the stairs pendent, July 3, 1897, "The girls tell stories of starvation, hard work and later days or in modern times can even between two matresses, under the precruel treatment, and threaten to kill text that she was yielding to the exigenthemselves if they are sent back." cles of nature. She died two hours No wonder that Rome hates the light after. A young girl named G-, reand dreads inspection! No wonder that ceived a kick in the breasts, became consumptive, and spat blood. Mdlle. the censorship over correspondence in | And when we find these books con-Anna B--- received a blow in the eve this is all the greater reason why Brit- universe identical in substance, under with the scissors, and now wears a glass eye. Mdlle. Agathe T-, at pres- ish electors should insist on a rigorous | much variety of outer appearance. it ent residing in the place de la Repub- inspection of all conventual institutions. does not seem unreasonable to refer lique, has her back permanently bent in | The eloquent facts contained in this consequence of blows received. A child short paper should stir the heart of ev- trine. To that body we give the name five years of age was placed in a ery Englishman who has a spark of hu- of the Divine Wisdom, in its Greek straight waistcoat, was constantly manity, to a sense of his duty! Prot- form-Theosophy.

Of the World's Great Re- A Study In the Philosophy What The Oregonian Thinks Of One Who Does'nt Underof Man. of Him. stand Spiritualism. ligions.

WHAT IS LIFE'S OBJECT? | GOD AT GALVESTON.

COMPILED FROM MRS. ANNIE BESANT'S WORKS.

THE KEY-NOTE

Mrs. Besant's testimony on this and kindred subjects is especially valuable, for many reasons, among them these; her conclusions are the results of many years of study and patient research on these lines, assisted by some of the best scholars of Europe (as well as the sages of the East in whom Freethinkers do not believe).

Secondly. She was at one time one of the foremost Agnostics in the world; and lastly the fact that even her enemies do not doubt her ability to speak the truth to the best of her knowledge. Mrs. Besant says in her introduction to her "Ancient 'Wisdom": "Right thought is necessary to right conduct, right understanding to right living, and the Divine Wisdom-whether called by its ancient Sanskrit name of Brahma Vidya, or its modern-Greek name of Theosophia, comes to the world as at once an adequate philosophy and an allcan understand and follow them, while others are so lofty, so profound, that

tain them and sinks exhausted in the of time. effort. "It is admitted on all hands that survey of the Great Religions of the world shows that they hold in common many religious, philosophical and ethfact is a matter of dispute.

Some allege that religions have grown up on the soil of human ignorance tilled by imagination, and have been gradumism and fetichism; their likenesses are referred to universal natural phecifully explained, solar and star worship being the universal key for one versal key for the other, fear, desire, ignorance and wonder led the savage to personify the powers of nature, and priests played upon his terrors and his hopes, his misty fancies and his bewildered questionings; myths became scriptures and symbols, facts, and [How could the symbol exist before the thing symbolized?] as their basis was

The earth was once a revolving sea of process had continued and the temperature of the crust had at last fallen besteam condensed and gathered in the praved, the hardened sinner and the in-

broke through it and burst forth in with liquid mirrors. Such changes and fearing men and devout women were revolutions follow one another, every called to pass through torture of mind region of the globe passed through sev- and body such that the humane are fain eral changes. Plants and animals per- to turn from it in very weariness of ished by these revolutions and now lie sympathy and grief. How can God, if embedded as fossils in the rocks, mute he loves his children, suffer these things witnesses of the past. The past ages | to be? What purpose of justice or beof the globe are based upon the occur- nevolence can be advanced through embracing religion and ethic." Some of rence of the various fossils. The life such strokes of misery and desolation its teachings are so simple and practical of the globe has changed with the progthat any person of average intelligence | ress of time, and each age has had its peculiar species of plants and animals. Its life is divided into seven long ages the ablest strains his intellect to con- which have dawned and died into space the collapse which is near at hand of

The first age includes the time from | was the misfortune of early Christian the first forming of a solid crust to the

appearance of animal life. In this age granite quartz spar makes a cradle for the unconscious sleeping man. Then ical ideas. But while the fact is univer. | follows the age of mollusks, the age of sally granted, the explanation of the fishes, then in the age of carbon man's spirit sings in the forest of palm and

> pine. Then follows the age of reptile, then in the animal age man's spirit multiform personages. The growth to dreams all unconscious of its dream. Onward through the slowly creeping ages of evolution, the animal stands erect and we have the present age or that of man; his dreams now become conscious thought. The earth now has become a fit dwelling-place for man. To be sure changes are taking place tions of extremely mystical Protestant now, but they are less sweeping and theologians on differentiations between less violent than those of the preceding | the three persons of the Trinity. ages. Man now stands on the earth and looks around at the rocks, trees, loguing the human propensities of rate confession of their superiors, pro-

his own bodily wants which are pro- universe had been obtained by actual tion or knowledge. the nuns as are the arrangements of the ent gentleness, made this poor creature universal, the likeness of the products vided by nature; his home is a cave or examination. The nature of the force Where are the bona fide scientists rock, and he subsists on food supplied or forces behind creation was as im- that have made plain the genuine pheperfectly grasped in the morning twi- nomena of Spiritualism by material by nature. But onward rolls the world and light of knowledge as was the topograagencies? through progression and thought and phy of the earth itself or the arrange-Perhaps our critic refers to the fathe refining hand of time, softly as the | ment of the celestial worlds. And while | mous Buffalo doctors who in the early ocean's ebb and flow, tames and molds | the geography of Marco Polo and the | days of the movement, finding themthe savage man through pain and suf- astronomy of Ptolemy have long been selves overwhelmed at the extraordifering, his tyrant wish becomes subject | superseded by more correct systems, | nary character of the manifestations to the reign of reason, and now in the the religious world, partly by reason of evolved from out the measureless o'er bending sky a new century blooms its isolation from the practical walks depths of their wisdom the ipse dixit in the garden of time, before its open of life and partly through the tenacity that that rapping communication etc., gate stands a pilgrim not a savage, but of religious opinion, has been slow to on and through the table were caused by the snapping of toe joints! This a man clothed in reason. yield to the educational effects of new As he stands he muses: What is life's marvelously intellectual dictum of such discoveries. The one great fact that theology has an extraordinary feat-worthy only of object? Is it the gaining of wealth? Is it honor? Is it position or rank? Is it set its face sternly against is the reign Bediam-was seriously given as an exmon property in the religions of the beauty? Is it intellectual greatness? Is of law. And if there is one department pert medico-scientific explanation of init social influence? Is if the search of or expression of the reign of law more comprehensible phenomena as to how nal teaching in the custody of a Broth- happiness-the city of eternal happiness profound than any other in its signifimatters of known as well as forgotten selves, revealing the practice of atro- on the sly, so don't say you heard from | hood of great Spiritual Teachers, who- in the land of bye-and-bye? As he cance, or more inimical to theology in facts, were stated, and cases of personal muses he sees many are striving to theology's own view, that is the law of identity revealed to hundreds of total strangers and skeptics, most of whom. were convinced against their will, while some were open disbelievers in a fustrong path of fame, the road that is were created as they are. Again, to ture life. Though absurd to the extreme deworn and weary are almost within its cherished, they are three-the original gree, this "toe-joint" theory was really propounded by educated M. Ds. and portals, like a mist it disappears, and as creation of the world, the being of man, readily accepted by willing minds as a before there stretches about them the and the Bible. Geology was long reunfathomable mysterious ocean of life; sisted as the contrivance of the Evil scientific explanation of how in numberand in the magic music of the rustling | One, because it menaced the doctrine of less instances positive information was special creation. Evolution is still releaves and rippling brook our pilgrim furnished-information which so far as sisted because it disproves the ecclehears these words: Happiness is not known no living person possessed. siastical view of man's nature, and hisfound by any external path, but within verification, in some cases, having to be made to certain specified documents torical study of the Bible is condemned thyself lies the priceless pearl. Man makes happiness the object of life, but because it shows that book to have unknown to be in existence, either by nature decrees it shall be the result of been a growth instead of a verbal emathe medium or the investigator. every duty well done: happiness was nation of Delty. It is only necessary This is a specimen of the so-called the ultimate object for which man was now to note the fact that theologians "learned explanation" which still obborn, but it can only be gained through have long censed to contend that the tains with many, although under the a life well spent in usefulness, all du- Genesis accounts of creation are to be more modern and euphonious terms ties faithfully performed. taken literally, that Christian evolu- of "hypnotism," "unconscious cerebrationists are becoming more numerous tion." "sub-liminal self," "sub-conscious-As Longfellow says: and influential every day and that enness," "mind reading," "telepathy," etc. 'O what a glory does this world put on, lightened Christian scholars now dif-Learning is popularly supposed to be For him who with fervent heart goes fer only in the degree in which they acforth, the equivalent of knowledge, and cept the results of the higher criticism. Under the bright and glorious sky and knowledge the synonym of wisdom, but An excellent source of information on looks it is not-always! In fact they are often this score is supplied in the noble series part now in ruins to say nothing of |On duties well performed and days widely a. variance. By way of accountof articles now appearing in the Outwell spent." ing, however, for the successful results look from that grand old Congregationobtained under vastly different circum-We must do our best for the uplifting al minister, Lyman Abbott. stances by the world's greatest and and bettering of humanity, and to the With this increasing understanding of most independent investigators, the spreading of progressive and liberal the law of growth as applied to crealeading scientific minds of Christendom thought. But by many and varied ex- tion, to man's nature and to the Bible, in their individual effort to determine periences the soul must grow receptive it will not be long when the old terror the verity of spiritual phenomena-into the soul of nature or spirit before it of a capricious God incessantly intervestigators like Askakof, Crookes, Varfering in the affairs of men will have can unfold the flower of happiness. ley, Zollner, Hellenbach, Wallace et id But onward travels our pilgrim passed away; when explanation of cagenus homo-our critic eagerly rethrough all the various experiences of lamities and blessings will be looked marks that "learned men are often as | 11.25. all convents is so rigorous! But surely tain teachings about God, man and the life, of joy, of sorrow, of honesty and for in natural causes rather than in the easily deceived as ordinary people. uprightness, working for the good of mysterious desire of a hidden power to If he had said that certain professionothers, unselfish in all his efforts, all reward or punish. The old libel upon ally learned men often display great duties well performed, and weary with the Creator, that he could call into bepain and suffering and the burden of ing millions of innocent children whom especially when it happens to conflict life, our pilgrim stands at the open he had preordained to everlasting torwith their preconceived notions and, graye. He reflects: Is this the end of ment has been dismissed at last, in fabusiness interests, I could here readily life? No: oh, no: this life is but a sec- vor of the assurance that "it is not the agree with him. For instance, when beaten and otherwise cruelly treated, estants are making their voice heard all "As the origin and basis of all relig- ond in the throbbing pulse of time, com- will of your Father in heaven that one such "learned men" as the late Dr. Geo. pared with the vastness of eternity; of these little ones should perish"; but M. Beard, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Wm. A. this little sand of time sparkling on the similar misconceptions still linger. As Hammond, more recently of Washingshores of an infinite ocean was given independent inquiry grows strong us, in which to learn the first lessons of through its reassuring discoveries in never was a case of clairvoyance and child gradually wasted away and died, has liberty of conscience and a sense of presentation by the perverseness of ig- life, to grow, to endure, to unfold, to science and history, it will soon have that none could be produced, they but fall and rise again and by experience to courage, even in the most trusting and advertised their own ignorance. learn to overcome our faults and learn | devout, to appeal from dogma to eviself in each, and seeks in each to unveil the worth of freedom. That dark and dence, to lean in confidence upon reason But the great offer was made in good open space does not receive the soul, and conscience, to strip away from the faith, without compensation, to submit only the worn and weary habitation of proof of clairvoyance in Dr. Beard's conception of Deity all unworthy and clay. From this the immortal elements own home, before any party of gentlerepellent attributes, as anthropomorphmen he might choose to have present. spring and live; it soars from height to ism gradually gives way to the refinethe trial in question to be subjected to ments of perfect ideals. The saintly height, life's troublesome' waves, grow sweet and still, in the darkness of an soul that is perplexed at the Galveston any test within reason, the only stipulation being that if the same were demonearthly night the star of morning horror has need of emancipation from strated to the Doctor's and the comshines bright. On the wings, of love that worst form of slavery, the inteland music the soul is upward born by pany's satisfaction, that he should aclectual tyranny that binds the mind loving spirit friends to life, life-immorknowledge it as publicly as he had preand forbids it on some subjects to think tal. Upon our pilgrim's silent itbs rests viously denied the possibility of its beand reason. The old theology, the old a smile of perfect peace. He has found church, the old ideals-these have ing done. This was openly granted. So. life's object. served their purposes and served them agreeably at the hour, a publicly known ALICE M, PRINDLE. gentleman and his wife, old friends of well. They must give way by degrees. Villa Ridge, Ill. mine for many years, both still living. and they are pretty certain not to do so until the basis of new and better made a trial on the occasion agreed "Arcana of Spiritualism: A Manual of upon, with the following result: They things has been laid in study and expe-Spiritual Science and Philosophy." By visited the Doctor's residence and berience. The new boat must be sea-Hudson Tuttle. A spiritual text-book fore his assembled guests, the visiting worthy before we abandon the old.of rich and inspired thought. An ex-cellent work. Finely bound in scarlet The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon. lady was scated in a chair that was placed in the middle of the room, and and gold. Price \$1.50. For sale at this her eyes carefully bandaged, which the ENSHRINED. company critically examined to full "The Molecular Hypothesis of Nasatisfaction. The Doctor then walked By Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood. ture." 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C. L. H.

the impulse to identify different divin-

ities or parts of divinity with different

human qualities has long seemed im-

The trusting believer, if he thinks as Mr. T. Darley Allen makes so many fire, yet in the molten mass was the well as trusts, looks at the Galveston questionable statements in his recent gerin prophetic of man. In the course | horror and wonders how it happens, if | communication relative to Spiritualism, of infinitely long ages, through the pa- there is a just God, that he permits that I am constrained to further note tient hand of involution, evolution, rev- such undeserved losses and suffering to and correct some of his errors, which I olution and time worked unfil its sur- fall upon this children. We may sup- doubt not the general reader as well as face cooled and became solid, when this pose that evil men received in this the contributor himself, will be glad to catastrophe no more punishment than | have corrected; for I take it that both would requite their deeds; but the blow readers and contributors are hospitable low the boiling point of water, the feel equally on the saintly and the de- to the truth, to a welcome degree.

SOME CORRECTIONS

He says: "There are eminent investidepressions of its surface, as the cool- nocent babe, on the abandoned in their gators who believe that as in the past ing continued and the crust became hour of carousal and on the self-sacri- lifty years we have learned to explain thicker the melted interior repeatedly ficing at their posts of duty. Loving a great many of the phenomena of families were broken up, faithful wives | Spiritualism by natural causes, there is streams, which in turn hardened and snatched from the husband's side, duti- reason to hope that the study of mental became rocks, and now through space ful parents removed from the children science will enable us to explain all, bethere sweeps a solid sphere all gemmed | to whom they were necessary, and God- | fore many years have passed." How long since, pray, has it been true that, because A or B believes so and so ergo, that settles it. This, however, is the substance of Mr. Allen's logicsurely a very convenient but a very false way to determine the exact nature of any subject, fact, thing or theory, especially the question of immortality. Every intelligent observer knows that the attitude of the human mind has upon those whose lives are exemplary and whose hearts are right? much to do with accepting certain theories as being true, particularly where Such inquiries bring forcibly before

us the iniquity of old superstitions and the wish is father to the thought. This was popularized by Shakespeare old inadequate conceptions of God. It 300 years ago, in his famous saying "there is nothing good or bad but thinkteachers and of many of later times, to ing makes it so"-a sophism which a go back to antiquity for heathen attricertain class of mental scientists in. butes of deity which higher thinking, their extreme teachings, double disnotably that of the stoles, had grandly | count. outgrown. The primitive mind, in its

I dispute his assertion that "we" or narrow veins, naturally imparted huanyone has "learned to explain the pheman passions to the Ruler of the uninomena of Spiritualism by natural verse, who was usually conceived in causes"-meaning thereby by purely material means. monotheism was slow and painful, and

Who are the eminent investigators that have thus satisfactorily or scientifically explained a single spiritual phenomenon?

I neither want nor accept assumption possible of correction. It still survives in the multiplications of saints in the or supposition for explanation, but demand clear,' unmistakable demonstra-Catholic system, and in the speculation. I want something beside the testimony of professional tricksters, like Maskelyne, Hermann and Heller, for Theology has long insisted upon cata- we have the written statement, delibe-

grass and the sky, and thinks: This is I. Deity. These are derived, not from fessionals like Houdin and Bellachina, For him life's object begins and ends in study of creation, but from imperfect the latter formerly court magician to self, for he is but little in advance of human nature. It is the survival of the Emperor of Germany, that the the mere animal, cares for nothing but | conceptions formed of the universe be- | spiritualistic manifestations they had his own savage desires and passions and fore any adequate knowledge of the witnessed were beyond their explana-

hopes and certain men's promises; the good Doctor never had the graciousness to acknowledge that fact. It was too great a vindication of what he had conceived to be an impossibility. The evidence was overwhelming, and likewise was his discomfiture. He died without making his word good or the truth known. When one seeks publicly to assail gen-

uine spiritual phenomena, it is essential that he be prepared to submit argument other than that which is based solely on misinformation. It is respectfully suggested that the first prerequisite is at least a little knowledge.

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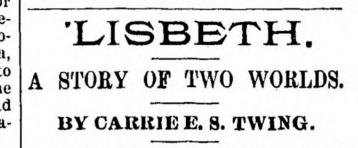
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may wound some of your readers who published translation, appeared in the yet have a God, about which they are very sensitive, fearing to lose him, yet From the report of Dr. Thulle to the Up- those who have advanced in thought. per Board of Public Relief: "During the and have reached the plane of a sciennights of December 7 and 8, 1890, ten tific Spiritualist, realizing that creation. little girls who slept in rooms unfit for and that which caused it to be, and that human habitation, had their feet which rules it, is entirely beyond human frozen; seven slightly, three very seri- conception, or any personal God, will. ously. One of the latter was of neces- regard this article as a very appropriate sity transferred to the hospital (Hotel inscription to place upon the monument Dieu), and had to undergo the amputa- erected over the grave of their dead and buried Gods. tion of both feet."

How extremely ridiculous is the idea. After the action that was taken by the French government, the English to us, who have buried all of our Gods, correspondent, quoted in Christianisme, and resolved to create no more, having might well exclaim on hearing that the no use for them. My spirit grand-fath-Nuns of Nancy had gone to London, er, who was for many years a Baptist "God have pity on us in England!" But | deacon, recently informed me that he, the nuns of the Good Shepherd and oth- in company with several other spirits. er similar orders have long had their had been studying into the causes convents in almost all parts of Eng- which led to the establishment of relig- and Reincarnation. The book is beautiland; many of them governed by for- lous beliefs, and their evolution up to fully bound in cloth, and is for sale at eign nuns. In these convents thousands the present spiritual conception; and the office of The Progressive Thinker. of poor girls are imprisoned and never that the revelation obtained was both allowed to go outside the convent walls, amusing and disgusting. His object was They slave at the laundry, shirt-mak- to prepare himself to aid in the progress ing, and other labor, from early morn- of other spirits, who, like himself en-Ing-rising in some at 4:45, others at tered spirit life loaded down with theo-5:30, and continuing until 8 or 8:30 at logical dogma, by teaching them the night, with no respite from their labor, true origin of their faith, thus eradicatexcept to take their scanty meals and ing the error, and opening their minds attend to religious exercises. Every to the true light. The revelation would letter is read by the Superior, who be interesting to us, I think. posts or withholds them according to May our noble ship, The Progressive her inclination, never allowing any com- Thinker, continue to sail on the Divine plaint to pass out of the convent. A Plan to the end of time. child ten years of age, who had been DR. CARLOS WRIGHT. an inmate of a convent orphanage in LaGrand, Oregon.

because unable to get through her daily over the kingdom! The inspection of ions, it cannot be the antagonist of any: task. She had a pin in her mouth. A convents is one of the objects forming it is indeed their purifier, revealing the nun gave her a blow which cut her lips the basis of all the Protestant electoral valuable inner meaning of much that and made her swallow the pin. The rolls. Let every elector, therfore, who has become mischievous in its external norance and the accretions of supersti-Parliamentary candidates and demand tion; but it recognizes and defends itthat legislation on the subject have a its hidden wisdom."

> Mrs. Besant goes on to classify the underlying harmonies running through all religions: and begins her proof quotations from the old Chinese Scripture, The above word. "God." calls to mind the Ching-Chang-Ching, or Classic of the article from Brother R. M. Stanton Purity; and the thread of these quotain The Progressive Thinker of September 1, on "Evolution of Gods." While it | tions together with Mrs. Besant's comments, arguments and explanations will be followed up in our next-if we are allowed a next.

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

.. GENERAL SURVEY ..

is alone responsible for any assertions diametrically opposed to his belief, yet | comply with this request will be cast that is no reason why they should be | into the waste basket. suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly understood that our space is inade-

quate to publish everything that comes non-appearance of YOUR article.

sure insertion in the paper, all other re- was a complete success in every respect. moving and the lamp could not be inquirements being favorable, should be The Independent Association of Spirit- duced to stand still. On investigating written plainly with ink on white unlists of Toledo is increasing in num- he found the chandeller in the back paper, or with a typewriter, and only on bers and usefulness, and bids fair to room describing the same motion. The one side of the paper.

ITEMS.-Bear in mind that items for Mrs. Challen and Mrs. Chouse, local the General Survey will all cases be speakers, most kindly assisted in the Chaney that the mirrors in the bathadjusted to the space we have to occu- exercises. After Christmas I shall be room, the door to the closet in the py, and in order to do that they will glad to make engagements anywhere, physical director's room and the mirgenerally have to be abridged more or but prefer working in Ohio. Any soless; otherwise many items would be clety desiring my services for a short crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line | engagement can address me for terms item is cut down to ten lines, and ten at 9 Fulton street, Cleveland, Ohio." 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 adbered to.

"The Mystery of Edwin Drood," continuation of Charles Dickens' remarkable story. Who has a copy for this office.

F. E. Irvine, secretary, writes: "The | my services during these months, please Will J. Erwood will lecture and give Cleveland, Ohio." psychometric readings.

John Hutchinson, president, and May Ohio: "The Progressive Spiritualist So-F. Ayres, secretary, have issued the ciety of Elyria, Ohio, held its annual

CONTRIBUTORS .- Each contributor | Take due notice, that all items for this page must be accompanied by the or statements he may make. The editor | full name and address of the writer. It allows this freedom of expression, be- | will not do to say that Secretary or Corlleving 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

C. H. Figuers writes: "Ill health has kept me very quiet the major part of to hand, however much we might desire | this year; once by the advice of my to do so. That must account for the physician my Buffalo engagement was cancelled, and I have been at home Mr. Chaney was sitting in front of his WRITE PLAINLY .- We would like resting until a few days ago I went to store, he noticed the shadows of the to impress upon the minds of our corre- Perrysburg, Ohio, stopping at the home spondents that The Progressive Thinker of Mr. Geo. Scott and his estimable ing back and forth and, turning to see is set up on a Linotype muchine that wife. Last night as per arrangement, must make speed equal to about four | Mr. W. V. Nicum, vice-president O. S. compositors. That means rapid work, A.; Mrs. Amanda Coffman, of Michigan, and it is essential that all copy, to in- and myself held a joint meeting which

become the leading society of Toledo.

Mrs. Alice Baker, trance speaker and will hold meetings there until January, building, not even an electric fan, and and try to beg off. He is told that the 1901, at which time I am planning to even at night when there is hardly any fine is a heavy one, but that \$15 sestart on a Southern tour of work for one moving, the lamps and mirrors in- curity can be put up for appearance in January, February and March. A part

of my time is now engaged. Any socie- so far goes unexplained." ty or places wishing to organize a so-

begin the fall meetings Sunday, Octo- range my dates as nearly satisfactory the military in Manila. The word is has only that amount with him." ber 7, 1900, at 8 p. m., at Odd Fellows' with all as possiblbe. Address all com- evidently taken from the Spanish word Hall, Wabasha and Fifth streets. Mr. munications to me at 261 Pearl street, 'cantena' (a saloon), and indeed is a

Oscar A. Edgerly writes from Elvria.

H. F. Coates writes: "The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Church of the Spirit Communion will give an entertainment and dance Saturday evening, October 6, at Mackinaw Hall, corner Evans avenue and 43d street. This is the first of the season, and no pains will be spared to make it a very enjoyable affair. Entertainment will be provided for both old and young. Come one, come all. Admission 25 cents."

Mrs. I. Wagner writes from Eskridge, Kan.: "I attended the Ottawa and and harmony among the people in general. I had the pleasure of listening to some time ago by a friend. The little 1901."

The Terre Haute Tribune says: "Secretary Jamison, of the J. M. C. A., and A. Chaney, the bicycle dealer who has the corner room in the association building, have become thorough Spiritualists. Some few evenings ago while letters in the sign in his window swingwindow swinging from north to south. He went in and stopped it and then went out again. The shadows were still next morning Mr. Jamison came running down into his shop and told

saloon authorized by the military and

of their room at three in the morning pure, rational and religious presentathat Mrs. Simon and her daughter say iton of the true gospel of modern Spiritthey abandoned their last apartments." | ualism. Bro. Elbert Latham is treas-Jennie O'Neill Potter, the gifted elo-cutionist, ded lately at St. Luke's Hos-pital in New York City. Miss Potter ture meetings, and seek to increase its ist Association. has been patiently waiting for death circulation, for it is a valuable edsince last December, when the doctors ucator."

told her that she could not possibly live longer than spring, She was only twenty-eight years old and has been a ling at its hall in Van Buren Opera very popular reader for the last ten | House, California avenue and Madison years. A pathetic incident connected street, Wednesday October 3 at 2 p. m. Delphos camps. Good audiences at both | with Miss Potter's death is that of the | Mrs. Nixon, president. Admission free." mocking bird which was given her Will C. Hodge, at the Delphos camp. bird never sang and the doctors and inversary service at its hall 420 West His lectures are always instructive. I nurses came to the conclusion that it 63d street. October 7. at 7:30 p. m. am open for camp engagements for was not a songster. Tuesday morning There will be a conference meeting also the bird, to the wonder of all, suddenly at 2:30. Will C. Hodge will deliver the

began to whistle and trill. It continued address. Excellent test mediums will to sing in-shrill and beautiful tones for assist. There will be inspirational several hours. All at once the bird music, poems, etc., and altogether a ceased its music and dropped in its day of spiritual rejoicing over the splencage, and at the same moment Miss | did work accomplished for truth in the

Potter breathed her last. past year. Come and rejoice with us. It will do you good." H. F. Coates writes: "The Kenwood Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue, is Mrs. H. E. Gaulden, of Titusville, Pa., filled each Sunday night and we feel wants the postoffice address of A. A.

that a good work is being done. Tests the cause, found the gas lamp in the are also given after the lecture and are the means of converting many. The conference meetings at 3 p. m. are very interesting and instructive. All are invited to come and take a part."

Col. Bingham, Superintendent of Pubthat remarkable book. Mr. Dawbarn's lic Buildings and Grounds, who has mature judgment does not brook any charge of the Washington Monument, supplementary attempt. Let me vensays one of the greatest troubles the ture only a few words impressing watchmen at the monument have to themselves upon my mind while readcontend with is the chipping of these ing Mr. Dawbarn's article: It must be a memorial stones by relic hunters. "One | feast for the heart of every true Spirof the strangest things in regard to itualist, to see two prominent workers rors on the walls had all gone crazy these relic hunters," said Col. Bingham, in our grand cause, however different and were swinging from north to south. to a New York Mail and Express re- in shades of opinion, do justice to each Chaney told his side of the story, and porter. "Is the fact that more than one- other, one publicly endorsing the other's an investigation was made, but no half of the men arrested for chipping worth and merits. This is the right cause for the movements could be off relics are clergymen. When the po- | kind of spirit for brothers and co-worktest medium, of Cleveland; O., writes: found. The articles are still swinging lice arrest these despoilers and start ers. 'In unity lies strength.' Unity "October 3, I commence holding meet- and all attempts to stop them are with them to the station house the man and harmony will be the safest foundaings at 261 Pearl street, Cleveland. I baffled. There is no machinery in the will begin to ask what is the penalty tion for our glorious temple of spiritual philosophy."

N. H. Briggs writes from Battle. Creek, Mich.: "In keeping with the sist upon swinging. The phenomenon | the police court. Then the prisoner exgrowth and general prosperity of our plains that he is a minister of the gosbeautiful 'Queen City' of Michigan, the E. Woodard writes from Tucson, Ari- pel and meant no harm, and that he society of Spiritualists here has outsale? Send price of it on a postal to ciety in Southern Ohio, West Virginia, zona: "In a late paper, in the editorial, could not stand the disgrace of appear- grown its old home, and been compelled Kentucky and Tennessee, and desiring 'Banish the Alcohol,' you still seem to ing in a police court. He ends up by to seek a larger, more spacious auditohave a misconception of the word giving up the collateral, after generally rium. Such a one has been secured, St. Paul (Minn.) Spiritual Alliance will correspond with me at once so I can ar- 'canteen,' as used in connection with frying to cut it down to \$10, saying he and on Sunday evening, September 23, the same as a 'Temple of Truth' was duly and appropriately dedicated to the

L. W. Beard writes from Lapine, La .: "I have had the pleasure of perusing a few copies of your paper, which has restricted to the sale of beer and lighter had the effect to shake my faith as a ter, of Detroit. It was indeed a mas- see the day of its fruition.

KANSAS,

ist Association.

To the Editor :- The organization of P. A. Cleveland writes: "Trinity Spirthe State Spiritualist Association of itual Society will hold its regular meetthis state is about perfected. T. W. Woodrow, of Kansas City, was elected president; H. W. Henderson, of Lawrence, vice-president; A. Markley, Topeka, second vice-president: F. E. Mil-T. S. Russell writes: "The Englewood ler, Topeka, secretary, and Oscar G. Spiritual Union will hold a special an-Richards treasurer. Directors, C. B. Hoffman, Enterprise; Jno D. Haskell, Abilene; Judge Tucker, Wichita; Mrs. Bessie Bellman, Horton; Mrs. M. E. Rupright, Topeka; H. W. Gates, Rosedale, and Theodore P. Walton, Harveyville.

The object of this organization is to get the state of Kansas more thoroughly organized for Spiritual work. With Rev. T. W. Woodrow at the head and a number of able and efficient

workers as officers, scattered throughout the state, we hope to move on vic-Wilkins, formerly of Greenfield, Mass. toriously in the battle for truth. Henrietta Straub writes: "After read-It is the intention of this association ing Mr. Dawbarn's' good words about to send out missionaries to organize Mr. Tuttle's 'Arcana of Spiritualism,' I | local societies, each of which will send give up, as unnecessary, the intention one delegate or more to, the annual to express my modest opinion about meeting of the State Association which will be held at Topeka- during the month of February. During the coming winter there will

be held what is called a mid-winter meeting at Topeka, during February, at which meeting it is hoped there will be a large gathering from all over the state and elsewhere. Especially is it desired that the officers and trustees of this association meet here then. There will be many good speakers

and mediums here. A good program for each day will be had. An excellent time is anticipated. This is but the beginning of our annual mid-winter meetings, which we hope to see grow into something grand and good for Spiritual-

ism. The Church of Spiritualism of this place is making arrangements to obtain Unity church in which to hold meetings until a Spiritualist Temple is erected here, which we hope will not be long. Topeka is the home of hundreds of Spiritualists, and they badly need a place which they can call their own and where they can meet to be educated in the beautiful truths and grand philosholy cause. The dedicatorial lecture ophy of Spiritualism. A move is being was delivered by Mrs. Marian Carpen- made in that direction and we long to



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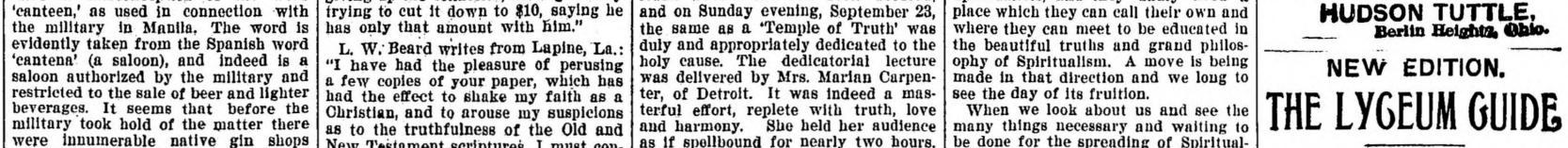
Formation of Circles and Cultivation of Mediumship

with every instrument. Many who were not sware of their mediumistic gift, have, after a few cittings, been able to receive delightful messages. A volume might be filted with commendatory letters. Many who began with it as an amusing toy, found that the intelligence controlling it knew more than them-selves, and became converts to Spiritualism. Capt. D. B. Edwards, Orient, N. Y., writes: "I had communications (by the Paychograph) from many

communications (by the Psychograph) from many other friends, even from old settlers whose grave. stones are moss grown in the old yard. They have been highly satisfactory, and proved to me that Spiritualism is indeed true, and the communications have

given my heart the greatest comfort in the severest loss I have had of son, daughter, and their mother." Dr. Eugene Growell, whose writings have made his name familiar to those interested in psychic matters, writes as follows: "I am much pleased with the Psy-chograph. It is not interested in psychic matters. chograph. It is very simple in principle and construc-tion, and I am sure must be far more sensitive to spir-itual power than the one now in use. I believe it will generally supersede the latter when its superior merits become known."

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eternity."

The Spiritual Research will hold meetings every Wednesday at Van Buren Opera House, Hall B, corner of Madison street and California avenue. Beginning at 2 o'clock. Also will give a musical and literary social the afternoon of Thursday, October 11. All are invited to come and bring their lunch. Coffee will be served from 6 to 7 o'clock. The evening will be spent in a social time and card playing.

The Gazette of Chillicothe, O., says: "A very peculiar story has developed since the inquest of Miss Brown was held in the Probate Court. It appears Miss Brown attended the teachers' institute held in this city some time ago, and there met a Prof. Spade who claimed to be soliciting pupils for his school in Lebauon, Ohio. Prof. Spade called on her while she was staying at the home of her sister, and talked Spirour Spiritualistic performances. Berefused.

The St. Louis Star-Sayings says: "Her obstinacy in adhering to Christian Science doctrines in the face of severe illness is said to have caused the death

following to a most excellent and faith- | business meeting on Friday, September ful worker: "Missionary Commission, 21, when the following named persons Michigan State Spiritual Association. were elected as officers for the ensuing Know ye that reposing special confi- year: President, F. M. Martin; vicedence in the integrity and ability of president, W. H. Shattuck; secretary, Nellie S. Baade, of Detroit, Mich., said Mrs. R. Baird; treasurer, Geo. H. Arnassociation has commissioned her as old; directors, F. M. Martin, W. H. missionary of the gospel of Spiritualism. Shattuck, Mrs. Baird, Geo. Methe. Mrs. to execute and fulfill the duties of said Geo. Methe, R. B. Belden and Mrs. office, to organize societies, reorganize Sarah J. Kimball. Having served this some that for various reasons have not society during the month of September. been holding meetings for some time, and thus having become well acquaintand also arrange for spiritual meetings | ed with the officers and members. I feel in any part of the state, upon the most i well assured that the society is desreasonable terms. Anyone desirous of tined to do a good work for our cause securing her services can do so by ad- in this community. I find very good dressing her at 411 13th street, Detroit. | workers for our cause in this city, but As Mrs. Baade is an ordained minister, if there are any who deserve special she has the right to solemnize marri- mention I feel they should be Mr. F. M. ages, bury the dead and do everything Martin, the incoming president, and that pertains to the gospel of Spiritual- Mr. W. H. Tucker, the ex-president. ism, and we hope Spiritualists from all Mr. Martin is to my mind one man in parts of the state will endeavor to avail a thousand. He is ever ready to supthemselves of the opportunity to organ- port our cause with tongue, pen, or ize and rebuild and work for time and pocket-book. I only wish we had a

million such men in the United States: then Spiritualism would be properly ap-Martin could as well be said of Mr. Tucker; he is justly proud in having amounting to \$1,602.25, and that he has been a Spiritualist for forty years, and in his possession as assets a number of I can believe he has ever been true to chattels, in the way of tents, etc., that that high standard that at present is have not as yet been appraised." so apparent in his life."

E. A. Doty writes from Albany, N. Y .: "We have just organized a Spiritualist Society in this city, and elected the following officers: Colonel John S. Robbins, president; James Burge, vice-president; E. A. Doty, secretary and treasurer. Mediums passing through this

city are earnestly requested to correspond with us, as we are anxious to engage first-class talent. Address me in care of Comptroller's office.

Mrs. A. M. Pennefeather writes from New Canton, Ill.: "Mr. Ward is going to follow the directions of his guides for itualism to her and went through vari- development for the next few months. which will render him able to present fore Prof Spade left the city she prom- this great truth to the whole world. ised to go to Lebanon as soon as her | There is great improvement in the muschool term had ended. Since that time | sic, and the guides say when perfected. terious influence' from numerous rope it seems her mind has become affected | they can play any and all kinds of mubonds." on the subject of religion. Wednesday | sic in the light. Won't this be wondershe kept up a continual call for Profes- ful? Voices have already been heard sor Spade, saying that he was the only | in the light, and there seems to be no one able to save her. If any one end to the manifestations, and it is as chanced to get near her while she was astonishing to the medium as to the sitin the cell at the city prison that night, i ters. It is truly wonderful to hear a she called to them to release her, telling spirit voice talk for an hour or more. them they would be struck dead if they | They are developing a form or phase of seeing, that will show the real spirit.

> they say; not materializing, but the genuine body. Faces and hands have already been seen."

vere innumerable native gin shops which dispensed a native drink that was much worse than poor whiskey, and was demoralizing the American soldiers to such an extent that the authorities closed all these shops and the 'regimental canteen' was established with permits issued by said authorities. am thoroughly in sympathy with the work you are doing and don't like to see any vulnerable points exposed for the opposition."

The Columbus (Ohio) Journal says: "Judge Williams on Thursday ordered that the property of the Liberal Spiritualist Camp-meeting be appraised and sold, and the proceeds applied to the payment of the debts. The action of the court was taken upon the sugges-In his report to the court, Mr. Livensof the camp at Worthington there was a quarrel among the members of the says that the association owes debts

The swindler, the cheat, the mediumistic fraud and the sleight-of-hand performer are abroad in the land, in every city. Gullible Spiritualists are deceived by them-not those with horse sense. The Galesburg (Ill.) Register says: "Prof. Joseph J. Carpenter gave an interesting entertainment at the Audi-

torium, Sunday night, which he announced in his advertisement to be a demonstration of Spiritualism or theosophy, but which many in the large audience present are saying to-day was simply an exhibition of clever prestidigitation. The professor completely mystified his spectators with various wonderful feats, among which inexplicable slate-writing was done, locked handcuffs instantly unlocked, and the professor himself freed by the 'mys-

"The latest sensation in Frankfort is the death of a highly esteemed German citizen, who, it is claimed, was forewarned of the end and was told by an worried about something of which he | eral hours of hard work that he was was reluctant to speak. After much aroused from his trance. The indispersuasion, however, he related to criminate use of the hypnotic influence

New Testament scriptures. I must confess that these antiquated writings. together with all the comments I have heard and read upon them, have not been sufficient to satisfy my mind in its search for the truth. I have been taught to believe, and have tried hard to believe that everything in them is absolutely true, and have tried to practice the precepts laid down by Jesus Christ, especially, with regard to secret prayer, and now at the age of fifty-one years I cannot cite to a single instance

in which my prayer has been granted. I know of nothing upon which I can rely with any degree of certainty. I would subscribe, for and read your paper and all the publications you offer for sale bearing upon the newly distion of the receiver, G. A. Livensperger. | covered way to peace and happiness on earth and in the spirit land, if I could perger says that when he took charge | feel assured that, they too were not a delusion and a snare." Verily, how do you expect to change your views withassociation, and that as a result there | out careful investigation. If you are was such a small attendance that the afraid you, will find a "delusion and a receipts were not sufficient to pay the snare," and in consequence will not preclated, and what I have said of Mr. running expenses. Mr. Livensperger | read and investigate, then good-by to progress on your part, we can do nothing for you. If you will, however, carefully investigate Spiritualism, you will in due course of time become a believer in its phenomena and philosophy.

> The Scranton (Pa.) Tribune says: "A young man in Richmond, Va., has been seized with a desire to shine as a hypnotist. He has been quite the most popular man in his set by reason of the entertainment he has been able to afford with his amateur efforts at making his friends do weird things. But young Mr. Cook's pepularity has suddenly waned and the people in whose parlor he was giving the amateur performance now are not at home when he sends up his card. It was all on account of a little senuce the other evening when a young man of frail physique was the subject. Mr. Cook had hypnotized him, after which he was assured that he was an athlete of fabulous strength. The subject immediately arose and 'went for' things. He tipped over the plano and then pitched

a china cabinet across the room; then The Logansport (Ind.) Journal says: he uprooted the radiator and smashed a sideboard. All this time Operator Cook was vainly endeavoring to wake up the subject, but seemed to have lost the combination. Physicians were angel at what time he would expire. | called in but with the united strength and death came as he said it would. A | of the assemblage they found it difficult few days prior to his death his family | to subdue the astonishing energy of the noticed that he appeared considerably hypnotized man. It was only after sev-

H. N. Maguire writes: "Please allow | them a dream which he had a night or | should be restrained by law. People are

as if spellbound for nearly two hours. be done for the spreading of Spiritual-As I listened upon that occasion to the | ism, and knowing well that its teachearnest, eloquent utterances of the lings are for the betterment of the huspeaker, the truth of the saying that | man race, we realize that indeed and 'like attracts like' was forcibly im- in truth the harvest is great and the pressed upon me. Mrs. Carpenter who laborers are few." Oh. that Spiritualists everywhere is the personification of goodness, would rise in their might, and do with purity and truth, certainly attracts to her aid from the bright wisdom sphere a will whatsoever their hands find to of the higher life in the Over-World, in- | do! Oh, that men and women every-

telligences of an exceedingly high and where who know of the truths of Spirholy order. She is so well known and itualism would boldly stand up for the same without fear of derision or the universally beloved in this city, that it sneers of the orthodox world. Then requires but the simple announcement would the wheel of progress roll rapidthat she is to lecture, to insure a large attendance of earnest, honest, thought- | ly on, and where ignorance now drops its sable curtain down, and disease, ful and inquiring listeners. May her sojourn in the 'land of shadows' be hunger, war and bloodshed stalk like

grim phantoms throughout the land, many, many years, that she may be permitted to complete the grand work of The light of truth and knowledge dissipating ignorance, error and super-

Would shine with undimmed ray, And drive from out our earthly land All miseries away.

LAURA B. PAYNE. Topeka, Kans.

#### When her life's cares in the mortal are o'er, when her good work is done and Real Cause of the Chinese Trouble

she is called to her reward, she will be It is said that the Americans spend greeted and welcomed by the angels of annually \$200,000,000 in propitiating heaven with joy and song, even as they their-gods and devils. I do not hesitate sang 1900 years ago around the cradle to say that the Chinese are able to do of the 'Meek and Lowly,' 'Peace on the same thing just as effectively for a much larger population for less than Nellie S. Baade writes from Detroit,

half this sum. If any doubt we China-Mich.: "Having been called to Port men ask a competitive trial. Huron to officiate at a funeral, I availed

If your missionaries can show us any

taught mathematics, astronomy and

myself of the opportunity of attending devices which would be more efficacious one of Mr. Rennick's materializing sein keeping off devils, or cheaper or ances. The spirit of Mrs. Gillchrist, more expedient in propitiating the deiwhose body had been interred in the ties by prayers than those that exist afternoon appeared to the husband and among our important people to-day, daughters in the evening at the seance. then and not till then will it be time for It was a happy reunion upon the part of you to send missionaries to China. All spirit and mortal. Other spirits were our superstitious practices are among have it. Price. cloth. 75c. recognized by their friends, and all rethe Taoists and Buddhists. The turned home satisfied that Mr. Rennick learned literary and official classes are was an honest and conscientious meall Confucians, and Confucius taught us to respect our ancestors and leave

Lyman C. Howe has been lecturing at the gods alone. Confucius teaches us Williamsport, Pa. His home address to have nothing to do with any one who for engagements is Fredonia, N. Y. pretends to have intercourse with the Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley has resupernatural. We do not believe in any angels and demons, which is so common turned to Chicago and located at her former number, 98 Thirtieth street, in all other systems, and it has often where she will be pleased to see her been said of us that because we do not friends after October 1.

stition, and disseminating good and

truth in which she is so zealously, con-

scientiously and enthusiastically en-

gaged, and to which she has so unself-

ishly dedicated and devoted her life.

earth, good will to men.'

dium."

Dr. J. M. Peebles has been engaged to system is not religion at all. When write a series of six articles, on Spiritualism, for the Free Thought Magazine. The first article will appear in the October number. The Free Thought Magazine is most excellent, and is published by H. L. Green, 213 East Indiana street, Chicago, Ill.

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T. Williams: Q. Will the promise of my guides be fulfilled, that they will be 4 able to materialize independent of the circle, and be recognized by their

A. This correspondent will succeed far better to cultivate his intuitional This correspondent will succeed faculties-spiritual perception. The circle is not essential to the appearance of spirits, although employed as an asor spirits, aithough employed as an as-sistant. Hence it may be possible for the guides to fulfill their promises, but as long as the seances are conducted for this especial purpose, and expecta-tion exacting this phase of manifesta-tion, it will not be received. The reasons for such failure have been so many times given that they need not here be repeated.

E. Johnson: Your description of the manifestations attending you indicate mediumistic power, which may be improved by proper methods. You should first inform yourself on the subject of Spiritualism by reading its literature. You will thus learn to distinguish the valuable from the inconsequential. By so doing you will be able to begin your investigations with the advantages of the experiences of those who have gone before you.

"Seeker," Kalamazoo, Mich. Q. By what right do governments own the land and deed it to individuals?

A. This is a question, the true an-Swer to which will call out severe criticism, for it will touch vested inter-ests and oppose the traditions of gener-ations. We may be better able to an-swer by inquiring the relation of the peo-ple to the land in the earliest ages. We find that it was not ab your provided ple to the land in the earliest ages. We find that it was not as now parcelled out and occupied to the exclusion of those not favored with the boughten The new-born day was passed privilege, but owned in common by the tribe, and as it was in great abundance, for the population was sparse, each in-dividual used as much as he pleased, and when not occupied it reverted to the tribe. Use was the deed of ownership, and the title was valid only during

As the tribe advanced toward nationality the rulers were quick to seize the lanus and by taxation thereon make the people slaves. Of the three imperative necessities-air, water, land-the rulers could not con

wens patrimony. The land belongs to the people of the state and should be unallenable. It follows that the improvements

made on the land belong to the laborer who makes them and hence such improvements give the right of that conbetween the server the right of that con-tinuous occupation which is called ownership. This principle is recog-nized, although by no means the in-centive of the law, in the stipulations of housestead pro-computer which between homestead pre-emption which bestows the land after a certain amount of labor has been expended thereon.

Mechanic, Savaunah, Ga.: Q. If a beam of any material-say steel-were

absolutely fastened rigidly at both ends, could any force less than break-ing, make it sag in the middle? A. The "sag" does not depend on the giving of the supporting ends of the beam, as this correspondent evidently helleves but on the moscing together. believes, but on the pressing together of the material on the upper side, and of the material on the upper side, and drawing apart of the lower. Hence, however rigid the ends are held the beam will sag, even by its own weight; in other words the elastic energy or co-hesive force of the atoms, and when this is exceeded, the beam breaks. But "Mechanic" may support his be-lief by a mathematical subtlety. A heam may be supposed to be like a line

beam may be supposed to be like a line so thin that there will be no difference between the top and bottom, and hence there can be neither drawing apart of the one, or condensation of the other. Mathematically it may be demonstrated that such an imaginary beam, whether held at the ends rigidly or not, would not "sag," nor break were the world itself placed on it.

P. L. S., Pontiac, Mich.: Q. Did all the MSS of the Bible come down to us through Catholic hands?

A. The Greek and Catholic churches were one before the political separation of the Roman Empire into the East and West. Hence the claim of the Catho-lics of having been sole custodian of the Bible, is not supported by history. Yet it was the united church, which cherished the "sacred writings," and in all the world only her priests had sufficient learning to write, read and interpret them, for more than a thousand years-from A. D. 400 to 1500. She could add to, or subtract from, change and modify at her supreme pleasure.

#### A DREAM.

I stood at the dawn of a new-born day, By the side of a beautiful stream, And I marvelled much at the scenes-

which lay, Like the threads of a wonderful dream.

laughed as the birds flew over my head.

I danced in the sands at my feet; will follow these flower-starred paths, I said.

Where the earth and sky doth meet, I wandered on with no thought of time,

The path was too lovely then, The golden hours of life were mine, With all things for my friends. I walked entranced by the beautiful

stream, Its music was sweet to hear;

sang my songs, and dreamed my dreams, And joy was always near.

At last I came where the flowers died,

And the hot sands scorched my feet; No beauty lay by the river side. Where the storms and tides doth

and gone.

No golden hours were mine; But the shadows of night were settling

down O'er the banks of the river of time.

backward gaze o'er that flower starred path.

As I wait for another day, And I fancy-sometimes-I can hear the songs,

Of the birds that flew away. And I feel my happy dreams were sent,

# ---- MILLILA FAUM

whether contained in the sacred books of India and China, or found in the Bibles of Jews and Christians, have been inspired. The mediums of our day, the visionaries of Egypt, Greece, and Rome, the prophets known to Jewish bistory the apostlag and evangelists history, the apostles and evangelists, The result was that he aprived at a and lastly the Christian martyrs, have complete understanding of many proball been inspired people. Plato received lems and mysteries, and through inhis first inspired people. Finto received lens and mysteries, and through in-his first inspiration on the summit of spiration he succeeded in making an in-strument whereby he was enabled to Arabia, Confuctus on the Asiatic eleva-tions and Lower the Confuction with the spirit world by means of a species Arabia, Confucius on the Aslatic eleva-tions, and Jesus, the Christ, in tears and prayers, on the Mount of Olives,

According to Pythagoras, inspiration brated sculptor and architect of the Roman school, in speaking of his works, WHICH COMES FROM SPIRITS, which he attributed to inspiration, said

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not create his verse, nor the prophet his hours of study. Frederic Schiller, not create his verse, nor the prophet his hours of study, predere schnier, predict events, if they were not in-spired; they must enter into a superior state or condition where their intellectual horizon is widened and illuminated by a higher light (Plato, "Dialogues Io and Meno"). Anaxagoras, 500-428 B. C.,

maintains that inspiration is the work The Rev. Stainton Moses, who utilized of spirits. According to Homer, in-spiration comes from heaven. Cleero calls it the divine breath, which per-meates all spiritual life. We have St. Matthew (x. 20) quoting Jesus, who rational truth, and wrote without any

Matthew (x. 20) quoting Jesus, who says to his apostles: "For it is not ye who speak but the spirit of your Father that speaketh in you." In St. Mark, "Be not anxious beforehand what ye shall speak but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour that speak ye, for it is not ye that speak but the Holy Ghost," and according to St. Luke, yeas again observes: "Be not anxious what ye shall answer or say, for the Holy Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what ye ought to say." In Psalm cxviii, is found: "Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God whose good

will, for thou art my God whose good spirit will lead me in the right way." Homer says (Iliad., xii. 228): "Prophets and seers are GOD'S REPRESENTATIVES.

is a suggestion

they are the passive instruments for the Divine Will." In the dialogue of I o and Meno by Plato we have, "it is not the seers, prophets, or poets who speak, but God speaking through them." This is the passon they are considered as saints

the reason they are considered as saints or the instruments of a higher power,

because they do not know or realize what they say; in other words, all noble inspiration, all exalted and original thought evidently emanate from a superior world composed of invisible in-telligences, viz., the world of spirits. The heavens vivify the earth, and we find that fact exemplified in the lives of all the great poets, musicians, and other vellous discoveries, were all born in the moments of inspiration,

Schiller, Dante, Mickiswicz, Puchkine, Heine, and many others WROTE UNDER INSPIRATION. Blake even affirmed that he had written some poetry through the spirit of Milton and frankly avowed that all he obtained had been inspired. Haydn, Mozarit, Rossini, Beethoven, Chopin and Richard Wagner composed under the same influence. the same influence. Frederic Chopin had startling visions and wrote his finest compositions, such as his Funeral March and Nocturnes, in complete darkness. In his biography, written in the Polish language, is found an admiral description of the way he composed in this obscurity. The visions he frequently saw sometimes terrified him to such an extent that he would fight the principal element found is mys-ticism and splrituality. This is not only expressed in the words of "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser," the "Flying Dutchman," and "Parsifal," but one also feels it

some interesting things regarding Sir **OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES** It is in the sacred books came to the despairing couplusion that it was foolish on his opposibilities; impossibilities; William Crookes, who is quoted with so much gusto by Mr. Hull. Rev. Mr. Hull, on resuming, traversed

religious controversy. (Laughter.) He then went on to explain that spiritual philosophy and the philosophy of Spiritualism were very different things. He had made it quite clear to his audience in the Queen's Hall that he was quoting from Ingersoll in telling the anecdote mentioned; he did not try to take the credit of it. He defied anybody to point to one occasion on which he had ridiculed the Bible. He had said the Bible was a mass of tracts, and so t was. The Roman Catholic Bible conains more of these tracts than the Protestant Bible. There was some good in all these so-called sacred writings. God had not left himself without a witness in every land. There were other Bibles besides the Bible of the Christians. The Bible was not inspired. God could not inspire a book, but the people that wrote it may have been inspired. No creed in the world is the truth to the exclusion of all others. He defied anyone to stand up in the audience and declare that there were no errors in the Bible.

Alluding to his opponent's criticism of the word "express," Mr. Hull said that when Mr. Baer "expressed" the nonsense he had uttered it had been "pressed" out of him. (Laughter.) Mr. Baer had published in his hand-bills that he for a student of his that he (Mr. Baer) was a student of his. 'I expect he was," said Mr. Hull. Then, after a considerable pause: "I had some mighty dull students," (Laughter.) Mr. Hull then criticised Mr. Baer for us-suming a different name, and said that he had never had occasion to change bis name.

his name. Mr. Baer then took the floor and Cleverly replied to Mr. Hull's comments. The most serious portion of his ments. The most serious portion of his concluding speech was when Mr. Baer produced a volume issued by the Spirit-ualists, and entitled "The Occult Life of Jesus Christ," He denounced this book as one of the filthiest pieces of smut that had ever issued from the press, and declared that but for the fact that it was issued under the auspices of a religious body it could not go through the United States or Canadian mails the United States or Canadian mails. This book, which he proposed to expose in the most merciless manner before the conclusion of the series of debates, was one of the chief books of Spiritualism. He then briefly outlined the con-tents of the book. The last half of the book contained a report of the Hull-Covert debate. Mr. Baer concluded by saying: "You men and women of Nanaimo ask why I do not let that of this series of debates I'll tell you. I think I have given you enough to-night to prove that there are some things to be explained. I'll explain them to you." This ended the meeting. The debate will be resumed to-night at 8 o'clock.--Nanaimo (B. C.) Free Press.

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wise called "The Admirable Doctor," on account of his prodigious scientific knowledge. We owe some ingenious observations to him on optics and the refraction of light. The discovery of the telescope and the air-pump are also attributed to him. Under

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tion with the spirit world and that unless she had she could not have accomplished the wonders she did.

Rev. Mr. Baer then took the platform and proceeded to deliver an extremely amusing criticism upon the statements of his opponent.

"At last we are here," began Mr. Baer with a smile at the audience, who which have been proved true by modern laughed. "It took us a long time to get science and invention. Here are his own words: "Bridges without arches will be here, but we are here." Mr. Baer then went on to explain that he proposed to thrown across tempestuous torrents. Man will descend into the profundities of the ocean able to breathe the necesdiscuss the pros and cons, the rights discuss the pros and cons, the rights and wrongs—especially the wrongs of Spiritualism. He was glad of the op-portunity of meeting so renowned a champion of Spiritualism as Rev. Moses Hull, for if anything happened to Spirit-ualism that night or on-any of the sub-sequent nights, there would be no one else in America who could realise the sary air. His feet will touch sands of gold which the light of day has never penetrated. He will put into action the secret forces of the sun and moon, and one man will be seen seated at the helm guiding the bark which cuts through the waves with a greater rapidity than else in America who could repair the damage. Rev. Moses Hull was the Goliath of Spiritualism in the North American continent. He then paid his if it was propelled by a host of sailors rowing with the arms. The heavily loaded vehicle will no longer be dragged compliments to Mr. Campbell, who had by panting animals; it will spring forsaid Mr. Baer had almost been whipped into line, and challenged him to proward on the road with an irresistible ward on the road with an irresistible force and great rapidity." These things, foretold so long ago, clearly announced the great inventions of our times, such as the suspension bridge, the diving bell, the steamboat, and the train. Christopher Columbus waited seven-teen years for the moment when he could embark for the discovery of the the word "cavort" in one of his letters to the press. Mr. Baef confended the word was a good English word, and could embark for the discovery of the

duoted James Whitcomb Riley and the Century Dictionary in support. "Why doesn't my respected string say 'sic' now?" cried Mr. Baer. 30 193 Mr. Hull-I do. (Laughteri) Mr. Baer then critically examined the claims of Spiritualism to bateonsidered New World. During all this time he retained an unfailing enthusiasm and confidence in what was to him an in-FROM A DIVINE SPIRIT

who would guide him in his mission and hazardous enterprise. He was treated as a visionary, and in the midst of almost insurmountable difficulties he always heard an unknown voice mur-muring in his ears: "God wishes that throughout the world-you shall be given the keys of all these unknown who would guide him in his mission and your name should gloriously resound throughout the world-you shall be given the keys of all these unknown Spiritualism not only attacks the Bible, but attacks it most villainously. "I am not talking through myshafe or wildly, ports of the ocean which are at present closed by powerful chains." The dis-covery of America was also predicted by Cicero in the following terms: "At the other side of the ocean, after many conturies a country met and the about not taking intrough my nuw or windy, said Mr. Baer, "these are facts." The speaker then took Mr. Hull severely to task for the latter gentleman's use of the other side of the ocean, after many centuries, a country vast and rich shall be discovered. There shall a hero be found who by reason and the might of arms will deliver his country from the bondage of the oppressor" (Washing-ton). Treitheim (1462-1516), writer and theologian, was an extremely learned man. and left several works of value, such as

"Polygraphica Cabbalistica" and "Sten-GIFT OF SECOND SIGHT, and one day saw the spirit of his wife, who was dead, and whom he imme-diately recognized. His blographer de-clares that having long meditated on the hidden mysteries of Nature, he (Laughter.) He promised the audience sales.

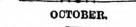
With silv'ry fringe that gilds the sails, They speed before the sweeping gales. 16.

Dark, sullen clouds go thundering by, While lightning flashes pierce the sky: Like armies on the field of war, They clash in battle's din and roar. The radiant cloudlets tint the sky-Low in the sunset's west they lie; They flush our souls with sweet sur-

prise, Like golden gleams of Paradise.

O, soul with aspirations high, No clouds can long o'ercast thy sky, For loving thoughts thy heart refine, And rest and light and peace are thine

The clouds may float, go looming by, Or dark, portentous, gloom the sky, And vell with mist the outward scene, But peace within makes all serene. JAS. C. UNDERHILL, Hammond, Ind.



("The melancholy days have comethe saddest of the year." Old memories come o'er us-

Old scenes again before us As we rake up the withered leaves i

October, And our hopes float down the river Like the years now gone forever As we rake up the withered leaves in October.

There's a bliss the young heart craves, But hearts wither like the leaves And our youthful loves fall off in October."

And at length the broken heart Asks permission to depart, And it falls like the leaf in October.

Seasons come and seasons go

And each one has his May and October: But the smiles of hopeful May And the warm summer day

Are succeeded by a withering October.

Raking up the falling leaves, Filling up the open graves. Raking up! raking up 'till all is over. We are dropping one by one, And we end as we begun Hoping on! hoping on 'till "October."

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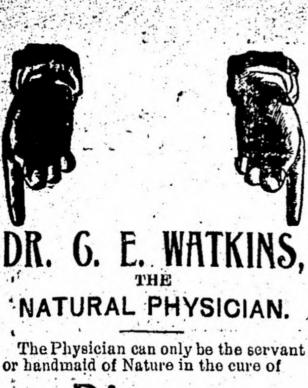
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Passed to spirit Life, at Springfield, Mo., September 16, John T. Shank, aged 70 years. Brother Shank was a model man and had the confidence and esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was a true Spiritualist and when the angel of change called him home he did not fear to go. The funeral services were conducted by Josle K. Folsom. He leaves a wife who is comforted and sustained by the unmistakable evidences the spirit world has given her. C. M. F.

Passed to spirit life, from her late residence, Port Huron, Mich., September 18, 1900, Mrs. Jennie Gillchrist, aged 50 years. She leaves a husband and two daughters who have the assurance that it is well with her soul. She beheld the spirit forms of the dear ones, and knew that because they lived she should live also.' Services conducted by Nellie S. Baade, of Detroit, Mich. COR.

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"But whatever the organizations of men may have been hitherto, or whatever they may be made to become, still each organization has been formed at its birth for each one, without . its knowledge, consent, or-control; and, to talk of its being bad or good by nature, or to make human laws to punish or | There are others, however, who do not reward artificially individuals so formed, are acts of pure insanity, and could never have been thought of and introduced into practice, except by beings who were in a state of infant process, slowly passing from an irrational mental condition toward another state. in which the seeds of rationality might be received and allowed by degrees to germinate and grow into full rationality. "The rudiments of the most valuable knowledge that man can acquire are those respecting the laws of his own formation, as far as they can be traced with accuracy and certainty. And to know that the internal organization and external character of each individual are formed for him, and that adult man, and especially men formed into a society, united to produce all practical excellence and happiness to the human race, can most materiallyinfluence the qualities of the internal organization and external character of every one, is an attainment of inestimable value to the human race; and which knowledge when it shall be farther increased by the acquirement of the sciences, to enable the adults accurately to understand all the best means by which to improve each internal organization and external character, will place the human race in the and three premium books cost only most enviable of sublunary conditions; \$2.10. The aggregate cost of the three for then man will be advanced to that state in which the adults of the race will be enabled to ensure the happiness of the rising or succeeding generations, to the termination of human existence upon the earth.

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birthday, Samuel Calhoun, from his home in Edinburg, Ohio. He had been a life-long Spiritualist. A widow, one son and four daughters are left to feel the loss of a kind husband and an indulgent father. Services conducted by Sunday Spiritualist Meetings in D. M. King. - XX.

In the passing to spirit life of B. B. Hart, of Clinton, Iowa, we deeply regret the loss from this plane, of a good friend, and an earnest worker for the cause of Spiritualism. On the 23d of September, at his home in Clinton. after a brief illness, our friend laid aside his worn-out body, and passed into the larger life of the spirit world. Mr. Hart was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Clinton. He was long and prominently identified with the Mississippi Valley Spiritualists' Association, and labored faithfully for the cause he loved, and the best interests of the association. That he will continue to work with us, and for us, with the enlarged powers, and clearer sight of the spirit we have no EMMA J. KNOWLES. doubt. Sterling, Ill.

William Holmes Dorris, aged 50 years, passed to spirit life, September 14, 1900, at his home in Lewiston. Idaho. Mr. Dorris had been a firm believer in the Spiritual philosophy for almost thirty years, and he leaves a wife and three grown children who realize he is not dead, only passed on to a higher and better life.

MRS. W. H. DORRIS.

Passed to Spirit life, from his late residence in Auburn Park, Benj. F. Troxell, aged 67 years and 6 months. The funeral services and address were by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, pastor of the Church of the Soul. The burial service was by the Masonic Brothers, Mr. Troxell being a member of that order. He and his family (wife and son) were devoted Spiritualists, members of the First Society of Spiritualists (now the Church of the Soul). He had been the Church of the Soul. He had years. Recent ill health, however, had taken him from that field of labor.

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