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THOUGHT GREATION: A STUDY OF MIND FORGES AND ENTITIES

Man Cains Higher Planes of Being by the Exercise of the Limitless Potentiality of the Essence Called Mind.

is a being, and the phenomena of thought are innumerable thinkers. A cipients of the universe; therefore, we cannot conceive of their being created individually, any more than the whole aggregation of beings and entities composing the universe. Every factor must be an individuality or unit occupying space: and who can set limitations to its primal size? External physical proportions cannot be taken as an indication of psychic power or intellithe advantage over man.

to believe that the smallest occupier of space possesses sentient life—it is even primal entity, an archetype of limitless manifestations of the essence called mind. Every sensation is, change, and nothing is motionless in the mind atmosphere of the universe.

things as "entities." The writer would prefer to call them fellow-beings of one brotherhood.

duct had been inspected by all the faculties of the mind of the actor. The but by the primitive ancestral influpool, filled with the foulness of ages; an by environment, nothing more. He is a plaything for the sentient entities composing his organism and environment, yet called man; possessing some mental powers, or the primal self could not again walk upright in the image of the uncreated self. So lately evolved from | do not. the plane of personality below man, so new and unripe in the plane of manhood, he has not awakened into his birthright from the lethe of vassalage

Man's birthright is the power to use man may have taken? his environment and thereby become a law unto himself. This he has been doing, both unconsciously and consciousever ascending the stairway of progress, strument and environment. They are in on land and sea.

ality of the essence called mind. muck in which its roots are imbedded.

realized step or plane of being.

Each succeeding step upward in mind activity and expression demands its if possible, their elimination is desirakey-note to man's constant emancipation from that which is useless and only encumbers him in his efforts to reach | mental activity? all that is more holy and divine.

For man to feel, smell, taste, hear and see external forces and their effects is essential for the physiological functions of the corresponding organs. They are the prominent avenues of an instrument or body composed of an aggregation of sentient entities responsive to internal as well as external influences.

. All the functions of the organism are carried on by the receiving and sending brain, one of many essential organs, does not differ from other organs of the body in its physiological and psychotient forces or entitles to perform its

In the process of subconscious and conscious thinking, internal and external bodily entities are actively set in motion and sent out on their mission and this expenditure is called "lost vifality"-another name for the expenditure of mind-stuff stored in the body. The writer is constrained to think

that in a final analysis of a personality of a being or of an entity on this dense plane of organisms there would be found entitles homogeneous in type and complexity. In their aggregation they make up the various elements of this planet. As you trace manifestations of life from man's outer complex organism down through the lesser forms of life you will find the outer form less complex so far as an aggregation of personality is concerned, but not as an uncreated entity. The primal type is complex, but is not at all times manifested or fully expressed in a personality on this physical plane. An entity encased in a personality called a seed is not expressing its complexity on this denser, plane of life, yet in the ethereal plane of being-ness the complexity of plant or tree is observed. The seed is a manifestation, and the ethereal plant or tree is the expression of an entity on that

The reader has doubtless some idea of etable structures and animal tissues-

particular mind plane, for a time.

phenomena of higher phases of life. These countless entities or beings are sitive mortals in all lands.

Clairvoyant investigation has led us cautions as to how we measure the create just what they wish to banish. mental powers of other entitles and beings that are smaller in the scale of physical proportions than we.

We regard the brain as so many psychic notes—each a personality and an individuality—that also have servitors over which they preside. This state-The being called man has in the past | ment is no new thought, as everywhere most of man's attention, in nature this law is observed—each one Plung'd in a gulf of dark despair, which accounts for so much presump- | a miniature archetype of the spirit that | tion of greatness on his part as he has utilized them in its creation of a Without one cheering beam of hope. views or contemplates other living personality and the carrying on of the functions of its organism.

The reader may draw the inference that there are only two spirit forces, one In this great universal theater of representing man and the other the mind activity man finds himself at once | entities constituting the elements of the a factor and an actor. Viewed from earth. This would be misleading, as Lord, and is thine anger gone one standpoint, he is a thinking auto- | there are spirit entities of all gradations | maton. He cannot prevent sensations of sizes below that of man's stature in After all that I have done from his environment; they create de the ethereal world above us. Mystics sire; nay, more, the very thoughts and have written of elemental, elementary, Loathsome, and vile, and self-abhorr'd. ideas can be thrust upon the brain of and "sephiroth" entities, and in folkthis automaton and he acts as if his con- lore we have faries, nixes, pixes, kobolds, banshees, nymphs, sylphs, salamanders, etc. How scientific it would A hymn recounting the sins of manthey can connect another fact to the one

> progress, or will they evolve through those where victory was won? the various planes along the journey | Throughout the entire history of war-

placed on the next newly attained and | who has willed the sentient forces into | creators.

quite as intelligent in their conduct as crowned queen, the pole, the frolicking own thought conditions; hence the ne- those whom they serve. Why should children with ribbons in hand, the green cessity of nonattachment to the things it not be possible for them to imitate landscape and forest trees—as pretty a of the lower physical mind plane; and, man? Why not learn of them who con-scene as you could wish to landscape. struct the beautiful stem, leaf, flower If you think of the Brook n Bridge, ble. To accomplish this, eternal vigi- and fruit, and on every hand entertain the whole structure stands hafore you- A Letter From Topeka, Kansas. greatest, possibly the greatest, evils of lance for a time is essential. It is the him with numberless creations? What with the passing cars, teams, and pedes has man done to create the beautiful trians-while the water below is being | The Progressive Thinker. It has come and useful, suitable to his plane of plowed by passing boats. In every de-

The personality of man does not history. afford sufficient material for the creations of his spirit; therefore, man com- river, mountain, or any other object mands countless similar forces in his about which you know nothing, and if environment enough it would seem to his power of concentration is fairly make a world, at least to make objec- good you will be able to describe the tive all his mental world: yea, more, all object or scene thought of-by seeing his uncreated spirit has ever realized or the objective, ethereal creation—a dupliconceived is made objective. Its con- cate of the actual. sciousness has objectivity; and the I will to have a merry-go-round. The same is true of all entities. Thinking scene is at once complete, and at my out of the sentient material in the op- is the formulation of consciousness into own volition I stop it and start the eration of the body or instrument. The a definite direction, and thought is the structure with its merry freight. product; an idea made manifest; a creation for a definite purpose.

logical use of external and internal sen- lobjective (made so by the sentient enness, never more would he set the servitors of man) and picture with ac- drunken revel in operation-so realcuracy the things thought of, which in listic, so powerful is it for lasting harm. fact are living things of force and power. They live as long as they are and will do in the not distant future men and women of Kansas who have able condition. Here is the origin of a energized by the mind or minds of men. stands objective in the ethereal plane, They are of an individual as well as a demonstrating that Nature has no secollective creation. Judging from the crets, and that man writes his own names are sometimes applied to them, readiness with which the sentient ma- book of life. No two persons have but the reward will be for them who terial becomes a living creation repre-thought alike; therefore, no two look senting a thought in all its details, and alike. The countless entities have also from the persistence with which varied in their expressions of activity; thought creations attend their master hence the great majority of forms, exand companion, it would seem that pressing their efforts on the various civilization had contributed to their per- mind planes of expression—as obmanent existence and sustenance.

The reader may have understood that these doers, these objectifiers of in a pink-seed has its creation, and if thought, that weave the living picture you will read its objective language in a beer-keg with legs on it, for an officer, of the things thought in actual reality the ethereal life plane you will see a lif they thought that it would help their thus created by thousands. Morphine more general and marked, culminating they likewise will sooner or later be are all small sentient things; if so, the stem, leaves, and a flower. You need | party out. I hope the people will soon picture, the reality, would be incom- not wait for the development of the plete without all the actors in the real- pink by the aid of soil, light, air, etc., istic creation. In the ethereal plane to know the color of its blossom. Here that environs us are our astral bodies we have the key to all future predicand spirits of all-ages and sizes, which tions. also are to be counted on to make all The entity encased in a pink-seed can They are partners and patrons of the flower, as can the spirit of man encased thought or theme energized.

be divided into two classes: (1) those or man's personality, may be unconexpressing all that is good in life, and scious of the future manifestations. (2) those expressing error. The latter they nevertheless exist already in the should be no part of our language and more ethereal mind plane. The ethereal But one step at a time friends. should be erased from it. Whenever a objective prophecy may exist for years the living substances that make up veg- | word expressing error is uttered by man | before manifesting in a denser personit becomes flesh and blood to do with ality, or in thought and action, on this mentioned in The Progressive Thinker, the same elements, in different propor- might its mission of confusion. Every mind plane. tions, of which water is most abun word expressing a thought carries with Man has found out that in his ethereal lift us higher. We are endeavoring to smallest degree from enormous, admit telligence is untenable; but nevertheless dant. As already stated, there are pri- it all the associations that men's minds environment he can command the in- do all we can to make it a success. mal entities from which all differentia- in ages past and at the present time finity of sentient servitors to weave

Back of the phenomenon of thought | their activity or vibration express their | No sermon or song should contain one personality and affinity by the forma- word uttering the weakness or the error tion of what we term elements of the of man; for their life and energy are being and an entity are factors and re- earth, and they in turn enter into all the only re-enforced, re-energized, to do more harmful work as they impress sen-

each a dynamic center of conscious- Every sermon or hymn intermingled ness-therefore fit or competent servi- with the thoughts of the alleged detors for the spirit of man. How could pravity of man cannot accomplish good, it well be otherwise? They constitute as the lower spirit forces are energized the structure of the organ called the by the thoughts, and have possession of brain, an instrument on which the the audience-hence the forces that go spirit of man operates to make the phe- out to the world. So long as the minnomenon of thought known on this isters preach that man is a "poor worm gence; if so, many animals would have plane of life. Man is smaller than the of the dust," and select hymns in which elephant or whale, and we must be very the depravity of man is depicted, they

The following verses and lines from familiar hymns will better indicate my meaning:

How vain are all things here below, How false, and yet how fair! Each pleasure hath its poison too, And every sweet a snare.

We wretched sinners lay, Or spark of glimm'ring day.

Wretched, helpless, and distrest, Ah! whither shall I fly! Ever gasping after rest, I cannot find it nigh.

And art thou pacified? Dost thou no longer chide:

I sink beneath my sin. Ye slaves of sin and hell.

human automaton is not only affected be to have these countless entities his unworthiness, his abject begging by the seemingly present environment, properly classified and named! But, annuls whatever good sentiments may alas! the so-called scientific educators' be found in the hymn. The singing of ences of mind, simply a stagnant mind- mission in life is to throw stones at such songs sets in motion a heavy mind progress; therefore, we have to get stuff dark in color, reminding one of unkempt garden of which the owner is along without their "O. K." for a few soft coal dust or black smoke with here asleep or in ruins, or a thing hypnotized | hundred years to come. Sometime the and there some varying shades of gray: so-called scientist may know that spirit not much better creation of forces than beings are about us. They have been so one would expect in a bawdy dancelong trying to learn that simple fact, we house. In this atmosphere human spirits congenial mind environment.

> they are ever about to discover but The question arises: Will these num- feets and weaknesses to inspire them to after. berless entitles always remain servitors heroic deeds? Would he recount the of man in the different spirit planes of battles lost by his ancestors, or only

The reader will please pardon our di- ture has ever spurred men on to victory gression from the subject of man's mar- and conquest-national bymns recount-

ing by the exercise of limitless notenti- that a person sends out at all times, but the time, as you or I. So easily created, In ascending the potential stairway of speaking. They accompany a written has, constantly around him objective man's personality is in a physical plane | letter or an article of apparel wherever | thought-creations, especially of those of lower mind activity; but his spirit is sent in such profusion that one would they are most interested in each day. not of it, any more than the white pond- think the paper or goods to be actually The body of man and its ethereal enlily's blossom is of the dark, slimy made up of the owner's mind stuff. | vironment are a more realistic picture- | give as freely as you have received. We are all familiar with the fact that producer than the cinematograph; for Man needs one foot firmly planted on | "like attracts like;" therefore, by the the spirit of man sends them out as the top step of the upward stairway of servitors of a person (or mind stuff) you living entities, and they remain alive as

The instant you think of a May Queen These servitors of man seem to be the whole scene is in operation—the tail the living structure gives its

Have some person think of a lake,

If a minister could see for one minute the spirit forces be collects and sets in All thoughts on this mind plane are living action when he describes drunkserved on everyhand.

Even the little psychic entity encased

in a body its future manifestations or Words used to express thoughts can conduct. While the stalk and leaves,

tion of elements is made up. They in have ascribed to or associated with it. themselves into any structure or view | Topeka, Kansak

he has ever seen, and reproduce them in every detail. He can at will have flowing rivers, beautiful lakes, or the grandeur of Niagara Falls. A world is not too big to create and view if the horizon of your mind is large enough to

We already know that man can make objective creations in the ethereal plane, and ere long some one will demonstrate that they can be more densely materialized, so that all can view the creation on this plane. Then man will have awakened from his sleep of ages and shaken off the lethe of environment to the most patent power in the Universe-his creative will. ALCINOUS.

WHERE ARE YOU?

A Call to Mediums, for Their Good.

It is to be supposed that mediums everywhere take and read The Progress- license physicians and surgeons, to punive Thinker. This being the case all ish all people violating the provisions of must have read the article headed "Sug- this act and to repeal all laws in conflict what he said I will add this: There is a branch of the Universal Life Tide—of gestive," in the issue of Feb. 9. Now | therewith and declaring an emergency, the question is: Where are they? Many approved April 10, 1890.' and such kind letters as they have prevent the practice of the art of healbeen full of conviction and good cheer. | ing by the graduates of a new school of All have expressed their firm belief that practitioners known as 'osteopaths,' an association of mediums would result | who do not prescribe medicines to be in great good, and all have expressed in taken into the stomach, and to prevent the kindlest manner their willingness | the use of the title of 'doctor' by memto help push forward the work. All bers of this school. It is objected to by indrawing of the vitalizing gases for well to define what the Soul Communthat is needed is numbers sufficient to !

I have not even a pet theory to advance, into law of these provisions would be an neither do I in the least desire personal | unwarranted interference with the conadvancement in any way. My sole ob- stitutional right of the citizen to teach lect is to benefit those who are capable and proclaim truths regarded as of the of receiving messages from the spirit utmost importance to the well-being of world, and to promote the cause of society. Such vital truths the gradutruth and justice we call Spiritualism. ates of this new school claim to be in that such a society as suggested would | tiate by the most convincing proofs. result in great good, and I am assured | They argue that if their faith is foundthat many spirit friends' are deeply de ed upon a fallacy or a falsehood that it sirous of bringing it about. Not one must shortly fall of its own inherent

of us has the whole truth. Associating | weakness, and ask merely a trial that with each other we shall grow strong- their theories may be subjected to the er, clearer-sighted, broad-minded and more charitable. No one can in a right | lievers in free government can only respirit help another without helping ply that if it can be shown that their fear this old earth will dissolve before belonging to a low mind plane find a himself. There is nothing in this world | teachings are not inimical to the public like love and kindness. It is sunshine Who ever heard of a general com- to the soul, and means growth, strength; opportunity to announce their discovmanding an army recount the men's de- | beauty and happiness here and here-Where are you? Are you busy? Nev-

er get too busy to help along in a good cause. Are you tired? Many tired eyes | progressive, and new truths have al. | derstanding of which has led to such | ary system, sovereign and independent; are wet with tears, and many tired ways risen from without the specially grossly erroneous convictions, has so throughout his own special life radius, fare martial music of a triumphant na- hands lie empty, and dejected. Let the favored circles of recognized belief. tired eyes brighten in a clearer light, Always it has been decried and perseand the tired hands grasp another's in cuted. Galileo recanted, it is true, but velously intelligent servitors that con- ing the triumph and glory of armies of friendly sympathy. Are you burdened the truth he taught still lives. Luther, ly, in expressing his potentiality. Thus stitute his temporary organism or in- all the wars the people were engaged with cares and pinched, by poverty? the poor and friendless monk of Erfurt. Find another worse off than yourself- launched a truth upon the world and the step man is on is environment, fer | constantly being sent out and constitute | Some brief illustrations will serve to | you can-and in cheering him or her | thrones and dynasties still totter with ready to use or serve him; the step the material that makes human make plain what is meant by thought | you will lighten your own burden and the resulting conflict. Harvey, the disabove is reached by his creative power, thought-aura possible. They are the creations - so wonderfully realistic. cheer yourself. Are you sad and dis- coverer of the circulation of the blood, and so on gaining higher planes of be- conveyors of magnetism, or the force They are as alive for couraged? Extend the hand of true was denounced and decried with utmost sympathy and find courage and joy. especially when thinking or in the effort so potent for good or ill, every person They will come. Are you walking in Jenner, the originator of vaccination, the light? Reflect it. Have you found was regarded as little better than peace and joy? Tell some troubled soul how you found it. Have you found some priceless gems? Don't be stingy, Let us be friendly, real friendly. Are we not children of one family? Let us talk our family affairs over tohis journey, before the other foot is can judge the mental plane of the one long as energized by their creator, or gether. Says a voice from one unseen, In the name of truth we call thee, come to the gathering come; in the name of love we call thee come to the progress.

gathering, come?" Will you come? MRS. I. L. LEWIS. Bethel, Vermont,

regularly to my home for the last seven | jails, our hospitals and our prisons are | philosophy, by me termed in a late ar- visit every week. The article in your years, and, as a Spiritualist, and me- filled with a crowd of degenerates who licle in The Progressive Thinker, Mon- last issue regarding the coming Pandium, I appreciate the valuable contri- form only a part of the ever increasing otherstic Spiritualism, or God worship, American Exposition was fine, and its butions of thought. It has many ele army of unfortunates, infirm of will vating and inspiring articles, which to and purpose, threatening by their weak- istic Spiritualism, or the rendering of most progressive man in the world is me are as good as gold; yes, ar better. ness and consequent criminality the homage to individual spirits. One, mag- the one who always wants something But the gold sometimes becomes mixed with sand, especially in the recent at-

lawlessness. already borne its good fruit. The Legisstood firmly up for the temperance frightful evil. cause. Mrs. Nation included. Hard have earned it.

You state in your last issue that it is better to endure an evil that cannot be tion of future drunkards. legally suppressed. Very true, but we know that it can be legally suppressed | bluest blood and the highest attainas well as any other evil. I think the ments are guilty of poisoning the versal or Whole World Soul Commun- Blue-Nose element is not all dead yet, difficulty we are in now is largely due springs of life. The contents of to party strife. Some people are so drugstore are perhaps more dangerous | ized universality of spirit among the in- | and, like the gruesome insects that loyal to party that they would vote for to the future well-being of the race than dividual observers and cultivators, such scramble to hide from the daylight realize the necessity of fleaving party forth their natural fruit even to the hood. But to see and understand this their foolish doctrines and take up more for the sake of principle.

I have been a resident of this city for | scendants. twenty-eight years, and have seen it with its license law and with its prohibitory law, but I will say to my and lament the ever increasing demand thoughts of this life real and objective, send forth its prophecy of beauty of brothers and sisters in other States, for narcotics and intoxicants. The wise gence manifesting through, above and wives. To think that this earth is the work for prohibition. It is far better among them do not themselves partake. inclusive of all the finite expressions of only inhabited planet in the universe is than the legalized saloon. Nothing is Everybody knows that the lawyer who intelligence—in which is potentially and absurd. more cold and cruel in my estimation. pleads his own case has a fool for a infinitely involved all force, all sensa-Government dispensaries for mechanical and medical purposes would be | ing in proof of the opinion that the | gument is retorted, "The finite cannot better than leaving it to the drug stores. 'physician who takes his own pills or the know of the Infinite," I will admit its

> feast, expecting the persons already hence and be here no more. and many others, which we know will MRS. HELEND D. JOHNSON.

HOT SHOTS.

ernor of Washington.

VETOES THE BROWN BILL IN A RACE-DRUGSTORES ARE PER-HUMANITY THAN THE SALOONS. Olympia, Wash., Feb. 15.-Governor Rogers sent to the house to-day a veto message that will create a sensation and probably a whirlwind of protest among the medical fraternity. He ve-

toed the bill introduced by Representative Brown, of Spokane county, who is a physician. His message follows: "I herewith return without my ap-proval house bill No. 101, entitled 'An act to amend an act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery and to

growing class of our best and most in-Personally I have no "ax to grind." | telligent citizens that the enactment There seems to be a deep conviction possession of and to be able to substanmost searching tests. To this the bewelfare they should not be denied the

eries. "We cannot suppose that all of truth has yet become known or that wisdom will die with us. Truth is eternal and bitterness by the medical fraternity. criminal by orthodox physicians of his stature of the messiah. The divine hour in which they will divest their

"Indeed it is undeniably true that the practice of medicine and the art of healing has advanced only by the innovations of those who were looked upon with extremest disfavor by members of the regular schools. Truth is mighty and will prevail. God forbid that we of Washington should attempt to stay its

EVIL USE OF DRUGS.

"The word 'doctor' means, primarily a teacher, in the dictionary; it should mean that in practice. One of the our time is the indiscriminate use of I have many kind words to say for drugs, narcotics, intoxicants. It threat- many forms of expression, a trend of ens the ruin of the race. Already our | thought in the direction of monistic | The Progressive Thinker, make me a

very existence of civilization itself. tacks on the people of Kansas for their of this horde of 'ne'er do wells,' is world of spiritual monism, or the sys- in influencing the officers of the Expofound in the abuse of powerful agents tem of thought which resolves the uni- sition to throw open their doors on Sun-Friends, don't get alarmed! There is sold by the druggists and prescribed by verse of mind and matter into one di- day, not to celebrate the day that the something good cropping out all the physicians. No license protects or can time. This little disturbance you have protect us from this fruitful source of time is not distant when the great religion a grand success. When the Govheard of, is neither war nor riot; it is moral and social ill. The physician of lons of the east and west will unite ernment owns the railroads, the fares simply arousing sentiment, and placing the regular school called to prescribe people on their feet for action. It has must prescribe. Some drug must be administered. Possibly it may be harmlature now in session promptly enacted less. Usually in cases not really needa clause to the prohibitory law, which ling medication it is an alcoholic stimuwill help us out, as we always meant it | lant intended to make the patient 'feel | ing into unity of spirit all the varying | There are thousands of people who do should. Each twine in the rope makes better for the time or a narcotic to What you have done and are doing it stronger. Thanks to all the sturdy deaden sensation and soothe an excit-

> that far off time they had discovered that tippling mothers meant the produc-

"And yet in our day physicians of the

"Thus a great evil threatens us: druggists and physicians know its source client and object lessons are not want- | tion, all sensibility. If the old-era arsaloon-keeper who drinks his own whis- conclusiveness-for those using it-on They might be rightly termed living We are now preparing for a Spiritual ky will shortly heed an urgent call to go their planes of consciousness; but they

teacher or doctor."

COMMUNION.

Health Culture, Breath and Soul Culture.

To the Editor:-I have just read an SCORCHING MESSAGE - DRUGS | Associated press dispatch announcing initial year of a new century passes ARE EVIL-GIVE THE OSTEOPA.

"Chicago's latest religious organization," under the name of the "Auto Life architectural pile, its magnificent proposition," under the name of the "Auto Life architectural pile, its magnificent proposition," where the name of the "Auto Life architectural pile, its magnificent propositions equal to accommodating the RACE—DRUGSTORES ARE PER-character and purpose, as set forth in spiritual necessities of all the race, the dispatch, I am led to believe it is an will be unfolded to the spiritual vision attempt to institutionalize Whole World Soul Communion—as impossible of accomplishment as an attempt to pen in all sunlight. "Silent worship (soul communion) is its chief characterization," says the dispatch. It is a reaching out | Power in Evolution that works through in the right direction.

breathing." In a late issue of The Pro- nominated, who are coming into living gressive Thinker the Seer of Berlin consciousness of the truth that as hu-Heights, answering the question of an man beings they are but time-beats in great difference between deep inbreath- that Infinite Intelligence, that ing for physical benefit and deep in- "God who holds all in his loving embreathing for spiritual benefit. As a spiritual exercise and for spiritual development the inbreathing must be under the soul communion influence. Up into and consciously become a part Then the essences of life are indrawn of the Universal Life. for soul assimilation, analogously to the To avoid confusion in thought it is them and by a large and apparently physical benefits—the alternating respi- louist means by the word soul. The rations throwing out the effete or inhar- name adopted is nothing; but what is monious elements as the new-life ele- meant by the name is essential. Soul ments are inbreathed. But these pre- | always means, when used in connection clous life essences are only at the com- with soul communion, the innermost mand of such as are resurrected out of life principle, the central and static or the fleshly consciousness—they are not fixed involution of power from which is responsive to aspirations dominated by | radiated the vitality and moving energy the material forces and influences, the that imparts life and activity to all the animal desires and appetites.

Physical healers there are, under many | typal illustration is the sun as the cennames, some sacrilegiously calling ter of the solar system. Though the themselves, or their cults, "holy." Soul healers there have been, and will be mer concludes, around a more distant again-may be now among us-but the | center, as the planets revolve around it, difference between the two is the differ- it is fixed in its relation to those planence between heaven and earth. True ets, which derive their life and energy Soul Communionists will never advertise from it. Thus they are all in the life to graduate others into adeptship or of the sun; its life is to them the primal heal diseases for a pecuniary considera- sustaining power, the all-in-all. So the tion, as do the earthly doctors; nor will | sun is primary; the planets are derivathey be ambitious for personal fame or | tive. The suspension of its radial ennotoriety. They do not serve mammon; | ergy as the center from which all draw he serves them.

Here the impressional mind may annihilation, total extinguishment. catch inflowing thoughts explanatory of | When soul-centered in consciousness, the mediatorial principle, the misun- the individual is a microcosmic planetappallingly bigoted religious thought | yet ever sustained and strengthened There are messiahs; all peoples have from a more potential center, to which had them; the race would perish with- he is vitally linked as are the planetary out them; and in this world and all bodies to the sun. In soul communion worlds the most divine of them has ever | we involve power from higher life been the life center, the parent fount of | states. inspiration, for all the others. All beings and all creations are in the Uni- | cles, or such of the members as are versal Will, the Life of God-saint and | ready, without changing in any way the sinner alike. It is the degree in the in- order of such circles, set apart one dividual consciousness of the Will Uni- evening in each week for soul communversal, of Infinite Intelligence infinitely | ion-an hour in which they will not look manifesting, that is the measure of the for or expect external wonders—an elixir must be humanized by those an- | minds of all prejudice and preconceived swering to that function in the Life of opinions, not hoping for their own or the Whole before it can be available to others' theories of the mysteries of the the common humanity; and-however to be confirmed, but feeling the mselves the truth may be antagonized by those to be a part of the great ocean or me not ready to accept it, and however and, in profound silence, shutting out powerful intellectually such antagoniz- the outer world, invoke an inflow of ers may be—the more it is reflected light from the Universal Source. A few upon, the more it will harmonize with such sittings will surely open for them facts of external experience and obser- new channels of inspiration and give vation. This mediatorial principle them internal evidences that will cause runs through and binds all into unity.

* * * "By a law divine, All things into each other's being I also notice in the public prints, in

as contradistinguished from Polythe- authors deserve muuch praise. The azine. The Literary Digest, says "The "The nursery, the recruiting ground | recent marked growth in the western | that the appeal will have great weight vine substance," foreshadows "that the | Almighty rested, but to make the expoupon this philosophy as the basis for will be greatly reduced, and the poor a universal church"-more truly and will stand a better chance to go and definitely expressed by saying a uni- see these grand enterprises, and Spiritversal system of religious thought in ualists would also attend conventions essence or in its fundaments, harmoniz- more and visit one another oftener. expressions, which must ever exist on | not ride on these modern vehicles more plane of human consciousness. Light, of London, says: "The ten-

dency everywhere is towards Spiritual rates demanded by the railroads. The "Among the ancient Romans the wife | Monish. What we have to de first is to | railroads should be utilized for the benwho drank wine was regarded as a rid ourselves of the old missionary ego- efft of the people, and not for the encriminal and treated as such. Even in tism and bigotry. There are many richment of idle stock-holders. roads to God and our true work is, not to condemn any, but to find out the one secret of them all."

phenomenal manifestations of the Uni- ing to organize a society here. The old the lion movement, and as it grows in real- but the light is breaking upon them, those of the saloon. 'Dope fiends' are | phenomenal evidences will become | when a stone is raised from the ground. powders administered to parents bring at last in universal peace and brother- obliged to retire, or else throw aside third and fourth generation of de- progressing divinization of humanity modern lines of thought. the view must be spiritward, not matterward.

All whose souls are attuned to the universal harmonies know of an Intellistrike too low a chord for the vibra-"If the osteopaths can show us a bet- | tions to reach all other souls. To orditer way and deliver us even in the nary human reason belief in Infinite Inted and increasing evils, let us not deny life in the universal is self-demonstrathem the poor soon of the title of live. The bee the ant, the spider, know nothing of the principles of ge-

ometry as taught in the schools; yel they are perfectly realized in their life

A divine construction work is now well advanced. It is the building of the temple of the New or Advanced Spirits ualism. The ground workers, the foundation excavators, have about finished their contracts; and before this of millions, in all parts of the worldeach seeng according to degree of soul culture and spiritual standpoint of observation. These will know the Architect is God-Infinite Intelligence-the the many as one. The workers on the But it has "health culture" and superstructure, ready and being made "breath culture" attachments-the for- ready, are that increasing class of Spirmer under the designation of "deep (in)- itualists, and all others, however de-

As rainbow tints united span the sky; when in the soul communion spirit or | and in this lofty spirit they are caught

environing conditions. A physical or sun may be revolving, as the astronotheir sustaining power would be their

I suggest that the organized home cirtheir spirits to bound and thrill with

Bluffton, Ohlo.

H. N. MAGUIRE.

A Letter From Connecticut. I am always glad to have your paper, new: and I have not the least doubt than once a year. Why? Simply because they cannot afford to pay the

New Haven is the most retrogressive town that I ever struck. What do you think of a city of 125,000 inhabitants. Such trendings of thought are the and no Spiritualist society? I am try-

Is the story of Eve's birth true? If so, then God must be very busy hypnotizing the first man on each planet, and pulling ribs out of them, to make them

To-day, men are like a lot of sheep. They follow where the leader goes, without consulting that guide which God has given them, their reason. A. O. FISHER. corpses.

Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know.—Montaigne. Lay hold on life with both hands; wherever thou mayet scine it it is

teresting.-Goethe

WONDER WORKERS,

Written Debates and Oral Debates.

I thank the brethren for supplying me with texts. I will pay due attention to tians expend millions to uphold Chrisall criticisms from time to time. In my | tianlty, and generally without grudging, last I promised that I would devote this to hear the spoken word. letter to the profitable employment of wonder workers. In the identical paper in which Brother Doyle makes his objections to oral debate there is an interesting account, by Mrs. Brewer, of the Campbell Brothers, in Syracuse: "The hall was packed to its utmost, the admission being fifty cents and one dollar per ticket." On Tuesday evening there was another seance, more veried manifestations; and they were announced to visit Geneva, Dieveland, Toledo, Detroit, then again Buffalo, Syracuse, and on to New York City, and many other places. Profitable employment! If those brothers give a good entertainment, and I judge they do, it is right that they should be well paid; but | municate with the denizens of this while Spiritualists and wonder-mongers (for the latter are not confined to believers in Spiritualism) are giving them profitable employment, how is it with your humble worker, your sincere, earnest, obscure medium who requires the quiet and harmonious conditions of private life? It is my opinion that if Spiritualism is ever proved beyond all doubt it will be through such a modest channel, and not amid the blare of

Is it not too generally the case that Spiritualists reluctantly pay a dime for intellectual food where they ring down a dollar for a "spiritual wonder" which mystifies 'the senses, and, nine times out of ten, turns out to be a disgraceful deception? And then they innocently wonder that there are so many frauds in the name of Spiritualism!

Barnum was right: "The American people dearly love to be humbugged." You have philosophers in your ranks that rival Socrates, Seneca, Plato, Xenophon, Endoxus, most of them on the verge of penury. Is this a specimen of your boasted "spirituality" and charity? I tell you if there are "angels" they have an opportunity to weep with the afflicted and worn-out workers in your own ranks, no longer useful to you, and when they are broken-down, and can no | which I will respond to Moses, longer appeal to your sense of wonder: although, at one time, proudly on your platforms and brought comfort to your bursting hearts, in senuce-room or lecture hall. Materialists are not a whit better.

Nothing herein said applies to Mr. Doyle. I judge him to be an intelligent gentleman, and an able, intellectual Spiritualist. He says a "written discussion would thus reach many more investigators than an oral one, and would give the disputants opportunity

to present their views in full." I like written debates, too, but not as well as oral ones. I read aloud to my wife every word of that debate between Hull and Covert; but I would rather have heard it. I always enjoyed reading Ingersoll's lectures; but I never missed an opportunity to hear him say the very things I had read, paid him a dollar for the privilege, and read every word next morning as if it were fresh as the morning dew. I have actually read Shakspeare, but was always delighted to hear Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett speak the identical words. I have with pleasure read Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle, but listened with rapture to that glorious imlife is that I never heard him say Henry Ward Beecher; but the first chance I had to hear his voice I improved it. Glad I did. Heard him four times in four different cities. I have read the oratorical efforts of Daniel Webster; but oh, how I would like to have heard that lion roar!-just once, if no more. And there was Patrick Henry, when he raised those spectacles to the top of his head, which always meant a "declaration of war," I would have liked, immensely to have heard him utter those words which go reverberating down the ages, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" I have read Bryan's less, I traveled over one hundred miles to hear Bryan speak fifteen minutes, and would take a similar journey to hear the president. I have read the New Testament report of the words of Jesus Christ; but I would go quite a distance to hear the man of whom it is said. "Never man spake like this man." I do not intimate that the most eloquent Spiritualist living would equal

printing office. and the sermons printed? They do print | heart and life. And may the love of | beginning of these recent manifesta- its powers unfold, all that is latent be- will have him arrested and brought tons of literature; but they are not fool- truth prevail everywhere and the peace tions had scarcely thought it possible comes manifest, the soul develops into back if they can locate him. His wife ish enough to give up the oral sermon. thing you get in the spoken word spheres of the life to come; and may we such phenomena can be produced for us and evolution are in accordance with skirts. which cannot be transferred to types so live here on earth that when we va- by the wise ones, for it is beyond the the need of it in each separate case and

any of those, but two of us, making it

warm for each other, would not be far

behind the best of them. The words

get cold by the time they reach the

I remember a little incident in the address of Henry Ward Beecher which I as possible. Then let us pray to the of these manifestations from the Higher heard in Washington. A young man, bright spirits above for their spiritual Realms. pleased with a sentiment expressed by guidance in this earth life, for so much the great preacher, clapped his hands: of our earth life happiness and our fubut he was the only one who saw the ture life depends on their loving aid point; at least, no others joined in the and guidance, here and over there. applause. I will never forget Mr. Beecher's comical expression of countenance as he looked down approvingly. and said: "That is good-as far as it goes!" The way he did it could never | enjoy that loving peace and harmony be photographed; the whole house rang | and happiness that belongs only to the out with applause and laughter for half | pure in heart. a minute.

Sam. You would almost imagine he different and thoughtless ways. had had a private conversation with Jesus himself that very evening. Yes, to do right, and had we to work under there is something in, or about the hu- the difficulties that they work, how utman mind you cannot print, and there I tle we would accomplish, and yet they is something in the "spoken word" that | stand over us hours and hours and day the "art preservative" does not pre- by day, and weeks by weeks and years serve. Doubtful if A. B. Simpson, the by years, and we hardly lend them a evangelist, up in Maine, could have helping hand. made a collection of \$70,000 if his ap- Then how necessary it is we should peal had not been backed by voice and seek every opportunity to investigate personal magnetism.

These are your "genuine" wonder | beautiful beyond. That we can help workers. A written debate would not them so they can help us in turn that reach outsiders, including church peo- | we can help others. ple, who make a point never to read. There are many earthbound spirits nais; but many of that class will ven- here on earth with kind and loving ture out to debates, especially when the | thoughts and words and deeds. Oh interest becames great. If a written how I have heard them ask questions at debate is just the thing, why not a writ- in circle, and advice, and how thankful ten lecture? You would save money by they seemed to be, coming back to our it—as that seems to be what you want | next circle bringing some other poor.

disputants every week for months to I for it is in the little things, little kindpresent their "views in full." All I can | nesses, that make up our life here and | And it gropes in darkness in vain to find reasonably ask is an average of a cold build our life in the beautiful beyond, umn each week. Your Spiritualist in the home not made by hands, but by But the angel watchers are true and writers will be accorded a similar I kind thoughts and deeds. Then let us courtesy through the columns of the strive to investigate; let us have family Boston Investigator. "Try it: Of circles at every home; sit down to the course, the Materialist writers will crit- table with kind thoughts, and with a icize you. You ought to be glad of that. | kind, loving willingness to learn and in-Your writers criticize me. It is their vestigate the truth, which is mighty.

people as well as to receive letters from them?-better. Why insist that the singer's voice, or the orator's should be stilled? When I heard Dwight L. Moody in Cincinnati the rent of the great music Hall for three weeks cost \$700, and Mr. Moody was paid, you may be sure. Every word he uttered had been in print many times. Chris-

that is not enough, thousands gather to hear the printed words spoken.

Some joy in entertaining and happier than when standing on freeman's forum and pouring out my thought to a multitude of interested, if | truth." not always sympathetic, people. You would deprive me of that pleasure, would you?

But over and above all, I want to discuss Spiritualism before the public, for others. yours are the only people who teach they have absolute proof that the departed dead, so-called, return and comworld, and I want Spiritualists when they meet me to frankly, fairly debate just what they claim, for they have declared for a half-century that theirs is not a mere faith, or belief, but a demonstrated fact. W. F. JAMIESON. Texas, Mich.

PASS THE PEPPER.

"Variety's the very spice of life, That gives it all its flavor."-Cowper. . Having finished my letter on "Wonder Workers," my attention was called to the fact that I have drawn the fire of your redoubtable champion, Rev. Moses Hull.

The worthy brethren who have already taken me to task-for what?are entitled to courteous replies, Messrs. Schellhous, Doyle, Hodge, Gulvits. But I must confine myself to about one column a week, and as long as The Progresive Thinker is open to me, and I remain on this side of the "River of Life," I will give respectful attention to all my disputants. I will here take occasion to say to Brother Schellhous, that the "attorney" he was anxious to have me engage, was present at Spring Hill, "a chiel amang ye takin' notes, and faith he'll print 'em." They will you are deaf to their cries of distress appear a few weeks from now, after light, and waited expecting the accus- universe." Then speaking of spirit he man the student, the causeways of na-

viction that it is the duty of Spiritualists to debate, not merely once in awhile, but frequently, as a principle. Texas, Mich.

At Mount Pleasant Park, Ia.

The cause of Spiritualism at Mt Pleasant Park has been advanced this winter as never before. The presence on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, the well-known mediums for physical manifestations, has relieved the usual winter quietude of the place, and given to many an opportunity to witness the unequaled powers of these favored instruments of the spirit-world. They have won golden opinions from all without exception.

The social event of the season occurred on the evening of Feb. 28, when Miss M. E. Foster entertained at "Sunny Slope Cottage," the residents and visitors of the Park, in honor of the 23d anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan. The early part of the evening was devoted to our spirit friends, who gave us messages of love and encouragement, written on sheets of paper placed between two slates. which were held on one hand by Mrs. personator, Joseph, Jefferson. I read Buchanan, while her other hand rested the writings, speeches and debates of on the table. There was no cloth on Abraham Lincoln; but the regret of my, the table, and the room was brilliantly lighted. There was nothing trivial, nor word of them. I read the sermons of flippant in these messages. Wise counsel, the gospel of loving kindness, and the admonition to remember that we are all brothers and sisters, were embodied in them, as well as the personal word of praise, encouragement, or re-

> The wonder of the evening, however. was the materialization of an exquisite bouquet of roses and carnations for Miss Foster. Under a brilliant light we watched the flowers formed between the slates, push out through a small opening, and drop to the floor. Here is a marvel for the skeptic to explain. Later in the evening refreshments were served, followed by the presentation of a fine table-cloth and napkins to match, to Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, by Miss Foster. Games and conversation finished a most enjoyable evening, and we went our way blessing the an-

EMMA J. KNOWLES. Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa.

gel world, its chosen instruments, and

our good hostess, feeling stronger for

Calmness and Upliftment.

the work we have to do.

Peace, peace, be still! Let the troubled waters be calm, and the spiritual feel-Why not have all the churches closed, | ing of upliftment be in everybody's | with clairvoyant vision, but until the sorrows the seed develops, one by one | There are some of his victims here who that passeth all understanding be in See here, my friend, there is some every worthy soul on earth or in the physical sight, but greatly rejoice that then the processes of soul unfoldment eyes, and has a pug nose, wears short cate our clay houses we may pass into our spiritual bodies as pure and refined Then let us be ever thankful and ever prayerful to them for their goodness. and loving kindness in trying to teach the wages of eternal life, that we may

Oh, how much we can do to help in Rev. Sam Jones says it is his "way" our everyday life here, while they are that counts; and I was glad I heard struggling under our careless and in- Though the morn be bright that follows

They are at work hard to influence us

and learn of the life to come in the

soul with them to get a start. Oh, how I could hardly expect to have a page much good we could do for them and of The Progressive Thinker assigned to | thereby do so much good for ourselves. | The worldly mind is often blind and will prevail. H. B. AUSTIN. Do we not like to see and talk with | Bentrice, Nebraska.

THE HOME CIRCLE.

Beautiful Spirit Lights Appeared.

In The Progressive Thinker of date January 19 my attention was especially attracted to an article entitled "Beautiful Spirit Lights," by Thomas H. B. The church service of the Christian Cotton. While reading it and feeling Scientists is, every word in print; but the deepest interest and appreciation, such as only one can feel whose personal experience supports the evidence of another's testimony, I was startled instructing the public. I do. Am never | by a voice sounding clairaudiently from the the silence, saying distinctly: "Thou shalt also bear witness to the light of

> I at once recognized the purport of this message, and in obedience to the command I submit the following account of an experience of myself and

the early part of autumn, a small group member, met each week on Wednesday evenings at my home. Among the number were those who were firm believers in the possibility of super-sensuous manifestations, having previously. witnessed many phases of phenomena; but there were others present who had never in their lives witnessed anything that could not be accounted for in the realm of sense perception, and belonging strictly to the domain of reality(?). It seems quite natural for such persons to be innately skeptical. While expressing an earnest desire to be convinced, they are nevertheless ready to believe almost anything, rather than admit the possibility of intelligently guided manifestations from the spirit world. So our little group might be summed up as Our first few meetings were unimportant so far as any very striking evidence. There were the usual raps and automatic writing, sufficiently convincing to those who already knew of the presence of the invisible helpers, but of little import to the doubters. One evening about the middle of September as nearly as-I can recall, the group met as usual. There seemed from the very first an unusually harmonious atmosphere that evening. We took our accustomed After some time I began to feel rather discouraged, and presume the others felt pretty much the same, when suddenly I sensed the presence of an entirely new influence, and knew that it was approaching me. I felt a little sensation, something like a slight electric shock. Instantly all around my head halo of indigo blue and golden yellow ness of the room. Naturally we were all greatly surprised, as the auric radiation grew brighter and extended farther the beautiful flashes of color. After the first few moments of surprise passed we began discussing this, to us, new phenomena. Those who were willing to believe but could not trust their own sense of sight, or judgment, looked about the room, hoping to discover some natural cause for this beautiful manifestation. The Invisible Ones, seemingly fully conscious of the doubts, and desiring to remove all question as to whether the phenomena were the result of intelligent guidance of occult forces. As soon as all were again seated, there appeared just in the center of my forehead a double star of blue and gold, brightly gleaming, appearing and disappearing for several minutes. Exquisitely beautiful, they said. Of course i I could not see the star upon my own forehead, but during its appearance the place where it shone upon the forehead seemed as if a piece of ice rested there. After some fifteen or twenty minutes, the aura seemed to be indrawn and my face became very cold; as described by

This was our first experience of the 'Beautiful Spirit Lights." Others followed more or less striking. On one occasion a brilliant white star rested for some time on the bosom of one of the ladies present, then passed to her outstretched hand. Frequently the room became luminous with a soft white light, and again and again those beautiful stars and long rays of light moved about the walls, and the atmosphere was filled with a strange sweet odor, quite new and unknown to any of

others, it appeared luminous and white

like alabaster, then slowly the light

faded out and we were again in total

benefit. to counterfelt the grandeur and beauty

San Francisco, Cal.

LONELY DAYS.

There are lonely days and lonely ways. Wherever our lot may be, And the shadows deep, through the sunshine creep And mingle with our glee;

Though ever so bright our earth's path-A sad-eyed face we often see.

the night. And the earth hath lost its brown,

And the birds' sweet songs of glad delight Give to the days a golden crown, Yet the shadows linger still in sight,

In the world up and down. The friends we meet and with gladness That bring us a heart-felt cheer.

And the social hours be warm and Yet the shadows will appear,

For this life is never quite complete, Our sky is never clear. At love's sweet familiar sound.

That the thousands of strangers could not impart, Though they linger all around: There are only a few in the world and

mart To whom our hearts are bound.

To the needs of the soul's estate. The unseen friends who wait; kind.

Earth's shadows will soon abate, All free from sin and linte. BISHOP A. BEALS. Summerland, Cal.

"Astral Worship." By J. H. Hill, M D. For sale at this office. Price, \$1.

How Writers Express Themselves.

of November 14, 1896, Carl Sextus says: a sea of ether. In its throbbing, pulsing, "There is much confusion in the world | rhythmic movements, it pursues its lawords soul and spirit, confounding the same with the conventional meaning.

a thesis upon immortality."

from an allegory. Again he says: "The that moves the shuttle, the nervous systure. It should be in every family, In the latter part of last summer and final triumphs of Psyche related in the knowledge, as the harvester gathers said legend, portray in the most lively grain, but the gatherer is not the grain. of earnest students, of which I was a manner the experience of every human Thus you see, the terms soul and spirit soul, from its incarnation until its re- have each their own significance the of the Universe" again, "from the Latin | delicate machine with which to imitate. Spiro, which literally means air in mo- in a small way, these wonderful works tion, we derive the English word spirit." in space, no matter how well such apcernment of truth are altogether de- this grand interactive mechanism of pendent upon the unfoldment and con- man mortal and immortal, it is operated nection of the individual soul to other by intelligence, by spirit." souls and the Soul of the Universe or Oversoul, spirit acting through all. This, of course, at once sets at naught | through it. Soul, however, is and has | it necessary to remodel in part the theory advanced by some, that souls are perfect at birth of a mortal; but instead, as we have always said, the draft is perfect, all that man is to be, is therein marked which is a guarantee that it those who knew and those who did not. | can and will be attained or completed sometime and somewhere; for this draft | mortal worlds as on Earth, a collection | have especially developed a chapter on must be filled out through laborious pro- of material substances from that plane cesses of evolution and change.

we noticed an article by Paul Avenel on Psychism, its caption "The Triune Na-"Man is a complex being. In the human character he is a natural construction of the physical world, a cosmic part of a common whole, and derives his energies from the same sources that places about the table, turned out the sustain law and order in the cosmic chemically allied to its corporeal tached by a vital electric chord, etc." Further on he says: "The human mind can form no conception of these imcern them accurately, only the farthis supernal universe, only the soul, spirit, much less on the corporeal man * * when it thus divested of eternal heritage and become a cooperative agent in the control of worlds. This is the ultima thule of the soul."

> How strangely mortals, view things from their different planes of unfold ment. This writer would have soul left alone without spirit or body, but individual evolution does not mean this, but means the expulsion of the crude and the garnering of the pure substances to make of man a complete, tangible individuality fit for eternal endurance and happiness.

Another writer says: "The soul is per-fect at birth." This, as we have already, explained, is a mistake, which experlences prove. Now in The Progressive Thinker the California philosopher, Mr. Chas, Dawbarn, comes forth with several states of consciousness and several individualities in one, etc. Well, he has certainly taken a side view of things and has become beclouded in his great effort of research in the domain of man. Giles B. Stebbins sometime in the past had an excellent article in the Banner of Light on "Man the Microcosm." He had such grand spiritual insight and advanced such helpful ideas, but I have loaned the paper and cannot therefore copy from that article, but hope our good arisen Brother will still

work for humanity's upliftment. A look at the Theosophical department in an article by Mrs. Annie Besant sometime since-date lost-but this notice found in script, "Soul Evolution," us. I think I may truly say that on | she says: "The relation between God every occasion these demonstrations and the human soul is like a spark were of such a nature as to preclude the | thrown out from that one fire, a ray possibility of any one doubting they from that one sun, the Life that is the were produced by an intelligent manip- life of the universe; that spark, that ulation of Nature's finer forces, and by | ray, that seed, takes human form first Invisible Helpers, for our especial as an embryo, a seed, a germ with every power in it to develop itself into the For many years I have been able to highest form, then by the sun of husee these beautiful lights and colors | man happiness and the rain of human | warn your readers against such a man. that they could become visible to the the divine man, the perfect human life, is about 35 years old, dark hair and power of mortals on the physical plane it is not the separation from the one to one knowing his whereabouts will become the divine soul or man, but the same, only the exterior mechanism is changed because it belongs to Earth and must return to its native elements. The soul is immortal but must have all the experiences in all the crude stages of which the pure is a counterpart, and so becomes tangible, useful and happy." Here we notice each one has a different conception and voices the same as best he can. It makes a little confusion until we look it all over carefully and select that which in a relative sense subject under treatment.

combines and forms a true idea of the Among my own automatic writings of 1870, on the subject of Man, I find this: "Man is of al three-fold composition, spirit, soul and body. The spirit is the ever, so long as people have hundreds electric, the soul magnetic, the body of dollars for charlatans and not even bodily mechanism resembles and does service as a dynamo3bf which the brain is the top battery and each separate cell an armature. It-the brain-is the workshop of the spirit, the receptacle of as many grades of electric forces as the magnetic soul elements and the bodily chemistry call for—thus the complex mechanism is kept in motion and turns out such work as is in keeping with said properties referred to. Thus the threeeither Spiritualist or Materialist jour- that we poor mortals can help while we know the heart may thrill and start fold nature is supplied, improves and man has his promotion from plane to plane to enjoy ever a fuller measure of life and usefulness. The soul is fibrous-'tis the finer nerve system contained in the cruder, and through which courses the vital substance which is the motive power of all progress." Also this, another bit of automatic writing by my hand: "Let man learn that the soul is an infolded but perfect draft of what each individual entity is to become, containing within itself all the

powers and possibilities which, for their

the spirit's action upon them, and on

the bodily mechanisms for action

its avenues and services, also upon con-

ditions which for the most part are pre-

scribed by the immanent law."

writing I see this: "God is spirit; is life." Love, wisdom, truth, justice, will, power, etc., are God's attributes. The Oversoul is the fibrous warp in space or nature's psychic or nerve system. It is also termed God's loom, in which thought is woven. It is contained in the ethers and is a silvery web of rarest In the Religio-Philosophical Journal texture, moves and quivers in waves as which has arison from a misapprehen- bor of furnishing and supplying insion of the original meaning of the dividual souls with tissues and substances. Spirit is contained in also works upon and through this sub-"We derive soul from the Greek stance and prompts the soul's action to psyche, which means both a human throw out her fibrous hands and make soul and a butterfly. A butterfly is a connections with other souls so active living allegory of immortality. The in space. Thus spirit works from each beautiful aflegory of Cupid and Psyche | centre, thus all live and move in the in the mythos of the Greeks is simply great Oversoul and in God. By the spirit's promptings the shuttles of life This we see offers no explanation of fly in thought and deed. The soul is the mind, please, that this book treats of the words soul and spirit, but is taken | weaver of life's web, the spirit the force | Hypnotism in Mental and Moral Cultrials, temptations, sins, suffering and tem is the loom. The soul gathers | Price. \$1.25. lease and restoration to the great Soul same as the body. In constructing a Here we would say that the observa- paratus might be constructed, its suctions as well as analysis of men reveal | cess would depend upon the operating this only, that sense activities and dis- intelligence of man. Even so is it with

The soul is the covering of the spirit, is its insulation, because it courses been termed the entity, because man is not and cannot live as an individual entity on Earth, nor in Heaven, without this grand nerve system, that represents the living, acting man; but the outer form or mechanism is, in the im-In the Light of Truth of July 3, 1897, course of progression, and for these reasons, man resembles his former or Earth self when he has gone on and is ture of Man." He starts out by saying, a resident of the immortal world. That is, the form is a product of finer substance but still a material composition and is in the same shane, form and likeness, only free from bodily afflictions, brighter and purer every way.

These, and similar studies, open up to tomed manifestations, but none came. says: "There is a spirit in man, a being ture's laws, so that he can begin to see superior in every detail of construction | and trace her interior force plays. This fills him with delight, for the grandeur yet simplicity, of these unerring laws counterpart which it occupies during | manifested in attractions and repulterrestrial life and: to which it is at- | sions, the magneto-electric generations and convergence and the rush of said forces into and through the ethers in space, are marvelous. It is then that appeared a radiant light, a beautiful mensitles; the spirit mind cannot dist he solemnly pauses, for he realizes that these three substances and forces interlights, gleaming brightly in the dark- reaching perceptions of the soul itself | blended and inter-active are the very can penetrate their sublimity, only the life of the world and of all things living. immortal ego, the soul itself can enter They stand as the tree of life and a knowledge of their proper uses and apthe God within as can approach these plication would make man the equual of beatitudes.o. It is upon this soul that God in creating, preserving and work-God impresses his image, not on the ing desired changes. We speak of life as the silver cord attached to the golden bowl which, when it is severed, life has spirit, the soul is free to enter upon its | fled and man is no longer a living entity on Earth. The three mighty substances which make up this silver cord, are electricity, magnetism, ether. Van Wert, O. MRS. M. KLEIN.

TheyHave Been Victimized.

To the Editor:-I believe you are interested in promoting a knowledge of the spiritual philosophy, and will be willing to do what you can to protect genuine mediums and believers in Spirtualism by exposing those who may have mediumistic powers and use it for deceptive purposes, or those who pose as mediums for the same purpose. The Spiritualists of Norfolk and some

earnest investigators have been recently victimized to the extent of several thousand dollars by a man who came here with his wife in the beginning of January, and put out his sign as Pro-His modus operandi was to give the first sitting free and make his clients believe that they possessed extraordinary mediumistic gifts which he could develop for a certain amount cash down and the balance when their mediumship was developed. He guaranteed any and every phase of mediumship within a given time, and follied them along with slate messages until he got them so interested that they paid him more money rfom time to time till he got large amounts from some. This he kept up as long as he could, and last Sunday left for other pastures green, and put a ticket on the door, "Call to-morrow."

I suppose wherever he has gone he will assume another name. He is good-looking man about 45 years old, six feet tall, smooth face, iron grey hair, bluish grey eyes, and looks like a professional man, a preacher or doctor. I considered that you might like to

Warrants are out for his arrest. Anyplease notify the writer. E. C. Mcallister. 150 Church street, Norfolk, Va.

Is it any wonder the Spiritualists of wonder they have lost hundreds of are not posted, and are easy victims. and had a little common sense instilled into their minds, they would not have fallen into the pit laid for them. That man's name has never before been menpeople in Norfolk on their guard, How- the work. Price \$8.00. cosmopolitan, wh composition of the a few cents for the Spiritualist papers, cruder materials of the cosmos. This the work of deceiving the people will continue. They will learn a little common sense at great expense.

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PREMONITION OF A PHILADEL-PHIAN THAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN VERIFIED - TRAGEDIES ARE FREQUENTLY PRESAGED BY APPREHENSIONS.

A piquant story now going the rounds of the press relates a curious incident in the life of the late Henry C. Corfield, of Philadelphia. He was, it is told standing on the roof of Girard College in 1860, in company with a number of gentlemen who were showing the Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII., around the Quaker City, when the prince's hat was carried off his head by the wind and dropped into the college yard. Mr. Corfield offered his hat to the prince as a temporary substitute and it was accepted. One of the party turned to Mr. Corfield and asked him if he did not feel honored that his hat had been worn by the future King of England. "Yes," replied Mr . Corfield, "but he will not be King of England till I phon, and his companions in St. Helena die." On January 20 last Mr. Corfield was fatally stricken with apoplexy and chand. Richard Wagner made his clusthe accession of King Edward was on the same day announced to be imminent.

Such coincidences as these are wonderful or commonplace according to the point of view from which we regard them. To thoroughly rational minds He left Bayreuth in September 13, 1861, they simply verify a well-known rule of and his death took place on February mathematics. They dismiss them by saying that given many millions of remarks casually and thoughtlessly uttered a certain small number of them would inevitably be verified by the event, just as out of millions of bullets It is only when they associate themfired at random a few would hit marks | selves with some great personage like at which they were not aimed. On the King Edward VII., or with some celeother hand, the believer in gifts of brated event, like the execution of Proclairvoyance, the Scotch "second sight" fessor Webster or the Borden crime, cease to be afraid of them. Indeed, in sonal occult powers, that could be ex- capital for the enrichment of a comand psychic phenomena of that class that they impress themselves upon the a large number of authenically recorded ercised for successful achievements in munity. The times were not ripe for will look upon the verification of Mr. Corfield's long-range prediction touching King Edward VII. as one more remarkable bit of evidence in favor of the theory expounded by Hamlet: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your A. Death. Truthfully Prephilosophy."

IN DICKENS' CAREER .

father "the ocean spectre," by which comes from London. ster suddenly produced a rope, put it down: Love. Percy." of Dr. Parkman.

PREMONITIONS OF MURDER. Charles Mackay, the poet, relates a strange coincidence concerning his friend Mr. Ingram, the founder of the traveling together in Switzerland when a thunderstorm occurred. Mackay was trical exhibition as seen from the top of Chamounix. But Ingram became unchildhood he had had an unaccountable her own eye." in his own life. To find a name for the house in which this character lived he took a roadbook containing thousands became master of the real Okeover Hall, which was the property of a minor left to his guardianship. Sir Walter Scott's granddaughter, Mrs. tempt was to be made to kill her by a black servant that a watch was set in her house. Some days after the precaution thus taken the servant was actually seized on his way to Mrs. Rutherford's bedroom armed with a sharp knife,

had seen him do in her dream. COINCIDENCES IN DATES.

to murder her, exactly as her daughter

Sarah Maria Cornell was found, This \$5. It is a wonderful work and you murder was one of the most celebrated, will be delighted with it. half the community disagreed with sale at this office. them. This same crime-haunted spot The new song-book, The Golden

of coincidences connected with any spot in the country.

As for the coincidences of dates, there is the case of John P. Hale, of Maine, Some That Have Had Marked who died on the same day that the schooner John P. Hale ran ashore on the reef called "Norman's Woe," the same that Longfellow mentions in his "Wreck of the Hesperus."

MANY ARE SUPERSTITIOUS.

Great men have been peculiarly susceptible to a belief in coincidences of dates. Thus Oliver Cromwell had a special regard for September 3, on which date his two decisive victories over King Charles were won. It was also the date of his death. The great Napoleon had a superstitious regard for the letter M. He thought it followed him through life as closely as his shadow, Marengo was his first great victory, Murat was the first martyr to his cause, Marie Louise shared his greatest triumphs, six of his marshals had names beginning with M and so had twenty-six of his generals of division. Montinette was his first battle and Mont St. Jean, which is the French official name for Waterloo, was his last. He surrendered to Captain Maitland, of the British ship Bellero-

were Monhalon and his valet, Marter of coincidences about the figure 13. He was born in 1813, there are thirteen letters in his name and he composed exactly thirteen works. His "Tannhauser" was finished on April 13, 1845, and first performed in Parls on March 13, 1861.

It is probable that coincidences of this character are far more common than is generally believed and that for every one noticed a score pass unobserved. general attention.—Baltimore Sun.

GLAIRVOYANCE.

dicted.

Without attempting to decide be- We have had an unusually long period tions, as children's greater susceptibiltween these two views of the matter it of rest from the marvels of Spiritualism ity to psychological impressions, and is interesting to note a few of many in this country, but the clairvoyants' | their instinctive reticence on the subject | so fix their minds in the train in meditawell-authenticated cases in history of signs are still out, and those who won- of peculiar personal experiences, might | tion and positive thought storce; las to the same character. Charles Dickens der at their powers would constitute a combine to cause them to suffer in siwas associated with two of such singu- numerous host. For them and for the lence from experiences likely to injure lar coincidences. One of his sons, be- thousands of others who wonder rather | them. The writer numbers among her cause of a childish oddity about his at human credulity and the success of acquaintances a middle-aged woman eyes, which had a peculiar, wondering clap-trap there will be no little interest | who attributes the nervous susceptibilexpression, was nicknamed by his in a story of the supernatural which ity which has made her existence al-

name he was playfully called all It is not easy to associate a stock- ences she endured while she was yet attainable might be gained. through his boyhood. He grew up to broker with the supernatural, but that too young to make her infantile prattle manhood and his father had been nearly is the first requisite in this case, be express her terror. The family lived in two years dead when the nickname ac- cause a stockbroker initiated the pro- a house which, according to knowledge quired prophetic meaning. Serving as ceedings by getting drowned. He was gained by her in later years, had always a lieutenant in the royal navy, he died a sober man, this stockbroker, of ex- borne the reputation of being "hauntand was buried at sea. A more grey- cellent habits, and he was not so short ed." She well remembered on one occasome coincidence is narrated by Dick- on the market that he should have been | sion being alone in a circular gallery, ens in a letter in which he wrote from betrayed into any little eccentricities of out of which opened eight doors, when Boston to Lord Lytton. In this letter conduct. This was part of the evidence all of these eight doors opened noise. he tells Lord Lytton of a dinner party given by his wife at the inquest, and lessly with one accord, and after regiven by Professor Webster, of Har- she testified further that he was a maining wide open a moment swung sivard College, at which he was a guest. model in their marital relations. On lently and simultaneously shut. There-He relates that Mr. Webster, while the the very day when he bade her his last at she ran terror-stricken to her mother, wine was going round, whimsically or- farewell before going to the city he lost | unable, so young was she, to command dered the lights to be extinguished and the first train because he stopped to language to explain her fright. No a bowl of burning minerals to be pick her a bunch of violets, and that brought in, to afford his guests the evening when he was delayed she re- ever after induce her to walk alone diversion of seeing how ghastly they ceived a telegram to relieve her anxiety | through that gallery. looked by its light. In the midst of the which rend: "Don't wait dinner; havfantastic scene Dickens says that Web- ing something Waterloo before coming

around his neck and, bending over the This, be it understood, was not one of phosphorescent bowl, mimicked with those deceitful telegrams which are so vivid realism the contortions of a man useful in stage comedy, but was typical being hanged. Within a year of this rather of the man's thoughtfulness, congrim fooling Professor Webster was sideration and regularity of habit. It methods of passionless analysis which himself actually hanged for the murder was also his last message. He never re- he applied to any matter he considered turned to his home, and after he had approachable by rational argument. been missing about a week the widow consulted the clairvoyant. Here, to be exact, we shall quote a report of her testimony as follows:

"The clairvoyant told her he was sure Illustrated London News. They were her husband was drowned. She consulted the crystal, and it distinctly saw her husband's drowned form, and in rapture over the grandeur of the elec- where it was to be found; but, as she told the clairvoyant, she could not see exactly at which waterworks it wasconscious from terror and when he re- whether at Walton or at Thames Ditcovered told Mackay that from earliest ton. She saw the tower, however, with

horror of thunderstorms. Eight years The clairvoyant noticed that she was makes a ghost, but I suppose that later Ingram met death in a wreck on impressed and was rash enough to when a man dies it separates itself Lake Michigan, and the last five hours promise the corpse in ten days, but the from the grosser particles that compose of his life were passed clinging to the time went by and nothing materialized his physical organism." wreckage in a thunderstorm of terrific until another clairvoyant suggested that | Dr. Coues recognized the fact that a Born of struggle and trial, the New fact, but at the same time he atributed violence. The poet Shelley made fre- "he should come down and get further phantom is sometimes projected by a Thought has made its way into the very quent allusions in his private letters to information in the 'home influence.' " his presentiment that he would die by It was three weeks after the disappeardrowning-and he did. Plumer Ward, ance that this man arrived without the the novelist, in his "De Vere," deline- crystal but with knowledge galore. He ates a character founded on passages said that the broker was drowned and that he had met with foul play, which was a rather unfortunate addendum. for while the drowning was a fact of names and selected "Okeover Hall" which was reported a little later in the by pure chance. Many years later he papers, expert : testimony declared it

was simple drowning. However, let us not be too particular. Many people will be stunned by the prescience of the clairvoyant, and there Rutherford, was so affected by her was the coroner, wise with wisdom of daughter's dream warning that an at his kind, who said gravely that of course his court had nothing to do with clairvoyancy, but remarkable circum- shows few signs of life. It does not is implanted in the Ego, and will find its stances did sometimes occur. This is such a profound observation and so pertinent that we shall let it close the recital to the glory of second sight.with which he confessed his intention Chicago Times-Herald.

"Principles of Light and Color." By H. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL. D. A truly There are coincidences of another great work of a master mind, and one class which may be called coincidences whom Spiritualists should delight to of dates and places. A curious example honor. The result of years of deep of this kind is the locality at Fall River, | thought and patient research into Na-Mass., in which, nearly eight years ago, ture's finer forces are here gathered the extraordinary and still mysterious and made amenable to the well-being of murder of Andrew J. Borden and his humanity, Medical men especially, and wife took place. In the immediate rear scientists general readers and students of the house where the tragedy oc- of occult forces will find instruction of curred, a "Skeleton in Armor" was dug great value and interest. A large, fourout of a sand bank in 1832. Not long pound book, strongly bound, and conafter, about Christmas, 1832, only a few taining brautiful illustrative plates. yards away, the murdered body of For sale at his office. Price, postpaid.

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has one more tragedy to its credit. In Echoes, by S. W. Tucker, has found its 1845 a certain Ladwick Borden, uncle of way into many homes, and its beautithe man murdered eight years ago, ful songs have cheered many sorrowing lived in a little cottage next to the house hearts, which they are sure to do when of the later tragedy. Ladwick's wife heard and sung. They should be heard went insane, drowned her two children, in every home in the land. For sale at May Collins. An address delivered be- when the correct lines of instruction are Moses Hull. Of especial value and in- Lurancy Vennum of Watseka, Ill., and in a cistern and then killed herself, this office, Price, 15 cents; \$1.50 per fore the Ohio Liberal Society. For sale laid down and followed; and not till the terest to Spiritualists. For sale at this Mary Reynolds of Venango county, Pa. There is notably no more striking series | Bosen

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ED SERIOUSLY. Haunted houses lately have been in demand in Chicago. Residences long vacant because they are said to shelter ghostly inhabitants have attained a new value. The reason for this sudden call for these dwellings usually undesirable is not, as might be hastily supposed, a wish to avoid rent paying. It is stated to be a philanthropic desire to destroy once for all the old, world-wide superstition that some places are tenanted by spirits.

without seeing or hearing anything unin a house where no adult was ever known to encounter anything in the least out of the ordinary, and yet where a child, too young to talk plainly, appeared to be greatly amazed because the family could not see the "man, man!" to whom he often called their attention in various places in the family sitting-room. It was not until the child finally comprehended that he was seeing and hearing what was invisible and inaudible to others that he ceased his efforts to communicate on the subject, and became shyly reticent when questioned.

GHOSTS SEEN BY ANIMALS.

Very young children and many animays may often be observed following with their gaze and appearing deeply interested in some moving object in the room which remains invisible to the other occupants. They do not betray fear, and it may be concluded that if everysons seeing the apparition were not derful. frightened until after the appearance was finished, and the seer suddenly disexercising an abnormal optical power.

be of the non-existence of apparitions, it is very unwise in them to take children to dwell in houses with ghostly reputacoaxing, scolding, or punishment could

DR COUES CLAIRVOYANT.

Dr. Elliott Coues, the famous ornithologist, and member of the National Academy of Science, declared himself to be a born ghost-seer. He brought to the investigation of phantoms the same Some condensed quotations 'from his published remarks on the subject of anparitions ought to prove of interest to would-be dwellers in haunted houses.

"The non-appearance of ghosts," he says, "may be a question not of the existence of specters, but of the acuteness of our perceptive faculties. Our senses take cognizance of no forms of matter except those which are in a certain degree of condensation, but the spiritual body may be of more rarefied and tenuous substance. I have no notion of the nature of the substance that

from great mental perturbation. The Society for Psychical Research has two bulky octavo volumes of records of these well-authenticated cases of the appearance of "death wraiths," Dr.

Coues says: "There is no essential difference between the specter of a living human being and the apparition of a dead person. They look like figures thrown upon a screen by a magic lantern, being recognized for a few moments, and then fadspeak or use its limbs, its methods of locomotion when it moves, being a gliding. It is clothed in garments such as whom it is the image."

SPIRIT THAT WAS TALKATIVE. In another connection, the learned scientist alters somewhat his description of apparitions, and gives account of a materialization more in accord with the generally accepted idea of a spirit. He

"I was alone, and composing myself to sleep, when I felt an overpowering sense of the nearness of the presence of a person lately deceased. There arose slowly from the floor a nebulous mass of shining white vapor. Gradually it assumed a more distinct outline, until it presented a radiant image of my friend. The lips appeared to move, and from them came an intelligible utterance-a message, from the departedof such a nature as to climinate the the-

ory of hallucination." If persons in general would consider the ghost question philosophically, snooks would soon be an acknowledged fact, or an exploded superstition. Most of us, however, are in the mental attitude of the woman who, when asked if she believed in ghosts, responded:

"Do I believe in ghosts? No. Of course I don't believe in ghosts; but I'mawfully afraid of them."-Inter Ocean.

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THE NEW THOUGHT.

An Essay by Spirit Robert

To the Editor: Enclosed Wease find essay from Robert Owen, sent to me through the mediumship of Mrs. M. T. Longley. He gave it to me for pub lication, and as Mr. Owens' efforts in the line of humanitarian work are well known in this country and Europe, I think your Progressive Thinker the best place that I can offer his latest effort in humanitarianism, to give it the wings that will bear'it to kindred hearts and minds. Fraternally yours, V1. 116 IRA O. PULLER.

THE NEW THOUGHT.

The closing years of the nineteenth century brought a great wave of psychical power to earth, especially in the United States. New systems of thought. schools of deliberation, cults of philosophy, codes of metaphysics sprang up in Even if one of these seekers of haunt- every city and in many hamlets. A ed houses could obtain a rendezvous for | wave of curiosity run high, in some inspooks and dwell in it a year or so stances expending its force in a useless restlessness, in others, settling itself in usual or inexplicable it would not neces- a stead current of worthy research endowed human organism could do the | reach the higher and better understandsame. The writer lived for seven years | ing of occult law and of spiritual im-In many quarters the schools de-

> veloped along (alone) "fads and fancles" of the passing day. Mushroom growths of literature and of class teaching flourished for a day and expired. Here and there vital principles were incorporated in the new orders and classes and gave life and permanency to

progressive thought. In the latter effort to develop grander qualities of sentient being, purer consideration of spiritual ethics, and new determinations to live the psychical life of service that makes for real and noble righteousness, was made, and the spreading of inquiry in the circles of fashionable society, as among the mid-

lished form. Out of all this, the end of the century produced a class of enthusiasts whose body could see ghosts people would great desire for the attainment of per- labor of a company would be common cases of spiritual appearances the per- every conceivable line, was really won- this, and so the effort failed, but the

dle intelligent classes, became an estab-

By some it was believed and claimed that all one had to do was to concencovered that he had been momentarily | trate the mind upon any one desired ob ject or end, to apply daily thought to it However firmly convinced adults may and ere long the coveted would be accomplished irrespective of the operation of physical law in any sense. For instance, one devotee to the theory of concentration, had only to claim that he had the gift of teaching others how to enable them at once, or soon, to compel success in the financial world, and to turn the money tide to their own hands and homes, to immediately gather around him an eager set of students employing him to deliver his secrets most insupportable to her to the experi- into their keeping that the hitherto un-

Another Oracle had only to say that he was living so near the great Godhead, that he could for a price impart to any one the quality of psychical seership, and make prophets, clairvoyants and marvel workers of them all. An eager train of followers at once flocked in his wake, that they might be recipients of his godly skill and power! Another, claiming to develop the gift of healing, the power to overcome disease, physical injury, old age, death itself, by denying their existence, or by ignoring them, found admirers and believers by the multitude, each seeking to know how to charm away the cancer by mental suggestion, or to cure the fever patient, or uplift the prostrate paralytic, or to ward off old age, or to defy death itself, even after a century of earth life. All of these so-called cults and philosophies paid little attention to the operations of physical and psychical law, gave no instructions as to living in harmony with Nature, in the Spirit and with the body, so as to create the highest conditions of health, happiness, longevity and soul development, ignored the subject of generation and regeneration, and made "Concentration" and the theory of "Suggestion" the all-in-all-Gods to bow down before and worship. But out of all this mess of verbiage, assumption and conceit, remained a nucleus of vital potential force of mind and spirit, a growing sense of the power of unseen law and occult force. Intelligent souls there were who felt the beauty of Life, the harmony of law, the purposes of being, the grandeur of progress-and from these the new century received a heritage of Spiritual

PART SECOND. living human being-it being an invol- soul-life of conscious humanity, and is untary act, and ordinarily resulting supplanting old forms of opinion and of creed with its matchless light, and power of concentrative intelligence, at the head or foot of such casket, the Stripped of the useless rubbish that pretenders to higher knowledge have sought to invest it with, we find the new thought a grand and glorious prophecy of the growing oneness of human life and brotherhood.. It is not the monopoly of any school or cult; the secrets of Nature concerning the Divine right and power of the Soul-to unfold its own selfhood, and to flower forth in ing, but in some cases they had every spiritual demonstration and expression; appearance of solidity, to the extent of cannot be parcelled out for a monetary of material collected together, and the hiding objects behind them. A specter | consideration, by adept or teacher. It unfoldment, naturally and beautifully, when the Soul comes to that stage of we and our dead brother understand evolution, by aspiration, selfrabnegawere worn in life by the individual of | tion, of the external, and, unselfish ministration-that will stimulate, it to higher growth.

> The New Thought of the Twentleth Century makes for uplifting, the unfolding of humanity. It sinks the idea of class and clan, in the larger broader sense and conception fof universal brotherhood. Altruism is its watchment, mind unfoldment are its ends and aims. Universal education in every branch of research and knowledge is its teaching. Education for the masses in all that affects them individually or as a whole, in physical science, mental demands and powers, moral ethics and spiritual aspiration and impulse.

The higher thought of the new cenaltruistic humanitarian to become a The joy of the new life of humanity so long is beginning to sprout, through altruistic association will flood the greater part of the century with light, hope and power for the coming

The trees world and him co-operation, man to man heart to at this office. heart, can humanity ever sight the goal of progress. Success in every line of eternal verities of the divine in his office. Price 31.

manity are studied and interpreted, shall we find the golden age. · To live in direct accord with Nature's

laws physically, mentally, morally, spiritually, this shall develop the grandest cult; the highest thought, the purest race, the sweetest, noblest work of God-a perfect pattern of mankind, a type of eternal good. Fads, fancies, cults, and systems that ignore the operations of any law must go to the wall pretenders to the possession of divine knowledge who retail their teaching at a price will fail of reaching great heights of power or renown, for they are on the wrong track.

The earnest student delving in his attic, conscientious in his quest of Truth, will reap reward in the fruition of hope that will come by inspiration and toll, for it must be the outgrowth of endeavor.

The New Thought makes for true

righteousness, namely right living; can do no less, as it deals with living issues that affect the whole race-not the favored few. The New Thought has no time to discuss creeds, dogmas, sects, personallties-it is out on the mountain top of research, seeking light; it is scaling the heights of self-denial in search of peace; it is sailing the ocean of progress, looking for the new shore of eternal eneness with man. It is vigorous, youthful, supple, godlike; for it is sarily follow that some more spiritually | along lines of aspiration and desire to' | the leader among men in advancement instruction, truth and love.

PART THIRD.

The New Thought is, after all, but further development of old-time thought of reformers, sages, martyrs to Truth-it may be clothed with a new dress, but is the thought of human development from ignorance to self knowledge, from materiality to spirituality, from selfishness to fraternal realization. This so-called New Thought a system of intelligent, intellectual and | showeth the evolutionary work of opin ion, yea, of aspiration in man. It is the budding of beauty, of fragrance, of the seeds planted, of the tree of progress, cuttings and seeds set by hearts and hands of former days who loved the race and wished to give it better conditions for its advancement to happiness and peace. In the past century efforts were made

by a few of us to establish communal life, and homes, in which families would dwell together in amity, and the seeds were sown, and these will grow and flourish until Arcadia will be but a crude interpretation of true fraternal | friends. life compared to the altruistic brotherhoods that shall yet be established on American soil, in which the highest type of communal fellowship will be realized, and the grandest principle of secular, spiritual and industrial educa-

The Golden Age is in the distance-i

will come as the harvest time of souls that have sown the seeds, and watered them with tears and prayers. It will come as the fruition season of the New Thought of this new century, and it will prove a harbinger of glorious seasons of prosperity and peace for humanity. The key of all this is true harmony, oneness with self in peace and love, oneness with mankind in desires to bless. Oneness with God in the attainment of good principles, aspirations and ennobling achievements, which will live as the eternal rocks, with their summits pointed towards the sky. The New Thought is misinterpreted by those who love affairs, will bring its crown. Will is potent, will is force; but will must be exercised in work in the employ of active energies, in the fitting of conditions to the workings of natural law to bring about the desired results. The New Thought of the age is rightly expressed in the living of the unselfish life, seek ing only good for his neighbor and helpfulness to all mankind. Altruism works ever for right living, and this is as true in personal affairs as in communistic life.

What though it takes an hundred years to improve the race—a century of work in this direction will count gloriously for the blessing of man. The future is yours to do with it as you will. Its history may be moulded by the gentle hands of altruism, or mutilated by the red and dripping fingers of hellish

The New Thought may be a guidepost to you to pass on, undisturbed by the wind of adversity, but conscious of the fact that you are God's and that with Him all things can and will be made right for the glory of manly man, | copy write to-day to the American Coland the splendor of eternal life. February, 1901. ROBERT OWEN.

A Mormon Funeral.

I attended a Mormon funeral service about two weeks ago, and strange to say, the speaker upheld the belief in spirit return, and he also made use of Out of the Old has come the New. my own name to prove that it was a it all to God. He said in part, that if our eyesight was only transformed we would be able to see the spirit of the one now lying in the casket, standing exact counterpart of the corpse that was before us, even to his very finger way how these things are brought about, by saying that if we or the deceased understood or obeyed the same law that Jesus or Moses and Elias obeyed and understood, that these things are possible to all men when they results is a materialized carriage before us. He understands the law governing the making of carriage, so also when the law of spirit return, it will be possible. Take for instance, the case of Saul, he understood the law when he engaged the Witch of Endor and placed himself in communication with the

spirit of the prophet Samuel. Now it does my soul good when I sit and listen to men that, when you are word, Soul culture, physical develop- thing that they advocate on the funeral and so also am I. Now we had one dead Mormon and one living one, and one Spiritualist blacksmith, and that seems to be the reason that he made these remarks as he saw me in the auditury reveals that it is impossible for the ence, and he knows that I am a Spiritnalist, and that I advocate spirit comown good in looking for the good of his | small matter, because I begin to realize neighbor finds an added plessing in life. that the seed that I have been sowing :WM. ADAMS. Rigby, Idaho.

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and pooly clad, was journeying along

deringe. His expressions betokened an

original and superior mind, a person

who had the bravery to think indepen-

dently of established lines. His nobility

of character prompted him to declare

his honest convictions, hoping the less

observant would be profited thereby.

He may have been a Buddha, a So-

crates, any of the great names which

The thoughtless rabble repulsed this

student of nature. They jeered at his

wise sayings. They ridiculed his best

expressions. He heeded them not, but

journeyed on, constantly scattering

Time passed. Long years went by.

The seeds the traveler scattered found

occasional resting places. They took

root, and grew into stately trees bear-

Other travelers journeyed along the

same road. They, too, taught great

truths and passed on, and were fol-

lowed by others. Years multiplied into

ages, and knowledge increased, as did

the travelers. Each had a new thought

to impart, a grand fact to announce;

but the same rabble was there to hoot

at knowledge, and they who proclaimed

it. Without ability to comprehend what

was taught, they declared everything

The road so narrow, scarcely a trail,

formerly so little traveled, has become

a world's thoroughfare, and thousands

now pass hourly where the weary

traveler once journeyed alone. The

numbers are ever increasing. The jeer-

ing mob has began to think and to

know, and the most advanced now swell the moving throng, each intent to

reach and occupy the best seat in the

great Temple of Truth, which stands on

the summit of the Hill of Science to

Is Life Worth Living?

If mortal life is the childhood of

spirit; a place of birth, growth, experi-

ence, and education; a preparatory

stage from an immortal existence.

uncertainty, and where unfilled desire

to learn and know is fully gratified;

then life is worth living, and the

longer we remain here the better are

we qualified to enter the other stage of

If, on the contrary, the grave is a

yawning guifothe gateway of gloom to

all so constituted they cannot believe in

Infinite injustice and perpetual woe, be-

cause they cannot believe a God was

born of parlewish maiden, and was the

Letters and their use may not be edu-

cational to the spirit, but to us mortals

they are the keys which unlock the por-

Seems In Earnest.

That brilliant English writer. W.

Stewart Ross, over his pen signature of

Saladin, author of numerous books

everywhere read, in his "God and His

"Peradventure I am one of those

Jehovah included when he declared, in

the interest of Eternal Truth, 'I shall

send them strong delusions, that they

may believe a lie.' But if he has, in his

divine benevolence, sent me 'strong de-

lusions' so I may 'believe a lie,' he will,

of course, be satisfied with his own

handiwork. I strongly suspect the

tracts his paid hirelings assure me are

so holy and so ancient are neither holy

nor ancient. The traditions upon which

'Holy Writ' is based are ancient, and, at

various times and in divers manners,

scraps of traditional records may have

been written on stone, papyrus, wood or

parchment; but the Scriptures, as we

have them, ean establish no claim to

antiquity. For mendacious century upon

century, fraud upon fraud, and forgery

upon forgery were the order of the day.

Every student of ecclesiastical history

investigations the stronger becomes his

conviction that his barque of explora-

tion is affoat on a very sea of Literary

Fraud, in which even the works of the

so-called glants and immortals of olden

time are not islands and continents, but

simply phantoms and mirages and

Those English writers strike hard

blows when they do strike, and seem

A Grand Idea.

The saloonists to increase the sale of

intoxicants established a branch coun-

ter, and allowed all who drank for

"their stomach's sake" a la Paul, to re-

fresh the liner man with the substan-

we note with gratification that one

church in New York has caught the

idea, and is compensating those who

attend church services with a free

lunch, which the ministering clergyman designates "a light collation." Now this

is a grand device and is just what should be. After listening to a heavy discourse on the miseries of the damned

a person needs refreshment of a sub-

stantial characted and a good hearty

lunch is just the thing to retrieve shat-

tered nerves and invigorate a tired

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The Search Will Prove Fruitless.

Rev. Geo. F. Wright, who set out on a tour of observation last year, to gain confirmatory evidence of a universal deluge, visiting Japan, Siberia, Central Asia and Syria for that purpose, lately wrote from Jerusalem to parties in New York, in which he labors to show such a flood was not improbable. He says:

"I have found indisputable evidence of an extensive submergence of the land extending to the base of Mount Ararat, and that this submergency took place subsequent to the appearance of man on the earth. The Russian geologists have recently found remains of man deep down in the deposits connected with this period of submergence.

"The one point of certainty is that since man's appearance there has been a period of instability in the earth's crust in Northern and Central Asia, which shows that the Biblical account of the flood is an entirely credible

No geologist controverts the idea that all-Asia has been submerged since man has been an occupant of the earth, but they deny the possibility of a universal flood, deluging the entire earth all at

There is not a foot of the earth's surface which has not been below the sea level. The highest mountains and the deepest valleys alike show evidences of abrasion and erosion; while rock rolled against rock, and ice dashed with mighty force of wind and wave, through interminable ages, have left their traces everywhere. The history of every grain of sand, in desert, or plain; along the courses of rivers, piled up in dunes, or deposited in great sea depths, attest the truth of this state-

Knowing nothing of the configuration of the earth, and supposing some little spot of it where the author of Genesis lived, and he a priest pretending to know everything, we can well underreeccuetand how he attempted to account for Tossil remains and attrition of rock on the highest hills, by inventing the story of a general flood. It was too big a yarn to gain belief, so he gave God credit for telling it. And Rev. Dr. Wright, reluctant to have the veracity of the Lord impugned, is trying to confirm the romancer's narration.

The Doctor's statement that Russian geologists have recently found traces of ancient man deep down in sedimentary deposits is only corroborative evidence of the great antiquity of man. These evidences will increase the more fully the earth's crust is explored. The period is very brief since man commenced his observations below the surface.

The Religious Press in Decline. The Boston Transcript has been turnelse pertaining to the upbuilding of the among the wisest and best people of Sweden, Germany, England, France, church, it finds the religious newspapers and magazines are in a rapid decline. The "New World," supposed to be one of the strongest of the church publications, has yielded to the inevitable, and has gone down. Beecher's "Christian Union" enlarged the field of its labors by giving a portion of its space to secular affairs; then it changed its name to "The Outlook," hoping to gain patronage, but it has just been merged into "The Secular Review."

The New York Sun claims the lack of support of denominational papers is due | to live," and they acted in obedience to to the fact that "the strong meat of doctrine" formerly taught by the religious press has given place to the "mush of sentimentality by which religion and philanthropy are confused in a mixture which has not the true flavor of either." It is very natural the church press should feel severely the general decline of faith. Indeed, it is proper it should perished in obedience to the damnable

Contrast the church organs with the Spiritual papers: They are springing up everywhere, and the older organs are being more liberally sustained than ever before. And one thing which is worthy of observation: Those papers which dare expose the frauds and the falsities of the church are the most largely sustained. Those papers clinging closely to expiring creeds are faring the fate of those church organs they imitate.

The truth is, we are passing through a noiseless religious revolution. The people are ripe for a change, and it matters not how much it is opposed, modern thought must and will triumph over the old and the obsolete ideas, and we may as well welcome the change as to lie back and weep because the revolution has come in our day.

A German Proverb.

Every great war leaves a country with three armies—one of invalids; one of mourning, and one of idle persons ready to commit crime. --

Ocean Devours Land.

An interesting calculation has recently been made public through one of the many publications of the French Academy of Sciences. It is to the effect that taking into consideration the wear and tear on the solid land by ocean lashing, river erosion, and wind and weather, to say nothing of probable volcanic action, the world will, by the end of the year 4,500,000, be completely washed away, and the ocean will roll over the present foundations of our great conti- was arrested.

nents.-Exchange.

A great many bugaboos are related by press correspondents in regard to the end of this earth. Religionists proposed to burn it up. They assure us God tried to destroy all life by drowning it, and succeeded passably well. Some are disposed to withdraw the sun's heat and freeze it. Another proposed all the waters would disappear - would be swallowed up by the solid matter. Some genius of rare ability suggested the orbit of the earth was shortening. and the planet's destination was to disappear in the sun. Now it appears the Academy of Sciences over there in Paris have figured so carefully on the to be intolerant, vindictively proscriperosion of ocean, river, wind and falling rain, they have demonstrated that in just four and a half million years from opinions' sake. When assailed by wordy this time wave will chase wave around | argument and denunciation, and pushed the globe, and there will be nothing to obstruct its grand march, but through a wasteless eternity old ocean will roll

on in a continuous round of joy. That will be a grand consummation, and the fishes will have an endless mob of Romanists. Of course it might

holiday. Wonder if those "scientists" took into account the internal forces of the earth which have uplifted continents, and vast mountain chains? Did they make an accurate estimate of the number of thority over all religious faith and opintimes the poles of the earth will move down to the equator, and return again in that four and a half million years? Did they take into account the effect which would ensue should an occasional satellite, now moving in our solar system, fall on the earth?

We apprehend the same causes which have uplifted continents in the past will continue, and that it is dreamers only who discover those wondrous changes this earth is to pass through in its evolutionary movements.

Miracles Are Obsolete.

Yes, the age of miracles has passed. They ceased when the long dark night his book gave way to advancing intelligence; when truth asserted her sway over the fables and falsehoods of imposture; when the clouds rolled away and exposed a boundless universe, filled with countless millions of suns, and solar systems, where only one, and that an insignificant affair, before existed.

Miracles are children of faith, stred by superstition, and only dwell where knowledge is suppressed, and where Truth has no hearing.

It was an easy task to produce a miracle a few generations ago. The church would not tolerate contradiction. She had the weapons to silence all who expressed a thought adverse to her will. burning; the keys to her torture cham- church as represented by the Pope as and enterstat once the kingdom of heavbers never rusted; the rack and thumb- its head. screw were always in repair, and woe to the wretch whose observation taught him that ecclesiastics could lie.

The scoundrelly champions of the churchgained control of secular governments, and made them enact laws with severe penalties in aid of their super-

Go read the statute laws of the old States, and in fact many of the new States, in aid of the church, then cease the inquiry how miracles came to be received as truths overriding natural

As the Christian religion was based on miracle the Protestant reformers were compelled to accept them as of heavenly origin; but knowing the character of the Catholic priesthood to exaggerate and falsify they determined to prevent any more of the same sort, by declaring "The age of miracles has

A Mighty Delusion.

Even so fanatical a preacher as Rev. DeWitt Talmage stumbles on the truth occasionally. A late issue of the New York World quotes a recent discourse of the Doctor, from which we extract the

"There has been much destructive superstition abroad in the world concerning possession by evil spirits. Under the form of belief in witchcraft this delusion swept the continents. *

"So mighty was the delusion it included among its victims some of the greatest intellects of all time, such as Chief Justice Matthew Hale and Sir Edward Coke, and such renowned ministers of religion as Cotton Mather, and Richard Baxter and Archbishop Cranmer and Martin Luther, and among philosophers Lord Bacon. That belief ing its attention to the religious press of | which has become the laughingstock of this country, and, as with everything | all sensible people, counted its disciples Spain and New England."

> Now why did learned jurists, renowned ministers, acute philosophers, and the wisest and best people of widely separated countries believe in witchcraft, and exhaust their best energies to suppress it, resorting to capital punishment to accomplish their end? It was because they believed in the teachings of that book labeled Holy Bible. They believed the Lord had declared, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch that command, and usually carried it out by burning them. The statute books of most Christian countries, extending even far into the 18th century, were filled with enactments against sorcery and witchcraft. Protestants were equally guilty with Catholics in executing this law of God, and millions

A Gem From Ingersoll. Said the ever-lamented Ingersoll: "If not a human being existed the sun would continue to shine, and tempests now and then would devastate the earth; the rain would fall in pleasant showers, violets would spread their velvet bosoms to the sun, the earthquake would devour, birds would sing and daisies bloom and roses blush; volcanoes would fill the heavens with their lurid glare; the procession of the seasons would not be broken; and the stars would shine as serenely as though the world were filled with loving hearts and happy homes."

Hopeless.

Some incredulous cuss wrote: "If you believe there is a Providence looking out for a chance to save man, just walk across some thin ice when there is no one in sight. Providence may come to your funeral, but not to your rescue."

The Role of Romanism. London, March 4 .- A mob at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, yesterday stormed the platform from which the ex-monk,

Catholic lecture. Ruthven drew a revolver and kept his assailants at bay for a time, but finally turned and fled. During his flight the weapon was discharged, and the bullet traversed the neck and issued from the cheek of one of his pursuers. Ruthven

Victor Ruthven, was delivering an anti-

Ruthven explained that he was alone in the midst of the crowd and did not fire until he was forced to do so in selfdefense. The mob bombarded him with chairs and all kinds of missiles and there were yells of "Lynch him." He begged to be allowed to escape, but some one tried to grab his revolver, and another struck him. Then he fired.

Probably in no Protestant or free thinking community in the world would a Catholic be molested in using utmost denunciations of anti-catholicism. It would seem that it is the nature of Romanism to run to mobs and riots when Romanism is attacked by its opponents; it is the nature of Romanism tive and violent, and permeated with the spirit of persecution for religious and pressed hard with reason and historic facts, Romanism's knock-down argument of reply is a shower of brickbats, etc., and assault by a vengeful be expected of a church claiming above all others to be the true and only church, having infallibility in its earthly head, claiming rightful auion, claiming also not only religious authority but rightful dominion over all secular governments of earth, none of which-whether they be republics, kingdoms or empires—has any right to exist aside from Rome's sufferance and approval-we say, it might be expected of such a church to breed intolerance

and persecution of opposers. And history with unerring index points to the bloody facts that attest the persecuting spirit of Romanism. Romish apologists may deny, and pervert the records of past events, but they cannot escape the damning verdict of truthful

And look at Romanism to-day: It cannot operate by an "Inquistion," as in former days when the world went more to Rome's wishes and purposes than at the present, but it keeps up, as much as it is allowed to do, its interference in the affairs of the governments of the earth. Its slimy hands are mixing cunningly in the affairs of the Philippine Islands. At home, in Italy and Rome, it would destroy the constituted government if it could and enthrone itself in secular power, with the Pope as supreme authority in church and state. without regard to the wishes of the people. To preserve his throne the King is the fortunate one. It eludes the ills The fires of the Inquisition were always has to antagonize the Pope and the of mortality, its sorrows and afflictions, its head.

It is a significant fact, a sign of the ing to the Master, is the type.

times, that the King of Italy has recently selected as his prime counselor a distinguished and brave freethinker, Sig. Guiseppe Zanardelli, whom he has intrusted with the construction of a Cabinet and with the conduct of the government. This new Prime Minister. of Italy, as a statesman towers high | years of age;" above every Italian politician, with the exception of Crispi, and for many years | de more I learn here de less I'll have to has distinguished himself by his repub- learn over dare, so I wants to begin as lican affiliations and by his animosity soon as I can." to the Vatican, against which he has conducted a relentless warfare. King Victor Immanuel himself has never shown any sympathy for the church, and many men describe him as a freethinker. It is safe to predict that the King and his chosen Prime Minister will do nothing to aid the designs of the Romish church authorities, and this will prove a gain for political and re-

ligious freedom. In France at the present time the Romish ecclesiastics, with the sym- Book," discourses thusly: pathy and support of the Pope, are in a clash with the political authorities of the republic. Rome's tactics in France as elsewhere is to rule or ruin the constituted governmental authorities. And how comes the following precious

morsel of news in the daily press, which informs us that "the recent revival of Catholic sentiment in Latin America is being taken advantage of by pontifical statesmen to form a union of the Catholic countries of the new world, based on community of faith, but destined possibly to have political significance

Of course it will have "political significance:" The Romish church is essentially and in fact a politico-ecclesiastical organization; a vast, cunningly devised hybrid machine, in which religion and politics are combined for the mutual furtherance of the designs and power of the church, and the crushing of freedom of thought and political and religious liberty.

It is notorious that the dirtiest of dirty politics is that in which the dirty fingers of Romanism are apparent. It is a cause of just regret that there is so much toadying to Romish ecclesiastics and Romish influence, on the part of politicians and statesmen. It does not bode well to the cause of free government, free thought, and free men. The role of Romanism is to stifle freedom, by wheedling, by large claims of love for free institutions and by brickbats and mobs when that plan suits its

At heart and in purpose Romanism is always and everywhere the enemy of

Ash Wednesday.

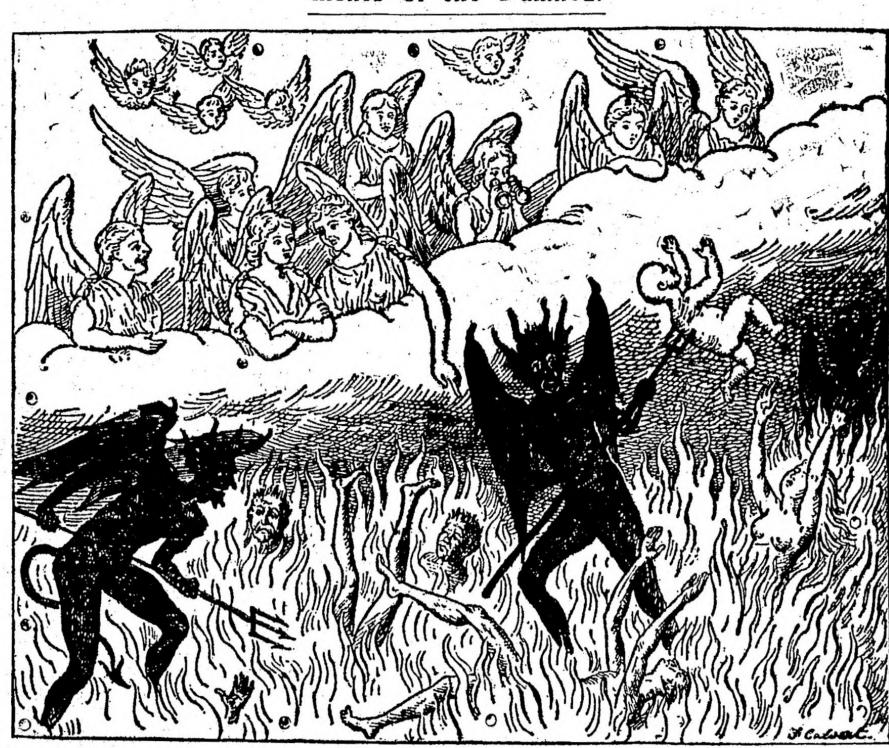
Very few non-Catholic readers understand what is meant by Ash-Wednesday. It is the first day of Lent-the forty days fasting time of spring, in commemoration of "our Lord's fasting forty days in the wilderness; but in fact is a continuance of Pagan customs, whose real origin is probably lost, though it is traced back to the Zoroastrians, and, says Chambers, was "a prominent feature in the ceremonies of the mysteries of Mithras."

At mass on Ash-Wednesday ashes are strewed on the heads of the officiating priests, the clergy, and the assembled people. It is a sign of penitence, one of those cleansing, purifying processes of which "Blood Atonement," as described in our issue of December 29, last, is a

There is a parasite found on the heads of uncleanly children, a variety of which are found on ill-conditioned cattle, for which wood ashes is said to be a specific. It would be curious, wouldn't t, if in tracing the real original of Ash- S. Harrington: A pamphlet containing Wednesday, it would be found to have 79 pages of racy reading. Price: 25 been a device to destroy vermin in the cents. For sale at the office of The heads of aspiring saints?

A lone trieder, weary, dust covered, HELL RENEWED, ITS FIRES REPLENISHED

a narrow and little frequented road. Horrible Materialistic Pictures of the Everlasting' Abode and Tor-He we ob want of all that came within the range of his vision. He frequently stopped to announce to those he ments of the Damned. met, or passed in his journey, some great fruth he had learned in his wan-



dying-out survivals of an age out- his views.

thrown into a state of horror.

Spiritualists may find edification in comparing this awful belief with the natural and reasonable teachings of Spiritualism, and can congratulate themselves on the higher, and more the angel world.

eternal father of himself; then life is not worth living! The sooner it is ter-Vivid and awful pictures of hell fire, minated the better. The infant, only a eries like those emanating from the span in length who escapes earth life, parched lips of sinners writhing in the plt, and startling prophecies as to the future of ordinary Christians, set the audience in a state of fright and horror at the revival meetings of the holiness convention, says the Chicago Chronicle.

The aged slave, just emancipated a E. A. Ferguson, the railroad engineer the close of the civil war, who applied evangelist, preached at noon at the whom we call sinuers. to a lady-teacher for membership in a First Methodist Church and in the evenclass of juveniles, in, answer, to the question: "Why do you wish to commence an educational course at this period in life? You must be fully eighty "More dan dat, Missus, but I reckons

made the bold statement that all ordi- they are doomed to hell, and you and I, corps behind the curtain, to "fire a nary church members who were merely dear brethren, will not meet them be- volley" at the proper times and places tals of knowledge, and permit us to Christians and not sanctified Christians | fore the throne of God." would go to hell, the same as sinners, there was weeping and walling in the go to hell the same as sinners?" "Bud" and cause them to cry aloud: "What

The oldest follower of iniquity, who was asked. so blood-curdling and so frightful.

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Alone within the forest,

Fair Nature's balmy bowers,

Mid birds and beauteous blossoms,

hold with her communion,

Unfolding hidden powers.

And odors rich and rare.

I drink in precious healing.

I mount on airy pinions,

And soar afar from time,

Where our arisen dwell,

The angel chorus swell.

Of brighter worlds above,

I walk with them in gardens

And ever-blooming bowers.

And O, such sweet communion.

While all absorbed with time.

Of never-fading flowers,

And joyous rest are mine,

As cannot be imagined,

But lo! I hear a summons.

From off the earthly plane,

And back my soul is bidden

To time and toll again!

take the heavy burden,

With pledges unto heaven,

To play the hero's part-

No matter what or where,

Although the way be rugged,

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And lay it next my heart,

I bask amid the beauties

Of everlasting love!

And with their songs of triumph,

And drink from living fountains,

Through fragrant fields and forests,

From out the earth and air.

From Southern sunny clime,

Fanned by the blessed breezes

It has been supposed that the old-style discussion of hell from the most pro- | pictured?" was the next question proorthodox hell was obliterated, that the nounced materialistic view. Mr. Fer- pounded to Bud. advancing tide of humanitarian thought guson's sermon was entitled "Hell as had rolled over it and submerged its the Sinner Will Find It," and, although just as well as I know that the wind terrible fires. But it seems there are he declared without one iota of reserve makes a noise through my whiskers still a few lingering remnants of the old that he believed there was a hell, a when it blows like it does here. Oh, style of revivalists holding fast an ex- burning, seething lake of tar pitch and | yes, there're lakes and ponds and rivers istence like lone survivals of pre-exist- lava, into which sinners would be of lava and tar and pitch, and into ing theologic ages, not as examples of plunged, there was not one of the evan- these sinners and unsanctified Christhe "survival of the fittest," but as gelists present who did not concur in tians will be dumped-so," and Bud

A fine example of this sort of sur- amens and hallelujahs as he expatiated | Many new converts went to the altar vivals of the unfittest is just now pre- upon the sickening horrors which for the first time yesterday and many sented to our view in a lot of evange- awaited the wrong-doers. He told of more said that they would be prepared lists engaged in revival work in some of the seared, scarred and blood-dripping to become sanctified in a day or two. the churches of Chicago. It is worthy flesh, of the charred and crumbling An interesting service will be held of a study to note how these evangelists | bones and the nauseating stench from | Sunday at the Metropolitan Church, are striving to scare sinners into the boiling of rotting skulls. These, he when six ministers will be ordained to heaven. It is no wonder listeners were said, were the sights which the sinners preach holiness and sanctification. must witness and be a party to when These are all men who have been disthe devil gets hold of them.

when he declared as his belief that not as ministers have been taken away only sinners but so-called Christians as from them. The first one to pass well would be forced to step into the through the ordination service will be humane and just views taught us by seething and "stinking" caldrons. Hold- L. R. Culp, of Battle Creek, Mich. ing his hands high in the air, this writer of checks and lender of moneys groaned out his anguish for the future addressed the congregation along the of hundreds of the persons before him. "My hands are cold," he said. "They

are as cold as ice. They are cold because of the horror which I know awaits so many of my hearers. Listen. There are Christians to whom I am now talking who will go to hell just as surely as will those poor benighted individuals "To avoid hell and enjoy the everlast-

ing at the Metropoitan Church. The pic- ing glory of seeing God you must have tures he drew of hell and of the fright- holiness; you must be sanctified; you ful sufferings there, which he declared must come with us. The ordinary awaited those who had not been sancti- church member calls himself a Chrisfied in this life, outrivaled any which tian. He is perhaps a Christian, but he have ever been heard in a Chicago pul- is not a sanctified Christian, and he has pit, at least for the last twenty-five not the degree of holiness which will entitle him to a seat in heaven. We should Duke Farson, the broker evangelist, not judge such too harshly, perhaps. preached in the afternoon, and when he but, nevertheless, the fact remains that a well-trained Salvation Army drum

Robinson, the auburn-whiskered Texan, shall we do to be saved?

wore an armour of sin as thick as a "Yes, sir." replied Bud, with his fa- side, one must well be constrained, in Harveyized plate and who slouched into mous lisp. "They will go to hell as sure view of the teachings enunciated by the church as Ferguson was drawing as a chicken goes to roost. They can't | these evangelists, to ask the old queshis lurid word picture, turned and escape any more than a fat turkey can tion: "Are there few that be saved?" scampered after he had heard a few escape a roasting when Thanksgiving If their doctrines be true, there will not sentences. He was followed by others, comes. What Brother Farson says is be saved one person in a million of the for there were many in the church who right, for the Lord says we must have human race. Earthly "saints" and sincould not sit still throughout a sermon holiness before we can go to heaven. | ners, "godly" and ungodly, preachers They must be sanctified."

"Yes, sir, just like he said. I know it

made a motion with his hands to show Mr. Ferguson shouted choruses of how the devil will throw then in.

charged from their own churches for Duke Farson went a little bit farther preaching holiness and their credentials At the meeting last night at the Metropolitan Church Brother Ferguson

same lines as in the afternoon. May we be allowed to suggest to the

evangelists that they can add somewhat to the effects of their delineations of hell, by a judiciously arranged series of stereopticon or "magic lantern" slides, throwing lifelike representations of hell and its scenes upon canvas, with red, green and blue fire flash accessories. in view of the audience. Perhaps the sight of such awful scenes, thus vividly brought before their eyes, may bring many trembling sinners to their knees. Try it, brethren, you may find it a valuable aid in your work of saving souls by terrorizing sinners to "flee from the

It might heighten the effect, to have in the program. This certainly should "Do you believe that Christians will strike terror to the hearts of sinners,

Viewing the matter from a serious and evangelists, all will be "dumped" The whole day was given over to a "Is there a hell such as Mr. Ferguson into endless hell together. X-RAY.

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These men were all dead, and nearly fifty years before definite form. had completed their work, but it took half a century at that time for the real effect of their labors to come to light. The influence of these great leaders, like a tidal wave, swept over the first part of our century.

The influence of these men continued for many years.

the restless energy of hand and brain. In commerce, in- His teachings were marked first by his absolute faith in completeness the fliving mission of his life. vention and literature the increase and extension has been | the Bible, and in all of the Bible. Every event, every so great as to justify the claim that the century is without i miracle, every prophecy recorded there he believed to be true, and the entire book from beginning to end was a The supreme difficulty of the century has been to keep sufficient and perfect revelation of God without any ad-mental attitude had been created; a new mental atmosup with itself. The world of man was not accustomed to mixture of error whatever. He was also intensely de- phere had come. New and yet again new adjustments It is for the Taxation of Church Property. such rapid strides. In literature the multiplication of voted to the philosophy of John Calvin. These two were necessary. In the process of development no one cheap-priced books, the monthly array of magazines, and things characterized his teachings, but while these things man has been able to reach the last conclusion. In a certhe newspaper with its daily recital of the wide world's do- are true, it was also a fact that he accepted these doctrines tain sense humanity itself is a thinker; in a certain prolings, have beguiled many into superficial and promiscuous because they appealed to his reason. Jonathan Edwards found sense all mankind aggregated make the universal existing laws concerning the taxation of property, wherereading. The rapid accumulation of wealth through new made reason ultimately the bar before which all conclu-mind. One man with all of his powers is no more than a by they may be decreased, it seems apropos to consider the methods of manufacture, distribution and finance, have sions should be tried. He did not believe a thing because single thought or mood of thought, and not until his con- propriety of making one great and desirable change—that created conditions and brought to light problems entirely it was in the Bible, he believed that it was in the Bible be- clusions have been assimilated by other minds; not until of repealing those obnoxious laws exempting churches new in the experience of the world. The discovery of cause it was reasonable, believable and true. He said in all have opened their eyes to the light that ravished his and church property from taxation. The taxation of all new facts in nature, resulting in the retirement of old definite and emphatic words that "the full and clear waiting vision; not until then can the work of any man be property belonging to religious sects is a great desidertheories and philosophies, has necessitated a readjustment knowledge of the true system of the universe will greatly complete. in the thought-life of the world. Conditions have been establish the Christian scheme of the divine administra- Mr. Beecher clung to the old standards, but made every is overwhelmed with taxes. The poor are taxed to sup-

EVOLUTION A NEW REVELATION.

It was high noon of the nineteenth century when the

mont farmer remarked: "Them steel mould-boards pizen | chronology and the origin of man, then all that the sci- | Religion has always depended for its sanctions and au- | President Grant in a message to Congress referred to the the soil." Because of his devotion to the wooden plow, he entists had discovered was wrong; if the scientists in their thorities upon the unknown; but the prophet that said of rapid increase of church property and gave it as his opinfound what to him was a valid reason why the new iron conclusions were right, then the Bible was wrong. The this world within its compass is all that can be known, let ion that by 1900, without check, it would exceed \$3,000,plow should not be used. This reluctance to change; this more the studies were prosecuted, the more the evidence us take it as it is, and live as best we may, with the evangel 000,000. He suggested or advocated the taxation of all blind, stolid, ofttimes stupid conservatism, characterizes increased, the more it became evident that the Bible was of health and joyowith no higher authority than reason, property equally and intimated that it would eventually all the past. Without the means of rapid interchange of less and less credible in all matters pertaining to science, no nobler inspiration than justice, no better ambition than lead to sequestration through blood. Evidently he had in ideas people become isolated and provincial, egotistical the origin of species and the age of the earth. The con- to increase the sum of human happiness, that man had mind the histories of Italy, France, Germany and Mexico. and self-opinionated; but the telegraph and the printing- troversy continued with varying degrees of intensity, ran- not come; but he was to come, the time for his advent was In 1867 the church property in Italy, at a low estimate, press have broken down these walls of obstruction, extin- cor, scientific egotism, religious pride, and bigotry, and is ripe—the prophet of the new gospel, of the gospel of the was valued at \$400,000,000. The people were overguished the lines of separation, and brought the intellect- not altogether settled yet. There are wise men still who ultimate faith, the unhesitating reason, the bold rever- whelmingly Catholics, yet it was considered necessary to ual world into a great commonwealth. Any improvement pretend that all these scientific conclusions are a hypoth- ence. And above the fogs of uncertainty, above the mists abolish convents and monasteries. Mexico had a like exthat one man has, any progress that one community esis based upon insufficient evidence; every scientist will of doubt, reluctance and attempted readjust perience, "for the church owned about one-third of the makes, others are eager for, and now for the first time admit that they are hypothetical. Mr. Darwin himself ments, like an orb of light, like a refulgent sun rose the soil." A long and fierce war was the result, which termisince man was man, humanity is progressing in something was not in any degree a dogmatist; he brought forward genius of Mr. Ingersolle He was not a creator in the nationalization of all church property. Conhis array of evidence to suggest a possible conclusion; he world of thought, he promulgated no new philosophy, he vents were abolished and all superfluous church buildings wrote always-or almost always-in the hypothetical brought forth norexplanations for the eternal questions were sold and converted to public use. History repeats mood; he told what might be. Less advised scientists, this world has asked, and will ask so long as the heart itself and the time is not far distant, when the United No conservatism is more stubborn than that of religion, less careful thinkers have made positively dogmatic the throbs, or the brain. His mission was to utter what the States Government will find it necessary to wade through and the conservatism of religion has never been more de- conclusions which he only hinted at as hypothetical and universal heart felt, to speak the language that had not blood in the battle of reform, unless religious fanatics can termined than in our own age. This hostility to change possible. On the other hand religious teachers have stren- yet found lips, to utter the speech of the dumb, to sing be brought to reason. The time has come when it beis due to the pride of opinion, the rivalry of doctrine, and mously contended that nothing was proved, that the Bible the song of the stlength. His genius stands as the living hooves us as representatives of law and order, morality, the tradition of divine origins. A book that is affirmed still stands, that its chronology was not sufficiently disexpression of the best sentiments, the noblest ambitions equity, justice and freedom, publicly to demand the taxato be divinely inspired cannot admit of any amendment credited, and that its story of creation was, as far as could and the highest ideal of our common human world. Of tion of all church property. Every legitimate influence a new construction or a new interpretation. Religions out; but the effect of the controversy, its moral influence provided for the future of another world. None of them upon the vast multitude of people that read the Bible a took account of the future of took account of the future of this world. They made no little and scientific books not at all, was such that there man since Shakspeare the faith, the sentiment, the aspira- State should forever be divorced, in which event civilizaallowance for the increase in the intelligence and knowl- ensued profound unrest, dissatisfaction, and doubt in the tion, the longing of the human soul. He said all there tion and righteousness, hand in hand, would make rapid edge of mankind; they made no allowance for the new il- minds of the people everywhere. At that time, partly as was to be said, and was honest enough and brave enough strides. Then there would be purer, nobler, grander men lumination of conscience and the moral sense, and when a result of the conditions which the scientists had made to say no more. Whether there was a God, he neither af- and women and happier firesides, for mental slavery in a in spite of all resistance and opposition, the knowledge of in the mental world, partly as an original interpreter for firmed nor denied; no man can do more. Whether there great measure would be emancipated. man had increased, when his conscience had been newly himself there appeared in the American pulpit one of the was a life beyond he neither affirmed nor denied; few, if Buffalo, N. Y. illuminated, the religion of our own time and land was greatest, if not the greatest preacher produced by this or any can go beyond that; but seeing the inevitable concluconfronted with the stern alternative of change or extinc- any other land; a man of whom it has been said no greater sion that if those things cannot be found out they are orator ever stood within the pulpit's narrow curve, a man therefore not necessary for our highest moral attainment, Having become senile, decrepit and antique, the time of heart too good to believe in the hideous and fangful he waived them, and said it is to the known that we must had arrived for its reincarnation, it had to be born again, doctrine of eternal pain, a man too much of a thinker to look, it is not a God in the skies that we can injure, it is it had to choose between the cradle and the sepulchre; we accept the doctrinal absurdities, however venerable or re- not sin against Him that we can commit; it is the injury are now witnessing the process of religion's new birth. spectable they might be; a man brave enough, whatever that we may give our neighbor, it is the injustice that we They will meet us, they will greet us, over on the other The first years of the period were conspicuous for an in- the consequences, to speak his honest thought; that man may inflict upon another, it is the pain that we may cause tense and universal religious fervor. The commanding was Henry Ward Beecher. He stood there in the perilous to a human heart, of which we should stand afraid. In forces in bringing about that religious upheaval were time of transition, in a time when the old faith was begin- this life now to increase the sum of human good, and then George Whitfield, the Wesleys and Jonathan Edwards. | ning to dissolve, and when the new faith had not yet taken | if there is any other world, to do the same thing there. It | We shall meet them, we shall greet them in that bright

UNIVERSALISM AND UNITARIANISM.

There had issued two other developments-one repre-George Whitfield was notable for his almost limitless was known as Universalism, the other Unitarianism. age and with more sense, sought to save them from hell by power over an audience. When he left school and deliv- These two reached this country early in the century, and abolishing the institution. What Edwards did and said, ered his first sermon, a complaint was brought to the about the same time. Universalism was a protest of the Mr. Ingersoll carried to its logical conclusion. bishops that fifteen people had gone mad under his heart against the doctrine of eternal pain, which was still strange spell. The Wesleys were conspicuous for their dear to all of the orthodox. Its heart, its sentiment, its magnificent powers of organization; Jonathan Edwards pity cried out against the doctrine of a just God sending must reach them in person; seven different times he visited side, led in this country by Channing, was a protest of the mility, but rather baseness of spirit, to judge ourselves inof organization, did not need to travel so widely; they or- rational elements, in all of the orthodox system. It was sion to the bar of reason, his own reason and his own conone hundred or more preachers. Jonathan Edwards, the old forms and the old doctrines for the purpose of ra- and fifty years after the time of Edwards, there was new England, the churches were shut against Whitfield and the views which they promulgate have such appealing hoped, had undermined its very foundation. They said beneath His stars. They went to the neglected manufac- son of men that they are permeating party sect of every gersoll said if that doctrine were accepted the only ones outcast; they carried the banner of the cross into regions churches are Universalists or Unitarians at heart. The In his conclusions he went further. He advanced upon personality, a stranger to fear, reckless of consequences, a religious organization upon this hemisphere that has mediate conviction of the listener, without regard to rea- nurtured in the old faith, grown up under the austere court; he made it respectable to believe that if there is a son, evidence or logic. In their construction of religion shadows of the old institutions, it was a revelation, a new God he is as good at least as the best of His human creathese things were not necessary, they were irrelevant. event to the life of the man and the life of the church tures. Their followers with profound attachment to the cause, when the sunlight broke through the orthodox gloom | What the future shall be it were idle to speculate or with unflagging industry and ever-flaming zeal, went ev- and shined upon the stone floor of his theologic prison- prophesy. In all the changes that the century brought, erywhere that the settlers went. They were always upon house. He was of heart too noble, of nature too tender this much is certain, not one of the realities, not one vital the frontier line, they came with a simple story; they came and kind, of soul too reverent and loving to accept upon thing has been destroyed, not "one accent of the Holy they depended upon the power of the spirit of God. They the pressure of any necessity, the old and hideous doctrine sanctities, justice its command, and duty its divine appeal, mouth and God filled it. They, too, performed a mission. Beecher voiced both the philosophic conclusions and the religion that is to come will bring a diversion of the spirit-They were the means of contact between remote and iso- better sentiment of the Christian heart. He was opposed, ual and moral energies of man from their flight to the lated settlements, the itinerant and lay preachers, the cir- of course; he was maligned and hated, he was feared and skies. Man will no longer seek to honor and worship God cuit riders and presiding elders were a means of helping slandered, he was crippled and at last was crushed; but the by meaningless ceremonies, senseless rites and hollow foron the true spirit of democracy. They helped to deepen influence of the great man went on. He did more than malities. They will not put on robes and burn incense, the moral sense in the lives of a people burdened and any other preacher that ever lived to bring out of the theo- and perform genufications, to feel that they have fulfilled harassed by the exigencies of pioneer life. Say what we logic winter the sunshine and spring of faith and hope. their duty to the world. They will gradually be weaned may or think what we will of the logic or reason of it, I He did more than any other husbandman that ever went away from those outgrown things, those things that were stand here to say that those early missionaries of the to God's vineyard, to change the thorns and thistles to needful in their time, but needful no longer; they will Methodist church, with no thought of fame or honor or grapes and figs. It is worth something, in counting the leave the paths that once were pressed by eager feet seek-

The closing century can give a good account of itself; it fathers; they have developed outwardly instead of inward- was tender and beautiful, true and good in the old faith, if there is any sanction in religion, if it has any final apcan say, "I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith; ly; they have grown worldly wise, and they have lost their in the interest of fational religion. It ought to be an in- peal to man it is in order that it may deepen those inspiration to every young man aspiring to the high and re-stincts of fraternity and brotherhood by which men may his bosom he can say, "Well done." In every field of hu- The followers of Edwards represent the philosophical sponsible position of a teacher of men, to know that, what- help to make the world divine. In the language of the man effort the inspiration of progress has thrilled like life, phase of religion, their teachers were for the most part ed- ever may befall lesser men, there was one who, by the old Oriental Christ, men will say, "Taking the first step and ripened like harvests in achievements' glory and re- ucated men; they added to their faith knowledge. The force of his splendid genius, stood successful in his pulpit, with a good thought, the second with a good word, and ward. In whatever direction we look there are tokens of position of Edwards was one of clear rational thought. meeting every challenge, and worked out to its rounded the last with a good deed, I enter paradise."

A NEW MENTAL ATMOSPHERE.

But the work was not all done by Mr. Beecher. A new

brought forth that are not yet fully understood. Many tion of the city of God;" he said further "that they who one of them, as far as possible, rational and humane. He port the rich. The rapid increase of ecclesiastical wealth startling, and even appalling problems are to the front, believed principles simply because they were affirmed by did more than any other man to civilize John Calvin's is perfectly amazing. There is to-day in the United but most, if not all of them are outgrowths of social and our fore-fathers make idols of them; it is not humility, but | God; more than any other man to pull the fangs from the | States alone more than \$900,000,000 worth of church economic conditions with which man is not yet fully con- baseness of spirit to judge ourselves incapable of examin- dogmas of the Christian church; more than any other man property. Of this amount the Methodists have about versant. The great achievements of the past warrant the ing those principles." Every doctrine that he propound- to put out with tears of pity the flaming fires of hell; more \$150, 000,000, the Catholics about \$130,000,000, the ed, every conclusion that he accepted, all of the teachings than any other to widen and extend the horizon of divine Presbyterians, Baptists and Episcopalians each not far In reading the story of the century one is surprised to that went into the body of his doctrine approved them- beneficence, until within its gracious scope should be in- from \$110,000,000. In Buffalo alone the Catholics have find that every department of human effort has been the selves, as he thought, to reason, conscience and common cluded every man, high and low, until it should outreach more than \$8,000,000 worth of church property. The arena of revolution. Hitherto an age would be signalized sense. Philosophically Jonathan Edwards was a free- and pass beyond the utmost wanderer in the wilderness of rapidity with which churches are increasing is more than sin and shame. He had not done it all. There were amazing. There was built in the year of 1893, in the times of hesitancy and doubt. The period of transition United States alone, more than 800 Methodist churches, his time science had not become confident and fixed in its every religious sect has more organizations than churches. conclusions; in his time the religious mind was hesitant, The Roman Catholics have some 1,600 more organizations GRANT, Dept. 33, Kansas City, Mo. to the modern facility for the interchange of ideas. The act, "The Origin of Species by Natural Selection," issued doubtful, shifting, and its policy was one of expediency, than churches; the Presbyterians have 1,200 more; the printing press, the telegraph and the railroad have been from the press in 1859. This man and his co-workers in In his time the influence of tradition was still over think- Baptists 1,400 more; the Congregationalists 300 more. mighty forces in the making of the new world. But there the realm of natural science gave to the world a new reve- ers in the church, and in a great measure out of the We have many churches in America whose values mount must be added also the radical change in the mental dispo- lation. The conflict began at once, a conflict between church. No man yet had come to brave the universe and up into the millions. It is said that the new Protestant sition towards innovation. The world has been won to the reason and revelation, between fact and tradition, between affirm its sanctity and trust it; no man yet had come with Episcopal church in New York City cost \$10,000,000. side of change and progress. The inertia of conservatism the new century, and all the centuries that had gone be the complete courage of his doubts. There had been men Buffalo boasts of a single pulpit that cost \$50,000, and fore. It was a conflict to the death; able men were ar- who had had the courage of their faith, but the man who one steeple that cost \$100,000, and it is not finished. Through all the years of the past, humanity has resisted rayed on both sides of the controversy; able men are still had courage enough to know that he could not know, and Still these so-called Christians continue to build progress. It has burned the philosopher, imprisoned the so divided. The ignorant ridiculed, the educated argued, yet was not afraid; the man who had daring enough to churches, but refuse to pay taxes on them. If Masonic scientist and ridiculed the voyager and adventurer. It while millions protested against the new conclusions in take his faith down from the skies, recall it from the un- temples, medical colleges and law schools are taxed, what has idolized the past; but now man is watching the sky the name of their sacred and most cherished faith. It known, civilize it and domesticate it, make it a fire burning good reason is there for exempting churches, church propfor the "pale light of the Herald star" bringing promise of | could not be doubted that one or the other was wrong; if | upon the altar of his own hearthstone; the man that had erty, theological seminaries, schools, colleges, hospitals new dawn. When the iron plow was devised an old Ver- the Bible was right in what it had said about creation, courage enough to do that and abide by it had not come.

was the gospel of common sense, the evangel of health and joy, with love the only priest, with reason the only guide, Refrain:with justice the only worship.

Whitfield and the Wesleys tried to save men from hell, senting the emotional and the other the philosophical; one Mr. Ingersoll, with more apprehension, with more cour- We shall meet them, we shall greet them, over on the

CIVILIZING THE CHURCH.

We have already said that Jonathan Edwards was in for his logic and philosophical acumen. Whitfield was a any creature to a remediless pain forever. It was a devel- principle a free-thinker. Take the sentence already They will wait to give us welcome when our journey here great traveler. Because of the peculiarity of his power, it opment along the purely emotional side of religion led by quoted: "They who believe in principles because our forewas necessary for him to touch people at first hand; he great men. The other development upon the philosophic fathers affirmed them, make idols of them. It is no hu- They will meet us, they will greet us, over on the other The hieroglyphic of material shows, this country. The Wesleys, depending upon their power reason against the unreason, of orthodoxy; against the ir- capable of examining them." He brought every conclu- Friends of youthful days have left us, they have hasted on dained and dispatched to this country two bishops and a profound and scholarly attempt at the modification of science. Mr. Ingersoll did no more, living one hundred While we shed the tears of sorrow that they could no from his study and pulpit, thinker that he was, could tionalizing them, and keeping the historic tradition of re- light in the world; new discoveries had been made, new But we look beyond the shadows, to the bright eternal telegraphy, are simply laws of an unstance had been real into which humanity is rapcarry forward his work. These men were opposed, re- ligion; it had giants as its leaders. These two develop- facts in nature had been discovered, and the true, the full sisted and persecuted. In this country, Harvard College ments never have, never can, attain to any great propor- and clear knowledge of the system of the universe in- When with songs of joy we'll greet them in the home issued what is called a "testimony" against Whitfield. In tions as separate and distinctive types for these reasons, stead of establishing the Christian scheme as Edwards had the Wesleys. Being shut out of God's house, they met force to the heart, and such convincing power to the rea- the religion of our fathers is good enough for us. Mr. In- Though our pathway seem all dreary and enshrouded as turing and mining communities; they ministered to the name. Thousands upon thousands of the members of that could have intellectual liberty would be foundlings. While we wait within the shadow, they are waiting in the where the white-gloved hand of the established church great preacher made no attempt to found a new sect or the same line that Mr. Edwards had followed. The re- Just beyond our mortal vision, mid the joys forevermore, was too respectable, too dignified, and too indolent to go. new schism. Larger than his church, magnificent in his sult of his work was to civilize the church. There is not They will meet us, they will greet us, over on the other The Wesleys and Whitfield represented the emotional heedless of results, he became the prophet of truth as it not felt and responded in some measure to the heart and side of religion. Their appeal was to the feeling, the im- was revealed to him. A child of the old school, bred and brain of that man. He laughed the old cruel God out of

in the apostolic way without scrip or purse or education, any authority, or by the force of any tradition or under Ghost this heedless world has ever lost." Virtue has its Dearly loved ones left us sighing when they hasted on were not equipped by the schools; they opened their that had become a burden upon the church, Henry Ward as never before. One thing that seems certain is that the We shall meet them, we shall greet them, over on the emoluments or reward, belong in the army that has sac- religious changes of the century, to know that there was ing peace and joy, and follow those paths no longer, they rificed nobly for the lifting up of the human world. The at least one man bigger than the church, larger than the will see that the way to serve God, if there is a God, is to Ingersoll. modern Methodists have conformed to this world, they dogmas, fearless and unafraid; one man who used the in-serve the world which God has made, and lift up the hu-

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AN EARNEST PLEA.

Inasmuch os Gov. Odell in his message to the Legisla-

ture seems desirous of making some changes in the long-

atum, for every town, city, county and state in the Union was led forward mightily by him, but not to the end. In to say nothing of the other denominations, and yet nearly NESS to send for one of my large-sized

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other shore.

Angel friends are ever near us while we journey here

From our life's bright morning's dawning till the sunset's fading glow;

their way.

longer stay;

where they are gone.

Let us faint not nor be weary, let us ever look above, For the angels e'er are near us with a helping hand of They will sweeten our afflictions with their loving, kindly

And our souls will glow with gladness for the beauty in them wrought.

Refrain:-

other shore. JAS. C. UNDERHILL. Hammond, Ind.

No evil propensity of the human heart is so powerful that it cannot be subdued by discipline, -- Seneca.

We seldom realize it, but very frequently the reason we have no use for people is because they will not allow themselves to be used .- Puck.

In every creed man is the slave of God-woman is the slave of man and the sweet children are the slaves of all.

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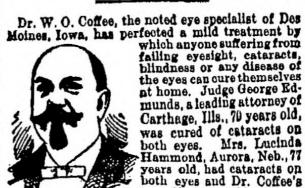
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WRITE PLAINLY .- We would like to impress upon the minds of our correspondents that The Progressive Thinker is set up on a Linotype machine that must make speed equal to about four compositors. That means rapid work, and it is essential that all copy,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

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

A special from Middletown, N. Y., to the Chicago Inter. Ocean says: "Luther R. Marsh, who, despite the radical differences in their religious belief, was a great admirer of the late Robert G. Ingersoll and his warm personal friend, through the mediumship of Mrs. Clarissa J. Huyler, with whom he has boarded since he took up his residence | cers be held according to the provisions here some ten years ago, has had sev- of the charter. The present officers, it eral spirit messages from the great ag- is said, paid no heed to the demand, nostic. The first message was received several months ago and was to the effect that there is a life beyond the grave and that death-does not end all. It contained also an expression of half regret that although he spoke as he believed, he might, through his addresses and writings, have been the means of leading many away from the paths of light. Later messages have conveyed the assurance that, through some miracle of divine goodness, all of the great unbeliever's scoffings, railings, and blasphemings have been forgot and forgiven and that he has been received in heaven, where, among God's elect, he is far happier than he ever was while

Programmes are being prepared for the Grand Ledge, Mich., Spiritualists camp-meeting, which will open July 28, and close August 25. Mediums for different phases of work are invited to correspond with the board with a view to attendance. Address Frank Lapham, Sec'y protem, Box 175.

O. Burnett writes from Santa Cruz, Cal.: "I have been lecturing for the Unity Spiritual Society of this city, five | Daniels said that he was a collector for months with success.'

E. W. Sprague, whose efficient servganizing the second one this week also."

March, April and May open for engagements to lecture and give tests. Address all letters to Oxford, Ohio.

Mrs. Mattle E. Hull is open for campmeeting engagements the coming season, after July 30. She would like to make a few engagements during the lecture season of 1901. Terms reasonable. Address her at 72 York street. Buffalo, N. Y.

N. A. Stevens writes that Dr. Schlesinger is a medium whom he has known for twelve years. He attended the Doctor's meetings in Los Angeles, Cal. and his tests were wonderful, and in his private readings at his parlors he could hardly find time to dine at his noon repast, because of his many visitors.

Owing to the critical illness of the mother of Mrs. A. E. Sheets, of Grand Ledge, Mich., she has returned to her home after nearly-three months in Reed City Sanitarium.

The Lynn (Mass.) Spiritualists' Association held well attended meetings in Cadet hall, Sunday afternoon and even--ing. March 3. At the afternoon service Mrs. Dr. Caird, Mrs. Maud Litch and others, gave tests. Mrs. Alfareta Jahnke, of Boston, a dramatic reader of high merit, rendered Will Carleton's "Farmer and the Wheel," and in response to an encore, recited a piece entitled "Jamie." Thomas' orchestra rendered musical selections. Previous to children, but the other was drowned. the convening of the evening meeting, supper was served in lower Cadet hall. In the evening tests were again given by Mrs. Dr. Caird, Mrs. Maud Litch and others, and Mrs. Jahnke again favored the audience with selections, rendering "My Ships," and for an encore, "The Little Boy's Lament."

Marcus C. Whitney writes from Connecticut: "Pardon me for failure to renew-my subscription promptly. Believe me when I tell you that I think The Progressive Thinker is almost indispensable, for to me it is indeed a welcome visitor."

The Toledo (Ohio) Times says: "The meeting last night in Memorial Hall under the auspices of the Independent Spiritualist Association, taxed the capacity of the hall to accommodate the crowd. The services were conducted. by Mrs. .Carpenter, of Detroit, who delivered one of her characteristic lecvery soul in defense of spirit phenom- cleties in need of a speaker or test meena, and of life beyond the grave. 'Here,' said the medium, comes the spirit of a beautiful child, who carries in his hand a bouquet of roses, He passed away at a point evidently some distance from here. He wants his papa and mamma to know that he is here. The flowers are for both of them. His name is Ernest. He says he is going to school in the spirit world. Grandma Summers delivered the opening address and Fannie were with him.' A. Mr. Mitchell, from Iowa, who is visiting his sister in Tolcilo, recognized the spirit | nied by zither and violin, the former as that of his little boy. Under the con-

At its twenty-second annual commencement, March 26, 1901, Dr. H. V. Sweringen has been selected to deliver |-hice little sum for the society's treasury. the valedictory upon the part of the faculty of the Fort Wayne College of Medicine. Notwithstanding the Doctor's well-known Spiritualistic proclivities, 320 Clay street, Louisville, Ky., Home bis services to this college are appreci- address, 369 S. Division street, Grand

beautiful spirit song, the words and mu-

sic of which were unlike anything pub-

lished."

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 will not do to say that Secretary or Correspondent writes so and so, without giving the full name and address of the writer. The items of those who do not comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

> The following from the Chicago Times-Herald illustrates a curious case of "double" personality: "The mind of Charles H. Hoff, a tenmster of Milwaukee, Wis., has been totally blank for the past three weeks. He disappeared Feb. 8. Two days ago he found himself in Appleton, Wis., where he was at work with a team hauling logs. Hoff asked his employer how long he had been working in Appleton, and he was told a week. He had drawn some of his pay, but had two days' wages still coming. This he drew at once and immediately returned to his family in Milwaukee. Those who know Hoff well do not believe he would desert his family intentionally. The case is one of the most mysterious on record."

societies, building up weak ones, and notice at Rochester, Ind. Their home | cial condition." address is 618 Newland avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.

claiming that they could hold office for the term of one year. The following are the officers of the association: President, W. O. Knowles; vice-president, Dr. Horton; secretary, Mrs. J. Johnson; treasurer, William Reed. The association has a membership of about two hundred at the present time, and weekly meetings are held in Temple Emanual on Sundays."

Mrs. M. Surratt writes from Montreal, Canada: "On the evening of October 26, 1900; at a Spiritualist seance, a spirit came and declared that Theodore Durant, accused of the murder of Blanche Lamonte and Minnie Williams, is perfectly innocent of the crime. The spirit asked to have these facts published for the consolation of the parents, and to prove the innocence of one charged with being guilty of the crime."

The New York Post has the following: "Charles J. Daniels, who lives at No. 23 Vroom street, Jersey City, reported to the police of that city to-day that he had been robbed at a Spiritualistic seance, which was held in a house in York street, Jersey City, last night. Mr. the Union Oil Company of Hoboken avenue and Monmouth street. Last night ices all recognize, writes: "We organ- he met some persons whom he had preized two societies last week and are or- | viously seen at seances, and entered into conversation with them. The party Frank T. Ripley has the Sundays of entered a house where a young woman went into a trance, and caused a number of spirits to appear. He said that he was greatly interested in the proceedings, and remained in the house until 4:30 this morning. Soon after he left he found that his money, amounting to about \$50, was missing. He tried to find the house on York street again, but could not do so.'

Mary A. Burland writes: "I am very busy. I am speaking for the Progressive Spiritualist Society. This is my third engagement in this place, and this time I speak for the society seven months. I will close in May. I have a good audience twice on Sunday, and a circle Wednesday evening. I follow my lectures with messages. In most every instance they are recognized. I send greeting to all my friends in Illinois. I will respond to calls for funerals and to lecture in Michigan. We expect to celebrate the anniversary the last Sunday of this month. Address me at 95

Terrace street, Muskegon, Mich." The Chicago Chronicle has the following: "Mrs. Maggie Delthorn, aged 26 years, walked out on a bridge over the Monongahela river at Pittsburg, Pa., with her two children, aged 2 and 4 years, and when in the center of the structure picked them up and threw them over the parapet. Before she could follow she was arrested. Boats put out at once and rescued one of the The woman was evidently demented, as she told the police that the act was an inspiration from heaven. She has been under religious excitement for several weeks and has been almost constantly praying. The boy, who was rescued, was taken to the South Side hospial. - It is thought he will die from exposure. The body of the girl was recovered."

Timothy Robinson writes that the Light of Truth Society of Danville, Ill. met Feb. 22 and enjoyed exercises in commemorating Washington. Mrs. L. J. Vaughn gave an invocation, followed by remarks by Brother Bove, after which Mrs. Vaughn paid a glowing tribute to the memory, and spirit of Washington, and gave readings in psychometry. A conference meeting was held on the 23d, and spirit greetings were given by various mediums. The meeting on Sunday was a grand success and the hall was crowded beyond tures, her theme being 'The Life of its seating capacity. Mrs. Vaughn Christ.' The speaker was evidently spoke on the Philosophy of Life. followchaperoned by one of her best spirit ing with tests by herself and others. guides last night, as she poured out her | Mrs. Vaughn is recommended to so-

As proof and illustration not only of the spread of Spiritualism but also of fraternity of societies and individual believers, we note that on Sunday afterdoon and evening, March 3, at Heuser's Hall, 576 Larrabee street. North Side, Chicago, the Bund der Wahrhelt, No. 18, held an "agitations'fest," where Mrs. and subsequently, under inspiration, sang a solo; with good effect, accompaplayed by Miss Hirschman, Mr. Joseph, trol of this spirit, the medium sang a as a medium, gave a number of communications, all of which were recognized. In the evening were supper, music and dancing. The hall was beautifully decorated and its capacity was tested by a large attendance, resulting in a

Mrs. Emma Blake writes: "I am open for camp dates, and can give good references as to my work. Address me at Ravids, Mich."

in Library Hall, Olneyville Square, every Sunday afternoon, at 2:30. From a very small beginning the attendance has steadily increased, I have been regular speaker since the first Sunday in October, The system adopted this season meets with approval and success. There are no door fees and no platform tests, but a circle is formed after the regular service is closed. As settled paster I have found it possible to become acquainted with the people and their spiritual necessities in a much more satisfactory manner than itlnerant work afforded."

T. G. Lowry writes from Williamsport, Pa.: "Our society engaged D. B. Jimerson and wife, the Indian mediums of Steamburg, N. Y., for two weeks, and their engagements closed Feb. 28. Many investigators and skeptics have been converted to Spiritualism. Spirit friends materialized while both mediums were away from the cabinet. In the physical light seance independent writing and pictures are produced and recognized by the audience." Mrs. T. M. Locke writes from Philadel

phia, Pa.: "The Philadelphia Spiritual ist Society had for their speaker during the month of January, Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood, who did a grand good work for the cause; he presented and demonstrated Spiritualism from a scientific standpoint. During his month's engagement, independent of his regular lectures, he gave us four on Mythology, which were highly appreciated. During the month of February we had with us E. W. Sprague and wife, speakers and the noted medium, Mrs. May S. Pepper, platform test mediums, are making and she has certainly done a grand good camp-meeting engagements for the work in our city. She has been instrucoming season. They have the time mental in convincing the most skeptical from July 1 to July 14, and the time and bringing a ray of hope to the unafter August 18 free. They are mission- believer. Hundreds were unable to aries of the N. S. A., and are working gain admission to our hall during the in Indiana organizing and chartering month, and we have this to say in all sincerity that she is conscientious, and spreading the gospel of Spiritualism works hard for the benefit of the sogenerally. Address them until further clety. She has left us in a good finan-

Mrs. W. F. Howard writes from Clear Lake, Iowa: "During the month of Feb-The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press, ruary we had Mrs. Eva McCoy, of says: "There is trouble in the ranks of | Marshalltown, Iowa, with us. She is the Grand Rapids Spiritual association, very accurate with her spirit messages The affair was brought to a climax yes- and has aroused more interest in the terday afternoon when James E Walk- cause of Spiritualism than we have er, one of those who conducted the ever had here. There is much room for camp-meeting at Brigg's park last sum- missionary work here, and we should speak in Detroit, Dr. Burrows' Temple, mer, demanded that an election of offi- be glad to have mediums passing this 132 Michigan avenue, March 24, and at

The Herald of Grand Forks, North Dakota, has the following: "The Medical Association bill, designed to regulate the practice of medicine in the state, was passed by the senate yesterday, saddled with provisions exempting osteopathists. Christian scientists and magnetic healers from the provisions of the law, and completely destroying the force of the bill as a measure to regulate healing. So effectually did the senate carve up the bill that its author and introducer, Senator Taylor, could not bring himself to vote for it on final passage after the numerous amendments had been adopted."

Burt C. Baldwin writes that Mrs. L A. Roberts is officiating acceptably for the society that meets at Fraternity Hall, Milwaukee, Wis. The Society will continue to meet on Sunday afternoons, and the Temple will be open for services every Sunday evening.

. H. A. Tucker writes from Ohio: "I feel as though I should thank Brother Francis for the seven premium books sent out with his valuable paper, The Progressive Thinker."

Mrs. S. E. Bemis writes from Des Moines, Iowa, of several tricksters who have visited that city. In fact every city is full of them. Spiritualists should avoid them, or be swindled. John C. Hemmeter writes: "The Ohio Spiritual Association will hold its annual convention and mass-meeting in Masonic Temple, Columbus, Ohio, May 23 and 24, 1901, at which all Spiritualists in Ohio and elsewhere are welcome.

H. S. Butts, of Waverly, N. Y., speaks well of Mrs. Darrell as a medium.

'In union is strength.'"

Edward S. Dillon writes from Wheeling, W. Va.: "I take pleasure in sending you another subscriber for your valuable paper. I will have several more soon. I do this for the good of Spiritualism, and my high regard for your efforts in a cause which is so near and dear to sorrowing humanity."

Geo. F. Perkins writes: "The friends

of the Beacon Light Spiritual Church

and its promotors, to the number of about 35, met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, 884 W. Madison street, Chicago, Thursday evening, March 7, and thoroughly enjoyed an impromptu programme, with refreshments. The affair was intended as a complimentary testimonial and benefit to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, who are conducting meetings every Sunday afternoon at Diversey Boulevard and Sheffield avenue on the North Side, and Wednesday evening, corner of Larrabee and Garfield; also Sunday evenings at 884 W. Madison street. The health of Mrs. Perkins has not been favorable to the arduous duties imposed upon her, and the ladies conceived the idea that it would be beneficial to her mental and spiritual welfare to show their appreciation of her work. Mrs. Otto Kleineau was president of the committee of arrangements, and was a decided success in her efforts. The conductors of the Beacon Light Church desire to thank the friends, one and all, for their kindness, assistance and thoughtfulness, in lending their aid by arduous committee work, as well as financial and eatable donations. The affair was

a practical and social success." D. N. P. writes from Mechanicsburg, Ind.: "Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, Missionaries of the N. S. A., were called to this place on Feb. 28, to officiate at the funeral of Dr. W. C. Reed, an enthusiastic and devoted worker for reform and Spiritualism. In accordance with the request of the departed, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague remained to deliver a lecture on the evening of Feb. 28. This meeting being eminently successful, these devoted workers remained in Mechanicsburg until March 4, giving four additional lectures, at the close of which, they organized and chartered a Spiritualist Research Society of thirtyfive members."

W. W. Rice writes from Thornburg. Va.: "As I opened my paper of March 2 my eyes caught sight of the number, 588, and the closing number for the year being 591, it says: 'Walk up, and pay up for another year,' or in other words re-enlist, and hold your humble position with the most progressive army of thinkers of the present age, at a cost of only one dollar per year. My judgment is based upon an experience of about 11 years. In all those years, not a number has been lost through the mail; not a number but brings me a dollar's worth of the gospel of 'good news.' to say nothing of the premium books obtainable as a present for becoming a subscriber to The Progressive Thinker. This question may arise in your mind, 'Why don't you send a list of subscribers from your locality?' I will tell you, I am entirely alone in my belief here. Spiritualist speakers, come this way." L. Murphy writes: "The Church of Shirit Communion. Kenwood Hall 4308 | For sale at this office.

E. J. Bowtell writes; "The Olneyville Cottage Grove avenue, is well attended (R. I.) Spiritual Society holds meetings | each afternoon and evening. The 8 p. m. conference is quite interesting. Lecture at 8 p. m. by prominent speakers. March 8, Mr., E. Deirkes occupied the rostrum, with a yery interesting lecture. Although young in the cause he is a very promising speaker. Messages are given by Mr., H. F. Coates and other mediums. All are welcome. Seats

John S. Randall awrites: "July 8,

free."

true."

1895. I went toothou Minnesota State Spiritualist camp-meeting at Hamline, an entire stranger. On my way through the grounds, as I was passing a small group of people; a young lady accosted me, saying she anustrspeak to me. She said, To your rightils a lady, tall, with dark brown eyes, who says she is your wife. Next to her is a lady; she gives the name of St. Clair, or Sinclair, who says your families used to visit. They lived southwest of your farm.' Then speaking to an elderly lady, saying, little Northward or Southward, owing Those beautiful roses and lights between them.' Then to me she said, "To ever, always blow direct toward the your left stands a tall young man. He tells me he passed to spirit life when a small boy; that the doctor in lancing an abscess cut the artery, and he bled to death in your arms. He says he is your brother.' This was all strictly

A Dubuque (Iowa) paper says: "The marriage of Miss Anna Gantenbein and Dr. O. G. W. Adams was solemnized at high noon to-day. The ceremony occurred at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gantenbein. 280 Eagle street. Mayor C. H. Berg ofhe has solemnized. Only the immediate relatives were present. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. The wedding was most auspiclous, geniality and good cheer, for both of which Dr. Adams is known, characterizing it. Dr. Adams and bride will reside at Dr. Adams' home, 1472 Locust street. Dr. Adams is so well known that comment on his pleasing personality, his popularity, and his standing as a physician would be superfluous. His bride is a most estimable lady, well known in Dubuque and qualified in talents and culture as a helpmate and companion for her worthy husband. Their many friends wish them long years of happiness."

Lyman C. Howe writes: "I expect to Paw Paw, (Anniversary) March 23 and 24; thence to Allegan for a week. I shall respond to other calls in the state if they reach me in season. If no other work offers I shall return to Fredonia N. Y., in April."

Mrs. C. B. Empey, of Kansas City Mo. writes: "The Society of Spiritual Truth is holding very successful meetings every Sunday evening at 1222 Mc-Gee street. Mrs. Carrie L. Bean is the lecturer and Miss Edith Edwards is the musician and test medium. Miss Edwards gives a short programme before the commencement of the services, and the number of fully recognized tests that are given through her mediumship is remarkable, and drawing large crowds. Mrs. Bean is a fine psychometric reader, and through her forces many are given glimpses beyond the veil, and brought into an understanding of the true life. Anhiversary exercises will be held Sinday evening, Mch 31, at 1222 McGee street."

The annual reception and bazaar of the Spiritualist society of Galveston, Tex., will be held Filday and Saturday, March 29 and 30. The proceeds from buzuar will be devoted to the Temple fund. Friends of the cause are kindly solicited to contribute to this movement by forwarding fancy or useful articles for sale at the bazaar. Address John W. Ring, 2011 ave N1/4 Galveston, Tex. At the fourth annual convention of the Texas State National Association of Spiritualists, held in Dallas, March 1,

2 and 3 the following officers were reelected: President, John W. Ring, of Galveston: vice-president, Dr. H. S. Bock, of Dallas; secretary, Mrs, Nettle M. Wood, 6171/2 Travis street, Houston; treasurer, H. A. Landes, of Galveston. Trustees: W. H. Harrell, of Dallas; Mrs. B. Lenox, of Stephensville: Mrs. F. M. Overman and Chas, W. Newnam, of San Antonio, and Mrs. Lou Lang, of Rosenberg.

A. H. Hackman writes: "I think your paper is improving all the time. I like it better every week."

From Lyman C. Howe.

I shared the hospitality of Moses and Mattle E. Hull in Buffalo, and attended an evening entertainment at the Temple, where Brother Barber read an original poem of superior merit, and several ladies entertained us with music and dancing, and it was generally voted a good time, in spite of the extreme, cold, bolsterous weather. Moses is making it lively for the clergy of Buffalo, who vent their spleen and expose their ignorance in pulpit and press attacks upon Spiritualism, and dictatorial demands for the recognition of their worst of it when they get Moses after them. He is a very busy, and very use-

I do not regard the apathy so much talked about as an evil omen to Spiritualism. It is natural, and inevitable; and from this temporary depression look for a rising wave that will reach higher and sweep a broader field than we have ever dreamed of before. All great movements have periods of activity and rest, alternating like the seasons, while the great ocean of spiritual energy throbs on, and on, in successive waves towards the ever receding, ever inviting shore.

We would tire of continuous growth in one line and by one method, and the very ecstasies of one period, if continued unbroken, would become painful and paralytic in another. If I mistake not, the 20th century will see Spiritualism covering the world as with a mantle of glory, and carrying its healing balm to all men, and conditions of men.

Even now, in these days of apparent apathy and decline. I sense the secret stirring of spiritual life and power, and a marshalling of the hosts of both worlds for such a rally and such a work as has no precedent in history. The very trough of the wave quivers with the silent profficey of the coming tide that will carry all before it. The Spiritual press to day, as never before, breathes an atmosphere of promise, thrilled with exalted purposes; and echoing the life and love, and spiritual beatitudes of the years that will soon unroll their might and meaning in the sublime realizations of the 20th century. I see no cause for alarm or complaint. The voice saith, "It is well: all LYMAN C. HOWE. is well."

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And the Rotary Power of the Air.

To the Editor:-The many advanced thinkers who read your truly philosophic fournal may remember a recent article, wherein it was shown that the pressure of air in motion is the sole cause of the earth's rotation. It was further stated that this solution of this grand problem, led to the

discovery of the origin of geological In solving this latter problem we premise that clouds, storms and the monsoons demonstrate that the great normal circulation of the air is in the same general direction of the earth's rotation, although it may at any time swerve a

to low pressure areas. Monsoons, how-

When the sun is vertical to the equator and the earth is at either equinox, rotation and air motion are parallel, but when the sun has made his greatest declination North or South of the equator, and the earth is at either solstice, rotation and air motion is divergent 23 degrees 28 minutes, consequent upon the inclination of the earth's axis; at which orbital points the rotary power of the air on the old axis is reduced more than half by reason of its indirect application to the line of rotation, and ficiated, this being the second marriage as a sequence the diurnal period of rotation is longer than when the earth is

at either equinox. Thence it follows that when the earth's axis inclines more than 45 degrees, a very likely occurrence, the ro-tary power of the air is greater around the polar diameter than around the equatorial diameter, resulting in cessation of rotation on the old axis, and the creating of a new axis in a line to cause rotation to conform with the direction of air motion, thus abruptly ending an old period and beginning a new period. Professors Marsh, King, et al., have shown that differentiated species found

in adjoining strata, evidences that each period began and ended abruptly. It is plainly evident that shifting of the poles 20 or more degrees, would tions of the old equator and sections of the new equator to overlap portions of the new equator to overlap portions of the old arctics, hence we find tropic and arctic products and varieties of species in all regions of the earth.

In Switzerland are found 82 distinct strata of coal, with sedimentary rocks and clay intervening, thus showing that the flora was submerged in situ by serene flowing waters, and that long periods existed between the formation of each stratum.

Coal flora is grown only in warm climates, and its conversion into coal, requires a radical change of climate, and submergence of the flora; both of which require a sudden shifting of the poles' axis. A gradual shifting of the poles is possible and probable; that, however, would give a continuous stratum of coal, winding around the whole earth in spiral form 82 times without a break, except where oceans interfered.

In the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans the waters circulate from the equator to the North Pole, and back again, whereby It Beams With Spiritual the equilibrium is maintained. Owing to the semi plastic condition of

the earth's mass, and the great velocity of its rotation a bulge is formed at the equator and an indention at the poles. The surface water at the equator starting at an altitude of 13 miles, flows down to the North Pole by force of gravity and returns, as an under current, up the acclivity by the same force, sided by centrifugal force generated by the earth's rotation.

All fluids in motion move in the line of least resistance. The pressure of water increases rapidly by increase of depth.

At the depth of two miles the pressure is 24 tons to the square inch. Now then, the North circumpolar ocean lies in a basin, probably 600 miles in diameter; the great pressure immediately around the pole, consequent upon The Second Volume of a its great depth, forces the bottom water up-hill toward the brim of the basin where the pressure is less consequent upon its less depth, at which distance from the pole the centrifugal force generated by rotation is sufficient to keep the under current in motion until it

reaches the equator. It is well known that the great pressure of glaciers crushes the bottom into slush and thus flows from underneath. It is thus seen that the moment the direction of the earth's rotation is changed by the shifting of the poles' axis, the direction of ocean currents must change to conform with the new lines in which these cosmic forces are exerted, resulting in a deluge that submerges large land areas, and consequent emergence of old ocean beds, without depression or elevation of either. It is further seen that a change in the direction of rotation, requires a readjustment of the earth's crust to resist the new lines in which the centrifugal force is exerted. Pending adjustment excessive volcanic eruptions would prevail in many regions. .

Chinese History by the Emperor Yao, and Babylonian History by Berosus, shows that the last great deluge occurred at the summer solstice.

Full blown petrified flowers resemformation on the islands of Great Brit-On the prairies of Iowa, North Amer-

ica, trees are found standing upright 25 feet below the soil, with their foliage, thus indicating that the sediment was deposited in calm waters. The tropic and arctic products found

in all regions of the earth is positive evidence that the earth is dotted over with old polar centers. Furthermore that this old earth was never so cold, and never had so much ice as at this present moment. Doctor I. Hayes, of two Arctic explo-

rations found by measurement that ice in the polar regions increased eleven inches each year. Therefore if the Noachian deluge oc-

curred some 4200 years since-dates differ-ice in the present polar regions should be more than 4,000 feet thick. Some writers say it is already 6,000 feet thick. Thence in a short period of 50,-000 years the ice cap will be more than 8 miles thick and possibly 2,000 miles in diameter. Yea, every polar period has its huge

polar ice caps. It must ever be borne in mind, that polar ice caps formed at ocean levels are in no possible way related to ice caps formed on mountain peaks 10,000 to 15,000 feet above oceans. In a future paper we will locate three

or more old polar centers. GEO. M. RAMSEY. Washington; Pa.

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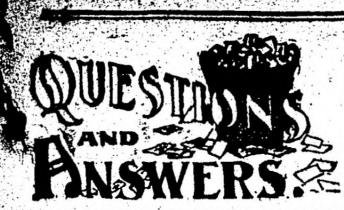
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- Duncan McRae: Q. Can you tell me where and at what prices I can obtain the books of P. B. Randolph, "Beyond the Spaces," "The Golden Secret," and "Dhoula Bel?"

A. The last of these never was published; the limited editions of the others were soon exhausted and the books are unobtainable.

H. S. Barnes: Q. My guides have insisted that I sit for slate-writing, which like the sound of a telegraph key.

any special form of manifestation. The | equilibrium is that of perfect health. state of mind induced by such a determination is of itself almost prohibitive. The best results are gained by cultivating whatever manifestations are received along their especial lines.

manifest better in darkness than in can foretell the future. They may use

which makes every object in the room | to correctly prophesy. visible. Phenomena of wonderful character have taken place and are being constantly repeated in such light. This shows that it is possible, and when we consider the unsatisfactory character of all manifestations in absolute darkness, it would appear best to maintain light seances in preference to dark. Intense light is antagonistic, as would be excessive heat, and there are manifestations affected by the same. A dark room is essential if a photograph is to be taken on the sensitive plate. Certain manifestaltons require subdued light, but not to that extent as to prevent-distinctly everything that may transpire.

F. F. Schafers: Q. (1) Is it a fact that spirit phenomena are better given in California than elsewhere?

mediums, by whom I can receive writpared by myself?

mediums in California that manifestations could be more readily produced there, but this is not supported by facts. It is true that a dry, invigorating atmosphere is favorable to sensitives, as a damp malarious climate depresses. The atmosphere of the great northern lakes, softer air of the Pacific slope.

himself to external conditions.

(2) In thousands of instances, invesof such writing being received, evidence | fact. which would have proved fraud impossible had the slates been in possession our little association, nominally at least, munity. She set to work and in a very or even furnished by the medium. This | and let us strengthen the National Asso- | short time raised the amount necessary proof is the character of the writing. | clation all we can. No great reform It has been unmistakably in the style was ever achieved without the friends and manner of the one from whom it of that reform organizing and teaching purported to come; the handwriting has its truths. I read with great interest been preserved, and facts have been the articles contributed by Maj. C. H. mentioned which no one but the spirit | Mathews, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to | ualists and Catholics; the funeral servcould know. There is a great deal of The Progressive Thinker, each week, fraud and tricks of sleight-of-hand, yet from 'The Book of the New Moral there is the genuine, and this is often | World, by Robert Owen. They contain found where least heralded.

B. F. French: Q. Professor Daw- to our attention for the first time. barn in his writings talks of a great experimented with the life of the experi- spirit often.

menter? Mr .Dawbarn also in connection withatoms and molecules, uses the terms God and God Junior. Are such terms proper? Do they convey any real

knowledge to a student? Mr. Dawbarn also holds that atoms and molecules possess intelligence. Can mere chemical attraction or affinity books. It is laden with rich, thoughtrightfully be called intelligence? Can | ful spirituality. For sale at this office. intelligence exist save as to the prop- | Price \$1. erty of a living organized entity which is capable of acquiring knowledge and

retaining it by memory? sentative of those which are almost Albert Turner." Of especial interest daily presented by correspondents, and value. For sale at this office. showing the interest Mr. Dawbarn's ar- Price, \$1. ticles have awakened. I confess that the manner in which he treats his subjects is so different from my own methods of thought, which are respondent to the inspiration of those who write by me, that I fall ofttimes to grasp his meaning, and it would be folly for me to attempt to comment or interpret. The only experiments which have gained notoriety, in the supposed evolution of liv- | itualism. The book is commended to ing forms were those of Bastian (recorded in Beginnings of Life) and the recent exploitation of Prof. Loeb and

lile assistants. Of the first, no one has

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similar mistake, which following researches will correct. For the time being, however, the doctors seem to think they have found the clixir of life in salt

Of Mr. Dawbarn's use of the term God, of course he gives it a new meaning, one which sounds rather disrespectful, and is not self-luminous. But what is God? It is a term which means just what the user intends, no more, no less, be it a Joss stick or the sun. Intelligence such as we comprehend,

as mind, thought, reason, can only exist in connection with a living form, yet telligence, simulating the intelligence success. which is ours, and mistaken for it by those who talk of universal mind, an all-knowing God. Such intelligence, force, energy, must reside in every atom and form a part. Such an intelli- press their earnestness and enthusiasm gence cannot be supposed to reason, for | in the "coin of the realm" with which reason is placing cause and effect to- to meet the expenses of the meeting. If gether-a process of the finite. It can- | Spiritualists would only learn to supnot think, for thinking presupposes the | port their religion; to pay for what they finite process of reproducing previous get, and not expect others to pay for it impressions. It cannot have memory, for them, our movement would stand for by that means it could acquire much better than it does at the present knowledge, and it must have been as perfect at creation's morn as after a

To be clear, to understand ourselves and make others understand, elemental | for the faithful few, neither do I speak action and reaction, the grouping of at- unkindly of those who refuse to give oms, and arrangement and re-arrangement of molecules is known as chemi- ual and spiritual feast that the State cal affinity, and although its results appear to conform to our conceptions of | idea of getting something for nothing the evolution of spirit? After a while though endless transformations through the development of man we see the growth of an individualized intelligence. In matter in its various forms we constantly catch reflections of the cosmic forces, concentrating in the supreme end—the evolution of an independent thinking being.

E. C. G., Myrtle, Idaho: Q. chronic diseases affect the spirit?

A. For a time they are reflected by I have without other result than auto- the spirit, but are outgrown as it adlife, becase all processes are harmonious. The fact that spirit existence is and did her part to present messages of A. It has been repeatedly urged in preserved is evidence that there is susthis department that it was not best to | tained equilibrium between all forces sit with the fixed nurpose of receiving | which sustain that existence. Such

> Z. F. Vallier: Q. Is it possible for astrologers to foretell the future with any degree of accuracy?

A. We do not believe that astrologers, that is by their so-called science Will J. Davis: Q. Why do spirits enabling them to calculate by the stars, these processes as a means of mental concentration by which they are enthose well informed in the methods to abled to receive impressions from supecommunicate, and no phenomena call rior spirits who by a clear, comprehenfor more than a subdued light, one sion of causes and effects are enabled

Tuscarawas (0.) Spiritualists.

A friend writing from Port Washington, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1901, among other good things says: "It is a lamentable fact that the Spiritualists of Tuscarawas county (and there are many of them if they only had the courage of their convictions,) do not form associations and have social and intellectual feasts near home often. I feel it a great void that I have none, Universalists, Unitarians and Agnostics or very little opportunity, to associate were in attendance upon all of our West and converse with those who have the | Superior meetings. One gentleman resame aspirations and regard for every- marked that Moses Hull's lectures had thing that is good, beautiful and true, | taught him more about the Bible than as taught and exemplified by modern he had ever learned from his minister. Spiritualism as I have. By all means and he had been a church member for continue the First Spiritualist Society | thirty years. The Catholics took a deep of Tuscarawas County; although I interest in our work, and were especialthink it is not doing the work that ly pleased with the lectures from the and con by the members of the House () Are there any genuine slate-writing | under different circumstances it could | various speakers. The press of the city and would do. Do not disband. The was eminently fair in its reports of the ing on a pair of slates bought and pre- time may come, and come soon, when | meetings, and in its comments upon the the everlasting truths of Spiritualism | work of the several speakers. A. (1) It has been asserted through will be as universally accepted and In the course of the meeting, when taught as the fact of the rotundity of | calling upon one of the undertakers of our earth and its revolutions upon its the city to obtain extra chairs, Mrs. axis and around the central sun. When Stewart learned that the body of Mr. Galileo, in 1610, proclaimed the above Eugene Todd had been lying in the fact, he stood alone, against all the morgue of West Superior for six weeks, world: but that did not change the fact. "When such men as Sir William which to defray the expense. Mr. Todd and the eastern Atlantic coast, charged | Crookes, Camille Flammarion, A. R. had passed to the spirit life from the with ozone, and keenly exciting to the Wallace, James, Hyslop, and hosts of city hospital; the address of his relanerves, is more favorable than the others, men and women (including the tives could not be obtained; after due late Queen Victoria) of equal renown | search having been made to find some Climate, however, must be regarded and intellectual capacity, in all walks one who know him, effort had been as secondary, to the personality of the of life, and in all countries, proclaim given up and the undertaker had kept sensitive who should be able to adjust the eternal truths, it will not be long the body hoping some one would appear until the fact of the existence of the to claim it. He did not wish to inter spirit spheres and the intercourse of its | the remains in the potter's field, because tigators have done just what this corre- inhabitants with the denizens of earth, the man seemed to belong to a class in spondent proposes, brought their own under proper conditions, will be uni- society that would warrant different slates, securely fastened together and versally accepted. It will be a source | treatment. He was offered forty-five received messages, and there has been of satisfaction to everyone of us that dollars for the remains by the College presented what is called internal evi- we were of the first to discover and ac- of Surgeons and he refused to sell. dence of far greater value than the fact | cept the new, though always existing, | Upon learning these facts, Mrs. Stewart

> such great truths and facts as we can hardly realize, because they are brought Mrs. Stewart is entitled to much credit

perimenter making experiments in pro- gustus Ley to the Summerland was ing was known of him excepting that ducing the various forms and species of | quite a loss to us few Spiritualists, in | he had been taken ill in the pineries, life. If life already existed, as exem- our quiet little village; but we console brought to West Superior hospital, plified in the experimenter, what need ourselves with the fact that what is of further experiment? Where did the our loss is his gain, and although he is a few days' illness. It seems to me experimenter come from, and who ex- absent in the body, he is with us in the | that this was practical Spiritualism

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Notes of Work and Travel, by Pres. H. D. Barrett.

To the Editor:-Since my last letter have visited Sturgis, Mich., West Superior, Wis., St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., St. Louis, and Kansas City, Mo. In all of these cities large audiences attended all of our meetings, and a great deal of interest was manifested in the subject matter of the discourses presented by the various speakers.

No doubt you have heard from the secretary of the Michigan State Assoclation, with regard to the Sturgis meeting. Permit me to add that President Hutchison was the right man in the right place, and that he labored faiththere is what may be called Cosmic In- fully and well to make the meeting a

In the point of numbers our church was filled at nearly every session with earnest seekers for the truth. They lacked only one thing-the ability to extime. Some few of the workers were devotion itself and paid more than their just share of the expenses of the meeting. I have no word of condemnation even a dime for that splendid intellect-Association spread before them. The intelligent action, what do we gain to has been the result of the individualcall it intelligence? Do we not see in istic spirit that has so long prevailed in the evolution of matter, side by side, our ranks. It is to be hoped that our people will learn the art of giving, so that the deficit of the Sturgls meeting may never be reneated.

The addresses of Mr. Geo. W. Kates, Eveline Arthur See, Mrs. Martha E. Root, Mrs. Carrie Firth Curran, Hon. D. P. Dewey and others, were all of a high order of excellence, and were surely worth in dollars and cents many times the amount that a number of those who heard them, annually pay out in tobacco and millinery bill for no purpose whatever.

Mrs. Kates' test work was also excel-Mrs. F. V. Jackson was also present, comfort from the arisen loved ones. Mrs. May F. Ayres was at her post throughout the meeting, although she was far from well. She deserves much credit for her devotion to the cause of Spiritualism.

In West Superior the Congregationalist Church was filled every evening, while the afternoon meetings brought out large numbers of intelligent people to listen to the addresses of the varl ous speakers. Mrs. Clara L. Stewart the efficient State President, planned this meeting in a very practical way, and managed the affair to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Moses Hull gave a series of the ablest lectures I have ever heard, while Mrs. Stewart's several addresses were brief but always to the point and full of sound, practical advice and logical inferences. Max Hoffmann's test work was pleasing to a majority of the people and created no little interest on the part of the outside

I remained in this city over Sunday and gave two addresses to large audiences in the Odd Fellows' Hall. I was surprised to see that the Theosophists. Mental Scientists, Roman Catholics,

unburied, from lack of funds with at once declared that the body should "Therefore, by all means, continue be interred as becomes a civilized comto purchase a grave and a complete burial outfit: the undertaker donated the burial robe and four dollars in money to the expenses, the balance was readily made up by Theosophists, Spiritices were held Monday, Feb. 18, at which Mrs. Stewart and your correspondent officiated. This was a Spiritualistic funeral in all respects, and for her-kindly efforts to care for the re-"The sudden departure of Bro. Au- mains of this unfortunate man. Nothfrom which place he passed away after rightly applied.

Our next point was St. Paul. Here the State Association and the N. S. A. held a joint meeting of three days' duration. The best of feeling prevailed speaker was at his or her best whenever called upon to address the multi-

Here I met many true and tried friends of the earlier years of my life, for it was in Minnesota that I made my abiding place upon leaving my home in brief but busy years were spent in the state of the "North Star." On the occasion of this visit I found many friends of those days to greet me once again, and it was indeed a pleasure to of the old-time associates had taken their leave of life and gone on to their homes in the great hereafter. It was like a return visit to an old homestend, but it was made sad by the many missing faces, and by the failure to hear the tones of voices that were, in those days, dear to me. Reflecting upon the fact swiftly roll away. The thought also came to mind, what a mockery life better life in which the souls of men

Mrs. H. E. Lepper, a pioneer worker in

who had gone before Others, too, not voted workers were among the missing, but their spiritual presence was made known to us by the friends who spoke to us from the platform, and we were made glad by their assurances that they were free from all pain and sorrow in

cesses from the beginning to the close. Splendid thoughts were brought out at the morning conferences, and the afternoon and evening meetings avere full of instruction and replete with eloquence and oratory. President Maxwell was in his glory. He worked incessantly and made the meeting a happy one to all who sought the quiet of the hall to receive spiritual light and life. Mr. Kates and his devoted companion put their best energies into the work and made every one feel at home. Mrs. G. W. Tryon gave one of the ablest addresses to which I have had the pleasure of listening. Mrs. Cooley, Mr. W. J. Erwood, Mr. J. F. Raymond, Mrs. Martha E. Root, Mrs. Clara L. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Whitwell, all spoke to the point and gave many uplifting and helpful suggestions. I must not forget the inspiring utterances of C. D. Pruden, one of the presidents of the N. S .A. The addresses of welcome; by Mrs. Whitwell and W. C. Edwards foreshadowed the future success of the meeting. They spoke from the heart and made all visitors welcome.

The meeting itself was alseries of suc-

At the Sunday meetings standingroom was at a premium, and the evening session was so largely attended that the hall would not hold the people who endeavored to listen to the utterances of the various speakers,

Mrs. Cooley and myself spoke in the Unitarian Church in Minneapolis that same evening to an audience of more than two hundred people, all of whom seemed to be deeply interested in the subject matter of the discourse and in the splendid evidences of spirit presences given by Mrs. Cooley. She is a medium upon whom the Spiritualists can depend. The St. Paul and Minneapolis papers gave excellent reports of all these meetings.

Our next point was St. Louis, where a series of six meetings awas held in Odeon Hall on Grand avenue. Our audiences ranged from 300 to 700 at every session, and we listened to some of the dale, Mrs. Z. B. Kates and W. F. Peck. The musical programme, was excep-

cornet solos by Jesse French, Jr., brought an encore at his every appearance, while the vocal solo by Mrs. Alena Baldanza evoked storms, of applause, and in answer to a recall she gave another of equal beauty and nower.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat gave extended reports of the meetings and couched them in such appreciative terms as to call forth many encomiums of praise from the various workers who | meeting began. Wednesday afternoon

the enactment of the incasure and elected Thomas Grimshaw. Mr. and Mrs. Kates, and your correspondent a special committee to visit Lefferson. City to protest against the passage of the measure. We arrived at Jefferson City to find the House of Representatives engaged in a final discussion of the measure. We did what we could with the various members whom we had an opportunity to meet, but found that their minds were already made up. so we could only listen to the debate and make notes of the votes cast pro

as their names were called. One member of the House, a physician, and a member of the Republican party, told us that the doctors had raised \$25,000 to secure the passage of this bill, and he was heartily in favor of it because he believed the people needed protection, even if that protection had to be bought by those directly benefited by the passage of the bill. He, of course, was a believer in the gospel of eternal punishment, otherwise he could not believe that it was right to bribe men to vote against the interests of their constituents. He said he thought happy to state he is improving. Christian Science, Spiritualism and actment of a law designed to kill people to lecture on Tuesday afternoon of the legally through the mediumship of doc- coming week. tors, whereas he had no sympathy with

Our committee called upon Governor Dockery and were most cordially received by him. He appointed Wednesday, March 6, for a hearing on this measure, stating that he would be glad to give Spiritualists an opportunity to present their arguments to him, as they did not have a chance to do so before the legislature. It is hoped that a large delegation of Spiritualists will call upon His Excellency that day from Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis and other points. As the Governor is a physician sidered by the Spirit Lucretius:" "Oddof the old school, his sympathies are | ities in Reference to the Dead:" "Death probably largely in favor of the bill, from a Vibratory Force;" "The Day but he will know just what his Spirit- After Death Beautifully Illustrated: ualistic fellow-citizens, thinks of the "Sensations of the Dying," "A Birth measure, and be able to gauge their Out of Dark Conditions;" "After Death ideas after he has heard their argu-

I think the time has come when all Spiritualistic voters should resolve to vote for no man, be he Republican or itarian Spirit;" "The Impressive Testi-Democrat, who favors medical monop- mony of an Exalted Spirit;" "Indica-oly, capital punishment, sempulsory tions of the Process of Dying;" "The Idbut the average Spiritualisticand rather. be a Republican or Democratikhan to be a live, working Spiritualisto especially when his party prejudices are enlisted. Will the time ever come, when men will consider principle of greater moment than party and be able to vote accord-

Our meeting in Kansas City was a March 2 and 3, and one on Monday, March 4. Large congregations of peothe sessions. The meeting ion Sunday take them by the hand, but a majority | evening was crowded, not less than one hundred persons were obliged to stand throughout the evening, in addition to the five hundred who had obtained seats. Many were turned away from the doors unable to gain admission. This shows the interest in the metropolls of western Missouri, was the

Mr. and Mrs. Kates gave the people that so many had gone to their eternal | much food for thought; in fact, they | For sale at this office. Price ten cents. home, I could not but wonder how great | fairly outdid themselves in their lecthe changes of life are as the years tures and the test work given by Mrs. Kates. We alternated our services, each one speaking briefly at some one of would be were there not another and a the meetings throughout the series. I found the people deeply interested in of Fine Forces, and author of other imreligious tenets of our faith.

Dr. S. D. Bowker spoke enruestly and cents. For sale at this office.

the great Northwest, was among those leloquently to his assembled friends The good doctor had the misforuune to so well known in the work have joined break his right arm early in the winter her in the great Beyond Merrill By- and is but slowly recovering from the der, Mrs. M. T. C. Flower, and other de- effects of his painful accident. His spirit remains unbroken; his heart is sound to the core and his soul is fairly aflame with love for Spiritualism. Horatio Gates is a hard-working president of the local society and did everything in his power to make the meeting a success. The same can be said of Mrs. Langdon, an excellent vocalist, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Beekman, and many others.

In all the cities and towns I have mentioned, I find that the N. S. A. has many staunch friends, and its opponents are growing less numerouus and the indifference they have manifested is being overcome through the missionary work now being carried on by Mrs. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Kates and myself. If our wealthy Spiritualists would but endow the N. S. A. handsomely, this missionary work could be extended and the influence of the N. S. A. made more potent for good.

The time has come for co-operation. The individualism that has so long cursed our movement is slowly receding into the background. May the day soon come when it will be known no more. The so-called creed of the N. S. A. has received very little criticism in the sections thus far visited; those who have examined it with care now confess they find little in it to criticise; while those who refuse to study it, or to acquaint themselves with the purposes of the N. S. A., are still complaining of both it and the organization that put it forth. numerous than they were formerly, they realize that "in union there is strength," and are beginning to sink their prejudices into the higher gospel of altruism, through which each one may be benefited by all, and all by each. Yours for the cause,

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Notes of the Doings at the Southern Cassadaga.

Another week has closed, full of inam sure, been of benefit to the people, their hold upon the people. He then Beyond-The Agnostic Reaction-The pleasant of late, has taken a decided Moses Hull fairly outdid himself, as did turn for the better. It is, warm and also George W. Kates. Miss Margaret | very pleasant; the climate is just about | Gaule. Thomas Grimshaw, A. E. Tis- what it is in the North the middle or last of June. Such perfect days, the heavens so blue above us, and the air tionally fine: every vocalist and instru- so balmy, that it seems a sin to be inmental musician was an artist. The doors. Think of it, you who are hovering around your fires, with heavy snow, and temperature below zero, and then just imagine what our pleasures are in this lovely climate. · Monday was the usual conference, sub-

lect for discussion, Organization. In the evening a progressive enchre party given by the Ladies' Ald. Tuesday af ternoon a lecture by myself, from a subject given from a friend just before the took part in the exercises.

The medical bill then pending before the legislature at Jefferson City, received a great deal of attention at the hands of Brothers Peck, Hull and mymost interesting lecture, followed by self. The great audience unanimously her readings. Friday, conference; subadopted resolutions protesting against | ject, The Theory of the Destiny of Man-

> Saturday I lectured again , and was uplifted by the spiritual outpouring. I closed as I always do with readings. In the evening there was the usual camp dance, and Saturday saw a goodly number of new arrivals, making the camp very lively.

> Sunday, March 3, Mr. J. C. Wright gave a most interesting lecture. In the afternoon Mrs. Twing gave a very fine. lecture, and finished with readings. Mrs. Effie Moss, the well-known ma-

> terializing medium, is on the grounds, and has been ever since the camp opened, and is giving fine satisfaction. Mrs. Moss has been here every year since the camp opened but two, and has done much to bring this knowledge to the people.

> There is a Marion Skidmore Library on the grounds, that contains many choice collections, and is well stored. It has lately received a donation of about one hundred volumes of choice books from Mr. Milton Rathbun, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., which was most kind of him. Mrs. Milton Rathbun is here with her son, for his health, and I am most

Mr. Wright's classes are still being Voodoolsm were works of the devil and held, and are full of interest, with fine should be stamped out by the process of enttendance. Mrs. Field Conant, with the law. He could even become an her husband, arrived Saturday for a agent of his Satanic Majesty in the en- | short stay, and she has kindly offered

There are several things on the wing a movement that would permit men and | for the present week, that promise Women to get well naturally. Poor fel- much for the camp. Mrs. Kate Stiles low, but he has much, to learn, and has been unable to arrive as yet, but we many sins to answer for when he enters | hope to see her ere the week closes. days the camp will only be a memory to be one of the choicest of earth's ex-G. H. BROOKS. periences.

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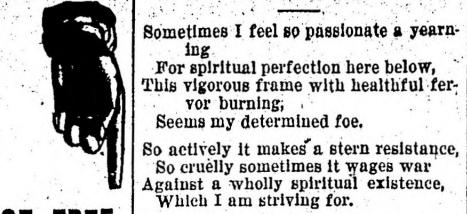
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