### REMONSTRANCE

Against Unjust Medical Legislation.

Members of the New York State Senate and Assembly: Honorable Sirs:-I trust you will permit a momentary encroachment upon ter the conference on Monday a birth-your time for a brief explanation of day reception was given to Mrs. M. J. some features of, and results which will

tain proposed legislation. We refer particularly to Assembly Bill 167; introduced by Assemblyman Bell, and Senate Bill 236, introduced by Senator Wagner.

probably follow the enactment of cer-

These bills have both been amended in Committee, and in just what form they will come up for final action is As introduced, they would make un-

lawful and penal the exercise of those natural gifts and faculties bestowed on mankind by the Creator, which like other gifts and faculties, when properly exercised, have brought in the past, and will continue to bring blessings. We remonstrate against those feat-

pres of these bills which make unlawful a neat sum. the practice of clairvoyance and kinligious rights and personal freedom. Clairvoyance is the spiritual sense of truths of Spiritua sm.

Sight, with which some persons are ensight, with which some persons are en-

dowed from birth. It is one of those occult faculties with which conservative minds have been slow to grapple, but which the scientific world is to-day beginning to recognize as a principle in nature, in the future of which are wonderful possibilities for the human race. Of the learned and scientific minds who recognize clairvoyance and other

occult powers, we might name Prof. James, of Harvard; Prof. Hyslop, of Columbia; the late Prof. Elliott Coues, of Smithsonian Institute; Prof. Chas. W. Emerson, of Emerson School of Oratory; Prof. Flammarion, that most eminent French Astronomer: Sir William Crookes, the world's greatest chemist; Alfred Russell Wallace, of England, the greatest all-round scientist of the world; Joseph Jefferson, the actor; Rev. Minot J. Savage, and others.

You cannot by legislation prevent those so gifted from seeing clairvoyantly. You may, however, make it so unpleasant for them that they will not tell what they see-but such legislation would tend to stop the scientific study of these occult forces, and would be a sad blow to science and to the progress of civilization. Hence, these proposed measures are especially objectionable from a scientific standpoint.

healing be permitted, provided it be done without compensation.

that they may devote their whole time and thus be better qualified to minister to the spirit al needs of the people. Spiritualism who minister not only to

the spiritual needs, but who, like Jesus and his disciples, heal the sick, are less entitled to compensation? What would the regular physicians

say to a law prohibiting them from receiving compensation?

Jesus sent out his apostles, commanding them: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out give. Provide neither gold nor silver nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for shoes, nor yet staves, for the workman is worthy of his meat."-Matt. 10:8-10.

:Wherein is the workman less worthy of his hire to-day than 2000 years ago? Shall we say to the clergy and to the regular M. Ds., "you may receive compensation," but deny it to spiritual teachers and healers who devote their time and life energy to healing the

We most respectfully protest against such unjust discrimination. Toyance, or soul-seeing, is an im-

portant factor in relieving the sick and suffering. Neither distance nor material substance seems to be any bar to clairvoyance vision.

In the practice of healing, the clairvoyant seems to see and describe dis- unwarranted assumption on the part of eased physical organs and prescribe the regulars for them to ask for legisremedies regardless of the distance between the clairvoyant and the patient. This gift enables those so endowed to accurately describe things transpiring miles away; and such a power can, we believe, accurately diagnose disease and

search out proper remedles. A large number of people are fully satisfied that clairvoyant diagnosing and prescribing is reliable and efficient; especially so in difficult and complicated cases, and such claim the right to be permitted, without let or hindrance, to avail themselves of this and kindred powers of healing.

It has been suggested that the Bell bill be so amended as to permit the without the use of material remedies. From what we have shown, it will be apparent that the material remedy clause would practically prohibit medical clairvoyance.

We desire that this be understood, for we cannot believe our legislators will knowingly sanction such an injustice to be fastened upon the people. The field of clairvoyant practice is a legitimate and important one, and in so far as it relates to the general public, encroaches very little upon the practice of school physicians, except to correct their mistakes and to assist them in diagnosing difficult cases, of which assistance many physicians gladly avail themselves, and others. will, as science brings its merits more clearly to the

Who asks for this legislation? Is it the people themselves, or is it those who might profit by a medical monopoly which this legislation would likely establish?

The members of this Honorable Body. know, or can easily discover, who are

behind these measures. We would say no word derogatory to men. But that medical practice is still |-Cicero.

### LAKE HELEN CAMP.

Southern Cassadaga.

The week just passed has been a very busy one, and the weather with the exception of one day has been ideal. Afa perfect surprise to her. There were speeches, music, and spirit influences made it a most enjoyable occasion.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Clara Field Conant occupied the platform and gave a most interesting as well as a spiritual lecture. Mrs. Conant was here with her husband spending a few days. Their. home is now in Florida, about one hundred miles south of here, and I understand, a very beautiful home. She intends to be with the camp more on-

Tuesday evening A very fine entertainment was given under the auspices of Mr. Budington. It consisted in songs and recitations-was in reality an old folks' concert. It netted the Ladies' Aid scholarship, good as that was, for he a neat sum.

days are among the most interesting of came to my eyes, which he kissed away. cause they tend to the abridgment of re- | all, and one listening to the varied experiences must be impressed with the

> good many people. half of the Aid and the camp. She is ever busy, and ever at work. The day | ahead and that means you, dear mother. being too cool for the lecture to be given | shall have no care nor trouble any In the auditorium, and the ladies had more." the pavillon, so no lecture was given. A reception in honor of Mrs. C. P. Pratt's birthday was given in the afternoon, and very largely attended. There were no especial speeches given, but the time was spent in social inter-Mrs. C. P. Pratt, and it was most interesting to have their birthdays in the

After the conference Friday we all went over to the home of Mrs. A. Stevens, who has done so much for the camp and dedicated her beautiful home.

Saturday Mrs. Twing lectured, and gave readings. Saturday was enlivened by a great many new arrivals, among them Dr. J. M. Peebles, also Mrs. Dr. Mary G. Ganbear, of Jacksonville.

spoke. Dr. Peebles was on the platform, and was introduced to the It has been proposed that spiritual friends, and received a royal welcome. In the afternoon Mr. J. C. Wright gave | mered and hesitated. another of his masterly addresses such The clergy are compensated in order as stir the hearts of the people. Mrs. | cried, "You have come for my blessing Twing gave public readings after the lecture. The attendance was good, and Shall we say that the Ministers of from people on the outside, but by people from a distance, and what is more, by a fine class of minds. The camp is | will not care much, will you?" doing a spiritual work here that cannot be expressed. The interest in the meetings keeps up. The attendance at the meetings during the week is fine; there | hand of pain? has not been a poor conference meeting. I have conducted a great many conference meetings, but there have been no finer than those held here. The many devils. Freely ye have received, freely friends as well as the officers of the camp are very thankful to you, Mr. Editor for your kindness in publishing the your journey; neither two coats, neither | letters sent, and granting us the courtesy you have. Many take your paper, and you are truly thanked for your

The day has been intensely hot, more like a day in July, yet we all enjoy it, for it means good camp weather. Dr. once. Peebles is to lecture on Tuesday afternoon, and next Sunday morning. In the afternoon there will be a symposium,

which will close the camp. I shall return home about the last of this month or the first of April.

G. H. BROOKS.

in its experimental stages, the oft-repeated mistakes in diagnosing as well as in prescribing testifies; hence it is an lation compelling the people to forego their choice of medical aid and submit to treatment in which they have little or no faith.

Jesus of Nazareth and his apostles went forth preaching the gospel and healing the sick. To them healing the sick was a legitimate feature of religlous work, but no more so than it is today on the part of clairvoyants and others endowed with spiritual gifts.

It will be just as impossible to separate spiritual healing from religious work to:day, as it would have been two | the hour for the clock had just struck thousand years ago, and any attempt | the one deep sound. I had been awake to do so through legislative enactment, will likely result in the persecution of would not allow of sleep. The moon practice of spiritual gifts of healing many persons whose only crime is that high in the heavens, filled the room they minister to the needs of suffering | with brightness and the window gave humanity and go about doing good.

> nunishment of persons claiming to exercise these powers for obtaining money by fraud or deception, which our Criminal Code declares to be larceny, but in the name of the New York State Association of Spiritualists, a religious body incorporated under the laws of this state-which body we are here to represent-we most earnestly, but respectfully protest against the enact- lay there on the ground motionless. ment of any measures restricting the enjoyment and reasonable exercise of these God-given powers, which restriction we believe would be an unwarranted encroachment upon religious, rights and privileges. Respectfully yours. The New York State Association of

sentatives, H. W. RICHARDSON and REV. MOSES HULL Pastor First Spiritual Church, Buffalo,

Spiritualists, by its Authorized Repre-

Any man may make a mistake; none the medical profession, most of whom, but a fool will stick to it. Second we believe to be noble, conscientious | thoughts are best; as the proverb says.

New York.

### CLEM.

Clem was a cheery lad, and now he had grown tall and strong, had become my support. I had need of him, for his father dying when he was a child, I had all I could do to care for him and Stephens, of Washington, D. C., It was his younger sister Mabel, and I had beheavy with the years. I never told him what sacrifices I had made to keep him at school, or how it pained me to have him absent. He could not understand how hungry I was for his home-coming

soldierly in bearing, acquired by his military drill while at college. Alas for that drill and its cadet uniform, for it familiarized the mind with war and en-Wednesday was fact day, and those placed his diploma in my hands, tears I felt that I had not misplaced my trust in him and if I had had a heavy task, he had brought me my reward.

"Now, dear mother," he said, with gave a chicken pie supper, and fed a such a brave look in his eyes, "now, dear mother, you shall have a rest, you Too much praise cannot be given to and Mab. Lihave already a position as Mrs. Twing for her untiring labor in be- engineer to make the survey for the new railroad line, with promotion

And that was little more than a year ago! A happy year passed like a spring day, and then I awoke to a dreadful reality. There was war! The long-delayed retribution for centuries of wrong had come. The blood of tortured slaves course. Mrs. Stephens is stopping with | and a tortured people for centuries appealing to high heaven at last had found response. The heart of a great people had been touched and they vowed before the Altar of Justice, such injustice should no longer reign.

That meant war, and the war spirit went abroad and shricked its awful cry It is names Sunny Side, and rightly in the market places, from the seats of high office and even the pulpits given to the voice of peace on earth.

Clem came home from his work. did not expect him and my heart gave a leap of joy as it always did when he came, and then suddenly it fell on me Sunday morning your humble servant | like a shadow that he had to tell me he was going to war.

He took me in his arms, just as he always had, and kissed me, but stam-"Oh, Clem, you need not tell me!" I

ere you go to the war!' I had hoped faintly against hope, that it is growing all of the time, not only he would say no, with a laugh at my fears, but he looked more grave and said faintly, "Yes, dear mother; you

> Care much! would I care if my heart were to be torn from my breast and every quivering nerve dissected by the "Oh, Clem!" was all I could reply, and

> we sat on the sofa where I had cradled him when he was an infant, and not a word said we, the silence broken only by the hurried ticking of the clock. He spoke softly: "The government, mother, has given me a captain's com-

mission, for I have a helpful record, and to-morrow I join my company," "To go where?" I asked slowly." "Direct to the front. There is to be

no dilly-dallying; but a swift blow. strongly given, to settle the matter at

"And then you will come home?" "Yes, my mother, I shall feel that my duty to my country has been met, and I know you will be proud of me. You would not think as well of me, if I were a coward and at this hour of need, although fully qualified, shrank from the high call of honor and duty."

'No. dear heart, a mother must needs wish, above all things, for such a son, and yet, oh, yet, to have such a son may bring her to abjectest grief."

There were four of us to part, for at supper I had sent for Leone, the sweet girl whom I was glad to know had won a place above all others with my son, and there was Mabel and I. We all tried to be cheerful, but it was a sorry attempt, and when the meal was over, it was almost time for the train which was to bear him away. All I care to say of that parting is that we all tried to bear up bravely, and of the hour we three spent together after he was gone, it was unspeakably sad.

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It was one o'clock at night. I knew since twelve, for my restless thoughts a square of light on the floor. In that We make no remonstrance against the light a mist arose, curling, twisting, rising and growing into forms. There was a hill from which flames and smoke came, and beneath, ranks of armed men. I saw them rush up the ascent and many fall, or stagger on. One more distinct, drew my attention. It was Clem. There he was waving his sword, and leading up his struggling men. A moment, and then he fell and while the others went on up the

heights. Oh, I knew my boy was mortally hurt and when the telegram came I felt no shock for it did not make the event more certain.

Leone came to us and gave us strength, for sympathy has that rare quality that when we share our grief with others we lighten its burden. We three sat together in the gloaming of that evening, sliently, for our feelings were too strong for the weakness of words. The rifle which sent its ball to strike down my son had sped past him a thousand miles and stricken three hearts! Such is the terrible background against which are displayed the heroic scenes of war! Such is the cost woman Wellington.

## A RELIGIOUS BODY,

Notes of the Doings at the A Realistic Story, by Hudson Mediums Should Be De- Missionary Work and Mass A Leaf from the Journal of Open Letter to Mr. Carnegie. fended.

> To the Editor: Goncerning your remarks written under the heading of "From the N. S. A.," in your edition of February 9, I wish to state that, as we know, the Spiritualists are organized as a religious body, it must be looked upon come worn and weary, and glad that as a faith or a belief; believing in the he could ease my burden which grew intelligence of the spirit world parallels the belief in God among the Christians. Further, charging for your time alone

> without advertisement, exonerates you from all taxation, but advertising seances or readings lays you open to the at vacation, for no one can understand a mother's love except a mother.
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> Clem was now twenty-one years old, six feet in height, broad-shouldered and sion to the sick—she is paid, and paid

> without taxation because she charges simply for her time. The Doctor receives his diploma and being under the medical association is not further couraged its spirit. He was proud of taxed for his professional work. We his soldierly style far more than of his are under the National Spiritualist Association and have received our ordinalabor associations prevent impositions upon their members. The ministers of the gospel yearly demand their salaries as forthcoming from their parishioners and being under an organization are not compelled to pay. We are ministers of our religion-why are we not upon equal terms? In the business world we receive the same recognition as the ministers-receiving regular ministers'

> > This is as much a religious belief as the church, both believing in a Supreme being, the difference lies mainly in the manner of worship. The motto of our belief is "To do right unto our fellow-

To be a medium is not a professionit is a gift from "the Giver of all Good," and no physical power can lay hands upon it. It might prove just as profitable to attempt thus sordidly to shackle the immortal spirit of the poet. Altogether it seems extremely unfor-

tunate that the spiritual organization of to-day is so totally disregarded by the public. Owing to the prevalence of malpractice and trumped-up "fortunetelling" among the majority of so-called mediums, we can scarcely be surprised at this negligence on the part of the public at large, and as there are many good, houest mediums, it is to be deplored that the association cannot eject the unworthy.

REV MARY KIRCHGESNER. Kansas City, Mo.

### LIFT UP THE STANDARD.

Come, lift up the standard, It's time we were free; Let your voice ring in triumph, O'er land and o'er sea; Come, shake off the trammels That fetter the soul-Come forth in the sunlight, Be perfectly whole.

Yes, shake off the fetters Of church and of creed; They lead only at last ~ To a heaven of greed: Their confession of faith And their dogmas a load, That at last must be left On humanity's road

That straight, narrow path Is too small for a man, With a soul which compels him To do all he can

To lift up the fallen A And help the down-trod, Whom the churches but point To a mythical God:

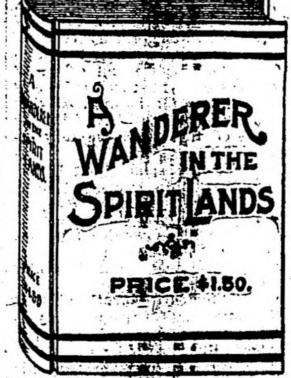
There's a work to be done; Now let each do his part, And forth on humanity's . Highway we'll start; To lift up the fallen" And start them aright. On the pathway that leads

"We'll do what we can,

In helping the needy,"

To the realms of light. Yes, lift up the standard, Your name now enroll With those who are building A home for the soul-Those who take for their motto,

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pays for the glory of her country. She bears her sons at the hazard of her life, to weep over their untimely graves and go on alone, with her burden to life's weary end . Uncodsulted! She who gives her sous to the nation has no voice in the sacrifide. If the mothers ruled the nations there would be no HUDSON TUTTLE.

### THE N. S. A.

Meetings.

The National Association appointed President Harrison D. Barrett a missionary-at-large to hold mass-meetings wherever possible. This he has been doing for some time with much efficiency. He has given what may be called herculean efforts to the performance of his duties.

It is a great tax upon nerve and brain to hold two or three meetings almost daily for several weeks, and that is just what Brother Barrett has been doing. Having been associated with him from February 8 to March 10, Mrs. Kates and self can speak from experience relative to this work.

It requires a person of good sound brain and body to hold up under the strain imposed by the constant meetings and traveling that Brother Barbut with brain keen and alert, overtures once or twice per day, manages at the asylum. the business part of the meetings, replies to a large number of letters each for local papers where he may be, is interviewed by reporters, questioned by many people and is dragged into social visits. All this means work-hours day and night, with shortened time of rest. the tax of an ordinary public speaker or medium serving local societies-but the N. S. A. missionary-work-at-large is an extraordinary effort to accomplish.

Mrs. Kates and self have shared this with him for a month, and we can truly say it will not be possible for Brother Barrett to continue it for a term of consecutive months. He must have respites of a day or week occasionallyand we trust he will hold his zeal a little in obedient regard for his health.

Let me epitomise our trip: At Sturgis, Mich., we had three days of three meetings per day, and a more harmonious and spiritual meeting could not have been held anywhere. Good help was given by Michigan talent, and the meetings were an inspiration to all. From there Brother Barrett traveled to West Superior, Wis., a ride of an afternoon and night, where three days of meetings were held by the Wisconsin State Association. He then joined us again at St. Paul, Minn., and passed through three days of three meetings each, with the enthusiasm of an inspired devotee. Then a long ride by night to St. Louis, Mo., going from the train at 2 p. m., the next day to the meeting, appearing before the audience travel-stained and weary, holding two glorious meetings per day here for three days. The St. Louis mass-meeting never has been excelled by Spiritualists. It is a landmark of one great accomplishment of what organized effort can do. Here we had splendid talent culled from the ros-

Grimshaw, Mrs. Kates and self went to message, as my memory retained it afthe legislature at Jefferson City, as a ter coming to my natural self.) committee to work one day against the fluence against it, but saw the measure pass the house and heard confessions of Spiritualists must be more wide-awake and not enjoy so much innocuous desuetude, if they expect to thrive and | side, confined in a large building. I had be of use to the world.

Thence we journeyed to Kansas City and held three meetings daily for three | able to do it. I wanted to go to a new days. Here we had grand meetings, with no other lecture or medial talent to help us. The real work of the mass- | window in my room and jerked myself meetings then commenced; and Brother out of bed with it. I suffered but a Barrett, with ourselves, realized how very little, only a little stinging feelnecessary and helpful are additions to | ing in my throat and all was over, and the missionary and his assistants, al- I found myself in a new world, and in though we were a trinity. But good my own way. cheer and happy minds sustained us, Brother Barrett constantly giving the earnest of his soul and wealth of his for you and one for "Dan," (her husmind. Then at St. Joseph, Mo., we had an outpouring of people for three days- | me to keep my papers in, that you told six meetings-and organized a strong me cost thirty-five cents, and put it in local society. Here the meetings at my trunk, and the superintendent tracted wide-spread attention and were searched them out and destroyed them. given the associated press reports. Our last series was at Topeka, Kans.,

for three days of the usual three sesmeetings were successful and full of enthuse any place if we go the right | feet are getting cold." way about it.

pear direct from the train on arrival. | until she spoke of it to me; and I will All that is taxing and shows devotion. say that messages should never be praise for his energy and enthusiasm. | conditions. If I was to send a message And for genial company, carefulness of | to a friend at a distance, by another our interests, kind consideration in all friend, I would describe the first friend, ways, and for generous sharing of la- | so that the second one would know him bor, Mrs. Kates and self pay him trib- if he found him. If I had been asked ute, trusting he may long be spared to to report a message from some one in our cause and that we may often be as- spirit life, under test conditions, withsociated with him in the work.

are being made for a convention to organize an Iowa State Association, in April. Thus the organized work is moving forward to usefulness.

The river of printer's ink is a black

G. W. KATES.

and muddy stream, but it has clarified the human mind and washed the soul clean of many superstitions.-Unity. There are two times in a man's life us that have never happened.-Moore. Nothing except a hattle lost can be when he should not speculate—when he !: half so niclancholy as a battle won .- | can't afford it, and when he can-Mark

### PHENOMENAL.

a Medium,

If you should find a silver dollar on the highway the natural conclusion in your mind would be that some wayfarer had lost it where you found it, yet this con-clusion would not exclude the possibility of its being there from some other means; and by the same rule, if something strange occurs in your natural life that you cannot explain from natural causes, you are likely to attribute it to celestial causes; but this would not exclude an explanation of the circumstance from a scientific standpoint of reasoning.

I had a daughter who was developed as a trance medium at the age of fourteen years, and some of her strange and unaccountable mediumistic work I will give you at a future time. Her health of living. In this way you have done failed from overwork in circles. Idi- much to perpetuate the cause of liberty, rett endures. He is not strong physically, and suffers the nervous results; be epileptic. She finally lost her reason ple, in the best form of republican govat times. I took her to an asylum for ernment the world has ever known. tion papers. Why does not this prevent comes effects and preserves enthusiasm. treatment. She was only out of her boundless you are already reaping a reour being taxed? This N. S. A. is or. No one can appreciate the service that right mind at times, and promised to ward for these disinterested efforts, in ganized for just such purposes as the Brother Barrett renders unless they write to me and her husband, and keep the consciousness that the whole counusually presides at each meeting, lec- occurred in her feelings while she was name, as well as in the belief that

On a day in January, 1900, I received a telegram from the superintendent, tellday, writes for the Banner and often ing me of her death by suicide at the asylum. After the most searching investigation. I was unable to find any letter or word of any kind that she had left for me or her husband, with anyone or among her papers in her trunk. Not many persons properly estimate I hoped and prayed to receive a message from her in the life beyond, but all was blank until September 1900, after her death, at which time while I was entranced, an old friend whom I had forgotten, but did not know had died, appeared to me in the spirit, and informed me that it was a suicide, and that no one at the asylum was to blame in the matter, and my daughter would in due time appear to me and explain the manner of her death.

On the night of March 1, 1901, I was in the trance condition, which for the information of those that do not understand what I mean, I will explain: I have seldom experienced this con-

dition in daytime while awake and in my normal mind, but it comes to me in awakenening from an undisturbed and When I come out of it I feel like I A floating on a gentle wave of water o. the ocean to the shore, and when reach my normal condition of mind, it is like stepping from the boat to dry

After entering this state I appeared to | and reading halls, making it the open be in semi-darkness, groping my way along a wall, and passing openings like | means to an all-round culture that the deliveries in a large postoffice. At one of these I heard the voice of a There are thousands of spiritually young man in conversation with an old | minded people in the United States who man and his two daughters. Not being | are not yet banded together in any perinterested in their conversation. I prayed to God to hear the voice of my daughter, if it was God's will. At the next opening some one addressed me trum whose names other reports will by the familiar term "Pa." (I recog- have ample grounds, a setting of lawn nized the voice of my daughter. I am From there Brothers Barrett and only able to give the substance of her

"I am in the new world, and am in the Medical Bill, and we used our best in- | way of myself, as I was on Easter. I made too much of a companion of myself, and it is your worst trouble, and dishonest influence in favor of this hard to outlive here. I am always in legislation against our liberties. The my own way. Quit using profane language and tobacco, if you can,

"When I left earth, I was on a hilla sharp knife, and my bed was left for me to make up, as I was considered world: I cut my bed sheet and made a rope from it, and tied to the bars of the "You are surprised at me leaving no

"Do not trouble your mind about your remaining children; they will live a long time after you have passed away sions daily. Here we had bad weather from earth. Your time is not long on and local excitement against us, but the earth; I can't tell just how long, but not over three months, perhaps; prepare earnestness. The Sunday night meet- yourself for the change, Pa. When I ing showed the good effect by a large come to you again you will return with audience and also proves that we can | me, but I must leave you now: rour

band) in the small grip that you gave

In conclusion I will say that I never Brother Barrett left us here for a long | knew of my girl having a knife at the journey to Philadelphia, Pa., for a asylum, and had forgotten about ever mass-meeting, at which he would ap- having given her the small hand grip To Brother Barrett I pay tribute of asked for through mediums under test out knowing name, sex or age, perhaps A committee was appointed at our To- I would have reported the talk that I peka meetings to call a state conven- heard at the first place of delivery, and tion the last of May, to organize a which might have been entirely wrong. Kanasas State Association of Spiritual. When I awoke my feet were cold, and ists; and as I write the preliminaries I suffered from headache for some time. Dadeville, Mo. R. A. C. MACK.

The credit given to popular traditions and the fictions substituted for truth, and these two errors being accredited. in ensuing ages-these are the cause of that obscurity in which the most important facts are veiled .- Tacitus. The trouble we expect scarcely ever comes. How much pain the evils cost

Theology is a course in ignorance. Its tively known to be false. - D. W. Howe. | nature. - E. P. Powell.

### A GRAND TEMPLE.

My Dear Mr. Carnegie:—It gives one a thrill of pleasure merely to read of your generous benefactions. How great must be your delight in being able to dispense with liberal hand vast sums Every cause has its champion, every charity has its promoter. You have chosen to found and support libraries, to establish banks of intellectual deposit, wherefrom thousands may draw deep riches of learning, and yet have the principal intact. You have builded

wisely and well, for "laws die, books

never." Your benefactions will stimulate selfculture, and through the enlightenment of individuals raise communities, cities and commonwealths to a higher order heaven itself must smile approvingly upon a course so likely to enrich the minds and beautify the hearts of man-

Will you allow me to indicate another direction in which some of your wealth might be put to excellent service, with the certain result of an uplift to humanity? Suppose you were to donate a fund and thus encourage the generous response that would be sure to follow. for what might be named Carnegie Temple of Free Thought. By this I mean the erection of a House Beautiful for the assembling of those who are not affiliated with any of the orthodox denominations, a gathering place for thousands who deem the churches too fine for their attendance, and their own clothing too plain to be put in contrast with the raiment of the rich. This Temple of Free Thought might be centrally located, at or near Chicago, where it could be made available for the use of ers after light and truth. Here, too, the pulsating wave of travel that surges from East to West, and from West to East, could land its pilgrims for a season of restful communion with others refreshing sleep, and is a half-way con- who, like themselves, were trying to dition between being asleep and awake. Tathom the spiritual significance of things in this life-which is only a fitting school for the life that is to come.

This Carnegie Temple would need to be of ample proportions, and would demand spacious assembly rooms, large parlors, study rooms, and art, music door for scientific research and the would be a help and an inspiration. manent form of organization, who would be willing helpers in the founding and carrying on of a Temple of Free Thought. The Carnegle Temple should with shrubbery, fountains, statuarybeautiful things to lead to refined thought. Its possibilities and its probabilities are hardly within the range of human conjecture. To be able to open such a haven, and to do, dear Mr. Carnegie, is an opportunity and a consummation for which your soul might devoutly pray. Radiating from this central Temple of Thought, would go out lines of influence for the upbuilding of humanity, and in time other shrines of like character would rise throughout the land. Yours respectfully,

THE RICH MAN'S WARNING. Tis a scene I would sketch, of one called rich,

Mendota, Mo. W. B. KETCHAM.

As he sat in his easy chair, Enjoying an after-dinner cigar,

With a mind free from business and word or letter for you. I left a letter Filled with the good things that wealth can procure, Watching smoke like waves on the

> Soon while slumbering this dream came to him, As I tell you 'twas told to me.

He thought he was dead and saw with surprise, His body lie there by his side: Then a voice spoke like the chiming of

bells:

"Your're going a journey—you're died." He though of his wealth, so dear to his heart. And he gathered it up with great care. Then traveled through lands so strange

to his sight-His burden seemed heavy to bear. Soon at the gate where Saint Peter pre-He was asked what credentials he

had: Then he showed his great-wealth, with pomp and pride.

Peter said, "Now, that is too bad, fear my friend you are at the wrong place." A smile you could plainly discern-

"Such wealth as this passes current be-· low-

I see you have money to burn." Then he woke, and this dream taught a . lesson to him:

want. Heined many in sorrow and pain. He is changing his wealth so it will When called to the regions above.

Great wealth is a curse, not a gain;

He opened his purse to those here in

From earthly gold to spiritual coin, Which results from goodness and - love. BYRON D. STILLMAN. Chicago, Ill. · min

Natural religion to-day means war purpose is to teach that which is post- the most enlightened reason reads

### ULTIMATE IDEAS OF THE NEW THOUGHT

day more perfectly than ever before. not deny maryels, but seeks to place must constitute mental substance. them in a rational order, to understand

wonder at them. ideas is in truth the business of the sible potentiality. It is fed by immodern teacher. It will help us to at pulses from the central divine lfe.

apt to think it is in the rose. But the orated stupidity produces genius. would be no color unless there was an | mind. yellow of precious china-all these have of turning." Who pulses, vibrates, ing eye, and all have their fount and rays blending together from within and origin in the genius of life itself.

erly speaking, external things, but liest creations, do ever behold the face names given to the sensations caused of their Father. The Eternal, spirit by an uncomprehended something"—sun Light. This is seen in the superior. in other words the genius of our life as | spiritual or magnetic condition. A. J. we have it from God. &

graphic plate.

more correctly and exactly, in the in- and Mother!" telligent spirit which looks out through the eye that "sees it."

man. Of course we hold that the seen up to the Central Unity. is not the real but only the manifestaceived) which is the real.

crosses the void of space we cannot be properly said to know, but all the phe- manifests first through the material ornomena lead us to think it is in the form the vibrations which will cause sound riality to that central sphere of the livwhen they reach the ear. This at any ing light. The human spirit developing rate is certain, that there is an action of its god-consciousness as it finds and apsome sort incessantly going on between propriates the inner life of the spirit. us and the sun-which enables us to This is the living light which all mysexperience the effects of light and heat, tics are constantly emphasizing. Some

mode of vibration, but whatever it is, it the Kosmos. The absolute inner life. is repeated with incomprehensible The human spirit cannot succeed withrapidity. Experiments recently made out it, any more than vegetables sucshow that the slower heat vibrations ceed without the sun's rays. which reach us from the sun succeed each other nearly 100 trillion times in from the sun in every direction in ever widening spheres, and in them, so far | ceed to annihilate space and time by inas we (scientists) know, lies the potency | ventions or progressive discoveries.

face they fall." man. Good so far. But the sun and all i now make it in five or six hours. of its varied phenomena are material for they are seen by the senses, the out- measurably annihilated-relatively so. ward, sensuous eye.

spiritual center, or sun. The Inner letter sent by the railroad which takes Sphere of Spirit Life, the Eternal a few hours. The telephone enables Light—the "Father" whose vibrations you to talk with your friend in Chicago, by the physical senses. become the souls of conscious creatures. It may be. Now these progressive It reaches out and affiliates with all scribes a circle; there is no such thing Rock like cradle to and fro! Central Attraction.

outer shell or outer sphere of darkness, than electricity and swifter than light | soul; implying that the soul is somewhich enshrouds the living spheres of in its traversing—that substance to be thing that he possesses; when the truth tion of the breath, describe an ellipse. Restless forces ages peat. light within, as the clothing covers the thought, which again annihilates time is, man is soul, and there is nothing. The original cause of the motion is not

ceived, it is darkness.

Immortality? They are myths. Don't be a wide and almost impassable you see that when you destroy the qual- | chasm. You will perceive that when itles, the man, too, is gone, and gone once you admit the possibility of a forever?"

ually apprehended.

stitute or characterise a material thing, ence. Priestcraft has had its influence "Knowledge is of things we see," and in | and purpose in this. order to be seen things must be conditioned so that their qualities are discernable. But if the qualities of a material thing constitute a material thing, the qualities of an im-material thing constitute an im-material thing. And there's the end of it. Take the principle and follow it up

and where does it lead you? To spirit- they do not compose the courts of Truth ual organization, as Plato said, "All or of Reason. things have a spiritual origin."

How is that? In this way. The quala chair, a chair. Suppose you take away the qualities of a chair, put it in the fire. The chair and its qualities have gone. There is a residue of dust as a chair, is gone

of the otalities of a body, being the de- impressions upon the visual organs, and struction of the thing itself:

The ultimate conceptions of the philo- | divine life. The materialist says, "No. be brought to the minds of our readers facts. Abstractly speaking, the imthat they may share the Gospel-the material properties of qualities, if there "Good news"—the adequate knowledge be such, constitute immaterial things, of their day: The higher vision of our just as material qualities constitute ma-

terial things. It is one of our "audacious" hopes and | But are there any such qualities as aspirations, as modern Rationalists, to immaterial qualities? Is thought mashow that nature is nowhere super-Iterial in quality? Is feeling? Is pity nature; that the universe is not dis- for a dumb brute in pain? Is sympalocated, and that the higher, introspect thy? The Ideas, the Principles, the tive vision, or the perceptions of the aims which transcend lifetimes, are all Spiritual being in man, or of the created non-material, as immaterial or non-ma-Spiritual element in nature, is true and terial as pleasure or pain, as resignation natural, and consequent upon the de jor despair. They are not subject to the velopment of the inner nature or light laws of gravitation, or cohesion, or chemical affinity, They cannot be The old ideas which were called weighed or measured. They do not adsupernatural can be understood and ap- mit of being seen, tasted, smelled, prehended by the inner life of man to- heard or felt. They are therefore immaterial, no matter whence they exist as The trained thought of to-day does to origin. A series of mental qualities

Mental and material qualities are side or at least to apprehend them, instead by side in man. But man is not simply of merely gaping in an open-monthed a compound of mind and matter. But he has a central spark or 'vibration" of The reasonable explication of these Real life-Divine life in esse and in pos-

tain the proper point of view to ponder | Spiritual life itself is the center from a paragraph or two from Prof. S. P. which and by which organization by its Langley's book, "The New Astronomy." | various laws and processes must ema-He is an admitted "up-to-date" au- nate; spirit is the intelligent basis of all organization and development. Un-in-"When we see a rose-leaf, we see it telligence does not, by elaboration, prowith what we call a color, and we are duce intelligence, any more than elab-

color is in us, not in the rose, for it is a | . Ignorance added to ignorance does sensation which something coming not produce knowledge. Evil added to from the rose excites in the eye; so that evil does not produce good. Matter if the rose-leaf were still there, there added to matter does not produce

eye to receive and a brain to interpret! Modern astronomy shows that the enthe sensation. Every color that is thre solar system, moves round another lovely in the rainbow or in the flower, centre. That centre may be only relaevery hue that is vivid in a ribbon or tive-relative, that is to say, to the absombre in the grave harmonies of some solute controlling centre, which does Persian rug, the metallic lustre of the not revolve. "In whom there is no humming-bird or the sober imperial darkness, no variableness nor shadow no existence as color apart from the see- | breathes in His own eternal Light. His without, together and apart. Where "Color and light then, are not, prop- his own angel children, his highest, ho-

Davis well says, in his "Summer Land": "The very same something falls on our law of the Supernal Administration; never be satisfied until it is freed from seem so. face, it produces another kind of sensa- The Central Positive Power repels the tion, which is called heat, or if it falls physical, and at the same moment atpanding the mercury; while if it rests lation of matter is from the centre outlong on the face it will produce yet ward, whilst spirit travels from the another effect, 'chemical action,' for it outside toward the centre. These two will tan the cheek, producing a chemi- reciprocal processes, or opposite curcal change there, or it will do a like rents, are incessantly flowing. The inwork more promptly if it meet a photo- conceivable oceans of world-building materials expand and swell, and pour If we bear in mind that it is the outwardly from the eternally flowing identically same thing-(whatever that and inexhaustible Fountain at the cen- result. The principle of rectitude is the is) which produces all these diverse tre; at the same time the innumerable effects, we see, some of us perhaps for multitudes of individualized spiritual and this principle is primordial. It the first time, that color, light, radiant and angelic men, women, and children, | never was created, but eternally existed | and female principles have combined or heat, actinism, etc., etc., are all of from off all the human-bearing planets as a spiritual force in the domain of flowed together as the waves subside them simply names given to the diverse in space, are progressively and irre- nature. effects of something-not things them- sistibly marching inwardly toward the selves; so that for instance, all the great positive attractive Centre, and splendor of color in the visible world constantly approaching nearer and exists to-day in the eye that sees it-or nearer the eternal sun-sphere of Father life. There is no power that can de-

studied in two ways and by two oppo-We call it the spirit or life as organ-site methods. From this Central Living ized through the mind into the body or | Light, outward to the material universe physical, ultimate expression of the of nature, or from the material "end"

We apprehend that God is the "subtion of the unseen (the spiritually-per- Jective" or soul to the natural cosmosthough objective (spiritually speaking) | nature of things, impossible. The life tary exercise of his powers, The pres-The unseen, but all-seeing life, in each to us. As we progress towards eternity, principle in the universe is permanent ent physical body is corruptible and the man is what constitutes the great the Divine Center, we make that Living and deathless. It always existed and withdrawal of the astral leaves if to dis-Light our goal, our inner life developing Professor Langley continues: "How it and yielding to that spiritual attraction. In the human order, man's spirit ganism or body, and seeks through self "We assume it to be a particular apprehend it as the magnetic light of man. Its voice can be heard in the jected from the real self of being it may

We will now proceed to show through some familiar illustrations, how the a single second, while those which make various forms of force manifest, until of all that is good and permanent in the filled with divine energy and at one us see, have long been known to be we arrive at this basic force that we more rapid still. They pass outward call spirit, or absolute Intelligence. In the progress of the world we pro-

of life for the planet upon whose sur- In the days of our grandfathers the one with universal tendencies. And in phantom body which he subjected to This is the notion of the scientific York from Boston. The steam cars now aroused, our spiritual faculties quick- touched and handled, but that which by

In that degree time and space are

Electricity does what steam failed to The whole planetary system of worlds | do, and a message may now be transis really moving round a more interior mitted in a few seconds, instead of a changes are annihilating space and that is permanent in the universe time by subtle substances-or forces. there is no end to its progress. The material universe is a sort of Now suppose a substance more rapid | It is sometimes said that man has a

known by qualities; spiritually per- the sunlight-vibrations-can travel. "Qualities," says the materialist, that it is only a series of gradations can form a conception. "Destroy a man's organism, put him in from the rapidity of lightning or the the furnace, and where is he? What magnetic telegraph to that of thought then are these things that you call soul? Itself, and yet it has been supposed to

change of centre in scientific calcula-I accept the position, that, to the tions the whole subject becomes physical senses, "qualities" constitute open to a vast system of analogous laws "things." Mind and matter, both, are that do not in any way interfere with inferential to sense, for they are spirit- established science but open up another realm of super science, which has been The qualities of a material thing con- supposed not to belong to human exist-

> Now it is well for us to know and to admit that the senses of man are far more deceptive than the mind. The old philosophies of India taught that the senses were the great deceivers. Buddha said, "Cut off the five,"

meaning suspect the five senses. The senses are, of course, very useful. But What the eye sees is only an approxi-

mate vision; you are not certain of your ities of a stone constitute it a stone, of slight change in an optical instrument or in your visual organs may invert the whole system of the universe. If I whirl a lighted stick before you.

and gas of course that have their own no wheel there, but you would declare book of esoteric knowledge as taught to you it seems to be a wheel. There is qualities, but the point is that the chair, upon the evidence of your senses, that there is a wheel of light. The vibrations The question is as to the destruction are more rapid than will make separate therefore there seems to be a circular Possibilities." A concise masterly, Reason as logic and sensible fact and light. Remember the Fourth of July presentation of the facts and philoso unseen, worlds; but both are in reality Nature's law no change shall know. swe "Yes." Now in man there are two 'pin wheels" of our childhood. form of substance besides the inner Sound is equally deceptive, and the office. Price 25 cents.

sense of touch can be perhaps more NEW LINES OF THOUGHT When, therefore, you consider that. physical science has such an imperfect

basis as external observation, that the sophic and the scientific worlds need to I deny that." Well, let us look at the space between atoms and worlds has been bridged over by mental science, alone; that by positive mathematical prophecy planets have been discovered long before they could be revealed to sight; that the great mathematician Kepler—who was the prophet of astronomy, discovered a system of philosophy that lay beyond vision, and that Herschel perceived the distant sun round which our own solar system revolves, not by natural vision, nor by the aid of the senses, but by that subtle law of mathematical analogy which interpenetrates and suffuses all science-you will then be prepared for any change in the basis of scientific approximates that will bring you nearer and nearer to a correct understanding of the laws of the Universe. Time and space are practically annihilated by the Thought powers of man.

Some of us are blessed with vision and behold the confirmations and wish to bring to your minds and hearts the joy of this wondrous Faith. The soul of this "New Thought."

If the contemplation of these wondrous facts of the height and depth of Life does not lead us to feel our dependence upon that Light and Love of the spirit, then it is because not the lofty, the learned, the proud; but only the "nure in heart" see God.

J. P. COOKE.

It is Part of the Infinite Life.

To the Editor:-How inspiring the thought to know that the soul of man is immortal. That the grave is not the tomb in which is buried all that belongs to human consciousness. That our hopes, desires and aspirations do not end in ufter oblivion. That the world so bright and beautiful, teeming with sults. That all our achievements in harmony with the divine forces in nature will bring us nearer to the all good, revel in exquisite delight.

what belongs to it as its natural inheritance. This demand is a primary law in nature; and is in harmony withbasis upon which the ego is constructed, feebly symbolizes.

se, deathless. It is part of the infinite our flowing current of force. field of activity encompasses whatever affirm from positive knowledge, "I and lies in the domain of nature. All divine the Father are one," forces are corelated, and act in harmony

our spiritual unfoldment. It eludes completing the quaternary of existence, of motion in some medium-somewhat development, that is spiritual growth, mortal vision. Its home is in the realm | the blending of the two perfected souls like the transmission through the air of to return through the darkness of mate- of the unseen; we can only catch into one elongated sphere or fire body, glimpses of its manifestations, yet in- it is not subject to decay or corrupting tuitively we are conscious of its exist- changes. This fire body may take to finely and we are the first and only ence. Its presence is felt in the depths | itself any form the soul chooses to | chartered society in Grand Rapids, and of human consciousness.

> partment of human activity. It is the see corruption. sum and substance, the pith and essence

path that leads into the celestial realms | the ordinary man he could project or where peace and harmony can only be indraw at will.

When the soul is released from its realm of the limitless, there to unfold

Utica, N. Y. DAVID WILLIAMS.

### LOVE THY MOTHER.

Be kind to thy mother .When her hair has grown white; She may leave you to-morrow, Or may pass out to-night. Though her footsteps may falter As you help her along, Let your actions be gentle, And your words be a song.

Be kind to thy mother, As the shadows creep near, While you still have the power, Fill her fond heart with cheer: Smooth her care-wrinkled brow With a loving caress, It will gladden her heart, In her frail helplessness.

When her journey is ended, If your actions are vile, .. Your regrets will prove vain And will shadow each smile. When she enters the portals :-.When old friends meet once more. 'Tis her kiss that first greets you On that beautiful shore.

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The Evolution of Immortality.

The continually changing forms of things give rise in the mind to ideas of a beginning, and in speculating on nature's activities of beginning is always predicated for her work.

The existence of energy is self-evi-dent, and its duration is eternal, "from everlasting to everlasting," for in its fullness it is the great God himself. It is complete, and contains within itself all qualifies, powers, parts, and attributes of things-aye, even the whole of things. Time was forever. It has no be-

ginning, and no end; and while it may

divide into past, present and future, it still remains the present one and now. The present has no beginning nor end; the past is not lost, and the future is never here, although continually beginning. The eternal now is always here for contemplation and criticism. The formless and apparently lifeless space in which worlds float like atoms in a sunbeam, which surrounds all

worlds and all atoms, holding them tenwomb, in which the power of energy are divided into the opposing elements and mind, male and female, and all opposites. Between them, enthroned in unapproachable mystery and glory of conscious living fire, sits the Energy which says, "I am that I am."

Out of the bosom of energy comes the spirit which moves on the face of the waters, as the breath of life, foreshadowed in the story of creation. All known forms of life gestate in water. and the waters referred to in Genesis on the face of which the spirit moved are that incomprehensible energy out of which odic force emanated, a magnetic current instinct with life.

The soul is but a bubble on the ocean of energy, "the waters" of Genesis, and out of this bubble the spirit, heat, (love). issues and moves upon the waters, but organic life, will ever be retained in this heat does not immediately evolve conscious memory. That all our efforts | fire, or the light of mind. Love and the to uplift humanity, and thus better its involuntary powers precede the evolucondition, will reap corresponding re-tion of intellect and the voluntary powers. Thus man is by nature a feeling and impulsive being before he is an emotional and reasoning soul; but he is and open up a field where the soul will neither body, soul nor mind, but an undying energy which stands between and

Energy contains within itself every come one, may draw forms, souls, Mo. The price of the book is \$1.00. eternal justice. All the divine forces in | minds, ideas, circumstances, and events the universe are pledged to secure this from that infinite storehouse of energy which our angular, harsh word God but

The earth is a soul in which the male into the still waters of the great deep. Soul always was, and is, self con- This perfect union attracts and re-

When the perfected soul whose earth stroy or annihilate life. It is the all en- name was Jesus came to humanity out We observe that the universe may be ergising force in the infinite realms of of the soul world, he declared that he space. Its demands are authoritative was the Light of Life and the Way to and all things are under its control. Its immortality, Why Because he could

> with each other; and all life is a unit. blended man becomes the arbiter of his does not provide for any election of offi So the loss of a soul is, from the very own desting in a conscious and volunintegrate; but in the higher stages of We may not be able to define or de progress when man has become one, by scribe the soul, or its attributes. We the union of the perfected spiritual nacan only comprehend to the extent of ture with his feminine counterpart, thus We feel that it is the seat of real life- may walk the earth in the form of ordithe animating principle inherent in nary manhood; but as this body is proquickening of lofty aspirations and holy at any time be again indrawn and never desires for a true, noble and manly i "see corruption.". This is the body in life-for the upbuilding of whatever which Jesus dwelt on the earth, which makes for righteousness in every de- could die in appearance but could not

There is no impossibility to the being with its spirit and power. Jesus is "the To listen to its voice and yield obedi- Way, the Truth and the Life," not so ence to its demands, is the part of wis- much by what he is reported to have dom. In so doing we form a sound and said as by the testimony of his life, substantial character, and become at death, and resurrection. It was no stage coach took a week to go to New | so doing, our dormant energies will be | the test of taking food and being ened, and we will be guided along the virtue of his spiritual advance beyond

Life is active and inactive, conscious and unconscious, mind and matter. In earthly limitations, it rises into the passing from one form of life to another motion is evolved, and hence to under- | See the earth, with heaving breast, its inherent possibilities unobstructed stand nature and life, we must study With her long pent fires repressed, the laws of motion. All motion de Wrathful in their fiery flow, as a straight line. In combustion the motion is analogous to breathing, and | Down beneath the seething brine the outgoing of hot and the ingoing of | 'Neath the ocean bed's confine. cool air, like the inspiration and expira- Heated gases seek their ventand space and density, and every attri- higher or more divine in a human or- easily perceived, for living as we do in But what is it that constitutes matter bute of matter-and you have spirit. ganism. May we heed its promptings a series of effects which are also causes, or substance? Sensuously it is only You can think "the sun" quicker than as it speaks to our inner consciousness, it is difficult to retrace the series and and obey its divine impulses, and thus find the origin of any motion. When You will of course, readily perceive, secure the richest benefits of which we we think we have reached the cause of phenomena, further investigation proves that we have at best only another effect of some precedent cause. Every effect is in steelf a cause of further effects, and we may conclude that life also comes under the same O'er the distant past again law, being bothb cause and effect. If See great terror conquer men. this is true welneed not look outside of | Far Pompell's stricken fate, the life within me for the cause of what | Cities of your time awalt. we are, or of what me do, neither for

> the cause of that which we may become. - wisty wist. The vital point in can object is that where force culminates; when all ways unite to produce the chiwning effect, the | Slaves did walk you city's mart; striking of fire from a substance hard as granite or solid as steel, or, in a spiritual sense, electrifying into life and in- Rose for nye their burdened prayer. telligence a soul as dense as the center of the earth. . oq ... In:

It; was the warmo breath of God breathed into Adam that caused him to become a living soul when that center within was illuminated by the fire of living energy borne on the magnetic current to the center of being. The phenomena of Spiritualism have established as a fact the continuous life of man. Death changes him only from the visible material plane to the invisi-

ble material plane. In himself there is no change. Some of the so-called dead have the power to make themselves visible and tangible for a brief space of time, showing that there are degrees of knowledge | Still unchanged the upper skies. as there are on this side.

There are two states of being, the visible and the invisible, the seen and the Man shall come and man shall gophy of Spiritualism. For sale at this one, although divided. I, myself, sinud between the two as the dividing factor, i

and I also am that which is divided. I live only in part and am alternately in each state. I am visible and also invisible, for I inhabit a visible body and

am myself invisible and intangible.

To know is one form of power; to be

is quite another. Those possessed of the latter power may enter the soul world at will, in any form desired, or in no form at all. To spirit time has no duration, space no limitation, and form no existence. It is unity, the all in one. Jesus possessed the power wholly to withdraw from the body, and it vanished into the invisible world. He passed through the form of death to show the world the dominion of man over the forces of form, both of organization and disorganization. The light of the Christ shone out pre-eminently in the man Jesus, who affirmed that of himself he could do nothing, that it was the Father working in him, and that those who believe in the Father should do great works.

The foregoing paragraphs are culled almost at random from a remarkable book that cannot help but bring every reader closer in touch and harmony with the spirit of the New Testament teachings, and the many apparent symderly but firmly in place, is an infinite | bols and mystic references and thoughts within its pages, and lead the student through the green pastures and beside of life and death, day and night, body | the still waters of primitive Christianity as exemplified by the God-man, Jesus. This is an invaluable work and ought to be in the hands of every follower of the Christ-Spiritualism, This book is entitled "Evolution of Immortality," and is beautifully bound in blue and gold, with symbolic stamp, and is published by the Eulian Publishing Co., Salem, The author, Freeman B. Dowd (Rosi-

cruciae), is one of the world's sages and thinkers who has spent a long and useful life delving into the mysteries of Being, and though writing primarily, in this and other books filled with occult lore, for the Brothers of the Rosy Cross, also addresses his thoughts to other people who know how to think, and thus thinking, learn to investigate the phenomena and philosophy of nature. This book scintillates on every page with brilliant thoughts and aphorisms. The principal points discussed are: The Divinity of Energy, the Evolution of Consciousness, the Incarnation of Life, the Power of Love, the Force of Truth, the Wisdom of the Serpent, Christ the Light of Immortality, and an interest-The home of the soul is in the realm | manifests as the third element in all | ing and invaluable appendix on who If what the physical scientist calls, "Observe a universal and unerring of universal harmony. Its demands can dual relations, or what to the senses and what the Rosy Cross is. The chap- has been his purpose to illustrate the Books you may order, Price \$2.10. suggestive of occult themes of a sacred occur in the various nationalities, and gress in its full development. All ob- conceivable object, emotion and nature that I have not quoted from it at on a thermometer it makes it rise by ex- tracts the spiritual; therefore the circu- stacles to the soul's growth will, sooner thought. The process of creation is all, leaving the lifting of the veil to the able. Price \$1.50. or later, be eliminated. It must have simply projection into time and space reader of the book in secret. The book Its History and Present Developfree access to unfold its inherent possi- of that which is indrawn. Thus man in has two excellent physiological plates, bilities. It demands and will receive, a spiritual state of being can take any and is recently published, has a purpose form he desires, from that of a worm to and that a noble one. Further particuthat of a star. The two, which have be- lars may be had of the author at Ozark, G. FIGLEY. Bryan, Ohio.

### All Is Harmony.

"There is trouble in the ranks of the Grand Rapids Spiritual Association. The affair was brought to a climax yesterday afternoon when James E. Walker, one of those who conducted the scious; soul always will be and is, per ceives the infinite energy in a continu- camp-meeting at Briggs Park last summer demanded that an election of officers be held according to the provisions of the charter,' etc.

There is no truth in the article pubthe board. James E. Walker never asked a member of that board to give him a hearing. No one has ever asked When soul and mind are perfectly for an election of officers. Our charter cers less than than one year.

Our present board was elected at a regular meeting, and all members present ballotted for and elected said board.

James E. Walker was present and belped to ratify said charter. (Due notice was given one week previous to its ratification). As we understand it, Mr. James E. Walker was in no way connected with Briggs Park meeting last summer. Our society is progressing book, which is \$2.00. superinduce about it, and in appearance | we are arranging for celebration of our anniversary, March 30 and 31, and hope to have an enjoyable time.

> W. O. Knowles, President. R. P. Horton, Vive-Pres. Lou E. Johnson, Secretary. W. A. Reed, Financial Sec. J. M. Ogden, Treasurer. Augusta Ferris, Trustee. Z. D. Hinkley, Trustee. C. R. Wost, Trustee. Mrs. W. O. Knowles, Trustee.

NATURE'S LAW.

Come I here with noiseless feet, Stranger friends this night to greet. O'er the centuries' sweeping train Gaze I on your world again.

Hear the rumbling and the roar Fated cities hanging o'er! Darkness o'er the land outspread. Cries above the stricken dead.

Cooling waters vex with pain Molten mass electric's vein Till the earth in labor throe Lays doomed cities low with woe.

With the trembling earth's descent Subterranean lakes are rent: Rocky chasms yawn and groan, Earthquakes heave with muttered moan.

Hear the cry of prayer ascend That a power above may end Desolation's mighty sway! Black and white together pray. Babes from mother's there did part: On the far repeating air

In the awful sweep of time Grief is changed to music fine; Every uttered thought 'tis claimed In the occult law is framed. And its compensating power

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Important Prediction Proved A Policeman Recognizes True.

LAND WOULD DIE.

dentally to the Queen and most directly identity. to a Mrs. Rathbone, a lady residing in Cheshire, who on August 23, 1900, predicted the very day of the Queen's

the very date of the Queen's death, but her Majesty would expire.

This statement was made in writing on the day named, and read: .... "The next great national event will be the death of the Queen. This is now tinctly and the whole nation in mourn-Rathbone's reputation for clairvoyance, sassin. or second sight, which had enabled her on more than one occasion to accurately foretell the most important events in

clairvoyance as a profession. In the locality where she lives Mrs. of his name in the city. unexpectedly revealed to her. In times past she has accurately foretold the date of the death of friends then apparently in robust health and made other predictions almost as remarkable. It must be borne in mind that when she made her prediction concerning the Queen, her Majesty was, as far as known, in her usual health and bade words. fair to live many years. In fact, it was the consensus of medical opinion that her death was many years distant.

when she made her prediction concerning the Queen's death, for such a prediction, as might easily be imagined, was by no means popular and was received with much opposition. In fact, the local Dogberry, one White, construed the prophecy into a species of treason and was for unceremoniously placing Mrs. corded it.

Justice White's attempt to punish that brought her into notice. The attempt was a failure, of course, there being no law in England against phophecy save the scriptural law that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country. But the ill-advised utterances of the Magistrate and his threats against Mrs. Rathbone coming to the notice of Mr. Labouchere, that champion of the poor at once proceeded to make the matter a subject of question in Parliament, with the result that Mr. Magistrate White was compelled to return Mrs. Rathbone's memorandum of the prophecy and reconsider his threats of punishment.

Thus having had greatness thrust upon her, as it were, Mrs. Rathbone found herself the object of much and annoying curiosity. The modest cottage in Cheshire in which the Rathbones lived became the Mecca of the curious and the mercenary, and she was besieged with inquiries of every sort, from family affairs to the winning of horse races. Her mail grew to enormous proportions—to such indeed that the little postoffice was unable to handle it and EYES OF THE VICTIM TESTIFY. the postman was worked almost to death in his efforts to carry it.

And in time the siege for information of shooting and that Conway's face was as a factor's clerk was threatened by derer was transferred to the retinas of the notorlety thus forced upon him, be- Madden's eyes in the instant when, to discontinue their dealings with his and that this impression of the assas employer because of his wife's unpalate sin's countenance - as occurs with able prophecy. And at one time a law- countless other fleeting visual impressuit, in which several of the wealthy sions-took its place on that kinetoscope residents of the district were in dan- roll of subconscious intelligence where ger of being involved, was narrowly are recorded hour by hour "the stuff averted.

Now that the event has justified Mrs. Times-Herald. Rathbone's predictions her fame has been renewed and the volume of her visits and mail has outgrown even its former remarkable proportions. Magistrate White is scarcely able to conceal his chagrin, and some say he is threatened with insanity. The neighborhood defers to Mrs. Rathbone in everything and her husband has been promoted and received an increase of salary.

Mr. Labouchere says he champloned Mrs. Rathbone merely to avoid what looked like oppression, though at the time he had not the slightest idea that morning a respectable farmer named the prophecy would come true. Its ac | Williamson started to cross a big curacy, he admits, has astounded him as much as it has anyone else, and, of giving some instructions to a man while not a believer in clairvoyance, he who was working on the other side. He confesses his inability to account for trudged along, whistling and singing, to this singular occurrence.

In fact, Mr. Labouchere has sent for denly and unaccountably vanished. a record of Mrs. Rathbone's previous There was no wall, no ditch, no bush prophecies and the dates and circumstances under which they were made, together with a statement of their verl- who was standing at the door with her fication. Public opinion and curiosity is baby in her arms, watching him, aroused to a great-height over the phe-screamed out, "He's gone! He's gone! nomenon. Mrs. Rathbone retains her modest and retiring demeanor, and, as before, absolutely refuses to exercise vived her reason had fled, and two her remarkable gift for gain. It is re-lother women, neighbors, who witnessed ported that the curious affair has been the strange occurrence, received so sebrought to the notice of King Edward, who has manifested the liveliest curiosity.concerning it.

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### IN DREAMLAND.

Face in a Dream.

SHE PREDICTED THE DAY UPON! A policeman's dream has revealed the WHICH THE QUEEN OF ENG. identity of a much-wanted murderer, who has been for a month a fugitive from the anthorities on the West Side, While the sounds of mourning for the and will probably in due time lead to dead Queen have not altogether ceased his capture. A face seen in sleep by in the land and Britons are slowly and Patrol Sergeant Michael Madden yeswith difficulty learning to say the terday has proved to be that of James "King" and anecdote upon anecdote Conway, who, it has developed as a reabout her late Majesty is eagerly dis- sult of the dream, shot and killed Patcussed, one story goes the rounds con- rick Kennedy, January 31, and for sidered by some persons the most won- whom detectives have been searching derful of them all. It relates only inci- without the slightest idea as to his the X-ray, which enables one to see

Patrick Kennedy was talking with friends in a room in the Albion Hotel. 100 South Halsted street, on the night of the murder, when a man burst into that govern the ethereal universe, Not only did Mrs. Rathbone predict the place and without a word fired a Already, while here in the physical shot at him. The unknown turned and foretold the precise malady of which fled down the stairs into the street and nature to a degree that enables him to disappeared completely.

DYING MAN GAVE CLEW.

When news of the shooting reached Desplaines Street Station, Sergeant very near and I can see her cloud dis- Madden was among the officers to respond to the summons, and he found ing. It will not be this year, but early Kennedy just losing consciousness as | chaos," and he adds: "Hypno-science is next year, on the 22d of January, and he was being lifted into the ambulance. the cause of her death will be paralysis. Kennedy recognized Madden and man-Some significance was attached to this laged to whisper that he was the only laws that govern telepathic intercourse, statement at the time by reason of Mrs. policeman in the city who knew the as- and possibly to extend its investigations

By diligent inquiry the detectives learned that the murderer was slightly gence. We are as yet only on the known to some of the witnesses to the which her family and circle of friends shooting, and that he was called either were interested. Mrs. Rathbone is a Kenny or Conway. But beyond this no young woman, whose people are by no one could give any help, and the police means in affluent circumstances, but set out on their quest without even a she does not engage in the practice of description of the fugitive or any word gation of the laws that govern teleto distinguish him from the many men pathic intercourse into the realm of the

Rathbone has won considerable repute. Sergeant Madden puzzled constantly spiritual intelligence, "this research do not look at it in that light. One of Her revelations come to her casually over the last words spoken by Kennedy and without prearrangement, and she before he died. "You know him, Madexpressly disclaims all ability to fore- den," ran through his head night and tell events other than such as are quite day, but try as he might he could not decide who of the many criminals that had come under his eye in his many years of service might be the guilty one. REVEALED IN THE DREAM.

> He told his companions at the Desplaines Street Station that even in his sleep he could not forget Kennedy's

Madden went to his home, 88 South Whipple street, yesterday morning to called rests not upon the mere phesnatch a few hours of rest before he Mrs. Rathbone suffered considerably went to attend a trial on the North Side. He curled up on a lounge and his eyes closed, and he was asleep. Then came the dream.

He thought he was standing at Madison and Halsted streets, talking with Policemen Sharp and Smith, when a well-dressed young fellow hurried past. The face of the passer seemed familiar Rathbone in jail—and but for this the to him, and, under the impression that prediction would never have received he had taken the man into custody at the general publicity that thus was ac- some time, Madden halted him and questioned him concerning his recent doing. Then it suddenly flashed across Mrs, Rathbone was thus the very thing him that this was the man meant by Kennedy when he whispered his last words in the ambulance.

### Just then his wife awakened him. IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES.

As he sat on the bed the dream came back with fresh force, and he could not shake off the idea that the man in his body is in the air and can be breathed dream was Kennedy's slayer. He in, and that future generations may see dressed and hurried to the rogues' gal- the body sustained from the air alone. lery, and there from thousands of pic- The same theory may be more deeply tures selected the one that was the counterpart of the face in his dream. And on the back was written the name, "James Conway."

He took the picture to the witnesses of the shooting, and without an instant's hesitation they avowed it was. the face of the murderer.

So at last the police know for whom they are searching in the Kennedy case, and the "wise ones" in the department are saying Madden's dream is only another indication of the fact that he should be at detective headquarters instead of hunting out delinquent patrolmen in an outside station.

The mystery of the appearance of the murderer's face in Madden's dream To none of these curious ones did Mrs. may be explained in this way: That Rathbone vouchsafe any information. Kennedy saw Conway in the very act subsided and life resumed its normal photographed upon the retinas of Kentrend. - Mr. Rathbone, whose occupation | nedy's eye; that the likeness of the murcame, however, very indignant, because leaning close over the dying man, he the local gentry and others threatened listened to the latter's whispered clew, that dreams are made of."-Chicago

## WORLD

Strange Disappearances Related.

A typical example of weird disappearances, says London Tit Bits. occurred some forty years ago near the village of Haslemere, in Surrey. One meadow near his house, for the purpose the middle of the field, and there sudeven, which could have concealed the missing man for a moment. His wife, What an awful thing!" and fell to the ground unconscious. When she revere a fright that they were unable to. pursue their accustomed vocations for many weeks afterwards. No light was ever thrown upon this mystery, and to this day the strangest stories are affoat in the district concerning it.

A similar case to the above occurred some years back on the south coast Bramber, in Sussex, about nine o'clock in the evening, a lad of thirteen named Charles Ashmore, was sent with a the family became anxious, and his For sale at this office.

Cather set out with a lantern to seek im. A light coating of snow covered the ground, though none was falling or had fallen for some hours, and the footto a spot about half-way between the house and the well. At this point they suddenly ceased, nothing but the un-broken surface of the snow being visible in front and all around, nor was any trace of the unhappy lad found from that day to this. The well was thickly coated with ice, and had certainly not been disturbed for many hours.

The Views of Lilian Whiting.

To be spiritually minded is to be open

vironment, and to study the revelations of modern science and psychology is to gain a rational idea of the conditions that prevail in the state of life just beyond this-in that unseen universe which encompasses us and is interpenetrated by our own. The phenomena of through a solid substance; or of wireless telegraphy, when, without visible means, intelligence is conveyed through the air, indicate the nature of the laws world, man has developed his higher begin to lay hold of these laws and conditions. Professor John B. Quackenbos of Columbia University, speaks of the most important advance made by psychology during the past century to be "Its assumption of a practical character which has brought certainty out of destined to demonstrate immortality on scientific principles, to determine the into the realm of the dead, establishing communication with spiritual intellithreshold of psychological discovery." When so distinguished a scholar and thinker as the emeritus professor of psychology at Columbia contemplates the possibility of extending the investicannot be relegated to the plane of mere latter-day revelations of the ethereal world and the next state of being near that will more and more grow upon and student of this theme is that in psychic science is found the theories with which

and also with the doctrines of immortal life as taught by Jesus.

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monize. Religion and science meet-as

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EVOLUTION OF THE WORLD. The modern world is on the threshold of great changes in the attitude of man toward the future upon which he enters by death. "He hath brought life and immortality to light," is said of Jesus. More and more are they being brought to light, as higher spiritual development enables man to know the divine world by a more direct perception. This is not a mere phrase, but an exact statement of truth, The atmosphere is filled with intelligence, with ideas that relate themselves to the mind that is in harmony with them. Tesla says that all the nutrition needed by the physical true regarding the mind. Let any one try the experiment of willing to himself alized. Then man regards death as for himself. and upward flutter to freedom." Tele-

Stephen Phillips expresses the process in the line that we shall "shed the body this spirit to spirit intercourse between those here and there who have passed | himself, as does the nature of life here, which is one thing to the moral and the intelligent and quite another to the immoral and the ignorant. Intelligence, aspiration, sympathy, and love open the portals of the larger and the higher

### Spirit Pictures Taken by Flash-Light.

life:-Lilian Whiting in Inter Ocean.

The Spiritualists and the public generally are informed that the spirit pictures series Nos. 1 and 2, taken by flash-light at the Bridge-seance room; are now ready, No. 1 being described in a former article. Dr. L. W. Hammon, cabinet medium; Lillian Jurrens, spirit photographer. Dr. Hammon has been a medium since the war of the rebellion, in which he served five of the best years of his life. After the war he went to making a farm, but was developed as a magnetic healer, not of any will of his own, and has been healing ever since, with great success. About fifteen years ago he commenced holding seances for materializing, having now developed up to that point where spirits can put up plays and scenes in front of the cabinet. Not all can see them, but some can. Scenes of various descriptions are enacted, the last one being photographed, reproducing in part the battle of Custer and Sitting Bull. It shows the Indians charging Custer's men, on their ponies. Horse man and gun, are plainly to be seen, Sitting Bull standing a little back, full stature; a little to the left stand two ladies in full form, dressed in white, very beautiful. These pictures are taken and finished by Lilian Jurrens. She has a gallery in her home where she has all the appllances for, and finishing. In her home she takes daylight pictures of spirits, besides going to Dr. Hammon's dark seances and taking flashlight pictures for him.Lillian Jurrens was a seer from n child; being informed by the spirits that she could in time take pictures of spirits, she went to work developing, trying, and working fifteen years and

has finally accomplished it. Topeka, Kans. H. HAMMON. "Death Defeated; or the Psychic Se-

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

steps of the boy were distinctly traced | From Spirit Frances E. Willard.

Dear Brothers and Sisters; I receive so many letters from the readers of The Progressive Thinker, asking me to write more, that I thought I would address you a communication through its friendly columns. We have been very active in temperance work in Kansas, and we are determined that there shall not be any saloons in that state. A nation shall arise (did arise) and say that the laws must and shall be enforced. Other nations will follow, and we hope before the end of the twentleth century to see our earth freed from the tyranny to the perception of the spiritual en-

of intoxicating drink. There is a strong spirit force at work.

Mrs. Nation is a sensitive. A great force was brought to bear upon her and others, and there will be more. All reform movements that are will receive a new impulse. A great influx of the Holy Ghost is to be poured out upon the children of earth, and many will be lifted up into the realms of good. The earth must be redeemed and restored to its rightful heirs, the working classes. God, never intended that a few should have it all; that a few should revel in luxuries and the great majority dwell in want and misery.

I will do what is right not only for my-

their name and prove to the world that to the teachings of Jesus? The truth | they may continue to live. They neither wish nor expect to be exalted, nor in should be recognized, all mediums should be strengthened and supported by Spiritualists; protect your mediums is one of the first duties belonging to Spiritualism; it is far better to support several unworthy mediums than to let

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Spiritualism has a great work; its mission is to educate and uplift every class of society. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Courage is what we all need-to dare to do right, to stand for the right irrespective of financial success or failure. The country needs men of character, of stability as well as ability, to move forward to the front, and dare to act, to demand that the laws be enacted and enforced. We hang back, everybody hangs back afraid to assert the "I will" power inherent in our natures. I will be heard.

self, but for my brother and sister man. Some one says that mediums should not claim to be controlled by Spirit So and So-naming Washington, Lincoln, dead, establishing communication with or some other great character. Now I the greatest points in Spiritualism is infanaticism. The question must also in- | dividual spirit return. It is a pleasure clude the inquiry as to what degree the | to Washington, Lincoln or any other spirit that can, to be enabled to give any way to exalt the medium in any special manner, only this great truth one worthy one suffer. Some one has asked me what is the

greatest evil in earth life? and I most emphatically reply selfishness. Let go of your selfishness, be not afraid of being too generous; you cannot be. "Go, give all you have to the poor and follow me." Mother earth furnishes abundantly for all, but the greedy ones are getting more than their share. A healthy woman after child-birth 'can furnish is one who is perfectly good. Thus we sustenance for one or two children, but if she was forced to nurse four or five the supply would not equal the demand; Just so Mother Earth can sustain all her workers and can sustain them in comfort, but it is the idlers, the non-producers, which are causing great mischief. Every man, woman and child in earth life should do their appropriate share of the work. All should be taxed equally according to their strength—the best way to distribute charity(?) in the present conditions is to pay the laborer a fair portion for his work? I know a banker who made this remark: "This fool rich man is getting richer all the time"-and yet he only employs one clerk to do the work of two and pays information on any subject, and he will him forty dollars a month for doing immediately begin to receive it. The one hundred dollars worth of work evknowledge he asks by mental question- | ery month, and the poor clerk does not ing and mental determination will be- dare to ask for an increase for fear he gin to come to him, so to speak. His will lose the little he is now getting, on power of will has touched the magnetic | which he has to support a wife and five current. The irresistible force of pur- | children beside himself. Why does not pose is known to all. It is a force that | that foolish banker pay the clerk his cuts its own channel and compels all just dues? Simply because he is in the things to be its servitors. Achieving power of his own selfishness, and seemthis degree of mental power, the inevit- ingly cannot break loose from it: he is able result is that the oneness of life- | not only causing worry and anxiety for its absolute continuity-across the others because he is not just, but he is change of form involved in death is re- | heaping up an untold amount of misery

Truly "it is easier for a camel to pass through a needle's eye, than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heavpathic communication between those in | en." Oh, then, be wise, lay not up this life indicates the easy possibility of | treasures for yourself on earth, but cultivate Spiritual wealth, the kind that you cannot be selfish with, for the more into the larger, freer ethereal world, you give the more you will receive. Be where the finer and more subtile agen- not afraid of work, a moderate amount cies prevail. The nature of that life is of work never kills or injures, but is individual, and depends on the man! healthful and sustaining. Be temperate in all things, be cheerful, pleasant and kind and above all be generous, for God loves a generous giver.

> infinite intelligence, a God who cares for and loves humanity: but a God who has to work through human agencies for humanity, and when that humanity will serve the devil instead of the great loving God father, it puts a barrier between a mighty power that pens in much misery for the human family and casts upon the spirit world much unnecessary work that is made necessary by the selfishness of humanity. Let us all open our eyes to the grand possibility of life both for mortals and spirits, for we are all spirits-ye mortal ones are materialized for a little while and only for a little while in comparison to the vast eternity before you, and oh, how unwise to live theatew short years in earth life in such a manner that your spiritual growth is retarded perhaps for centuries. God help usuall to be wise. The main thing is to be good, to do good and love good every moment of our lives.

The W. C. T. U. is in wise and efficient hands. I would say to severybody uphold, and sustain SisternStevens, your leaver, for she with certainly lead you in paths of goodness. My best wish for you all is that you might be Spiritualists and not be ashamed of it. Many of We never should be ashamed of the truth, and as soon as we are convinced that communion of spirit is a truth, then we should advocate that truth with all our might and do all we can to propagate it. I am glad that Spiritualists have accorded me a welcome into lof wickedness, vice and crime, although their ranks. I am only a private. It is known as a Christian city, having peace and happiness.

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have many Gods, but there is one Supreme God, ruler of earth, who counsels with other Gods, rulers of other universes, for there are many, their names are legion. The one fact for us to learn is that there is one supreme amy, theft, rape and others too revolt ruler of earth, a God who has passed on | ing to mention. Yet the church would from one experience to another, who was once a child of earth and progressed from manhood into angelhood, on to Godhood. It is greatly to be lamented that there

is such an unreasonable prejudice against Spiritualism. We on our side are doing all we can to remove it. Are you, dear reader, doing the same? Are you unselfishly devoted to our cause, losing sight of sex, races and color, and giving life freely to the task of making our world better?

Mrs. Dr. Cullis, of Boston, kindly said of me, after my transition, "She is one of the hosts of witnesses that surround us," and I wish to say to her, that I now witness to the truth of spirit re- road of progress. turn. Lovingly.

FRANCES E. WILLARD. Elsie Hornbeck, medium.

### AGNOSTICISM.

Reflections on the Church Census in Buffalo.

The rationalists are always on the alert for opportunity to correct errors, and particularly of the so-called Christians. Just at this time immediately | tia, Galen, Copernicus, Calileo, Spinoza, following the church census in this city, Descartes, Voltaire, Volney, Newton, the priest and preacher speak of the Ag- | Kepler, Gibbon, Leibnitz, Burns, Byron, nostic, as a "blatant" infidel, a pariah, a lothario, a dishonest and an immoral | boldt, Huxley, Tyndall, Fulton, Mill

ments. For the benefit of humanity, it seems fitting to discuss the subject un- hosts of others including Edison and derstandingly, that the student who is in search of truth, may start out in life the lamented Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll, with the facts. The monumental mental giants of the past in science, civil- philanthropist, and an emancipator of ization and morality, have prehended mental slavery never had a peer on truths and facts as implements of war- this earth. He was the pioneer in fare with myth, miracle and supersti-According to Webster, Worcester and

other lexicographers, an infidel does not believe the Bible was: written by inspired men. Nor does he believe in the divinity of Christ. Among the synonyms, are unbeliever, one without faith, a doubter, a freethinker, theist, deist, atheist, agnostic, etc. To which them." His "torch of reason." with its should be added, one who holds the torch of reson in search of truth, the justice, liberty and righteousness, will great factor in the emancipation of mental slavery.) The result of the dom of thought, through all the ages to He whispered earthward, "I believe church census seems to please the come. clergy immensely, and why? Because they find only fourteen infidels? Such statements should be read cum grano salls, for there are many reasons why that number stands on the record. Truth is mighty and should at all times prevail; but to those who were interested in the collection of names, there is a you are, but like me as I was in earth | mighty ambiguity existing. If the infilife, you do not think it politic to let the dels' moral status is as represented by world know that you are a Spiritualist. | the clergy, Buffalo should be considered very safe and free from vice, for certainly, fourteen infidels could not do much harm, even if they were so inclined.

the ministers declare that this is a city and States prisons with criminals." What is God? God is all good. You That theological guide should know striving to eliminate superstition from For sale at this ice. Price ten cents. cannot dissect it or embody all of it in that it requires something besides their early training. But it will be a

the time given there were 41,217 Christians; Jews, Chinese and Mormons, 110; Universalists, 5; Infidels but three. Among these Christians were 2,566 priests, preachers or ministers imprisoned for crimes like forgery, big have us believe that without Christianity there can be no morality or civil-

That reverend gentleman who has the impudence to speak of infidels as "blatant." is doubtless aware that for hundreds of years Christianity was a stumbling-block to civilization, but from a thousand years of gloom brought about by the tyranny of Christians, civilization has slowly advanced, and how? By the thinkers, reasoners, scientists, infidels. When an inquiring mind begins to think and doubt, a new star is liscovered, the evolving forces adds belliancy to its scintillations and science drives another mile-post on the

Courage is the great desideratum in the advancement of even rational ideas. Because an idea is not popular, it is no evidence that it is not a truth, a fact and of utility. Think of that martyr Giordano Bruno, who first doubted, and then asserted. His successors were Campanelli, and Servetus, all burned at the stake for daring to differ with the teachings of the sacred (?) scriptures.

Following these martyrs were the great doubters, reasoners, thinkers and infidels, to whom the world owes debts of gratitude that can never be paid. Among them we might mention Hypa-

Goethe, Thomas Paine, Darwin, Hum-Spencer, our own Benj. Franklin, Thos Innuendos, however, are never argu- Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Charles Sumner, ah. ves. Geo. Washington and Tesla. To this last should be addedwho was a thinker, a reasoner, a writer America in the establishment of the re- The task at rosy morn begun, ligion of humanity. He achieved greater success in rational thought during the last two decades than all his predecessors combined. It was he who impelled the clergy to acknowledge the decrepitude of their theology, he "led them in paths they had not known, and made crooked things straight before diamond coruscations evincing truth. From dying fingers—work too vast be the beacon light to all lovers of free-

Nil desperadum, my dear, reverend sir, for the census reported 200,000 people who did not go to church at all, and it is understood, that the greater part of them, were men of high culture, men of thought and intelligence. Is it not reasonable to suppose that if they were not unbelievers in the -Christian religion, doubters, infidels, they would have declared themselves in favor, of some church? Many of these are church members,

and the clergy know it, hence, their assiduity in having a church census; some of these have been told by these doubt-The reverse seems to be the fact, for ers, that it is for fear of being ostracised in society and business that they demur to announce themselves infidels. I regret exceedingly to say, that if it Christ is our great leader to-day, not as no less than 187 churches. The clergy were not for the ladies' peculiar ideas God but as an elder-brother, one that in have had the moral culture of the moral church society, that there would be ignorance and superstition we have of their parishioners from early child fewer churches, fewer priests and learned to love, but who now teaches us | hood, and yet one of them said not long | preachers, less pseudo-religion, and hap- Inconsistencia and Blasphemies; a Rewhat he really is and lovingly bids us since, while in the pulpit, "You are fill- pier homes and firesides." There are, view of Rev. 1. Witt and Rev. Frank to follow him and he will lead us into ling our lock-ups, jalls, reformatories however many noble and brilliant wo- DeWitt Talms,

### Jamieson's Argument.

To the Editor:—It is sometimes both interesting and amusing to note the inconsistency and (possibly) duplicity of a writer who is only seeking to establish a point beneficial to himself. Doubtless some reader may feel that Mr. Jamieson has made a strong argument in favor of oral debate. Critically examined there is not a word of orgument in it. The points made by his opponents were, opportunity would be afforded to more people to read the debate, and of course they could read and re-read it at lelsure. His reply simply hints that there would be more real fun or amusement wher they could hear the lecture. For instance, to hear Booth or Barrett in one of Shakspeare's plays would simply afford one the pleasure of witnessing the artistic presentation of great actor. Would we know more of the play from listening to the rendering, than from studying it from the book, and from contemporaneous history? Surely not. Especially not since the artist's rendering is more of a classical presentation from a Thespian stand-

point than from real life. Should a school of actors present a play of S's after true life (not the Thesplan true life) no one could. I think. keep awake during the performance. It is not the real Hamlet which the artist presents, but a refined type of artistic imagination. It is, therefore, sophism to present this as an argument in favor of oral debate, especially when we remember the drawbacks of the latter already stated.

The weakness of rushing to hear Bryan could hardly have been in view. of his forensic abilities, but simply to see a much-talked of politician. The same can be said as to each of the other points.

By the way it strikes me that our Moses made an unanswerable argument concerning his declining to debate. The day of stage flourish has largely passed by, and we are now looking for facts and some logic. B. R. ANDERSON.

### ETERNITY IS MINE.

Unfinished lay at setting sun, The goal so longed for not yet won When daylight ceased to shine. "I've done my best," he said, "why fret And spend my strength in vain regret? To-morrow waits, but if not met, Eternity is mine."

Life's task unfinished fell at last For one short life: but ere he passed The dim horizon line There's chance in heaven to achieve All worthy aims. Why should I grieve? Eternity is mine."

Believe all noble effort blest And then to heaven leave the rest, Content to say, "I've done my best; Why should my soul repine? Though fettered here by time and fate, For worthy work there's no 'too late.' Revond the softly swinging gate

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### Theology the Bane.

An ex-clergyman of England, who voluntarily vacated his pulpit because he could no longer indorse its barbarous creed-there are many such-wrote us only a few days ago:

"I am persuaded that theology has been and is the bane of a large number of the most conscientious men in the Christian ministry. They are striving to make a show for something in which they have ceased to believe, in any genuine sense. 'It is killing them,' so an accomplished friend, an M. D., said to

"By the way, it will not surprise any one when I write, that I find more liberality, and less confidence in the dogmas of the church among the mediclass of people."

pains. As scientists, they repudlate the follows: idea that worlds were made out of horror of the whole orthodox world, has,

### Woman.

Says an English exchange:

"In his recently published book on the Babylonians and Assyrians. Professor Sayce tells us that at least fifty to sixty centuries ago Babylonian culture had elevated woman to a position equal, if not superior, to that of man. In poetry if married she had legal powers quite independent of her husband. She could buy and sell, lend and borrow, and even bequeath her property as she wished. the core? Her dowry was her charter of freedom, and it was tied to her by custom as securely as any modern marriage settleoften exercised an almost despotic influence. As governor of a town she was sometimes responsible for the administration of the public affairs of a considerable community."

ence before Christianity existed; before | free text books, and similar educational Abraham emigrated to Palestine, indeed | measures. The organization seems deit antedates the deluge by near 800 signed for permanency as they apyears, taking Bible chronology for authority on the one hand, and the shortest of the Professor's estimate of time on the other. Taking the longest of his estimates and woman was a personage of considerable importance a hundred years before creation.

Our civilization is an inheritance from the Romans, as is the Christian religion. be subject to visitation, and persons Woman takes the place with us she occupied in Rome when Christianity was founded, whether that period was 1900 years ago, or but 1,000 years, as some suspect. She is just beginning to emerge from her long enslavement. If prudent in her action long before the will find their occupation gone. new century closes, notwithstanding the retarding influences of the church. she will regain the position her sex occupied when Babylon was in its glory.

### A Righteons Act.

The managers of the Forest, Fish and Game show, at the Coliseum, in this libraries. Lately asked to contribute city, responding to the argent requests the necessary means to pay off a churchof the people, have opened the doors to debt, he replied he could not conscientheir exhibit on Sundays from I o'clock I tiously help any creed. p. m. till the closing hour at 10. This is as it should be, save an earlier hour in tic, nor a Spiritualist he certainly syinthe day would be more acceptable to pathizes with their views in trying to the laboring classes. If there is any- make persons worthy of this life. So thing pernicious in an exhibit it should long as he continues to distribute his be closed on all days; if an educator it wealth so generously it is not probable should be always open. It is the clergy he will be maligned; but should be pass only, who want our ears, who object to laway the pen of the libeller would be this. If their salary was not contingent busy in depicting him as a Christian of on their Sunday service no hostility rare merit, and we are not sure but would come from them.

or hate them .- Montaigne.

Thus Saith the Lord.

"Behold. I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with drunkenness. And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together," saith the Lord. 'I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them." "-Jeremiah 13:13, 14.

"I have made thee a god to Pharaoh; and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet." Then he hoodood the Egyptians with all manner of plagues bego. And why would not Pharaoh let the people go? Because, "I" [the Lord] "will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt."-Ex. 7:3.

Moses, Ex. 7:1-

rivers into blood; filling the whole land with frogs; converting the dust into lice; letting loose swarm of flies; torturing the cattle, the horses, the asses. the camels, the oxen and the sheep with a with boils; pelting man and beast and herb with hail; covering all the face of the earth with locusts; and thus on ad nauseam, concluding each act of vengeance with "And the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart that he would not let them go," not ending his direful calamities, however, until he had converted the whole people of Israel into a body of thieves, by instructing them-see Ex.

"Speak now in the ears of the people and let every man borrow of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver and jewels of gold." Then "the Lord gave the people favor n the sight of the Egyptians" so he smote all the first born, that his "won-

ders may be multiplied in the land of But Israel escaped with the "borrowed" jewels, which the Lord had connived at the taking.

Do we wonder after learning of this 'Lord's" acts there in Egypt, when he became displeased with his people, many years later, he made them drunken and quarrelsome?

We merely want to say in closing: Our "Infinite Intelligence" is no way related to this Lord, who we greatly fear some profane man will pronounce a

### Count Leo Tolstoi ls Excommunicated.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—The official organ of the Holy Synod to-day publishes the formal excommunication of Count Tolstoi, the Russian novelist and social reformer, which was announced early in the year, as follows:

"In its solicitude for the children of the orthodox church to guard them from being led into corruption, and in order are just in their condemnation of the to save those who have gone astray the man, they are unjust and partial to Holy Synod has deliberated upon the cal profession than among any other anti-Christian and anti-ecclesisatical teachings of Count Leo Tolstoi, and has Our friend is right. The educated deemed it expedient, in order to prephysician knows virgins never become serve the peace of the church, to issue mothers-never bear Gods. They have a circular dealing with the heresies of too much sense to believe in undying Count Leo Tolstoi. The circular is as

" 'Count Lee Tolstoi, to the grief and nothing; that the earth was clothed by speech and writing, unceasingly that a universal deluge has drowned the communion with the orthodox church, world; that seas parted their waters at | and this not only clandestinely, but the command of any one to let fleeing openly and in the knowledge of all perbondmen escape oppression; that the sons. All attempts to dissuade him day was lengthened at the request of a from this conduct have proved without

warrior to give him more time for avail. Consequently the orthodox slaughter; that a whale was ever con- church no longer considers him to be structed, with a saloon attachment for one of its members, and cannot regard the benefit of a recalcitrant priest; or him as such as long as he does not rethat a fish became treasurer for a Gali- | pent and does not become reconciled to the church. We, therefore, place on record his apostasy from the church, comprehension of the truth. We pray dows of said building." thee, therefore, O merciful God, who does not desire the death of a sinner, to hear us, have mercy on him, and restore him to thy holy church. Amen."

The above only illustrates the lack of sense on the part of church officials, and she always takes precedence—'female at the same time exalts Tolstol in the and male,' not 'male and female.' Even estimation of all honest people. When will the world learn that the Greek and Roman Catholic churches are rotten to

### Error Never Sleeps.

The Chicago Journal says a meeting

ment. As priestess or prophetess she of sixty Catholic priests was lately held in this city to devise means for heading that false interpretation of law as au- organize and call themselves a State off pending bills in the Legislature pro- thority, but wiser counsels sent her Society of Spiritualists, and another viding for taxation of church property, away, conscious she would land in a score of equally good people may asthe State supervision of all schools both This was woman under Pagan influ- parochial and public, the supplying of pointed a committee to draft a constitution, and plan for future action. Zealous as they may be, the day is not a distant one when church property will Yates of this State, and Gov. Durban of share in the cost of protection like other property; when schools, where children are educated for citizenship. shall be under the special supervision of the State; and, more, Convents will held there in restraint of liberty will be emancipated. When free, and the inmates tell the true story of their enslavement, and of the vices of those institutions. Convents will be legislated out of existence, and the celibate priests | breath.

### Saint Carnegie.

Andrew Carnegle has announced his determination to give twelve millions of

If Mr. Carnegle is neither an Agnossome future pope, ambitions to have a multimillionaire enrolled among his A man must either imitate the vicious saints, will take measures to canonize ment, so far as regards obscenity."

A Lesson for the Sanctified. A terrible accident occurred on the morning of March 11, in which, by the explosion of a steam boiler in a laundry,

others fatally injured, and thirty or among other accusations of the foreignmore, mostly young ladies and girls ers in China, said of the missionaries: were more or less severely hurt. The scenes were harrowing and heart-rending, of the maimed and bloody wound- things, and I have seen missionaries This is the same Lord that said to ed, and the mangled corpses of the stand and bribe soldiers to hunt up cer-

horrors of hell and the torments of the nese long after the peace is settled and cause Pharaoh would not let his people damned, will give vent to expressions of the war is over." horror over this terrible accident. There will arise in their hearts hot sen-

> And here is where the lesson comes in. Let them study it.

constantly, and will continue without end, to all eternity, to millions upon millions of human beings, men, women, and children-who were brought into being without their own choice or consent, placed amid temptations to sin, surrounded with environments of evil, and endowed with a depraved moral nature, "prone to evil as the sparks to fly upward"-by nature the "children of the devil,"-and with all these odds against them, and against their ever be- through three centuries, has this to say only die a mortal death, but will be and War: thrust down into hell, there to wall in inexpressible angulah amid the raging among these fighting Christians saying of money.

Now, if these things be true, who is to blame for it? tob if he had tried or wanted to do soreally the guilty one at the bottom of the whole sad and terrible "accident," by which these untold millions of hu-

man beings are, as the evangelists say, "dumped into hell?" But because their "God" does it, and the Bible teaches it, it is all right! If a mortal man carelessly or wilfully causes a-comparatively-petty acci-

dent, it is all wrong!

"God."

What does pure reason and unbiased justice say? If the "sanctified" are just toward "God." they are unjust to man. If they

### A Righteous Ruling.

It should go upon record that Judge Hazen, of the District Court of Kansas, at Topeka, on the trial of Ralfe Stark for malicious mischief, in aiding Mrs. Carrie Nation in smashing a joint in that city, was convicted. The Judge with verdure before there was a sun; striven to separate himself from all ruled against the defendant on every jury Judge H. said:

> persons present, aiding, abetting, assistguilty, and the fact, if you find it fact, that the building described in the information was a place where intoxicating liquors were sold in violation of law it would not authorize the defend-

Some foolish Justice, ignorant of the the extension of trade. first principles of law, in Topeka, before whom some of the first offenders were brought, encouraged rioting and disorder, by declaring saloons a public abrogate all law, and make each person vised as to the rights of his fellow, and the arbiter of his own will, subject to no always respects that right. They may legal restraint.

It is remarkable how very many well meaning persons accepted this silly Mrs. Nation came to Chicago at Courts, and hope to do so to the end. the instance of persons who accepted enforce the laws.

### They Descrie Our Thanks.

We feel like stepping aside from our usual habit, and complimenting Gov. Indiana, for their prompt action in heading off the intention of recent mobs in their respective States, in wreaking vengeance on wretches accused of terrible crimes. If guilty the offenders deserve the severest penalty of the law, and we trust they will receive it; but unthinking, crazy rioters are not fitted to act as law makers, courts, witnesses, furors and executioners, all in the same

The action of Mrs. Nation, her clerical advisers and fanatical backers, were opposed by us for the same reason. They should have been arrested by the authorities and taught that law breakers are not to be suppressed by act of dollars annually, one million a month, other law breakers. Public security during the current year, in aid of public rests on the enforcement of law by legal means, not by the action of mobs.

### Scenting Obscenity.

An English paper tells it this way: "A Toronto firm advertised that for five shillings they would send 'securely | the contestants. Down there in Colomsealed a beautiful bound book full of big. S. A., a civil war is now raging. good things which every sporting man should read.' The detective department, scenting the possible circulation of improper-literature, sent five shillings, for which they received a shilling Bible."

The editor concluded his mention of the incident by adding: The dealers

There may be a point, who knows?

A Truthful Report on the Chinese el Missionaries.

As reported in the New York Sun, at a society event in New York, an English some eight persons were killed outright, lady on her way home from China, "They were loot-mad as anyone. They commissioned soldiers to bring them in tain curies and valuables that they spe-We suppose that even the "sanctified" | cially wanted." She added: "There will evangelists who so glibly picture the be desperate bitterness among the Chi-

Truly the Chinese have cause for bitterness. They did not want the mistiments of condemnation for the person | sionaries, and in practice their religion or persons who may be worthy of blame has proved superior to that these at-Then follow the turning of all the for this destruction of property and life, tempted to force on them. When peace They will declare that severe punish- is established, these missionaries are ment should be dealt out to the one or holding themselves in readiness to reones by whose intent or neglect this turn and resume their occupation of And in this decision, the result of their looted may like them or not, if they do grievous murrain; filling man and beast own natural impulses of justice, they not the soldiers of the "allied powers" will shoot them down, and demand a certain tribute of heads, and the work far more difficult of solution. of the Lord will go on. The Sundayschool children will cast in their spare According to their belief, founded as pennies to send these missionaries to they claim on the teachings of the the heathen, where they are able to sup-Bible, a horrible accident is happening port establishments and live in a style, only the pampered children of luxury support at home. They have servants and menials, who profess conversion, that they may hold their places, and which they have forced their way.

### Christianity Versus War.

fires of untold remediless torments for the Lord's prayer just before battle. Our Father! says he, O hardened her income, until more and more, as Is not the evangelists' God-who, be- when you are just going out to cut your the financial and other assistance ing all-wise and all powerful as they brother's throat?," Hallowed by thy quietly rendered by numbers of claim, could have done a much better name. How can the name of God be you are going to burn your brother's with coal. corn fields and would rather lose the benefit of them yourself than suffer him to enjoy them unmolested? Forgive us him in cold blood for an alleged tres- so urgently needed. point of law. In his instruction to the from evil. You pray to be delivered almost every order send or go to her for "When an offence is committed all Satan, to whose impulses you are now Each and every one of these requests ing, advising, or encouraging the com- spirit you are guided in contriving the less the applicant is known to her, or mission of such offence, are equally greatest possible evil to your brother?" his credentials of such a kind as to be These sentiments, set forth and com- indubitable. mented upon in the Peace Manual, are respectfully commended to those followers of the Nazarene who preach a strenuous gospel of bloodshed, and who and pray the Lord to restore him to a ant to break or injure the doors or win- imagine that they see God's hand directing a war waged for conquest and

### No Contest Here.

Progressive Thinkers, of which this differ at times as to the provisions in a creed, or the propriety of having one. opinion of a Justice of the Peace as law, as on other minor issues, but they have and were anxious to become law break- managed thus far to keep out of the

A score or more of good persons may penitentiary, or an insane asylum, sume the same name, and may ask should she attempt the smashing occu- legal anthority to decide between them: pation in Illinois. It is the province of but we beg each party not to usurp the Courts, not individuals, to expound and title of our Society, of which The Pro-

As a Historian Saw It. Froude, the well known historian, whose books are everywhere read as

"Theologians ino longer speak with authority. They are content to suggest and deprecates shasty contradiction. Those who believed on trust have passed into uncertakity. Those who uphold orthodoxy cannot agree on what ground to defend it? Doctrines once fixed as a rock are now fluid as water, Truth is what men trow. Things are doubtful." " 1917 Te

authority, wrotest, 38

That reads very much like the production of one who did his own thinking, and that not along orthodox lines,

### Learn War No More.

Reports from every quarter where war is pending tell of the savagery of "The federals." says an Associated press dispatch, "slaughter every person who fall into their hands, a few women alone excepted."

From South Africa; from the Philippines, from China, we have somewhat similar reports. The most cruel and un-"Perhaps, after all, there was not relenting of these warriors seem to be much folse pretence in the advertise- Christians warring on Christians. They seem to be "learning war no more" with a vengeance.

## AN ANGEL IN EARTH LIFE ever, represents but a small part of the self-devoted work which Mrs. Sevant has faithfully carried. She gets work

TO ASK CHARITY.

those on the other side of the veil be- quick to comply. When I get downtown | fact and in word, plays the part of a tween the seen and the unseen stage of with the order the coal has often been existence. At least it will not be denied delivered. that there are living examples of those

side of the vell of mortal life.

successfully. This woman is Mrs. Helen their aid.' Sevant, of 6158 Ingleside avenue. She has devoted her entire time for more fined and sensitive poor.

make glowing reports of their labors. in the hope of solacing a great grief, every kind of society she can secure aid They go with her, smile upon her, and The fact remains that the missionaries, When Henry Sevant, Mrs. Sevant's hus- where others fail. She laughingly de- strengthen and cheer her in her efforts have been a curse to the countries into band, died, his heart-broken widdow clares that she "works everybody for to bless humanity. felt that little was left to her but the the benefit of everybody else." comforting of other sorrowers. This The needy people who visit or write the happiness given and received, for was fifteen years ago, and ever since to the quiet little South Side flat where the reward wrought in the spiritual tex-Erasmus, whose words have echoed that time she has gone her busy way she lives are of every possible kind and ture of the soul here and now, and the ing saved, against their ever becoming of the antagonism between Christianity works. A woman of only comfortable means, her aim in the first place was to "Let us imagine we hear a soldier give time rather than any great amount

Constant heart-wringing needs and demands, however, have drawn upon wretch! Can you call God Father, time progressed, she felt thankful for wealthy and generous people who gave

mere impiously unhallowed than by One Chicago business man, who selmutual bloody murder among his sons? dom gives money publicly, for many Thy kingdom come. Do you pray for years has allowed her to draw upon him the coming of his kingdom while you for as much coal as her urgent cases are endeavoring to establish an earthly call for annually. Others have from time to time supplied her with food, despotism by spilling the blood of God's clothing, groceries and all the necessa-sons and subjects? Thy will be done ries of life. The crying wish of her on earth as it is in beaven. His will in heart at present is to have a sort of heaven is for peace; but you are now meat and groceries fund or depot estabmeditating war. Give us this day our lished upon which she may draw at dally bread. How dare you say this to need, just as she now draws upon the your Father in heaven at the moment generosity of the man who supplies her

### AID PLENTIFUL IN HOLIDAYS.

At holiday seasons she is likely to reour trespasses as we forgive those who ceive lots of donations for her people. trespass against us. With what face She sends out large numbers of Christcan you pray thus; when, so far from mas dinners every year. There are forgiving your 'brother, you are going many times, however, when it is more with all the haste you can, to murder difficult to provide the food and clothing

pass, which, after all, is but imaginary? Mrs. Sevant's plan of operations is as Lead us not into temptation. And do simple as it is effective. All sorts and you presume to deprecate temptation or conditions of people apply to her for danger-you who are not only rushing aid-aid of all possible kinds. Churches, into it yourself, but doing all you can to small charitable societies, city missionforce your brother into it? Deliver us aries, charitably inclined people of from evil, that is, from the evil being, assistance and relief for their proteges. submitting yourself, and by whose Mrs. Sevant personally investigates, un-

prompt. The long period of experience which lies back of Mrs. Sevant's present work has taught her judgment to be which it has not taught her, according There is no contest with the Society of "no" without real suffering. A negative nuisance which any citizen could abate journal is the recognized organ, as to for assistance when, by means of any may say "yes" instead.

Mrs. Sevant has this to say of her pound of cure. It has always seemed peration renders it unnecessary of or comparatively little value. It is for this Bourgeois. reason that I so often give from my own pocket when previous consideration had told me that personal giving

had better cease for a time. TELLS OF HER FIRST CASE.

"A man comes to me, for instance, just at dark of a bitter, snowy day. He Mrs. Sevant regards as a direct interhas a sick wife, he tells me, little chil- position of Providence, "part of the gressive Thinker is the organ, without dren, perhaps ill; no work and no food natural working out of God's great paying yearly into its treasury \$1, and or money. Can I refrain from giving plan." receive a guid pro quo therefor in 52 him part of all I have? It was in this numbers of the best Spiritual paper in way that my first case, if I must use the world, and the consciousness that this term, came to me. The man had they will never be dragged into Courts been sent to me by a friend who knew to explain their relationship therewith. his necessities, and my own daily order as modest and retiring as the woman of groceries had just been delivered. I divided them with him, of course.

> to a distant home or to go in search of cannot be printed here. the work which I suggest to him? And tion almost, before they will ask for aid.

as death. "'Oh, no. Mrs. Sevant! I'd rather starve than ask for ald in such a manner.' they tell me.

"Go into their houses. The floors are carpeted, perhaps, the furniture decent the clothing fairly good and up-to-date. But what can they do, in spite of this If they sell the furniture and clothing they will get practically nothing for it and all must be bought back again, for higher prices, when the temporary embarrassment is over, if a home is to be kept. Small-salaried people who are out of work are so helpless. But let employment be once more found or furnished and the tangled affairs will right themselves. A little timely assistance to such people is of incalculable aid. QUICKNESS FACTOR IN CHARITY.

"It is for this reason that I work"

MRS HELEN SEVANT SOLVES THE quickly. I am told that a certain family PROBLEM OF HELPING DESTI- is in need of food and fuel. I do not TUTE WHO ARE TOO SENSITIVE even wait to fill out an order for the coal. I telephone the company which supplies me to send over some coal There are angels still wearing the quickly, on an emergency call. They often as she administers substantial habiliments of earth-life, as well as know me, and when I ask this they are

"The same with food and clothing doing angelic work among the suffering The latter can wait better, although this, for instance, is poor weather in A fine example of an earthly angel of which to be insufficiently clothed, But this kind is afforded by the Chicago food! Isn't it dreadful to be hungry? American in an account of the work of And with little children, perhaps, fairly a Chicago woman. There is no one who, crying for bread! And oftentimes I find whether Spiritualist or not, after read- that the people who ask assistance have ing the narrative of this woman's beau- turned every stone possible for themtiful work, will not agree that there are selves, have reached the last gasp of enangels, messengers and missionaries of durance and suffering before they come. good, on this side as well as on the other | "There is no time for red tape in such | instances. Help is needed, and imme-

The problem presented to the atten- diately. Investigating every case pertion of those who would assist the more sonally, as I do, unless indisputable ausensitive and refined people who would thorities have vouched for it, I am enprefer starvation to assistance rendered abled to work very quickly. With the in any but the most delicate manner is refined poor, the people who suffer cruelly at the mere idea of needing out- lead to worthy resolves and achieve-But there is one woman in Chicago side assistance, speed is a very importwho has apparently solved this question ant element in the work of coming to the exercise of that religion which con-

Of Scotch parentage, Mrs. Sevant is shrewd and keen in her judgment of than fifteen years to the helping of the people and her reading of character. temporarily embarrassed and the re- Big-hearted, generous and deeply sym-1 doing angels' work, and a company of pathetic she can help without wound-This work was undertaken originally ing. Widely known and with friends in

quietly, shrinking always from any-order. Letters containing requests for glorious consummation in the bright thing like fame or praise for her good assistance reach her from nearly all Beyond.

for many people, secures admission to hospitals for others, brings people who may be naturally benefitted by personal contact together, secures justice for people too poor and unfortunately situated to secure it for themselves, administers hope, cheer and comfort as cause and reasons for the same, and, in loving mother or older sister to large numbers of people every day.

Comfortably stout, rosy-faced, brighteyed, invariably cheerful, she would appear to thrive on her self-chosen life work of assisting others, and her main regret at present is that so many of the generous hearted old-timers of Chicago who were wont to remember her work liberally and frequently have passed and are passing away.

"They gave me so much for my noor people, and there is need of so very much continually," says the woman who has devoted fifteen years to acquiring this knowledge.

Certainly this is an example beautiful to contemplate, that should excite not only admiration but emulation, and ments of helpfulness to humanity, in sists in being good and doing good, according to our powers and opportunities. Whether Catholic, Protestant or freethinker, this lady is an angel, for she is angels unseen must be her helpers and inspirers in the good work she is doing.

Such a life is well worth living, for X-RAY.

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> over the United States. That letters containing checks and financial assistance reach her also, whenever aid of this kind seems positively necessary.

GIVERS' NAMES KEPT SECRET. The signatures attached to some of

these letters, which come from people through whom they bestow their charity, would astonish many people could "Can I do less with the dollar in my they be made public. Since many of pocket-book when one of my suffering the writers give only on condition that visitors has not even car fare to return their identity is never disclosed, they

Mrs. Sevant declares that if the pessinobody knows until work of this kind mists who believe that no present-day is personally done just how many peo-philanthrophy exists without a pubple there are in a large city like Chicago licity department could be in her place who suffer actual penury, actual starva- for a few weeks they would have ample cause for change of heart and opinion. "The organized charities are not quick | Anonymous gifts come to her occasionenough for these people; they cannot ally from men and women who know of be, from the very nature of them. And her work and the need for its extension. what men think! What is generally then, too, there are the people to whom Communications such as: "I inclose the thought of open charity is as bitter check for \$--, but you must only speak of it as coming from 'a friend;' if you find it necessary to mention it at all." are quite frequent.

> "Now, if only some person or people would arrange for a supply of meat and groceries as my dear, good, philanthropic friend arranges for all the coal my work calls for. I should be perfectly happy," says Mrs. Sevant. "I don't know just how it should be managed, but it certainly might be done. And it of the character of the book, provided does seem so hard to me, sometimes. that the poor people must wait while I go out and arrange for supplies when, if I could only telephone over, as I do in regard to emergency coal cases, they might be relieved so much the sooner. The completing of such an arrange-

ment is the one thing needed to com-

The supplying of food and fuel, how- become common in all the States.

plete my happiness at present."

A New Daily.

there is no use for a Devil.

Rich and Racy.

Articles," in the Chicago Journal of the

"During the two weeks beginning

March 11, the Sheffield Avenue Meth-

odist church will be turned over to

Duke M. Farson and he and his evan-

gelists will save 15 souls or the banker

"The articles of agreement have been

signed and the revival certainly will

take place. Three reputable Christians

will decide whether the 15 have been

The meetings were held in the Shet-

field Avenue Methodist church.

Whether the contest was a complete

success, and the souls were really saved

The reader will not mistake this con-

test for a ball game, nor a horse race,

neither a prize fight, but fifteen souls are to be saved under a forfeit of \$1,000.

If the Devil did not watch that game,

we have not information as we write.

5th inst., appeared the following:

will forfeit \$1,000 to the church."

really converted."

Then the editor goes on to say:

Under the head of "Revivalists Sign

It is reported that Chicago is to have a Christian daily that will print all the news, in addition to a chapter from the Bible in each issue. Such a paper is a great need and the wonder is how we have got on so long without it. People won't read the Bible, but if doled out in short chapters they will get some idea the editor is not extremely careful in his selections.

A Needed Law Proposed. in a saloon. Such an enactment should

A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature, making it a misdemeanor to treat another to intoxicants

Spiritualists to the Front in Colony Life.

If Spiritualism stands for anything, It must stand for progress. Eternal life must be eternal progress. And are we not spirits now? And is not progress found by following our highest light both here and hereafter? Is there any limit to the progress that a man may at tain? And is not man's true happiness depending upon receiving the truth and living it?

The Family or Colony life has much to do in this social state. We cannot live to ourselves, nor even die to ourselves. We are social beings; and hence we are just as much bound to find what shall constitute a perfect social state or relation between ourselves, as we are to find out what is the highest and best life to live individually.

In our present social state we see slavery and injustice on every hand. As a result we see selfishness and crime, drunkenness and prostitution. In short, we see what the ancients called hell Now we create our present hell, what is to hinder us from creating here and now, what the ancients termed heaven, or harmony? The trouble with the churches has been, that they have been preaching about an imaginary hell and heaven, that is to be found only at the gates of so-called death, and have entirely overlooked the real hell and the real heaven that is ever at hand, such as the apostles were taught to go preach, That "the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As a result of that preaching and teaching the early Christians saw the injustice of the strong appropriating the earth and its fullness for self, while the other, weaker ones, starved. So they said, let the strong not live for self alone, but for others. Come bring allthings together, and let every man have as he has need. This is the kingdom and spirit of God within you.

Just so long as you strive after this world, just so long will you have hell. So the kingdom of heaven or harmony comes from ceasing to make the riches of this world the end and aim of life. Man must remember that this world was made for all men, and that he was put here to till the earth and not to own lt. That when he uses his talent and power to bring forth the riches of nature, they are for all and not for self So it was said that Satan took Jesus

upon a very high mountain and showed him all the world and asked him to worship him, and he would give him riches and power. But this can be comprehended only when you understand that Satan is simply the self in man prompting the higher self to get down and scramble for the sensual or material things of life. So he said, get behind me self, or Satan. The earth and its fullness was made for all mankind, and I have no right to appropriate to self alone, even if I am smart and cunning enough to get away from my brother man. So I will serve only the Father, and do good to my Brother man, for herein is the road to true happiness, not only for me but for all mankind. This is the kingdom of heaven which the Father bath sent me unto the the world to establish. Therefore self seeking, for self's sake, regardless o others, I will not follow; but I will seek to establish God the Father's kingdom among men. I will teach men to love one another, and so long as they make self and the world an object to live for, they cannot love each other; for strife breeds hate; riches breed poverty, and poverty breeds crime. So love ye one another, if you would be saved from Satan and his kingdom. God's kingdom is the all for all. Satan's kingdom is every self against every other self.

The early Christians found the kingdom of heaven, by abandoning the selfish life and the struggle for riches and power. So it is not to be wondered at, that the angels sang; when Jesus was born, "Peace on eath, and good will among men."

So, in stead of following Jesus to be well for Spiritualists to follow the same light he followed, and find the kingdom of God as he found it? Follow your highest unselfish light, instead of your lowest, selfish and sensual life.

Is there any better way for people to love each other, and their neighbor as rents, interest and profits?

Now if Christians, so-called, would: cease worshiping an idol and go to work and follow Jesus, by finding this same Christ, the Divine Man, in their own souls, and following him, their highest light, into a new birth, leaving Satan's kingdom, or the kingdom of the sensual things of life, and live for the spiritual man, by cultivating love, peace and harmony, then indeed would the world be saved from all its torments that come from living in Satan's kingdom, or selfseeking for self's sake.

Now if Christians don't do this, why any great central problem, not by the can't Spiritualists do it?- And if they do not do it, what have they to show in life that is any better than the pagan i Christians?

Spiritualists have had the veil darkness that has hid heaven from the Christians these many years, drawn aside, and the way to happiness pointed out, and now if they do not follow the light, will not a great responsibility rest upon them? They know that as they sow, so shall they reap, and that this is not for this world alone, but extends to the spirit side of life, and that what they fail to do here must be done there before they can pass on to higher

states of happiness. Then does it not behoove Spiritualists to learn how to live here and now, justly and righteously, for they know above all others that heaven, or peace and harmony, comes from the life and practice of love and righteousness in life. So, then, will not community life enable people to practice love and justice towards each other and the world, better than our present life of strifes, where every man's hand is against every other man, to gain the world and to provide which is only possessed by those souls for self at the expense of the weak? So let Spiritualists look within their | their life to advance the cause of human

light, and you will not ask in vain. So that Brother Brain, who wrote in the issue of January 5 of The Progressive Thinker, is on the right road. But don't leave Satan to get his claw in if you would have success. Christ is the kingdom of the unselfish. It is a spiritual kingdom, where all live for, the have been made possible, and what now

spirit here and now. Satan's is the kingdom of the selfish. where all live for mine and thine, and every man's hand is against every other

These are the two masters—which will you serve? E. K. WALBRIDGE. Pittsburg, Kans.

torical account of the status of woman sale at this office.

### INDIVIDUALISM.

The Foundation Of Human Society.

The assertion that the intense individualism of the age is an obstacle to the union of efforts in consummating the work needed on the lines of progressive development is, we think, a misnomer. At is not individualism, however intense it may be manifested, but the way that it is directed, which causes it to be rated as a disintegrating force instead of a constructive one. It is the dynamo from which comes the power that builds and makes practical the different manifestations of associative life. It is a tremendous force that can evolve and bring into harmonious use the otherwise wasted energies of life; or it can be fearfully iconoclastic when directed by one who has largely developed his individualism, using it for destructive

History has presented to us for our edification and study types of both characters, that were born leaders of their fellow men because of their strong individuality, which gave them confidence in the prosecution of the objects which they were seeking to accomplish: and whether they were bandit chiefs of greater or less renown, whose operations at the time of the destruction of the ancient civilizations and which left their magnificent cities a heap of shapeless ruins, down to those of modern times whose greatest ambition was to either rule or ruin; or those of the constructive type of character of which our immortal Washington is a representative: they were minds who were couscious of that force and felt impelled to give it expression.

The character with which communi ties are endowed, whether of a national or local type, is what is received from the individual which supplies the constructive material from which is built the associative structure, and they are progressive or the opposite in that proportion with which either type of individualism predominates. Any system which seeks to fuse the different types of individual character into such a homogenous mass that causes it to lose those distinctive characteristics with which it should be endowed is radically wrong, and from such efforts made by a few whose ambition for power was has been the cause of the explosions that have taken place at different times in human history which hurled into

centrifugal forces of life over-predominate the other, then confusion reigns, human control, or with those which he I to the same conclusion." is given power to use in the working out of a higher destiny, the results are the same. The truth does not lie in extremes; the tyrant produces the unarchist; both are strong types of abnormally developed individualism; and it is a law that extremes must balance each other, and if the former had not existed, the latter manifestation would not have materialized. Both are illustrations of directed would, as the panorama of life is unfolded, presenting its different phases to the human soul, work out harmoniously into a sure and steady march to a higher destiny the unfolding powers that are the inheritance of humanity.

trying to reorganize the state first, leaving the individual as a secondary consideration, have been switched off onto a line which will carry them constantly further from the objective point | any founder? that they are in hopes of attaining. They are striving to perform the impossible feat of building a castle in the air without the solid foundation that is needful to sustain it; trying to solve a mathematical problem while rejecting fluences that controlled the forces that the use of some of the different units proper combination would produce & successful solution of the problem. The world has been for ages trying to legislate morality into the social body, placing penalties on the violation of the standard which it has set, but unless the individual recognizes and accepts themselves, than by the Communal life? | the decision it is a repetition of the as-So that the strong can assist the weak sertion that, "convince a man against instead of enslaving them through his will, and he is of the same opinion

The most effective work on progress ive lines has been accomplished by a recognition of the differences of individual temperament, presenting the facts of the case in a manner that each could see the truth as it appeared to him, standing as each one is at a different angle, and as they view the great central truth from their individual position, it of necessity appears different; but as unity can exist in diversity the different phases of individual thought can harmonize in the working out of destruction of the units that are the foundation and source of the needful energy for its accomplishment, but by combining the dynamic force that each has developed into a central union it becomes of greater power in proportion to the number of units that are brought

into harmonious combination. It is known that localities possess characteristics that are peculiar to themselves, which is observable to the intelligent traveler, and whether it is of a national or local type, it represents the aggregate of the individual character and can only be changed by individual reorganization. We Americans feel justly proud of that associative body known as the Congress that formulated the Declaration of Independence. Why are we proud? Because we know that only from intellects of the very highest order could such a document have emanated, and controlling that intellectual force were individual souls that possessed to such an extent that great love for their fellow beings that it transmuted the metal of cold that are willing if necessary to give own souls, and then ask the Father for | liberty. Why is that document classed as one of the immortals? Because of the transfusion into its very being of that exalted type of individuality possessed by its framers, and which would without having that in possession been Oh. Death! Thou mystery so deep; empty words that would have expired in their utterance, if that fact could | And charms away the vital spark; is a beacon on the mountain top to the coming generations would never have Ere it was withered by thy flight;

been lighted. The ever increasing number of those | That quickly stills the pulsing heart; minds who in political and religious life | Commands the blood to cease its flow have cut loose from the shackles that And never more to give its glow formerly bound them and which pre- And flush of beauty to the cheek, vented an honest expression of their While pallid lips no more shall speak. progression is on the lines of individual "Woman, Church and State." A his- development, and the higher and Did like the dew-drop, glint and dance, broader that unfoldment the more ex- And make the beauteous face to shine in which case it is void." through the Christian ages; with remin- alted will be the systems both religious iscences of the Matriarchate. By Ma- and political which are evolved. As the All is withdrawn by thee, O death! tilda Joslyn Gage. An important work stream ennuot rise higher than its When thou dost take the mortal breath for all women, students of history, etc. | source, so in the centralization of in- | And cast it forth upon the wind. Paper, 75 cents. Cloth, gilt, \$1.50. For dividual thought into those systems Thou mystery to all mankind! that constitute human society truth or l

## DEBATE

W. F. Jamieson.

The debate of the twentieth century, between two of the world's champion debaters, on the two great leading systems of scientific thought-Spiritualism and Materialism. Said debate to take place at the Spiritualists' Temple, Muncie. Indiana, commencing on the second day of April next, and will continue for four consecutive days. It is not yet determined as to whether there will be two or only one daily session; but the probabilities are, there will be two.

These two widely known debaters and exponents of the two leading systems of modern thought, are Rev. Moses Hull, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Prof. W. F. Jamieson, of Michigan. Subjects to be discussed read as follows: Mr. Hull affirms that, "The philosophy and phenomena of Modern Spiritualism prove that departed spirits exist and commune with mankind." Mr. Jamieson affirms that, "The phe-

nomena and philosophy of Modern Spiritualism can be explained without admitting the agency of departed spirits." The citizens of Muncie, including all classes of thinkers, are highly elated over the prospect of the coming debate, as they are expecting a masterly solution of the grand problem of life.

No one interested in the great question of life and its possibilities can afford to miss this opportunity of hearing the words of wisdom to be spoken through the lins of these two masterly debaters.

Remember that the Rev. Mr. Hull with Spiritualists, is the acknowledged champion debater and advocate of a conscious personality for man beyond the grave: while Prof. Jamieson is the acknowledged debater and representative of the Materialistic class of thinkers, who tell us that, "Death ends all." So we say, "Let him who hath an ear to hear come and hear," and let us together enjoy "a feast of reason and a flow of soul. J. H. MENDENHALL. Muncie, Ind.

### Inquiry From Dr. Peebles.

A late Progressive Thinker contributor, referring to the controversy between M. R. Ahmad and Sir William Muir in the "Nineteenth Century" regreater than their comprehension of lating to the sources of the Koran, what their duty was to their fellow be- quotes Ahmad as denying that "Moings, and a desire to perform that duty, I hammed constructed the Koran out of material borrowed from Jews and Christians,' and further adds this:

"He (Ahmad) shows the Koran was ruin both the oppressor and the op- the original book, and maintains his position with great vigor and a multitude When either the centripetal or the of facts; in this he agrees with Prof. Johnson, whose profound scholarship follows: and long research, aided by a multitude and whether it is in the realm of those of his students in the higher classics in forces that are beyond the bound of the largest library in the world, led him hibiting the free exercise thereof."

"In this" Ahmad does not agree "with Prof. Johnson," who is neither a "profound scholar" nor historical authority. nersonal interview with Mr. Johnson, States." he stoutly and positively denied the very existence of Mohammed, the "Arabian Prophet." This denial he confirmed later in a letter addressed to friend W. H. Burr, of Washington, D. the wrong use of forces which if rightly | C., which denial I had the privilege of

Now, then, inasmuch as Prof. Johnson does not "agree" with Ahmad, but does deny-positively deny the existence of Mohammed the inquiry is-how could such a mighty Mohammedan power as we see in Asia and Africa, Those hope to be reformers who are have originated from non-existence! Something from nothing! Will some Johnsonian worshiper inform the readers of The Progressive Thinker, how Mohammedanism was founded without

> J. M. PEEBLES, M. D. Battle Creek, Mich.

error will dominate according to the in-

developed them. that are needful, and which by their | Organizations are needful to concen- '6. That the religion of Spiritualism the energies which otherwise would largely be lost; but the created which, however well adapted to present and as a result necessitating a constant | to 11. reorganization of the forces that comnose the secondary body. Then there is progression, otherwise it is stagnamany of the religious and political associations is their effort to hold life's de- of Spiritualism. velopment on the lines which marked the boundary of their former needs: not being able to realize the fact that while the truth is ever young, the external have such gifts. garments with which it is clothed must harmonize with the growing needs of by Divine sanction, and bestowed upon the individual life.

All along down through the ages there have been seen looming up from out of stalwart forms of those who could not. because they would not, move with the in article 6 hereof are exempt from any floating debris of human life; but, consclous that there were better things in | ticles 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this statement. store, were ready to suffer for the truth which they felt impelled to champion. | spectfully submit that your Honorable They were the educators of the masses | Committee might secure the object to something higher than that plodding, sought to be obtained by the present vegetative existence, that was inaptly bill, by making it a penal, offense for called life; and by the transfusion of any person practicing any of said-gifts the life that they possessed humanity who has not been known as an estabhas been lifted up to its present stand- lished member of such religion for a ard of thought; they were the ones that | specified period. reformed the state, or more properly, on the debris of dead systems constructed | particular the objects of the bill might a new state that was capable of feeling | be further secured by requiring those the pulsations of the higher thought. who have not been known as members Their strong individuality compelled of the Spiritualist religion to produce them to move off from the lines of the a certificate or diploma of efficiency in in the field of science or religion, Ex- college or institute duly incorporated celsion is the inspiration of their lives. by and under the laws of the state of They are the ones who at present are New York. holding human life steadily on the lines. of progressive development and preventing its being side-tracked by the en- and to the bill that was of introduced cumbrances of outgrown systems. They | against Christian Scientists et al. under are the true saviors of the race, who have made it possible for humanity to | Senate Committee. intellectualism into that substance burst the shell of its primitive life, giving it a chance to broaden its horizon and more clearly see the destined life for which it is intended. HAMILTON DEGRAW.

Shakers, N. Y. THE MYSTERY OF DEATH.

That lulis all mortal forms to sleep; And leaves the "temple" lone and dark, Which once was radiant with light,

What is the secret of thine art

glance With loving spirit, so divine?

Between Moses Hull and Concerning Vicious Medical Information on Cremation. Legislation.

New York, March 6, 1901. To the Chairman of Schate Committee

on Codes, Albany, N. Y.: Sir:-I beg to enclose herewith a statement to which I respectfully ask the attention of your committee before they attempt to adopt any legislative measures in regard to the final passing of a bill directed against the freedom and rights of the people of this state.

I am a member and representative of

the Spiritualists, who as a religious body have existed for the past fiftythree years. Besides possessing the natural gift of healing, I am a Doctor of Suggestive and Psycho Therapeutics, with diploma granted by an institution regularly incorporated by charter from the state of New York, and authorized to grant certificates to graduates. I also have the honor to be a lawyer and a barrister, though not now in practice, and in view of the circumstances and my knowledge of the law relating to the matters named in the accompanying paper, I respectfully ask your committee's careful consideration before they attempt to pass a bill which by virtue of the constitution of the United States of America would be null and void. I am not a Christian scientist.

church and on behalf of that church as a body and myself and other members thereof, as healers under the same faith or church, and the same power by which healing was accomplished in the days of old by Christ and his apostles, I, as a citizen of the United States of America, and on behalf of my co-religthe cemetery. It is better to write and ionists, respectfully submit that your committee is unauthorized and powerless to interfere with our religion which at Detroit. The charge for incineration embraces healing the sick, and other is \$30, and owing to the state laws the phases that have existed throughout preliminaries to be complied with are the Bible times, and which are to-day more numerous and exacting. Proof of in full force as of old. I speak on be- the identity of the body has to be furhalf of the honest representatives and inished, and other requirements which not for charlatans and impostors; for can be ascertained by addressing the we as a body are ever ready to be rid | Detroit Crematory Company. of those barnacles that attach themselves to our good ship, trade upon the administrator, if so requested by the good name of our cause, and impose will of the deceased, from performing upon the credulity of the public to the domestic or private cremation. Almost anywhere ten dollars worth of well seadetriment and injury of our order. soned wood will completely incinerate a I have the honor to be, very respect-

I am a member of the Spiritualist

fully, your obedient servant, J. KNAPTON THOMPSON.

Respectfully submitted. To the Chairman of Senate Committee | mud to gradually decompose; or worse

on Codes, Albany, N. Y.: 1. That under the Constitution of the arsenic through all its arteries and United States of America (article 1 of amendments) it is stated (inter alia) as | Cremation anywhere is less expensive

"Congress shall make no law respect- apply the saved money to the wants of ing an establishment of religion or pro- the living than to squander it uselessly 2. That in article XIV it is further stated (inter alia):

"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the brivileges When last in London, and during a or immunities of citizens of the United 3. That in the Commentaries on

American Law by the late Hon. Chancellor James Kent, of Btate of New York, it is set forth as follows: "In a Government having a written

constitution, the constitution controls all laws. The law with us must first conform to the Federal Constitution. and then to the constitution of its particular state. If it violates either, it is so far void."

4. That said Chancellor Kent further states in his commentaries as fol-"The free exercise and enjoyment of

religious profession and worship may be considered as an absolute right recognized in our American constitutions and secured by law. The principle is generally announced in them without limitation."

5. That Spiritualism is a religion that has existed for more than half a century, and has a very large membership in the United States of America. which the census does not disclose.

consists of the same worship as is disclosed in the accepted version of the cannot be greater than the creator; the Bible and the New Testament, and parformer is only a temporary condition | ticularly embraces the various gifts mentioned in St. Paul's First Epistle needs, is constantly being outgrown, to Corinthians, 12th chapter, verses 1

7. That the gifts of healing, and of prophecy (or in the language of the present day "Clairvoyance") are fully tion, and the difficulty at present with disclosed in the said statement of gifts which constitute a part of the religion

8. That Spiritualists do not claim that all persons who may advertise themselves as clairvoyants or healers The shattered ambitions of earth life. 9. That such gifts are only possible The innocent faith of our childhood,

those that are worthy to receive and practice same. 10. That Spiritualists as a body and the current of drifting humanity the those of their members who may divinely possess any of the gifts named

legislative interference by virtue of ar-

Now they walk in our midst in white 11. That Spiritualists as a body re-And out through the mists and the

That guides through the valley of dark-12. That in the case of healing in So weeping we lay down our idels. But we know in our hearts we shall systems that then existed, and whether | psycho therapeutics granted by some

> The above presentation has special Bye and bye shall be perfume immortal; reference to the bill of Senator Wagner, the control of Chairman Henry of the religious profession and worship with

J. KNAPTON THOMPSON, Dr. of Psycho, Therapeutics. New York, March 6, 1901. Die

mankind." The above letter was received and signed for by Senator Maiby, ion Marci 7. 1901, as evidenced by the registered letter return receipt. Subsequent to the dispatch of my let-

As these points of argument concern ter and its receipt by Senator Malby, Spiritualists as a religolus body in evviz. on March 8, a case wits heard in ery state in the Union, it is desirable the Court of Appeals at Albany, before to publish these facts for the general Justice O'Brien and others' linvolving welfare of Spiritualists throughout the precisely the same principles operating United States, so that they may thereby against the rights of citizens of this state, and Justice O'Brien said (inter see they are forever protected against malicious interference by any political alia): or other organizations. "We think the statute is void for the J. KNAPTON THOMPSON.

further reason that it is in conflict with the Federal Constitution." Chief Judge Parker also stated (inter thought, is proof that the true path of And sparkling eyes whose radiant alia) that a statute is law which the First. The Philosophy of Cure. (Incourts must administer "unless it viocluding Methods and Instruments). lates the Federal or State Constitutions. By E. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL. D. A very instructive and valuable work.

Hon Judge C. Z. Lincoln, a member of should have a wide circulation, as it the Statutory revision commission and ex-legal adviser to the Governors of the State, has also confirmed my arguments. and statements to the Senate Commit- Prof. W. M. Lockwood. Price 15 cents. tee in one of his statements as follows: For sale at this office.

## HOME CIRCLE.

As I have made provision in my will

to have my body cremated after my

transition, and experienced consider-

able difficulty in ascertaining where and

how this can be done, so that my execu-

tors would know how to proceed, it may

be of interest to other Spiritualists

who may select to have their bodies dis-

posed of in this manner, to know some

There are no crematories established

except at the larger cities, and the reg-

ulations at any of them somewhat dif-

fer owing to interfering state laws. I

Pittsburg, Pa., Detroit and Chicago.

have them before occasion requires.

Finally, there is nothing to prevent an

body, and where persons live remote

from cities this method of disposing of

a body is far more cleanly and less ab-

horrent than putting it down in the

yet, poisoning it by forcing solutions of

keeping it like cured meat in a barrel.

than burial, and it is more sensible to

THE LAND WHERE OUR DREAMS

COME TRUE.

To the Editor:-Please publish the foi-

lowing poem, and if possible, ascertain

And our loves never weary nor die,

Their magical sweetness renew.

By mystical visions and tokens.

Lies a glorifled realm of enchantment,

We learn of that marvelous land.

But alas! on the threshold of earth life

The frail ciue slips out of our hand.

And the wild river rushes between us.

And a haven of rest there awaits us.

We know in divinest fulfillment,

hoarded

cherished.

mothers.

garments

shadows.

meet them

ashes.

true.

But death brings the bright portal in

In the land where our dreams come

That our loved ones are gathered at

The pearls that are mourned for are

And oft when the sunlight is faintest,

A glimpse of those glorified mansions

We catch through a rift in the blue

In the land where our dreams come

We shall find the fond hopes we have

Realized in that marvelous sphere.

And the good that eluded us here.

Arrayed with our banished illusions

The one flawless friendship we knew,

In the land where our dreams come

There are garnered the prayers of our

And faces immortally young,

And the love cradle songs they have

Their white hands will reach us the

To the land where our dreams come

And bury our loved ones from sight.

Over there in those realms of light:

And the sad tears that fall on their

In the land where our dreams come

"The free exercise and enjoyment o

out discrimination or preference shall

forever be allowed in this state to all

Therefore on all the points taken in

highest authority, viz., the Court of Ap-

well fulfills the promise of its title.

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And blossom in pansy hue.

Where the moth and the rust never

'Tis the land where our dreams come

the name of the author.

Far over some mystical river.

And under a wonderful sky.

Richmond, Va.

shine.

changing

C. H. MURRAY.

MRS. EMMA VOGAN.

on the dead.

directly reached by the Chicago, Mil- used during "revivals."

waukee and St. Paul railroad. Over six | How well I remember with what te-

of the facts.

Chapter of Interesting Experience.

Born and reared in orthodoxy, I lived almost entirely under its influence until six years ago. I think (if I remember aright) my first real initiation into the divine mysteries of her creedal system, was at the early age of two years, when I became a member of the Sundayschool, the nursery of the church, where the infantile brain is steeped with the unreal, with that which appeals unto the emotions, instead of unfolding the reasoning powers; and NESS to send for one of my large-sized can only definitely mention those at dwarfed by the narrow, contracted teachings of those who pretended to be cannot say if there is any at Cincinnati | filled with the power of "the holy spirit.', I became at an early age a fit The Chicago crematory is in connec- subject for hypnotism, that is so prevation with Graceland Cemetery and is lent, so persistently and inconsistently

hundred bodies have been cremated nacious "stickability" the services there. The charge for incineration is | would be continued night after night. \$25, and this includes a receptacle in sometimes with no apparent success, which to place the ashes of the de- until the baptismal wave of "free grace ceased, which is turned over to the rel- and dying love" would be entirely exatives if they so desire, the day after | pended. Oh! why will parents turn cremation. If this is not requested, over their helpless, innocent ones, into the ashes are scattered under the elms incompetent hands, have their pure of the cemetery. Or, if you are suffi- lives moulded by a system that opposes ciently whimsical, the urn is deposited all reforms whose demonstrator is in a vault there for which you pay five Truth. If they could only foresee the mental agony through which their offdollars per year; but this does not include a perpetual annual mass for your spring would pass, while suffering from "fancles" (to them a reality) regarding soul. The body can be shipped per express directly to Graceland Cemetery, the future state of existence, taught as they are, that God will punish as if you so select, without anyone accomheavily for taking a pin as he would if panying it. Certain blanks must be the offender took a million of dollars: it filled up and put on record. These can made no difference how well a part be procured by applying to the office of they played in "life's drama," if only one "little act" of omission or commission occurred, a failure in one instance There is a very beautiful crematory incurred the wrath of an "angry God," punishment would certainly ensue. How hard it was to live "righteous" i those days of spiritual darkness. Such erroneous teaching is enough to

> fill the insane asylums of our country with half-grown youths and maidens. Of course after having my spiritual perceptions so stunted, my eyes so blinded, and my organism so saturated THE ance, I was rather skeptical in regard to the Spiritual philosophy and phenomena, but it seems as if the door between earth and the "angel world" is never so thoroughly creed-sealed, nor the hinges so rusted with biblical errors of the past, but that the pure unselfish heart-love of our arisen ones can break down all bars of obstruction and fill our lives with light and satisfaction undefinable. Two years ago last autumn we

formed a circle in our own home, the angels came and joined us, and since that time the "sacred feeling" toward those old superstitious dogmas and rituals have all passed away, my eyes were unbandaged, the dear teachers | Not one, but every day, feast, fast, and from the progressive beyond have allowed beautiful scenes to pass before my vision, attuned my sense of hearing that I might catch notes of finer sound, and filled my life with the beautiful knowledge of the continuity of life. My angel teachers have said they ex-

pect to teach the masses through my organism, but if such predictions are never realized, I feel fully compensated for the time devoted to "our circles" by Where the rain never blots out the sunthe uplifting inspiration that has come into my own life, by the spiritual education given to me by those who have Where the flowers never fade but in passed through the scenes of experiences in earth life.

Let us call forth all the latent energies within us, join in perfect harmony with the "Spiritual Intelligences" surrounding us. There are so many unaware of their fettered bands who need our help. Yours for the upliftment of truth. MRS. BESSIE WOODWARD. Lloyd, Ohio.

A Handsome Gift to the N. S. A To the Editor:-I am very pleased to report to you and to the readers of your valuable paper, that the N. S. A. Library is now adorned with the life-size, faithful portraits, elegantly framed, of two poble and staunch reformers and Spiritualists, both of whom are still working for human progress from the spirit side of life. These noble workers are John Pierpont, the well-known reformer in all forward movements during his long life of over eighty years on earth, also poet, preacher and Spiritualist, and the President of the first National Spiritualists Association, in the Sixtles: and Luther Colby, the first editor of the Banner of Light, and in that office for more than thirty-five years, a veteran Spiritualist and reformer who during his earth life of nearly eighty years, labored for human progress and happiness. These portraits have been presented to the N. S. A., by a gentleman in Brooklyn, N. Y., who knew and loved these workers, one, the Banner editor, he was closely associated with for a long time ere Mr. Colby passed from earth: the other, John Pierpont, this friend has learned to love from

that both Luther Colby and "Father" Pierpont know of and appreciate the gift, and the giver as well. I wonder if the Spiritualists of the United States are aware that there is an effort being made in every direction to restrict the liberties and rights of our people? We are informed that eighteen states have medical bills before their legislatures asking for restrictions in the practice of medicine and healing, and that other sections are seeking to repress free thought expression and to curtail human privileges in relation to matters of religion; the practice of mediumship and so forth. President Barrett reports that he finds much of this spirit of intolerance in many places during his missionary tour, and it behooves Spiritualists and Liberalists every where to be eternally vigilant, and to do their utmost to frustrate the well-laid plans of the bigots in medicine, or in

holding many communications with

him as a worker from the higher life.

for humanity below. I do not give the

name of the donor of these handsome

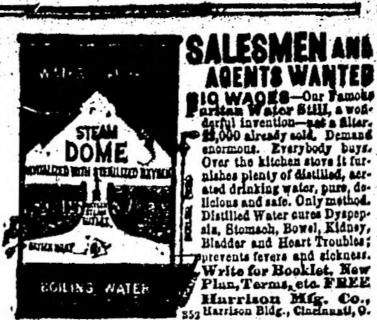
portraits, for I am not sure that he

wishes to be known, but I am satisfied

In Washington, the spiritual work is going on as usual. Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn. lectured for the First Association my arguments I am confirmed by the during February; her work was enthus lastic and vigorous; she was an able helper in the week-evening meetings of the society, and of the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Allyn made many friends in this locality. During March Prof. Peck is to occupy the same platform; his opening Sunday was a good one, his discoures profound, logical and thoroughly Spiritualistic; they were fully enjoyed. The Educational and Psychical Society OF SPIRITUAL INTERCOURSE is doing well; we receive the best reports of its work; its members are talking of building a hall or temple at no "Human Culture and Cure. Part distant date, and it is very possible that this may prove to be more than talk, for the friends are earnest workers, and their hearts are in the work.

We have nothing new to report at present; the work goes on, and we are encouraged by the sympathy and goodwill of hosts of friends. With loving greetings to all,

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BY MOSES HULL.

Much that is in this book appeared in an abridged form in a series of nine full pages of THE PROGRESS-TYE THINKER. These articles were prepared at the call of hundreds of Spiritualists who felt the next of some kind of document for ready reference. They only seemed to whet the appetite for more; hence the publication of this work. Theauthor, Moses Hull, has written many volumes on Spiritualististic and other themes and each one is

full of careful study on the subject chosen. Mr.
Hull, in his introduction of this work says:
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## GENERAL SURVEY ..

### THE SPIRITUALISTIC FIELD-ITS WORKERS. DOINGS, ETO., THE WORLD OVER.

CONTRIBUTORS.—Each contributor is alone responsible for any assertions or statements he may make. The editor | full name and address of the writer. It allows this freedom of expression, be- will not do to say that Secretary or Corthat is no reason why they should be into the waste basket. suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly understood that our space is inadequate to publish everything that comes to hand, however much we might desire a grand book. I enjoy reading it very to do so. That must account for the much." non-appearance of YOUR article.

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.

adjusted to the space we have to occucrowded 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 publiaddress of the writer. We desire to know the source of every item that appears. This rule will be strictly ad-

noon and evening services, with luncheon. An excellent programme is being prepared. Look for full particulars next week.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum will take a prominent part in the anniversary exercises to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., March 30 and 81. Mrs. Hull reing Hand," and First Spiritual Church.

The reports come from theological seminaries that the attendance is falling off. One cause of this is said to be the fact that in some, at least, the standard has been raised, and young men who have no ability or scholarship cannot pass examinations or keep up the work. Another is probably that the demand of churches has likewise enlarged, and it is not possible for brainless emotionalists to fill the needs of the pulpit. It has too long been true that the church has been the catch all for lazy, ignorant aspirants for easy life, and when a boy was too "good" to fight the battles of life in open struggle he was turned loose in some church. If Mrs. P. C. Clark: treasurer, Mrs. Levi the churches and schools will unite to Sprague. Tea and wafers were served increase the requirements of students by the president. Next card social, of theology, there will be fewer nonentitles in the pulpit, and more men who can lead thought and life and force into profitable effort for the welfare of men. -Elkhart Review.

Moses Hull writes of the celebration of the Fifty-third Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, in Buffalo, N. Y., as follows: "The Spiritualists of the First Spiritual Church of Buffalo, N. Y., invite the Spiritualists of that city and vicinity, especially all of the speakers and mediums, to unite with them in a joint celebration of the Fifty-third Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, at the Spiritual Temple, corner of Prospect Avenue and Jersey street, Saturday and Sunday, March 80 and 81. Come, let us have a great union celebration and revival. All accredited speakers and mediums are invited to take part in the exercises. First session, Saturday at 2:30; second session, 7:30 p. m., third session Sunday morning at 10:30; Lyceum 11:30 to 1:30; fourth session, Sunday evening at 7:30. Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning sessions admittance free; each evening and Sun- her health, and would like to make day afternoon, a fee of ten cents will be | camp-meeting engagements for the taken at the door. Among the speakers | coming season. She has open dates for and mediums who are expected to unite | fall and winter. She will speak at fuin the work of this grand meeting, will nerals at any distance from the city. be Moses and Mattle Hull, Mrs. W. V. Her home address it 6118 Drexel ave- the paper very valuable as a reference, Nicum, Mrs. A. E. Atcheson, Mrs. S. | nue, Chicago. Augusta Armstrong, J. W. Dennis, H. | The Toledo (Ohio) Bee says: "Satur-W. Richardson, Mr. Starr Barber, Mr. day afternoon Miss Kathryn Herroe, and Mrs. C. Lewis Chase, and represen- the young woman hypnotist, who is tatives of other local societies, whose booked at the Auditorium all this week Vibration, Regeneration and other fully recommend them." names are not in the mind of the writer except to-night, performed a remarka- subjects.

following: "Dell Rapids is all torn up this week and the Baptist and Presbyterian preachers of that town are getting unmercifully scored for narrowness exhibited by them when they re- paper men gathered about the door to know beforehand we will take as much fused to preach a funeral sermon over | watch the performance. Miss Herroe. the ramains of Harvey Noble, whose who was stationed in the manager's funeral took place last Sunday. The de- office at the National Union Building, ceased was 78 years of age and so far as | said 'Hello!' and asked for her subject, known did not have a relative on earth. a young man named Baer, who had He had led a most exemplary life, was honored and respected by everybody and was an honorary member of the G. A. R. That organization had charge of his funeral. Two orthodox ministers refused to preach his funeral sermon. What makes the people so hot is the fact that the deceased was a man of high morals. The Baptist minister had waited on him before the dissolution and asked him to accept the Baptist faith, whereupon the old man read the minister a lecture on purity of life and stated he did not fear the future. If the old man was an atheist he never flaunted his creed in the face of anybody, so it is said. The citizens are indignant at the narrowness of the ministers and faith in their teachings has been considerable shaken since their. narrowness has been exhibited." Such littleness as manifested in the above, is becoming quite common in the orthodox church. We venture to say that this old soldier was greatly superior in every respect to the ministers who refused to officiate at his funeral.

Sympathetic Telepathy.—At Kalamazoo, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kastead, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kastead. Both babies weighed exactly 12 pounds and both were born in the same house at exactly the same hour. The fathers are twins, as are also the mothers, and the couples were married a year ago last November and have lived together as one family.

The Hamilton (Ohio) Democrat says: says she saw him just as when alive and again. Any person who will com- standpoint, and also for revenge. Howand when she started towards him he mit a crime under hypnotic conditions disappeared into mystery's realm. The possesses a criminal mind." biblical name of Pisgah must be a fasrealm to again circulate among mor- ing in our city, under the leadership of lon this Mrs Markham is no other Spiritualism, but are brought more and

Take due notice, that all items for this page must be accompanied by the lieving that the cause of truth can be respondent writes so and so, without best subserved thereby. Many of the giving the full name and address of the septiments uttered in an article may be writer. The items of those who do not diametrically opposed to his belief, yet | comply with this request will be cast

> Mrs. May Flanders writes: "I think Volume 3 of the Encyclopedia of Death

The Chicago American says: "Wil-

mette. Ill., has a haunted house, which is causing the residents of that north: ern suburb no end of uneasiness. The house is situated in a secluded spot in a clump of trees near the .corner of Kline and Fifteenth street, and those who are out late at night always take | and they leave us much benefitted and care not to pass by this road. Many. who have either out of curiosity or by so terrified that they have been unable | through various parts of the country. to expel the occurrence from their It was truly a Spiritualistic revival ITEMS.—Bear in mind that items for | minds. Groans and cries are said to | The reasons for our faith and the varied the General Survey will all cases be have been heard, mingled with the crackling of flames, and shouts of a py, and in order to do that they will man, intermingled with the pleading generally have to be abridged more or | voice of a woman. Accompanying less; otherwise many items would be these strange sounds is the falling of plaster and the thumping of axes and the swish, swish of water. Several. braves from Grosse Point agreed to stay all night in the place, to prove that cation, should contain the full name and it was not haunted. Two parties were made up, the first one staying until the noises began, and the other leaving before they were finished."

W. P. Clifford writes of an incident in Anniversary services will be held at his experience, wherein, while trying to the First Spiritual Church of Chicago, dismount from a horse, his foot caught corner Oakwood and Ellis avenues, in the stirrup, and the horse ran away Sunday, March 31. There will be after- with him, through hazel brush. He called for unseen help, and was instantly liberated.

> Mrs. Frances M. Bent writes: "Our family all read and re-read your paper, and we hope to have it as long as we

sends us a large club of subscribers.

meetings at Oskaloosa, Iowa, March 12 | without The Progressive Thinker passes and 13; Marshalltown, 14th. A state my comprehension. Your honest and of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, convention is called to assemble in Oskaloosa, April 3, 4, and 5. Address them, 58 Royalston avenue, Minneapo-

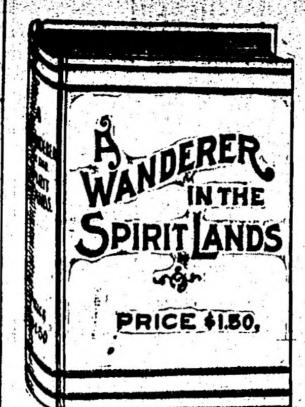
was organized at 33101/2 Rhodes avenue the evening of March 12. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Sarah E. Bromwell; vice-president, Mrs. Paul Forwerg; recording secretary, Mrs. S. A. Chapman: corresponding secretary Mrs. E. F. Cecil; financial secretary, March 25.

announcement to the Spiritualists of Iowa: "As we are to have the attendance of Harrison D. Barrett, president of the National Spiritualists' Association, and G. W. Kates and wife, missionaries and mediums, at Oskaloosa, Iowa, April 8, 4, 5, 6 and 7, we have concluded to call a convention of Iowa Spiritualists, to assemble in Oskaloosa. April 4, 5 and 6, to organize a State Association. Remember the dates. Special hotel rates will be secured and private entertainment will be asked for. This can and does visit me and give me councall is made in response to the request of many Spiritualists of Iowa, and by special request of President Barrett. John D. Vail, state agent of N. S. A., Marshalltown; H. C. Holsclaw, president Central Iowa Spiritualists' Association, Marshalltown; Dr. G. A. Hinton, vice-president, Oskaloosa; Dan Davis, Oskaloosa, Iowa. For further particulars, address me at Oskaloosa,

ble feat in hypnotism. She put a sub-The Dell Rapids (S. D.) paper has the | ject to sleep by telephone. Manager | Witker, of the St. Charles, donated his rang, a dozen hotel guests and newsnever been hypnotized before and who lives on Cherry street. He was sent to the 'phone, and inside a minute, under the persuasive influence of the hypnotist's voice, closed his eyes and forthwith slept. He was carried from the box and placed on a divan, and during the interval of Misso Herroe's walk to the hotel, he was thoroughly shaken and tested by those who witnessed the act. They were convinced of the profoundness of his slumber. When the hypnotist arrived she proceeded to poke her hat-pin through young Baer's cheek by way of satisfying her audience, and for an hour she entertained the crowd that gathered with all manner of amusing and astonishing tests. More than fifty people watched her do it, and the most skeptical was converted in a few minutes' time. Hypnotism by telephone is unique, to say the least."

The Detroit Tribune says:: "Dr. J. M Griffin, of 106 Miami avenue, some years ago made some special investigations into hypnotism. He says: 'I regard hypnotism as an art, not as a science. I have tried no experiments, nor terfield, Ind.; Clinton, Iowa, and Snow tried to make use of it in any way for Flake Mich. Home address, 42 Smith years. I studied it until I reached some conclusions about it however. One is that it is impossible to hypnotize any one against his will. The subject must the Kansas City (Mo.) Star; it is an edconsent and aid in the process. Then, too, I believe that no one in a hypnotic the occasion for it arises from the late condition will perform any act contrary meetings and speaking of Mr. and Mrs. to their moral principles. You cannot Kates and Mr. Barrett in St. Louis, make an honest person steal by hyp- Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., and St. Paul, Minn. A great interest has notism. Read Hudson's Laws of Psy- now in Topeka, Kan. The owner of the chic Phenomena' and the matter will "Ars. Jacob Meyers, of Pisgah, a few | become clear. There is a subconscious. nights ago, at the bedside of her sick | soul that is ever awake and alert. You husband, claims to have seen her cannot make an honest man a thief by grandson, who had gone to the other hypnotic suggestion. I am certain of it shore, standing at the bed side. She I have seen the experiment tried again of money; hence, it fights from a Jesuit kee are again being favored with the

Dr. S. D. Bowker writes from Kansas cination for those beyond the vale of City. Mo.; "We have just completed a writes: "I will enclose you a letter I culture, she is able to win her way into life to wander back from their spirit most delightful three days mass meet sent to Mrs. Markham. It is my opin the hearts of many who do not profess



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Geo. W., and his wife, Zaida B. Kates. Very large and enthusiastic audiences were present at eight different sessions, revived in the spirit of our work. These well illustrated in Mr. Barrett's lectures and by Mr. and Mrs. Kates, in their highly spiritual presentations. Our people feel a renewed interest to push our we have been divided on conflicting the enthusiasm displayed we have evtestimony to the truth of our cause. We hope that some well qualified per-Mrs. Kates seems to be one of our best psychics and her delineation is very | will be held at the Temple on Sunday, diences. It is a pity that we could not | welcome. An invitation is extended to furnish this class of workers for every all societies and Spiritualists everypart of our country, but it requires | where. Come and join with us in makmoney to put into the field this grade | ing the day one of rejoicing. We will

G. W. Kates and wife held successful any true Spiritualist can afford to be paper is admirable and should command the respect of every honest man. In showing up the false claims of the work which every thinking free man should applaud. To me the word Christian is suggestive of so much crime and cruelty from petty lying up to massacres, that it sends a chill through my whole being. Many who call themselves Spiritualists seem to think if they can prefix or affix something pertaining to of Brother Moses Hull to the Senate the Christian formula, to Spiritualism, it will give them and it better standing. Dr. G. A. Hinton makes the following I believe in calling a spade a spade. If of Brother Hull's utterances, the grand we have got anything that we know to | thoughts expressed therein should be be a fact (and thousands have) let us | read by every Senator, Congressman have moral courage enough to come out square toed and assert it, without attaching anything pertaining to false, many National and State representadead creeds to it, to make it more acceptable to some moss back and add a tall to the Spiritual kite. My wife passed over into the light last June and I am left entirely alone in the valley. but I have the consolation to know beyond the possibility of a doubt that she sel and advice, and this knowledge is beyond price. The frosts of seventy winters have woven silver threads in my hair and beard and soon I shall cross the crystal river to meet the loved | and better, the down-trodden lifted up ones gone before."

John F. Morgan, who is writing an article, "Over Twenty Years Personal Experience in Spiritualism, Theosophy, Mysticism, Occultism, Mental Science, Etc.," will mention many of the differ-Dr. Juliet H. Severance has recovered ent authors and books apertaining to the subject, which are in the Public Library, and will give the letter and number of same, so any one can secure the books without expenditure of labor and time. This alone would make so one at a glance could select any one

> est to add to our small library, and I pleasure in reading it as we did the

Polly Burrows writes from Detroit, Mich.: "The interest in our ritual is sidered the most successful move of this society. Every one of the hundred chairs are filled. Dr. Burrows' addresses are very popular. Subject for next Sunday, 'How to Live Forever.' Three or four phases of mental mediumship are demonstrated at each meeting. Lyman C. Howe is down for Friday and Sunday, March 22 and 24. Subjects: 'The Religion of Life,' and 'Dealing With the Occult." .

During the absence of Prof. W. F. Peck (who is, during March, filling anengagement in Washington, D. C.). Oscar A. Edgerly is occupying the rostrum of his church, the Church of Spiritual Unity of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Edgerly is engaged for the month of April with the N. S. A. Society of Lima Ohio. During May he will serve the first Spiritualist Association of Toledo, Ohio. For June he will return to the N. S. A. Society of Lima, Ohio. He would like to make camp engagements for the first two weeks in July. During July and August, Mr. Edgerly will fill engagements with the following camps: Chesstreet, Lynn, Mass.

E. T. Ahrens writes from Paola, Kan.: "Enclosed you will find a clipping from itorial against Spiritualism. No doubt Star. is a. Catholic Englishman, and fights everything of a liberal nature, especially Spiritualism, because the long | March 17, to the regret of all." lawsult with Mrs. Maud Lord Drake a

Christian Scientists." Harrison D. Balrett, president of the than Ernest Orvis."

"Will you kindly dusert a 'reminder' of our prospective celebration of the Fifty. ism, under the auspices of the Ohio State Spiritual Association, in 'The Grays' Armory,' Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday, March 81, with three sessions as ing. Admission free."

Mrs. Effici Santers writes from Ohio: Your premium books reached me on Wednesday and I am very much peased with them all. I am like a great many more, I do not know how you can give so much for so little, but am sure you will gain in the spirit world, if not in this, for what you are doing for humanity." . 93

W. A. Parvis Writes from Pittsburg, Pa.: "I want! you to thank Dr. Peebles for me for cutting up certain people in his last contribution to The Progressive Thinker. It made me feel good, and took away the dark brown taste out of my mouth. I have heard one of the persons treated lecture (?) and once was enough for me. The Doctor took his should be in every family, since when I measure, and I want to thank him for lost all interest in the Bible. having the courage to prick that and other inflated wind-bags. It takes courage to speak out at the risk of ofspired idiot understand." Ben F. Hayden writes: "We came to

inaugurated, and when he left off we other noble-hearted and true workers, conduct services here during the Sun-O. M. Ambler writes from Vermont: days and Wednesday evenings of Mrs. Ada Rainey, of Streator, Ill., "I am glad to be able to renew my sub- March and possibly April. Would be We will conduct funeral services, and could answer calls for night meetings near here, on reasonable terms. I have been reading Vol.'S of the Encyclopedia fearless manner of conducting your and must say it is like the wine at the feast of Cana: to me it is the best of

Mrs. N. L. Arnett writes from Alex-The National Sunlight Centre Club Christian Church, the immoralities and andria, Ind.: "We still have a small sowas organized at 3310½ Rhodes avenue inconsistencies taught by the Bible and clety here, and during part of February andria, Ind.: "We still have a small sopracticed by the church, you are doing and all of March have secured the services of A. M. G. Wheeler as speaker and test medium, He has had good success and the meetings are well at-

E. R. Kidd writes from Canton, Ohio: "Having read in the issue of March 9 of The Progressive Thinker an address Committee of New York, and believing it to be timely and excellent as are all and Legislator throughout our broad land. It is, indeed unfortunate that so tives are not familiar with the grand truths to be found in the philosophy and phenomena of Modern Spiritualism. Had they that knowledge, how different many of the laws would be that are in force to-day. Instead of our worthy mediums being prosecuted and persecuted as is often the case, they would be protected and encouraged in the great work they are doing for the cause they represent, and as a result the whole world would become wiser and the rich more liberal with their earthly possessions. May Brother Hull be spared for many years to come so that he can go on with the good work he has done and is still doing, is the heartfelt wish of the writer."

Dr. Dougherty writes from Neoga, Ill.: "Our society can recommend two good, kind, honest mediums, Mrs. Maggie Vestal, of 728 S. Ludlow street, Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Vestal is an excellent trumpet medium. She gives her work in the day light. Mrs. Hattle Tiffany, of Alliance, Ohio, is also an honof over two hundred books on Spirit est and true medium. The mayor of ualism, Theosophy, Mysticism, Magic, our city, the leading druggist and busi-Occultism, Mental Science, Hypnotism, ness men attended these seances and

L. S .- Burdick writes: "Allow me to Mrs. Paul Calm writes from New thank you for the present of Vol. 3 of York: "Allow me to acknowledge the the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in receipt of the book, 'The Next World | the Spirit World. It is the best of the reading room for the test, and at 4 Interviewed.' I feel more than pleased many books you have given as preo'clock, when the long distance 'phone to have another book of so much inter- miums. I say present as I did not claim

Julia Steelman Nichols remains for another month addressing large audiences at Findlay, Ohio. She goes west for May. She would be pleased to engage with societies in Indiana or Illigrowing rapidly, as evidenced by re nois for April or June. Address 1201/2 E. Sandusay street, Findlay O."

> Geo. F. Perkins desires to make arrangements with societies for three-day or week series of meetings, for the purpose of reviving the dormant Spiritualists. He lectures on practical Spiritualism, introducing songs and dramatic readings, with genuine tests, and no humbug. Address 884 W. Madison street, Chicago!

A. M. G. Wheeler writes from Alexandria, -Ind.: "I am filling a satisfactory engagement with this society for the second month. Great praise is due Mr. and Mrs. Sprague and other good workers in this part of civilization. I am open for engagement for the months of April, May and June."

John B. Elwood writes from Waterloo, Iowa: "The meetings which are being conducted here with Mrs. Emma M. Nutt Moore as speaker and medium, are increasing in interest and attendance. March 3, under control of Mrs. Colby Luther, she gave an interesting address, taking for her subject, 'The Need of the Hour.' The lecture was followed by improvised, poems. The meeting closed with spirit messages. Altogether

Mrs. Moore has created an interest in Spiritualism in Waterloo which will be of a lasting impression."

Isabelle S. Paul writes: "During the past week meetings have been held each night, under the auspices of the local Spiritual Society of La Crosse, Wis., conducted by Will J. Erwood, of been manifested, and much good has been accomplished by this gifted speaker. His engagement closed Sunday,

J. D. Waite writes: "The Unity Spirfew years ago has cost the paper a pile litual Society and friends of Milwauhighly-gifted speaker, Mrs. Catherine ever, it fights Dr. Roberts as well as the McFarlin. Mrs. McFarlin's friends are not alone numbered with the Spiritual-Dr. G. F. Dougherty, of Neoga, Ill., lsts, for by her social and intellectual culture, she is able to win her way into this office er Spiritualism, but are brought more and Other Essays." By Charles Bradlaugh, ber of illustrations, Is well worth the By Andrew Jackson Davis. Something you should those in touch with it on account of her Paper, 50 comis. For sale at this office, price, 25 cents. For sale at this office, rest. Frice & cents. For sale at this office. THE TRANSPORT OF THE PARTY OF T

J. C. Hemmeter, secretary, writes: influence. We know that we voice the sentiment of the major portion of the society when we deeply regret that her third Anniversars of Modern Spiritual relations with the Unity Society are so soon to be severed, for her engagement terminates the end of March. Any soclety wishing the services of a speaker will miss a rare intellectual treat if they follows: Morning, afternoon and even- do not engage her. Her address at present is 605 Jackson street, Milwaukee,

### EXEGETICAL.

"And the Angel Came in Unto Her."

Whether by accident or inspiration, I cannot tell, but I did once more pick up that "dateless magazine of anonymous writers," the Bible. Thirty years or more ago, I made the

acquaintance of the "Age of Reason," by Thomas Paine, a copy of which

Of course I started with Genesis, and

noticed that, on the sixth day God cre-

ated man, male and female created he fending certain morbid-minded people, them. It does not state how many but who are not happy unless they are lis- it must have been more than one three persons are eminently fitted for tening to some inspired idiot, and get a couple, whereas Cain, after slaying his chance, passed the place, have become | the work entrusted them in their travels | lot of slush that neither they nor the in- | brother, went to the land of Nod and took unto himself a wife. I skipped on and figured out according to chapter V Anderson, Ind., just in time to enjoy the | which gives the genealogy of the patri manifestations of the spirit power were | closing meetings Brother Sprague had | archs, that up to the time of the flood the earth was 1056 years old, and bar took up the work. Mrs. Hayden with | ring the inspired (?) account of the Creation and the murder of Abel, I found have organized a Ladies Aid that has nothing worthy of mention until work on a solid foundation, and while started out with 21 members, and with reached chapter VI, and discovered what the whole world has seemingly views of local and national matters, we | ery reason to believe a grand and much- | overlooked—that Jesus was not the first are now united with courage to bear needed work will be accomplished in and only son of God! In chapter vi:2, it the near future. The ladies are making | reads, "That the Sons of God saw the extensive preparations to celebrate the daughters of man that they were fair, son will locate in our midst and bring | Fifty-third anniversary of Modern Spir- | and they took wives of all which they together the hitherto scattered frag- itualism. All day Saturday, March 30, | chose!" They turned out a bad lot, ments and create a permanent place | they will conduct a fair in the temple, | however, for the Lord had to drown where the people can be instructed in at which all manner of useful articles | them all, barring Noah and family. the weekly gatherings and united effort, will be offered for sale. Supper will be But the reader will now please note the served in the evening. Three services | following and the language used, inspired of course, when in verse 4 of highly appreciated by the large au- the 31st, at which all will be cordially the same chapter he reads, "When the Sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to

> scription for another year. As long as glad to hear from societies anywhere. of the birth of Jesus, Matthew bases ter 7, Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son," Which prophecy, according to Isaiah himself, was fulfilled at that time. See Isaiah viii:3., Which virgin proved to be a prophetess as to verify the prophecy. Hence had no connection whatever with the birth of

> > There now only remains Luke's story. The reader will observe that Luke starts out with saying, that what he writes is hearsay and belief only. He introduces Angel Gabriel who claimed to stand in the presence of God, and was delegated by God to call upon Mary. "And the augel came in unto her," the same as the sons of God did with the daughters of men as recorded in Genesis. Mary realizing her condition, he silenced her by crediting the Holy Ghost with being the father of that holy thing that would be born of her. She took his word, he departed and was never heard of since. Of course in due season a child was born. Now, if Luke's story is true, kind reader, is there a doubt in your mind who the father of Jesus was? Does not this story justify the remark made by one of the popes to a cardinal: "How profitable this story about Jesus Christ

has been to us!" Posterity will exclaim, "What fools our ancestors must have been, to spend millions upon millions to foster such a tale!" Finally, while there is an abundance of good literature, on account of its vile and vulgar language, the Bible ought to be banished from the face of WERY SUGGESTIVE WORK.

H. C. KLOPPENBURG.

Beyond the Vail. Presuming your readers might wish to

know something of the progress made in the publication of the forthcoming book, "Beyond the Vail," it may be stated that the manuscript is ready for the press. The committee on publication are awaiting the return of Col. Van Horn, which will be in a few days, to complete the arrangement for publishing the book. It is hoped that the work will be completed by next August. I am surprised at the ignorance and

misconception generally prevailing in regard to Spiritualism. I was asked to tell the difference between Mormonism and Spiritualism. Another wanted to know if Spiritualism was a revival of witchcraft. Various other queries are made that show nothing but the ignorance of the questioners. The only interest taken is that of the

seeming mystery the subject presents, and the accounts of it are read to satisfy a craving for the mysterious; and go along with other unaccountable things.

One of the 'important lessons I have left in MS. to a few of his private pupils in occultism, and like Volume I. is writes as follows: "I am much pleased with the Parchapetra on the spirits, face to face, is the great and pressing need of knowledge great and pressing need of knowledge occult subjects. Spiritual astrology is especially elaborated. Alchemy, Talismerits become known."

Dr. Eugene Crowell, whose writings have made no many familiar to those interested in psychic matters, writes as follows: "I am much pleased with the Parchapetra of the latter when its superior merits become known."

According the future life and its relation to earth life. If one blindfolded is | mans, the Magic Wand, Symbolism, thrust into a dense forest at midnight or in a vast desert whose horizon reveals nothing but sand and sky, he would be less bewildered than thousands and millions who pass into spirit life. Again and again have appeared visible forms at the seances in Spring Hill, saying, "If I had had any idea of spirit life, or even if there was a hereafter, I could have realized my situation." Others have said, "Oh, what a great benefit the little that I knew before passing over has been to me." Some in the lower spheres treat the description of the higher life, and the grandeur and beauty of its surroundings, as a ribald jest.

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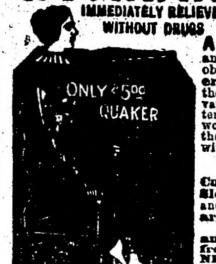
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Clara E. Haddock: Q. Can you give the number of states which enforce vaccination of school children? Is such a law constitutional?

A. While compulsory laws are on the statute books of nearly every state, if not all, public sentiment is so opposed | But Winners at last seemed to lose at that they are enforced in few and that spasmodically. The whole secret of the efforts of the doctors in securing such legislation is revealed by a knowledge of the profits which accrue to them and the "lymph farmers," by the constant cry of "smallpox." There are more deaths from grippe, consumption, malarial fever, pneumonia, and many other diseases than from small-pox, yet to hear the reiteration of dangers from this dread disease, one would think it on the point of invading every family in the land.

The doctors who superintend and own the "lymph farms," can only sell their product through other doctors who do the vaccinating. The so-called farm may be in a stable in a city. Calves are there vaccinated, and the injected virus foments their blood, producing fever, and eruptions of the skin. When these pustules have suppurated, or in the language of the "farmers," become ripe: that is attained the last degree of rottenness, the points are dipped in the pus, or tubes filled with it, and sold to the waiting doctors, who are supported by the state to inject this blood poison into the veins of its citizens, at about three times the price they pay the

mine to the "farmers," and the vaccinating doctors treble their money! The people do not want such laws. In most | the poem as he referred to it. cases their opposition is so strong the laws remain a dead letter. If there could be a "referendum" the people's vote would sweep such laws from the statute books of every state.

"farmers" for it!

Such laws are one and all unconstitutional, and have been so decided by the courts. One of the most conspicuous instances was the "Geneseo case," in Illinois, where a father was commanded by the school board to have his daughter vaccinated or she would not be admitted to the school. He appealed to the Supreme Court, which declared the vaccination law unconstitutional.

A. L-.: Q. Is Sunday the first day or last day of the week, and when and by whom was the change from Saturday laws constitutional?

A. Sunday, as the day sacred to the Sun was observed by nearly all the nations of antiquity. The Jews observed Saturday for the reason that their God after the tremendous labor of a week, rested on that day and commanded them to do likewise. In that network of myths called the history of Jesus Christ, he as a sun-god must like all other sun-gods, have been resurrected on the day sacred to the sun, or Sunday. For a long time the Jewish converts held both days as sacred, but there was, a tendency among pagan converts, to drop the, to them, barbarous Sabbath, and keep Sunday. When Christianity became recognized by the state, the Jewish Sabbath was ignored, and the pagan Sunday commanded to be observed. But not until A. D. 321 was the day fully safeguarded by laws, which forbade business on that day.

As to the constitutionality of Sunday laws, there can be no question that they are opposed to the spirit of the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, yet these laws which disgrace the statute-books of every state with the exception of Louislana, having been effacted by bigots, have been repeatedly decided as constitutional by the highest courts. No other decision could be expected of judges either bigots themselves, or having to cater to a constituency of bigots.

Delevan Bates: Q. Give origin, history and results of the investigations of the Psychic Research Society, of the So I gave her what they left her-her

claims of Mrs. Piper? . A. The history of these investigations, beginning with those of Dr. Hodgson and ending with those of Professor Hyslop, would fill a large volume. The result of all these numerius seances, under the most rigid test conditions, has been the conversion of the scientific investigators to zealous supporters of the medium's psychic claims. In fact Prof. Hyslop has gone farther than most experienced Spiritualists would care to go: He forgets that all this ground has been I repeatedly traversed for the past fifty years. He ignores all that has been done by the pioneers before him and while he is critical is more credulous

J. T. A .: Q. A friend who lost his arms, constantly feels cramps in his

A. The usual explanation of such cases is that the nerves when irritated at the point where the amputation has been made, send the impressions to the brain, which refers such sensations to the parts where those nerves terminated, as in the fingers. Thus a nerve fibre which terminated in one of the fingers would convey the sensation as from that finger, when the cause was

applied to the severed end in the arm. There is another and perplexing side to this question. Volumes of facts might be gathered, of the effect an amputated part has on the body from which it has been removed. It scarcely A. B. French. Cloth, \$1. For sale as into an Indian prophet? decides the matter in the negative, the this office.

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producing of a great number of 'Instances where no effect has been observed. This is the usual and ready method. A thousand negatives do not disprove an affirmative. There probably is a close psychic relation between the body and a severed part for a short time. Again some spiritual writers and lecturers have used the fact as evidence of the existence of a spirit body, which remained after the physical part had been removed. They overlook that the physical body and not the spiritual etc., cannot exist in that spirit form, When there are cramps, say of the fingers, it is useless to attempt to straightof the arm will bring relief. This shows

Ruthven Rowe, London: Q. I once read a bit of verse by Gerald Massey, challenging Materialism, which so pleased me I should like to know where can find it?

A. The little poem alluded to is probably that entitled "Spiritualism vs. Scientific Materialism," and is here given, as others may be as well pleased to read it:

You sprung the Law's rattle; you've raised the Alarum! Men start, eyes and ears, at your fright

harum-scarum! . As Travelers sleeping by night start at "Change here." You're right-tho' "Police" will not aid

you-there's Danger. You've drawn the first blood in ou opening battle-We score you that honor!-you've chal-

lenged our mettle, And never was battle yet fought worth | be unfaithful to myself and would dethe winning

the beginning. Our Cause is propelled by the spurn of your feet:

and your ground:

One word—then for battle we hold in ing out the leaves," shricked the spirits of Moses and Elijah upon the our breath To fight you; by God! we shall fight to

the death: range of endeavor.

Mrs. Mary E. Livermore's Poem.

copy from her scrap book, and I in turn | numbers by its evident intelligence and | more perfect state of existence.

through the clear and frosty air, house of praise and prayer,

And with hearts devout and holy, many thither wend their way, To renew to God their pledges, but

cannot go to-day. For my soul is sick and saddened with that fearful tale of woe. Which has blanched the cheeks of mothto the whiteness of the snow,

And my thoughts are wandering ever where the prison walls surround The parents and their children, in hopeless bondage bound.

day to Sunday authorized? Are Sun- Oh, thou mother, maddened, frenzied, when the hunter's tolls ensuared Thee and thy brood of nestlings, till thy anguished spirit dared

Send to God, uncalled, one darling life that round thine own dld twine-Worthy of a Spartan mother was that fearful deed of thine!

Worthy of the Roman father, who sheathed deep his flashing knife of her life!

should live a tyrant's slave. Opened the way to freedom through the Fling' inside of a mustard seed and not portals of the grave!

Well I know no stronger yearning than a mother's love can becould do and dare forever for the babe upon my knee!

And I feel no deeper sorrow could th light of life eclipse Than to see death's shadows settle on

its brow and faded lips. baby sitting on my knee. could close thy blue eyes calmly, smil-

ing now so sweet on me! thy precious soul set free. Better for the death and heaven than found."

a life of slavery! And before the Judge Eternal, this should be my anguished plea:

They would rob my child of manhood, so, uncalled, I sent it Thee! Hope and Love, and Joy and Knowl-

inheritance-the grave! . And the Lord would judge between us. of Christians said Christianity should oh, ye men of stony heart! Ever 'gainst the strong and mighty, for

the weak He taketh part, beneath your iron rod, . --

With your lied upon their heart-pulse. this ye do unto your God! But the day of vengeance cometh-He will set His people free,

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not an lota. If I would show the least mercy to error, as I look at it, I would serve the contempt of every truthloving Spiritualist.

notions at the hands of Spiritualists. I in this great ocean of spirit or God, we immortality, every soul that has redo not ask them to have any mercy on live, move and have our existence; also | ceived a token of love from the departbstruction is food for our forces to eat, | my errors. I feel as the old lady did | that man is a God-endowed, prayerful | ed; every mind that has been fed by the Like a fire that shall cat up both you when her daughter exclaimed, "O, being when in harmony with the spirit bread of truth, and illuminated by the mother, I've found a typographical of progress, and that all religions are light of reason through Spiritualism, In the turn of the Treadmill our tri- error in the Bible!" "Kill it, kill it! more or less good, umph comes round! That's the pesky thing that's been eat- We think that Jesus talked with the mother.

matter how sound my arguments feel sure we have had similar experi-Through Earth, Heaven, Hell, and the against Spiritualism may be, in my de- ences from our spirit friends through bates, that the Spiritualists, from their | mediums, and it has caused us to have We fight you; by God! we will fight you point of view, will conclude that I am | confidence in the record of ancient "killed"-so wedded to their idols are manifestations. they! But it is not for mere victory

with Mr. John Gage, a leading Spirit- preparation, depends upon the teachwould be excellent, as Moses had lived | school of progress. in Vineland, and Spiritualists were nu-

merous. "converts from the other side" are secured?

converted by debates six clergymen, and "almost persuaded" a seventh! and political, would again inaugurate | friends.

the "dark ages."

gave this comical view; step on each other's corns. The two disputants are muscular-looking men, intellectual withal and very friendly. the shoulder and knock off each other's hats, and pick them up with a smile, is intellectual scale."

unlism between Rev. Moses Hull and Prof. W. F. Jamieson. The disputants are courteous, but they show each Aye, my hand could ope the casket, and other's views no mercy whatever. A better intellectual treat cannot be

There may be Spiritualists who would the venom of hate toward each other. If so, they may seek elsewhere for an opponent, so far as I am concerned. And there is a class of Spiritualists, I see; who are against free discussion as edge, and her every right they crave, | decidedly as orthodox Christians ever were, and who insist that Spiritualism should not be debated, just as millions not be debated. Then despotism ruled. Call my love of freedom what you choose, but I would rather have it than Think, ye hunters of his children, bowed the most fascinating ism that ever smoothed a dving bed, or made it soft as downy pillows are.

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your explanation of the various pheon her trip east.

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a wicked brightness in your eyes proceed to demolish his arguments.

the best speech of the celebration for soul life of the spirit world. solid, practical liberalism. I was charmed, but said nothing because one says least when he feels most.

"I have written friends, i.Wick, what I think of you, and if you don't like it, it is too late to rebel. I especially admire your assertion that you owned yourself, and were free to say what you pleased.
Oh, by and by, the people will be From Spiritual Life, to Spirdragged up to our plane of liberalism, but we missionaries will be many times crucified ere then.

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It may surprise some sectarian Spirit- and accurate work.) ualists that this eloquent little lady should write to me, "a gross materialist," as cordially as if I were her own brother, and am I not? When will that day come, that people who differ in conviction about another world will live like neighbors and friends in this world? when we will encourage one another, help one another, to be true to self, and speak the truth in love, yet their convictions, "until death doth us with energy no less, as each sees the Texas, Mich. W. F. JAMIESON.

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Mount of Transfiguration, or had a spir-I am a prophet, and predict that no itual communication from them, for we

We credit Paul with telling the truth over an opponent that I debate. It is when he wrote that there is a natural for truth's sake, whatever anybody may | body, and there is a spiritual body, for To the Editor:-In your issue of Feb. | think, or say. I respect Moses Hull for | we know we have a natural one, and 16. Mr. John Van Denburgh, in his ar- his devotion to an idea, and here will from evidences received we are confiticle entitled "Providence," refers to submit what the press had to cay in dent that we have a spiritual body ex-Mrs. Mary A. Livermore's famous reference to some of the tilts be-poem entitled "The Slave Tragedy of tween us: life, which is separated from it when Cincinnati." This poem is entirely out | "The debate between Messrs. Jamie- the change, miscalled death, takes of print, as it was written on Sunday, son and Hull on the absolute truth of place, which is the second birth, and Feb. 3, 1850 (45 years ago). I was very the cardinal doctrine of modern Spirit- then we live, move. and have a conanxious to possess this poem, so I wrote | ualism, viz.: spirit communion, was con- | scious being in the soul world, meeting Mrs. Livermore at her home in Mel- tinued last evening in the presence of and mingling with our arisen relatives rose, Mass. She very kindly sent me a an audience which made up its lack of and friends, enjoying their society in a

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man will succeed in making converts carth life, and that field for may be from the other side to his own. Such compared to an up-to-hite progressive encounters serve more to show the skill reform school, and very few if any estational suf-Solemnly the bells are calling to the establish truth."-Daily Times, Vine- fering and necessary training, with instructions from teachers, to prepare Permit me to comment on the fore- them spiritually for more elevated or going. When I made the arrangements | heavenly life, and that probation, or unlist. I supposed that the attendance ableness of all who enter that spiritual

> We feel that we are daily constructing, with our desires, and deeds, a Will anyone assume that sermons or home in the soul world, for us to oclectures should not be given unless cupy after our second birth, which will correspond with our life work and spiritual progress.

> It has often been said that debaters | If our aim has been to do good and never convert each other, yet I have be good to our fellow men, by striving to better their moral, spiritual and material conditions, our homes in the Squelch freedom of discussion, if that | spiritual country will be beautiful and were possible, and tyranny, religious lagreeable to us, also our relatives and

We think we shall be obliged to reap The Evening Journal, of Vineland, in spirit life the fruits of the seeds of | with zeal? Mediums must be clothed thoughts and deeds sown in earth life, and fed; papers and tracts must be "The Hull-Jamieson discussion at Cos- and if we live a progressive, useful life | paid for in money, it costs to do this, mopolitan Hall is as instructive as here, we shall be better prepared to but we do not ask any one person or preaching, and more amusing than a join the society of anfolded men and any community to do it all; we simply In the bosom of Virginia, in the current | theater. They tell you what matter is, | women in soul life, also our spirit's hap- ask each to do a proportionate part acand what it is not, and where the soul piness will correspond in a measure cording to personal means and oppor-Who rather than his beauteous child resides, and that the soul is so small with the usefulness and goodness we tunity. There are some private indithat 1,000 can dance the 'Highland have been to our fellow beings in viduals who are doing what they can in

We believe the soul world to be a vast spiritual country, situated in ethereal space, possessing an infinite variety of To see them box each other, hit from scenery, improved by artistic spirits, hands and willing hearts to do their something as our world is made to respond to the progressive development the height of intellectual sport, on an of human beings, and that it is peopled with uncounted millions of earth's The Hartford (Ct.) Times: "In Allyn | arisen inhabitants, enjoying life in har-Hall there is in progress every evening mony with their moral, religious, Yet, (Oh, God of heaven forgive me!) a highly interesting debate upon Spirit- artistic and spiritual unfoldment, and that homes in all cases correspond with the life and spiritual desires of the oc-

> Those who wish to have a desirable home in the world of spirits, on their entrance, must live a useful, harmoni- forward in well doing and who neglect ouselife here; and we think eternal pro- to perform a duty to humanity which is prefer to listen to bitter enemies, full of gress will make all spirits and homes more beautiful, in the fullness of time, and that true merit gives all their just | hold fast to the dime or dollar, even rewards, and educational punishment, for their soul's unfoldment, for a good God could never allow or inflict suffering without divine use to the individual, hence hell is a transitional condition of

> > of religious faiths, consequently we empty name, and not the spirit of kind-think that all religious and teachers, ness and love. Oh, ye who know that express more or less of Truth, mixed the trick of omission in good is as conwith error, and that their followers will demnatory as the sin of commission in have a suitable place in the vast do-main of the spirit world, where they tion and compensation are one and the can enjoy their teachers and peculiar same law, and that "as a man soweth, forms of religions, as fong as they de-sire, or feel them necessary to their you to do your part in the propaganda soul's happiness or growth in progress of Spiritualism; in the spread of Truth

Boston Spiritualists' Temple, happened to be present at our debate in Linesville, Pa., until called away by one of her own lecture engagements, wrote me from Port Jervis, N. Y., thus:

"I am so sorry I could not have staid until the debate was finished. You and 'Moses' are 'boss' champions of your respective sides or Lam not hadge. This spective sides, or I am no judge. [This | farther advanced will be life; position was before Moses attached himself to we can take in the soul world, among our fellow travelers, and that the day of "I hope you had a large attendance | judgment will come to us all and the before you closed. I was curious to hear | fudgment seat will be the our own consclousness, and we shall be the ones to nomena to which Mr. Hull proposed to receive and weigh the evidence, also direct your attention. I'll tell you what, give the sentence of our condemnation my friend, there is a little 'Prairie or approval, so we ought for our enjoy-Flower who told truly that her medium | ment, to obey the voice of God or good was going to see 'that Jamieson man' | within us. To enjoy the better society. and environments of the soul world, we "If it wasn't 'Prairie Flower,' what should strive earnestly to spread the was it? Come, tell me now, by the sel- light of truth among mankind, and help ence of Materialism, what was it? Was them to enjoy finer moral, mental, spir-I en rapport with you, or did I take it itual and material conditions, for ignor-"Gleanings from the Rostrum." By from your mind and transform myself ance and mercenary selfishness are the main causes of all misery in this world.

fense of your position; but I don't see | tian people put into practice the plain as you explained the phenomena (or moral teaching of Jesus, doing by suggested the explanation, rather, be- others as they would have others do by cause you had not yet begun upon it). them, war, with all of its horrors, would Moses is real chain lightning and cease among Christians by name, and sparkles continually but it afforded me | the rest of mankind would follow suit intense delight to see you arise with after seeing the brotherly love and that smile peculiar to yourself, and with goodness manifested, and the harmony of a progressive heaven would be enjoyed here on earth, where it ought to "But, seriously, Jamieson, you made be, for an introduction to the enlarged"

GEORGE F. BAKER. Granville, N. Y.

### A RINGING CALL

itualists.

(Received March 11, 1901, by Ira C. Fuller, of Brookville, Pa., through a medlum who stands very high for good

Spiritualism has brought the grandest demonstration, and the greatest proof of immortality to earth that humanity has ever known. It is the highest, broadest, purest cult of life that can be vouchsafed to man.

Spiritualism, we mean unadulterated by the vagaries and the prejudices, or worse, of weak human beings who desire to make a convenience of everything or anything they can make serve their purpose for selfish ends.

Spiritualism in its purest essence and highest ethics is taught by an army of teachers, inspired by as many wise Intelligences from the fields of immortal being. Its evidence of continued personal life, with conscious intelligence and memory; yea, and of affection, are, and have been given to mortals through thousands of willing instrumentalities. If ever there was a system of ethics, of philosophy, of religion, and of scientific demonstration of law, combined, it tem was or ever can be worthy of propaganda of missionary work and influheart that cries out for knowledge of must acknowledge its worth and power.

Hence, we fail to see how any such can be indifferent to the needs of our cause-how any Spiritualist can be content to do nothing towards its propaganda. He who knows the Truth and has been blessed by it, and fails to contribute towards the support of publications, societies or missionary teaching and inculcating this truth, even though he must make some personal sacrifice in the doing, is recreant to his duty, and false to his inner light. He deserves to lose the knowledge, the blessing, yea, the light which Spiritualism has given to him, and to wander forth in the darkness of doubt and terror, a prey to the evil fancles of superstition and ignorance. Ah, friends, to you who have the Truth; to you who know that your Spirit friends live in homes of progress and light, to you who have received evidences of immortal life from your loved ones on the spirit shore; to you who know that Spiritualism is true, but who are indifferent to its missionary spirit and to its public work, we ap-

Yea, we appeal in the name of your dearly beloved ascended ones; in behalf of the millions on earth who are ignorant of these truths; and who need to be fed by the bread of love from heaven. We appeal to you to do something each year, each month in a substantial material, as well as in a sympathetic and spiritual thought wave-to help spread the Truth, the sweetest word or gospel ever known, that Spiritualism means immortal-life, and preparation in good deeds and pure thoughts for that life. The good to be accomplished in welldirected missionary work in Spiritual-

ism is beyond estimate; missionary

work in printing and freely distributing

leaflets, papers and other suitable reading matter upon the cardinal teachings, philosophy and phenomena of Spiritual ism; in sending forth mediums and speakers of ability to preach and demonstrate Spiritualism with faithful earnestness, and with undoubted verity. These are the needs of the hour, the needs of Spiritualism and of humanity. Who will do this in the proper spirit and this line; some societies taxing themselves toward missionary work or support; but more, far more is needed; others should come to the work with open part in the great and glorious propaganda of Spiritualism. But some urge that they cannot do this without sacrificing something they need for personal comfort and necessity; and that there are plenty who can give liberally and not miss their contributions, others feel that they have no need to give, since there is always some one who will re-

spond to every call. Oh, ye Spiritualists, are you among the selfish who wait for others to be to God? Are you among the weaklings who shrink from personal denial, and when others cry for help and light? Have you ever tried to see on how little. you could subsist for a day or two, that you might give extra cost of living to a worthy cause?

Oh, what use is benevolence that can We wish to be charitable to all forms make no sacrifice? Nay, it is only an and Light.

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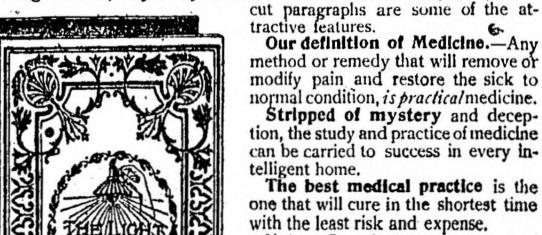
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Clara E. Haddock: Q. Can you give the number of states which enforce vaccination of school children? Is such a law constitutional?

A. While compulsory laws are on the statute books of nearly every state, if not all, public sentiment is so opposed that they are enforced in few and that spasmodically. The whole secret of the efforts of the doctors in securing such legislation is revealed by a knowledge of the profits which accrue to them and the "lymph farmers," by the constant cry of "smallpox." There' are more deaths from grippe, consumption, malarial fever, pneumonia, and many other diseases than from small-pox, yet to hear the reiteration of dangers from this dread disease, one would think it on the point of invading every family in the land.

The doctors who superintend and own the "lymph farms," can only sell their product through other doctors who do the vaccinating. The so-called farm Mrs. Mary E. Livermore's Poem. may be in a stable in a city. Calves are there vaccinated, and the injected virus foments their blood, producing fever, and eruptions of the skin. When these pustules have suppurated, or in the language of the "farmers," become ripe; that is attained the last degree of rottenness, the points are dipped in the pus, or tubes filled with it, and sold to the waiting doctors, who are supported by the state to inject this blood poison into the veins of its citizens, at about three times the price they pay the "farmers" for it!

'A' calf yielding a good crop is a gold mine to the "farmers," and the vaccinating doctors treble their money! The people do not want such laws. In most cases their opposition is so strong the laws remain a dead letter. If there could be a "referendum" the people's vote would sweep such laws from the

statute books of every state. Such laws are one and all unconstitutional, and have been so decided by the courts. One of the most conspicuous instances was the "Geneseo case," in Illinois, where a father was commanded by the school board to have his daughter vaccinated or she would not be admitted to the school. He appealed to the Supreme Court, which declared the vaccination law unconstitutional.

or last day of the week, and when and by whom was the change from Saturday to Sunday authorized? Are Sun- Oh, thou mother, maddened, frenzied, day laws constitutional?

Sun was observed by nearly all the na-Saturday for the reason that their God rested on that day and commanded them to do likewise. In that network of myths called the history of Jesus Christ, he as a sun-god must like all other sun-gods, have been resurrected on the day sacred to the sun, or Sunday. For a long time the Jewish converts held both days as sacred, but there was, a tendency among pagan converts, to drop the, to them, barbarous Sabbath, and keep Sunday. When Christianity became recognized by the state, the Jewish Sabbath was ignored, and the pagan Sunday commanded to be observed. But not until A. D. 321 was the day fully safeguarded by laws which forbade business on that day.

As to the constitutionality of Sunday laws, there can be no question that they are opposed to the spirit of the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, yet these laws which disgrace the statute-books of every state with the exception of Aye, my hand could ope the casket, and other's views no mercy whatever. A Louisiana, having been enacted by bigots, have been repeatedly decided as constitutional by the highest courts. No other decision could be expected of judges either bigots themselves, or having to cater to a constituency of bigots. They would rob my child of manhood

Delevan Bates: Q. Give origin, his tory and results of the investigations of claims of Mrs. Piper? -

A. The history of these investigations, beginning with those of Dr. Hodgson and ending with those of Professor Hyslop, would fill a large volume. The result of all these numerius seances, under the most rigid test conditions, has been the conversion of the scientific investigators to zealous supporters of the medium's psychic claims. In fact Prof. Hyslop has gone farther than most ex- | But the day of vengeance cometh-He perienced Spiritualists would care to go: He forgets that all this ground has been repeatedly traversed for the past fifty years. He ignores all that has been done by the pioneers before him, and staining deep the frighted sod, while he is critical, is more credulous

J. T. A .: Q. A friend who lost his arms, constantly feels cramps in his

fingers. Why? A. The usual explanation of such. cases is that the nerves when irritated whom Spiritublists should delight to, at the point where the amputation has honor. The result of years of deep been made, send the impressions to the thought and patient research into Na brain, which refers such sensations to the parts where those nerves terminated, as in the fingers. Thus a nerve fibre which terminated in one of the fingers would convey the sensation as from that finger, when the cause was

applied to the severed end in the arm. There is another and perplexing side to this question. Volumes of facts might be gathered, of the effect an amputated part has on the body from which it has been removed. It scarcely decides the matter in the negative, the AGENTS WANTED.

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producing of a great number of instances where no effect has been observed. This is the usual and ready method. A thousand negatives do not disprove an affirmative. There prohably is a close psychic relation between the body and a severed part for a short time. Again some spiritual writers and lecturers have used the fact as evidence of the existence of a spirit body, which remained after the physical part had been removed. They overlook that the physical body and not the spiritual is dependent on the physical nerves, and the conditions, as itching, cramps, etc., cannot exist in that spirit form. When there are cramps, say of the fingers, it is useless to attempt to straighten the spirit fingers, where the hand ought to be, but rubbing or applying warm or cold compresses to the stump of the arm will bring relief. This shows the location of the real cause.

Ruthven Rowe, London: Q. I once read a bit of verse by Gerald Massey, challenging Materialism, which so pleased me I should like to know where I can find it?

A. The little poem alluded to is probably that entitled "Spiritualism vs. Scientific Materialism," and is here given, as others may be as well pleased to

You sprung the Law's rattle; you've raised the Alarum! Men start, eyes and ears, at your fright

harum-scarum! As Travelers sleeping by night start at "Change here."

You're right-tho' "Police" will not aid you-there's Danger, You've drawn the first blood in our

opening battle-We score you that honor!-you've challenged our mettle. And never was battle yet fought worth be unfaithful to myself and would de- uable paper.

the winning But Winners at last seemed to lose at the beginning.

Our Cause is propelled by the spurn of your feet; Obstruction is food for our forces to eat,

and your ground: umph comes round!

our breath To fight you; by God! we shall fight to the death:

Through Earth, Heaven, Hell, and the range of endeavor, We fight you; by God! we will fight you

To the Editor:-In your issue of Feb. ticle entitled "Providence," refers to submit what the press had to cay in Mrs. Mary A. Livermore's famous poem entitled "The Slave Tragedy of tween us:

| dent that we have a spiritual body ex- has given to him, and to wander forth isting in connection with our earthly in the darkness of doubt and terror, a life, which is separated from it when prey to the evil fancies of superstition Cincinnati." This poem is entirely out of print, as it was written on Sunday, Feb. 3, 1856 (45 years ago). I was very the cardinal doctrine of modern Spiritanxious to possess this poem, so I wrote Mrs. Livermore at her home in Melrose, Mass. She very kindly sent me a copy from her scrap book, and I in turn send you a copy if you desire to reprint it in The Progressive Thinker, thinking bate was well managed on both sides, the poem as he referred to it. J. OSBORNE LUNT.

Bright the Sabbath morn is shining through the clear and frosty air, Solemnly the bells are calling to the house of praise and prayer, And with hearts devout and holy, many

thither wend their way, To renew to God their pledges; but cannot go to-day.

that fearful tale of woe. Which has blanched the cheeks of moth-

to the whiteness of the snow, And my thoughts are wandering ever where the prison walls surround A. L ... Q. Is Sunday the first day | The parents and their children, in

hopeless bondage bound. when the hunter's toils ensuared A. Sunday, as the day sacred to the | Thee and thy brood of nestlings, till thy

anguished spirit dared tions of antiquity. The Jews observed | Send to God, uncalled, one darling life that round thine own did twineafter the tremendous labor of a week, | Worthy of a Spartan mother was that fearful deed of thine!

> Worthy of the Roman father, who sheathed deep his flashing knife In the bosom of Virginia, in the current of her life!

Who rather than his beauteous child should live a tyrant's slave. Opened the way to freedom through the Flingtinside of a mustard seed and not

portals of the grave! Well I know no stronger yearning than a mother's love can be-

upon my knee! And I feel no deeper sorrow could the light of life eclipse

Than to see death's shadows settle on its brow and faded lips. Yet, (Oh, God of heaven forgive me!)

baby sitting on my knee, ing now so sweet on me! thy precious soul set free, Better for the death and heaven than found."

a life of slavery! And before the Judge Eternal, this should be my anguished plea:

so, uncalled, I sent it Thee! Hope and Love, and Joy and Knowl edge, and her every right they crave, the Psychic Research Society, of the | So I gave her what they left her-her inheritance-the grave! .

> And the Lord would judge between us, oh, ye men of stony heart! Ever 'gainst the strong and mighty, for the weak He taketh part.

> Chink, ve hunters of his children, bowed beneath your iron rod.

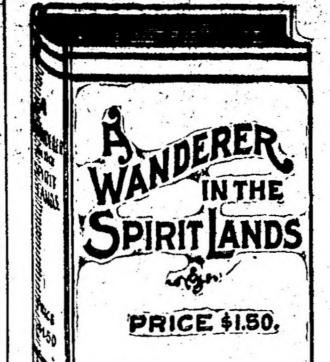
> With your lied upon their heart-pulse, this ye do unto your God!

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serve the contempt of every truth-

loving Spiritualist. That's the pesky thing that's been eat-One word—then for battle we hold in ling out the leaves," shricked the

against Spiritualism may be, in my de-"killed"-so wedded to their idols are they! But it is not for mere victory over an opponent that I debate. It is for truth's sake, whatever anybody may think, or say. I respect Moses Hull for | we know we have a natural one, and | serves to lose the knowledge, the bless-16. Mr. John Van Denburgh, in his ar- his devotion to an idea, and here will

> "The debate between Messrs. Jamieson and Hull on the absolute truth of ualism, viz.: spirit communion, was conan audience which made up its lack of numbers by its evident intelligence and more perfect state of existence. close attention to the speakers. The deland, N. J.

would be excellent, as Moses had lived | school of progress. For my soul is sick and saddened with in Vineland, and Spiritualists were nu-

> Will anyone assume that sermons or lectures should not be given unless "converts from the other side" are secured?

> It has often been said that debaters converted by debates six clergymen. and "almost persuaded" a seventh! Squelch freedom of discussion, if that

and political, would again inaugurate | friends. the "dark ages." The Evening Journal, of Vineland,

gave this comical view: theater. They tell you what matter is, and what it is not, and where the soul resides, and that the soul is so small that 1,000 can dance the 'Highland step on each other's corns. The two

intellectual scale."

a highly interesting debate upon Spirit artistic and spiritual unfoldment, and not miss their contributions, others feel could close thy blue eyes calmly, smil- Prof. W. F. Jamieson. The disputants | the life and spiritual desires of the oc- there is always some one who will reare courteous, but they show each cupant. better intellectual treat cannot be home in the world of spirits, on their

prefer to listen to bitter enemies, full of gress will make all spirits and homes to God? Are you among the weaklings the venom of hate toward each other. If so, they may seek elsewhere for an and that true merit gives all their just hold fast to the dime or dollar, even opponent, so far as I am concerned. rewards, and educational punishment, And there is a class of Spiritualists, I see; who are against free discussion as God could never allow or inflict sufferdecidedly as orthodox Christians ever ing without divine use to the individual, you might give extra cost of living to a were, and who insist that Spiritualism hence hell is a transitional condition of worthy cause? should not be debated, just as millions of Christians said Christianity should choose, but I would rather have it than

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before you closed. I was curious to bear your explanation of the various phenomena to which Mr. Hull proposed to on her telp east.

into an Indian prophet?"

Moses is real chain lightning and sparkles continually but it afforded me intense delight to bee you arise with that smile peculiar to yourself, and with a wicked brightness in your eyes proceed to demolish his arguments.

"But, seriously, Jamleson, you made the best speech of the celebration for solid, practical liberalism. I was charmed, but said nothing because one

says least when he feels most. "I have written friends; Wick, what I think of you, and if you don't like it, it is too late to rebel. I especially admire your assertion that you owned yourself, and were free to say what you pleased. Oh, by and by, the people will be dragged up to our plane of liberalism, but we missionaries will be many times crucified ere then.

"I trust everything is promising with you now. Very sincerely your friend, "MRS. H. S. LAKE."

It may surprise some sectarian Spiritualists that this eloquent little lady should write to me, "a gross materialist," as cordially as if I were her own brother, and am I not? When will that day come, that people who differ in conviction about another world will live like neighbors and friends in this world? when we will encourage one another, help one another, to be true to self, and speak the truth in love, yet truth, though every ism fall? Texas, Mich. W. F. JAMIESON.

An Effort to Enlighten an Enquirer.

We believe that God is Spirit, the soul of the Universe, the source of all life ence, it is Spiritualism. Every human I expect similar treatment of my pet and being, possessing intelligence, and heart that cries out for knowledge of notions at the hands of Spiritualists. I in this great ocean of spirit or God, we immortality, every soul that has redo not ask them to have any mercy on live, move and have our existence; also ceived a token of love from the departmy errors. I feel as the old lady did | that man is a God-endowed, prayerful | ed; every mind that has been fed by the Like a fire that shall eat up both you when her daughter exclaimed, "O, being when in harmony with the spirit bread of truth, and illuminated by the mother, I've found a typographical of progress, and that all religions are light of reason through Spiritualism.

We think that Jesus talked with the Hence, we fail to see how any such spirits of Moses and Elijah upon the Mount of Transfiguration, or had a spir- cause-how any Spiritualist can be con-I am a prophet, and predict that no itual communication from them, for we matter how sound my arguments feel sure we have had similar experi- ganda. He who knows the Truth and ences from our spirit friends through has been blessed by it, and fails to conbates, that the Spiritualists, from their | mediums, and it has caused us to have | tribute towards the support of publicapoint of view, will conclude that I am | confidence in the record of ancient manifestations.

when he wrote that there is a natural in the doing, is recreant to his duty. body, and there is a spiritual body, for and false to his inner light. He defrom evidences received we are confi- ing, yea, the light which Spiritualism the change, miscalled death, takes place, which is the second birth, and then we live, move, and have a con- your Spirit friends live in homes of scious being in the soul world, meeting progress and light, to you who have retinued last evening in the presence of and mingling with our arisen relatives ceived evidences of immortal life from and friends, enjoying their society in a your loved ones on the spirit shore; to

their incipient stages, hre ifappy or un- ary spirit and to its public work, we apthat some of those who read Mr. Van and conducted for the most part in a happy conditions of spirit, that we peal. Denburgh's article would like to read fair and friendly spirit. We doubt carry with us in our conscious feelings, Yea, we appeal in the name of your much, however, whether either gentle- as a result of our good or bad deeds in dearly beloved ascended ones; in behalf man will succeed in making converts earth life, and that Hell fsor may be of the millions on earth who are ignorfrom the other side to his own. Such compared to an up-to hit to progressive ant of these truths, and who need to be encounters serve more to show the skill reform school, and very few if any estated by the bread of love from heaven. of the combatants than to enforce or cape their just share of educational sufestablish truth."-Daily Times, Vine- fering and necessary training, with in- year, each month in a substantial mastructions from teachers, to prepare terial, as well as in a sympathetic and Permit me to comment on the fore- them spiritually for more elevated or spiritual thought wave—to help spread going. When I made the arrangements | heavenly life, and that probation, or | the Truth, the sweetest word or gospel with Mr. John Gage, a leading Spirit- preparation, depends upon the teach- ever known, that Spiritualism means ualist. I supposed that the attendance ableness of all who enter that spiritual immortal life, and preparation in good

We feel that we are daily constructing, with our desires, and deeds, a home in the soul world, for us to oc- ism is beyond estimate; missionary cupy after our second birth, which will work in printing and freely distributing correspond with our life work and spir- leaslets, papers and other suitable readitual progress.

If our aim has been to do good and philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualnever convert each other, yet I have be good to our fellow men, by striving ism; in sending forth mediums and to better their moral, spiritual and speakers of ability to preach and demmaterial conditions, our homes in the spiritual country will be beautiful and earnestness, and with undoubted verity. were possible, and tyranny, religious agreeable to us, also our relatives and These are the needs of the hour, the

We think we shall be obliged to reap in spirit life the fruits of the seeds of thoughts and deeds sown in earth life, and fed; papers and tracts must be "The Hull-Jamieson discussion at Cos- and if we live a progressive, useful life | paid for in money, it costs to do this, mopolitan Hall is as instructive as here, we shall be better prepared to but we do not ask any one person or preaching, and more amusing than a join the society of unfolded men and any community to do it all; we simply women in soul life, also our spirit's hap- ask each to do a proportionate part acpiness will correspond in a measure cording to personal means and opporwith the usefulness and goodness we tunity. There are some private indihave been to our fellow beings in viduals who are doing what they can in

earth's existence. We believe the soul world to be a vast | selves toward missionary work or supdisputants are muscular-looking men, spiritual country, situated in ethereal port; but more, far more is needed; othintellectual withal and very friendly. space, possessing an infinite variety of ers should come to the work with open To see them box each other, hit from scenery, improved by artistic spirits, hands and willing hearts to do their the shoulder and knock off each other's something as our world is made to re- part in the great and glorious propahats, and pick them up with a smile, is spond to the progressive development ganda of Spiritualism. But some urge the height of intellectual sport, on an of human beings, and that it is peopled | that they cannot do this without sacriwith uncounted millions of earth's ficing something they need for personal The Hartford (Ct.) Times: "In Allyn | axisen inhabitants, enjoying life in har- | comfort and necessity; and that there Hall there is in progress every evening mony with their moral, religious, are plenty who can give liberally and ualism between Rev. Moses Hull and that homes in all cases correspond with that they have no need to give, since

Those who wish to have a desirable nome in the world of spirits, on their the selfish who wait for others to be entrance, must live a useful, harmoniforward in well doing and who neglect There may be Spiritualists who would ous life here; and we think eternal pro- to perform a duty to humanity which is more beautiful, in the fullness of time, who shrink from personal denial, and for their soul's unfoldment, for a good | Have you ever tried to see on how little

not be debated. Then despotism ruled. of religious faiths, consequently we empty name, and not the spirit of kind-Call my love of freedom what you think that all religions and teachers, ness and love. Oh, ye who know that express more or less of Truth, mixed the trick of omission in good is as conthe most fascinating ism that ever smoothed a dying bed, or made it soft as downy pillows are.

One of the most distinguished Spiritualist lecturers, and one of the ablest and clearest reasoners to whom I ever listened, addressed many audiences in the most distinguistes. Temple bearened in the propaganda to soul's happiness or growth in progress of Spiritualism; in the spread of Truth to the propaganda to soul's happiness or growth in progress of Spiritualism; in the spread of Truth to the propaganda to soul's happiness or growth in progress of Spiritualism; in the spread of Truth to the propaganda to soul's happiness or growth in progress of Spiritualism; in the spread of Truth to the propaganda to provide the progress of Spiritualism; in the spread of Truth to the propaganda to provide the provi

from Port Jervis, N. Y., thus:

our conscious individuality, with mental attainments, and cartaly record, good or until the debate was finished. You and bad, and the more good we do in 'Moses' are 'boss' champions of your re- thought, word or deeds, fdf others, the spective sides, or I am no judge. [This | farther advanced will be file position was before Moses attached himself to we can take in the soul world, among our fellow travelers, and that the day of "I hope you had a large attendance fudgment will come to us all and the fudgment seat will be in our own consclousness, and we shall be the ones to receive and weigh the evidence also direct your attention. I'll tell you what, give the sentence of our condemnation my friend, there is a little 'Prairie or approval, so we ought, for our enjoy-Flower' who told truly that her medium | ment, to obey the voice of God or good was going to see 'that Jamieson man' | within as. To enjoy the better society. and environments of the soul world, we "If it wasn't 'Prairie Flower,' what should strive earnestly to spread the was it? Come, tell me now, by the sel- light of truth among mankind, and help ence of Materialism, what was it? Was them to enjoy finer moral, mental, spir-I en rapport with you, or did I take it itual and material conditions, for ignorfrom your mind and transform myself | ance and mercenary selfishness are the main causes of all misery in this world.

fense of your position; but I don't see | tian people put into practice the plain as you explained the phenomena (or moral teachings of Jesus, doing by suggested the explanation, rather, be- others as they would have others do by cause you had not yet begun upon it). them, war, with all of its horrors, would cease among Christians by name, and the rest of mankind would follow suit after seeing the brotherly love and goodness manifested, and the harmony of a progressive heaven would be enjoyed here on earth, where it ought to be, for an introduction to the enlarged; soul life of the spirit world.

GEORGE F. BAKER. Granville, N. Y.

### A RINGING CALL

From Spiritual Life, to Spiritualists.

(Received March 11, 1901, by Ira C. Fuller, of Brookville, Pa., through a medium who stands very high for good and accurate work.) Spiritualism has brought the grandest

demonstration, and the greatest proof of immortality to earth that humanity has ever known. It is the highest, broadest, purest cult of life that can be vouchsafed to man.

Spiritualism, we mean unadulterated by the vagarles and the prejudices, or worse, of weak human beings who dewith energy no less, as each sees the sire to make a convenience of everything or anything they can make serve their purpose for selfish ends. Spiritualism in its purest essence and

highest ethics is taught by an army of teachers, inspired by as many wise Intelligences from the fields of immortal being. Its evidence of continued personal life, with conscious intelligence and memory; yea, and of affection, are, and have been given to mortals through thousands of willing instrumentalities. To the Editor:-A few moons ago an If ever there was a system of ethics, of honest man asked us about our spiritual | philosophy, of religion, and of scienmercy to error, as I look at it, I would same through the columns of your val- is Spiritualism; and if ever such a system was or ever can be worthy of propaganda of missionary work and infu-

> can be indifferent to the needs of our tent to do nothing towards its propations, societies or missionary teaching and inculcating this truth, even though We credit Paul with telling the truth he must make some personal sacrifice and ignorance. Ah, friends, to you who have the Truth; to you who know that you who know that Spiritualism is true, Our idea is that heaven or hell, in but who are indifferent to its mission-

deeds and pure thoughts for that life. The good to be accomplished in well-

directed missionary work in Spiritualing matter upon the cardinal teachings. onstrate Spiritualism with faithful

needs of Spiritualism and of humanity. Who will do this in the proper spirit and with zeal? Mediums must be clothed this line; some societies taxing them-

spond to every call. Oh, ye Spiritualists, are you among when others cry for help, and light? you could subsist for a day or two, that

Oh, what use is benevolence that can We wish to be charitable to all forms make no sacrifice? Nay, it is only an

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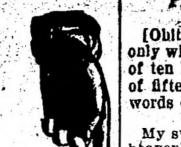
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I believe it is correct to commence an argument by giving some definitions of the terms employed.

Webster defines liberty as follows: "Liberty exists in proportion to whole some restraint." Also: "Knowledge is the only fountain both of the love and the principles of human liberty." Burke asks: "But what is liberty without wisdom and without virtue

It is the greatest of all possible evils; for it is folly, vice and madness without tuition or restraint." Milton exclaimed: "License they mean

when they cry liberty. For who loves that must first be wise and good." A law maxim runs: "Liberty consists

in the power of doing that which the law permits." Madame Roland before she bowed her head to the guillotine, exclaimed: "Oh! liberty, liberty, how many crimes are

committed in thy name." This last is not a definition but it throws a side light on the subject. She mistook license for liberty. No crime can be committed in the name of liberty, for the very soul of liberty is

fulfilling the law of right; it is wisdom and virtue as Burke says. - I should like to call the attention of the American people and would that could reach instead of the readers of one paper only, those of every paper in the country, to the subject of lynching.

Read over carefully the definitions of liberty given above and then say how long is a people thinking and calling itself free going to allow the license of mob tyranny to exist? These disgraceful exhibitions occur with startling frequency, but no one seems to make the slightest endeavor to | teach you how you can cure yourself, by | Milwaukee avenue, corner Western aveput a stop to them; least of all the gov- mental healing. Send stamps for diag- nue, at 7:30. Mrs. M. Summers, pastor. ernment. Surely the chief duty of an loose to M. H. Striff, 15111/2 K street executive government is to see that the | Sacramento, Cal.

law is obeyed; and when people disregard the law, a strong government puts forth its strength and vindicates the majesty of the law. True liberty cannot exist among a lawless people. These barbarous riots could easily be eyes for near and far vision. They instopped. Is there no riot act in this duce a renewed action of the nerves, country? Then, the sooner there is one | muscles and blood-vessels and a return and it is made use of, the better. There is not a government in Europe

would . put up with such a state of things for a moment, and yet the people of America are incessantly vaunting the superiority of their government to all in this and foreign countries. I have others. Never for a moment realizing what a fearful example they are giving. to other peoples. If American democracy expects to survive, it must show a better record than this.

Like the vast majority of Englishmen, I should like to see America take its rightful place among the civilized, progressive nations of the world, and I-appeal to all true Americans who have | Mr. Editor:-This may seem foolish to any regard whatever for the honor of you, but lots of your readers may be their country to take this matter up and | glad of a chance as I was to get in businever rest until they, have freed their | ness and make money. I am making country from this bideous, inhuman | from \$5 to 10 per day and have already

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My sweet darling wife left us for her heavenly home on Monday, March 11. Brother F. A. Wiggln and Mrs. Minnie Soule said comforting words, marking the fact than an unkind word or even an unkind thought never emanated from the soul of this angelic woman. Her life motto was, Love and Charlty. Boston, Mass. J. JAY WATSON.

Passed to spirit life, from Kinoma, Mo,. Feb. 23, 1901, Edwin W. Hard, aged 70 years. Early in life he was a worker in Methodism, but ere long repudiated the doctrines of eternal punishment, total depravity, vicarlous atonement, etc., and accepted Universalism-the final holiness and happiness of all mankind. Later he became a staunch advocate of the spiritual philosophy. A very large concourse of friends listened attentively to the funeral discourse, given in church by the writer.

J. MADISON ALLEN.

Mrs. Dr. Blauvelt passed to the higher life, March 6, from her home in Ionia, Mich., at the age of 48, after two weeks of suffering. A husband and one son are left to miss the visible presence of one whom all loved. She was a good medium and the most of the friends are Spiritualists. Services by the writer. MRS. J. H. DUNHAM.

Mrs. Lucy Elizabeth Wood, born December 16, 1847, at Arkwright, Chautauqua county, N. Y., passed to spirit life, March 6, 1901. The funeral services were conducted at the family residence, Kelloggsville, O., Sunday, March 10, Mrs. L. M. Webster, of Willoughby, O., officiating.

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The Pittsburg Dispatch says: "A very strange coincidence has developed in the death of Mail Clerk Milton F. Thompson, of Uniontown, who was killed in a railroad wreck on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad Thursday. When in L. L. Crawford's drug store a few days ago Thompson said to his friends that he was certain to be instantly killed in a few days. Later at home he told his wife about his premonition. So certain was he that he wrote a list of the names of his friends, and handed it to his wife to read, saytreatment as any other disease, if there are no cavi- be my pall-bearers.' His wife tried to cheer Thompson, it is said, but to no

> Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter, of Nunica. Mich., passed suddenly to spirit life. Feb. 21, by a railroad accident. They were old pioneer Spiritualists, and were always foremost in entertaining speakers and workers. Of their many virtues one was never to speak ill of anyone. They will long be remembered by Take Cottage Grove car to 39th street. a very large circle of friends for their kind and generous hospitality. Funeral conducted by Mrs. Marian Carpenter, and fine singing by her and Mrs. Merrill, of Grand Rapids.

MRS. NATHAN HALL.

Passed to spirit life in St. Paul, Mar. 1, 1901, at the age of 68 years, Mrs. Margaret Cady Irvine, the sainted mother of our highly esteemed former president of the St. Paul Spiritual Alliance, F. E. Irvine. Two daughters and four sons survive. Spiritualism was her religion. She lived it and died by it. She was always in harmony with herself, and with all with whom she came in contact. To know her was to love her. She was a true and noble woman in every sense. Mrs. Acy Tolcott, medium and public speaker, officiated. St. Paul, Minn. M. T. C. FLOWER.

Passed to spirit life, Feb. 12, 1901, from Grape, Mich., Mrs. Lucia Younglove in her 59th year. She was a believer in Spiritualism and found much comfort in its philosophy. She leaves an invalid husband and six children to mourn her loss. Her sons acted as pallbearers, and bore the precious body of their mother to its last resting-place. Her father preceded her to spirit life a short time before, and when I saw her united with father and mother, their faces beaming with joy and love, I was strengthened in the knowledge that death is the great liberator of man. Services were conducted by the writer. MRS. MARIAN CARPENTER.

Passed to the higher life, March Amelia E. Guth, aged 13 years. She was a member of the Spiritual lyceum, and was mediumistic. The funeral obsequies were conducted by the spiritual speaker in a fitting manner. The floral offerings were abundant and most beautiful. The Spiritual Temple was crowded to overflowing, and people were compelled to stand on the streets during services.

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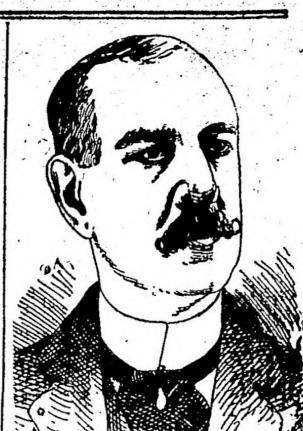
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