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VERY PECULIAR.

The Progressive Thinker of March 16 contained the following paragraph, un-

here some ten years ago, has had sev-

some miracle of divine goodness, all of

the great unbeliever's scottings, railings

and blasphemings have been forgot and

ceived in heaven, where, among God's elect, he is far happier than he ever was

I clipped the foregoing from the pa-

"Col. R. G. Ingersoll:-What do you

think of this? Have your 'scoffings,

railings and blasphemies' been forgiven,

and are you now in heaven with Jeho-

This, together with several other

questions on other sheets, addressed to

departed friends, I inclosed in a sealed

envelope, and this morning, March 25, I obtained through Mr. P. L. O. A.

Keeler, answers to most of the same.

ing to get answers in writing. No ver-

From Col. Ingersoll the answer was as

follows, in his characteristic hand-writ-

"My scoffings and railings were not

against fact, but against fancy, and I have not changed my belief thus far. I

have not yet seen God, have not heard

from the throne. I am not with the

progress and common sense. I haven't sung a glory hallelujah song yet. R. G.

Some of the other questions and an-

swers may be worth repeating.
"Samuel Johnson, my old friend.

You derided spirit manifestations; what

Answer in red pencil: "They are true,

"J. W. Pike:-Is not materialism ex-

ploded when one passes out of this

do you say now?"

I put a bit of black pencil within, hop-

vah and John Calvin?"

per, gummed it on a sheet of note paper,

ON THE WAY TO POPERY

religious teaching or training in our public schools, the after all." beginning of the end is inaugurated, and secular govern-

of profound wisdom and exalted patriotism, as follows:

will not be Mason and Dixon's, but between patriotism is indeed startling and humiliating to find a Protestant nothing to say to us on the subject." structure commenced by our patriotic forefathers one report of his remarks upon the consternation over the in- at the stake will be on the other horn of the dilemma. hundred years ago at Lexington. Let us all labor to aid ligion teaching in our public schools, viz: needful guarantees for the security of free thought, free "We are impatient of the old and clamoring for the new statements. school education, unmixed with sectarian, pagan, or athe- gard the spiritual life. That morality is superficial and supernatural to the realms of-Calvinism. istic dogmas. Leave the matter of religion to the family transient which is not built upon religious truth. No Again, Dr. Radcliffe, while indulging in religious try should discard and condemn Christianity and avow bal answers came; all were in pencil, altar, the church and the private school supported entirely citizenship endures which is not informed with the ideas "glittering generalities," utterly misconceives the purpose and support Mohammedism. The "decision" referred to black, red, blue, green and yellow. forever separate."

tian) periodical, an organ of a sect of Christians, but it is the best literature.

to introduce religious instruction into the public schools, Here is where their thinking is confused. The one does stake administration, viz: is, says the New York Christian Advocate, a scheme that not involve the other. We resist the authority of the "The Atheist, the Agnostic, the Mohammedan have no 'needs to be watched.' And the Advocate adds: 'There is church in the state. We insist upon the authority of right to dogmatize. They are not in any way oppressed no place in which to unite church and state in a republic.' Christianity in the state. This is not an atheistic or They are welcome to the privileges and opportunities of The Advocate is right; but is it any worse, or any more a lagnostic nation. It is 'God's country.' We officially the country. But they should not undertake to dictate to union of church and state, to teach religion in the public, recognize the first and not the seventh day of the week. us what or how we shall administer." schools than to embody religious dogmas in the law of the Our oath of office and our institutional life in countless | In that, the Doctor is quite as infamous as Calvin in his land—as for example the dogma that Sunday is a sacred ways make kindred recognition. The Supreme Court of warm relations to Servetus, considering the comparative day which it is wrong to desecrate' by the doing of sec- the United States has formally announced its decision enlightenment of then and now. ular work?"

schools are present on every side. France—Catholic of the republic. France—does not recognize a marriage as legal when I am not familiar with the hymn-book causing the agree with his notions of religion when he collects taxes "solemnized" by a priest or clergyman; it must be certified present agitation. I would be broad and catholic in all from these dissenters and expends them in forcing a reby a government official. And the New York Independevotional method. The narrow, rigid, sectarian should ligious dogma upon their children which they do not ac-

securing any independent action of any kind; and yet the that we maintain it in its place. The atheist, the agnostic, tually to breathe!

top. That is a revival of the Dark Ages. The sweet ever without the corresponding exequatur from the execupublished a book in favor of his (religious) notions, enment and its principles of religious toleration and of the
Spanish Inquisition will be restored, then, to the church tive power. Funeral and parish taxes the church is not
titled, 'Christianismi Restitutis;' but he avoided putting segregation, one from the other, of the government or any When alleged or pretended Protestant clergymen ac- erty, on ordination, on entrance to the novitiate, etc., by Calvin, who gave information of it to the magistrate of tually have the audacity to advocate parochial methods or which are very, very significant. The light is dawning, Vienne, by whom Servetus was banished, and his effigy church and state. We do not believe in the separation of

ment, assuring absolute freedom of religion and conscience and belief, is doomed.

General U. S. Grant was not only a great general, but a prophet as well. In his Presidential message of 1875-6, passed upon law and precedent, and intrigued a system of on the eve of our nation's centennial, General Grant gave of profound wisdom and exalted patriotism, as follows:

The first arguments against the touch of religion to Naples to practice as a physician; but imposite the prohibition of religion and tweedledum—a with government at any point, despite the prohibition of prudently passing through Geneva in disguise, he was apprehended. So is Mohammedism of the error of the grant garden of the grant at any point, despite the prohibition of prudently passing through Geneva in disguise, he was descived such that there is a life beyond the capital the Protestant Jesuits have clandestinely trees and intrigued a system of and judge, Servetus was condemned to be slowly burnt to and in Armenia. Does the Doctor appreciate into effect."

This is the old story of tweedledem and tweedledum—a with government at any point, despite the prohibition of its such disastrous union in this republic, here at the nation's its form of clurin, also, who acted as informer, prosecutor and intrigued a system of passed upon law and precedent, and intrigued as system of and intrigued a system of of early beyond the grave and that death death death death death death, which act of barbarity was carried into effect."

The discovery of it has startled the secular combination of profound wisdom and exalted patriotism, as follows:

The discovering the freedom of religion and tweedledum—a with government at any point, despite the prohibition of sciential promote in the grave and that death death death death death death death death, which act of barbarity was carried into effect."

This is the old story of tweedledum—a with government in disguise, he was desting the follows:

Through Calvin, hy whose means he was apprehence.

Christianity is a form of churc

"If we are to have another contest in the near future | While there is a general drift from the parochial school that Dr. Radcliffe espouses and proclaims when he says:

vehemently for absolute separation of church and state, "But the irrefragable claim is far beyond that. We are Certainly, dear, misguided, Calvinized Doctor Rad-cision? for keeping all religion—Christianity, Mohammedism, bound by the nature of our institutions and national life cliffe—but not a recognition and culture by the governof those abhorrent elements of despotism, in church and way oppressed. They are welcome to the privileges and school, but you must and shall not do so at the expense in demanding separation of Christianity and state. state, that fatten upon enslaved ignorance, superstition opportunities of the country. But they should not under- part of those who disagree with your religious dogmas, as and degeneracy. We quote from a recent number of this take to dictate to us what or how we shall administer. We Servetus disagreed with Calvin. patriotic and genuinely Christian and tolerant paper, viz: believe in the separation of church and state. We do not The Doctor's next sentences bring us a century or two "The movement begun in this city by Roman Catholics believe in the separation of Christianity and the state. back toward Calvin and his period of religion slow-fire-atthat 'this is a Christian country." Our schools, just so far Atheists, Agnostics, Mohammedans and Judaists have Potential, unanswerable arguments against the intro- as they neglect or eliminate from their methods the de- just as much right to dogmatize in this republic as have duction of religion in any form or degree into the public votional or religious element, are unfaithful to the spirit the descendants and followers of Cruel Calvin. Dr. Rad-

rather novel. The delegates of the Pope are to have no cities. But the Doctor is only human, therefore liable to ness, is a religious despot, a religious fanatic, unfit for monkeying from our public schools.

allowed to collect. There are restrictions on church prophis name to it. The authorship was, however, discovered function of it, and religion, Christian or any other brand. by Calvin, who gave information of it to the magistrate of Dr. Radcliffe says: "We believe in the separation of and book burnt at the gallows. He then formed the de- Christianity and state." Despite the arguments against the touch of religion | sign of going to Naples to practice as a physician; but im-

and intelligence on the one side, and superstition, am- minister so steeped in intolerant and illiberal dogmatism We might not be amiss to quietly hint to Dr. Radcliffe ligious hair. bition and ignorance on the other. Now the centennial as to give utterance to such vicious Dark Ages and Roman and such narrow and intolerant bigots as he, that if the year of our national existence, I believe, is a good time to Popish Jesuitism as that of Dr. Radcliffe at the New necessity for such heroic treatment of the ulcer of religion | truth—or ignorance, quite as bad, for one in his position | begin the work of strengthening the foundations of the York Avenue Presbyterian Church. We quote the Post intrusion into our public schools arises, the slow burning of "expounder of the truth." He says:

Dr. Radcliffe indulges in some profoundly startling announced its decision that 'this is a Christian country.'

speech, a free press, pure morals, unfettered religious sen- and revolutionary. This spirit is manifesting itself to-day | He says "the public school is for the training of good Court has never had the question before it and never could timents, and of equal rights and privileges to all men, in a loud clamor against devotional methods in our public citizenship." That is not true in fact. The public school have the question before it, and therefore could not renirrespective of nationality, color, or religion. Encourage schools. We are told that religion has no place there, is for the dispelling of ignorance and illiteracy and for the der a decision that this is or is not a "Christian country." free schools, and resolve that not one dollar appropriated that in the very nature of the case the hymn and prayer enlightenment of the juvenile minds upon ascertained Some Supreme Court judge or judges in an opinion renfor their support shall be appropriated to the support of and Bible are out of place. But this is no recent intru- facts and scientific truths which can be demonstrated, not dered upon a question of law before it, used the words any sectarian schools. Resolve that neither the State nor sion. The usage is as old as the government. And it to stuff their impressible intellects with fantastic dreams quoted by Dr. Radcliffe. But surely Dr. Radcliffe is not Nation, nor both combined, shall support institutions of carries in it the spirit and stability of republicanism. The and superstitious folderol that is beyond all human so dogmatically stupid as to interpret that ipse dixit of a learning other than those sufficient to afford to every child public school is for the training of good citizenship. That demonstration. The great scientists and discoverers of judge as a "decision" of that court, settling the question growing up in the land the opportunity of a good common training is incomplete and inadequate which does not re- the world have long since relegated the unreal and that this is a Christian country. Suppose that in the

by private contributions. Keep the church and the state of God, sin, responsibility, immortality. It were easy to and lawful scope of the public school, when he says: by Dr. Radcliffe would be found in the Supreme Court re-

The Chicago Sentinel of Liberty is a religious (a Chris- first history, the most sublime poetry, the wisest precepts, national life to demand and insist upon the recognition attributed to it by Dr. Radcliffe? Would this still be a and culture of the religious idea."

cliffe oppresses the atheists, agnostics and others who dis-

light is breaking there. The Congress of the republic has the anti-Christian has nothing to say to us on this subject. And now, that last admonition of the Doctor. Just Secular citizenship should now arise in its might and prepared a series of laws on religion and the clergy, in Dr. Radcliffe has a splendid reputation established by analyze it. Is it "religious liberty?" No! It is religious potency, despite the followers of Calvin or any other which it lays restrictions upon the church which must be industrious work and religious life and energy in several despotism. The man who propounds it, in real earnest- fanatic, and forever eliminate all devotional or religious

be in error. Manifestly he is imbued with the intolerance real, genuine, altruistic American citizenship. We do not AND THE DARK AGES.

State-(right of jurisdiction without previous authority from the species of unlawful brigandage, forcing their religion took in the creation of this republic and the establishment took in the creation of th One of the contentions of Roman Popery is for State-supported parochial or religious schools, says the Washing Chronicle. That's the first step. The next consecutive power, given in accordance with the council of biography from a standard English volume, viz:

| The next consecutive power, given in accordance with the council of calvinistic church and state, the separation of Christianity and govinive step is union of Church and State, with the church on gated or executed or considered to have any value whatder the head of "General Survey:"

"A special from Middletown, N. Y.,
to the Chicago Inter-Ocean, says:
"Luther R. Marsh, who despite the radical differences in their religious belief,
was a great admirer of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, and his warm personal friend, through the mediumship of Mrs. Clarissa J. Huyler, with whom he has boarded since he took up his residence

This is the old story of tweedledee and tweedledum—a eral spirit messages from the great Ag-

It was, practically, the precise infamous intolerance of Christianity and the state is as lovely and beneficent in means of leading many away from the training the school children into good Christian citizen- paths of light. Later messages have of our national existence, I predict that the dividing line Dark Ages system in most of the progressive countries, it "The Atheist, the Agnostic, the Anti-Christian has ship as Dr. Radcliffe could desire. Surely the Doctor can conveyed the assurance that, through perceive the folly of trying to split this troublesome re-

Again, the Doctor blunders close to the line of un- forgiven, and that he has been re-

"The Supreme Court of the United States has formally

Now, that is an erroneous statement. The Supreme and wrote underneath it as follows: course of time a large majority of the citizens of this counmake an argument for the recognition of the Bible as the "We are bound by the nature of our institutions and ports. Wouldn't it be ridiculous—if it had the effect "Christian country" by virtue of a Supreme Court de-

No, Sir—this is not a Christian or a Mohammedan or a Judaism, Agnosticism, Atheism—out of the public to demand and insist upon the recognition and culture of ment at public expense. You may recognize what you Judaic country. It is a republic of citizens, and was elect. I am with the common people, schools. The Sentinel is appropriately named. It is on the religious idea. The atheist, the agnostic, the Moham-please and cultivate it to your heart's content, in your own founded by Agnostics, Atheists, non-Christians and Chris- and we are all reaching for the truth in guard against the stealthy approaches and encroachments medan have no right to dogmatize. They are not in any bailiwick, in your church, in your parochial tians, alike making sacrifices for the common good, alike all things. This is a natural world of

But Dr. Radcliffe surrenders to Roman Popery absolutely when he says:

"We insist upon the authority of Christianity in the

That is the union of church and state as completely and comprehensively as this species of infamy and despotism is demonstrated in the darkest corner of the civilized or semi-civilized world. Dr. Radcliffe is an outlaw. He combats the spirit and letter of the paramount law of the land—the Constitution. He never drank in that atrocious interpretation of our laws and institutions from such

patriots as Jefferson, Adams, Grant and Lincoln. And finally, Dr. Radcliffe arouses a general public indignation when he would poison the clear waters of our

secular public school, described as follows: "Our schools, just as far as they neglect or eliminate from their methods the devotional or religious element are unfaithful to the spirit of the republic.

That atrocious pronunciamento discloses the depths of be excluded. The Christian, whether Protestant or knowledge or believe. That is religious intolerance and degradation and destruction to which fanatical dogmatism "Probably the most densely illiberal country in South Catholic, has rights inalienable to recognition and influ-oppression. It is some comfort to the agnostics, the athe- is prepared to go. If put in practice, openly by lawful America is Ecuador. There the priesthood has had ab- ence in our public schools, and true patriotism, faithful- ists, and the others, to learn that Dr. Radcliffe concedes to authorization, or clandestinely and unlawfully as here in treatment caused Mr. Garfield's death, solute sway, and there has been almost no possibility of ness to American tradition, loyalty to the right, demand them the right to live under the stars and stripes and ac- this District, it would seal the doom of the bulwark of our but eventually the bullet would

civilization—the secular free public school.

serious thought."

Answer in blue: "Certainly. Pike." James A. Garfield:—Dr. Bliss says the doctors' treatment killed you, though

you would have eventually died by the bullet wound. But your friend, Gen. Anderson, says the bullet wound would not have killed you. Do you deem It impolitic to give your opinion?" Answer in lead pencil: "I believe I was slaughtered. J. A. Garfield." Two years ago I put a similar ques-

tion to Mr. Garfield at a platform test meeting. Mr. Keeler, without having seen my written question, then said: "Mr. Garfield is not present, but Dr. Bliss comes and says: 'Undoubtedly the

have killed him.'" To that I dissented. Presently Mr. Keeler added: "Gen. Thomas C. Ander-

I shook my head as a sign of non-recognition. "No, you do not recognize him," said Mr. Keeler, "but the lady sitting next to you does." That lady was my wife. Gen. Anderson came, Mr. Keeler added, to confirm my opinion that President Garfield's death would never have resulted from the bullet wound. And on inquiry I learned that Gen. A. was an intimate friend of Mr. Garfield. Politically, he was known as "Returning Board Anderson," of New-Orleans. Two of his sons were at one time living in the city of Washington. But to continue the questions and an-

"Thomas Paine:- Is any further proof needed that you wrote the letters of Junius and the Declaration of Inde-

Answer in green: "I wrote them, and For curiosity I addressed three living female correspondents "in the mortal state," to see what answers might come, if any. The first was Mrs. E. D.

Slenker. In red pencil was written: "Elmina is not here. G. C." I had written only the initials "E. D." George Christy, the controlling spirit,

wrote "Elmina. To my second request no sign of an answer came, but to the third request for a message from Emma Rood Tuttle came the following in yellow, unsigned: "Mrs. Tuttle is soft in slumber now-Hudson is utilizing her attention just

This was written about 11 o'clock in the morning of Monday, March 25. which would be about 10 o'clock at Berlin Heights, Ohio. W. H. BURR. Washington, D. C.

WHAT TRUTH IS LIKE.

Truth seemeth like a flower Blooming in a shower, Its breath is fragrant as the rose, And sweetness gives, where'er it goes, Truth seemeth like a gem,

A brilliant diadem. The greatest praise we it can give, Is using it, while here we live.

Truth's like the Polar Star, It points the way afar To weary drifters, tempest toss'd, A beacon light when he is lost.
EMMA B. FENIMORE.

SPIRITUALISM,

As Viewed by the Secular Press.

THE ELEMENTS OF GENUINE TRUTH AND SOUND PHILOSO-PHY WHICH ARE IN IT, SET

To the Editor of the Sun:-There is much validity to the objections against vived in their essential features. Spiritualism raised by the Sun on Sunactuality of the modern rediscovery of the interblending of physical and psychical states of existence I freely grant what indeed is all too obvious, namely, of much that is connected with the subject. Yes, Spiritualism-or, more accurately, Spiritism—is permeated by much that is unworthy—unworthy, but by no means worthless on that account. Even that which is mean and trivial may not be without value. The resolute truth suit when confronted by what is distasteful or when he finds his preconceptions in danger of derangement.

agitation of the depths of human nature, a stirring up of the vast sea of human life that stretches far beyond the ally trod on mystic ground," to quote duly proved. Among other things, she mundane isthmus lying between the two eternities of past and future. Much that is uncouth, childish and bizarre has been brought to the surface by this evolutionary activity; and tendencies novel and atavistic have emerged.

perimental psychology of the French

most trivial affairs of the everyday life. | the faithful." Nay, more, many practices buried deep

day last. As a thorough believer in the and grievously ignorant concerning acknowledge the said spiritual gifts, silence equally discovers their contempt things spiritistic, flippantly attribute for there is at this day living among us for the growing sect, which in their everything to charlatanry, clever conjuring or fanatical ballucination. It revelations which she receives under Empire. Those among them who conhas come to pass with a certain inflexi- ecstasy in the spirit in the public con- descended to mention the Christians the crudeness, puerility and vapidness | ble order of mind that a righteous dread of superstition has become perverted mysteries, and discovers the hearts of perverse enthusiasts, who exacted an into a mental condition which is "animism" is to beg the question. The tures are read, or psalms are being a single argument that could engage the great modern philosopher has remarked | sung, or they are preaching, or prayers that "There is a soul of truth in things are being offered up, subjects from ing." erroneous." The soul of truth underly-thence are ministered in her visions. seeker is not to be driven from his pur- ing animism is to be found in the We had once some discourse touching "spiritistic hypothesis," blended, doubt- the soul while this sister was in the less, with hypnotic suggestion and hys-spirit. After the public services were teric ecstasy—the fecund soul whence over, and most of the people gone, she

Spiritualism, in its largest sense, is an has sprung every popular religion. Like the Spiritualists of to-day, the the custom was, for these things are primitive Christians in Rome "perpetu- heedfully digested that they may be have told," says the Sin. This, I pro- ally trod on mystic ground," to quote duly proved. Among other things, she test, is hardly just. What of the many from Gibbon, "and their minds were ex- then told us that a corporeal soul had ganization; it was then merely an as- common to everything human; but, did fill the extensive literature of the sub-

a sister who is a partaker of the gift of time had diffused itself over the Roman gregation, wherein she hears divine consider them only as obstinate and some persons, and administers medicine acquainted us with what she saw, as

Ages many elect souls visited in dream or through the homes of the blessed and of the reprobate," but it denies that such is the case with the psychics of to-day, "There needs no ghost come remarkable visions of Judge Edmonds,

and twentieth centuries." Yet I do not spired speakers took the same promitibe early centuries of the present era, not falter in his beneficent scheme of lute agnostic, remarked as follows: hesitate to say that among a certain nent part in the church services they eventually uprooting the great popular amelioration. class of Spiritualists a flourishing ghost now do at Spiritualistic gatherings, religion of ancient civilization, transusually disastrous. Others seek the divine impulse, poured forth the effu- old order of things seemed unaware of tullian: "We had a right after St. John of the learned toward the new system. The conventional classes, skeptical to expect the prophesyings, and we do of thought: "Their language or their implicit submission to their mysterious

Quincey to anything Spiritualism has to The Sun remarks that "in the Middle from the grave to tell us anything they interpretations, and is infested, as ercised by the habit of believing the appeared to her, and the spirit was be- described in his work on Spiritualism? gain. Yet a careful and candid examimost extraordinary events. They felt, held by her, being of a quality not void or they fancied, that on every side they and empty, but rather such as might be and his noble and suggestive "spirit most exalted and consistent philosophy were incessantly assaulted by demons, handled, delicate, and of the color of teachings" given by meant of automatic of life, and a revelation of the Beyond comforted by visions, instructed by light and air, and in a respect bearing writing? And what of the thousands of more full and more rational than any Viewed broadly, Christian Science, the supplications of the mental therapeutics are all aspects of this great psychical awakening. Psychical research, hypnotism and the exchange of the supplications of the chiral research, hypnotism and the exchange of the supplications of the chiral research, hypnotism and the exchange of the supplications of the supplications of the chiral research, hypnotism and the exchange of the supplications of the supplic savants represent the gropings of mod-sembly ecclesia—or gathering of believ-space permit, it would be possible to ject? Were the philanthropic Abram Upon this significant point, the late striking and significant the striking and significant hewitt acquainted with some of Spirit-president of the Society for Psychical analogies between the Spiritualism of unlism's revelations that are recorded to the society for Psychical analogies between the Spiritualism of unlism's revelations that the spiritualism of unlism's revelation

To be sure, the shades of the illus- matic utterances - through Stainton religion is a conspicuous fact. There "The want of discipline and human forming the customs of society and be- trious departed have, even at best, Moses, Mrs. Piper, etc., and also of are persons who would not think of learning was supplied by the occasional coming the dominant influence in the failed wofully to display any striking almost all the best romances on such undertaking a business transaction assistance of the 'prophets,' who were affairs of state. Yet so unostentationally advance of literary talents. But this subjects, Mrs. Oliphant's stories, Balwithout consulting some invisible finan- called to that function without distinc- did this revolutionary-or evolution- deplorable fact is open to several ex- zac's "Seraphita," etc.-appear to me to cier-and often they get very valuable tion of age, of sex, or of natural abili- ary-work proceed that those whose planations. For example, there is the be more or less, not necessarily, directly tips, too, though the end, I believe, is ties, and who, as often as they felt the thoughts and interests were fixed in the question of identity; experienced Spirit- derived from Swedenborg, but analualists have learned to accept messages ogous to Swedenborg. It is, of course, shades of the departed for advice on the sions of the spirit in the assembly of the presence of a recondite power so upon their intrinsic merit, disregarding possible that Swedenborg's utterances efficiently undermining the foundations | the signatory. Then, the communica- | convey much of inspired truth, and that A vivid glimpse of an early Christian of the social and religious structure. tions are given off-hand, without any spirit communicators and romancers in the dark abysm of time are now re- psychic or medium is afforded by Ter- Gibbon has well described the attitude opportunity to revise or recast. Not alike give much the same messages that way is "literature" made. Robert simply because the spirits know them Louis Stevenson, the great master, has to be true, and the romancers guess described how only by sedulous toil is them to be true. It is also possible that won skill in wielding the magic stylus; | Swedenborg's own mind anticipated and how the precise phraseology, the ideas, which though in his own time apt and chaste figures and the rounded scouted as bizarre or impious, have in periods that seem to flow spontaneously our time become a constant element of as the mountain stream are, in fact the result of a most tedious process. Nevertheless, the literature of Spiritualism is itself supremely superstitious. To cry to such as desire, and when the Scrip- doctrines, without being able to produce by no means void of most noble thoughts, adequately expressed, though attention of men of sense and of learn- I confess that for style, per se, I prefer Ruskin, Stevenson, Thackeray and De

> It would be folly to deny the many defects of Spiritualism. At present it has no standard of judgment, is burdened with much chicanery and many false Robert Dale Owen remarked, with the "walfs and strays" that flock to new movements in search of notorlety or

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animism and a "ghost religion" is in- ings of the Spiritualists. And, accord to-day and the spiritual renascence that palling results of hunan degradation taking student, who while pursuing his He hears but half lood "a strange thing for the nineteenth ing to Gibbon, the mediums and in- swept over the Roman Empire during and darkness in the after life, he would researches remained for years a reso party only—Beschylus. He hears but half who hears one

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Men of earth strive to become rich and famous, and the moment they get here fame and riches fall away from them like black shadows. Not a penny of their money can they bring here with them—and fame?

Well, there are many things that render a man famous on earth. Suppose he has made, as he thinks and as other men think, some great discovery, or he has invented something that is exceedingly useful, and his name rings from one part of the world to another; he comes here perhaps filled with vain-glory, he is the great Mr. So-and-So. He is often met by a band of spirits, or as we here call them, angels, and he soon discovers that he, personally, had very little to do with the discovery or invention. It does not take him long to learn that he had simply been an instrument in the hands of this band of angels-that his only merit has been in giving himself up to his impressions, and those impressions had been made or phographed upon his brain by those in the celestial life whom he now meets face to face—and his fame falls away from him like a shadow. It is foolish for men to wrangle over that which they imagine they have discovered; for no man ever yet discovered anything. He merely thinks he has. Everything has always existed and always will. He may have learned something which is new to him but really is as old as eternity itself. Then why seek fame? Let us tell you, men of earth, how to be happy. That is what you all want; happiness or heaven. Riches never yet made any man happy. Fame never yet made any man happy; but, wisdom. love, and truth, will make all men happy.

Well, what is wisdom? Wisdom is knowledge of that which is true. Wisdom is the knowledge of truth, and knowledge is obtained by seeking diligently after that which is true—the correct understanding of natural laws. as they really are, and if one is in the slightest degree unhappy something is wrong, there is some natural law that one does not yet fully comprehend. Let one seek for that law that one may understand it rightly.

Nature intended that all men, as well as all animals, should be happy. Errors and ignorance have caused all the unhappiness and misery that mankind have ever known. A wrong conception of a future state of being has caused war, murder, and horrors of all kinds. Those who believe in a hell after death, make a corresponding hell on earth. Those who believe in a tyrannical male personality, whom they call God, become tyrants themselves, crushing other men beneath their tyrannical hand. Those who believe in a murdered God, are filled with war and murder themselves; and all this is the cause of the wretchedness of mankind. Those who believe that natural laws are beneficent, become beneficent. Those who believe that nature is a great loving mother, become loving. Those who believe in eternal progression, walk steadily along a progressive pathway. Those who become loving will injure no one, neither will they injure themselves. When a man loves his brother as himself, he will do him every kindness in his power, and will divide with him even his last loaf.

Let the poor man remember that he is far happier than the rich man. Let the loving man remember that he is far happier than the powerful, tyrannical man. Let no one aspire to place or power, for such create hell. Do not be a creator of hell or unhappiness. To be truly great is to be good, loving and wise.

LETTER NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN.

Dear friends and readers of The Progressive Thinker, Possibly you may all have become somewhat weary of me and my letters. Many of you have, I well know, and some of you do not believe that the spirit of Franz Petersilea has had anything to do with these letters at all. You look upon them as fraudulent concoctions. Others, a little more lenient think the writer of them is deluded or selfdeceived. Others there are who think that lying or wicked spirits crowd in that they may carry on the nefarious business of deception. Others, still, do not accept as truth what we have had to tell them.

Those who think that spiritual beings have had nothing to do with these letters, think that the writer of them -the one who writes for us-desires credit, fame, or financial gain, and so foists these letters upon the public as emanations from spirits. Well, we can only say that we are sorry; but truth is ever met thus-ever has been and probably ever will be. In so far as we are concerned, we are not conscious of having given one false statement or untruth in all that we have thus far written. Many things that we have said may appear so at present; but as time goes on, it will verify all that we have said. Many say that even if we think we have told the truth we are greatly mistaken about the formation of worlds and so forth; but when they get here they will find that we are right and they were wrong. Some say they know we are wrong about the moon. But, friends, the very condition and imperfection of the moon, alone prove the truth of what we have said.

Nothing progresses toward imperfection but toward perfection, and all must see that a crude, rough, volcanic globe, without atmosphere, water or soil-a world that cannot even sustain life-must be in a most imperfect condition, and must progress ages upon ages before it can become a perfect world. Others there are who say we are mistaken about Jupiter; that Jupiter is a globe of fire; for spectrum analysis proves it to be such. Then spectrum analysis is at fault, for Jupiter is certainly an inhabited world and not a globe of fire. But Jupiter's atmosphere is not like that of Earth, and it is the sun's rays that are really being analyzed instead of the rays from the planet Jupiter. Jupiter's atmosphere is not like that of Earth for the planet is much farther on toward perfection | Hits Them. Hard-"Down With the Jesuits." and the sun's rays are reflected and refracted altogether differently by it, and many astronomers already know this. There are, comparatively, but few who think that Jupiter | Spain last month. The people rightly hold the Jesuits, is a mass of fire; but even if all thought it to be, yet would edge will eventually prove.

Well, friends, I am about to discontinue these letters for the present. Those who have accepted and believed in me I thank with all my soul. My greatest desire has been to benefit humanity, for certainly, no especial benefit could accrue to myself except the satisfaction of doing that which I should do; but, for the present, I have done enough. It is worse than useless to give to the world more than it can receive and make use of.

A lady, knowing that I am about to retire from this work for a season, earnestly entreats me to allow her to take my place; and, as I find her a grand and noble woman, one whom I can trust entirely, I shall allow her to become the guide or controlling power of my sensitive, for safe. The people of Catholic countries know them well a time, at least.

his letters or not.

have loved and trusted me. FRANZ PETERSILEA. Good-bye! Good-bye!

great services to humanity.-Voltaire. It is a right reflection that if a man is full of the present moment to glorify it, he is with eternity and infinity:

for he has all there is .- Blake. It is well to consider a little whether in our zeal to suppress one form of immortality we may not be forging herent, and not imposed from without; the expression of that the "spirit" is here implied as comfound that t some great but unpopular truth.-Loring Moody.

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE.

Anniversary poem read at the convention of the Massachusetts State Association, in Boston, March 30, 1901.

We greet again the joyful day That brought good news from spheres above, The day those passed from earth away Returned to prove undying love; We hail again the sacred hour When spirits came to Katie Fox, And with a strange mysterious power Produced the first known "spirit knocks."

The third and fiftieth annual round Of Time's diurnal rolling sphere, Renews for us the welcome sound Which startled then the doubting ear; 'Tis therefore meet to celebrate The date of that eventful time When spirits rapped in Forty-eight To demonstrate a life sublime.

Those raps that were such "humbug" then, Have since been heard around the earth, They're now the theme of tongue and pen, And millions know their priceless worth; The "still small voice" with which they spoke To few who then had ears to hear, At length the world from slumber woke, And now all earth gives list'ning ear.

That natal day was big with fate To all the race of human kind, 'Twas ominous to church and state Of change to come, by heav'n designed; 'Twas day of doom to errors old, And Superstition's slavish thrall; No more should man by man be sold Nor minds confined by creedal wall,

Destroying Angels went abroad And smote the Godless shrines of man, And worship of a man-made God They doomed to die 'neath Reason's ban; They overthrew the "Great White Throne," And him who erst had sat upon it; "No God," said they, "to us is known Except alone the Infinite Spirit."

The gates of heav'n were then unclosed, And edicts sent o'er all the world That Popes and Kings shall be deposed, And Freedom's standard be unfurled; That all shall "rule by right divine," In church, as well as in the state, Where ballots cast in Freedom's shrine Give equal power to small and great.

There doomed that day an Era grand, When Truth shall make the people free, And though by priests it may be banned, 'Twill light the path of Liberty; Already millions have been freed From bonds of body and of soul, No longer slaves to church or creed, Their reason is their sole control.

New fire from heav'n descending came On altars never used before, The breath of God then fanned the flame And soon it flashed from shore to shore; It lit the pile of musty creeds Progressive minds had long outgrown, And burned the rubbish and the weeds That had in Reason's pathway grown.

The Christian Bible, long believed To be the only "Word of God," Was shown to many thus deceived, To hold full many a "pious fraud," But all the truth the Scriptures hold, No matter when or how 'twas given, Is held as sacred as of old When all was thought to come from heav'n.

The "spirit gifts" of Bible days Are duplicated in this age, And now they come in many ways Not mentioned on the ancient page; The burning bush, and lighted cell, And light that blinded Paul of old. Again have come like magic spell And multiplied an hundred fold.

By hands laid on the sick are healed, New Gospels taught by tongues inspired, And glorious truths are now revealed "Through babes" by master spirits fired; The Seer and Prophet, as of yore, Their magic art and power display, Revealing facts of occult lore,

Or, seeing spirits grave and gay. By magic art and wondrous skill Our loved ones come before our eyes, And using force and power of will, From out the air "materialize!" This greatest gift now conquers Death, And wins the vict'ry o'er the grave, It proves that man outlives his breath,

Thank heaven, we live to see this day, The best and grandest ever known, When clouds of error pass away And Truth's great light is o'er us thrown. When spirit power from spheres on high Fills all our souls with quick'ning leaven And hungry hearts no more need sigh For "bread of life"-it comes from heaven! DEAN CLARKE.

And all his doubts and fears doth save.

That was the cry of the people in all the large cities of

who are in control of all the affairs of the Roman Cathothey be mistaken as time and a greater amount of knowl- lic church, responsible for the sad condition of their country. A Jesuit had recently inveigled into a convent the only daughter of a wealthy family, who could obtain her release only by the aid of the courts. The most popular author in Spain had written a play in which a wicked Jesuit, who was accounted a "holy priest," was represented as torturing his own daughter in expiation of his sins by immuring her in a convent. The houses of the Jesuits and other religious orders in Madrid, Barcelona and other cities, were stoned and wrecked by the infuriated en, on the left hand of the Father, with helping him, got his head fast between nonulace, and the inmates had to fly for their lives. For a big F—the only book writer, by the an iron column and a truck, and thus populace, and the inmates had to fly for their lives. For several days the cry, "Down with the Jesuits," rang through those cities. It is only in Protestant countries whatever—and, I should think, he never through those cities. It is only in Protestant countries whatever—and, I should think, he never that the Tosnits are visits Ottawa: but, a salutary lesson Feb. 2, 1901. His workmates have part and parcel of Science, and Suggesting. populace, and the inmates had to fly for their lives. For like the United States and England that the Jesuits are visits Ottawa; but, a salutary lesson Feb. 2, 1901. His workmates have one of Catholic countries know them well might have been taught him by burn-bought a globe and wreath, and Friday, and treat them according to their deserts. Jesuitism is a I cannot now say whether Mr. Ingersoll will continue | hateful system which everyone who loves liberty should oppose. Our statesmen should be on their guard against Good-bye, my friends, and many thanks to those who it. They have an object lesson in the opposition to it in Catholic countries like France and Spain. There is hope for Catholics who rebel against it, and there is danger to "the beasts that perish" as an argument used by the other man was spiritual imour country from it while men in high places in our gov- against the immortality of animals. pression given forth to all as a warning, ernment are supine and even asleep on the subject. Sure- (1) The Hebrew simply implies "the I know of no great men but those who have rendered ly they cannot but know that there must be good reason for the expulsion of this infamous society from every Catholic country in the world, and that it is a menace to their wealth to others." Another pasfreedom everywhere.—The Converted Catholic.

> The order and energy of the universe I hold to be inlyle would call an almighty clock-maker. John Tyndall. of ordinary departed spirits, was in the office. Price \$1.

IMPORTANT MATTER FROM OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES

LIGHT LONDON, ENGLAND.

THE FUNERAL OF QUEEN VIC-

considering the source from humans or animals. which it comest It appeared in the The doctrine of correspondence upon British Medical Journal, of February 9: which the ritual of the Catholic church "Perhaps the most striking feature of is formed, teaches us, as do the sacred Her Majesty's funeral was the absence Scriptures, that "the things of earth of most of thecconventional trappings are patterns of things in the heavens, of woe. For forty years we had not that "the invisible things of God are once seen the Queen out of mourning. made known by the things that are Black, all the time, had been her only made, in other words, that all things we wear. In every photograph of her, and see around us here have their root, oron every occasion of her presence, al- igin, main-spring, for good or for evil, ways the same. But on Saturday she on the other side. put off her mourning and came among us robed, as it were, from head to foot as she lay in a blaze of color, purple and scarlet and crimson and white and gold-'far off her coming shone;' and her pall, in the universal blackness of houses; a temple and a symbolical, but the crowd, glittered like a diamond perfectly real and tangible, ritual; a catching and giving back in a very rlot garden with palm trees and a river, of colors the faint sunshine. At last after forty years of widowhood the just like her to be careful, even on her to over again in the Bible and seen by way to the grave, to set us a good exam- the Apostle above? ple that, in our dealings with death, we should drop once and forever the use of the hideous catafalque, the shut hearse, the black pall, the idiotic black feathers and horses, all the ugly and cowardly sand hill," those very creatures tortured it necessary to remodel in part the side of our thoughts. Let the living be and butchered for the food of redeemed let them henceforth go out of mourning. They cannot carry anything out of the world; let them at least carry with them Spiritualism has done more to

DISSIPATE MATERIALISM than all the preaching of the past half | The most tremendous moral earthmust be those volumes on the "Book of own ailments? the Beginnings,il or the "Natural Genwork, 'Concerning Spiritualism.'" Oliver Wendell Holmes in one of his volumes says: While some are crying out against Spiritualism as a delusion of the devil, and some are laughing at it as a hysteric folly, it is quietly undermining the traditional ideas of the future state which have been and are acthe question of a future life on a firmer basis, not as a mere creed or dogma, but as an ever present fact, is one of the most clamant needs of the world

AGNOSTIC JOURNAL, LONDON. ENGLAND.

CHIPPING AWAY AT "THE IM-

PREGNABLE ROCK." The Scriptures were written by "holy men of God, who spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."" This was in the olden time. In modern times the "holy men of God" are divided in opinthe said Ghost. A certain section of them hold that it should not be put into the hands of John Smith and George Jones, Another section of them maintain that John Smith and George Jones should keep perusing the volume, almost continuously, day and night, if in Blue says; Read or be damned. The Lady in Scarlet says: Read and be damned. The Lady in Scarlet, to keep Smith out of blazes, only a few years ago, made blazes with the writings of tion from investigators."

the Ghost, as teste the following: "Ottawa, Ont.—A sensation has been THE caused in religious circles over the statement of a gentleman who has recently been visiting the Province of Quebec, when, in one of the eastern parishes, he witnessed several hundred and burned them in the presence of his crushed. This vision he related to his congregation. Agents of the Bible Soclety had sold a large number of New Testaments to the members of the Catholic church, who had been forbidden to receive them by the priest. Indignant at having been disobeyed, he went from heated word or two with their other house to house collecting the dangerous four workmates about some by-contract books until he had secured nearly three work. In the heat of the word-fight, hundred, which, in order to strike terror one man said to Osbond that he should into the hearts of his flock, he burned | see him fast before that day (Jan. 30)

In former, times, when the Scarlet mean that Osbond would be unable to Lady burnt objectionable books, she get through with the quantity of work, was wont; to burn their authors along and would want help. Osbond's reply with them in the same fire. It would was that he would either do his own have been difficult to have burnt the work or die in the attempt to do his author in this instance, as he resides duty. A few hours later Osbond, by a abroad, sitting quite cantily up in heav- pure accident, and when no engine was ing him in efficy, H

LIGHT OF THE EAST, CAL-CUITA, INDIA.

We sometimes hear the words quoted beasts that are dumb, or in silence." (2) The same expression is used concerning "the rich who perish and leave sage much misunderstood is "the spirit of the man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward

earth, and it was, therefore, natural for them to consign the spirit of the best there also. Until the doctrine of the Resurrection was understood, the human mind was extremely hazy as re-The following is a remarkable utter- gards the future destination of either

Now, why should the doctrine of cor- Price. \$1.25.

respondence be accepted in all cases but that of the animals? Why should we believe in a city in the heavens, as real as any of earth, with streets and and yet discard the presence of animals? Why are cats and dogs less Queen was out of mourning! It was heavenly than the spirit horses referred

Is it conceivable that He "Whose tender mercies are over all His works;" "Who calls the wild beasts of the forest His own, and the cattle upon a thouin black, but the dead, for love of her, humanity; who spared Nineveh on account of the children and the cattle; who does not disdain the praise of the birds, beasts, and fishes heard by St. some share of the world's divine John at the great Eucharist of heaven, should not recompense a thousand-fold all the agony suffered by, perhaps, the the medical aspects of Hypnotism." cent portion of His creation?"

century. It is everywhere. Men in pul- quake the world has ever seen was pits who do not care to speak out are when the Creator Himself overturned of mine once met coming out of a se- pointed forward to the Cross, the holy able. Price \$1.50. ance where he had been holding com- pure Offering of the Bread and Wine munication with a loved son gone on, was now to be alone shown before the said he found death was not a blind al- Father, pleading incessantly "the ley; it was a thoroughfare. Tennyson | Lord's death until He come." Moreover, well knew of the facts; you can see it the only creature to which it has been so readily in "In Memoriam," if the see- said, by the Creator Himself, "The ing eye is theree. All the family were Lord hath need of him," is the donkey. Spiritualists. His brother Frederick, Dare, we after this, close the lark,

also a poet of a high order, contributed | that joyous embodiment of flying song, to the old spiritual magazines. Once in a cage, or shut up the trembling when visiting Gerald Massey, I saw a lamb in a slaughter-house, that the litletter from Tennyson to him in which the symbol of its Creator Incarnate may he said that he had read his book and have its throat cut in the morning? that he should much like to come and Dare we reverse His order that the listen to some lectures he was deliver- greater should suffer for the less, the ing on occult subjects at that time in strong for the weak, and, in our brute London. I asked Mr. Massey to what strength, torture to death helpless creabook Tennyson referred, thinking it tures, that a cure may be found for our

esis," "No." he sold, "it is my little HARBINGER OF LIGHT, MEL-BOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

TELEPATHY.

An electrical engineer of the name of E. W. Roberts says that he has conducted a series of careful experiments which have proved to him that he is cepted." Surely anything which places able to communicate telepathically with persons at 400 miles distance, not in a single instance, but repeatedly. He has also succeeded in receiving a message from one who was 1,000 miles away. send and receive telepathic communications is possessed by everyone.

During the past few months, similar telepathic experiments have been successfully carried out by a small circle of investigators in Kerang," says the Kerang Times. "Verbal communications uttered at a corresponding circle 200 miles distant have been automatically and simultaneously transcribed through the hand of a local sensitive. ion as to the purpose of this volume by In some instances, the spoken words have been transmitted across the distance and heard here. One noteworthy example occurred on a recent Sunday evening. One of the investigators remarked, 'I hear - singing,' and repeated the words of the song he hearda verse from 'Juanita.' Subsequent inthey mean to escape dancing through quiry proved that on the evening in all eternity up to the eye-holes in fire question the singer referred to was Price \$1.00. and brimstone in the shape of two yell- practicing the duet with a young lady. ing and agonizing cinders. The Frump the niece of a well-known resident of to the metropolis. It is to be hoped that this interesting branch of scientific re-

TWO WORLDS, MAN-CHESTER, ENG.

A VIVID DREAM FULFILLED. It was in December, 1900, that one

Bibles piled up on the square in front of Thomas Adams, a shunter employed at one of the Catholic churches, which, Teversall Colleries, had a frightful after mass, were, approached by the dream, in which he saw his friend and cure of the parish, who applied a match workmate. Samuel Osbond, getting workmate, Samuel Osbond, getting wife, workmates and friends, and it was laughed at as being the result of work, the new method, "Treatment by too good a supper. On January 30, 1901, in the early

morning, Adams and Osbond had a was out. This at the time was taken to Feb. 8, was fixed for a collection at the collieries for a memorial stone to mark the respect of his mates and friends.

The dream was shown Adams so that he should not be so terribly shocked when the time came for him to have to assist his beloved friend. The words University of Graz, Austria. Trans- the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in used by the other man was spiritual im- lated from the German. This book the Spirit World, or The Next World Inbut could not be interpreted at the time. And the same meaning was given to Osbond had he been able to understand. We cannot, God, Thy purpose see,

"Our Bible: Who Wrote It? When? Where? How? Is It Infallible? A to the earth." (1) It is to be remarked Voice from The Higher Criticism. A

But all is well when done by Thee.

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SPIRIT SEEN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

To look up from the teatable and see | had noticed the bent head of the figure. a relative who has been dead for years, "Grandmother exactly!" said Mrs. walking placidly about in an adjoining Green Smith. "That bend of the neck room is an experience which does not is peculiar to the Fitzhughs."

fall to the lot of many people. This is especially true when the ob- had been a Fitzhugh, of Virginia. tive. Mrs. Gerrit Smith, the well-the drawing room corresponded exactly known New York singer, has had such to that of the former mistress of the an experience.

in the subject of Spiritualism in one roborated the evidence of her eyes. some respects it is the most remarkable have her tea there at 6 o'clock in the how he would take them. and certainly one of the best authenti- afternoon. After tea she always walked record. For this reason Mrs. Smith was | habitually folded, her head bent. induced to give the facts to the Har- | The ghost seen by Mrs. Dr. Smith is vard branch of the Society for Psychic- not the only visitor which seems to al Research.

of the matter, Mrs. Smith corroborated noises and uncanny happenings. This the story of the Sunday World, the cir- reputation is of a general sort and nothcumstances being as they appear here. Ing more alarming than the gentle-faced

Mrs. Smith is the wife of Dr. Gerrit old lady has ever been seen. Smith, the composer, organist of the After every apparent visit of ghosts way in this circle-or they were until rappings sometimes. Mrs. Smith came face to face with one

and the Smith house is the show place have observed the same phenomenon. possible to revive him. of the neighborhood. Those of the wide Nobody ever likes to sleep in Grandkinsfolk

Previous to the civil war, and along l the forties and fifties, the resident of ing the family and knowing nothing of | conditions are right, the Smith mansion was Gerrit Smith, a the ghost stories, was put to sleep in tional reputation. Around the house not a word during his stay, but afterthese were tunneled extensively to strange incident. serve the purposes of the famous "un- That night he locked his door and derground railway" for the escape of bolted it on the inside. When he waked fugitive slaves.

The Mrs. Gerrit Smith of that day was in full accord with her husband. refers to a watch. Mrs. Gerrit Smith. She was, moreover, greatly interested the mistress of the house, had an oldin Spiritualism, which, at that time, fashioned gold watch, which had been was creating a furore in the land, given to her by her husband, who was mainly through the work of the Fox then dead. The mechanism of the sisters.

at the house, where they gave spirit year the watch lay on the mantelpiece, manifestations of all sorts. There were not wound up, and not running. On the to the instrument, and, ringing up, spirit rappings and many callings forth evening before the anniversary of Mr. | called him to the phone, and told him of the sheeted dead.

doings of the Fox sisters are remembered now by the very old people of Peterboro and Cazenovia, but Mrs. Gerrit band's birthday, she looked at the Smith, of New York, knew of them only watch and found it ticking away as if by hearsay.

Smith, aunt of Dr. Gerrit Smith, and time it was. by Mrs. Green Smith, her daughter.

were about the tea table. It was 6 York World. o'clock in the afternoon, the fashion at Peterboro being to dine at noon and to have supper in the evening.

The house is one of the quaint, restful and roomy mansions known to the past and now often imitated in the dwellings of the newly rich. There is a wide hall running through the middle. On one side of this are the library and diningroom, on the other is an immense drawing-room as large as a Fifth aveis a conservatory facing the west.

streamed through the conservatory window and lighted up every nook and corhall and the dining-room across it objects under the sunshine were thrown

was as light as at midday. Mrs. Gerrit Smith sat at the diningtable exactly opposite the doors opening into the drawing-room, and facing them. Dr. Smith sat at the end of the board, his side to the doors. The two other ladies sat with their backs to the doors and facing the younger Mrs. Smith. Suddenly Mrs. Smith saw a figure pacing up and down the drawingroom. There were no other guests in the house, and she looked the second time, with natural curiosity.

full skirt and trim-fitting waist. About and was in a state of great nervousness, her neck was a white kerchief. She his condition being such that Dr. Nahin walked lightly and aimlessly. and said the application of ether or chlorotress of a house might in walking in gerous. her own room. The most striking fact, hands folded in front and did not look | eration he said: about curiously at anything.

Mrs. Smith noted these things casualjust what this something was Mrs. tion has been performed upon me. I Smith has never been able to say.

"Who is in the next room?" she asked.

Mrs. Green Smith, naturally. not think it is one of the maids.

across into the drawing-room. No one low the use of ether, etc., and the unwas there. Mrs. Smith had seen the vision as

clearly as she saw the furniture or as this wonderful power are unlimited." she saw the family at the dining-table | Dr. Nahin was assisted in performing and she was certain of it. So she sur- the operation by Dr. N. Sauhd and Dr. mised that the white-haired old lady in M. J. Kay.-Chicago American. the gray dress had stepped out into the hall, and from the other door of the drawing-room. There was no one in the hall, and no trace of such a figure |Old Records." Told by Paul Carus on the big pillared veranda in front. By this time the rest of the family had become interested, and they, too, looked about.

The most minute search, however, failed to reveal any one around the place except the family and the serv-

ants. Finally the elder Mrs. Gerrit Smith. the mistress of the house, asked: "What and down slowly with her hands

"Why, that's mother!" exclaimed Mrs.

The New York woman added that she office. Price 25 cents.

server has no belief in ghosts, and no In short, the figure which Mrs. Dr. bibitions of hypnotism, and that the lous, while the spiritistic ones are first-hand knowledge of the dead rela- Smith had observed walking quietly in only ones to administer hypnotic sug- tricks, or possibly, in some cases, the house, who had been dead many years. thing terrible. I have even been sur- in which the things occur. In the Bible, Mrs. Smith has never been interested | An examination of the old portraits cor-

advance. The incident took place at the drawing-room had at one time been the old Gerrit Smith mansion in Peter- divided into two apartments. The room boro, N. Y., the homestead of the Gerrit at the back was Grandmother Smith's off in the water. I had supplied the He appealed to them. He says: "Becated instances of the supernatural on up and down in the twilight, her hands pulled off his coat and plunged into the sin."

haunt the historic house. The home-

South Church, at the corner of Thirty- the neighbors for awhile inquire after dangers. eighth street and Madison avenue, New their health much as they do after that York, and for a long time president of of the family. Peterboro finds the spirthe Manuscript Club. She is a well- its interesting and feels as proud of poised woman, known among her them as it always has felt of the old friends as a charming hostess and de- Smith home. The members of the famlightful talker. The South studio is the ily living in the house, strange to say, centre of a musical coterie. Ghosts are have never actually seen the ghostly every Tom, Dick and Harry should be the legends of ignorant and barbarous touched upon only in the most frivolous visitants, although they admit hearing allowed to run around giving chloro people.

They would welcome the ghosts, feel at her summer home in Western New very kindly toward them, and have no fear at all.

family connection who do not live at mother Smith's room. Strange knock-Peterboro live in the exclusive little re- lings and tick-tackings go on at the head sort of Cazenovia, the population of the lof the high old bed-and-well, there is into words.

One gentleman from New York, visit-

in the morning, the door stood open.

Perhaps the most remarkable incident watch got out of order. Local jewelers Mrs. Smith had the Fox sisters often failed to find out the trouble, and for a Smith's birthday, Mrs. Smith thought of | that the moment had come. He must Stories of the abolition days and the the watch and wished that she could now fall under my hypnotic suggestion, have it repaired.

Next morning, which was her husnothing had ever been wrong with it. She and her husband, Dr. Smith, went | When she came in to breakfast that up to the old homestead for a visit. The morning, she asked some of the family, place is now owned by Mrs. Gerrit who carried accurate timekeepers, what

Upon comparison she found that her One afternoon in August the family watch was exact to the second.—New

CUT WITHOUT PAIN.

A Dangerous Operation on a Hypnotic Subject.

Shaking with nervousness and fear vet entirely oblivious of his surroundnue ball-room. Off the drawing room ings and unconscious of aught save the doctor's word of command, Thomas On the afternoon in question the sun Franklin, of Custer Park, in a hypnotic trance, lay on an operating table in the office of Dr. Dr. H. L. Nahin this mornner of the drawing-room. From the ing, while a difficult and dangerous operation was performed upon him. At times the man's trembling was so viointo relief like a medallion upon a dark lent that the whole building was wall. Besides, 6 o'clock in the summer shaken, yet no sound came from his time comes early, and the whole house lips and his hands lay peacefully upon his breast.

When the knife was applied huge drops of sweat stood on his forehead, from his eyes large tears coursed down his cheek, his face became set and his breathing was deep and regular.

The operation was one of a series that Dr. Nahin is conducting to prove the value of hypnotism to surgery and the possibilities of conducting operations without the aid of anaesthetics.

The experiment was completely successful. The patient bore the ordeal The whole figure was then plain. It and loss of blood without the least pain, was that of a slight, white-haired wo- and his heart action showed no appreman dressed in the fashion of bygone clable loss. He had been suffering for times. She wore a gray dress with a some time from a serious complication seemed perfectly at home, as the mis- form would have been highly dan-

He was laid upon the operating table. however, was a certain peculiar for the doctor made a few passes above his ward bend of the neck, graceful and body and he sank to sleep. When characteristic. The figure walked with awakened at the conclusion of the op-

"I have suffered no pain. I feel as well as ever. I could get up and walk ly, as her eye fell on the visitor. Some- about, but the doctor has forbidden me thing about it startled her slightly, and to. It seems impossible that an opera-

can hardly believe it." "There is no question," said Dr. Na-"It must be one of the maids," said hin. when the operation had been concluded, "but that hypnotism will en-"No, no," said Mrs. Dr. Smith, "I do tirely replace anaesthetics. I myself am using it entirely. The patient suf-She arose from the table and stepped fers none of the after effects which folconsciousness is achieved without the at rest.

slightest danger. The possibilities of

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HYPNOTISM.

There is a bill before the present legislature to restrict the use of hypnotic people as the inspired word of God. By hibitions for amusement. There is to spirit manifestations would be termed of so-called "science."

have investigated hypnotism is Dr. J. are at all parallel with the manifesta-M. Griffith, of 106 Miami avenue. "I tion of modern Spiritualism: Hence, gestion should be physicians.

fact fell on the floor with a suddenness few of your mediums. Not only desti-Although somewhat averse to talking stead has a reputation for strange wished to help those in distress. He cellence is not needed for mediumship.

SOME OF THE DANGERS.

"As to the dangers, they are innumerable. Hypnotism should be restrained, the same as is the right to administer chloroform. You might as well say that

"I once saw a person hypnotized who, as it afterwards proved, had a weak The Smith homestead at Peterboro, Mrs. Dr. Smith says that whenever heart. During the experiment, some near Cazenovia, is one of the oldest she is at the homestead she has a subtle sudden noise being made, the subject what we cannot prove to be true, and family estates in the country. Peter- consciousness that the air about her is dropped to the floor as though dead; bore is a little town of 600 inhabitants, full of unseen persons. Other visitors and for a long time it was almost im- true? I have shown that the church-

> "In the hands of some itinerant showgiving hypnotist, the person in all probability would have died.

"There are other dangers of a moral latter place being made up largely of something plainly felt, but hard to put | nature. The human being is a creature of impulse and quickly takes suggestions of evil. He acts on them, if the

"I am convinced, though, that you wealthy man and an abolitionist of na- this Blue Room, as it is called. He said | cannot make an immoral person good through hypnotic influence, nor a good there were large, well-kept gardens, and ward told a member of the family of a person bad; the idea is that hypnotism is a very adaptable thing and intensifies one's natural inclinations." "Can hypnotic influence be sent over

> a distance?" "Not in my opinion; unless the subject has been hypnotized previously. But I once had performed a very interesting experiment along this line. I had all the conditions made right, so that the subject would not hurt himself and then told him that at a certain time should hypnotize him from a distance.

"At the appointed moment, I stepped I said. He was unable to resist.

HAS DEMONSTRATED THE THOUGHT WAVE.

"My experiments with hypnotism were made with a fixed idea. I never hypnotized anyone for mere amusement. Those present may have thought so, but I had a definite scientific object, have even paid persons to act as subjects; but this is not a good thing to do. because they simulate whenever they get a chance. The best subjects are those who resist a little.

"My object in making these experiments was to throw light on the nature of thought.

"I am satisfied that thought is wave. It is a wave the same as there are waves of light and waves of heat. "It is not demonstrable unless condi-

tions are right. Thought waves are invisible. They cannot be shown to the eye. I have hypnotized people in order to get conditions to show certain forms of thought transference. "Have you not noticed that in walk-

ing along the street sometimes you feel some unseen eye is on you? "That was thought transference. It is something definite, positive and scientific. It's a reality. Some day

shall be able to explain it fully. At present we call it thought wave. "Here is another illustration: You are in a crowded room. You wish someone to speak to you, yet you are too far away to communicate with him. What

do you do? "You begin thinking hard that you wish him to turn around. Perhaps you stare at him. Presently he turns around involuntarily, and you catch his eve and motion him to come to you. This is another form of thought trans-

ference. in your mind, as it were? All people have this experience daily. The source of your thoughts eludes you, being so obscure, but it is a thought wave that came to you, in an intangible way. Some day all this will be clearer to us."

NOTISM Dr. Griffith gave an explanation of the phenomena of hypnotism. He placed his hand down hard on the

SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF HYP-

arm of his chair and asked: "What am "Pressing downward:" "In order to take my hand off, what

must I do?" "Stop pressing." "Correct: but there comes a moment.

in which the muscles are at rest. "In the same way, there is a distinct | "On what authority?" We are comrest between each beat of the heart. There is a break between each thought in the brain. You are, let us say, walking down the street. In order to turn round you have to stop, and while you stop, you for a fractional moment,

"Hypnotism consists in increasing the rest, or blank, between our thoughts." "But how about the fact that some | reject? He will tell us! and truly too, of the faculties are temporarily in abey- that as a history the Gospels affirm the

"That is too long a matter to go into at this time," replied the doctor,-Detroit (Mich.) Tribune.

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AN ABSURDITY.

ts Uses and Abuses Illus- Spiritualists Making pin Appeal to the Bible.

The Bible is regarded by one class of suggestions to physicians, disbarring another as a mixture of fable, and histraveling hypnotists, who give ex- tory. The use of Bible texts in proof of is not so, for Bible believers do not ad-Among the Detroit physicians who mit that any of the stories in their book have no desire," said he, "to pose as their citation has no effect in convinc-Mrs. Gerrit Smith, the grandmother, an authority, but I am emphatic in say- ing them, for they regard the Bible ing that there should be no public ex- manifestations as angelic and miracuwork of demons. Then, they say, there "The force of suggestion is some- is such a vast difference in the manner prised myself at unexpected results. very holy persons, in the main, were For instance, I once hypnotized a man the ones who received the visits of way or another. She has no theories to Strange to say, it then came out that and told him that he was standing angels, and those visits were for some down on the Woodward avenue dock especial divine purpose. In the case of and that a ship was going to pieces, Jesus, it was to prove his Messiahship. Smith family for many generations. In sitting-room. She was accustomed to conditions, mind you, but could not say lieve me for the very works' sake." "If I had not done among them the works "Without a moment's warning he | that no other man did, they had not had

river, as he thought, but as a matter of Look, says the churchman, at not a that startled me half out of my senses. tute of religion but of a moral character "This man had generous impulses and | as well; and you confess that moral exacted on his natural instinct, and stood | Hence, as there is no admitted parallel ready to lose his life for the good of there is really no argument in quoting others. He was a manly man, who re- Bible stories to the churchman. It is sponded readily to impulses of a warm | mere assertion on our part, which he heart. And this shows some of the does not accept as having any validity whatever. Nothing can be more absurd than sub-

mitting as argument to a man what we know he utterly rejects. But it is no more absurd than to present as an historical fact, what we know is untrue, or at least is only uncertain tradition, or Spiritualists, as a general fact, regard

the Bible as a mixture of fable and history; and the fabulous portion probably the largest. Now, the question is, how we can consistently and honestly quote which we do not fully believe to be man does not believe it in the sense which we use it. Spiritualists are fond of referring to the Woman of Endor, but the church has never believed the story to mean what we assume, and therefore it is not an argument to them at all. And, by using it, we simply pitch into the endless jangle of textual ex- for spirit manifestations. But there is position, which has never settled anything. It is a somewhat amusing performance on the part of egotistic de-

baters. Nothing more. the air and writes to King Belshazzar, good brother Moses Hull'quotes this as though it was a real historical incident. How about Nebuchadnezzar being turned out to grass with the beasts of the field? That was more wonderful than writing on the wail. Then, there was the three Jews cast into the flery furnace, heated seven times hotter than usual. Such stories, and the one of Bel and the Dragon, will do to amuse chil- to convince, Bible stories will fail. dren and superstitious lovers of marvels, but the clear-headed thinkers

But to the writing on the wall. In the first place, there never was any Belshazzar who was king of Babylon; shazzar was slain that inight and "Darius the Mede took the kingdom."

in Jude, is another of the works of the which may be sandwiched into cerned there is just as much evidence scientific truth. that the great builder of Babylon was turned out to feed on grass like cows and oxen as that the "fingers of a man's hand" wrote on the wall. The same may be said of the flery furnace and the den of lions. But as there was no "Darius the Mede" who succeeded Nebuchadnezzar, there was no Daniel cast into the lion's den by the said

with contempt by intelligent people the spirits that she could in time take when we attempt to prove our positions | pictures of spirits; she went to work de- plain this when the charter was rati by appeals to the fabulous legends of veloping, trying and working fifteen fied, simply requesting the ratification aucient superstition? To appeal to those | years and has finally accomplished it." records is attempting to defend truth This is a great mistake. The facts are about time for an election of officers as by an appeal to the superstitious notions of churchmen. Is that consistent? I never tried to take spirit phototions of churchmen. Is that consistent? I never tried to take spirit phototions of churchmen. Is that consistent? I never tried to take spirit photoelected was up, and some one asked the
challenge would be an elec-"Have you never had thoughts drop Is it downright honest? Is it not a most 1, 1900, when becoming affected with

absurd procedure? Another story, referred to again and | with the necessary paraphernalia, inagain, by the Spiritualists, is the pre- tending and expecting to take nothing tended appearance of Jesus to his dis- but ordinary pictures of my friends, ciples after his reputed crucifixion. Of never even dreaming of getting such a what use is this when old church people | thing as a spirit photograph; in fact, I | members would be indignant and feel believe that there was a resurrection of didn't then know what they were. At that they have been imposed upon. the fleshly body; and hence, there was first I could not get any results at all, no materialization. Indeed, I can see not even a picture of the sitter, but one our philosophy teaches more than anno sense in quoting this to Christians; day after several months' trial, and just other, it is perfect frankness and fairnor any fairness. We put ourselves in as I was getting thoroughly disgusted ness at all times. The officers may the roses never fade. In heaven we'll know our own a most absurd position at the very out- at my repeated failures, I got a picture have simply overlooked the matter, but story of the appearance of Jesus. He screaming, when my neighbors rushed put all selfishness aside, and call a prise an excellent variety of poems set to easy har then he asks: "Do you believe that ualist, after looking at it told mo the control of the purpose of righting mony and ought to sell readily. These books are 15cts. Jesus really appeared to his disciples?' a spirit photograph. Since then, which We are obliged to say yes, or confess to | was in May last, I have been taking pic- | are supporting a society they want to between the pressing and the stoppage dishonest argumentation. Well, we answer in the affirmative. He then asks: nelled to say that the Gospels are our authority. Then he demands if we believe the Gospel narrafives to be a true history. We are cornered. If we answer yes, he will point us to the many accounts of the physical resurrection of Jesus, and your materialization goes glimmering. Shall we say to him that we accept some portions and others we resurrection just as clearly as they do the crucifixion. And that if they are unreliable in the most important matters in one respect, they cannot be trusted in another. He disputes our right to dismember the gospel story and pick out what we can make tell for our side of the argument and reject the

rest. Then, he very properly asks us

what became of the body of Jesus, if it

was not resurrected according to the

story. There can be but one or two so-

lutions. Either some of the disciples

stole the body and burled it elsewhere,

or else he was not dead and revived and

was by them concealed. But on either of these suppositions there was no such thing as so-called materialization and the pretense is a false one." These considerations should be sufficlent to prevent any fair-minded person

ARE INFLUENCED.

be no more "foolishness" in the name the "argumentum ad hominem." But it Startling Words from the Committee Appointed to Investigate Hypnotism for the Benefit of Journal Readers.



Mr. Stoufer says it is indispensable to one's business success.





Sec. & Treas of Railway Conductors, Pueblo, Col.



Hypnotism is no longer a myth, a fenciful creation of the mind, but a reality, a most potent power, capable of producing infinite good. For the purpose of ascertaining the exact value of this much-talked-of power a committee, composed of a physician, a well-known jurist, a prominent minister and a leading railroad man, was appointed to investigate Hypnotism. The committee carried on a series of investigations in regard to the power of hypnotism to influence the actions and deeds of people in the everyday walks of life.

The first step taken by the members of the committee was to master the science in every detail, so that they might state from personal experience the good or evil this strange power might produce. They wrote the New York Institute of Science, of Rochester, N. Y., the greatest school of Hypnotism and Occult Sciences in the world, and received full and complete instructions in regard to how hypnotism may be used to influence people in business, how to use it in treating diseases, etc., etc. In a few days they mastered these instructions and were full-fledged hypnotists.

It was clearly demonstrated that hypnotism may be employed so that the person operated upon is entirely unconscious of the fact that he is being influenced; and, all things considered, the committee regard it as the most valuable discovery of modern times. A knowledge of it is essential to one's success in life and well being in society. Dr. Lincoln says, after a thorough investigation, that he considers it the most marvellous therapeutic or curative agent

of modern times. Judge Schafer, although a legal light, turned his attention to healing the sick, and in a few treatments he completely cured John E. Myers, of Flemington, N. J., of a strange malady that had kept him bedfast for nine years, and which the doctors said must surely kill him. Judge Schafer's fame spread for miles around, and hundreds of people applied to him for treatment. Mr. Stoufer performed the astonishing feat of hypnotizing Mr. Cunningham of Pueblo, Col., at a distance of several blocks. He also hypnotized an aged gentleman and had him run through the streets shouting "Redhot peanuts for sale,"

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still another most important one. Of all the pretended narratives of the Bible there is no one more hopelessly contradictory than this one. It is not neces-Another famous story is found in the | sary here to repeat them. For centuries book of Daniel. A hand comes out of churchmen have in vain sought to reconcile them. This fact of itself is myself and others who seceded from the "Mene. Tekel, Upharsin: "And even our | enough to demonstrate the fabulous nature of the account. Every fair and rational critic has conceded the fabulousness of this resurrection story with all its additions. Shall we, as honest persons, use this fabulous myth as a sober argument? It seems to me that we should not. It is disingenuous as well as absurd. If the fact of manifestations occurring now are not sufficient to advise them for the good of the so-

There is one more instance I wish to mention. Paul is, next to Jesus, the most prominent man of the New Testament, and is one of whom amazing spirit manifestations are recorded. But Paul is almost as fabulous a character hence, there was no writing on the wall. as Jesus himself. Jesus is introduced It is simply a fable. And when we to us by an immaculate conception, quote it as a fact, we éndorse what we and Paul by a miraculous conversion. know to be a fable. It is said that Bel. One is as impossible as the other. When bers. you can produce a light at midday "above the brightness of the sun," you This is as unhistorical as that Belshaz- may look for a virgin to bear a son. zar was king. There was no "Darius | But this is Paul's story of his converthe Mede." Again, the book of Daniel sion to Christianity. Shall we reduce is apparently two stories put together, ourselves to such a pitiable absurdity and written some three or more hun- by appealing to the sayings of a man dred years after the time of Nebuchad- who starts in on his career, with such nezzar. As late as the time of the Mac- | a monstrous fable as does Paul? If he cabees. Some of it is written in He- could faisify to such an extent in refbrew, some in Aramaic, and there are a erence to one thing, he could do the vidual organization. few Greek words. Whether there was same as to others. No dependence can any Daniel is entirely uncertain. The be placed upon any documents, or perexistence of the book is no evidence of son that starts out with a most egregithe existence of a person by that name. ous falsehood. And the most we can three months according to the by-laws The book of Enoch, which is quoted allow, even of possible happenings Jews written after the captivity, and is fables, is, that they might have ocjust as much holy writ as Daniel. And curred. It is time to leave the realm of so far as the book of Daniel is con- fables and get down to the bed-rock of

J. S. LOVELAND.

Spirit Photographs. To the Editor:-In your issue of Mar. 23, is a communication from this city. signed by H. Hammon, in which he months. Then the society secured the camera craze, I secured a camera tures with wonderful success, many know something, and have something to persons recognizing distinctly their say, or at least a vote in the doings of

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J. E. Walker in Explanation. To the Editor:-I read an article in the last issue of your paper that I feel that I ought to add to a little. I am sorry that this controversy has started, but now that it has, I feel it a duty to Grand Rapids Spiritual Society, to explain things as we understand them. The writer of the article entitled "All

is Harmony," states that James E. Walker never asked a member of the board to give him a hearing. I never asked because I could not get an opportunity. I went to the board meeting, With illustrations. Price, cloth, \$1.50. For sale intending to talk if over with them and clety to call an election of officers; as there was a demand for it among the members. As soon as I stepped into the meeting, I was informed by the chairman that the meeting was private, and It was said in such a way that I understood it, and all I could do was simply to excuse myself. They knew what I wanted, for I had talked the matter over in private with most of the mem-

This article taken from the Grand Rapids Herald, stating that I was manager of the Briggs Park Camp-meeting last year, was wrong in that statement, as I was not officially connected with the camp last year, but was the year before; and I wish to state that the Briggs Park Camp Association, and the Grand Rapids Spiritual Association, are in no wise connected, as the camp is an indi-Now, they state the present board was elected at a regular meeting, which is

true; but they were only elected for

of the old society. They state further, that the charter was ratified, and that I was present and helped to ratify it: and that due notice was given one week previous to its ratification. But they failed to state the fact that they did singer and composer. Price, 25c. not explain to the society that the ratification of the charter elected the old board of officers for the ensuing year. You see the whole thing is right here; previous to securing the charter, our society elected officers every three speaks of his spirit photographs taken | charter from the state association, and by me, and concludes his article with of course, accepted its by-laws, which the statement that "Lillian Jurrens was | read that the officers under which it Can we expect to be looked upon only a seer from a child, being informed by was ratified shall hold office for the ensuing year. The chairman failed to exof the charter by a rising vote. It was chairman when there would be an election of officers. He informed them that the ratification of the charter elected the old board. Now, what should they expect to be the result of such an act? Surely they should have known that the believe if there is any one thing that My experience is that when people

loved ones among the faces surrounding the society. I know they will say that I am kicking, and that I should take the matter before the board and so on; but as I said before, the chairman of this board informed me that the board meetings were private. Another thing, he read the same article taken from the Grand Rapids Herald, to the society. and declared that it was false; and I asked for the floor a few moments. He said all right, and when I began talking about this matter he called me down. Now, these are the facts of the case, and I hope this will end the newspaper discussion of the matter. I have no ill feeling toward any member of this society. I think they made a mistake, and we have to suffer for our mistakes whether we are conscious of them or not when we make them. And hoping this will not only be a lesson for those who have participated, but for others who are managing societies, and that ultimate good for the cause will grow out of it, I am, yours for truth and justice.

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The Priest Inspires Hope.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Evans, writing from Munich, Germany, to the Truth Seeker, in giving an account of the "Fifth International Congress of Catholic Scholars," held in that city, mentions the closing address by a Jesuit priest, N. Grisar, professor of Church History in the University of Innsbruck His subject, "A Few Suggestions Concerning Historical Criticism." During his discourse Mrs. E. reports the Professor as saying:

"There should be no fear of going too far in criticism. It is for the interest of religion that such study be encouraged. site of the present Vatican. Also it is a never recover. great mistake for priests to regard their breviary as a source of historical knowledge. They may use it for edification in praying, but they need not go to it for auuthority in historical state-

Then the Professor inquired:

Catholics?" His answer:

"In the first place, we must remember there is no science which is exclusively for the learned. There is not one kind of truth for the initiated, and another kind for the common people. Every human being has a claim and a right to is withheld by pretended friends of the acquire it freely. His great gifts will know the truth; but nowadays the truth

reform must be done slowly, carefully, act is a rebuke to many churchmen who

"A tone of superiority is even more harmful than sarcasm and ridicule. These things are not to be preached from the pulpit, but allowed to spread from the well-informed to the less enlightened. It should seem as though the learned would like to believe with endowed, the hospitals they have the multitude if it were possible to do erected, and the benefactions they have so. Even the highest tribunal, the Holy made to the poor." Office [otherwise the Inquisition] erred in judging the case of Galileo."

There was much more from the wily Jesuit in the same direction, which we have not room to copy. Mrs. E. says Jesus; pointed to the abolition of the address was listened to with de- slavery as the outgrowth of their spirit of Rationalism has penetrated but has a barrel or barrels of these con- will be brought and laid on the floor. light and was followed by long ap-labors; shown the whole system of free into the pulpit and the religious press, plause.

It is possible the Catholic church will arouse from its stupor of ages, cast ance reform as originating with them; tinue to believe in doctrines and aside its leaden feet, and commence a prove that the anti-war societies origigrand march in pursuit of truth. If so nated with these incredulous people; to be successful it must disincumber then point to Girard's and Lick's itself of a world of falsehood with munificence in the way of colleges, and lost long ago, and of those who remain it "looting" will not stand for the truth. T. Angell, the president of the Massa- lous to save our soul? He urges us to fully burdened.

Origin of Christianity.

The following brief paragraph, from the pen of that brilliant American scholar and author. Prof. J. W. Draper, is very suggestive:

"When the old religion of Europe superstition. Mr. Carnegie's donations broke down under the weight of its own are all made in the interest of educainconsistencies, neither the Roman em- tion, he well knowing that by such gifts perors, nor the philosophers of those he is quietly undermining superstition, times, did anything adequate for the and rendering harmless its poisonous guidance of public opinion. They left sting. religious affairs to take their chances, and, accordingly, they fell into the hands of ignorant and infuriated ecclesiastics, parasites, and slaves."

to the period when the Roman hier the story is told of a man who could When told he was expected to conarchy gave way to the new order of work miracles, Prompted by his clerical trillute. John winked his almond eyes things, and the lesser gods were suc- adviser to try to perform Joshua's sun bard, rubbed his elongated leg, ceeded by saints. Perhaps the exact and moon miracle, he succeeded addate of that event is not important mirably, but with appalling results. Enough to know it occurred, and the The earth ceased to rotate on its axis. whole system of Roman paganism was transmuted into that form of Christianity known as Roman Catholicism. The probabilities are the change was a affair. gradual one, and the Inquisition was called into service to make the change! complete.

Story of the Monuments.

In an article in these editorial colimus, of date November 24, headed, 'May Revolutionize History," we stated that the conclusion of a lengthy article joy himself hugely, as must those who in a London journal on the discoveries of Prof. Hilprecht had failed to reach us, but we would give the result so soon as it should come to hand. We instructive, but his peculiar remarks merits by detailing the wonderful revelations made by the uncovering of those 25cts colossal ruins, an account of which after so long a time is now in hand.

"No one can read an account of the exhibition. Of these he said: work of Prof. Hilprecht without being struck by the fact that the people of 7,000 years ago lived very much as we day we will be." do to-day. There was the same appre-As there are thousands who will at first venture ciation of literature and art, as shown only twenty-five cents for The Problessive Thinken in the cuneiform scripts and in their thirteen works, we would suggest to those who receive sculpture. Wealthy people lived in the sculpture. Wealthy people lived in the cities and employed attorneys to man-

> country on farms. "When they bought jewelry a written | guarantee went with it. In the archive ancient Nippur, there was found a tab- walk like a rooster chicken. He drinks years. Houses were built on an ex- spread this civilization which you tell tensive, not to say modern plan, and me about." were furnished more or less magnifi-

> "Fortifications were built, wars were carried on, conquests were made, and in clay coffins, which are found to-day and civilized men. I speak of your law

"And for the benefit of posterity, science was studied and museums were planned that they might be found in the history of the race read as a sermon in

Said Prof. Hilprecht in concluding his letter from which the above was sum-

chief and most revered shrine of Babylonia. This campaign will excel all previous records so far as actual finds are concerned. It will close the old century and open the new as the most successful of all expeditions now in the field."

We may add: Prof. Hilprecht has now returned to this country, and is translating and preparing for publication an account of his most valuable finds. He says it will take one hundred years with all the labor that can be employed, to completely uncover the ruins. It was for a long time believed by

many that the elder Sargon, who I have often blushed for shame to hear flourished 3,800 years before the Chrispriests and sextons telling the absurd tian era, was fabulous, but his name legends of their church relies to edu-was found by Prof. H. on the temple of are shown which are said to have been foundation of that ancient structure made immediately after the death of down to the virgin soil was found 31 Christ, which really date from the feet of debris, representing in the Prothirteenth or fourteenth century. The fessor's estimation, 4,000 additional whole legend of St. Eustachius is false | years of Babylonian history, thus carrysaint. The sexton of the church on the years. Prof. H. is a D. D., and his prin-Janiculus offers sand from the precise cipal associates seem to be connected spot of ground where Peter was cruci- with the clerical profession; but their fled, although Peter was not crucified united labors have struck a blow at there, but in the circus of Nero, on the an "infallible Bible" from which it can

Commendation of Mr. Carnegie,

Rev. Dr. McArthur, of Calvary Baptist church, New York, in referring to "How shall the truth be told to generous action, and suggests that others imitate his example. He said:

"Mr. Carnegie is certainly one of the most remarkable men in his acquirement and distribution of money the world has ever known. He has himself told me it required as much thought and effort to distribute money widely as to stimulate other millionaires to maintain the pace he has already set. He is The Professor then said the work of making a heroic effort to die poor. His profess a longer creed, but whose list of deeds is shorter."

Many is the time we have heard the pose standing shoulder to shoulder and inquiry from churchmen: "Where are battling for what they claim are their the rounds until the preach is all out corpse be "natural," prevents the re- wants to interrupt our labor, close our the politician, who takes an independthe institutions of learning Infidels personal rights. have founded, the colleges they have

the American Republic as the work of those who rejected the divinity of tors are very generally made in aid of is at hand.

A Disastrous Miracle.

It is said in "Tales of Time and The best of scholars differ widely as Space," published some 300 years ago, and the sudden stoppage produced world-wide chaos and destruction. There is as much truth in this story as in the Bible account of a similar

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Chinese Ambassador in Chicago.

Minister Wu, representing the Celestial empire at Washington, paid Chicago a visit recently, and seemed to encome in personal contact with him. His address on Civilization at the Auditowhen brought in direct contact with the people while touring the city were quaint and peculiarly charming. It seems the ambassador visited the

Art Institute, and saw the nude models, but he was not wholly pleased with the

"In China we have not yet had this, but when we are more civilized may be age their tenantry who lived in the we will. You are teaching us many things. One of the men of my province who called to-day smokes cigarettes now, and wears stiff shirts that must room of Murashu Sone, attorneys of scratch him, and shoes that make him let guaranteeing that an emerald set in whisky and can swear, he says. When a ring would not fall out in twenty he goes back to his country he will

> Referring to the great wall at the north of China, he said:

warring savages, uncivilized barburians heroes were glorified. People when who wanted to kill our people. But the they died, were not thrown hastily into wall you have erected about your counthe earth, but were laid carefully away try is to keep out peaceful, industrious, still covered with the beautiful blue which prevents my people from enter-

"This word civilization does not mean the same to you and to me. With you dawn of the twentieth century, and the it means big printing presses, rapid-fire guns, smokeless powder, telegraph lines and electric lights. These are convenient, but they are of no benefit to man's mind. You say they give you more time to do other things. What is time? Nothing. I will be better satis-"We have now found so many pre- fied if I can teach two of my country-Sargonic structures at so many different | men to deal honestly with each other, places in Nippur that we begin to grad- to be truthful and kind to their families, ually understand what importance the than if I invent some machine that will city must have had in possessing the fly through the air and shoot 1,000 shots

> Doubtless the quickest way to advance this civilization and extend it to China, expressed in model artists, prize fights, whiskey drinking, profanity, with innumerable other vices common to the West, is to hurry up the return of the missionaries with their Bible to that country, and its "Thus saith the Lord," favoring polygamy, slavery, intemperance and other cruelties and barbarities which we have really outgrown, notwithstanding the high authority for their continuance.

The Anti-Medical League.

It appears from the Daily Review of cated travelers of another faith. Crosses Bel, erected by him; while beneath the Carthage, Mo., that the action of the medical profession in that state in influencing legislation antagonistic to the practitioners who do not use drugs in the treatment of diseases, has aroused excepting the historical existence of the ing us back in the night of time 9,700 an opposition that seems formidable on account of the numbers.

Letters have been received by such practitioners in Carthage as are under the ban of the new law requesting them to join the Anti-Medical League, an organization that includes the Christian scientists, magnetic healers, mystic shriners, mental scientists, scientific massage, psychic medics, Rosecrucians, and many others. There has been an Mr. Carnegie's great gift of sixty-five increase of 150,000 in the membership heard? It is suggested that a commis- unreliable, and not one of those usually methods now for saving souls? Mr. ating, rending and destroying! These libraries to that city, commends his of this league in this state since the agitation begun and it is thought it will be increased to at least 400,000 within the

This organization is world wide ac the world. With such formidable opposition the regular practitioners seem to have stirred up a pretty warm fight that will be waged with increasing sible but for the recent adverse legislation against them, but now they pur-

The Doom Is at Hand.

We could have cited the founding of doubt and disbelief are very widely spread through all classes of British society, both within and without the schools originated with that class of and Christian preachers cannot reason- lology. people; could refer to the great temper- ably expect their congregations to conplaining away. Many of the best and praisal of the missionaries is not to be has been restored. dowed it at a cost of \$2,000,000, a sum the women are following in the foot- Chinese characters! greater than any Christian in all the steps of the men. When women begin assured the day of Christianity's doom

John Balked.

John Fouloy is the name of a Chinese laundryman at Hiawatha, Kan., who never fails to give money when a subscription paper is passed around. Last week he was visited by a committee soliciting funds to pay Williams, the evangelist, and, says the Horton Headlight, for the first time he rebelled. scratched his head, and finally asked: time bloke?"

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A Spanish Medium.

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> autocratic has the Doctors' Trust become, so absolute in its control over legislation, that he who saved the life of a patient these doctors had pronounced incurable, his punishment would be the more severe to satisfy their rage.

Christ himself would be sentenced to the penitentiary for raising Lazarus from the dead, were he to appear in any city of the United States to-day. And the worst feature of this abominable tyranny is that there is no appeal. The law is clearly stated, and he who heals come for some two or three days. without the sanction of the Board of Health, a body always made up of doctors whose decision is foregone, and like that of a packed jury or a bribed Judge, cannot if prosecuted escape the a felon, for having under spirit influence healed the sick who had applied

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A Waiting-Room for Death,

The Boston Globe of recent date contains a somewhat sensational article entitled "Death Chamber at Hyde Park." The matter is not as gruesome as this heading imports, for it is not a death chamber, but a place where the body may rest until there is no doubt of life or death. This novel idea has been I'wo of them were suffering from worked out by A. E. Giles, A. B., L.L.D., a retired lawyer of Boston, a man rare literary attainments, and contributor to spiritual literature. He has thought for many years on the dangers of premature burials; has collected mass of evidence, and written valuable essays on the subject. He has in his retirement been exceedingly busy. has written "The Sabbath Question tlemen were advoitly questioned to Considered by a Layman," "A Letter to ascertain if either of these names or Massachusetts Members of Congress on dates was in the thoughts of any one of Plural Marriages and the Mormon Probthere could have been no mind-reading Vaccination." Mr. Glies does not bemunication, and one of the gentlemen the spirit is for a long time unable to exclaimed: "Isidora is my mother, and disengage itself. While in this condition not knowing but it will awake in actly true." The medium's hand was the body, the fear of burial is intense, of whom no photograph was known to its return remains. In illustration Mr. exist. It was immediately recognized Giles gives an instance in his own ex-

"During several years, at uncertain

In Spain, despite its despotic govern- | September 30, 1805, in Roxbury, where prisoned as a felon, the comrade of a reverend doctor of divinity whom I alive in a city some 30 or more miles distant. His and my eyes met; there was speechless agony in his, but no recognition. The light faded, the vision ceased; I made a minute of the occur-That morning after breakfast as I.

in Boston, he remarked that he had was 'Hell.' heard that Rev. Dr. — was very sick.

"If there ever was a wise and good | That furnishes just the information Christian ,man, Rev. Dr. — was that man. Why, then, that agonizing look on his countenance? From the memoir rather than be disgraced by being made her hand upon his cheek. He opened his eyes with an expression of entire consciousness, and of perfect intelli- to keep alive the eternal flame. gence, but an intelligence not of this world. Then he closed them, and all strengthened by the affidavit of an

"That look of agony, as I now explain it to myself, was caused by being conscious that he was alive, that he was missionaries who were dispossessed by was soon, perhaps, to be buried alive. between them. They were flying direct- probably pensions which no one can esthe Chinese are sending in their bills Later in the day the psychical sub-ly towards an open volcano at the timate, are paid for these chaplains offor damages sustained, and among the stance which constitutes the ego fur-time-we think it was Vesuvius-which fering prayers which they nor any one items are those for manuscript sermons | ther unmeshed itself from the body, and they entered, the soul writhing in ter- else believes are more than wind! If destroyed, and for these same they de- gelic friends dispelled his fears and en- rible agony as he entered the mouth of prayers must be said, why not have

sion be appointed to investigate, but relied on by physicians but sometimes how can a commission know the value fails. Repeated instances of those un- Hell. of a thing destroyed? If it could be qualifiedly declared dead by physicians known how many such sermons it re- are recorded, and scarcely a person who has been calculated. This is about ing buried before the spirit had taken

should be kept in a warm room, and called for. In such a room the with- than God. London Literary Guide, that religious profitably patronize the Bureau. If it parent. To keep the corpse in the rooms drawal of the spirit will be shortly apwere advertised that a dollar each with the living might be disagreeble, would be paid for the Mss. of old ser- hence Mr. Giles has built a room espedated. Scracely a preacher who has an ordinary sleeping apartment. It is Churches, at the present time. The been "settled" over a charge for years well ventilated and warmed; the casket crete expressions of dry-as-dust the The body will not be embalmed or chilled with ice. It will be gently cared This, however, is irrelevant, for it for, until the work of disorganization does not fix the value of the sermons is well commenced, for even there is destroyed by the Boxers, and this the discoloration and odor, life may not be

which her whole past history is shame- to the act of the humble Parsee lady, would be safe to say that not one in ten The only expertsorare the theologians, chusetts Humane Society, urges the ne-Bai Motlibai Wadia, who gave away has any living, practical faith in Chris- and they will be all on their own side. cessity of having public mortuaries. \$1,500,000 in charities, and in addition tianity. It is satisfactory to learn from And again there are complications by Wealthy people may have rooms set erected a hospital in Bombay, and en- the "Methodist Times" that at length extra charge for sermons written in the apart, and have the matter arranged at quire silence on our part. We are ex-Poor Chinese, they didn't want West- all cities thousands of persons living in express no dissent. Should we attempt ages ever expended for a like purpose. to desert the Churches, we may rest ern religion, for the missionaries, but hotels and apartments who cannot have to controvert any of his statements Jupiter, deprived of his thunderbolt, they will have toppay for the sermons such elaborate preparations; who if they got, and more for those they did they are pronounced dead by the physinot, and they will have to leave the clans, are at once hurried to the cemedoor open for the missionaries to come tery. For such, public rooms are the only alternative, and with grim humor Mr. Angell says, if such a building could be established in Boston: "I should be glad to pay a hundred dollars for myself and each of my near friends. State. It is claimed 32,000 negroes and theirs shall be thus carefully cared for general diffusion of knowledge among seemingly oblivious of the fact that for 16,000 whites will be denied the ballot after supposed death, and also agree to the people, then proselyting will be as centuries it has been maintained by pay another hundred dollars or more, in case of after being carried to the mortuary, consciousness shall return." gard to color or sex, and disfranchise He also suggests a method by which ignorance, has always seemed the such mortuaries may be established: An "What's the maller? Jesus Clist allee proper thing for a republic. He who insurance company, which shall insure ical Bill, antagonizing Christian Science cannot read his ballot must necessarily any against the risk of premature and other healers, announces that the burial. Of course to avoid this, such company would have to erect mortuaries and maintain them wherever they expected business.

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medical man declared his powers of chical perception or inward light—a light that never was on sea or land—in the professors in the world put together; and the priest was so impressed by what he had seen and heard, that he presch against made a vew never to preach against made a vew never to preach against.

Please answer this question. You certainly ment, such a medium is honored, and allowed to cure as many as may come to him. Here in free America, he would be at once arrested, fined and imprisoned as a felon, the comrade of a reverend doctor of divinity whom I arrested as a felon, the comrade of a reverend doctor of divinity whom I arrested as a felon, the comrade of a reverend doctor of divinity whom I arrested as a felon, the comrade of a reverend doctor of divinity whom I arrested as a felon, the comrade of a reverend doctor of divinity whom I are reverend doc burglars, thieves and rascals! And so well knew and loved, and who was then Thinker. Subscribe for it.

Accurately Located.

The following is a news dispatch from Central Village, Ct.:

"Representative Taylor, of Killingly, with a neighbor, walked to our places lectured last night in a Danielson of business, two or three miles distant, church to a large crowd. His subject

"'Cyclone' Taylor, as he is known I answered nothing, but thought of my the assembly, gave his ideas of hell and Its location. He believes there is a lake "In an evening paper of that day ap- of heated lava in the bowels of the peared an item that Rev. Dr --- of earth, just eighteen miles beneath the stead of being devoted to their Lord - had died, having been in a state of surface and that the volcanoes are simply its vents."

we have long desired. It was formerly taught that earthquakes were produced of his life, subsequently published, it by the turning over of a great giant appears that at 5:40 Saturday after- down in Pluto's empire, but with this sentence, only in one way, like that of noon, Sept. 30, 1865, his daughter, see- information imparted by Representathe martyr Reed, who ended his life ing that the end was near, gently laid tive Taylor, they were more likely caused by the Devil adding fresh fuel

Mr. Taylor's idea, fact rather, is

English sea captain a few centuries ago. He swore that while commanding a ship in the Mediterranean he saw the pay, or about \$2,000 a year. Hundreds unable to speak or move, and that he Devil and one of his imps bearing a soul of thousands of dollars a year, and wrapped him in the vital magnetic at- the awful pit. The affidavit was read praying-machines, as there are machine mosphere of a land that is fairer than in the churches at the time, and was guns, and while one bombards the the means of making many conversions. | throne of grace, the other can pump hot The signs which indicate death are Why don't the clergy employ similar shot into the ranks of the enemy, lacer-Taylor would doubtless oblige them | machines might be improvements over with an affidavit as to the location of the wheel with written prayers. The

No Idolatry in Ours.

"Whether you consider favorably this ity of the other. Such machines ittle message, or the requests contained | would demand no salary, would not therein, will you kindly read it, and have to be pensioned, and if captured when I call again permit me to offer by the Filipinos, be able to carry the prayer in your home, and enlist your plous work into the camp of the enemy the Master's name?"

Such are the leading words of a cirbeen exchanged with other missionaries performed, or the body embalmed, that signed by the "Staff Captain" of the side. The politician is a coward, and who have read them; they have gone there may be no such sign, and the Salvation Army in our locality. He only a statesman, quite distinct from taining of the body. Surely the body mouth and open our ears while he en- ent course above the conservative gages in a task which we deem idol-posed to its prejudices. mons are advertised by the "Sermon means taken to apply restoratives if atrous, the worship of a personage less

> No, we cannot consent to the interruption. He might entertain us by his earnest appeals to the Junior God to with his zeal, but we are sure we would of the London edition, says: not be instructed or profited, hence the time would be wasted.

No doubt he is a philanthropist, and has the good of our soul in yiew, yet he begs a montbly contribution in that "Army." If conscious he can gain no ablest men of their congregations they trusted, for men who engage in In commenting on this subject. George contribution would be be just as anxwe accept his invitation he would re- Jesus. their personal pleasure, but there are in pected to swallow down his words, and tation the author says: however monstrous we would be set which is replaced by the emblematic upon by officers of his "Staff." and keys." hustled into the outer world.

odious as it is now popular.

The Bell Bill Dropped.

Mr. Bell, the father of the Bell Medopposition to the measure is so strong in the New York Legislature, he has no hope that it can be passed, hence he has dropped it entirely. This indicates that Moses Hull's efforts, antagonizing the

Chaplains.

The army in the Philippines has twenty-six new chaplains, and there have been five hundred applications for the fat places. There should be one to each regiment, but it appears some have to do double duty and pray for two or more. It is reported that some of these preachers are not over-devoted, and are on the look-out for soft jobs, inand Master.

With these additional preachers over there praying morning and night for God to destroy their enemies, to whet sharp the sword and direct straight the bullet, the Filipinos ought to have been annihilated long ago!

What a relic of a barbarous age! No one believes the chaplains' prayers do any good; the soldiers despise the farcical performance and the preachers who are always in the rear when there is danger, thus showing how little faith they have in their God.

Chaplains have captains' rank and

phonograph could be used, and Sam Jones or Talmage pray into them, and then they could pray out, again and again, the rudeness of one and duplic-

them up. The chaplains, however, will stay; for no party dare reject them, for fear of

Just One Will Do.

Rev. S. Baring-Gould. M. A., in his "Curious Myths of the Middle Ages," cially for himself. It is furnished like convert us to his faith, and amuse us article "The Fortunate Islands," p 557

"Much of the religion of the lower crders, which we regard as essential y Christian, is ancient heathenism, refitted with Christian symbols."

The reverend gentleman would have placed all of us under great obligation writings which they are always ex- government has to decide. The ap- extinct, and cases are recorded where it same letter to defray the expense of his had he pointed out one, just one, rite, ceremony, symbol or belief which is regarded as peculiarly Christian, which was not common to the heathen for cenattend his church services; but should turies prior to the period credited to

> In the same paragraph with the quo-"In St. Peter's. Rome, is a statue of

The statue of the supreme God of the Though we deem the labor of the Romans, doing service as the principal Army pernicious and demoralizing, yet saint! Is not this fact of itself terribly. we tolerate it, as we do many other suggestive? A learned Christian scholar wrongs, rather than engage in a per-lawhile ago attempted to show that sonal contest to suppress it. Our hope Apollo, an accredited son of Jupiter, to be insured that my own body and for the eradication of all evils is by the was borrowed from the Christian Jesus. critics that Apollo, Bacchus, Esculaplus and the whole retinue of the minor Gre-

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cian and Roman gods had been some-

what drawn upon to make up their hero.

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THE MAGIANS AND THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

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not know the original meaning.

now known in astronomy as the "precession of the equi-spread over all the Orient and into Jerusalem, as well as what is in the world to-day, you can judge how these the rising of the Rishis, and these have declared the new noxes." By these observations they knew that when the throughout Palestine. places where there would be no surrounding mountains or others. That indicates that there were twelve; but the that is past; it does not rest in the Star that was seen of atmosphere to obscure the light of these planets, that reason that ten are named is because of the difficulty of the Shepherds and Magians over the cradle in Judea. the herald of a lesser messianic kingdom or cycle; but twelve. That this was the twelfth of the line of succes- forward unto the new Christ life, unto the "Comforter" when five appeared it was known that that would usher in sion, and it completed the great fifth cycle. You will promised by Jesus, unto the Light that is to come. the advent of a new Messiah. The angel having charge learn it by knowledge of both the Persian and Buddhistic There has been for the last two thousand years, mostly, of these ministrations was the angel of the Zoroastrian religions and philosophies; you would learn it, especially, bloodshed and striving because of the name of Christianity. Dispensation and gave unto the Magians, as well as unto if you were not obliged to study these things through To-day you find Christian nations armed to the teeth. the priests of Egypt and the Rishis of India their knowl- Christian interpretation, through which much has been battle-ships on every sea, and the gradual increase edge of science and of spiritual lore.

three appeared a prophet was to be born; and when there through Christian authorities, or Hebraic authorities, who understood, upon the shepherds who watched their flocks, watched for the signs and tokens, not with such learning of the East. both among shepherds and among the Wise Men of the religions bearing the truth directly forward to the present among almost every nation of the east than in India. East.

tions confirmed.

angel in the pentagram, the five-pointed star, that showed the captivity.

It ined to flourish there; because not destined to flourish there is a real Messiah, that the New Light and the New L know where this new light was to appear, unto what na- ligion, because their religion was more simple, more spirit- spread over all the western world. With that material Truth are to appear. tion or people this new Messianic form was to come.

and the other tribes from which it was supposed the great guide them to the right place.

who would lead the people.

unto where the child lay.

child into Egypt.

Hence the stars in Ursa Major were sometimes called the anic life which the Magians foresaw.

The story of the Wise Men who came, led by the star, they signified the birth of a prophet; when the five ap- the record and as far as possible have kept from the knowl- tianity and commerce, making commerce first, that which unto Bethlehem, is so familiar to you all, we need not re- peared it was known that the holy life, the sanctified life edge of the Christian people the great light that shone will come and does come is another light, a far other light peat it. That is, it is as familiar as is possible to those was to appear. Instead of being, therefore, of the line of through Egypt and leading into the Orient. who have not seen the original statement, and possibly do Judea in an external sense, although of the line of David It is only to-day when teachers come up to you from such as have wisdom in the Orient, seen of the wise men The Magians or "wise men" of Persia were Zoroastrians; ognized by the Persians, understood by the Hindoos. It have some knowledge of what is left of this primal re- though hedged in by human walls of ignorance and the they had knowledge, not only of the astronomical signs, was from this line because this was the last messianic life ligion. But you must remember, also, that they have external wall that has excluded them from the rest of the but of the cycles of spiritual truth. By watching the of that dispensation, because in all Buddhistic countries been degenerating, and that if Christianity in two thou- world, still have this higher knowledge: A few of them heavens, there were certain signs connected with what is they were looking for the new life. Yet the agitation sand years—and we beg your pardon—can degenerate to have kept watch and ward, as did the Magians of old, for

the sacred temples, where Moses and his brother Aaron rather than to the affairs of religion or state. That which they followed was the revealment of the were taught, not only so but the symbols were taught in | So the great light that came unto Palestine was not des- must precede the light. So, as we have said in many ad-

ual; these external and mathematical symbols were not power a certain percentage of the people possessed spirit-There had been a band of people who had gone out from found in their temples. The only symbol in the Persian ual knowledge and perception. A knowledge not like Hindoos as well as the Hebrews, used in the Holy of rett Browning," Cloth, \$1.00. the Orient, and that light seemed to follow them. The temples was the perpetual fire, which indicated the pres- that of the Magians, but an institution of justice, a per- Holies the symbol of the New Dispensation which you are people who settled in Palestine after the bondage in Egypt ence of the Life and Light, and was the symbol for the ception of things divine; some of these clothed Jesus of to expect: The Six-Pointed Star, the Sexagram, because were not all Jews, but all conformed to the Jewish cus- life of the soul ascending to the life of the Infinite in the Nazareth with the only spiritual power that has been that "finished" the knowledge of the cycles with which toms and practices, and after a few generations they be- form of light. The stars, however, were watched with sent to the world, except possibly, that of Moses and the they were familiar. They knew only of the Sixth Discame assimilated. The Nazarites, however, had never reference to their spiritual as well as their material signifi- prophets; others perceived and recognized that in Jesus pensation. But in the Revelation to John upon the Isle been held as one of the sacred tribes of Israel, but as a peo- cance, and the great fact was and is, that it was not the was the expression of one of many sacred lives. You can- of Patmos he saw the Tree of Life, with "Twelve manner ple apart. They bore more resemblance to the Oriental Jews, it was not the Hebrew people who discovered this not pin any intelligent Christian scholar or worshiper of fruit," nations, and their customs were more like them; their Christ Life, but these Orientals, who understood the an- down to the question, but what he or she must admit that manner of wearing their hair and their beards were very cient philosophy, and who knew the ancient symbols, and before Jesus was born God must have given some light ples, "behind the veil," the six-pointed star was promidifferent from that of the members of the tribe of Levi who knew that when they were led by this star it would unto all those millions of people that had nent, but there was also a more subtle six-pointed star,

Of course the materialists and secularists have endeav- were Hebrews. Over all the Orient there was the knowledge that this ored to throw great discredit upon the life of Jesus, just new life was to come. Among the Jews it was supposed because they find this symbolism in the Oriental teachings give to India? What light did He give to Persia? What there were symbols in geometry, and in the lines of hierothat "Elias" was to come again; that the real Prince or and philosophy. But so far from that fact discrediting it, light did He give to Egypt, from which the people gradu- glyphs to show the full number. This was the announce- lidly advancing and thus gaining a new Messiah who was to lead the Jews and give them a perfect it adds testimony unto testimony. For what would the ally fell into material power and external splendor? And ment in the vision of John; and the Hebrew, the Parsee government was to appear more or less according to their | Wise Men in the East be doing there in Palestine if they still do not know, they cannot deny the great lov- and the Egyptian scholars, and all the learned men of the ideas which were material. They looked for a literal were not following a light greater than the Hebrews had, ing-kindness of that Infinite Being, that certainly would Orient knew: that into the lap of this great Sixth Dispen- full continues the same argument prekingdom, a literal king, a literal throne. Notwithstand- and which the Hebrews, blinded and too much occupied never create human beings for the express purpose of de- sation the entire past is to be laid. That whatever comes ing the secret meaning of the six-pointed star in the tem- with their forms and ceremonies, refused to accept? How stroying them eternally. ple understood by the priests, the majority of the people is it, that the Hebrews themselves, though not recogniz- So there comes in at the last of the most wonderful cen- that which has not been spoken, has not been declared. expected a literal king. Not so, however, with those ing Jesus as a messiah, are nevertheless, greatly surprised tury that the world has seen the great evidence of this That these great past truths are to be all gathered unto present may be ennobled by the conlearned in the sacred orders of the priesthood, and of the that the materialists, atheists and infidels, as they are knowledge from the East, and you are borne back to this new kingdom; when the light of Brahma cometh, lo! stant sense of the Divine Presence, and Kabala, who understood full well all that the Magians un- called, should deny his existence? Because the Hebrew Egypt, to Persia, to India, to China, to Palestine as to suc- it will be the fifth-pointed star; when the light of Zerdderstood and knew of the planetary cycles. They knew, scholars understand the significance of Oriental teaching, cessive steps in the great cycles of the earth's unfoldment; hust comes it will be the fourth-pointed star, and in their also, that about that time there should be the birth of a and knew that the Magians were not mistaken in follow- and that which Christians perform to-day, and will per- order all of the others. great prophet, ruler or savior. The Jews looked for Elias ing the star; the Jews simply did not accept Jesus because form on the wave of this Christmas-tide bears no compar- Oh! this wonderful six-pointed star that will declare the to come again; this time in the form of a ruler or king, he was a Nazarene; because the Nazarites were not of ison with the great tides of love which the spirits recognize fulness of all past revelation and the closing of one-half of But the Magians, more wisely led, understood the mis- cept him because, as they said, "can any good come out of Because while the Christians in the evangelical churches which is to make harmony out of discord, peace out of sion and meaning of the advent, and followed unto Beth- Nazareth?" "These people, these wanderers, these that choose to worship him as God; others worship him as a war, and the reign of the spirit after the reign of the lehem. They remained in Bethlehem three days. No came among us, as far as their ancestors are concerned, portion of the God-head, and others as the son of God, senses is over! one there had heard of the birth of the new child-life, nor without our knowing them; can any good come out from the Universalists and the Universalists a understood anything of their mission. But the star ap- these people?" For Israel expected this life to come Jesus as a teacher, an "elder brother" of man. If, how- this, you can only look forward, you can only perceive peared and guided them to this little out of the way place, through a long line of inspired prophets of Judea, a long ever, as the Rishis, you see the great successive cycles and somewhat of it at this Christmas time. You can gather As you are aware, it was known to the rulers in Judea They knew there was to be a great re-birth to close a vast plars of mankind; if you understand that the truth seen peacefulness, and ministration, knowing that after the sea that a new leader was to come to the people, therefore, it Dispensation. But even among the Jews, wherever by Buddha, and declared by all the successive lines of of blood, the glory and beauty of the song of "Peace on at this office. was thought best, in case this Prince or Messiah should be prophets were truly inspired by this Magian knowledge Buddhas was the same truth as that spoken upon Olivet; if Earth," sung by the angels at Bethlehem will be fulfilled there, that all male infants should be put to death. You they declared the coming one would be "a man of sorrows you have perceived that the Great Light comes with the in the culmination of the great sixth cycle. know the story of Joseph, his flight with Mary and the and acquainted with grief." They declare him in the recurrent cycles such time as those wonderful planets are The other half of the cycles of the earth will tend Now these Magians had come from the Orient into Pal- you how to trace the learning of Persia and India. know that this principle is as true in the spiritual cycles of (the side of their solution) of all the perplexing themes estine, unto Bethlehem, following the knowledge of the There are Kabalistic books in the Bible, there are books the earth as that certain recurrent periods bring culmina- that afflict and disturb humanity to-day. Matter will not data which had been calculated from the past ages by the that pass for history, but the Kabalistic books are tions in the material cycles of the earth. Wise Men and, also, following the light of this angel that stamped with the Message, are clear and distinct when you | When astronomers tell the world that certain planets Striving will not be the method of conquest, but the took the shape of a star. It took the appearance of the understand them; and the closing book of the New Testa- are in conjunction, that is accepted by the entire astro- power of peace, as all these messianic lives have declared. pentagram, the sign of the great fifth dispensation, to ment is the recapitulation of the entire Kabalistic lore. nomical world, and astronomers turn their telescopes in It is the fruition that cometh after the Great Perfect which this messiah belonged, and which came from India Of course, no interpreter from the Hebraic or Christian the direction indicated to find it true. When the Rishis Dawn. also. Well knowing what he was to be and what the standpoint can understand or translate the true meaning and Wise Men tell you a new star of spiritual truth has | So on that day and time you shall perceive the great world might expect. Because the same calculations ex- of the symbols. But any one versed in the symbolism of arisen, if it comes to you from India, and China, and light that was, and is, and is to be. . isted among the Hindoo scholars, the Rishis of India, who the Orient can trace this line that came from Persia, and Egypt, and they all meet at the birth-place of And the angels bear this message to the earth: It will calculated their cycles and periods in the same manner line that came from India, and this other line that came this new life, it adds testimony unto testimony. and through the same astro-nomes as those in Persia. from Egypt and they will find the fruitage in the messi- Now to-day the Christian nations, all the "enlightened" sation, that in some fair land on earth over which all the

not named. But Joseph becomes the sponsor because of tions they are in the valley, and that was upon the height; the spiritual line. You will trace in the New Testament, the highest height given to mortals corresponding to the that which is absolutely; and undoubtedly to be found great other heights that had been in the world. there, two lines of descent; one, the Kabalistic or spiritual | What is the hope of the world to-day? You cannot line, tracing the origin for back into Persia, the other is turn back to that light; you cannot climb that mountain, the assumed material line like any lineage or genealogy of you cannot return to Jerusalem, as many think they can; human people. But because these Oriental meanings nor will those Hebrews who expected to inherit the literal could not be solved, the Christian priesthood about the Jerusalem find in Jerusalem the sacred city of their Lord; fifth or sixth century chose to clothe this birth and this nor will those Christians who journey to Palestine to reknowledge with external/impossibility and greater mys-store Jerusalem unto Christianity find a literal fulfillment. tery, not seizing the problem of the Divine Birth in its Commerce may do this, but commerce is not Christianity, highest and holiest significance; and because of that, though it passes for such in the world to-day. While its Christians have turned the tables down and blotted out ships go out to sea from Christian nations bearing Chris-

in a spiritual sense, Jesus was of the line of Buddhas, rec- India, when some Persian speaks in your midst that you in Persia to-day, of the Hindoo, of such in China as, primal religions have degenerated in the many thousand light and the fulfillment of the great promise. stars in Ursa Major become more and more visible, out | The light of this star was the close of a succession of years that have intervened since their announcement. upon the plains where there were observatories, or in such messianic lives, of a line of Buddhas after one and ten But the hope of the world does not rest in the Christianity when three of the stars in Ursa Major were visible it was numbers at that time; ten and one making the The hope of the world rests in the spirit of what is borne

lost. It is only lately that scholars, students and spiritual weapons and armaments for the purposes of war. So you that time he did not appear in Judea, in Jerusalem. He The shepherds also watched these tellings of the stars, teachers are able to have access to the real religions of the may know that, with the exception of the first stamp of was among those who had come to greet him as a babe, or "Repeaters" as they were called, and understood when Orient, because they have been handed down to you the Christ spirit upon the few, upon the Wise Men who were flive it was the termination of a great period. They have endeavored to cast reproach upon all the inspirations upon those who followed in Jerusalem, upon the Arians who readily interpreted the spirit of Christ, the great as the Magians, but with knowledge that was borrowed It is only now that you are beginning to learn that what masses in Christendom, like the great masses in India, in in the mountains, and now it will not be by the Sea of from observation and tradition and their simple experi- you have they also have; that the light that was in the Persia, in China and formerly in Egypt have never Galilee that men shall seek this light; but over all the ences. So through intuition they had a great and won- East for this Messiah is also for you; that the simple line learned the Christ spirit. The fate of Buddhism is very world and unto every nation it has spread; the announcederful illumination, and this knowledge was coincident of spiritual unfoldment runs through oriental history and similar; Buddha Gautama has more inner followers ment has been declared, that the recurrent shadow is to time. As the Egyptians endeavored to exclude all is only in Ceylon and a few other places that there is even | Christian spirit and the worship of the external form is to The observatory where the Wise Men made their ob- things except their own interpretation, so the Hebrews ap- a remnant of the Buddhistic worship; while the Brah- be superseded by the New Light, the New Announcement. servations was placed upon a desert. There they had all propriated everything that they had gained from Egypt mins hold in the bondage of the senses and the literal ser- That this is true you may know by the false lights. You the signs and tokens by which to watch the rising of the without giving praise or according to the Egyptians their ices of the external shrines the majority of the people. In cannot tell the light unless there is the shadow. There is stars of Ursa Major. Beyond there was a height to which true source. The six-pointed star in the Holy of Holies China there are many Buddhists; in India there are many no imitation of that which is not; and the number of they could go if they wanted to prove the correctness of in the Hebraic temples is precisely, in symbol, in meaning Parsees. The books of the Chinese Buddhists contain "christs" that have announced themselves in the world for their observations; there they went to find their observa- and in form the same as the six-pointed star in Egypt in the thought of the offices of kindness to men and animals the last twenty or thirty years is an indication, a fore-

> tined to flourish there; because not destined to flourish dresses before you, this epidemic of messiahs proves that been created in the East, as only a very small percentage that might be like the reflection of this, of which the the developments of modern science and

either of the sacred houses of Israel. They did not ac- that it is possible for you to give to Jesus of Nazareth. all the cycles of the earth, and the ushering in of that line of physical descent of the chosen tribes of Israel. understand that these lives are sent as Teachers, as Exem- all the light, and strength, and power, and knowledge, and Psalms, in Isaiah, in all those books, in which we can teach visible far out upon the plains of the Orient, you will toward peace; the other cycles will be on the other side

nations of the world, are sunk in the reaction from that western winds blow, watered by western waves, will give Under this light all the seeming mystery fades away, as light, perhaps as far from the cradle in Bethlehem and the the light and token of that Messiah that is to fulfill the

than that seen of the Christian world to-day; it is seen by

So you are really worshiping that ideal that you hope for, that New Christ that you hope will appear. You are remembering the time of Bethlehem; you are remembering the boy of twelve years who disputed with the doctors in the temple; you are remembering that he disappeared and went among his own people, for you remember that nothing was ever known of him again until he was thirtytwo years of age.

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In all the subtle openings in the ancient Egyptian teminitiates, the most sacred men knew that it meant the spiritual laws; to note that new forces, What light did He give to China? What light did He twelve messiahs. And while the numerals were but ten, as discovered and applied in wireless telegraphy, are simply laws of an unafter that Sixth Dispensation shall be a new revelation of the future life is the continuation and

be dominant, but spirit, not the body but the soul.

not be Bethlehem's Star, but the Star of the New Dispen-When the three stars were visible, as we have stated, also the mystery of why the external parentage of Jesus is light that the Magians saw, as it is possible to be. As na- promise that Jesus brought two thousand years ago.

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A child has now been born; follow and fear for themselves; to rob death of condition of affairs exists at the present for the teaching of our divine truths. grow stronger and the truth-speaking him through the career of a long and its terrors and make of the grave only time that is a shame and a disgrace to Let the knowledge, inspiration and gospel of Spiritualism draw to itself Twentieth Century Spirithim, delving deep into the laws that of the summerland, was Spiritualism into other folds; not but that they do understanding of this the greatest and izations shrivel and die for lack of the govern life as it is manifested about given. Grand men have devoted their good there, not that we are jealous and grandest of human; no not human but him, his intellectual and spiritual life lives to the teaching of the truths of its want undue honor, but the cause of spiritual philosophies given through the supplied by those who in their hearts broadening and deepening as it flows philosophy, which truths have gone truth demands that every seeker for her human organism be the test required of know that their claims are false. If no When the Rochester rappings called stendily on, as does the river when it forth to enlighten the earth and have golden grains stande allied with his its teachers. the attention of the world's vast au- nears the sea. Lo! again a change oc- been accepted by millions, as dear as neighbor, that all at work in freedom's To take a firm hold upon the world, to new cults of advanced thought continue dience to the unsolved problem of the curs. his maturing spirit has now ac- life itself. Are all its believers num- cause work together and not lend their draw to its ranks those who of right beages; the continuity of life beyond the quired the necessary growth and forth | bered among professing Spiritualists? | lives and influence to strengthen and long there, to make the words, "I am grave, the simplest of physical phenom- from this visible material world the Oh, no, they are found in all the bolster up decaying institutions by giv- a Spiritualist," words which every beena was all the spirit world deemed spirit is born into the kingdom of the churches throughout Christendom; ing to their falsity of beliefs, and dead- liever will be proud to utter, the Spiritnecessary to demonstrate the truths invisible, leaving behind a second time some of the ablest teachers of its grand ness of creeds, the truths that by them- unlism of the twentieth century must they affirmed, and what more convinc- a useless outgrown physical garment in truths are to be found in the churches selves alone would attract to them the appeal more strongly to the mind, and ing proof could be given than the grand exchange for a more highly developed and various new cults that have of late world's brightest and besteminds. This less to the physical. Let the word go philosophy of Spiritualism as given and finely organized form, leaving the claimed man's attention. through the seership of A. J. Davis and | coarser lifeless body to be returned like |-

different conditions of life; that as at a ture and her laws was never written, have wounded more deeply and done its till the cry of fake and fraud has tarcertain period of man's existence, a for after this brief earthly existence wonderful change takes place in his en- comes the spiritual life, freed from all its enemies put together. From raps to almost beyond repair.

yet bright with hope to those around, of action and development was incon- cavil and possibility of doubt the fact giving should be enough for this, really ended, and the noble craft goes forth religions and their teachers all over the of all this he is unconscious except it | ceivably widened and enlarged, so at its | of spirit return, to satisfy every demand | the fact of secondary importance in the | freed from their deadening influence. | world, and see how many of them permay be of pain. Thus is he born; thus second birth are its wondrous pow is that questioning, doubting man can ask, demonstration of spirit return. Grant- So let the opening of the new century form miracles to win converts. The he comes forth from the invisible realm and capabilities correspondingly A- those interested in the work on the ing to Spiritual philosophy the first and prove a dry dock for Spiritualism, in spoken word of truth needs no demonto the activities of this wonderful life creased. To prove this to my to spirit side have striven nobly to fulfill, highest importance, no longer demand- which the barnacles and foul accumula- stration further than the heart that re-

useful life; see him grow to maturity a shadowy portal whose door ever the cause; a condition that weakens our ability to clearly instruct and lead the every soul that longs for and accepts its interested in all that goes on around swings open and inward to the glories ranks and sends our brightest minds searching mind into a fuller and clearer truths. Then will the old creedal organstate of affairs can be safely and with- forth from every leader in the cause, If all who believe in Spiritualism as a out fear of contradiction laid to the from every true medium, from press

A new century is here, its pages are open, to write in as we will, remembering that new methods, new ideas, and a clear presentation of truths are demanded. Only words of praise are due others, who were from the same source the falling leaf or faded flower to the proven fact, accepting its philosophy as charge of the phenomena spekers who and platform that from now onward to the noble band of workers who are in given a knowledge of scientific facts of bosom of kind mother earth, who so truth, could be gathered into one organ- are ever in search off something, new phenomena as a distinctive feature of the field doing their best by word and

in this the visible material sphere of cheer and strengthen humanity who and to meet every requirement, and ing mediumship and the ability to give tions of phenomena-producing frauds ceives it.

notion.

mourn at the loss of their dear ones, with what result? Namely this, that a tests as the chief requisites necessary shall be cut away; then will the cause Ayer, Mass.

which both he and the world were tenderly replaces death and decay by ization it would be one of which man- and more marvelous to wonder and Spiritualism would be abandoned, to be test to convince men of the truth of kind might well be proud, and one gape at. And pray tell me what do they used only in private, and at the discre- what they teach; but why longer sub-As at the physical, so at the spiritual which would prove a mighty power for amount to? Did any one eyer hear of tion of those who possess these truly mit to the demands for a test, by the rue. birth, fear and dread uncertainty the overthrow of the old decaying their taking an active part in organiza- wonderful powers. Where, then, think world? Give these (tests) as the bread coupled with the brightest hopes creedal systems of thought. Why is this tion or platform world, or of their giv- you, would be the frauds and shrewd of life to those who do believe, and let meet every requirement and satisfy abound. With the spiritual birth the a fact? Why are not all these believers ing liberally to uphold the noble work- tricksters who now curse our cause, it be done in private. To the world at every demand a doubting world could physical has vanished and friends are marching forward under one banner to lers who are so earnestly foiling for the thereby compelling honest mediums to large give the truth as you may have it ask for; but no, while thousands eager- left to mourn the absence of one conquer the king of terrors and to give advancement of the gauge? The phe- rank with jugglers and sleight-of-hand presented to you. Sow the good seed ly grasped the precious truth that their whose life had brightened theirs, hence soul emancipation to the race? Simply nomena seekers alone have made it pos- performers? They would simply be and fear not for results, knowing this, dear ones do not die; that death is not man came to term spirit birth, death; the fact that men have been seeking a sible for the hordes of frauds, trick- without an occupation, with none to that a soul seeking light with a mind an extinction of being, but merely a and defined death as the extinction of sign instead of a truth. The seekers of sters and unprincipled mediums to dupe welcome, and no cause to uphold them, open to conviction will accept a truth change of the material form to meet being, than which a greater libel on na- phenomena in the fold of Spiritualism and deceive the credulous and careless, They would die like the barnacies clearly presented as soon without as when cut from the ship's bottom to with a test, and with less room for noble cause more lasting harm than all nished the fair name of Spiritualism which they have through the long voy- doubts in the future. What tests are age clung and grown only to obstruct given by teachers in other of the new vironments, making a complete change that limits the flesh and impedes its full form materialization is a long What remedy for this evil can be sug- and impede its progress. When the schools of thought except that the bestride, but to satisfy man, to prove their gested, but to cut off the offending harbor is reached, the vessel docked, liever himself is made the test and clouded by fear and dread uncertainty. As at the first birth the Ego's sphere precepts, truths, to place beyond all member? Fifty years of phenomena- their life of mischief and hindrance is proof of the belief. Look at the great

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

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G. W. Kates writes: "Kansas Spiritualists will call a convention at Topeka, the last of May, to organize a State Association. Missouri is also agitating a onvention. When each of the States organize, the N. S. A. and the public ause of Spiritualism will progress with creater possibility to achieve good results. Let the good work go on."

Lyman C. Howe writes from Paw 'aw. Mich.: "I spoke in Detroit, Sunlay evening, to a crowded house, and bout fifty turned away for want of standing-room. Dr. Burrows seems to e doing a good work, with growing insome critic, that never supports anyhing that costs any money, becomes inxious lest the Doctor be making profits out of the meeting; but it is easy to see the profits are all out of pockets for him. He furnishes the hall and chairs, onys for advertising, boards speakers, warms and lights the temple, and lectures free of charge when no other speaker is present, and takes a free-will offering for the benefit of the needy who may come within the sphere of their knowledge, irrespective of age, color, sex or religion, and he hires and pays the music and janitor, and whoever sees money in it for him, must have a supernatural vision. His teachings are radical, educational, and reformatory. Theology he has none. He inculcates kindness, charity, self-culture and self-helpfulness."

N. H. Briggs writes from Battle Creek, Mich.: "Our citizens of the 'Queen City' were indeed fortunately favored on Sunday, March 24, by two powerful lectures delivered in the First Spiritualist Church by Harrison D. Barrett, editor of the Banner of Light, of Boston, Mass. Mr. Barrett is an earnest, forceful, eloquent orator. He is not only a faithful, zealous advocate in the cause of truth, but he is an honest, pureminded, spiritual man. His appeal to civilize the soul, cleanse and purify self, and recognize the 'Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man' should be emblazoned upon every rock in the highway of life, should be indellibly written in the sands of time that all humanity, 'seeing might take heart again.' I only wish that the sublimely beautiful thoughts to which he gave utterance, could find lodgment in the mentality of every human being. I will not occupy your valuable space by a specific detailed dissertation. Will close by asserting, the world would be much bet-

ter were there more Harrison Barretts." The. Cleveland Plaindealer says: "From the white clouds of heaven came a voice in clear, ringing tones, and I shuddered at the message it brought: 'I was once in prison, and ye came not.' The voice, according to Mrs. Clara Bissell, was heard by her and was what shaped her course in her efforts in behalf of young Nicholas Heeney, convicted of second degree murder,'

Dr. E. F. Butterfield, of Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "Spiritualism is gaining ground rapidly in Syracuse. Our meetings are well attended, and every one seems to be much interested in our presenting the proof of spirit return. We are having Doctor Ewell and Mrs. Brewer to give us fresh life and vigor. We'are having Spiritualism presented in a way that has never been before in this city. There is an honesty and earnestness in the talk of Dr. Ewell and Mrs. Brewer that disarms all prejudice. We are certainly having a happy time. I expect to have them both next year. We are proud of our society and work in Syracuse. We are just a little vain in what we have done and feel like shouting the angels are with us."

The Chicago American says: "The ghost of Mrs. Louise Luetgert is said to | room twice within a week and she fears be paying nightly visits to the sausage | that it may be the cause of her death. factory in Lake View. It was here that she is supposed to have been dissolved in a solution of caustic soda in one of the vats in the basement of the factory | fingers. Kinnie died a year ago. Just by her husband. The family of Super- as the clock tolled midnight last Mon- the most convincing test work done by intendent Haas of the United States | day, Mrs. Kinnie says, she heard the Brewing Company, who now occupy the front door open. Then there were foot-Luetgert residence, have so informed the Sheffield avenue police."

Geo. H. Brooks writes from Wheaton, Ill.: "I returned home Sunday, March 24, and am resting after my camp work at Lake Helen. I would like to receive calls for work for some few Sundays. I will respond to calls for funerals. Address me at 114 President street.

Wheaton, Ill." The Chicago Journal has the following from New Haven, Ct,: "'I will be dead in a week. Will you act as la bearer at my funeral?' asked Miss Ella Graham, a week ago Sunday, of Fred Bostwick and G. W. Augur, two of her neighbors. Both men laughed, for Miss Graham, who was only 39, seemed in the best of health. 'We will gladly oblige you if we are here,' said Bostwick, 'for it won't be necessary for lision on the Delaware, Lackawanna & many years yet.' Last Tuesday word came to the factory where Miss Graham had been employed for fourteen years that she was ill. She had caught | Saturday night, twenty-four hours becold and pneumonia developed. Friday she died. Bostwick and Augur were among the pall-bearers at the funeral

Sunday. Jas. H. Cordray writes from Indianapolis, Ind.: "Rev. Charles L. Ainsworth and Prof. Allen W. Connett are conducting joint meetings at the Pierson Hall in this city. They are meeting road only twice. Vogt's parents did not with excellent success, large and delighted audiences being the rule."

Take due notice, that all items for full name and address of the writer. It will not do to say that Secretary or Corwriter. The items of those who do not comply with this request will be cast

Louis Schrieffer writes from New Orleans: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of

M. R. Crilly writes from Pittsburg, Pa.: "Mrs. M. J. Crilly, who has been WRITE PLAINLY.-We would like seriously ill at her home, 14 E. Stockton avenue, Allegheny, Pa., is fast recovering her health, and exects to resume work again in the near future. Mrs. Crilly was a victim of a combination of the grip and gastric fever, and for a time her recovery was considered doubtful. During her absence the meetings of the Progressive Spiritual Society were conducted jointly by Geo. C. Day and L. M. Oles, both of whom class with the best mediums on the Spiritualistic rostrum to-day. We were very fortunate in being able to secure such capable workers, and thus be enabled to maintain the usual high standard of our meetings."

> The Commonwealth, of Fond du Lac, Wis., says: "The first annual delegate convention of the Wisconsin State Spiritualist association will be held in Milwaukee, April 10, 17 and 18. The election of officers for the ensuing year and the location of permanent headquarters for the association, will be the principal business of the meeting. The speakers from outside the state will be H. D. Barrett, of Boston, president of the National Spiritualist Association, and editor of the Banner of Light; Moses Hull. of Buffalo, pastor of the First Spiritualist church of that city; Max Hoffmann. of Chicago, who is state missionary at the present time, together with Miss May Pepper, of Boston, who will demonstrate the phenomena at each public

F. P. Wilmarth writes from Springfield, Mo.: "Mrs. C. M. Folsom and Mrs. Maggie Vestal met with a serious accident while out driving last Friday aftererest and enthusiasm. Occasionally noon, on Boonville street, near Phelps avenue. A horse driven by a gentleman became frightened by a street car and ran into Mrs. Folsom's buggy, turning it over, and throwing Mrs. Folsom and Mrs. Vestal out. The buggy turned over on Mrs. Vestal, cutting her head and neck quite badly, and bruising her shoulder and arm. Mrs. Folsom received a severely bruised hip and arm, and both ladies have been confined to their beds since the accident, and were unable to hold a meeting at the hall last Sunday. Their Doctor thinks they will both be able to be present at the Hall by Sunday, March 31. They both have the sincere sympathy of their many friends here."

The Indianapolis Press says: "William Simpkins, foreman of the bending department at the Pittsburg plate-glass works, in Kokomo, Ind., will go to Richmond, Sunday, to meet his son Arthur Simpkins. Twenty-five years ago young Simpkins, when four years old, was kidnaped by relatives at Liverpool, Eng. The boy's parents lost all trace of their boy. Fifteen years ago they emigrated to this country. A year ago Mr. Simpkins had a peculiar dream about his lost son. Following the impression made on his mind by the dream, he wrote to a Liverpool detective, giving the history of the kidnaping. Yesterday Mr. Simpkins was overjoyed at receiving a message from his son in New York, stating that he had just landed in that city, and would reach Richmond Sunday. Young Simpkins got trace of his father through the Liverpool de-

The Edinboro Independent says: "Dr. R. Lee Finn, of Greenfield, Pa., once a student of our Normal school, is in Erie jail, convicted of practicing medicine contrary to the act of assembly and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth. He attended calls without a license, took some cases of long standing which other doctors had failed to relieve, and cured them. As and bread from neighboring physicians, it seemed good to the medical society of the county to have Dr. Finn arrested and fined for such criminal conduct. He was arrested and convicted; he appealed to the supreme court, lost his case, was fined \$50 which he paid. He continued to practice and relieve suffering humanity. This would never do: again he was brought into court, convicted and when he plead the iniquity of the law, the judge replied that it being law, it must be obeyed and he imposed a fine of \$200. Dr. Finn was given 30 days in which to pay the fine. The. time expired Tuesday and the Doctor county must pay \$60 for his board. During this time he can read books from the city library, study with some of the city doctors, or work up public sentiment for a change of law."

The Pittsburg Leader has the following from Carbondale, Pa.: "The ghost of John Kinnie has visited his wife's bed-Each time the phantom visitor choked her and her neck is said to have black and blue marks caused by long, thin steps in the hall. She hastily locked her bedroom door and listened in affright. A few minutes later her neck was encircled by a hand. She swooned and when morning came was found on the floor in a dead faint. The same thing happened Wednesday night. The only in California. In 1885 she deeded to the explanation the doctors can offer is that Mrs. Kinnie choked herself while sleeping. She is in a serious condition." The Utica (N. Y.) Dispatch says: "Karl Frederick Vogt and John B. buried Wednesday. They were in their twenty-first year and for years had been constant companions. Two weeks ago Vogt was stricken with typhoid pneumonia and died about noon Sunday. About 11 p. m. Sunday Jacquemin was instantly killed in a head-end col-Western Railroad at Poolville, thirtyfive miles south of this city. He was the only person killed in the accident. fore Jacquemin's death, Vogt was de-

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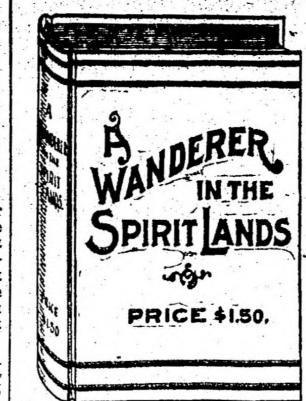
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Because of the name of Attorney Geer having been mentioned in connection with the late opposition to the Illinois State Spiritual Association, many not knowing the difference, supposed the name meant Dr Greer; but this is the result of a misunderstanding. Dr. Greer is one person, and Attorney Geer another. Besides Dr. Greer was never hostile to the association under Dr. Warne, but friendly thereto, as he is always friendly to everything good and true. We do not wonder that Dr. Greer feels hurt at the thought of having his name mentioned in connection with a bogus association.

Sarah Stone Rockhill writes that the Spiritual Church of Alliance, O., celebrated the Fifty-third Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, March 28. The platform was decorated with flags, potted plants and flowers. Mrs. Marian Carpenter's address was a very fine effort, giving an outline of the inception and progress of Spiritualism. In the evening D. A. Herrick and Mrs. Carpenter expounded the philosophy and phenomena, and Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter gave spirit messages. Eight people united with the church. Many were present from Lake Brady, Minerva and other places. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter did excellent work during their stay of two weeks. On Sunday, March 10, this resolution was adopted: That we note with satisfaction that a session of Congress was held on Sunday, March 3, as being a hopeful sign of the times, indicating a return of the law-making power to the spirit of the Constitution which makes of this a secular govern-

The Chicago Times-Herald has the following in reference to the Thirteen Club: "The club sought to explode various superstitions by constantly flying in the face of the theories of the ignorant and simple-minded. At the banquets the diners were seated thirteen at a table, the dinner was in thirteen courses, and the toasts were thirteen in number. If the 13th of a month fell on Friday that was chosen for an especially important celebration. All the rules of the superstitious were brazenly violated in order to prove their foolishness, and there was an unwritten law that the members should bring to the celebrations men known to be superstitious. There were many gatherings at which superstitions were discussed and derided. One of the stock clinchers was to call attention to the fact that the original states of the union were thirteen in number; that the flag had originally had thirteen stars, and that it continued

to bear thirteen stripes,' --Dr. J. W. Briggs writes from Detroit, Mich.: "The enclosed papers are the result of a mother sitting at home with her husband; they have only received the spiritual light since her interview with Rev. St. Omer Briggs in December. The story of the heart-broken mother at the loss of her daughter reported in The Progressive Thinker, and the comfort she now obtains from the presence of her daughter who comes to her and controls her hand, and moves the pencil, to say the least, is very re-

markable." Mrs. Selbade writes from Billings, Mont.: "Mrs. DeWolf, of Chicago, has been with us for the past five weeks, and as she was the first medium to visit Billings, she was the means of getting many good people interested in Spiritualism: Her tests, independent slate-writing and trumpet voices are grand and truthful, and recognized in he was in a manner taking the business | almost every case. Our society will organize with about twenty members, and we know of many others who are interested in this grand truth who, we

hope, will join us later on." P. A. Norman writes from Tacoma Wash.: "Having received the precious premium book, Vol. 3 of the Encyclonedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, I hereby return my sincere thanks for same, and wish the best success to you and your interesting publication. I would not be without The Progressive Thinker for three times what it costs a year."

done much for the cause in that city, the upbuilding of Spiritualism in La Crosse, whose work is deserving of more than passing mention. This is Miss Fanny Christie, one of the most gifted and reliable psychics the writer has ever met. It was my privilege while in LaCrosse to witness some of the spirit guides of this lady, that I have ever seen or heard anywhere."

G. H. Hawes writes from San Francisco, Cal.: "The Spiritualists of the Pacific coast have met with great loss in the death of Mrs. Eunice S. Sleeper, Spiritualism than any other individual Progressive Spiritualists Society in San twenty thousand dollars, and a few years later donated about an equal amount to be devoted to building pura building in San Jose, which is now octhere. Mrs. Sleeper spent a large por-San Francisco, and lived to the ripe old | earth." age of eighty-seven. For a few years past she has been living at San Jose, and from that city passed to the higher life, March 2. We hope with the organization of Spiritualism that her worthy example will be followed by many others of wealth, and that their zeal and confidence will be like hers. At a regof the Progressive Spiritualists Society, held in San Francisco, March 14, resolutions were adopted expressing the

and work."

and Mrs. M. Buchanan. All of their manifestations are given under full light, removing at once all the objections of a dark seasce, using only a small table with a frown cover thrown over it, at which the mediums sit and under these most favorable conditions beautiful messages with more beautiful flowers are produced. After giving several messages on the slates accompanied with flowers, the controlling influences call for writing paper, designating the number of sheets, usually from thirty to sixty. These are taken from an ordinary tablet and placed between a double slate, the paper projecting about 2 inches from the end of the slate. The slate is then placed upon the palm of Mrs. Buchanan's hand and held under the table. Immediately the ends of the paper begin to vibrate very rapidly, and within five or six minutes the paper placed between the slates falls to the floor, closely written on both sides, divided into letters to various ones in the room. These letters are scientific, philosophical and domestic in their nature, and requires an hour and a half to read them. The Buchanans are permanently located in Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, having purchased a beautiful cottage there with the intention of making it their permanent home. They are open to engagements and will go any place where good can be done." Special Easter service, Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, pastor, will be held on Sunday evening, April 7, by the First

Ellis avenues. There will be good mediums present, and a fine musical and literary program. Geo. F. Perkins wants to hear from outside cities and towns as soon as possible, to hear from the Spiritualists in each city how much they desire Spiritualism pure and simple to be taught in their midst, and also how much they want to organize societies and become living auxiliaries to the I. S. S. A. Who

writes first to Geo. F. Perkins, 884 W.

Madison street, Chicago, Ill.? The Daily Jeffersonian, of Findlay, Ohio, says: "Ebling Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity last night, many people standing, to listen to the lecture and witness the tests given by Mrs. Nichols, the noted psychic lecturer. She is a refined, educated lady and a pleasing talker."

R. M. Wonser writes: "I received your much valued premium book, the Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit World, I have just finished reading it. I enjoyed it much. I find it consoling and logical. Such writers are a light to the world."

W. C. Jessup writes from Rochester, Mo.: "I am doing good work at this place and causing the people to begin to think on the subject of Spiritualism. But few people here have ever investigated spirit return. Several converts already made,"

W. C. Mann writes from Louisville. ville, Ky .: "The People's Spiritual church is still holding services regularly every Sunday evening. Hatfield Pettibone and wife, of St. Louis, have been with us for the last four weeks, and will remain during the month of April. They are drawing large audiences. We spirit spheres. will be in need of a good medium for the month of May, and would like to correspond with a good one. Address all communications to me, corresponding secretary of the People's Spiritual Temple, 827 Eighth street, Louisville.

E. R. Kidd writes: "A few weeks ago I left my home city/ Canton, and came to Mansfield, Ohlo, and am at present representing the Mansfield Telephone Company. I am sorry to say that no Spiritualist society exists here at present, nor has one ever existed here so far as I can learn. There are, however, a few Spiritualists living here I under- hall. She was put under test conditions stand, but I have met but one of them, he, too, was a Spiritualist, and not only | mouths of the spirit world. a Spiritualist, but quite clairvoyant. It seems to me that this would be a good field for some reliable medium, since there are a number of people here who would like to investigate along the lines of spiritual light, truth and unfoldment, but just what phase of mediumship would be the most satisfactory and for the best at the present time and under present conditions in Mansfield, I am undecided. A good trumpet medium could do well here I believe."

Mrs. K. E. Alexander writes: "We all like to hear of tests. Here is a queer one which dates back in the fifties. when we were not so learned and critical as we are now. Everyone was surprised with something new. A gentleman in Shiawassee county went to a medium out of curiosity. A little girl appeared, and the medium says: 'To you she comes, and her name is Mary. She is your little girl.' The bachelor, for | Committee. such he was, said he had no little girl, was Mary."

W. Wines Sargent, chairman, writes from Brooklyn, N. Y .: "Persons in New York State still holding lists of petitioners to abolish capital punishment in this state, will please mail the same at once to the Senator of the district.in which the petitions were secured, addressing to the Senate Chamber, Albany, N. Y.")

S. Birch Gourley, of Chicago, writes: "I am now ready to assist in a definite manner in the promulgation of the eternal truths of our reason and soul-satiswho has donated more to the cause of fring philosophy, since both State and National associations are now firmly pledged to a much needed reform and the maintainance of a higher standard Francisco improved real estate worth than has of recent years obtained. May the associations, then proceed with a thorough house-cleaning, which a cer-

Letter of Explanation.

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Iowa: "The people of Clinton and vicin- should they require any further legal ity. Yours in love, ity are having a good time here this advice, and which I shall at all times railroad until they heard of his death." | winter through the mediumship of Mr. | be pleased to give without any charge. | Elsie Hornbeck, Medium.

Please publish this letter (giving the address) and you may now add this:
"Albany, N. Y., March 27.—When Assemblyman Bell's bill prohibiting the practice of healing came up on the or-der of final passage, Bell asked that it

be laid aside." As soon as I learn anything of the fate of the "Wagner Bill" against clairvoyance, etc., I will at once inform you. J. KNAPTON THOMPSON. 331 West 57th Street, New York City.

Wonder-Workers.

To the Editor:-In his article published in 590 of your paper, Brother Jamleson sets the Campbell Brothers down as "wonder workers," and of course he would place all physical mediums in the same position. If Brother Jamieson had chanced to be a physical medium through whose instrumentality portraits of departed loved ones were painted by spirit hands, in one-tenth part of the time required by mortal band, or if spirit photographs were taken in his presence, or if materialized forms came and spoke and wrote, or writing came on enclosed slates in his presence, would be not think it very unjust to have the slur thrown at him of being a wonder worker? Is it really a sin to be a physical medium? If there is any wonder working, it is the work of the spirit world; the medium is only a passive instrument. And it is these indisputable spirit manifestations which makes ten converts to Spiritualism to Spiritual Church of the South Side Oakwhere the lecturer or test-giver makes land Club Hall, corner Oakwood and

Were the little Fox girls wonder workers because the spirit of a murdered peddler told of the crime through them and inaugurated Modern Spirit-

Brother Jamieson says, "Spiritualists reluctantly pay a dime for intellectual food, but pay a dollar for a 'spiritual wonder' which mystifies the senses, and nine times out of ten proves a deception." How does he know this? I have attended many materializing and slatewriting seances, and the deceptions in my experience are about one in ten, in place of ten to one.

Brother Jamieson, like some others, carries the idea that Spiritualists are "non compos mentis." There is nothing mystifying in a physical phenomena seance, to a well balanced mind; to those who are determined that disembodied spirits cannot and shall not make any manifestation, there will be mystifica-

earth. Why find so much fault with | therein: these hungering, despairing souls for going where infallible proof can be had, instead of listening to philosophy and argument? Each soul knows what most it needs. If there were no demand, there would be no supply; but there is a demand for proofs of immortal life, and nature and the spirit world in merciful munificence are supplying the demand. Let skeptics beware lest they commit blasphemy in attempting to limit and measure the powers and beneficence of the mighty hosts of the B. F. FRENCH. Tucson, Ariz.

Trumpet Speaking Under Test Conditions.

The Hovey Society of Spiritualists has been holding some very interesting meetings in the G. A. R. Hall on Commercial street, during February and March. Dr. Lamar was with the society during February, and Mrs. Maggie Vestal is with the society during March, and is giving some wonderful trumpet seances in broad daylight and under the glaring electric lights in the by a committee appointed for that pura business man, who, by the way, is a pose, Sunday night, March 17, having | Egypt, Vol. II., bound in cloth only, \$2. subscriber of The Progressive Thinker, her mouth tightly plastered up with Celestial Dynamics, cloth, \$1. The and through his reading an article from sticking-plaster. She got manifestamy pen that was published in your tions just the same. You can plaster paper, he revealed to me the fact that her mouth but you cannot plaster the

The first person to be called to the trumpet was a German who spoke German throughout the whole communication. Then his wife took the end of the trumpet and also spoke German, and when they had finished speaking, they both publicly stated that they recognized the voice as that of their son Paul. Many other messages were received and acknowledged, and the committee made a statement after they had heard from some of the spirits speaking, and signed their names to the following:

We, the undersigned committee, do hereby testify that we sealed the mouth of Mrs. Maggie Vestal, a trumpet medium, of Dayton, Ohio, who was put under this test by us, and we are satisfled that the voices we heard were genuine spirit voices speaking with their friends. Signed, R. M. Buckner, Brant Donham, Wiley Patterson, C. S. Craig,

Mr. C. S. Craig was the gentleman and he did not know any Mary. The | who put the plaster over Mrs. Vestal's little girl insisted that he did. 'Now she | mouth. It was then examined by the has something in her hands wound up | rest of the committee and many others, | lustrations; also an appendix giving inin a red woolen cloth. She unwinds it, and then the manifestations began, terviews and opinions of famous men, Will J. Erwood writes. "I have just and it is a chicken with this peculiarity: My wife and myself desire to here on the practical value of palmistry. finished an engagement in La Crosse, The tail feathers all come out side make a statement. We have heard price \$1. For sale at this office. decided to let the county get the fine by | Wis., where I found the society founded | ways.' The gentleman laughed heart- | many times, our daughter Jessie, speak boarding him in the jail. To pay the by G. H. Brooks, in a flourishing condi- ily, say, 'I know little Mary now.' At a through the trumpet with Brother C. M. fine in full until September 5, and the tion. The recent mass-meeting has had place where he once boarded some one Folsom as medium, and we know her By Julian Greer. A little book of 41'has received an impetus that augurs pet of it, and held it in her lap. She Ropp as medium, also with Mr. and ber of illustrations. Is well worth the By Andrew Jackson Davis. Something you should well for the future. While the various, would rock it for hours, and when its Mrs. George G. Griffins as mediums, price, 25 cents. For sale at this office. itinerant speakers and mediums have tail feathers grew, they were sideways, and last but not least, through the which was quite a diversion, looking trumpet with Sister Maggie Vestal as there is one very important factor in very odd. The gentleman was sure it | medium, and this time under the glaring electric lights, and we wish to say. that we recognize the same voice through all the trumpets, under different mediums and their controls, as that of our daughter Jessie.

There will be two new mediums with us next month which we will report later. We cordially invite all who wish to investigate Modern Spiritualism, to attend our meetings. Come early for we are having packed houses day and night. Services at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., at G. A. R. hall, Commercial street, opposite Ozark Hotel, every Sunday. F. P. WILMARTH, Sec'y.

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dress must be given, or the letters will not be read. If the request be made, the name will not be published. The become excessively large, especially letters of inquiry requesting private answers, and while I freely give whatever information I am able, the ordinary courtesy of correspondents is ex-HUDSON TUTTLE.

D. N. Freeman: Q. Are there any writers claim for ancient Egypt?

chief portion of her records are preserved by the hieroglyphics on the walls of her temples, and a few papyrus rolls. The tediously prepared papyrus, aside of a great library is absurd. A thouseventh century, is variously claimed to have contained from one to seven hundred thousand volumes, but when critically examined this library shrinks into a myth. This is the library which Mr. Freeman has in mind, and if such a library existed, it must have contained all the writings then extant, many of which have been preserved to our time.

If Omar destroyed it, he surely did no harm to the human understanding. What were these books or parchments or papyrus rolls about? A piece of speculations and endless disputation eternal ages." about God and religion. Of Egyptian the only thing of real value is "The sessed Christianity of the countries of was an eloquent effort and elicited the Book of the Dead."

that this rubbish has crumbled during | ing instruction and consolation, over | Years." the ages into dust. Whatever there all northern Africa, Egypt, Syria, Asia has been of truth has been preserved, the error has passed away. Better if much more had shared the same fate.

The oldest collection or library are the clay tablets brought to light by the excavations carried on in Assyria, supposed to have been prepared about 650 years B. C.-probably much older. These are written in the cuniform characters and only partially translatable. They contain instruction in the laws, morals and religious formulae. Their only real value is the light they cast on the character of the people of their time. And this holds true of all the ancient writings which have been preserved, faith. Those who reverence the past, and hold its utterances as almost divine, have so vehemently repeated that it was possessed of such wonderful wisdom, was such a storehouse of knowledge, that their assertions are taken as authority, but, if this vaunted mine of wisdom be critically examined it will be found nothing but a rubbish heap of dead is not a statement made in writings of the past down to within half a century, in regarding true and certain knowledge, but when restated to-day has to be modified often to negation. Would freeing the human minu from its slavish trust in the wisdom of the past, were all books of the ignorant ages destroyed? Everything true they may contain has been embodied in recent works, as well as altogether too much of their erroneous views and absurdities. It would be a bright day for mankind if the blurred and blotted pages be obliterated and mankind allowed to start anew without this dark shadow of the past influencing its every effort. There is no more intolerable slavery than that of a living person to the fetters of the ideas of dead men-men ages ment or tablet, to enslave future generations! The tyrant may be slain, but the intangible idea though false continues and grows strong with age, and is unquestionably accepted because old! and the less its value for the present

Henry Capel: Q. What is the explanation of clairaudience? A. As clairvoyance means spirit-seeing, so clairaudience means spirit-hear-

vividly impressed on the mind, with such force as to cause the recipient to helieve them realities, so ideas or words may be so forcibly presented that they will seem to be heard. This is not clairexcited state of sensitiveness.

by the physical and so blended as to cents. For sale at this office. seem inextricable. At death the separation is complete and the spirit is freed from the limitations of the physical form and sees and hears by means of its in whom at times the spiritual senses the physical and when this occurs they see and hear spiritual things.

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is often quoted: "And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him: 'Saul. Saul, why persecutest thou me?' And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man." This is not, however, an example of clairaudience, but of a materialized spirit voice. As Paul was the only one entranced, he alone should have heard the voice. That all heard shows that it appealed to the material organs of sense and not to

son Tuttle, Berlin Heights, Ohio.

Materialized spirit-voices do not resemble in tone the earthly voice, but those heard clairaudiently are perfect in resemblance. This faculty may be cultivated in the same manner as clairvoyance. By listening to and heeding the celestial voice, it will grow clearer recated. Correspondents often weary and stronger, and constantly more cer-

> "Seeker:" Q. Does Mohammedanism claim that woman has no soul? Was Mohammed a deceiver?

A. There is not a line in the Koran that denies that woman has a soul, or any less claim to the joys of Paradise NOTICE.—No attention will be given than man. The charge is a lie, made anonymous letters. Full name and ad- and published for the purpose of prejudicing the ignorant. The profound respect of Mohammed for his first wife, and the constancy with which he chercorrespondence of this department has ished her memory, is proverbial throughout the Mohammedan world. When his second wife asked him if she was not more beloved, he replied with a vow, "No, she trusted me when the whole world was against me!"

Dr. White in his Bampton lecture before the University of Oxford said of the Great Prophet; "Descended from the most honored tribe of Arabia, and fragments of the Great Library some from the noblest family of that tribe, yet distress and poverty were the only A. Egypt had no great library. The portion which he inherited. The bounty of nature, however, and the exquisite endowments with which she had so liberally adorned the future prophet and monarch of Arabia abundantly compenfrom parchment which was repugnant sated for the unkindness of fortune. to Egyptian religion, and the mural sur- Graceful in person, easy and insinuatface was the only material at com- ing in his manners, and endowed with mand. The stylus, a sort of pencil- a greatness of mind which could brave brush, the only instrument. With such | the storms of adversity, and rise supefacilities, the idea of the accumulation | rior to the disadvantages of an illiterate education, he was in possession of acsand years later the famous Alexan- complishments more valuable in themdrian library, founded by Ptolemy So- | selves and capable of producing more ilter, and burned by Caliph Omar in the lustrious effects than all the influence of wealth or the authority of hereditary power could bestow."

In contrast to this eminent Christian authority, fair and appreciative though Christian, it is amusing to contrast another Christian authority, which expresses the bigotry and ignorance, the narrow prejudice cultured by religion. This is the portrait as drawn by Bishop Jeremy Taylor, in his treatise on "Holy Dying": "God was pleased to suffer a villain, a vicious and a base, epileptic person to set up a religion which bath pace in his righteous indignation over papyrus no larger than a sheet of letter | filled all the nearer parts of Asia and | the methods and practices of Spiritualpaper, was called a volume. All were much of Africa, and some parts of Eu- ists, which are so largely responsible Madam Bourgeois. written, as printing was unknown. The rope; so that the greater number of for the decline in local societies everyancients knew nothing of science, that men and women, born in so many king- where. He was followed by G. F. Peris had no accurate knowledge of nature | doms and provinces are infallibly made | kins, Mrs. M. Summers, J. T. McLane, and gave a large number of such greetsuch as we have to-day. They had no Mohammedans, strangers and enemies I rene Dobson, Mrs. M. A. Linn, Dr. ings in her usual happy and convincing literature aside from history, which un- to Christ, by whom alone we can be Jacobson, Ella M. Johnson, Dr. Juliet manner. She was followed by Edna til the later Latin writers was more ro- saved. This consideration is extremely H. Severance and Harrison D. Barrett. Trinkhaus, in a piano solo, the closing mance than truth. They had a few sad, when we remember how universal poems and moral platitudes, and a lit- and how great an evil it is that so many tle mathematics. The mass of their | millions of sons and daughters are born writings was idle dreams, metaphysical to enter into the possession of Devils to Greetings from the home office of the ences gradually increased in numbers

literature, perhaps the most valuable, Mohammedanism has entirely dispos- W. Kates gave the opening address. It open to accommodate the people. its birth! That the Koran written by closest attention of the audience. He credit for a fine musical program. It is a rare good fortune to mankind an "epileptic," is the sacred book giv- closed with a poem. "In a Hundred Minor, all the regions around the Black and Caspian seas, except Astracan, all Persia, Hindostan, a part of Tartary, Thrace, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Servia,

Bosnia and Greece. It has been calculated that the number of Mohammedans are to Christians as 6 to 5. It is a growing religion, and has rapidly during the last century been by Mrs. Glenn Wood, harp and mando-but throughout the state and country at pushing its way among the savage peo- | lin duet by Joseph and Walfried Singer. | large. ples of its borders, and while Christians have been won over to Mohammedanism, no instance is recorded of the least success of missionaries to win the followers of the prophet to the Christian

Something About Ernest Orvis.

Markham, "Station D," New York, one and she was followed by Thomas a State Association, at Oskaloosa, seems much more anxious to rush into | Grimshaw, of St. Louis, Mo. Brother | April 3 to 7. The business sessions will print with generous offers to make good | Grimshaw is not large in stature, but in | be held April 4 and 5. any losses sustained by readers of your no other sense is he a small man, and he The call is officially made by a compaper through her recommendation of held the closest attention of his audi- mittee, and the convention amply proideas. Aside from mathematics there Ernest Orvis, of Asheville, N. C., than ence while he dealt heavy and telling vided for. to return the cash obtained by that blows against the old superstitions, and We have engaged Harrison D. Bartrickster. After the exchange of a num- | did not hesitate to speak his mind free- | rett, president of the N. S. A., George ber of letters with that pretense of a ly regarding the faults and follies of W. Kates, Mrs. Zaida B. Kates, Mrs. man, and receiving some "Blue Book" tests, I sent him a dollar handed me by it not be of immeasure bla cenefit in a poor woman with the hope she might learn the whereabouts of her son, about whom she is almost distracted. Orvis acknowledged receipt of cash and promised reading and information in one week. After waiting a month or more. I wrote to the postmaster at Asheville. and learned there was a "thing" living there bearing the name advertised, but he could tell me nothing as to his honcould be wiped clean, and yet more if esty or ability to do the things that the the influence of those traditions could Myth Theresa Markham said he could. After the lapse of months he wrote me that he had been very sick and would send reading at once. It has not arrived yet. I wrote him of two regrets: That he beat the poor woman out of her bard-earned money, and that he had not dead, who ignorant and mentally dis- died and got into a Presbyterian hell torted, preserved their ideas on parch- The letter sent to Theresa (Myth) Markham, Station D. New York, was returned to me, marked "Not called for." So I give it as my opinion that Orvis and his alias Markham is one of the army of conscienceless tricksters that Let us know that with the exact ratio of infest our ranks and bleed the unwary age is the probability an idea is untrue, | and confiding. If Spiritualism is ever freed from the disreputable, dishonest blistering thugs and takes with which we are cursed, there will be some in the expelled crowd with- genuine mediumistic gifts; this last assertion can be attested to by many citizens of Titusville, since their experience with a certain Dr. (?) who flourished here during the fall and early winter. Hoping for the There are various manifestations all elimination of this element from our of which cannot rightly be referred to | ranks and the triumph of the good and the same source. As visions may be so | the true, let us all press forward in the cause of truth. W. L. GAGE. Titusville, Pa.

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UNION MASS MEETING OF SPIRITUALISTS

At Handel Hall, Chicago, March 26, 27, 28, 1901, Under the Joint Auspices of the National Spiritualists Association and the III. State Spiritualists Ass'n.

FIRST DAY-TUESDAY, MARCH 26., ter and the unfoldment of the individual Convention assembled at 2:30 n. m. Exercises were opened by congregational singing, followed by an invocation by Moses Hull. An earnest and eloquent address of welcome was given by Geo. B. Warne, president of the Illinois State Association, with response and address by Harrison D. Barrett, president of the N. S. A. He was earnest and practical as usual, referring in his address to the fact that while there was apathy among many Spiritualists, there were also cheering signs of progress, among which was the fact that the Spiritualistic press from the Atlantic to the Pacific was united and in hearty cooperation for the upbuilding of a higher Spiritualism. He also referred to efforts now being made in many states to abridge our libertles through their respective legislatures which can be met only by a more hearty co-operation among Spiritualists through organiza-

Greetings were read from the Spiritualists of Philadelphia and from the Wisconsin State Association. Zaida B. Kates followed with descriptions and spirit messages which were be our successors in the work of Spiritplatform message medium.

Vocal solos by Laura S. Kerr and Miss Weams, and a plano solo by Edua Trinkhaus, were first-class and heartily enjoyed by the audience.

Evening exercises were opened by congregational singing, followed with an invocation by Geo. W. Kates. The Bible Infallible?" was given by Moses Hull, and to those who have heard "Our was equal to the occasion. Those who have not heard him should embrace any Our Age. opportunity to do so, as the average Bible reader will learn more of the

An extra number on the program was a violin solo, finely rendered by Master | Prof Balatka, Session closed with a Oliver Bullock, a grandson of Moses Hull. A vocal solo by Vera Edith Young, and cornet solo by Mr. Mapiano solo by Madam Bourgeois. Margaret Gaule, not having arrived, this portion of the program was satisfactorily filled by Mrs. Kates.

SECOND DAY-WEDNESDAY. Wednesday morning opened with a ference was opened by Geo. H. Brooks, who dropped in on his way home from

The afternoon session opened with number of the program. congregational singing, followed with a

Dr. Arthur Houghton followed with a fine discourse upon The Future of Spiritualism, and was followed by Georgia fied success as chairman. Gladys Cooley, in a number of clear and l convincing messages given in her happiest vein and which were heartily enjoyed and appreciated.

There was a notable increase in attendance at the evening session. Exercises opened with singing, followed with invocation by Mrs. Richmond. After a fine recutation by Geo. W. Kates, who gave Burdette's "The Man Of the Spiritualists of lowa. Nickerson Warne gave the first regular address on "The Way, the Truth and

A telegram announcing the fact that and mediums for the occasion. Maggie Gaule would not be present, the A grand time is assured. Many pergiving of messages again devolved upon sons have agreed to attend, but we Mrs. Kates, and right nobly did she re- want every Iowa Spiritualist to come. spond to the demands of the occasion. Vocal solos were given by Florence G. a hospitable people in Oskaloosa. Atkins, and Harry and Racey Kirby; a harp solo by Walfried Singer; closing with a trio, plano, cornet and violin, by Madam Bourgeois, Prof. and W. Singer.

THIRD DAY-THURSDAY.

Topic for discussion in the Thursday morning conference was The Worth and Work of the N. S. A. It was opened by Will C. Hodge, followed by Dr. Juliet H. Severance, and Clara

At this point regular proceedings were suspended to allow Ervin A. Rice to announce the decision of Judge Stein, in the suit of Illinois State Association versus the snide combination who for the past two or three years have been doing business(?) under that name. Mr. Rice, was indeed the message-bearer of good news and his message infused new life, new hope, new courage and a new purpose to place the Illinois State Association on a solid and enduring basis. It was not only a victory for the State Association, but a victory for integrity and decency, and for a clean, honest, orderly Spiritualism.

Discussion of the question was re sumed by Mrs. Richmond, and closed by H. D. Barrett. The following resolutions were pre-

sented by Geo. F. Perkins, chairman of a committee consisting of Geo. F. Perkins, Dr. Juliet H. Severance, and Geo. H. Brooks, and were unanimously

the conventional conference, as the expression of Wednesday morning session. 1901, under the auspices of the I. S. S. A. and N. S. A., feeling the necessity of renewed life and executive force as an organized body, do desire to present to the public our principles in such prac-

"Wedding Unimes." By Delpha Pearl tical form as will command the atten- Hughes. A tasty, beautiful and approtion of thinking people, therfore, be it ate wedding souvenir. Contains mar-Resolved. That we organize a working riage ceremony, marriage certificate, society in every city, town and hamlet etc., with choice matter in poetry and in Illinois, the aims of which shall be to prose. Specially designed for the use There are many instances of clairau- A. B. French. Cloth, \$1. For sale at | teach that the truths of Spiritualism of the Spiritualist and Liberal ministry. culminate in the upbuilding of charac- Price 75 cents. For sale at this office.

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Resolved, That compulsory vaccination is not only unwise, unconstitutional Ministers and Those Who Have Used It Declare It to Be the Most Remarkable Invigorant Ever and un-American, but dangerous to Produced, Better than Any Treatment at Hot Springs, Sanitariums or Health Resorts. health, causing eczema; erysipelas, can-

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accurate and convincing, demonstrating ualism, it is our duty to do something that she has few if any superiors as a tangible for the children by way of establishing Children's Progressive Lyceums, and the publishing of a paper in the interests of our young people. The afternoon session opened with singing, followed by invocation by

while here, and to intpress them that

each person enters spirit dife as they

leave this; that character, spiritual cul-

ture and human brotherhood are the de-

strable conditions for which to work

Resolved, That as there'ls no death,

but simply transition; we'deplore the

spirit of war, public executions for

crime, and all methods of forcing the

spirit from the body in a condition of

ignorance or viciousness only to return

to wreak vengeance on human lives.

cer tumors, syphilis, and often death.

Resolved, That while we are opposed

to restricting the practice of medicine,

and to all efforts being made to make so-

called medical laws, we would advise

all who attempt to treat the sick to be-

come thoroughly acquainted with anat-

omy, physiology, hygiene and the general laws of health, and the law of cure;

Resolved, That as our children are to

and to teach the same to the public.

here and now. 9: 19

The regular address was delivered by Thomas Grimshaw, who took for his lecture of the evening, subject, "Is the topic, The Need of Human Brotherhood. A very excellent and scholarly address was delivered by Rev. J. O. M. Hewitt, Moses," it is not necessary to say he on The Worth of Spiritualism as a

Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Edward Heath and Mrs. Charlotte Grove, book from Moses Hull than they ever while the audience was treated with a genuine musical surprise, a duet, plano and cello, by Paul Schoessling and short but eloquent speech and spirit messages by Mrs. Kates.

The evening and closing session of the Gimn were heartly enjoyed, as was a convention opened with singing, followed with invocation by Geo. W. Kates. Greetings were read from Francis B. Woodbury, and from the Massachusetts State Association.

The first regular address of the evening, subject, Spiritualism, a Pervading Light, was given by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, who was followed by Moses conference. Topic: Shall We Build or Hull, on Biblical Objections Against Bury Our Local Societies, and How?" | Spiritualism. Nothing that your re-In the absence of Geo. F. Perkins, con- porter can say will add to the merit of these discourses none the centhusiastic manner of their reception. The fol-Lake Helen Camp, Fla. He set the lowing musical numbers were rendered: Vocal solos by Florence "G. Atkins and A. Forrest Russell; plane sole by

> Zaida Brown Kates was again message-bearer from the invisible friends.

The attendance was not so large as on vocal solo by Mrs. Lillian McKinney, some former occasions, though the audi-N. S. A., and from the Minnesota State from the first until the closing session, It is sad indeed! And to think that Association were read, after which Geo. when the upper parlors, were thrown Madam Bourgeois is entitled to great

> All the speakers and mediums did excellent work, while President George B. Warne, of the State Association, demonstrated the fact that he is an unquali-

The meeting was pervaded with a spirit of enthusiasm, was harmonious throughout and it is the opinion of your scribe that a fresh impetus has been Other musical numbers consisted of a given to the work of upbuilding a highharp solo by Walfried Singer, vocal solo er Spiritualism, not only in this city WILL C. HODGE.

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She and her good husband always unitedly worked with their money and their hands to help the cause of Spiritualism. In fact, I personally know they were ready to field every good cause. She is now left in her old age without the necessities of life. There are no Spiritualists where she lives, and she sadly needs help. she sadly needs help.

I appeal to the Spiritualists, and especially those of Michigan to assist her. She deserves it. Don't let her go to the poor house. If she could get ten cents on the dollar for what she has paid but for the cause she would have enough to smooth her way through the remainder of this life's journey.

Spiritualists, again I ask you to make the life of this poor, sick octogenarian pilgrim glad. Write her a few Mr. Chairman:-Your committee beg comforting words, and enclose a little to present the following resolutions to such help as will pass current at the stores for the necessaries of life. If you will do that, I will, in her behalf, Whereas, We as Spiritualists in mass- extend to you thanks such as may make meeting assembled at Chicago, Ill., in you feel that the investment has been

A word to the wise, who are charitably inclined, is sufficient. MOSES HULL.

Everett, Kan., says: "It is a blossing; made me full of life and vigor; should be in use in every family." Rev. J. C. Richardson, N. Fifth St., Roxbury, Mass.' was greatly beneatted by its use, and recommends it highly, as also does Prof. R. E.P.Kline, of OttawaUniversity, who says: "I find it a great beneat. No Christian should be without it." Hon. V. C. Hay, on the market, but they were unsatisfactory, inconstitutions of the same of the was persuaded by friends to try this Cabinet, and it cured me. I can not praise it enough." Hev. Baker Smith, D. D., Fairmouut, N. J., says: "Your Cabinet rids the body of aches and pain, and as cleanlivess is next to godliness, it merits high recommendation."

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part of his summer vacation at the Pan-American, but would not come near it if the authorities insisted on desecrating the Christian Sabbath.

rectors, but that the gates will be opened on the first Sunday after the formal opening of the exposition and on every other Sunday thereafter without any formal announcement of the fact. This belief is the result of impressions gained by all who have come in contact with the higher exposition officials recently and is not based on anything that is said by them so much as on the things they refrain from saying on the subject. There is but one more regular meeting of the board of directors before the date fixed for the opening of the exposition. That will be held next Tuesday, but it is not probable that Sunday opening will be a prominent feature of the deliberations on that date.

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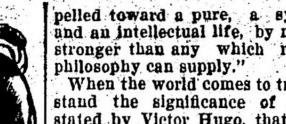
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All this is the result of the present materialistic method of thinking, but when mankind comes to thoroughly comprehend the truth which Spiritual- | will centainly enter therin. She leaves ism demonstrates, all this will be many friends. Her earthly body rests changed, and an end will come to pauperism and millionairism and the crimes born of both states of wretched-

ness will cease. When the fact dawns upon the consciousness of the race and becomes a working factor therein, that life is continuous; that death far from being a period thereto is not even a comma; that this physical body is only a scaffolding by means of which a spiritual body is being built which is to endure forever: that the most lasting pleasures are those connected with the affections and the intellect; that the acquisitiveness of humanitarian ideas, then will this knowledge bear fruit in a changed social condition and an uplifted humanity. "For," as Mr. Alfred Russel Wallace, the great English scientist, so truly says, "the Spiritualist who by daily experience gets absolute knowledge of these facts regarding the future state, who knows that just in proportion as he indulges in passion or selfishness or the exclusive pursuit of wealth and neg-

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will this insane scramble for and foolish accumulation of wealth cease and with it the crimes which grow out of it and which are caused by it. When this time arrives man will have learned that society is an organic whole, not an aggregation of individuals, and that it must rise or fall together; that it is impossible for one of its members to isolate himself from his fellows and rise to heights supernal alone, but that his power of happiness and advancement is qualified and limited by their conditions. He will know that the misery and degredation of the lowest human and degradation of the lowest human being will restrict his progress and diminish his happiness.

He will then have learned that he can best work for his own interests by working for the interests of all, that he can best increase his own happiness by increasing the happiness of others. Then in supplying the physical wants a brotherly co-operation will replace the present individualistic strife, and instead of the greater part of a life-time being spent in a ceaseless struggle to amass wealth which is worthless after this brief earth life is ended, he will devote the greater portion of his energles to gathering together the gold of spiritual unfoldment and the diamonds of intellectual culture, which have an unchanging value and which will pass current in all ages of eternity and upon any world or in any realm of spiritual existence. F. J. MACOMBER. Anderson, Ind.

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

George D. Humes passed to spirit life, March 21, 1901. He was born in Scotland, Sept. 16, 1846. He has lived in Peteton, Kans., for the last seventeen years. He was a thorough Spiritualist. MRS. E. G. HAMMON. Topeka, Kans.

A. H. Fisher, of Rockford, Ill., aged 75 years, long identified with the Spiritualists, bade farewell to earth life on March 20, and is now in a condition to test the truths of his faith. Mr. Fisher had been in declining health for several

John W. Rockwell passed to the higher life, from Allegan, Mich., March 16, 1901, aged 28 years. His mother came to escort him to her beautiful home over there. He left a young wife and son to mourn his untimely departure. He was a free-thinker, of a generous and kind disposition, always ready to help by word or deed. JAS. R. ROCKWELL.

Passed to spirit life, March 3, 1901, in Washington, D. C., Harriet L. Spencer, prominent worker in the Spiritualistic field of that city. The remains were taken to Batavia, N. Y., where they were interred contrary to her wish, as it had always been her desire to be cremated. Mrs. Spencer was well-known in Buffalo, N. X. She spent part of last summer at Lily Dale, and was looking forward to a return this summer. B.

Passed to spirit life from his home near Rockford, Mich., N. P. Dutcher, aged 75 years. He had been a devout Spiritualist for over forty years, and at one time lived near Hydesville, N. Y. He left the earth plane over a month ago to meet his wife, who had been in spirit life for fourteen years. He was a grand old man.

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Dorcas Hodsden passed to spirit life, at her home in Troy, Vt., at the age of 70 years. She has been an active and devoted Spiritualist for more than forty years, and she always belonged to the local society in which she will be great- o'clock. the bogs of materialism. This materi- ly missed. She leaves two sons and a daughter to mourn her loss. Her large residence was filled with friends and neighbors who gathered to pay their last tribute of respect. Lucius Colburn EVA ANGIER.

Passed to spirit life, at Durhamville, N. Y., March 15, Emma, loved wife of Peter Pfeifer, in the 50th year of her life. She leaves a husband and two children, a son and daughter, who fully realize she has only gone before. The double the price of the necessities of funeral services were conducted at her life to the poor; or bankrupt a railroad, old home by the writer, and was largely buy it for a song, reorganize it, water attended by sympathizing friends and G. C. B. EWELL. neighbors. Syracuse, N. Y.

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> Mrs. Sarah Pillsbury was born Aug. 16. 1825, and passed to spirit life, Mar. 14, 1901, at 179 Lyon street. Grand Rapids, Mich. In leaving earth friends she met a husband, father, mother and one brother. She had been a helpless cripple for over twelve years, and if patient suffering and self-resignation are keys that unlock the pearly gates, she

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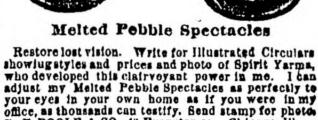
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