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## A NEW SCHEME FOR THE -SALVATION OF SPIRITUALISTS exalted in beyond us.

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Spiritualistic Plans, as Outlined by Him, for the Present and Future.

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Spiritualists to declare in their next national convention: First: That communion between spirit and mortal man now occurs and will proceed until spirit and mortal blend, co-operate, speak, counsel, and be seen to mingle with each other. Spirit voices affirm that the next great change coming to man, is the movement? From the Atlantic to the Pacific at the same hour of each day, 11 o'clock a. m., Eastern time: 10 o'clock a. m., Central time; 9 o'clock a. us for the work of helping others.

Spiritualism attached, would liberate were known.

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gether with the countless hosts of im- the hands of Spiritualists. the material along the lines of least re- of these moral and spiritual forces. sistance; that the rise and fall of issues, heavenly host affirm it and we have but this obsessed condition. to place our hands unresistingly in

infallible. awe and gratitude the splenaid work these prime essentials. previously performed by their brethren, performed, that of establishing upon the earth the "Brotherhood of Man." Should they fail to heed this spirif call, Spiritualism as a cult or movement, will them will disappear. perish. Heeding, organizing, spiritual-

the medium, the co-workers with the angel world in this great work. Sixth: To have the benefit of the laws

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FAITH, AS THEIR RELIGION. Seventh: In managing their own afits officers with authority to go wherever a liberal or Spiritualist of means ther the work. With the treasury once filled, it should be expended in employsubmerged, benighted fellow man.

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v and successfully into this Altruistic toward mental liberty. We declare that planes as far shove them as the most of man's mental faculties.

state and the true Spiritualists are to be men never can be free as long as they the mediumship of this great move- compete. They can be free only in co-

next great change coming to man, is the establishment of the practical brother-hood of man. To pass peacefully and successfully into this altruistic state, will require the constant guidance of spirit forces. Who but Spiritualists should be the mediumship of this great movement? From the Atlantic to the the hearts of all Spiritualists with great proper. Spirit return has settled that say 12 o'clock noon, intercolonial time; passed it slowly dawned on the careful spirit man in mortality to be a slave to observer that our army was in disor- customs and habits. Primary among derly retreat, that the element of cohe- these are the influence of his pre-natal m., Mountain time, and 8 o'clock a. m., sion necessary to effective work was condition, the forces given him by those lacking and the great purpose of the mortally responsible for his being. should devote a quarter of an hour to spirit world in introducing the moral, These influences are for the most part operation of the spirit world. This will world to man mortal was in danger of which they breed is bad. The stream burn out the fires of selfishness and fit being thwarted, and Modern Spiritual- cannot rise above its source, hence preism which like Pandora's box out of natal culture is the vital subject lying Second: That through spirit return it which had flown everything except the within the causes and consequences of has been discovered that mortal man is liberation of the "Man in Prison," was the future civilization. When men are already a spirit man, but owing to pre- in a fair way to take its flight to quar- born right the priest's occupation will vailing social and economic conditions ters in the social, moral and religious be gone. Likewise the king's occupawhich constitute his environment, that evolution of mankind on the western tion. Likewise the government's occuspirit is being steadily dwarfed and en- hemisphere, where Spiritualists as such pation, and all other forces which in slaved. The economics of Bellamy with were unknown and unwelcome if they their nature are designed to keep the

In the midst of these apprehensions enslaved. Third: That they justify themselves various efforts to organize our scattered | The economics of Bellamy we declare in the advocacy of prayer by claiming forces have been made, the most worthy to be the direct inspiration of the highthat prayer, like unselfish acts, is the of which is our present National asso- est spirit realms to a mortal fitted by

spirit body; further, that by engaging tion of the case to the Spiritualists of practical idealism in social and indusin prayer and performing unselfish acts North America, is to point out what in trial economy. Spiritualism is vitally we elevate ourselves to planes whence the judgment of all sincere Spiritualists attached to these divine principles of we receive the highest thought vibra- is the prime necessity of the hour, and Brotherhood. Spiritualism IS the philtions and are connected with the loftiest the means whereby a new Evangeliza- osophy and the religion of Brotherhood. tion of the Spiritual or harmonial phil- It postulates God as the universal Fourth: That these lofty controls to- osophy may be made invulnerable in Father-Mother of all life forms. It fol-

molding the life of all mortals that the erage man and woman there is nothing human life that all are children of the great changes such as from barbarism lost nor gone for naught. The indirect- great Father-Mother, hence Brethren. to civilization, monarchies to republics, ness of the forces of evolution are and | Spiritualists banded together as one institutions of slavery to freedom; in have been working havor to bring about great army are to be the evangelizers of fact all changes which seen in retro- order, peace and tranquillity in the the world and inaugurate the New spect are called and known as destiny, body politic and in the finer forces of Declaration of Independence wherein are in the belief of Spiritualists but the man's nature. We are to offer a short the tyranny and oppression combated reflex of the spiritual world acting upon | cut to the goal involved in the destiny | shall be the mental slavery of mankind

Hope is a prerequisite to following system of competitive piracy which parties, governments, religious and peo- our meaning, and in the end to fit our robs them of their right to the life of ples, though somewhat indirect are yet readers for their part of the co-opera- their souls, their real life. the effects of the work of the spirits live work. We must all be freed from The real liberators of the African upon mortals. Man, because his spirit- "obsession." The system of social slave could be counted on a single ual vision is opaque, his understanding economics now in vogue is called "com- hand's fingers. But African slavery obtuse, does not comprehend this. The petition." We say it is war. Hence was angelic bliss compared with the true Spiritualist has trained himself to Spiritualists as well as other mortals universal soul bondage modern Spirit watch philosophically the grand march are under its baneful influence, and ualism is destined to remove. of events, knowing that whether it be more or less obsessed by its selfish and That half dozen souls were a unit high tariff or low tariff, silver or gold martial spirit. Therefore, before pro- hence their strength. With us there are standard, competition or combination, ceeding to develop our hopes and plans, thousands of souls mortal and millions the ultimate end will be reached in the | we ask the Spiritualists to adopt a few of legions of souls immortal. Our sore complete Brotherhood of Man. The simple exercises, designed to change need is an intelligent combination of

On arising from your night's rest, plied and the abolition of the world's theirs to be led direct to the Aitruistic spend five minutes in deep breathing greatest and worst servitude is assured land. Altruism to Spiritualists is the the fresh air. While inhaling try to feel No one will dispute in these days of culmination of Spiritualism, a spiritual a magnetic wave starting from the combination and association the powwork wherein spirit guidance will prove lower portion of the spine, and as you erful impetus given to all kinds of inhale, proceeding up one side of the projects by organized effort. The union Fifth: That Spiritualists submit as spine, with the full breath gently of sentiment and concert of action in proof of the infallibility of spirit guid- spreading through the brain. Then, every department of our organic activiance that the world universally accepts with the exhalation, imagine the mag- ties lies at the base of their success and certain truths, first uttered to man by netic wave descending on the opposite usefulness in the world. This is no less spirits, for example, magnetism, telep-side of the spine to its termination. true in the spheres of thought when athy, hypnotism, pre-natal culture, These sensations may be varied, from directed to healing, the alleviation of mental healing, the science of vibration, side to side during the exercise, as for suffering and the calling of dear ones etc. Spiritualists admit the fallibility instance, conceive the magnetic wave to our sides when in trouble and sorof that kind of spirit guidance which to to proceed up the right side of the spine row, than it is in the hard, merciless please man's pride, power, and earthly and return by the left; then up the left avenues of commerce and trade. Ordesire, attempts to excel mortals in for- and down the right. Coupled with this ganization is everything and means tune-telling, stock gambling and other you will be required to drink deep of everything in the accomplishment of devices for barter and selfish aggran- mother nature. Fill the soul and body human desire. The wonderful laboratory dizement. Spiritualists maintain, how- with the spirit of the mountains, the of the human body is only another term ever, that this experience was necessary forests, the rivers, the lakes, and the for its exquisite organization. The parts for man before he would be content to boundless sea. If nothing more can be and members of the body perform their limit spirit return to its true function, done than by lying for a short interval functions by virtue of their relation to which is unselfish spiritual work that in outstretched on mother earth, indulge in the whole. Each has its office and all because his spiritual vision is opaque. the end will result in the liberation of it as often as possible, and there prac- obey the divine soul force permeating his understanding obtuse does not comthe real man, the spirit man, who now tice deep breathing and deep drinking each and every one. sits cowed, shackled and imprisoned. in of mother nature in her simplicity Likewise in this great field of con- end will be reached in the complete Therefore, while Spiritualists view with and beauty. We shall revert again to structive work the essentials of our suc- Brotherhood of Man: The heavenly

they say that a greater work is yet to be tions. will soon put the Spiritualist Hence the method of devoting a certain led direct to the Altruist land. Altruism army in free and untrammeled control number of minutes every day to con- to Spiritualists is the culmination of of their own bodies. The obsession in centration upon the divine uplift it is Spiritualism." which the material world envelopes hoped to effect in the ranks of Spiritual- Argument:-

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of our country, to run the gauntlet of covered that mortal man is already a Let us take the arbitrary divisions of der promptings of the heartihas prothe courts, command the respect of our spirit man, but owing to prevailing standard time. This would give five duced havor in the thought activities of they will die out as a distinct cult. fellowman, to satisfy the longing of our social and economic conditions that hours difference between the time in the world. Through many great amown souls. Spiritualists should, in their spirit is being steadily dwarfed and New England and that on the Pacific bition for power and knowledge there next convention, arise to their feet and enslaved. The economics of Bellamy coast. Say then that in New England has come this abnormal development of proclaim these articles as THEIR with Spiritualism attached would lib- this five minutes' concentration should intellect, in fact it has become defined. divinity of man's soul. Every message erate that spirit." Argument:-

tion re-elect their present efficient offi- Bellamy we believe to be the economic time, 7 a. m. action for these exalted purposes, clothe back as far as Jesus and Plato, all reign the pure Celestials. 'Tis they power, Intellect is the electrical side illuminated minds have given the same who influence both spirits and mortals of mentality. Love is the magnetic side,

resides, and solicit contributions to fur- world. The most significant of all things re- tion. Verliable gods of grace and power venled by spirit return is the bondage are these ancient prophets, and he alone ing worthy speakers and mediums of in which the real man exists; bondage is the free man who liberates his soul all kinds in presenting our religion of mind and body. He thinks as he in prayer to them. Too long have Spir- combat against the selfish propensities Of old it has been said God works in The soul, secured in her existence, without cost and without price to our feels, and he feels as he thinks. Like itualists been treading the wine press of of the intellect. We do not decry nor mysterious ways his wonders to perwise the swine. Little if any impetus profitless communication with the in-idespise intellect, but gwe do not delfy form, and, viewing our history from the has been provided men to unfold the visible world, forgetting that spirits or- it. Love, pity and compassion, the diet aesthetic side of their natures. Men re- dinarily are human and as liable to err which the inspired Matthew Arnold we do, that the dawn of a new and The stars shall fade away, the sun quire diversity of objects and pursuits. in matters pertaining to the life here us tells us "Angels feed upont" is after all, grander and better era is upon us, we They require time to develop their men- we are. It is only after ages of growth the greatest thing in this world. "Communication between spirit and tal powers, improve their minds and and experience, aided always by the The first greeting from beyond the mortal man now occurs and the message thus liberate their souls. The pressure illumination of their psychic powers spheres is to magnify the soul, its use and purpose of the spirit world is the of Bellamy's ideas in social economics that spiritual beings advance to that and force, and a reducing to normal establishment of the practical brother- is to be seen in the present socialist plane of exaltation to which spirits in proportions the realmont the intellect. hood of man. We are to pass peaceful- movement, which is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, If other words, to remain amount in the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, If other words, to remain amount in the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, If other words, to remain amount in the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration, it is the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration in the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration in the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration in the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration in the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration in the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in adoration in the next great step hosts unnumbered bow in the next great step hosts unnumbered by the next great step hosts under the next great step hosts under

operation. Competition is war. Co-Argument:—
During the last half century the Spiritualistic movement has oscillated much like the blustering French army, which with flags flying and drums beating marched up the hill and then marched women from the bondage of economic days a service of the celestial spirits in freeing men and women from the bondage of economic convicted.

real man, the spirit man, dwarfed and

generations of experimental gestation which develop to the maximum the The purpose underlying this presenta- to receive and portray to the world a lows as a logical sequence that all forms pending spirits have been and are still Dismaying as the outlook is to the av- of life are intimately related, and in

superinduced by a worn-out, antiquated

these forces for good. That need sup-

cess lie directly in union and organized | hosts affirm it and we have but to place Observing religiously these sugges- effort coupled with simple method, our hands unresistingly in theirs, to be

lists everywhere. Pursuant to that end Now, in concerted states with prayer on every morning devote five minutes and practice, the first great truth that to this one purpose. In order to have will come from beyond the spheres this made effectual and uniform take (necessarily the alpha of our illuminathe hour which will cover the whole tion), is soul force. "Through spirit return it has been dis- longitude of our country and Canada. The warfare of intellect upon the tenbe made at 11 o'clock a. m., in the region | The equilibrium of the faculties of Central time. 10 a. m.; Western time.

when petitioned by prayer and aspira-

To this Celestial company we adjure | beneficent spirits to whom we pray and | easily led in the right through this

mortal man.

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"Spiritualists justify themselves in the advocacy of prayer by claiming that prayer, like unselfish acts, is the exercise of the muscles of the soul which develops to the maximum the spirit body."

Prayer is the mighty power generated by the soul forces in action. 'It does not pertain to nor involve the common acceptation and office of the term, which makes loud mouthings and vain repetitions its burden. It means the retirement within one's self, there to open the windows of the soul and let in the light and truth of divine inspiration. The secret of the thought forces of the world lies right here, because the changes and transformations of external life in all departments are

thought out before they are acted out. By instituting this prayerful state we come into touch directly with exalted minds beyond the spheres who cannot reach us except in the silences of personal introspection and aspiration. Endeavor, then, to see through and beyond the spheres while in this prayerful state (which sight surely can be accomplished), and then let the warm, loving supply to your demand permeate your being with its power and illumination. This is the sole use of prayer and it is vain and void of consequence when ex-

ercised in any other manner. As inspiration is the breathing in upon one soul by another soul, prayer is the integral factor in the accomplish ment of true inspiration. Prayer is the safeguard of inspiration. Without it inspiration is simply a ship without a rudder, liable to be tossed about and blown far from its true course, Inspiration encompasses a mighty sen and its uncertain course embraces till of the activities of life, from the loftlest intellectuality down to the lowest and most lustful passions. But prayer being the exercise of the soul governs the direction which inspiration shall take, and there is absolutely no failure in it. The soul is the pivot around which revolves the whole universe, and when it becomes centerstanced by the exercise of prayer, the unlift of the uncovered it is then impervious to the assaults of

Think, then, brethren, of the power you can wield in the world! The profitless lip service to deific figments of barbaric imagination so long paraded to your disgust, has palsied in yourselves the one dominant powers which every man, woman and child ought to be exercising to-day.

Prayer as herein set forth, and as given by wise and beneficent spirits is the true athletics of the soul. It is the stone the builders have rejected in all ages, but cherished in all ages by the illuminati. During the iconoclastic era through which Spiritualists have passed, it has had no place and has performed no function. Now that the tide is turning and the birth of a new cycle world. Every Spiritualist must become taking place, Spiritualists as a body of a medium for this work, and, combined concerted builders are to take up this as a unit the whole mass of them officers, and request them to inaugurate rejected stone and make it the corner- backed by millions of spirits, our friends by letter and by pamphlet, a crusade to wherein the soul shall possess liberty | nable to the assaults of any and all opand wield its almights force in liberating the spirits in prison.

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"That these advanced controls to nother with countless hosts of impending spirits have been and are still moulding the life of all mortals. Man prehend this. Nevertheless the ultimate

vigorating, instrument of the soul.

exalted in the spheres are above and The query now arises, who are to be sacred, reduced by this contraction from beyond us.

the instruments of these wise and the expansive ego, we find ourselves this army of Spiritualists on earth to direct their prayers and their aspirations for the upbuilding of their cause on earth. A powerful influx of light from this source has again touched earth and some mortals are perceiving it and reading its message to the world, and it is wholly in line with this percentage will be in the communications. Hence the spirits to whom we pray and for whose aid, under God, we supplicate.

Spiritualists all agree that the angel politics, passing all this as ephemeral, questions that have no bearing on the great realities of life. Here we recognize the work of the prophet, Moses the greater the number of mediums, the less circumlocution or indirectness there will be in the communications. Hence putes arising from Biblical narrative. spirit world.

Every Spiritualist ought to be a me-dium, and will be if only these divine lessons are learned and practiced. As there is absolutely no failure in prayer so there can be no failure in that which comes in answer to it.

Here we come to character building; fitting the body for its solemn and sublime function. Physical infirmities produce much congestion in the mental forces. The mind is more or less tinctured by the frame through which it works just as the wine savors of the cask in which it is kept. The mind, in turn, once the ruling power, with love mediums constitutionally impervious to dishonor, realizing that their mission is to live first the life of the spirit, and move the hosts around them by virtue of their powers as instruments of the most exalted intelligences in spirit life. then we will have done with the cry of false pretense and dishonor. Under the rule and guidance of prayer and soul force the Spiritualists thus organized will absolutely transform the complexion of the world's thought.

We declare that the principle of service is the only enduring principle in the make-up of the true civic, religious and social system, and it is toward that principle that we point to-day, knowing that within its vast economy there is held for us and for the world at large the panacea for all the ills of the social system. We are our brother's keeper, and whether we will or no we must abide the consequences of our thoughts and actions toward our fellow man. The spiritual press united as never before sounds forth these divine lessons as our refuge and our hope, leading us from a disorganized, contending mass of people to this sacred land of service from which we shall ere long be led into the Gibralter of Altruism, the gospel

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and economy of service.

"Spiritualists submit as proof of the and usefulness for our fellow mortals, world universally accepts certain truths first uttered to man mortal by spirits. keynote at Washington next October. magnetism, telepathy, hypnotism, pre- until that convention meets. natal culture, mental healing, the science of vibration, etc. But a greater work is yet to be performed, that of establishing upon the earth the Brotherhood of Man. Should they fall to heed this spirit call, Spiritualism as a cult or a declaration of principles which shall movement will perish." Argument:-

This is our position. We shall maintain it. We challenge any Spiritualist to point to a single authentic teaching | ualism. We are brought face to face from the spirit world that has not borne | with this point in considering the pres just this message to the world as the | ent persecution in various states. plan and purpose of Spiritualism. Furthermore, this is the rallying point of our-organization. Around this great proposition, we can unite and free the tone of the oncoming civic temple and loved ones, they will be impregof the Celestial realms.

With all due consideration for the means resides, and solicit contributions sturdy and persistent efforts of Spirit- to further the work. With the treasury ualists and spirits as well, to awaken universal interest in psychical manifestations we see how these manifestations in the aggregate have been on a low plane. Intoxication of the senses rather than illumination of the mind has effected a molety only of the grand purposes involved in spirit return. Exceptions rare and beautiful of course gleam out of this mediocre state, but these exceptions only prove the rule. In this vast mass of psychic phenomena we find fortune telling, stock gambling and many other and more pernicious elements which like weeds, left to themselves, have choked out the real worth and beauty of the growing crop. It is make a stronger appeal for funds than all like the husbandman who went forth | ever before. They know many liberals to sow seed on barren and on fallow soil. | and Spiritualists of means and where We hold that these obnoxious prac- they reside, to whom they can go thus tices and their results are no part of strengthened with every feeling of suc-Spiritualism and that Spiritualists must I cess and fill the N. S. A. treasury. break away from them and take a higher stand for truth and fraternity or | would unite in caring for our veterans,

The great purpose underlying all psychic phenomena and all spirit communication is the eternal progress and from the spirit world that has had to essential to right thinking and right do with the soul force of the person adfairs, they should in their next conven- The type of thought which inspired 9 a. m.; Mountain time, 8 a. m.; Pacific reasoning, but in this warfare of the dressed has had this almighty idea beaggressive intellect this equilibrium has | hind it, and in millions of instances it cers, and request them to inaugurate by side of the Harmonial Philosophy. In this state of prayer the effort been lost and society is toptheavy with has been directly alluded to. But inletter and by pamphlet, a crusade to Andrew Jackson Davis covered sub-should be to look through and beyond cold, calculating projects for material stead of profiting by these admonitions bring all Spiritualists into harmonious stantially the same ground, and so along the lower spheres of spirit life where and decaying structures of wealth and the Spiritualists as a body have disobeyed them and in consequence are like flotsam and jetsam on the sea of Thus am I doubly armed; my death and social and industrial message to the and more profoundly and effectually Love, in fact, is the dome of the mental life. We hear everywhere the query, archway. It should rule and govern the | why have we not had greater success? forces of intellect. It is the warm, in- We do not in thus glancing backward mean to say that all this that we are This in a moment brings me to an end; Without it we are absolutely hors de viewing has not been without purpose, standpoint we now occupy, believing as can with the immortal Pope, say. Grow dim with age, and nature sink in "Whatever is, is right." For out of this chaotic condition of our forces have But thou shalt flourish in immortal come those experiences which are essent. tial to our proper guidance now. Ceasing to be an unlicensed mob, club The wreck of matter and the crush of

bing everything that to others may be

ception that concerted action is urged upon Spiritualists who have come into the deep, abiding and mighty meaning of spirit return which has wholly to do with the man in prison, in bondage, the way through It.

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"To have the benefit of the laws of our country, to run the gauntlet of the courts, command the respect of our fellow-men, to satisfy the longings of our own souls, Spiritualists should in their next national convention rise to their feet and proclaim these articles as their faith, as their religion."

Argument:-Not lightly shall the labor performed to convey these sacred truths to mortals be considered by the Spiritualists of It is overhead, or in-the-air interest, bers can be made to obey. And here is | North America. These syllabi and their the secret of our great strength as a argument are the fruit of a half century movement. Constitutional integrity as of experience to which has been added a result of equilibrium in the mental | the wisdom of the ages as voiced by unforce is sure and complete under the seen leaders and prophets who now regime here outlined, and when we have await the flame and heat of that enthusiasm and consecration they hope will be fired in the bosoms of Spiritualists fitted to be free and fitted to free others.

The source, the leadership, for all herein set forth is far away from the maddening, warring forces of man's hell, and yet so near that the rustle of their divine garments, the touch of their fingers and the sound of their voices are heard and felt by the sensitive souls of mortals. In these articles is to be found the

doctrine of the eternal NOW, whose immanent God moves the divine impulses of man's soul to deeds of valor for which there is no parallel. This doctrine is the religion of every veteran who has long looked for a Moses to lead the host out of the wilderness. Our Moses is the hosts invisible and triumphant into whose hands we are to place our own and be led, nor any longer to flaunt in their faces our mawkish concelt over the glories of intellect that stands dumb before the simplest manifestation of life.

Let Spiritualists who realize that a new order is apparent make this their tocsin of strength. A meeting and parting of ways is here. We love all souls, but all souls will not affiliate with us. There are the sheep and the goats. There are the souls in prison. Imprisoned they cannot unite with us Those of us not in prison can and must unite to save them and our cause and vision in demand for guidance, strength infallibility of spirit guidance that the inaugurate the grandest movement yet known to earth. Let this be the clarion any or all the obsessive forces that may These truths are involved in the terms | Let this be the work of organization

No more important fact exists in connection with this argument than that which has to do with the word religion. In order to have the protection of the constitution and the laws there must be form a religion and be called such. The word religion must appear in any thesis or argument brought before a court of law to determine the standing of Spirit-

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"Spiritualists should in their next convention re-elect their present efficient bring all Spiritualists into harmonious

action for these exalted purposes, clothe position and carry victorious the banner its officers with authority to go wherever a liberal or Spiritualist of once filled, it should be expended in employing worthy speakers and mediums of all kinds in presenting our religion without cost and without price to our submerged, benighted fellow-men." Argument:-

The present officers of the National Spiritualist Association being able and from experience very efficient should be unanimously re-elected. In starting a crusade by letter and pamphlet and by other means calculated to strengthen these forces will require herculean work that they are best adapted to perform. These officers strengthened by declarations of these exalted purposes will A good treasury once accumulated all

in educating our instruments, and employing worthy mediums and speakers to present our religion to the world. · We respectfully and earnestly urge these our contemporaries to publish in their next issues these syllabi and their arguments. -

### BANE AND ANTIDOTE.

I'm weary of conjectures—this must My bane and antidote, are both before

But this informs me'I shall never die. smiles At the drawn dagger, and defies its

noint. himself rears: routh. Unburt amidst the war of elements.

By the President of the N. S. A.

To the Editor:-Inasmuch as the secular press throughout the United States has seen fit to comment freely and at length upon the proceedings of the recent mass convention in New York City, and has further presumed to report me as saying things I did not say, I venture to trespass upon your valuable space to correct the erroneous impressions that have been conveyed by the reports in question. I am reported as having said that Spiritualism is rapidly declining, and that our societies have decreased in numbers from seven hundred to less than sixty during the past five years. -As a matter of fact, I made no such

At one of our conferences I said this: "There never was so much interest taken in Spiritualism on the part of the public as at the present time, but I rerather than practical everyday work. Our local societies are in a state of decline. This is an unpleasant truth, but it is one that we must face, and find a remedy for. This is also true of our lyceums, as will be seen when you learn that there are now less than sixty of them in existence, as against several hundred of them thirty years ago. Our local societies are also diminishing in numbers. It is true, there are six or seven hundred meetings held throughout the country every Sunday, but less than twenty of them are in a flourishing condition. Regularly organized societies have fallen off rapidly during the

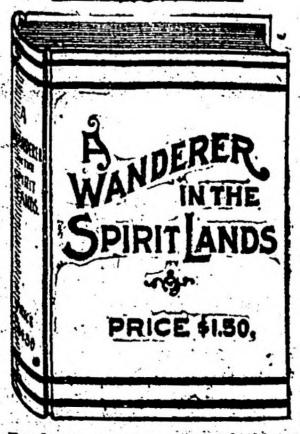
past three years." This quotation embodies substantially what I said, though I have not used the same words that I did in New York City. I repeat at this point, the interest in Spiritualism to-day is greater than ever before, but it is abstract and not concrete in form. I again say that I have found our local societies declining in every one of the twenty-one states I have visited during the past six months. Since my New York address I have learned from the secretary of the National Lyceum Association that she cannot find more than sixty active lyceums in the United States and Canada. This statement more than proves that my estimate of sixty was most generous. In regard to our local societies I speak from positive knowledge, and not from

I have no wish to place Spiritualism in an unfavorable light before its opponents, but I do believe that Spiritualists should know the actual facts in regard to their movement, and plan to remedy existing ills. If Spiritualists desire to have their Spiritualism maintain itself as a distinctive movement, they will have to do something to practicalize the popular interest that now exists only over the heads of the people. In other words, their local societies must be made spiritual centers from which an influence for good may radiate in every city and town in the land.

I do not object to criticism of my views when that criticism is offered in the name and for the sake of truth, but I desire to be criticised for what I really did say, rather than for what somebody else reported me as having said. I was not responsible for the action of the reporters, nor for the editorial comments of the Philadelphia Press and other secular journals upon what I was alleged to have said. I have a right to ask my Spiritualist critics to discuss what I really said, and to ignore the reports that had no foundation in fact. It is rather strange that Spiritualists are willing to accept garbled secular press reports as literal truth, rather than make an effort to verify the same ere they attack the one or ones whose words called out their criticism.

I stand by what I said, and have the facts at hand to prove my every assertion. My one wish is to do something to strengthen our cause, and to make Spiritualism the leading reform movement of the age, so far as it lies in my power to do so. To that end, I hope to see our local societies revived, greater interest manifested in Spiritualism as a cult, and practical work done to make it a potent factor in the civilization of mankind. In order to make it such, something must be done to save our dying societies, and to so organize our forces as to make Spiritualism felt through the efforts of true-blue Spiritualists. To me organization, local, state and national, is our one hope of complete success. Yours for Spiritualism,

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## LIFE AND EXPERIENCE IN SPIRIT LAND

A Series of Letters from the Spirit of a Well Known Lady, Given through the Mediumship of Carlyle Petersilea.

LETTER NUMBER TWELVE.

In my last letter I wrote of the sublimated material spiritual body, of the thought body, of the astral body, and the ego or soul; and fearing that I may be misunder- and they have existed from all eternity and were different, June 21 1897. It is a letter written by of them, otherwise than by the interand arteries, and a body of skin, or the epidermis, and and matter. Yours truly, these various bodies go to make up his material form; but within that material form is a sensational or spiritual body, a thought body, an astral body, and the ego, or soul, yet all these are apparently within one body, for only one form is visible to the sight. So in spirit life, there is but one form apparent, yet this form is composed of spiritualized material substance—or like the epidermis—a fine spirit body, a thought body, and an astral body, together with the soul.

Therefore one can see that as Lady - and I grew wiser in spiritual knowledge we began to take on the more dense, sublimated material, spiritual body; consequently, each time we visited the spheres, it became more and more difficult for us to return to earth in our sublimated material forms, and at last we left the house in Russia altogether, for the spirit realm was so entrancingly beautiful, its homes so exquisite and refined, that earth and its scenes became more and more distasteful to us, almost disgustingly coarse, and really much of it quite so, and at last if we returned at all it must be in our attenuated spirit bodies, leaving our more dense bodies at rest in the spiritual realm. Besides, it now must be for a purpose, or some strong magnetic attraction must draw us, such as a powerful love of some kind, or that we have some especial mission or duty to perform, or we could join a band of spirits or angels for the same purpose, in that way becoming stronger and more powerful for the performance of good works. Our sensitive says we flit back and forth like birds. But when we are engaged in writing a message we remain for an hour or more as the occasion requires.

Now I am here at this moment because I have a mission and duty to perform for those who are still in the material body, being one of the spirits or angels commissioned to give truth to the world below our own.

There is one idea that is at present being given forth to the world as a great scientific fact, while in reality it is scientific nonsense; and that is, that the minutest atom of matter is possessed of a certain amount of intelligent

O, what balderdash! Matter is matter, and spirit is spirit, and soul is soul. Spirit and soul clothe them selves with matter, and only the spirit and soul are intelligent. Matter possesses no intelligence of any kind, and speaking closer to the point, nothing possesses intelligence but the soul. The spirit is simply the soul's vehicle and matter its clothing. Does clothing or a dress possess intelligence? Bah! Can learned nonsense go farther into ridiculousness? One would think that there existed no air, no ether, nothing but matter-matter! and that all life first existed within matter, and spirit, intelligence, and soul was evolved from matter, whereas it is exactly the contrary.

Life—intelligence—soul—exists first within the airthe ether. It picks up matter as a rag to cover it, that it may dwell within materiality for a season until it is grown or developed. And this applies to the smallest thing that has life. It is life itself, and it is surprising that Spiritualists, of all others, should accept such non-When the air and earth, or matter, kiss each other, then there is a marriage, and then life and intelli gence enter earth, or matter, and only then. Take away the germs of life that exist within the air or the ether and matter would remain forever sterile. Take some earth for instance, destroy all the germs that it might possibly contain—but here I wish to add, they are not destroyed merely driven out or back into the ether-then seal up this matter so that not a particle of air or ether can touch it, and it would remain forever without life or intelli-

Spiritualists, I. Madam —, caution you: Do not drift into such materialistic nonsense. Return, O my beloved, into true spiritual Spiritualism. It would be far better and even nearer the truth, if you were to believe as you formerly did, that God in person breathed the breath of life into man. But Professor Petersilea has already informed you—as I read in the mind of the medium—that all spiritual, or soul germs, are inhaled, or enter matter through the breathing process; or by the flower attracting and holding the germs of its own kind or species. which afterward bear seed, and seed is merely a living germ embedded deeply in matter, and the germs are all and wholly within the air or ether; it is simply the process by which germ life and matter meet and blend, or the spiritual intelligence buries or clothes itself, and in my last letter I told you of the emanations arising from the earth, which is merely the developed life and intelligence arising again into the air or ether. It really seems to me now, that such a great truth cannot but strike home to every reasoning mind. Besides, no earth whatever has life upon it of any kind that has not an atmosphere. You say the moon has no life upon it because it has no atmosphere; and you are right. Life does not reside within the bulk of its matter, or material substance, but if it had an atmosphere life would soon find lodgment there; be sure of that.

Now, some one says: "But it is surrounded by ether." Very true: but ether must convey life to matter through the atmospheric principle, through that principle by which life must be sustained and exist within matter. Even in the spiritual realm we have a refined and rare atmosphere entirely distinct from ether.

If you, as Spiritualists, drift back into materiality our fifty years of labor will be lost to you. Science never yet gave you the great truths of Spiritualism. Science might delve a thousand years—aye, even more—and not be any nearer the truth. Fact is, it is just as likely to burrow downward—even more likely—than to rise upward into the heavens of spirituality. It is like a blind mole digging away at matter without a ray of light to illumine its pathway, with the mind forever looking downward instead of upward, and it is folly to say that life commences and originates within a cell of matter, and the two cells meeting, and so forth. It does not. I, Madam ---, a spirit, tell you so and I tell you the truth, whether you accept it or not.

Sperm is formed in the blood, or takes on its first material clothing in the blood, and the invisible spermatozoas or germs are in the air and ether, and are taken in with is, for if they were beyond feeling they would cease to feel the breath, clothed with matter in the blood, are then in- love, in fact, cease to have any feelings whatever. 'Perjected into an egg or ovum, which is simply food and clothing for it to develop in. Now when science begins here it will come out all right and very little burrowing will have to be done, for it will be working in the light of a great spiritual truth, and a truth that science never did nor never will give you without this light. They tell you that fish can be produced without milt, by certain chemicals, but they cannot keep fish alive, or the eggs of fish, without water; and as milt is invisible in the water, or we may call it spermatozoa, can any one say that it may not be in the water instead of in the chemicals? Whatever they may try to prove to the contrary, old Mother Nature will work her mill-the mill of life-just as she does at present, ten thousand years from now, the great new dis-

covery of creating life to the contrary. Most people are afraid to write against a great, scientific discovery, as they term it, but I, a spirit, am not afraid to write against it, for it is not true, and it is one of my du- find my reward in the act. - Emerson.

Then one hears so much about differentiation, whatever that may mean, but the way it is put it is perfectly meaningless. A million or more, or many millions of entirely different forms of life all being produced from the word differentiation. Can unmeaningness go any far- THE TWO WORLDS, MAN- HARBINGER OF LIGHT, MELther? Or two cells starting exactly alike differentiating into a number of millions of different forms. O, consistency, what a jewel thou art! But here is the truth; ac-

cept it or not, as you please. The germs of all things that exist in nature, exist in the atmosphere, each distinct as to its kind and species, stood, let me here say that on earth a man has a body of from the beginning. Yet we as spirits cannot conceive bones, a body of flesh, a body of nerves, a body of veins of a beginning. Germinal life is co-existent with spirit MADAM .....

#### LETTER NUMBER THIRTEEN.

At this writing I wish to tell you about the attraction of gravitation. First I shall make an assertion, and the pathy she has received, and continues ond a doctor of medicine, and the third assertion shall be a most truthful one. Perhaps not many have thought much about it. All the better; you want subjects. But what she values far more from chronic diseases, and asked him of gravitation. First I shall make an assertion, and the new thoughts. Never run in an eternal treadmill of old thoughts. Try to get fresh, new ones, and if you try you will find an eternal supply ever ready to be received, and eager to be put to the best use possible. But, put your thoughts to the test-try them in the light of your highest wisdom and reason—and if they stand the test, then

My assertion is this: The earth has the power of drawing and holding to itself all material things. The spiritual world has the same power of drawing and holding to ately, itself all spiritual things. One attracts heavy or coarse matter, the other fine, sublimated matter, and the attraction of gravitation of the one is as powerful as the other -no, that is not quite exact-one is far more powerful than the other. The spiritual realm is far more powerful than the coarser and heavier earth.

Why, the spiritual realm is attracting and holding countless billions of tons of attenuated matter every day, and yet with this great truth staring them in the face, some doubt the existence of a spiritual world. Every blade of grass, every leaf of vegetation, tree and shrub, every stream, river, pond, and all large bodies of water, are being drawn upward as rapidly as the sun and air can do it. To be sure a very large part of the water condenses, and when it becomes too heavy for the upper air is attracted back to earth, but not nearly all of it-much, very much never condenses sufficiently to be attracted back to earth, consequently is attracted by the higher, lighter spirit world, and as I stated in a former letter, becomes subject to the natural laws appertaining to that world—and what of the countless tons of other matter that is being drawn upward every day? Can the most learned of men on earth deny this statement? No, sirs, you cannot. Then why don't you tell the people something about it? Why don't you tell them what becomes of all these countless billions of tons of matter that are being drawn upward each day of the year?

Now, I, Madam ----, a spirit, challenge the whole world of learned men to contradict my assertion. I want you to contradict it. Still, I would like you to contradict me in a gentlemanly manner. I expect you to treat me as gentlemen should treat each other, or as gentlemen treat ladies, even if I am a spirit lady.

When I was with you in the form I exacted gentle manners and kind treatment, and was ever ready to be gentle and kind to those who were gentle and kind to me. But, to take opposite sides in a debate is all right, and we can use any arguments we please if we do not descend to personal abuse, remembering that you have no more right to abuse a spirit, because it has left the body, than you have if it stood before you in the flesh, for it is a person the same as yourself. The reason why I want to be contradicted is that I wish to agitate the minds of the people of earth on this all-important subject.

When one speaks of the spirit world as anything tangible and real, as having land, water, hills, dales, grass, flowers, trees, buildings, schools, and so forth, others look upon them as lunatics fit for an asylum. Then, again, there are thousands of so-called Spiritualists whose ideas are exceedingly vague and uncertain; they look upon the spirit world as a vaporish kind of spookland, which amounts to a certain kind of nothingness, wherein formless, invisible spirits, who amount to little else than nothing, forever aimlessly float about, progressing toward

Now you may each and all declare that you don't think so; but what the world wants is something definite, and there is nothing easier than to arrive at what you do want.

There is nothing indefinite in nature, neither in the spirit world nor in the earthly world, and one is as definite as the other, one is as real as the other, and I want those who do not think so to prove to the contrary, if they special note of its change in appearance. are able, and I will prove the opposite, for I am able.

Tell me, ye sages: What becomes of all the countless millions and billions of tons of matter that rise up from your earth at all times and seasons? You may reply that it remains a formless, conglomerate mass, but I assert to that night I lost more at cards than I the contrary. You may say that it all returns back to the earth, but I say to the contrary. You may say, as you. are in the habit of doing, that it is worked over and over again, but I say no, no, no, and reiterate, no! and just but at the unwonted condition. After Government College, Lahore, India. The here is where you savants make your mistake.

A portion of the grosser elements are attracted and to have faith in my ruby, and it never affirms the reality and materiality of drawn back to earth, those that by the law of natural affinity belong to earth, but not the finer, the more sublimated, the spiritual; that is attracted and held'by the spirit world. And now let me tell you another great fact: Your earth grows larger and lighter every year. Two or three millions of years ago your earth was not as large as it is to-day, and it was much heavier and coarser than at present; its mountains were higher and more abrupt; its surface more rocky, its volcanoes far more numerous and active, and many spurted forth boiling water well mixed with rock and sand and often much bituminous matter. life almost unbearable. Now if your earth does not weigh nearly as much to-day as it did some millions of years ago, where is its lost surplus weight? Nothing is lost-nothing can be lost-but it has gone somewhere, it is going somewhere every day. Of course it will be eons of ages, to man, before it will all be spiritualized, but in the meantime what has become of this enormous bulk of matter that it has already lost? Let me tell you-let me whisper it softly in your ear: It has gone to form beautiful, exquisite, sublimated material, ethereal, spiritual spheres or zones, which lie all around the earth in different stratas, one above another; the first commencing just beyond the dense atmosphere I will thank you.'

Now I want some of you savants to contradict me in a kind way, so that you may not raise my ire and indignation, for I am not yet beyond indignation and I cannot say when I shall be. I have not yet found any spirit who haps you may say that I cannot prove that the earth is lighter in weight and larger in circumference than it was some few millions of years ago; but I think I can:

A porous body is lighter than a solid one, and the earth is more porous, by far, to-day, than it was a few million years ago. Sponge is lighter than rock, and the earth is far spongier than it once was. A thistle-down is lighter than a pebble of the same size. The earth is more downy, by far, than it once was. Anything which is pulverized occupies a larger area, or takes up more space than that which is compact and solid. (To be continued.)

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He was very definite. It was not the against Spiritualism again. size or shape of the stone that gave it A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. its greatest value; but rather its wonderful fire and marvelous color.

I looked at it and bought it. Jewels always have tempted me, and my passion for collecting, coupled with the prophecies of the seers, forced my hand so that after the customary bartering the flery ruby, became my property.

Since then my life has been one of surprising contrasts, as you may have observed. The influence of this gem, although promising to be for great good has really been a great curse to me, and I often wish with all my heart that I

Why do I not sell it or give it away or even destroy it? That is part of the trouble. I feer as though I cannot live without it, and although at times I have laid it aside, its fascination has been so great that I have been compelled to go back to, It.

I wonder what there could be so peliar about the stone, and said as much Perhaps you have heard of the sup-posed nature of Urlm and Thummim. You doubtless read of and were puzzled by them when a Sunday-School scholar. It has been supposed that these two precious stones changed color or became clouded in response to questions by the High Priest, and were really the means of prophecy, and were thus highly

I had known of instances of crystals becoming clouded at certain times; but it was left for me to discover the facts of the case through the instrumentality of my ruby.

The first information I had of the uncanny character of it was that I noticed one evening it had lost the fire which had been such a marked quality, and that it looked pale and dead. Next morning I was riding through some dense growth when, without a moment's warning, my horse stumbled and I went crashing down; escaping luckily with a severe shaking.

There was nothing in this, however, to convince me that the ruby had given me a warning of the coming evil A few days later I noticed the same dead dull look in my ruby. This time there shall be no mistake, I thought and carefully guarded against any acci-

dent; but, strange as it may appear, ever remember losing on any ten occasions. My perve deserted me, and luck was dead against me; and there I sat by Pandit Guru Datta Vidwarthi, M.A., in a purgatory-not at losing the money, Professor of Physical Sciences at the one or two further experiences I began argument, which is purely philosophic,

At first I looked upon this as a pleas- ings of that metaphysical school which ure. It was a remarkable phenomenon, divests it of substantiality, and the and I thought I should never tire trac- writer illustrates the necessity of subing the wonderful fulfillments of its stance as a property of spirit to relate prophecy. Gradually this feeling wore it to the physical world, as follows: away, and a sense of something akin to | "This difficulty of explaining the cogfear took its place. I began to loathe nition of the external world becomes the ring, and for days at a time I would augmented still further, when we come leave it off. But the mere knowledge to consider the parallel and correlate that it revealed the future sufficed to question of the action of the human take me back to it, not being able to re- spirit upon matter. Here may lie a sist its fascination, even though it made heavy mass of iron, say twenty seers in

come up here to night.

moment, the color of it?" I was obliged to confess that there moved the equally material hand? One was a great difference. It was that may go a step further and say that the which had attracted me when I first feat was accomplished by a regular conentered the room

changed so much that I feared for his But the question still flutters before the reason. And who could wonder at his mind, What stimulated the nervous curbreaking down under such a strain. | rents? You answer, the will of the "I know the evil is coming; but I do spirit. And here lies the question of of the office returning to each subscribnot know in what way or how I am to questions, How could the immaterial er. The authors make no charge for divert it., Theregis some disaster im- spirit stimulate, by his material will, pending now; but I don't know what the solid, white, fibrous, silvery material it is. We shall know soon-you and I." nerves to yield up their nervous fluid

has been said there is no return. but the Colonel's ruby is yet a mystery, phantom-like, or breathly something." That is it. I have worn it ever since: This accords with spirit teaching as

is as an ordinary ruby.

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One thing which was very forcibly next controlled to draw a portrait of the impressed upon me by all the seers with lady, whom he had never seen, and of whom I conversed was that the ruby whom no photograph was known to exwould be for me a stone of wonderful ist. It was immediately recognized as efficacy. It would act as a prophet, and an excellent likeness; and when he proif I desired to have a constant mentor ceeded to diagnose the two cases he ing feature until June 1, 1902, and will as to things good and bad, I was to was so wonderfully correct, that the be the only one of the eight Divine Plan wear continuously a ruby, and I should melical man declared his powers of | books sent out for 25 cents. In getting diagnosis to be superior to that of all this book for 25 cents, a portion of the Apparent chance favored me, and on the professors in the world put profits of this office returns to you, for locents. returning from a journey in the interior together; and the priest was so im. It is furnished at far less than cost. I was met by an aged vendor, who pressed by what he had seen and heard, If you order only one book, and that wished to dispose of a wonderful ruby. that he made a vow never to preach one not the "Wanderer in the Spirit

> In the Spiritualist section of the Congress which has just been held in Paris, the following affirmation of principles was unanimously agreed to, on motion of M. Leon Denis, with a wonderful outburst of enthusiasm:

1. Recognition of the existence of God, the Supreme Intelligence and First Cause of all things.

2. Immortality of the soul; a succession of its corporeal existences upon the earth, in the first place; and subsequently on the other globes in space. 8. Experimental demonstration of the survival of the human soul, by mediumistic communication with spirits.

4. Happy or unhappy conditions of human life, in the ratio of the anterior acquisitions of the soul, of its merits or its demerits, and of the progress which it has yet to accomplish.

5. Infinite perfecting of the being Universal solidarity and fraternity. The Revue Scientifique et Morale du Spiritisme, from which we take the above, gives a summary of the review of the progress effected by Spiritualism during the last decade, which formed the subject of an eloquent address by the same distinguished champion of the truth. He thanked the Fronde and the Nation for the publicity they had given to the proceedings of the Congress, and commented on the fact that many other journals had spoken of it in terms which attested their sense of its importance. "Henceforth," he went on to remark, "Spiritualism is a power in the world which has to be reckoned with, People still rail at it, but they no longer deny its importance; and, in the near future, they will render justice to it, by considering it on its merits. The nineteenth century closes upon the most striking manifestations of that future; and the twentieth will open upon its

most radiant hopes." After a sublime appeal to all present, on behalf of union, M. Denis, as president of the Congress, concluded a brilllant address by a solemn prayer to God, "who is the Father of all, from whom all emanates; by whom all lives and grows; because he is infinite goodness and justice, and who guides us by drawing to himself the whole of the great human family, all of whom are our brothers; that is to say the entire race of mankind."

EVIDENCES OF HUMAN SPIRIT The above is the title of a pamphlet

weight. At the command of the spirit, You may say I am superstitious, but the arm rises, and the weight is lifted t is because I want to relieve my mind up. Here is another mystery to be exto convince you of the truth of my plained. How can the altogether imstrange story that I have asked you to material spirit lift up the altogether material and external weight of twenty Then, holding the ring up to the light, seers? Replies the impatient reader, he said, "What do you think of it at this the weight is moved in consequence of the movement of the hand. But who traction of the muscles, but the muscles "Yes, of course you noticed it; but are material still, and the question still what does it mean? Tell me that and remains, who contracted the muscles? Here the vain physiologist may say that There was almost a flerce tone in his there passed a nervous current from the voice as he asked me this, and his look brain and strait contracted the muscles. Next morning the blinds were drawn and contract the muscles? It is plain, at the Colonel's quarters—the ruby had then, that there can be no escape from told the truth, and its owner had passed the final riddle; and whence this riddle? Into the shadowy land from which it Clearly enough from the preconceived erroneous notion that the spirit is an It was a shock to us I can tell you: altogether immaterial, airy nothing,

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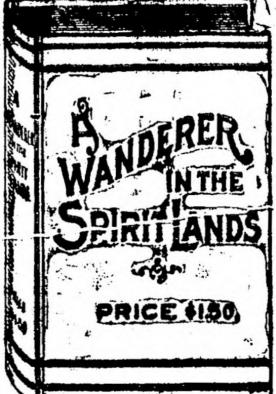
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JUS TICE

# BLIND MADE TO SEE.

The Marvel of Modern Sci-

To the Editor:-A special correspondent of the New York World from Vienna, reveals some startling facts. A tend to cure blindness as before I cured one's future life was given in my hearboy blind from birth has, by the use of many cases of brain deafness and brain ing, and it made a life-long impression a miraculous new method, been taught | muteness." Director Heller, of the Hebrew Insti-

tute for the Blind, is the author of the miracle, and, because of it, the most talked-of man in Europe.

The patient skill of this one remarkable man has taught seventy-two dumb brews, for thirty years. and deaf children to talk and hear, has for years been demonstrating the theory that the majority of afflictions are curable, and has finally as the climax of wonder-working taught the stone-blind By Abby A. Judson. This book is ded-Viennese boy Bela to see.

World Herr Heller, who is not a physi- psychical bodies with universal nature cian, outlined his theory and told of its and their souls with the higher intellisuccessful applications.

"You may tell the American people," hopeless per se. If the eyes of the afflicted person are intact he or she can be taught to see unless, at the same time, stricken with extraordinary stupidity or downright imbecility. "My success with deaf mutes had

had been accomplished on the theory. that when the deaf person's ear is unimpaired failure to hear results from in- Buddhism in its spirit and living princiactivity of the auditory nerve. The cure becomes then simply a question of scarcely read it without spiritual profit. exciting this nerve.

"Under the influence of this first great triumph of my method I decided to try First. The Philosophy of Cure. (Inwhether my theories would or would | cluding Methods and Instruments). not hold good with respect to blind chil- By E. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL. D. A dren also.

"I calculated that at least some blind should have a wide circulation, as it children might be found whose eyes are well fulfills the promise of its title. perfect save for the inability to see, and | For sale at this office. Price 75 cents.

who therefore must be brain blind rather than eye blind.

"At this time, about three years ago, a Hungarian noblewoman had just Blessed with Remarkable placed her sons under my charge, two little boys, four and five years old, who were both stone blind since birth. I took the smaller child, who seemed the Stone-blind from birth, and but nine- more intelligent, to Dr. Fuchs, the rethem without defect and perfect in con-

"In January, 1898, my experiments were begun. I turned a spacious and well-ventilated living room into a dark chamber and installed myself there Young Bailey was born at Fort Smith, with the two children. Light was fur-Ark., the son of Dr. W. W. Bailey, the nished, when wanted, by a high piano lamp having a light reflector which At the age of eight his musical genius | could be moved into any desired direc-

"With the aid of this lamp I intended to teach the children the difference be-

"I worked over the children and lived A short time ago he made his debut at with them for six months, devoting evleft on. But strive as we might the "I do not believe there is another hu- results were not encouraging, so that at man being on earth like William Worth | the end of half a year's endeavor I con-Bailey," said his teacher, Ovide Musin, cluded that my theory was false and abandoned the scheme.

"Immediately Fraulein X. Y., the girlpupil I have referred to, went to live in phonograph, and yet his playing is not the Hungarian Pussta, and devoted mechanical. His every tone shows that herself entirely to little Bela, and Ernhe must know coloring, in spite of the est, even going so far as to continue the fact that he has never seen the light dark-room experiments during the greater part of the year. At the end of seventeen or eighteen months she wrote the most marvelous acquirements possi- that the smaller boy (Bela) had greatly

"In February last they returned to Vienna, where I subjected both to various tests, which seemed to indicate that the Fraulein had not promised too much in regard to Bela. Both boys were in excellent health and well developed men-"Think of it! This young genius has tally and physically. The younger, esalready a repertoire of over 150 pieces, pecially, is extraordinarily smart for his | land safely in this wild and foreign | come. written by such artists as Beethoven, age. In explaining my method I will land. You go westward; on you go to

about the young Arkansas genius is the could locate the direction in which the thought, and Germany is not congenial method by which he was instructed. He reflector was turned the moment he enobjected to the ordinary methods by tered the room, and later on, no matter In the first few years you will have which pupils are taught and gravely in- how often the position of the lamp was formed M. Musin that by such means changed. Sometimes I caused the light to be extinguished and invariably had the great happiness of hearing Bela say: clared that he needed no other instruc- Why do you take away that pretty "Next I turned the light upon an article which Bela knew by touch-an old cial attention because of his blindness, latchkey of unusual dimensions with yet actually maintained a place at the which he used to play. I told him that the thing he saw in the light was his At first the professors believed that key, which I then described very par-

"Finally he saw the key and delighted in its curves and quaint form. That much gained, we showed him successively a ball and other playthings, the in Liege took a great fancy to the gifted outlines of which he mastered one after boy and undertook to instruct him in another. And it wasn't a matter of musical literature. He found Bailey memory, for we mixed up the things, passionately eager to learn. From exhibiting them quickly, one after the morning till night the boy played and other. Yet the blind boy, so called, studied until to-day he is a master of never made a mistake in the various articles. After a few weeks of exercise of this kind I brought a slate into the duce Bailey to the public has brought to room, on which I inscribed with chalk lines, crosses and other signs, which sin. Nordica, Sauer. Marteau and Hu-Bela readily recognized after seeing them once or oftener. Then I drew cor-In speaking of his newest acquisition nices and circles for him, and finally figures and letters, all of which he learned with ease in about the space of time it takes a seeing youngster to beask comparison between him and the come thoroughly acquainted with his

"One morning I shaded the lamp with a red globe, whereupon Bela said, on entering the room: 'How is this, the light appears different from usual? It's darker, yet it looks pretty.' I told him Then and there I determined to engage | what I had done, and the color idea seemed to please him. Of course it was semething new. He asked me if there to receive membership in the Legion of were more colors, and when I explained, was most eager to learn them all by sight. I lost no time in satisfying Bela's all the colors of the rainbow.

"When the people of America will "One day I had the shutters opened as nothing is visible to me more. hear William Worth Bailey they will and the lamp removed—the dark room have before them one of the greatest changed into an everyday apartment artists who has eyer lived," says Musin. | with scant natural light. Bela grew ac-"And when his playing will have been customed to this, too, and finally even of its eventful course, so if we are

"This mode of education I continued ate that she has produced a rare genius. for eight long months. Then I brought As his master I am proud of him and the boy again before Dr. Fuchs, who doubly happy am I that he is an Amer- had previously pronounced him stone ican. He comes from the land whose blind and a hopeless case. When I told him of the success of my method the . This blind-violinist, like Blind Tom, is doctor evidently suspected some trick-

"To remove suspicion I asked the doctor to examine the boy under four eyes | chart and guided safely by his reliable and according to his own methods. This | compass, so it is also possible by a forehe did, retaining a stenographic report knowledge of our lives, cast up to menof questions and answers. The result tal views to us by practical clear sight was most encouraging. Of sixty-four or clairvoyance, which is indeed the figures and colors shown to Bela under highest attainment possible for the hunatural or artificial light he recognized man mind to possess or develop, and

"The main thing is that indisputable knowledge of clairvoyance is absoluteproof of the possibility of teaching the ly necessary in a business education in blind to see has been furnished. Of course this applies only to blind people whose eyes are intact. I do not pre- age when this first foretelling of any-

The superintendent is a man of sixty | mind. Over 35 years have since passed or thereabouts. He has a face full of away, and I have been privileged to see human sympathy, a high, intellectual forehead and abundant gray hair. He of this noted man and his family come is a teacher by profession and has man- to pass as the clairvoyant lady predictaged the above-named institution, ed and saw many years ahead. You ask which is supported by wealthy He- how was this possible. I say by the The results obtained in this case were extraordinary. What next?

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ous in her forecasts of future events

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her predictions come true. This gentle-

ing her to his home one certain evening,

this remarkable scene. When we had

arations for a long and perilous journey;

very dark man, he is a near relative of

America to be out of danger of the great

America is about to terminate in a long

storm in mid-ocean overtakes your ship

Prosperity is at last smiling upon you,

after your family has suffered much

by fevers and sickness prevailing in that

country. Even this condition. I am

shown, is changing and health, happi-

ness, prosperity and many friends of

both English and German nationality

After a silence of some minutes, the

clairvoyant said "I see again," a letter

from Germany comes to you. This is

after 15 and nearly 20 years have

elapsed since your departure from Ger-

many. A company in high financial

standing extends to you an offer to re-

turn to the Fatherland and assume con-

trol of their enormous business. I see

you wavering in your mind what to do

about this matter, you and your family consult long about this matter, a num-

ber of letters I see exchanged between

months have passed away, you con-

become soldiers to a potentate and

I see you all remain in this great coun-

try, which will inside of 25 or 30 years

become the commercial center and

magnet of the whole world-Another

Epoch is shown me regarding your "Fu-

ture Life." After 20 years your dark

relative will pass to the spirit side of

life. You will live long and happy

years, enjoying your children about you.

They seem to be born to become great

and in print in many prominent works

of art and science, when the future to

Oh, how wonderful are the ways of

God in nature, to show us our lives as

in a living panorama many years ahead

any point along life's journey, we can

around the dangerous cliffs, because he

has the route of travel by the seaman's

the time is fast coming when a practical

I was only a lad of about 9 years of

on my young, pliable and sensitive

every event, turn and bend in the life

clear sight power or the mysterious sci-

ence of clairvoyance, which is a mind

power, mental development; and all per-

sons can learn this art by proper in-

structions.-Dr. P. H. Nagel in People's

Companion.

order to be a success in life.

are yours to enjoy.

It was ended at last-an the torture It was in the eventful winter of 1866-7 in the Province of Saxony, Northern and delirium of an incurable disease, which for months had made the life of Germany. A gentleman of great rethe woman, now so peacefully still, a daily inquisition; and at day-break the nown in leading business circles in the beautiful city of D--- was about to released soul had slipped out of the make a change, both in his business retired body, leaving the earthly pain

lations and the residence of his family. with it. The German people are usually very "She is dead," said the attending cautious in any new move or undertakphysician, using the stereotyped phrase ing, so of course this gentleman had consulted a number of his prominent of his profession, as he let the cold hand business friends regarding his plans, slip from his own warm and figorous one, and laid it gently back over the no longer throbbing heart. responsibility and magnitude, they ad-

"No, Doctor, not dead, only gone before us into the life beyond," said Rene, the daughter of the woman of whom suring him that she was indeed marvelthey spoke, as she stooped and reverently kissed the white brow and lips of her they had always found her reliable and | mother; "and," almost smiling through her tears, "what a blessed release." "Death would lose half its pain, Miss

man considered their well meant advice Rene, if all bereaved ones could find and called on this clairvoyant lady, askcomfort in so beautiful a belief as yours," said the physician, for the moalso invited our family to be present at ment led away from the materialistic attitude assumed by most physicians, all assembled at his home, which was and yet one which does not always imtypical German in arrangement of furniture, solid grotesque and antique in ply a business-like indifference, but build. We all seated around the large rather that the constant pressure of call and heavy oak table, according to the after call leaves no time for reflective directions of the clairvoyant to form a sentiment, or the expression of a symmagnetic circle. We sat very quiet for pathy, which doubtless often is felt. some time, expecting the things to be A moment, and the pressure of circumstances asserted itself again, and revealed by the prophetess. She began by saying to the gentleman in question; the busy doctor hurriedly gave his "I see you very shortly making prepdirections.

"I will send some one to you at once," you will leave the country inside of he said, as he opened the door for his three months, but again I am shown a departure.

"No, I thank you, Doctor, but I will yours, and he has come away from not turn her over to strangers now, so long as I am able to care for her." war going in there at this time, and this The girl spoke quietly; but there was something in her face which checked gentleman is influencing you to go with him and his family to this wild and forthe Doctor's remonstrance, and he left his sentence unfinished. eign land. I say, beware of him! but I again see that the bloody conflict in "Should you need me, I am at your

service," he said; and, with a warm and lasting peace. When that is declasp of the hand, he left her alone to clared to the world I see you going face that mystery before which we drop away from here. Oh, my friend, I see you and your family crossing the great which is inborn and God-given. and boundless Atlantic, A terrible The physician, who for several weeks had marveled at the calm strength and

loaded down with nearly four hundred souls, but I am shown again you will courage of the young girl, had looked "These calm, self-contained women

about the center of this great country, go with a terrific crash when they do "Bela had already learned to distin- where I see you go into business of your | go," he had said; and yet the end had One of the most interesting facts guish between darkness and light; he own, as you so dearly love 'liberty of come, and this one still held herself under wonderful control, With some, the calm might mean indifference, but to your ever broadening mental views. not with her; he knew better than thatmuch to endure and suffer from this he who week after week had witnessed relative of yours: but events are changuntiring affection and devotion. And even Rene herself marveled at ing: I see you gathering many friends around you, for yours is a social nature. her own calmness.

During her mother's illness, she had not allowed herself to think of the time when that mother's voice would be silent, feeling that it would be more than she could endure, and that if would unfit her for the duty which lay before her, but now even with the motionless form lying close beside her she could not think of her mother as being really dead and gone, beyond her reach in a way it might be, but still nearer, she felt assured of that, a living presence, and loving her with even more than the loving tenderness of the earth life; and she could not quite understand it.

Three hours later and 'the last labor of love was finished, the last service rendered. Robed as though for an earthly journey the form of Rene's mother lay in its casket, flowers all about her breathing of immortality; you and this firm, but after several and Rene, told that she must rest, had thrown herself wearily upon a couch, clude to remain in this new country, as | her face to the wall; and with closed several of your sons declare not to re- eyes, yet senses keenly alert, tried to turn with you to Germany in order to rest; but how full of distraction the air was, the sounds that usually passed unslaves to other elicitations. They have | noticed seemed forced in upon her; and, learned to love the wild, romantic and so closely is the commonplace mingled freedom-breathing air of America, and with our deepest experiences, even the clang of the cable car in the street below, and the noise of the passing teams seemed intensified, and bound to intrude upon her grief, and the longing for rest. Oh, to shut it all out, and find peace, even as her mother had.

> "Rene, little Rene," some one was calling her, but she was tired, too tired to answer. "Rene, do you not hear me calling

you? Look around, Rene." men, for I see your name perpetuated, "I will not," she answered almost petulantly, without opening her eves "Oh, I am so tired, why can you not let me regarding your life becomes a blank, me rest?"

"Rene," came the voice again with gentle persistence, like a far-away whisper. "Look around, little Rene." Wondering, and still half protesting against the effort required of her, the shown trouble, sickness and danger at girl slowly turned her head, and saw in the faint light of the room her mother's change our course when we come to this loved form, etherealized, spiritualized. point and prevent accidents as a driver who drives his team along a turnpike, as it were; but the presence unmistakably that of her mother, with all the lovestreet or road or as an engineer or pilot steering a mighty palaital steamer light of earth shining in her tender eyes. "Mother," she cried, reaching out loaded down with precious human souls

> come back to me?" back of the left hand drawer at the right of my desk is a secret spring; get the paper which you will find there," away from me to another. Dear, dear ideality, veneration, and all the higher And now good-bye for a time, only, little Rene, our souls cannot die."

her hands, "Oh, mother, how did you

And with a smile which seemed to embody the triumph of love over even death itself, the loved presence faded away as silently as it had come, leaving Rene filled with a wondering reverence, as though she had for a time been permitted to cross o'er the shining bridge which lies between the world unseen and ours, and to hold converse with one who had dropped the vell of earth, and passed beyond the gates!

"Mother," she cried, 'Go not' go vet." But only a faint sigh answered l.cr. while she seemed yet to feel the nearness of the loved presence, though unseen, and the scent of the roses framing the open window seemed to waft a sweeter fragrance, as Though touched by angelic fingers. Quickly springing to her feet, the

young girl opened the door leading into the next room, where whited two of her friends. Lee Ward and Marie Vale: and as Rene, excited and I trembling, appeared before them, the latter hastened to meet her, saying ankiousty: "What is it, Rene? Surely you have

with your mother, and we will stay and watch over her while you sleep. Do go back, dear, and rest." "No, no," she answered, pressing engerly forward in spite of the detain-

not rested enough yet. Go back and lie

down again. Everything ist all right

ing hand of her friend in must go at once where mother is, and I want both of you to come with me." She saw the glances exchanged be-

tween her friends, and read in them that they feared the long watching had unbalanced her brain. But it did not matter. Only one thought possessed her mind, and she was determined to act upon it.

"Will you come?" she said, and moved on toward the darkened library, the two silently following her as she entered the room, and, going to the head of the cas- | and value. For sale at this office. ket, stood for a moment looking stead- Price, \$1.



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Hypnotism is no longer a myth, a fanciful 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

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."

Mr. Stoufer says it is indispensable to one's business success. Rev. Paul Weller says that every minister and every mother should understand hypnotism for the benefit they can be to those with whom they are brought in daily contact, In speaking of this marvelous power, President Eliot, of Harvard College, said to the graduates: "Young gentlemen,

all our sophistries, and ding only to there is a subtle power lying latent in each of you, which few of you have developed, but which when developed might make that blessed assurance of immortality, a man irresistible. It is called Personal Magnetism or Hypnotism. I advise you to master it." The New York Institute of Science has just issued 10,000 copies of a book which fully explains all the secrets of this marvellous power, and gives explicit directions for becoming a practical hypnotist, so that you can employ the force without

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fastly down on the white face resting so peacefully upon the pillow; and then, her hand upon the casket, as though for support, she told them in words heartmoving, because of the love and faith Explanation of Miss Beauwhich inspired them, of her mother's coming, and of the message which she had given her, although no audible voice had made itself heard in that sacred interview.

the knowledge of any one. Anybody can learn. Success is guaranteed.

They could not doubt her sincerity; or even a great deal. What I think I but it was "only a vision of her own know lies along the lines of common imagination, of course"-so they settled sense. Professor Dawbarn in 599 of the subject on which they were your paper, has given an elaborate ac-

arm about her. "You see that your now, as three distinct personalities-a mother is here.' "Yes, Miss Rene," echoed Lee Ward, Fancher. Mr Dawbarn thinks "Homo" 'you are nervous and overwrought, and (which can mean nothing but the mind)

you know. Come now, and let Marle, concludes that this fact, if such it be, take you back to rest." the detaining arm of her friend; "and I | flictions and effects of disease while in

'Surely you will not refuse me?" And; seeing that remonstrance would similar effects on hypnotic subjects opbe worse than useless, they acquiesced, erated upon by a professor of phrenolwhich stood against the opposite wall, 24 organs. In Miss Beauchamp's case Rene repeated aloud the directions some of these organs were paralyzed;

given her. right of the desk.' This you see, is at BB, who evolved from B2, is the result the right of the desk, and this is the of these organs getting tired and going left-hand drawer, and now to look be- to sleep. The account says: "When B 1 hind it for the secret spring; but, before is fatigued or upset from any cause, I do so, I want to assure you solemnly | Sally, or B 3, comes, showing that the that I never have examined my working combination on which B 1 mother's desk until now, and knew worked was retired. Some of the ornothing of a secret drawer."

"We believe you."

breathlessly. that she would not deceive me. "I have With B 1 most of the higher and nobler found the spring," and, touching it, as a panel slid back, "here is the paper. such as ideality, reverence, conscien You cannot doubt me now."

Trembling with excitement, so that she could scarcely stand, she put in her hand and drew out a folded legal sheet, dormant, or for some abnormal physic and, opening it, saw that it was written logical cause for the time being cannot upon in her mother's own familiar be used by the ego or active mentality. handwriting.

of her friends simultaneously, startled of these become unfit for use the man beyond measure by this totally un- or woman becomes demented in degree expected corroboration of her story. "A will in my favor, written by her- Nature, however, has given man most

all that my mother possessed would go are intensely active and excited, while Morals and Religion. Price 10 cents. For sale at this she might speak, "and without which the organs which are dormant with B 1 mother! she tried so hard to tell me spiritual organs are dormant or tired but I could not understand; and her love complicated dementia.

Was strong enough to bring her back to

B 4 is born by reason of another nerverage and Cure. Paper cover, isc. For sale of had longed to say."

can be no real separation. CALLIE BONNEY MARBLE.

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## STRANGE THEORIES.

champ's Case.

To the Editor:-I do not like to be a

critic, for I do not profess to know it all,

count of Dr. Prince's report of the case "You were dreaming-that was all, of Miss Beauchamp, who by reason of dear," said her friend Marie, putting her two nervous shocks presents herself somewhat similar case to that of Mollie imagined it all. It could not have been, can be disintegrated or divided, and he concludes that this fact, if such it be, has a great effect upon spirit communications. Nearly all spirit testimony the Realization of the Highest Riches. For sale as this office, Price, postpaid, \$1.25. "Not until I have looked for the paper cations. Nearly all spirit testimony which my mother told me of," repeated says that the spirit after separation Rene firmly, as she drew away from from the flesh soon recovers from all afwant both of you to witness what I the body; how, then, can these diseases shall find there," pointing to the desk, of the flesh affect the spirit's mentality? More than forty years ago I have seen Passing swiftly to the secretary, ogy. The brain is divided into at least git top. Price, \$1.25. For sale at this office.

hypnotism restored some of these or-"Behind the left-hand drawer at the gans, but not all, and B. No. 1 appears. gans becoming inactive and the combination on which Sally worked became MISS JUDSON'S BOOKS. They were watching her almost active, the central or regulative organs being too paralytic to assert themselves: "Yes, yes," she exclaimed, "I knew memory of selfhood became extinct. organs are for the time very active

tiousness, benevolence, and language: but hope, faith, self-esteem, combative ness, destructiveness and causality, are All of these organs are essential to a For Sale at this Office. 40 Loom to Street. "Tell us, what is it?" exclaimed both perfect personality; when one or more

exactly corresponding to the loss. self." replied Rene, with great diffi- of these organs in duplicate. So if only

me when freed from the physical im- ous shock. It is the same mentality. pediments. You may call it a dream, if but a different combination of utensils you will; but I know, beyond the or forces with which to manifest itself. shadow of a doubt, that, in order to pre- The memory of early life-of B 1 or of vent a wrong being done, my mother Sally-is entirely effaced, i. e., cannot was 'called back,' as it were, and per- be used in this combination, but is mitted to impress me with what she available with the B 1 and B 3 combina tions.

We try so hard, some of us, to put It will be noticed that "Sally," who away the blessed proof vouchsafed now claims to never sleep, uses the primary. and then that communion between or vital organs, showing that these are their world and ours is possible, and used by the ego in the involuntary call the belief in such communion a movements of the body. All this does dream, the result of an overwrought imagination, an unbalanced brain, or of the mind, but simply partial action because of intury to the delicate matent than Death, sweeps aside the bar- chinery with which ego must manifest riers that would intervene, and pro- itself. It seems a far-fetched conclusion, that either of these, seeming separate personalities, could possibly manifest from spirit life, as they are in no sense an entity, only an imperfect expression of the ego by reason of impaired utensils.

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liminal self, and Mr. Hudson as to his subjective mind, then both of these subtone of thought our readers are not wholly unacquainted. The reader will themselves to be the spirit of some morstitutes for absolute entities are fearful tal who has left the physical form, and ingly, as viewed from the standpoint of this is a phase of the question that Theosophy. The author narrates many neither of the gentlmen named has incidents of striking spiritualistic expe- taken any notice of. It certainly needs opher and a materialist. riences, some of which seem fairly mi. explanation. B. F. FRENCH. Bisbee, Ariz.

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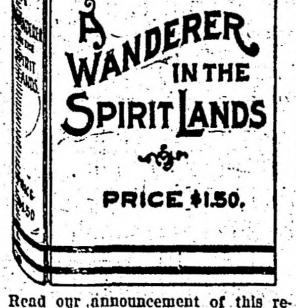
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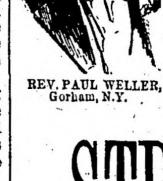
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Law Not Personation.

It seems, and indeed it is, a hard and

unwelcome thing (as set forth in the

New Yor Tribune), to seize a father

practically at the funeral of his child

and impose fine or imprisonment upon

him in his hour of grief because of the

death of that child whom he fondly

loved. It is a deed from which men

well might shrink were no other inter-

ests involved than those of that one im-

mediate case. But when interests are

widespread, and issues of national im-

portance depend upon their action,

men must not regard mere sentiment or

the feelings of an individual. For that

reason we must cordially commend the

verdict and sentence given a few days

ago in a Westchester county court im-

posing a penalty upon a man who, be-

cause of so-called religious scruples and

counsel and friends raise the cry that he

is being persecuted for his faith's sake.

And we are not sure that the cry will

not be widely taken up and repeated, so

given does the present age seem to be to

No cry could, however, be more falla-

clous and groundless. The question is

not one of religious faith, but of human-

ity and of law. For it is perfectly obvi-

ous that if the religious plea were ac-

cepted in such a case as this it would

have to be accepted in others until there

was an end of law and maddest license

prevailed in its place. Men used to urge

the religious plea in behalf of human

slavery, and if it had been regarded slav-

ery would never have been abolished.

Others used it in defense of polygamy,

and others have done so in defense of still

more abominable practices. There have

been those who committed murder and

human sacrifice as religious rites. Are

we to respect their "freedom of faith"

and let assassins go free because they

interpret the will of God as sanctioning

their horrid practices? On such princi-

ple the world might be transformed into

a hell, each demon excusing his iniquity

The relationship of man to God and a

man's treatment of his own soul are

matters with which the law and the

state have no concern. But the rela-

tionship of man to the community and

his dealings with his neighbor, even

state. And when men violate rules

which the common sense of mankind

and the religious sentiment and convic-

tion of the vast majority have decided

to be essential to justice and to human

welfare they must be punished. That

is not persecution. It is law. It is bu-

manity. A man may perhaps let him-

self die without medical care if he wills.

It is hard to legislate against that form

of suicide. But if he imposes such a

fate upon helpless dependents, or if he

menaces the health and life of his

neighbors by refusing to take precau-

tions against the spread of contagion, he

must bear the penalty of outraged law;

and in so doing he is not a martyr, but

a common criminal meeting his just

Concession from a Christian Organ,

It is regrettable that churchmen will

not abide by surrounding conditions,

and live up to their own honest convic-

tions. Contrast the action of church

leaders, with a plain statement of facts

by the New York Weekly Witness, in

on the ground of "religious faith."

fads and crazes of that particular sort.

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FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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A Crazy Ecclesiastic.

They who have read the very full report of the Domine Dowie's ravings at must be convinced he is a lunatic, and should be treated as such. No sane man expression to such wild utterances as fell from his lips on that occasion.

Five thousand people listened to this proclamation:

"I am Elijah, the prophet, who appeared first as Elijab himself, second as John the Baptist, and who now comes in me, the restorer of all things. Elijah was a prophet, John was a preacher, but I combine in myself the attributes of prophet, priest and ruler over men. Gaze on me, then; I say it fearlessly. Make the most of it, you wretches in ecclesiastical garb. I am he that is the living spiritual and physical embodiment of Elijah, and my coming to earth a third time has been prophesied by Malachi, by God himself, by his son Jesus, by Peter, and three thousand years ago by Moses. All who believe me to be in very truth all of this will stand up."

"Is not Zion the only church that is holding up the true banner of the Lord sin-cursed, disease-wrecked

"Then behold me, Elijah. They began to tell me a few years ago that I was Elijah, but I put the thought away from me. I didn't want to get that bee in my bonnet. John never more honestly denied it than I did. You see we were strangely alike in the whole matter."

The Record-Herald says: "Over 3,000 people rose to their feet

and greeted this blasphemous declaration with cheers and hand-clapping." During his lengthy address Dowie rayed and raged, cursed the Pope, the Roman Catholic church, spat on Masonryl assiled the press, denounced the bankers, and had no good words, save for Zion of which he is the head and front. His action and expression throughout his discourse was an ex-

hibition of ecclesiasticism gone mad.

Antiquity of the Adam Legend. The fable of Adam and Eve and the Snake was grey with the rime of centuries before it was stolen by the Israelites and incorporated in their mythology. Stolen goods are seldom improved by the stealing. The golden vase, with its graceful proportions, artistic traceries, and free, sweeping outline, is broken in pieces and battered into an amorphous mass that it may be ulation and learning had to be broken and mutilated before it would go into the sack of the truculent, and all but lake; where the pyramids of Cheops | teachings of a wiser age. and Dijon flung a shadow of weird mystery on the banks of the Nile, the Israelites found the Adam fable, and stole it. But, even then, it was second-handnay, possibly tenth-hand, having found its way to Egypt through many ages of time and through many realms of

### A Heretic's Creed.

W. K. Clifford, in the London Literary Guide, gives the following as his creed. which is not very bad to take:

communion with what is highest and modern thought. best in his own soul, or in the universe. labor for our father Man who is hundred years ago, or even three hun-

among men: Kingdom of the light and right, in struction at the will of its Maker. The which there shall be no more priest or

"That his will may be done in fact, as it is in the ideal world: "That with him we may day by day

make good our step of progress; "That our trespasses may not be forgiven, but repaired; for there is no sin

but against Man: "That our common efforts may lead us out of darkness and deliver us from the

"For Man is the light, and the right, and the striving upwards, from the be-

Prof. Clifford, of the University College, London, teacher of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics, now deceased, was for many years supposed to be the author of that master work, "Supernatural Religion;" the real anthor, however, was Walter B. Cassells; but from his "creed" it is apparent Prof. Clifford was equal to the task. Scholar as he honor and serve Man, whom he knew,

Flash for Priest, Aroma for God. That was a grand device of old-time priests, the sacrifice of the firstlings of the flocks and herds and doves, to God. The latter received the aroma from the roasting bullock, or kid, or bird, while the priests, the servants of the Most High, were permitted to feast on the nicely cooked flesh. Though the giver was starving for food he was not permitted to eat of the carcass of the ani-

mal consecrated to the Lord. '. Not animals alone were required as offerings to God, which were given over to the priests, but first fruits, incense, shew-bread, wood, salt, olive oil and fish were added to the list. Each was required to be the most perfect of its kind. Hecatombs of cattle were sacrificed on special occasions, to appease God's anger, and to gain his favor when wars were pending.

It was then the priests and their families were in their glory. They luxurlated and feasted, clothed in white, and remained outside the camp imploring God's aid, and waiting for God's share of the spoils-loot is the name in these modern times-whilst the people fought the battles. This loot did not consist of the ordinary spoils of war, but onetenth of the captured maidens, the Lord's share, were also given to the

All offerings to God were made at the temple, and there were the priests to receive them, and there the sacrifices were made, and there, secluded from the people, the priests feasted.

In the Christian system it is represented God's own son was sacrificed the under world in which the soul on a cross, and that the shedding of his blood was indispensable to salvation. His flesh was not roasted so they could eat of it, but by a fiction, like John Doe and Richard Roe in legal proceedings, they transmuted that body and blood of the crucified son into bread and wine, and capable of expansion at the will of the officiating priest, by simple prayer and blessing, to an infinite extent, so as to satisfy the needs of the race for sacrificed flesh and blood for all time and all places. Like the pro-slavery legislature during pioneer days in Kansas, which made it a felony to speak, write, print or publish that slavery had not a | And he traces the origin of the rite of the Auditorium, on Sunday, the 2d inst., legal existence in that territory, so all baptism, with analogous ceremonies the Christian nations, at the bidding of among the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, the priests, enacted laws making it a Babylonians, and among the Brahmens and wine were other than the real body of India, to this adventure of Jonah in and blood of the dead but resurrected | the whale's belly.

the loot which fell to their predecessors, in Bible story good lessons might be and not content with the feast of garnered from them; but accepted as fictitious flesh and blood, have accom- actual occurrences, they mislead the modated themselves to the changed con- reader, and leave him in a confused dition of time and country, and for condition. The real truth is: That class their own reward now are content with of literature has no business in our nothing but gold and silver as compen- Western civilization, and the sooner it sation for their services as inter- is eliminated therefrom the better for mediates between God and man; whilst all concerned. As rude allegories among the former misses the refreshing aroma | an uncultured people they may have from roasting bullocks and other obla- been well enough, but they should have tions from the millions of alters raised | passed away with the people who origito him. But then it seems by Isaiah | nated them, and would but for priestly 1:13, that the Lord had become surfeited with the abundance that had fallen to him, for he inquired:

"What purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? \* \* I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats."

And the Lord then said, "the new moons and Sabbaths" were offensive to him, as were "even the solemn meeting." Who blames him, who considers the wickedness of the creeds concocted in those assemblies, and the use they make of the Sabbaths?

### A Lesson for the Thoughtful.

The Arkansas traveler who sought protection from a deluging rain in a wayside cabin had an experience from which we may all profit. The water was coming down through the roof in torrents, and it was a question whether the storm was not worse indoors than out. "Your roof leaks," remarked the

"I know it." "Why don't you fix it?"

"It rains."

"Why don't you repair the roof when t does not rain?" "Don't need it."

The war on creeds goes on incessantly. Churchmen demand their adaptation to modern thought, and from nearly every pulpit comes expressions of dissent from the prevailing creed, and demands are made for revision. Synods convene, and pass resolutions in favor of amendment. General mortification is expressed by members that a creed crushed into the sack of the thief. The | concocted soon after the bolt from golden vase of Indian thought and spec- Roman Paganism, as exemplified in the Catholic church, should continue in force, while the advancing world looks unlettered Jew who stole it. \* \* Where on and hopes the old church will take the sunlight feil slantingly on Moeris on back-bone and adapt its creed to the

A General Assembly convenes, the only body that has power to correct the great falsehoods enunciated in the creed. The members are afraid of each other. They are apprehensive they will lose caste in their denomination if they space." Thus Saladin, in "God and His favor a change. So they temporize, and work against spiritual progress. delay, and, like the host of the cabin, the torrent of adverse criticism pours down upon them and will, until the repairs are made.

There is not a church of any denomination, if absolved from the influence of the clergy, which would not amend "Let him who would raise himself by its creed, and place itself along side of days, even as they are in these days.

dred years ago, was based on an en- uncharitableness, gossip, false teach-"That his name may be counted holy | tire different state of facts from that | ings, debt and poverty. of to-day. Then matter was supposed "That his Kingdom may come, the to be a created thing, subject to dewhole machinery of the universe was supposed to be the production of miracle, instead of acting in obedience to these are causes which operate against

fixed and changeless law. The sun moved round the earth, instead of the earth revolving on its axes. The seasons depended on the captice of the Ruler. whose action could be influenced by prayer. Cold and heat, wind and rain, the same time mixing in politics. There earthquake shocks, electric currents, all is a general feeling that the church

governed by a special providence,

more value now than has the story of or perhaps to a disinclination on the creation, when all was completed in six | part of laymen to be lectured by minisdays, when man was made of clay as | ters about what they look on as secular | troubled state. the pofter molds his wares, and he lived | and not religious matters. near a thousand years. As all these stories are myths, and are recognized as strong to be ignored, how is the church such by every educated person, so the to fight its new enemy—"the low moral creeds built on these myths, should be | tone of politics"? How is it to preach | ery cause, and especially that with truth

And they who are anxious to form new creeds should take a lesson from was the Professor was more inclined to the past, and not endeavor to fasten the ignorance of to-day on the advanced than a God he did not know. Perhaps | intelligence of the centuries yet in | with the philosophy of Spiritualism. | and conclusions therefrom. Price 10.

Approximating the Truth. An English author, Wm. Simpson, has fust published in London a work entitled "The Jonah Legend," in which he suggests the proper interpretation of that fish story. As well suggest an interpretation of 'the most extravagant of Munchausen's tales. But the author

seems a man of good sense, when he

"The Bible is an Oriental book, full of Eastern thought; and it contains a great amount of aucient allegory and symbolism. Up to the present day its expounders have been mostly men of Western thought, and with comparatively little knowledge of the East. As yet the original home of the Semites has not been determined. From an early date they were in Arabia, and their worship is known by the word 'Sabaean,' which is supposed to have been a primitive nature-worship, and included the sun, moon and stars as objects of adoration. According to the Pentateuch, the Semites had a long connection with Egypt, 430 years.-Ex. 12:40. In Mesopotamia, long before the sojourn in Egypt, this peculiar race was in contact with the Accadians, and it is only within the last few years we have begun to learn through the cuneiform inscriptions the curlous results produced. It was in this region the Jonah legend originated. Commentators on Jonah have been in almost complete ignorance of the people and the ideas out of which the story

Mr. Simpson claims the legend originally was a sort of drama, suggested by the slumber of nature during the winter months and its awakening in the spring. He says: "The priests of Babylon wore robes representing the skins of large fish, which typified the place of re-birth, passed the time prior to its resurrection. Probably the name Jonah is one form of Oannes, the fish-god of Ninevell. A fish may seem to us a curious object on which to bestow divinity, but in hot Eastern countries it is easy to understand how a fish could symbolize the life-giving power of water,"

The author claims that rites long established in process of ages become to be regarded as actual occurrences. He thinks the account of the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea was only a variation of the Jonah myth.

Possibly could we know the real The wily priests, not to be deprived of origin and purpose of the exaggerations

interference, with false interpretations; the purpose to protract power.

#### Predictions Fulfilled.

As stated in the Inter Ocean, Mrs. C. J. West, aged 34, wife of C. J. West of the Duluth Iron and Metal Company, while in Chicago about six weeks ago, visited a palmist with a party of friends, and was startled to be informed that she had but thirty days to live. She laughed at such a suggestion.

After a visit of two weeks in Chicago. Mrs. West went with her friends to a small town across the Indiana border, where a party was given in her honor. One of the ladies with whom Mrs. West had been playing cards, proposed to tell her fortune. Again the fateful prediction was made that Mrs. West had but

two more weeks of life. Two days later Mrs. West complained of feeling ill, and returned to her home in Duluth. Eminent physicians were gathered in consultation, but despite their best efforts she died last Thursday, the last of the fatal thirty days. Dr. Graham, who was in attendance upon Mrs. West, says that the fortune telling undoubtedly exerted an influence

to produce the woman's death. There can be no doubt that such predictions tend to bring about their own fulfillment. The principle of "suggestion" is very potent in producing health or disease; it may bring health to the sick, or cause sickness to supplant health, and even result in death itself. It ought to be a statutory crime, to be visited with severe penalty, for any per-

son to utter such a prediction. Many a life has been sacrificed in this way, that but for such predictions would have lived out the full years of ripe old age.

### The Church and Politics.

That is a formidable list of causes operating against the spiritual development and progress of the Christian church (as set forth in the Chicago Tribune) in this city which was submitted to the Chicago Presbytery last Monday. It is not strange that some of the ministers will be a little discouraged at times when they contemplate the long list of causes, nearly fifty in all, which

A few of these causes are of modern origin. Most of them are quite venerable. They troubled Paul in Corinth as they do preachers in Chicago. Covetousness, drunkenness, and the love of dress were sore evils in New Testament Though the church has warned against The "I believe" of a thousand, or five | them for centuries it has no more succeeded in rooting them out than it has

The list of causes furnished to the presbytery contains some which are of comparatively recent origin. One of them is "the low moral tone of politics." Another is "political corruption." If the spiritual progress and development of the church, then it apparently is the peals to their reason as practical, duty of the church to do all it can to do away with these causes. The puzzling or of the combined mental forces of all question is how to do this without at the forces of Nature, were believed to be should keep out of politics. It is due perhaps to a fear that politics may pull for a stone to the foundation of an organ-Creeds made at such a time have no it down instead of its lifting politics up, Ization that must some day exist, and

In view of this feeling, which is too consigned to the age in which they were | against "political corruption" and escape the reproach of "meddling with politics"?

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

# IMMORTALITY OF ANIMALS.

"EVERY RATIONAL ARGUMENT," SAYS THE REVIPERCY S. GRANT, "IS QUITE AS COGENT FOR THE ANIMAL SOUL AS IT IS FOR THE HUMAN SOUL"-RECTOR OF THE PROTES. TANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCEN. SION CHAMPIONS THE IMMORTALITY OF THE DUMB BRUTE.

No man, asject forth in the New York Herald, who has munity—the slaves, for instance. That was unjust and shared a reverie with his dog has failed to discover an actual kinship between the mood of his own soul and the its scope. Only a short time ago in Europe it did not inmood of his dog. Women whose hearts have been seared clude the workingman. The industrial problem is quite and hardened in the contest of worldly emotions have a recent development. So by degrees we have extended settled their wealth of affection on a pet horse, a bird, or our sense of justice and Christian feeling to animals. even some wild animal tamed through love.

"Crossing the ferry the other day I saw a young lady, attractive enough to capture any desirable specimen of the male species, lavishing her entire attention and devotion upon a pet monkey, which she carried in her arms as tenderly as a child, like a priestess of the monkey temple in Benares. A monkey is by far the ugliest expression in animal life, for we especially resent his caricature figure of man, and yet this young woman evidently had penetrated the soul of the animal by some intuitive instinct that she herself would be unable to explain.

"The belief that animals have souls is as old as the world, for there are innumerable evidences in the geological and religious history of the ages that animals hav represented a divine meaning. The Egyptians evidently believed in the immortality of animals, for we find mummies of crocodiles, cats, etc.

"The proposition that the soul of an animal has a spiritual significance in the general scheme of immortality is merely a superstition," I said, as we paused in the pressure not so startling as it at first appears.

"There is a logic in the process of spiritual affairs, as nature is as rational in animal life as any other phase of is an evidence of the spiritual actualities of life. I bematerial nature is rational to scientific research.

Eternal spirit moving on, From state to state the spirit walks.

"Animals have souls. "If they had not, there would be no reason to assume

that man had, since the highest existence is an evolution root of all progress in life, which is instinct, and those These opinions were suggested by the Rev. Percy Stick- I'll whistle for my dog, he will tear up the rugs and leap

ney Grant in an extemporaneous sermon preached in the over every obstacle in his instinct of obedience to me. Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, and Mr. Grant whistled, and like a whirlwind the dog tore into with his own children, furthermore sustained and elaborated in a talk I had with the room and rushed immediately to his master, full of prime concern to the law and to the him a few days later.

splendid health, mental and moral, is the most convincing can talk to him and he understands you," said the clergyestimate of his influence as a clergyman.

Good thoughts depend upon good conduct, close, intelli- blematic of the universal instinct of affection between the gent personal management of mind and body, a deduction animal and his master. that leads us at once to acknowledge that the better the quality of material nature in a man the better will be his spiritual institlet.

tion of being the noblest of them all.

"Everything has proceeded from the material," said dogs lie.' Mr. Grant, when I asked him the process of reasoning by which he assumed that animals have souls. "If we ourselves want another life, 'a second volume,' as Browning | stinct of regard for a lost companion, and you know I am calls it for our own fulfilment, then animals need it even more."

"Have you actually discovered the soul in an animal?" soul we shall soon both be up a tree. We have never been able to draw the line between the spirit and the soul. We cruelties that are inflicted upon animals and birds and to know it by its expression, its higher range of virtues. To my mind evolution is the strongest argument for immortality, and in evolution everything begins with the material; all higher existence springs from the lower forms. Every rational argument for spiritual advancement is quite as cogent for the animal soul as it is for the human

"Do you presuppose that there is a moral progress in the nature of animals?"

"This world, on the whole, is constructed on a rational plan. It has been well made, beautifully put together, built for some permanent, lasting future. It would be very irrational, it seems to me, to conceive that anything upon it, any part of it, was made to be destroyed, or even to stand still. I could understand a man who had painted a poor picture of a favorite dog, for instance, destroying it, as an effort that was a failure; but to destroy a chef d'oeuvre, something that had been a life work, would be led to suppose that women are imaginative; they are fond most irrational. How much more improbable that such

should be made only to be destroyed." "It is certain human traits in animals that indicate

their souls?" "Animals certainly have feeling, intelligence, loyalty, devotion; they have methods of moral expression of all

soul of the animal?" "Christian theology has been selfish in its absorption in plans of individual salvation. I do not think that was the intention of Christianity. St. Paul must have had a broader sense of animal life than we have even to-day."

eights chapter of Romans. "For the creature was made subject to vanity, not Humanity can improve spiritually, and will improve in willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the that direction rapidly." same in hope.' You see, St. Paul understood the creature, The fact that so conservative an element of the Chrisits future possibilities and 'larger hope' in spite of present tian faith as the Episcopal Church has raised a voice in brute bondage. Tennyson says the same thing in our favor of animal souls is an indication of the spiritual progtender modern fashion:

The Salvation of Spiritualists.

ticle on our first page this week by the

Hon. Jas. B. Tewnsend, relative to a

foundation upon which to rest the huge

structure of Spiritualism, formed from

his knowledge of the means and mate-

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proposition, but would bury small dif-

ferences of opinion for the general good

of Spiritualism, knowing that Spiritual-

ists accept nothing but that which ap-

whether from one or a dozen thinkers,

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to stir the peaceful waters into a

We are willing to submit the matter

to our readers, and ask their candid and

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"That nothing walks with aimless feet: That not one life shall be destroy'd, Or cast as rubbish to the void. When God hath made the pile complete."

"You feel that in justice to the animal we should recognize its chance of continuous existence?"

"In the days of Plato the Greeks had a theory of

morality that excluded a large portion of the comuntrue. By degrees the definition of justice has enlarged To-day the definition of justice is made to include all faith, refused to call in medical aid for classes—even the great class of creation below man. his child, but let her die unattended. There is a strange coincidence in the fact that only after | He himself persists in declaring that he the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals had acted in obedience to what he believes been established did people think to establish the Society to be the will of God; and he and his for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The animal has pointed out many a moral to man. As a young man said to me the other day after having seen some trained seals do wonderful tricks: 'Why, Mr. Grant, if we can teach a seal to do such things, surely we can teach man to do anything."

"You consider the soul of the animal immortal?" "I believe 'that nothing walks with aimless feet,' that all life has eternal meaning. It is a good idea to feel that

life never perishes-it enlarges the spiritual universe. Why not, then, accept the fact that the life of an animal never perishes? In this way we can see reason beneath the cruel slaughter and apparent waste of animal life." "So far the idea of immortality for animals has been

of ideas the subject threatened us with. "Do you know that there never yet has been discovered

there is in the science of material facts. The spiritual a race that has not had some form of belief in spirits? It lieve, I know, that life progresses by obedience to its instincts. Spirituality is a universal instinct, and in any form of expression, however crude it may seem, I am inclined to be very respectful to it."

"But instinct is more or less animal sense," I suggested. "There are certain initial, God implanted traits at the are the instincts that point to immortality. For instance, affection and delight.

Mr. Grant is primarily a graduate of Harvard, and his "He's wonderfully affectionate, fearless, and—well, you man as he petted him. While the two, master and dog, The day of the sanctimonious "parson" is doomed. exchanged greetings the camera snapped a picture, em-

"You know at the citadel in Edinburgh there is a dog cemetery, on a high rock adjoining the barracks. The soldiers all have dogs of their own, and when they die they The strongest animal is the lion, and he has the reputa- are tenderly buried. On one tombstone over the body of a dog I saw this very appropriate quotation: 'Let sleeping

"That cemetery, you would say, is an evidence of man's respect for the animal's soul. At any rate, it is man's inunwilling to believe that any form of life perishes.

"We cannot see the actual flight of souls; all we can see is the procession of life, the flowing current of an eternal "Ah! if we begin to discuss the absolute entity of the river of life. Of course, my principal motive in choosing this subject for a sermon was to call attention to the influence a greater protection for them. The pigeons that are raised for trap shooting, for instance, are an abuse of the life of pigeons. In Burmah we were surprised to see great numbers of beautiful birds of all sorts, and upon inquiry we found that it is against the religion of the Burmese to kill birds; they never eat flesh of any kind. In the Himalayas, where the races were largely meat eaters, we hardly heard a single bird song. Many birds of rare plumage are killed in the East to supply fashionable women here with decorations for dress. How a woman can wear the breast of a bird in her hat is something cannot understand. The laws of Manu declare 'the slaughter of animals obstructs the path to beatitude."

"Should women resist fashion?"

"It seems to me, in this respect, that fashionable women are selfish, thoughtless, unimaginative, otherwise they would realize the cruelty of their adornment. We are of fiction and of poetry, but I cannot see how any woman a giant scheme of life as the world, and everything in it, with imagination or tenderness can wear in her hat the position. The church may make rules soft breast of a beautiful bird."

"The Buddhists believe that the soul of the man passes into the soul of the animal. It is a faith which suggests and send them to an imaginary hell if your theory," I said.

"Of course the Christian faith has no such belief, but Buddhism presents an exceedingly logical scheme of "So far the Christian Church has not recognized the things in some respects. However, I do not believe in what is called the transmigration of souls."

"Do you think the soul of the animal is a grade lower than the soul of man in the scheme of immortality?"

"I consider that man is the limit of material evolution. Men's bodies will never be stronger or more beautiful He walked over to his writing desk and picked up the than those Phidias used as models; men's minds will Bible, from which he read the twentieth verse of the hardly surpass in power Plato's, Caesar's, St. Paul's. ness to concern itself with spiritual Evolution in the future is concerned with spiritual things. | matters." Its realm is the material and

ress and breadth of this new century.

regard to the Sabbath, in a late issue. The article was headed "The Sabbath's Gift." during which the Beverend editor "There are two distinct Sabbaths-the Sabbath of the Church and the Sabbath of the State. The state has no right to ordain a religious observance; its Sabbath laws should be based solely on the consideration of what is good for people

in this life. The state has no business to concern itself with spiritual matters except in so far as the spiritual and the ethical (or moral) are identical. On the other hand, the church, as such, has no responsibility for and no business to concern itself with the making of laws by the state. Its Sabbath is a spiritual observance, and as such is independent of all outward circumstances or con-

There is no objection to such a for the guidance of its members, may punish them for a breach of these rules, they please, and no outsider will interfere with their rights; but they make it their chief concern to force the state into the enactment of laws In aid of the church-formerly to compel attendance on church services, latterly to abstain from all secular labor and entertainment, hoping thereby to induce the enforced idlers to attend on their ministra-

As the Witness, a Christian organ, truthfully says: "The state has no busimoral, and the observance of sacred days has nothing to do with either. The laws still in force in regard to Sunday observance are intrusions into the domain of the spiritual which has no justification in our system of government or in natural right, and they must give way to advancing intelligence.

All Travel the Same Road. Wrote Tolstoi, the Russian:

"I began by loving the Orthodox church more than myself. Then I loved Christianity more than the Orthodox church. Now I love Truth more than

The great body of Liberals of every class are in the same boat with the Russian Count. There are few of them who were not born into the Church, but have escaped its errors and horrible teachings by earnest and protracted thought and investigation. Liberals of all shades than are the churchmen. The latter contradictions and puerilities of the carded the book because of these very contradictions and crudities they came in contact with while reading the book.

Charles Dawbarn. He is a fascinating writer. He

charms with his fearlessness. You may, not agree with him in all things, but with any of the Gods mentioned in modern or ancient liferature, and how expect any mortal to meet all your demands in the evolution of thought. We shall soon commence another series of articles by him, which will prove especially interesting.

"Gleanings from the Rostrum." De

body to see if anything was wanted."

ums as to engagements, who could hold

one or two meetings in July, August

Dr. G. W. Fowler writes from Lynn,

C. J. Barnes writes: "I will be at Zoo

street, Marlou, Ind."

less be a great power for good.'

Captain Geo. W. Walrond's Spiritual-

braska, and other near states. Socie-

ties requiring his services should write

W. H. Walz writes from Joplin, Mo.

"I received the premium books, and I

must say they are grand. Every Spirit-

Last Sunday D. W. Hull lectured at

Topeka, Kansas. His home address is

T. C. Neal writes from Neoga, Ill.:

Chas. E. Dugan and T. C. Neal began

men of that village and have long

the investigation of what they pleased

pamphlet, Bible Truth, which will be

stamp. Mrs. Maggie Vestal, of Dayton,

Ohio, is with the society now. She is an honest daylight trumpet medium. This

gage her as one of our regular mediums.

We are expecting Mrs. Hattle Tiffany

with us the coming fall. Her address is

Alliance, Ohio. Societies will do well if

We have demonstrated to this people of

Neoga that spilet return is a fact, and it

is now planted here to stay. A good

honest materializingomedium will be

well received by our society. Fraud

Correspondent writes: "At the lecture

service of the Spiritualist Society of

Galveston, Texas, June 2, little Miss Daisy Dean and Master David Meredith

Wynne were given names with the mu-

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague are at

home 618 Newland avenue, Jamestown,

N. Y., where they will remain a short

The eleventh Indian pow-wow and

picnic, given by the workers of the Pro-

at Reissig Grove, Riverside, Saturday

June 15, 1901. A special program has

been arranged by good speakers and

test mediums. Pow-wow circles will be

beld at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Conference

lecture and tests at 2 p. m. All medi-

ums are invited to attend and take part

in the exercises. Co-workers, set aside

this day to your Indian Controls. Come

and let them strengthen and heal you in

Nature's dwelling. The grounds can be

reached by the Metropolitan L road!

connecting with the LaGrange electric

must steer clean!" .. 9

set of them."

Norton, Kansas.

# .. GENERAL SURVEY ..

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

CONTRIBUTORS.—Each contributor is alone responsible for any assertions diametrically opposed to his belief, yet that is no reason why they should be suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly understood that our space is inadequate to publish everything that comes to hand, however much we might desire to do so. That must account for the hon-appearance of YOUR article.

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

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

Keep copies of your poems sent to this office, for they will not be returned If we have not space to use them.

Mrs. M. J. Briggs writes from Scotch Plains, N. J.: "I received my premium book. 'A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands,' very thankfully. I am exceedingly interested in it. I have the first, second and third volumes of 'The Encyclopedia of Death and Life in the Spirit World,' and 'The Next World Interviewed,' making in all five volumes out of the eight. (Will try and get the other three Teutonia Bank, in his resort to hypas soon as possible.) The weekly visits | notism to discover the secret of the roblost without it. You have my very best it is possible that some clews might be quite exciting and astonished the na- desired information may be obtained by Campbell street." thoughts and good wishes for your success."

Will C. Hodge has taken his departure to Southern Wisconsin for an outing of | imagination, but it is a well-ascertained several weeks, and will combine mis- psychological influence possessed by all sionary work with pleasure during his strong and dominating intellectualities. Paul, going about healing the sick, stops on my way. I would give trumpet | thinkers throughout the world: absence. His address for the next two and capable of being exerted upon other | which, on occasions, were let down to seances or tests from platform. I am | Spiritualism in its modern phase has weeks is Belleville, Wis.

trologer, is about to come into possession of a fortune of \$2,000,000 as his share of the estate of the great British has been in chancery ever since the contempt and disdain by the medical death of the greath captain in 1590, who | men and scientists at that time, but dled intestate and without children, and | thorough investigation within the cennow with accumulated interest the es- tury and a half that have since elapsed tate amounts to \$200,000,000, chiefly in has caused the acceptance of the hyp-**\$2,000,000.**"

Va., are very much excited over the nocturnal doings of a ghost, or ghosts, haunting the historic old Hilleary homestead on Roaring Oreek. This place was occupied by General Rosencrans and General George B. McCiellan, while they were engaged in the battle of Cheat Mountain, July 8-13, 1865, which and its phenomena, at Lily Dale this colored population of the hill district and listic services have had a most successwas won by them. The apparitions coming season. These lectures in the some white religious enthusiasts are all ful run for the past twelve months, at seen and heard are of a military nature, main will be illustrated, and will cover agog over alleged miraculous faith 306 Opera House Building, Denver, consisting of drum beats, striking of a wide field of investigation. Season cures performed by Rev. E. M. Collett, Colo. Meetings are held every Wednesgongs, military signals of various and commences July 12, and continues until of North Carolina, in the Mt. Olive Bap- day and Sunday evening. Mr. Walrond sundry sorts and the periodical appear- the close of the camp. Prospectus will tist church, Fulton street. Cripples intends closing at the end of June for ance about the yard of a man in full | be out this week. military dress. Widespread interest is | The ghost of Peter Panquilli, who was | stored to life and vigor, the blind to see | gust and September he will pay flying being created in the occurrences, as shot last Easter Sunday, is said to and the deaf to hear, at the meetings visits through Colorado, Wyoming, Nesome of the most reliable men in the haunt the big tenement house on Brook, held by the southern evangelist. The section have visited the scene and street, Paterson, N. J., where he was miraculous cures alleged to have been vouch for the truth of the statements. - | killed. Residents of the tenement and | performed by Rev. Collett, he attributes | at once. Chicago American.

Iowa: "The Spiritualists of Keokuk amuses himself by turning on the have just been enjoying a rare treat, water faucets and otherwise miscon-We have had a two days' meeting with | ducting himself. All the former occu-G. W. Kates and wife as speakers: The pants of the tenement have packed up power of the Lord or His vicar to cure. lectures were most excellent, while Mrs. and left, and every night a crowd gath- Of the dozen or more cures attributed to Kates' messages were very correct, and ers at the house to try and catch a him, that of little nine-year-old Charlie some of them remarkable in clearness | glimpse of the ghost. Rapping on the and accuracy. We are only sorry that | walls, overturning of the few articles we cannot have them always with us. of furniture that remain in the house Too much cannot be said in praise of and other usual accompaniments of carrying him up the aisle and lifting these brave and earnest workers. Ev- | ghostly visitations form part of Peter's | ery community will be better for their | programme. having spent some time in it."

Isa Wilson Kayner, the well known She can be addressed there in care of I was entertained by Mrs. Henrietta | der him and he came down in a heap. Continental Hotel.

fraternal feelings between the northern is president of the society, and is a fine for the boy's recovery, the little fellow. and southern schools of Buddhism in trance medium as well as an excellent hopped down from the pulpit and to the India. We have won thousands of cul- | healer. May 19, we held meeting in the | astonishment of all in the church tured and educated people to our bellef; Universalist church at Urbana. The walked unaided down the aisle. Only a during November, 1900. We shall enhave brought about a revival of Bud- Sunday following, another meeting was slight limp was noticeable in his movedhism in India; laid the foundations of held in Champaign, the twin city. Great | ments. The scene was electrical. Men, central Hindoo college at Benares, In- interest has been aroused in these women and children rose as one man dia, an institution now flourishing and places, the interested ones being among and gazed as if dumbfounded. Some receiving increased endowments every the leading citizens. I have promised to fell on their knees and prayed aloud, month. We have revived Buddhism in | return to them as soon as such arrange-Ceylon and have started a great educa- ments can be made, as I was compelled ed through the sanctuary." tional movement in that island. Lastly to leave, due to my engagement with we have begun a campaign of education | the First Spiritual Church of Columbus. among the pariahs of India, with a hope I I find the church here managed by comthat we may be able to lift them from petent hands. Proper management has Progressive Thinker by Mrs. I. L. Lewis. out of their despised and downtrodden gained the confidence of one of the The last letter is a 'Call for Mediums to condition."

France, on the recommendation of its stone edifice in one of the most desir- and the spirit world. I believe this move sic, 'Name the Baby,' by Mr. John W. able localities, valued at something over ter Countess Anna developed a taste for sixty thousand dollars. Edgar Emerson unite their mediums. Let the different pronounced impressive and beautiful." ne de Rothschild and other leaders, who adequate to express the beauty and development is under the direction of lingley, pastor, in honor of the Indians, the laws of bypnotism, magnetism, the church yesterday, all deeply inter- as hypnotism can scarcely be doubted, thought transference and various other ested." psychological questions. These lectures and private studies, to which she now devotes all her leisure, have caused Countess Anna to become so proficient that the convention of the institute has | ment of Mrs. John Valentine to City | this subject in the course of a criminal given her permission to attend private | Clerk Emig, of Bellevue, yesterday. | trial that is now in progress at Proviseances for experimental tests of re | Mrs. Valentine had identified the cloth- | dence, R. I. 'Professor' Farnsworth is markable cases. To these seances only | ing of the floater found near Bellevue as | an Itinerant hypnotist, one of the perthe favored few are admitted as wit- those of her son, William Valentine, and sons who travel from place to place givnesses. It is said that the countess has her grief was inconsolable, when she ing exhibitions of their power to put been invited to lecture before the in- became convinced of the violent death, people to sleep and to induce or compel nection from the city can be made from Moses Hull. Of especial value and in- Adjourned. HERBER has been left to her choice."

Take due notice, that all items for this page must be accompanied by the or statements he may make. The editor | full name and address of the writer. It comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

> Bear in mind that all notices for this Page are cut down to suit the space we have to occupy when received.

The Toledo (Ohio) News says: "Mr. Edgerly took for his subject, 'The Destiny of the United States,' delivering a most interesting lecture, the theme of his discussion being Spiritualism as it stands before the people, a prophetic function before the body politic. He then went on to explain how such patriots as George Washington, Patrick Henry and John Adams, who: after having past on into the spirit world, would be able, through their mediums, to this great republic." J. L. F. writes: "Mr. G. W. and Mrs.

Helen Taylor, of Philadelphia, are serving the people of the People's Spiritual Temple, of Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Taylor gave her first lecture June 2, to a good sized audience, and every one is high in her praise. People naturally fell in love with her, and many stated, 'Well, that surely is true Spiritualism.' Our orthodox friends who were there said: 'If-that is Spiritualism, I believe in it. must study on this matter, and I shall be sure to come next Sunday again.' An elder of one of our leading churches of our city was heard to say: 'Now that only seek to develop the power which is are equaled by few mediums in the kind of a sermon has some sound sense latent in him. There are two ways of in it. I like the way those Spiritualists | effecting a cure. One is by transmitting hold their meetings, and I prefer it to your surplus vitality to pass in a curwhat we hear at our church.' Now rent through the body of the sick per- Centre grove every Sunday until Octo- Kansas, and any one desiring an honest, when learned men talk that way, who son and the other is to co-operate with ber under the management of the Lynn intelligent medium, will make no miswould not be interested? Mrs. Taylor's that person in an attempt to arouse his | Spiritualists Association. The meetings | take in securing her services." tests were correct, not a single failure, own will power and vitality. By these will be free, with collections and dona-

been cast upon Cashier Weiss, of the Hypnotism is no mere figment of the The Denver Post has the following: and exercised in Oriental countries from "Captain George W. Walrond, the as- the most ancient times, but it was only introduced in Europe by Mesmer about the middle of the eighteenth century, Mesmer's public exhibitions of the

> mentality is cognizant." courses of scientific and philosophical ing in the best condition." lectures upon the data of Spiritualism

neighbors declare Peter has returned to faith in the Almighty. By merely Stella A. Fisk writes from Keokuk, nightly to the scene of the murder and laying on of hands and praying he avers

Georgia Gladys Cooley writes from Columbus, Ohio: "Since leaving Chi-Chicago medium, is at present at Oma- cago, May 1, I have found many souls | which rendered useless his legs and growing society composed of the lead- with a copy of our Constitution and By- Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds: elocutionary ha, Neb., where she has started a meet- | seeking the light, and our cause is | compelled him to always have someing. She will answer calls to lecture drawing the attention of thinking men body near to support him. If placed on ago been branded as Spiritualists. The and give tests, or attend camp-meetings, and women. While at Springfield, Ill., his feet his lower limbs simply sank un- society has just published a 4-page

Col. Olcott says: "We have effected workers, never tiring of ding good. She | the afflicted parts and prayed fervently wealthy Spiritualists of the city, and he | Organize.' Yes, let us come into closer Countess Boni de Castellane has just | has purchased the Westminister Pres- | fellowship with one another. Let us exbeen elected a member of the Institute | terian church for them. The church is | change ideas with one another. Let us Psychologique Internationale, of Paris, one of the finest in the city, an elegant | be faithful to our trust with mortals psychology, which she has since lost no bas been serving the church during the mediums who know of other mediums, opportunity for developing. An assidu- month of May to the entire satisfaction | solicit them to write to Mrs. Lewis, If ous frequenter of the lectures delivered of all concerned. He remained over to they live away from you, write to them before the institute, the countess set the assist in the funeral services of Mrs. calling their attention to this move in time for a rest. They are efficient fashion for Paris society and was soon | Coite, one of Ohio's oldest and most en- their behalf. We want to build a home | workers. followed by the Duchesse d'Uzes, the thusiastic Spiritualists, who passed or homes for those who need rest and Duchesse de la Rochefoucauld, the from earth life, May 29. Willard Hull recuperation from anxious toil for our Duchesse de Bethune-Sully, the Baron- gave the funeral address. Words are in- cause. We want schools where psychic gressive Spiritual Church, G. V. Cordgave up their afternoon drives and calls logic in this very consoling and practi- competent teachers." to take their places among French sa- cal sermon. Several hundred people vants and hear exhaustive treatises on greeted Brother Emerson and myself at says: "That there really is such a thing

> The Cincinnati Enquirer says: "'I heard two knocks at the window and went to the door to let my son in, but no one was there.' Such was the state

ter went ashore at Blairsville he learned to be a professional and a fellow traythat William had disappeared from the boat. No one had seen him for an hour, and his disappearance was a mystery.
Mrs. Valentine's statement was as follows: 'I was awakened early on Thursday morning by rapping sounds on the window. I supposed that it was my son body restling of the tricks performed at the Woonsocket opera house, the evening of May 16, was in session. We all expected President to be here and act as ject after bein purious sleep by the proday morning by rapping sounds on the window. I supposed that it was my son body restling of the tricks performed at the Woonsocket operation was in session. We all expected President and the five days the convention was in session. We all expected President after bein purious sleep by the proday morning by rapping sounds on the body restling of the way the sounds of the Progressive Thinker that the Woonsocket operation was a fellow traythe Spiritualists and citizens of Topeka, the Spirit of an unknown man found at Bellevue. evidence before the coroner showed filled the bill to a dot in giving intellect-

W. F. Ruffle writes: "We had an excellent service last Sunday and received many flattering congratulations and indorsements from our congregation. We were ably assisted at the piano by Mrs. Jones, and in vocal solo by our friend who did so much for the Perkinses, prognosticate and forecast the future of | Mont, who beautifully rendered 'The | cludes thirty months of continuous | W. E. Bellman as secretary, aided by a Holy City.' She was followed by Miss | meetings, we decided that a little recess | corps of earnest workers in the field, Katle Smith, a medium who has most would only enable us to gather new Spiritualism in Kansas will come to the marvelous powers: We prophesy a forces and power to push this car of sal- front," great future for her. They have prom- vation still farther into the dark reised to assist us quite frequently, and cesses of superstition, doubt and fear. we hope to have them next Sunday. We will no doubt hold special call meet-Mrs. Cross of the First Spiritual class speakers and platform test medi-In a late lecture here, Col. Olcott said:

of my poor unfortunate son."

"I deny that God cures the sick; it is not and September. We desire to say that a divine power but is human. Any man | the five lectures just concluded by Bro. can effect cures which ignorant persons would pronounce miraculous, if he will his tests which followed each lecture Wandering Spirit book. obtained that would assist in securing lives, who carried reports of these writing to our secretary, Mrs. E. P. Avevidence such as a court could entertain, cures broadcast over the country, erill, 42 Smith street. Wherever I went after that my way was beset with invalids. I used to Park Spiritual camp-meeting, Mo., this the houses. I had the same experience | Address me at 2216 South Gallatin myself."

admiral, Sir Francis Drake. The estate powers he exercised were received with address by Dr. Juliet Severance. It gratulations of all Spiritualists, every- only apathetic people about their relighow, by the law of evolution; the mind claiming the attention of the world to- it will surely be absorbed, and is althe form of British consols. Capt. Wal- notic power as a well-established entity. of man has grown out of that condition day. On April 21, he began a series of ready preached in all the churches surrond received word yesterday that the Hypnotism consists in the ability of a of the bondage of superstition and fear five lectures on . The Religion of Evolu- reptitiously, and not mentioned by estate will at last be taken out of chan- dominating mind to compel other minds | through the first step of Protestantism, cery. There are now, according to the to bend to its will. Its effect is to force and finally into the glorious truth, and tific, showing much research and carecaptain's estimate, about 100 legitimate | the persons who are being operated on | beautiful light of Spiritualism. After | ful preparation. Clear, concise and acclaimants to the estate so that his share to think as the operator commands, to the address she gave the audience an curate in detail, they were instructive New York City. Let us show the world of it will amount to something like see and feel and act as the dominating opportunity to ask questions, resulting to all who were fortunate enough to that we still live, and are proud of our mind wills. Not only can the operator in a demonstration of the fact that her bear them, and have demonstrated the religion. The Spiritual and Ethical So-Citizens in the vicinity of Monroe, W. force his mentality upon his subjects audience was keenly interested, the ability of our brother to be a leader ciety has already started a building present, but he can read their minds | questions bringing out much additional | among the world's thinkers. He has | fund, and has appointed our beloved and discover all the facts of which their | thought and truth from the storehouse | been solicited by many of his hearers to | speaker, Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, of knowledge and experience of the have them printed, which he has prom- as treasurer of that fund. Will you Prof. Lockwood, the widely known speaker. Dr. Severance is in possession | ised to do as soon as he can arrange | join us? We are in earnest. We intend physicist of Chicago, will give several of full mental vigor, her voice also be them for the press. They will doubt-

> The Pittsburg (Pa.) Leader says: "The have been made whole, paralytics re- the summer season. During July, Authey are accomplished, the only condition being that the afflicted one must unlist and investigator should have a believe wholly and unreservedly in the Williams has attracted the most attention. Several days ago Charlie's mother brought him into the Mt. Olive church, him up the steps to the pulpit where Rev. Collett stood ready to lay hands on him and pray for his recovery. The little fellow has a grievous spinal affliction to call Occult Forces. They now have a lieve and practice, will be furnished song by Mrs. Fredericks; address by Lichtig, who is one of those faithful After the evangelist had laid hands on sent to any one interested, for a 2-cent while shouts of 'Glory to God' resound-

Mrs. Mary C. Von Kanzler writes: "I have been interested in the inspired let ters contributed to the columns of The

The Gazette of Colorado Springs, Col., except by the most incredulous. But that nine-tenths of the so-called hypnotism is fakery pure and simple is extremely probable. The public is getting some very interesting information upon \*\* steamer Tacoma Wednesday night, May tion of alleged hypnosis. Among his to grounds, 25 cents; children 15 cents.

for Blairsville. Ohio, to work in a 'subjects' was one Thomas Bolton, who | A. Markley writes from Topeka, Kanbrickyard at that place. He was accom- was selected from the audience in the sas: "I desire to say through the colpanied by a brother, but when the lat- usual war, but who afterwards proved umns of The Progressive Thinker that presentiment that some awful accident with a sledg hammer. For some rea- G. W. Kates, in the way he carried forhim until I read the account of the body | will be tried by the district court. The | with his work. Then on the rostrum he | convention adjourned at 12:30 p. m. T. S. Russell writes: "The Englewood | veloped to be not only a first class test Spiritual Union has adjourned for the medium, but a splendid trumpet mesummer, as many of our people desire dium. With such officers as Brother Mrs. Stoudt; also by Miss Mabel Le to go to the camps, and as this con- Daniel Hull as president, and Brother

Mrs. N. H. Fogg writes from Southington, Ct.: "I want to say how much interest I take in Madam --- 's articles. Our Saturday circle was successful; we lings at intervals during the summer, | though I have never endorsed theosophwere visited among others by Dr. and and will be pleased to hear from high- ical ideas since I have had my eyes opened to the fact that there is no death. I also want to again express my pleasure at your success in giving the world such a good paper as The Progressive Thinker. I have been very Ainsworth were of a superior order and | much pleased and interested in that

> Mrs. J. A. Shepherd writes from Ar cadia, Ind.: "I wish to testify to the merit of Mrs. Mattie Hayden's wonder-Mass.: "Meetings will be held in Saugus | ful power as a medium. She is now in

Carrie F. Weatherford writes: "I have Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be with us | means alone I have cured hundreds of | tions to defray expenses. Contributions | been visiting several points of interest June and July; then they go to camp." sick in India. Persons thought to be in- for the tables are solicited by the ladies lately in Mexico, and upon arriving at The New Orleans Picayune says: "A curable paralytics were restored the use in charge, who will serve chowders, El Paso find many delayed letters and great deal of unwarranted ridicule has of their limbs in thirty minutes. At the sandwiches, ice cream, tea and coffee orders for Lessons in Scientific Occultside of the house where I performed for a moderate sum, and friends and in- ism. The latter will be attended to as these cures I had constructed a passage- vestigators are cordially invited from soon as I can order a stock. Ethel, my way which I called the 'race course.' surrounding towns to join with us in youngest daughter, is with me, and in of The Progressive Thinker come to bery which was recently perpetrated When I had cured several persons of making these meetings a success. An spite of preconceived ideas we find a me filled with so many good things. I upon the bank of which he is an official. paralysis of the legs I would station invitation is extended also to all medi- very pleasant climate and are enjoying cannot begin to tell you the great pleas. The Picayune doubts if the mystery can such at one end of the passageway for ums and platform workers to aid us ourselves. I am now lecturing for the ure I take in reading it, and would be he penetrated in that way; nevertheless a contest of speed. Such events were and the cause with their presence. Any El Paso society. My address is 511 N.

> Plea for a Spiritualist Temple. To Spiritualists of New York City, think then of the apostle's, Peter and season, and would like to make some and to all lovers of truth, and liberal

minds. Hypnotic power has been known | them through openings in the roofs of open for engagements on the route. been before the world fifty-three years. Here in New York, the largest city in the United States, we still meet in un-Laura L. Randolph, M. D., writes comfortable halls and live, as it were, Spiritual Church of Chicago was fa- from St. Louis, Mo.: "The First Church from hand to mouth. Why should this vored Sunday evening, June 2, with an of Spiritual Unity is entitled to the con- be so?- Why should Spiritualists be the was an address of unusual interest, the | where, because we have a pastor, W. F. | ion? Do you want Spiritualism (the subject being 'The Old and the New.' | Peck, who is one of the best informed | grandest truth ever given to man) to She referred to the mental enslavement | men in the ranks of Spiritualism. He is | die, as a cult? Our name last! Spiritby the Roman Catholic church, and told abreast of the times; on all subjects ualism will never die, it is immortal, but tion. All of these lectures were scien- name. Why should we sit supinely, and see our birthright taken from us?

Spiritualists, let us build a Temple in

to have a Temple. We are willing to work bard for it, we do not expect to erect a grand building, but will be satisfied with a very modest structure, and if we should get more than enough for such an one, we will start another modest one. Our society has long had this in view, and we intend to accomplish it. Now is your opportunity, Spiritualists, to see a Temple dedicated to our grand truth, by helping in this work, according to your means. If you can give only ten cents (that will buy a brick), give it with a God speed. We are an incorporated society, and are responsible for all funds intrusted to us. Will you do this for the cause, even though you do not live in New York? It will be a satisfaction to every Spiritualist to know that there is at last a meeting-place dedicated to the teachings of Spiritualism. here in New York, where it is needed so much. Give of your means, a small portion, any sum, however small, will be acceptable. If every one who has re-"The Society for Psychical Research | ceived comfort through spirit communat Neoga, Ill., is now a permanent so- ion would do this, we would have a

ciety. Three years ago Dr. Dougherty. Temple inside of one year. Any liberal-minded person who would like to be informed as to what we be- of telepathy by Mr. and Mrs. Zancig; Three Journeys Laws, on application. All contributions may be sent to Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, after June 15, to her summer home, Elm Grove, Franklin county, Mass., or before that time to 224 East 29th street, New York City.

Yours sincerely, Committee Building Fund, John L. Woolf, President 62 W. is her second visit, having served us 22d street, New York City; President of Society, Miss B. V. Cushman, 224 East 39th street, New York City; Speaker of society, Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, 224 East 39th street, New York City; Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Tuttle, 25 West they can secure her and Mrs. Vestal. 89th street, New York City.

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And the mountain tops of beauty, Like the palace of our dreams, Will rise from out life's shadows, Aglow with heaven's own beams.

Will dawn love's perfect day.

Then let us all remember, Darkest days must pass away. And when March winds are blowing, We are so much nearer May,

With April, only April To coyly step between, And spread a gay, green kirtle O'er all the enchanting scene.

And when 'tis May we're nearing The radiant hours of June, And thus, thro' all life's changes, We may keep our hearts in tune

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CONVENTION.

New York State Association.

The fifth annual convention of the New York State Association was called

at 11:20 a.m., May 24, in the First Spirwindow. I supposed that it was my son William, who was accustomed to doing this upon coming home late at night. I went at once to the door, but no one was there. I at once was seized with the there. I at once was seized with the there was related to break the stone to the door, but no one was the placed upon the object of the subject and to the dispatch business and to lend interest to the cause, but in this we were disaptoned; he could not leave Buffalo. It pointed; he could not leave Buffalo, N. Y., in time to aid us in the meeting here, but we were agreeably disappointed in the city of Buffalo. It to the cause, but in this we were disaptoned to the cause, but in this we were disaptone itual Temple in the city of Buffalo. It A. Niver, Groton, N. Y.; and committee allows this freedom of expression, believing that the cause of truth can be best subserved thereby. Many of the sentiments uttered in an article may be dispersed to his belief yet.

The editor of some lear with a sleagular marke. The editor with a sleagular marke. The editor of some lear will not do to say that Secretary or Corlieving that the cause of truth can be best subserved thereby. Many of the sentiments uttered in an article may be dispersed to his belief yet.

The editor of the writer. The editor of some lear will not do to say that Secretary or Corlieving that the cause of truth can be some and address of the business of the convention with special dispatch. He was perfectly at home in the chair and had answers always ready to any question dispatch. The editor of the will not do to say that Secretary or Corlieving that the cause of truth can be subserved thereby. Many of the giving the full name and address of the business of the bu ously missing. Nothing was heard from | worth and Trask are under arrest and | asked. The convention was delighted | gates and a number of visitors, and the Convention called promptly at 2:15 The description given tallied to that of that Bolton had often performed the ual lectures. No doubt your many read- p. m., our president, Carrie E. S. Twing, my son, and my worst fears were reali- trick in other places and that at ho time | ers know of the strength of Sister Zaida | in the chair. Rev. Moses Hull gave the ized when I saw the clothing at Under- was he under hypgotic influence, nor | Kates in her lectures and spirit descrip- | address of welcome, and was responded taker Cunningham's establishment. was he unconscious while the trick was | tions, which were of the best. The local | to by our president. The president ap-The garments are unmistakably those being done. During the act, said society, the Church of Spiritualism, re- pointed the following committees: Farnsworth in his testimony, Bolton ceived a spiritual baptism last Sunday President's report and resolutions-Rev. (who was supposed to be under hyp- evening. Lincoln Post hall was full of | Moses Hull, Buffalo; Miss Marie J. notic influence) would whisper to the intellectual people to listen to a lecture | FitzMaurice, New York City; Frank professor, who always leaned over his by Mrs. Laura B. Payne, and descrip- Walker. On secretary's report, treastions by Mrs. Inez Wagner, who has de- urer's report, and auditing-W. Wines Sargent, Brooklyn; Mrs. Tillie U. Rey-

nolds, E. G. Reilly, Syracuse. The president's secretary's and treasurer's reports were then read and referred to their respective committees for consideration.

The chairman of the committee on mass-meetings for the year then presented his report of the work of the year, followed by H. W. Richardson and Mrs. Lizzie Brewer reporting the series of meetings held last September in western New York. Miss Marie J. FitzMaurice and the secretary reported the very successful four days' massmeeting held in Lyric hall in the city of New York. Then followed the report of the delegates.

Resolutions were adopted accepting these reports.

The secretary carrying out the instructions of Mrs. Sophie E. Woodside, of Heuvelton, author of the songs, "Soul of My Soul" and "My Birdwand I," presented the convention with 40 copies of these songs to be sold for the benefit of the National and State Asso-A vote of thanks was extended and

the secretary instructed to notify Mrs. Woodside of the action of the conven-

Helping Hand society, gave a lengthy and exceedingly interesting report on the work of that society, followed by remarks by Mrs. Mary C. Von Kanzler, of Syracuse, after which the meeting ad-Evening session.—Singing. Invoca-

tion by Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds; inspirational singing and playing by Mrs. Gage, of Buffalo; address by Harrison D. Barrett, president of the National Association: address by Mr. Wilson, vice-president of one of the Toronto Spiritualist societies; reading by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke, "Bobbie Shafto" and "Watching the Sparking"; address by Prof. W. M. Lockwood; spirit messages by Miss Margaret Gaule, New York City; singing; benediction by H. D. Bar-

Meeting called to order at 10:15 Saturday morning by the president, and Chairman W. W. Sargent reported committee found reports of secretary and treasurer correct, and recommended adoption by convention. Carried. Elocutionary reading by Salem E.

Team," by Brooks, and "An Irishman's Opinion of the Flags." Address by Mrs. Marguerite Barrett,

Parker, of Versalles, "The Orthodox

on "Our Children." Resolution adopted that Mr. and Mrs. Harrison D. Barrett be made honorary members of our State Association. Saturday afternoon-Convention was called to order by the president, who at

once appointed as nominating committee, Frank Walker, E. H. Kent, Mrs. Lizzie Brewer, W. V. Nicum, Birch Remarks by our president, also by Mrs. Mary Von Kanzler and E. W.

Bond, of Willoughby, Ohio. Elocutionary reading by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke.

Communications by Miss Margaret

Gaule. The following officers and trustees were then unanimously elected: President, Rev. Moses Hull, Buffalo; first vice-president, Carrie E. S. Twing; second vice-president, Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy; secretary Herbert L. Whitney, Brooklyn; treasurer, H. W. Richardson, East Aurora. Trustees: Mrs. S. C. Ellis. Auburn; E. G. Reilly, Syracuse; Mrs. Laura A. Holt, West Potsdam; Miss Marie J. Fitz Maurice, New York City. Remarks by the newly elected officers, also by Dr. G. E. Beckwith-Ewell and E. F. Butterfield, of Syracuse. Delegates elected to represent the State Association at the next annual convention of the National Association are Moses Hull and Carrie E. S. Twing. Saturday evening-Singing. Invoca-

reading by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke; address by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing; song by Mrs. Fredericks; tests by Dr. C. H. Figuers; address by Mrs. Lizzle Brewer; elocutionary reading by Mr. Swobe, of Lockport, "The Colored Camp-meeting." Sunday morning. — Congregational singing. Address by H. W. Richardson, "A History of Our Legislative Fight at

Address by Harrison D. Barrett. Address and messages by Dr. G. C. Beckwith-Ewell. Address by Mrs. Mattle E. Hull, 'Children's Lyceums." Sunday afternoon.-Singing; invocation by Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds.

Inspirational singing and playing by

Mrs. Gage. Elocutionary reading, "Laona," and an address by Harrison D. Barrett. Duet by Salem E. Parker and his sister, Mrs. Capitola Parker-Bowen. Elecutionary reading by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke.

donia. Messages by Dr. C. H. Figuers. Duet by S. E. Parker and Mrs. C. Parker-Bowen.

Sunday evening.—Invocation by Mrs.

Address by Lyman C. Howe. Fre-

Mattie E. Hull. Singing. Admission of new members to First Spiritual Church, by pastor, Rev. Moses Duets, "If I Were a Voice," and "The

Unseen City," by S. E. Parker and Mrs.

C. P. Bowen.

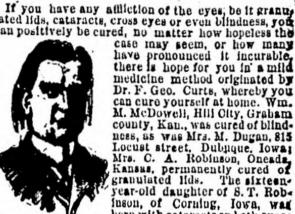
Address by President Moses Hull, followed by ordination services conducted by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing. Mrs. Ella Atcheson and Wm. V. Nicum having been granted ordination papers by our association. Rev. John A. Sayles, of East Aurora Universalist church, delivered the charge to State Association and the audience.

Address by Mrs. C. E. S. Twing. Elocutionary reading by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke, "The Price of a Man." Messages by F. Cordon White. "Dipped in Golden Foam," by S. E.

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## GHRISTIANITY, THE RIVAL RELIGIONS.

A Lecture Delivered by Prof. J. S. Loveland, at Summerland, California.

The enunciation of my subject assumes that Spiritual- of Christians? The various sects are simply different inism is a religion; and, to make this clear in the mind of terpretations of the general facts and principles of Christhe hearer, it may be well to define the term religion. I tianity. All recognize and worship Jesus of Nazareth as claim that all men are religious, for religion is the mental | their Savior. All appeal to the Testaments as containing, attitude of men to the invisible. I do not say to the spir- or being a revelation from God. All agree in the miracuitual, because I have never met with any person who lous interpositions of the Deity in connection with Jewish knew what the term spiritual meant, or who could give and Christian history. They all affirm that only by the any intelligible definition of spirit or matter; or show the direct revelation of God did, or could man attain the idea dividing line between them. Hence, I use the term in- or knowledge of life in the invisible. visible as including everything which any religion may | Among the special revelations made to man, one of the affirm. Religionists are divided into two main classes; most important is the assumed fact that the physical the positive and negative. The positive class affirms that | bodies of all mankind will be resurrected immortal, and the invisible is real, as real as the visible. And that it is hence possess eternal life in the future whether living in the home of real, living entities as surely as the seen world heaven or hell. And this resurrection is proved by the in which we now live. In other words, they affirm that resurrection and ascension of the body of Jesus Christ physical visibility is not the absolute test of existence.

such beings or worlds.

point that the invisible is real, and that veritable, intelli- Everything is natural; the supernatural is impossible. All gent beings live therein. But when the nature and con- the revelations from the invisible are from persons who ditions of that world and life are considered, the beliefs once lived on this earth, and they make themselves known and notions are beyond computation in number; and as by using the forces of the cosmos as naturally as we use diverse and contradictory as it is possible to conceive.

#### HEAVEN AND HELL.

up a new position on this earth, or in its atmosphere, whereby they cry "Abba, Father." where they have carried on the war most successfully, sesuring control over the vast majority of human beings who have readily enlisted in the Devil's service. The Ruler of heaven presses a few into his service, but most of not only unscientific, but it is anti-scientific. It is not loving service, while obedience to God is largely com- more unnatural than for a virgin to bear a child; or for a pulsory through fear.

number of hells. Human beings, on departing this life, What could be more unscientific than the falling down of gen is the supporter of all combustion while water is the enter the heaven or hell which best fits their character of the walls of a city at the tooting of rams' horns, or of see- great extinguisher of combustion. improvement or degradation. Others, Spiritualists for ing a light at mid-day above the brightness of the sun example, reject the notion of heavens and hells and affirm These and scores of other similar legends are prima facie that the invisible world consists of different spheres; or, proofs of the unscientific character of Christianity. in other words, societies of people on the same plane of | Spiritualism, on the other hand, is pure naturalism; or, development, and that progression is the law and fact of if we wished to qualify the term we should simply say it existence in the invisible. There are no impassable was a spiritual naturalism; or, better still, a natural Spirboundaries between the spheres. To the one class of re- itualism. The negative religionists have always affirmed ligionists, heaven is the reward for faith in certain dog- the naturalness of all motion—all phenomena. And as mas, and hell the punishment for lack of that faith; while they conceived the spiritual or invisible to be unnatural, to others joy or sorrow is the natural consequence of char- or else supernatural, they have strenuously denied its acter and conduct in the earthly existence.

spare this morning to particularize all the notions enter- both agreed that intelligent manifestation from the intained by the various religious sects respecting the in- visible was, or would be supernatural or miraculous. visible. So far as the negative religionists are concerned Hence the negationist has absolutely denied the existence to thought and feeling? the whole vast mass of notions are regarded as the brain of the alleged intelligent manifestations which the poslancies of ignorant humanity, and they are satisfied to say itivist has affirmed. Spiritualism agrees with the nethat, if there be a life in the invisible future, we know gationist that all phenomena, intelligent or unintelligent, nothing about it. "One world at a time" is quite enough | whether from the seen or the unseen, is, and must be per-Nor man's attention; and if he uses the visible world aright feetly natural. But it affirms and proves that phenomena he need have no fears respecting the uncertain possible.

### THE INVISIBLE WORLD.

They say, and truly say, that so far as the nature and mode of life of a being, destitute of a physical organization, is concerned, it is impossible of comprehension. pendent upon physical organs. And, as we cannot com- involved. prehend the mode or manner of such a life, how do we know that there is such a life? The positive religionists answer that there have been revelations of the fact made identification of their personality.

manity, and that there are two grand divisions of religion, this or any other world. positive and negative, we are brought to the sectarian | Spiritualism necessarily rejects all these propositions. | is the only rightful ruler of mankind. Quite a large | gain and Spiritualism lose by all such efforts. Truth and | the future life is the continuation and divisions. The larger divisions, by common consent, are It affirms as a self-evident proposition that creation is im- number of Christians have been seeking for years to falsehood can never agree. termed distinct or separate forms of religion. Judaism, possible. Hence, there can be no God Creator. That, as change the character of our government by so changing Buddhism, Mohammedanism and Christianity are termed the substance of the universe is eternal so also are its at- | the constitution that it shall acknowledge God, and also | distinct religions, and yet they all have more or less in tributes, or so-called laws. And, therefore, all the mocommon, and the younger have borrowed from the older tions or phenomena of nature are automatic and destitute unlism plants itself on the Declaration of Independence assail the errors which bind them in mental slavery. And, and his relations to God tend to s ones. Now the question is, is Spiritualism as distinctly of intelligent impulsion except in the narrow field of or- and declares that all just governments derive their au- if they regard their fetters as ornaments divinely bedifferent from each and all the old world religions as they ganic life. And even there the majority of motions are are from each other? For, if it is, then it has the same automatic. Will, volition, intelligence, have nothing to claim to be styled a new religion as had any of them at do with them. The heart beats, the stomach digests their first promulgation. And the fact that it has some without the slightest aid from the intelligent reason. leatures in common with the others, is no invalidation of The universality and immutability of law is the basis of its claim. As stated before, religion is the mental attitude every doctrine, of the entire science and philosophy of of man toward the invisible. Reducing this proposition Spiritualism. And this law is not a made law. It has to a finer analysis it will give us this, man is religion, and no author. It is the eternal method by which the unithe variations in human mental evolution constitute the verse moves; hence miracle is impossible. A miracle co-called different religions, and also the many phases of would be the annihilation of the universe, for it would be those religions, as they appear in sectarian cliques and the destruction of one of its component elements. For creeds. The fact that man is an evolutionary or pro- instance, suspend or destroy the law or principle of cohegressive being makes it not only certain, but necessary, sion and all the bodies of universal nature would be rethat there should be new religions in human history. And solved into their ultimate atoms. Hence, there is, there these religions will essentially differ from each other. An can be no violation or breaking of absolute law. What is upon these assumptions is, that they are not true. The sick. But the most potent force to overcome is ignoreclipse of the sun, to the barbarian, who thinks a dragon so-called, is simply changing the relation in which peris devouring it, and to the scientist, who knows the cause sons or things stand to the operation of nature's laws. It to be the passage of the moon between us and the orb of is not violated, but operating law which burns the hand were essentially the teachings of other people than the edge is increased, yet the ignorance which exists concernlay, is a vastly different affair. And yet, to the outer thrust into the fire. Spiritualism, therefore, sees nothing tenses there is no difference between the scientist and the in the vast workings of nature but the action of auto- volved it was the common teaching of the Jewish rabbis holy books is appalling. And when the ignorance of the avage. The scientist has progressed, the savage has not. matic energy. It sees not the faintest trace of any per- at the time attributed to Jesus, and had been taught many church is supplemented by that of many professed Spiritin religion, differences equally as great are apparent, and sonal activity. It can find, in no part of the limitless inhe reason is the same; one class has progressed beyond visible, any resident home, any supernal throne on which he other, and hence, their mental attitude toward the in- a ruling God is seated. It can find no pearly-gated city, isible must inevitably be unlike that of their fellows. with gold-paved streets, thronged with blood-washed wor-As the birth of a new religion is the result of human de- shipers of a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. relopment, it is manifest that imperfection or falsity must | Hence, the Spiritualist can, in no sense, be termed a worle discovered in the old; and hence there will be more or shiper of a Creative, Preserving or Redeeming God. The ess contention between the new and the old. Unless cternal cannot be created, nor does the indestructible need here was radical disagreement they would be essentially to be preserved, and that which was never lost or forfeited he same.

### SPIRITUALISM AND CHRISTIANITY.

into heaven, where it is seated at the right hand of God. The negative class, while admitting that all substance is Now, what is the position of Spiritualism upon these not visible, declares that there cannot be organized beings fundamental doctrines of Christianity? So far as knowlliving in a palpable world, and yet both world and people edge of the invisible is concerned, Spiritualism agrees a hypocrite. be entirely invisible. They want to know where this with Christianity that it comes through and by revelation world is located, and what kind of bodies there can be, from the realm of being. But with this basic fact the made of stuff thinner than air, and upheld by some sub- agreement ceases, for the Spiritualist declares that God stance equally unsubstantial. They don't believe in any has no more to do with the revelation than he has with the telegraph or telephone. He denies that there ever But the positive religionists are agreed only on this one was, or in the nature of things ever could be, a miracle. We find ourselves possessed of intelligence and love. the forces of steam and electricity. Spiritualism thus rejects in toto as false and fabulous all the claims of Divine inspiration of the Bible, all the pretended mira-Man has given his fancy and imagination full sway in cles, such as the flood, Lot's wife, the walls of Jericho; the picturing the invisible and the beings assumed to be its giving of law from Sinai; the sun standing still; the imresidents. According to some, the invisible realm is maculate conception; the resurrection and ascension of divided into two main territories termed heaven and hell. Christ, and many more that might be mentioned. As a A being called God is the visible ruler of heaven, and one matter of course, Spiritualism repudiates entirely the called the Devil is the principal character of hell. Each claims of Christianity that men and women are now conof these personages has a vast army of beings termed victed of sin by the power of the Holy Ghost, and by the angels. Perpetual contention exists between them, and same power regenerated and made new creatures. That one great war once occurred in heaven between the op- they have passed from death unto life and been adopted posing forces. Victory finally was achieved by the God as "sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty," who has army and the defeated hosts retired, and apparently took sent forth into their hearts the "spirit of adoption,"

#### MIRACULISM VS. NATURALISM.

possibility.

from the invisible, demonstrating intelligent causation, are as palpable to the senses and reason as the alternations of day and night. On the other hand, it agrees with This brings out the query what do we know of the Christianity that real manifestations of intelligent beings Invisible; and how do we know? The negationists de- from the invisible is a clearly proven fact; but instead of clare that there is no knowledge; that it is all imagination. being supernatural is as natural as written or oral communications between men in the body.

I have thus stated the fundamental difference between Spiritualism and Christianity, and it needs but a very That as waste and nutrition of a being without a physical cursory examination to show that they are absolutely inorganization is to us absolutely incomprehensible because conceivable. They can never harmonize. And, as I we have, and can have no experience thereof, so also we shall show, all attempts at harmonizing are not only usecannot conceive how such beings can feel or think, in- less but positively injurious. So far as they are seemingly asmuch as all our feeling and thinking are directly de-successful they blind the mind and deceive the parties

### FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE.

The fundamental difference between Christianity and of the Holy Ghost. at different times, and at various places. That God him- Spiritualism shows itself in three most important feaself, in various ways, has appeared to men, and has also tures. The first is religion. The mental attitude of sent many of his angels. That he and they have con- Christianity, as before stated, affirms a personal ruler and trines and teachings upon the subject of government, and what the church terms infidelity, than it does with the rersed with men, and by "signs and wonders" have proved | creator of the universe, visible and invisible, and that re- | especially so because Christianity has always identified | Christian system. It is infidel to Christian doctrines. their identity. Others declare that their deceased friends ligion includes faith in, and worship of, that one being, government as an appurtenance of religion if not an intehave appeared to them alive, and given the most perfect whose name they assert is Jehovah. That worship in- gral part thereof. Government, according to Christian- of principle. The Christian will never seek to bring his spiritual laws; to note that new forces, cludes prayer, which, entirely independent of natural law ity, was primarily exercised by God alone. Later he en- religion into harmony with any other. He cannot. His as discovered and applied in wireless But, without further statement of the differences be- will be answered. It also demands faith in Jesus Christ | trusted the execution of the laws, which he had framed, is direct from God. All others, except Judaism, are from tween the positive and negative parties, we will confine as the only begotten son of Jehovah; and that by his to kings and judges, but always retaining the power to su- the Devil, and this is especially true of Spiritualism. Evour attention to Christianity and Spiritualism, which we death, upon a Roman cross, he made a complete atonehave assumed to be rival religions. Having stated our ment for the sins of the whole world; and, unless man bedefinition of religion, and finding it to include all hu- lieves in this, there is no salvation possible for him in

cannot be redeemed. Christianity is precisely the reverse of all these posi-

him as parts of a whole; and its motions are the manifest- life in the heavens. ed volitions of the Deity. Neverthless, Christianity affirms a responsible existence for man, and as said before, requires of him supreme worship of God.

But it is unnecessary to point out farther the absolute irreconcilability of the religious status of the two. And it ought to be unnecessary to indicate the irrationality of of another—to spend a life in dishonesty and wrong, and Spiritualists imitating the ignorant superstitions of the Christian church in offering formal prayers to an impersonal abstraction. As though prayer could modify the operation of immutable energy. Prayer is the preserver of ancient superstition, and a formidable hindrance to the progress of the truth of Spiritualism. Every prayer upon the platform is prima facie evidence that the offerer is an unbeliever in the fundamental basis of Spiritualism, or

#### CAUSE AND EFFECT.

But right here, some half-fledged Spiritist will rise to explain; and will say, "to be sure we don't believe in a personal God, seated on a throne, but we do believe in God. are effects of pre-existent cause. Cause must be equal to, if it does not exceed the effect. There must, therefore, be love and intelligence in the Cosmos, or we could not have had an existence. God is the immanent life and power of the cosmos and we have derived our life therefrom."

Very well. If God is the immanent, life-force of the universe, then he is as much in the lion as the lamb. in the buzzard as the dove, and as loving in the slaughter of unnumbered thousands as in the preservation of a single one. It is just as legitimate and will be just as successful to kneel before a brazen image and pray as to look toward Jerusalem, Mecca, or up into the air. You may as well pray to the wind as to an incomprehensible imper-

But let us go back to this much-talked-of cause and ef- ages. fect. Who can prove that cause is greater, or even equal to effect? So far as we know anything about the matter, it is not true that cause exceeds effect, but just the contrary, effects transcend their producing causes. Moreover, effects are entirely unlike their causes. Effects be-Christianity is based entirely upon miraculism. It is come causes, but the effects they produce are the exact reverse of those produced by their causes. Water is a good | each other. The eyes of Christianity are in the back of shem are beguiled by the wiles of Satan and yield him a merely supernatural, it is unnatural. Nothing could be illustration. It is the effect of burning together oxygen its head. It forever looks backward for the lessons of and hydrogen. But water has nothing, so far as qualities body of flesh and bones to be taken into a spiritual world | are concerned, in common with either of the two gases. With others, there are many heavens and an equal and seated at the "right hand" of an omnipresent being. Hydrogen is more inflammable than gunpowder, and oxy-

Again, take the food we eat and follow it through the various processes by which it is converted into the various tissues of the human body. Can you perceive any likeness between the bread, meat, vegetables and fruit, which you eat, and the nerve aura which is at the basis of all your | Man is always equal to his necessities, and demands no feeling and thought? We are made up from our food as organized beings. But which is greatest, these organizations or the food from which they are formed? ridicule the saying of Haeckel, "No thought without that wisdom which saves. True growth is from within, phosphorus." But, have they demonstrated the exist- not from without. The without—the environments are ence of thought without phosphorus? Not yet. So far only stimulants to the within. Man is not measured by But it would require vastly more time than we can The negationists and the positivists, of the past, have as the evolution of thought, by the human brain is concerned, we know it can't be done without phosphorus. But is phosphorus or brain substance as a whole superior

### EVOLUTION IS ASCENSIONAL.

Evolution is ascensional, and the results or effects of development have continually transcended the operative of view the blossom and the fruit. Spiritualism is most causes or forces. When you can tell me how, in innumerable chemical changes, substances lose all their special characteristics and take on other and different ones—how from the Amoeba has ascended the numerous types of life without any miraculous interposition, then I will explain It is the religion of credulity and unscientific thought. how man has been evolved from things and condi- The other is the religion of the present, scientific culture tions far inferior to the character he now manifests. Evolution means the continual development of the more | The one is a God religion, the other the religion of hufrom the less perfect. The Christian idea—the God idea or doctrine, is the precise opposite. It is the perfect becoming imperfect. It starts with a perfect God and produces an imperfect man—with a holy God and produces an unholy man. And the pretense of an impersonal immanence does not improve the position. As a synthetic | servant to do its bidding and perform its labor. Nothing statement, we may say that religion, to the Spiritualist, is more is necessary to demonstrate the rivalry and inconthe evolutionary development of humanity by strictly gruity of these two religions. It only remains for us in Leigh:" natural processes; while, to the Christian, it is a miracu- | concluding this address to suggest certain inferences natlous metamorphosis of a part of humanity by the power | urally flowing from the premises submitted.

To fully compare and contrast Christianity and Spiritualism, it is necessary to examine their respective docpersede them and appoint others. Substantially the same | ery concession made by the Spiritualist is an act of hypocidea obtains to-day. At least it is claimed that no gov- risy. It reveals a lack of courage and a base pandering to progress, as illustrated by physical sciernment is right which does not enforce the rules which selfishness. The building a creed to hold legacies and se-God has prescribed in the holy scriptures. Jesus Christ | cure half-fares is cowardly selfishness. Christianity will Jesus Christ as the rightful ruler of nations. But Spirit- the case. We don't need to assail persons, but we must thority from the consent of the governed. The two re- stowed they will, of course, be offended at the truth. same essential style and qualities that ligions occupy opposite positions here, the same as upon But that we cannot prevent. We must oppose slavery have insured for "The World Beautithe question of religion.

The next point of comparison is in reference to moral- tion. ity. Christianity lays claim to the most perfect system of ethics known to man! And this claim is based upon ity has enormous resources. It has the wealth of the the assumption that God himself is the author of the sys- world. It has the political power of the world. Kings tem. The moral law, it is said, is embodied in the ten and emperors claim their position by the grace of God, commandments, and they were traced on tables of stone and are defenders of the Christian faith. They seal their by the finger of Jehovah himself. This law was endorsed by Jesus Christ and is of Binding obligation upon all men because of its divine origin and character. And this law was amplified by the addition of the Golden Rule and other commentaries of Jesus. All that needs to be said to Spiritualism because its mediums so often heal the tables of stone story is simply a fable. The principles ance. Ignorance has always been the stronghold of Chriswere not originated at the time and place as stated but | tianity. And though many run to and fro and knowl- A Israelites. And so far as the so-called Golden Rule is in- ing the origin of Christianity and the authorship of its

centuries before. enough to say that the Christian system is one strictly of fire in the rear is more galling than that from the foe in authority. It makes no attempt to discover or enforce front. the idea of right as existing in a true conception of the to man is not discussed, nor attempted to be enforced, but | modern Christians are fully convinced that they can serve the simple fact that God commanded it. In the Chris- both God and Mammon. And the zealous worship paid tian system God is always first, man last. Man is of no the latter so absorbs their attention that they cannot enwhose pleasure man was created at the first. With such their fathers did, Spiritualists would be persecuted and tions. Its God is not only the direct Creator of the sub- a foundation for moral obligation, and the provision, their mediums put to death. But this would interfere This brings us to the question, is there a radical dis-stance, and all the forms of universal being, but He is the through an atonement, for escaping all the consequences with Mammon worship, and we are, therefore, allowed a greement between Spiritualism and Christianity; or is ever-present, potent ruler of the same. All the changes of his conduct it is no wonder that the moral character of liberty never accorded to heretics in the past. But years

volition. The rain and snow; the plenty or famine; sick- ture. In fact, the doctrine of expiation of sin by anness or health; little at the are not natural events but are other's act or suffering, and full remission assured things of his direct bestown or infliction. He takes care through that method, is most essentially demoralizing. of the sparrows, observes our thoughts and counts every | And when in addition the natural consequences of imhair of our heads. He raises up one and puts down an- moral conduct are entirely overlooked, or a guarantee other. The wrath of man praises him and he restrains given that they shall all be cancelled by the pardon given all the rest. In fact, it is incorrect to talk of nature or "for Christ's sake," we can imagine no easier way for the natural laws, for it is God who causes every motion and immoral than the Christian system presents. To be sure change from the drop of a leaf to the revolution of worlds. it arrays an awful hell, but it is so easy to escape it. The logical conclusion is, that God is all in all. All Jesus has paid the ransom price in full, and faith in him has emanated from him as to its form and all is bound to remits all sins, and makes you an heir of glory and eternal

#### INHERENTLY IMMORAL.

Spiritualism rejects this system because it is founded on fables; and because it is inherently immoral. To escape the natural consequences of wrong through the sufferings at the last moment, through faith in a crucified Jesus, have that wrong wiped out, and the perpetrator translated, from the gallows, perhaps the same day, into the paradise of God, is a monstrous travesty of justice, and a most immoral system of morality.

Spiritualism doesn't go to God to find out the duties owed by man to man. Those duties are defined by human necessities. Whatever man needs he has an inalienable right to possess. His needs are infallibly indicated by his capacities. Each capacity is a hunger which has a right to be fed. The supreme duty owed by every man to every man is, not interfere with his legitimate efforts to obtain for body and soul, but, as far as possible to aid him in the efforts to obtain the needed food.

The moral code of Spiritualism is very simple. It is easily learned. You are not compelled to consult some God or his priestly interpreter. Or read some profound treatise on ethics, and weigh the conflicting opinions of learned doctors upon the question. It is narrowed down easily learned. You are not compelled to consult some learned doctors upon the question. It is narrowed down to a few simple propositions. Man is a being of various powers or attributes. The exercise or use of those powers is an indispensable necessity for his growth and hapreal in the skunk as the perfume of the rose. As perfect | piness. That use is his natural right. My duty is to not interfere with that use, but to assist him in that use. To not interfere with, and to assist our fellows constitutes the essense of morality. It is according to man "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." But it is all purely human. It needs no god, no revelation from heaven to | \$85.00 per week. I do not canvas, people come and understand it. It is level to the comprehension of a child, and has been very largely practiced even by sav-

#### SUMMING UP

Summing up the different positions discussed, we are forced to the conclusion that Christianity and Spiritual ism as religious systems are unlike and antagonistic. That they cannot, in the nature of things harmonize with | NESS to send for one of my large-sized wisdom. The days of revelation and inspiration are passed. Nothing new can be true respecting the character and destiny of man. To find out fully the meaning of | The old reliable remedy for Stomach, ancient utterances is the most important work of our Liver and Kidneys. It will cure present life.

The eyes of Spiritualism are in front. It looks forward. It expects to see new things, and new phases of present accepted truths. Every step forward is a step upward. The golden age is in the future, not the past. aid from any gods in order to progress. It scouts the doctrine of our dependence upon ab extra sources for true No. 50 S. Main street, Wilkes Barre, Pa. Some wisdom, and shows that evolution alone is the path to the without, but is himself the measurer of all his environments, though it often requires ages to accomplish such measurement, as illustrated by the heliocentric doctrine of our astronomy. The past is the germ period of human evolution. The present and future are the blossoming and fruiting seasons. Our old-time religion-Christianity, would gaze forever on the germ and shut out concerned with the opening flowers and ripening fruit.

We have then set before us two religions, and they are rivals for human acceptance. One is the religion of past ignorance, undevelopment, and consequent superstition. of humanity. It is the religion of evolution and culture. manity. One trembles at the faint echoes of barbaric superstition, the other glories in the thunder roar of conquest over the potent forces of surrounding nature. One bows down in servile fear to the things and forces of nature, which it calls God, while the other makes God its A Record," "A Study of Elizabeth Bar-

1. As already stated, the two religions can never be reconciled with each other, as they agree in only one im- The hieroglyphic of material shows, portant feature. Spiritualism agrees vastly more with Henceforward he would paint the

All effort to harmonize will result in abandonment

3. But, declaring the truth, it is said, offends and drives people from our meetings. That has always been and glorify liberty. To whitewash error is gross decep-

The contest will be long and arduous. Christianoath of office by kissing the holy book of Christianity. We must also recognize the powerful influence of the many secret organizations, most of which are in harmony with the church. The doctors are opposed very largely ualists, the upbuilding of the truth becomes increasingly But, without any criticism of the precepts as such, it is difficult and disheartening to the earnest workers. The

The insane fever for wealth accumulation is one thing relations existing between man and man. Duty of man in favor of Spiritualism. One result of it is, that our account anyway only as he promotes the glory of God, for | force the law of their God. If they were serving God as he difference the same as that between the different sects in seasons, or action of the elements are the result of his so many Christians has been of such a reprehensible ne- of contest await us before the final victory is won.

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# .. GENERAL SURVEY ..

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ITBMS.—Bear in mind that items for the General Survey will all cases be adjusted to the space we have to occupy, and in order to do that they will generally have to be abridged more or less; otherwise many items would be tem is cut down to ten lines, and ten lines to two lines, as occasion may recation, should contain the full name and address of the writer. We desire to know the source of every item that apbered to.

Keep copies of your poems sent this office, for they will not be returned If we have not space to use them.

and third volumes of 'The Encyclopedia | June and July; then they go to camp." of Death and Life in the Spirit World,' and 'The Next World Interviewed,'

success." to Southern Wisconsin for an outing of | imagination, but it is a well-ascertained several weeks, and will combine mis- psychological influence possessed by all sionary work with pleasure during his strong and dominating intellectualities, absence. His address for the next two | and capable of being exerted upon other | weeks is Belleville, Wis.

\$2,000,000."

Citizens in the vicinity of Monroe. W. haunting the historic old Hilleary homestead on Roaring Creek. This place was ance about the yard of a man in full | be out this week. military dress. Widespread interest is being created in the occurrences, as shot last Easter Sunday, is said to and the deaf to hear, at the meetings some of the most reliable men in the | haunt the big tenement house on Brook | held by the southern evangelist. The vouch for the truth of the statements.— Chicago American.

lectures were most excellent, while Mrs. ery community will be better for their | programme. having spent some time in it."

Isa Wilson Kayner, the well known Chicago medium, is at present at Omahn. Neb., where she has started a meeting. She will answer calls to lecture and give tests, or attend camp-meetings. She can be addressed there in care of Continental Hotel.

Col. Olcott says: "We have effected workers, never tiring of ding good. She fraternal feelings between the northern and southern schools of Buddhism in | trance medium as well as an excellent India. We have won thousands of cul- healer. May 19, we held meeting in the tured and educated people to our belief; Universalist church at Urbana. The have brought about a revival of Buddhism in India; laid the foundations of central Hindoo college at Benares. India, an institution now flourishing and receiving increased endowments every We have revived Buddhism in Ceylon and have started a great educational movement in that island. Lastly we have begun a campaign of education. among the pariahs of India, with a hope I find the church here managed by com- ters contributed to the columns of The that we may be able to lift them from petent hands. Proper management has Progressive Thinker by Mrs. I. L. Lewis out of their despised and downtrodden gained the confidence of one of the The last letter is a 'Call for Mediums to.

been elected a member of the Institute | terian church for them. The church is | change ideas with one another. Let us | Daisy Dean and Masfer David, Meredith Psychologique Internationale, of Paris, one of the finest in the city, an elegant be faithful to our trust with mortals | Wynne were given names with the mu-France, on, the recommendation of its stone edifice in one of the most desir- and the spirit world. I believe this move sic, 'Name the Baby,', by Mr. John W. founder, Serge Youriewitch. Last win- able localities, valued at something over is inspired by exalted intelligences to Ring, with flowers. The ceremony was ter Countess Anna developed a taste for sixty thousand dollars. Edgar Emerson unite their mediums. Let the different pronounced impressive and beautiful. psychology, which she has since lost no has been serving the church during the mediums who know of other mediums, opportunity for developing. An assidu- month of May to the entire satisfaction solicit them to write to Mrs. Lewis. If | home 618 Newland avenue, Jamestown, ous frequenter of the lectures delivered of all concerned. He remained over to they live away from you, write to them N. Y., where they will remain a short before the institute, the countess set the assist in the funeral services of Mrs. calling their attention to this move in time for a rest. They are efficient fashion for Paris society and was soon | Coite, one of Ohio's oldest and most en- their behalf. We want to build a home workers. followed by the Duchesse d'Uzes, the thusiastic Spiritualists, who passed or homes for those who need rest and The eleventh, Indian pow-wow and Duchesse de la Rochefoucauld, the from earth life, May 29. Willard Hull recuperation from anxious toil for our picnic, given by the workers of the Pro-Duchesse de Bethune-Sully, the Baron- gave the funeral address. Words are in- cause. We want schools where psychic gressive Spiritual Church. G. V. Cordne de Rothschild and other leaders, who adequate to express the beauty and development is under the direction of lingley, pastor, in honor of the Indians, gave up their afternoon drives and calls logic in this very consoling and practi- competent teachers." to take their places among French sa- cal sermon. Several hundred people The Gazette of Colorado Springs; Col., June 15, 1901. A special program has vants and hear exhaustive treatises on greeted Brother Emerson and myself at says: "That there really is such a thing been arranged by good speakers and the laws of hypnotism, magnetism, the church yesterday, all deeply inter- as hypnotism can scarcely be doubted, test mediums. Pow-wow circles will be thought transference and various other ested." psychological questions. These lectures | The Cincinnati Enquirer says: "I that nine-tenths of the so-called hypno- lecture and tests at 2 p. m. All mediand private studies, to which she now heard two knocks at the window and tism is fakery pure and simple is ex- ums are invited to attend and take part devotes all her leisure, have caused went to the door to let my son in, but tremely probable. The public is getting in the exercises. Co-workers, set aside Countess Anna to become so proficient | no one was there.' Such was the state | some very interesting information upon | this day to your Indian Controls. Come that the convention of the institute has ment of Mrs. John Valentine to City this subject in the course of a criminal and let them strengthen and heal you in given her permission to attend private | Clerk Emig, of Bellevue, yesterday. | trial that is now in progress at Provi- | Nature's dwelling. The grounds can be seances for experimental tests of re | Mrs. Valentine had identified the cloth- | dence, R. I. 'Professor' Farnsworth is | reached by the Metropolitan 'L road, the favored few are admitted as wit- those of her son. William Valentine, and sons who travel from place to place giv- cars at Forty-eighth street. Attention ctitute next season on a subject which of her son, who left Cincinnati on the them to do unusual things in a condi- the Lake street L this year. Admission threst to Spiritualists. For sale at this has been left to her choice."

Take due notice, that all items for is alone responsible for any assertions | this page must be accompanied by the or statements he may make. The editor | full name and address of the writer. It allows this freedom of expression, be- will not do to say that Secretary or Corlieving that the cause of truth can be respondent writes so and so, without best subserved thereby. Many of the giving the full name and address of the sentiments uttered in an article may be writer. The items of those who do not diametrically opposed to his belief, yet | comply with this request will be cast

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The Toledo (Ohio) News says: "Mi Edgerly took for his subject, 'The Destiny of the United States,' delivering a most interesting lecture, the theme of his discussion being Spiritualism as it stands before the people, a prophetic function before the body politic. He then went on to explain how, such patriots as George Washington, Patrick Henry and John Adams, who, after having past on into the spirit world, would be able, through their mediums, prognosticate and forecast the future of | Mont, who beautifully rendered 'The this great republic."

J. L. F. writes: "Mr. G. W. and Mrs. Helen Taylor, of Philadelphia, are serving the people of the People's Spiritual Temple, of Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Taylor gave her first lecture June 2, to a good crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line sized audience, and every one is high in her praise. People naturally fell in love with her, and many stated, 'Well, quire. Every item sent to us for publi- that surely is true Spiritualism.' Our orthodox friends who were there said: 'If that is Spiritualism. I believe in it. "I deny that God cures the sick: it is not I must study on this matter, and I shall a divine power but is human. Any man pears. This rule will be strictly ad. be sure to come next Sunday again.' An can effect cures which ignorant persons elder of one of our leading churches of | would pronounce miraculous, if he will kind of a sermon has some sound sense latent in him. There are two ways of in it. I like the way those Spiritualists effecting a cure. One is by transmitting hold their meetings, and I prefer it to your surplus vitality to pass in a cur-Mrs. M. J. Briggs writes from Scotch | what we hear at our church.' Now | rent through the body of the sick per-Plains, N. J.: "I received my premium when learned men talk that way, who son and the other is to co-operate with ber under the management of the Lynn book, 'A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands,' | would not be interested? Mrs. Taylor's | that person in an attempt to arouse his | Spiritualists Association. The meetings very thankfully. I am exceedingly in- tests were correct, not a single failure, own will power and vitality. By these terested in it. I have the first, second Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be with us means alone I have cured hundreds of

great deal of unwarranted ridicule has making in all five volumes out of the been cast upon Cashier Weiss, of the eight. (Will try and get the other three Teutonia Bank, in his resort to hypas soon as possible.) The weekly visits | notism to discover the secret of the robof The Progressive Thinker come to bery which was recently perpetrated ure I take in reading it, and would be be penetrated in that way; nevertheless lost without it. You have my very best it is possible that some clews might be evidence such as a court could entertain. Will C. Hodge has taken his departure | Hypnotism is no mere figment of the The Denver Post has the following: and exercised in Oriental countries from "Japtain George W. Walrond, the as- the most ancient times, but it was only myself." trologer, is about to come into posses- introduced in Europe by Mesmer about sion of a fortune of \$2,000,000 as his the middle of the eighteenth century, Spiritual Church of Chicago was share of the estate of the great British | Mesmer's public exhibitions of the vored Sunday evening, June 2, with an admiral, Sir Francis Drake. The estate | powers he exercised were received with | address by Dr. Juliet Severance. death of the greath captain in 1590, who men and scientists at that time, but subject being 'The Old and the New. died intestate and without children, and | thorough investigation within the cen- | She referred to the mental enslavement now with accumulated interest the es- tury and a half that have since elapsed by the Roman Catholic church, and told tate amounts to \$200,000,000, chiefly in has caused the acceptance of the hyp- how, by the law of evolution; the mind the form of British consols. Capt. Wal- notic power as a well-established entity. of man has grown out of that condition rond received word yesterday that the Hypnotism consists in the ability of a of the bondage of superstition and fear cery. There are now, according to the to bend to its will. Its effect is to force and finally into the giorious truth, and claimants to the estate so that his share to think as the operator commands, to the address she gave the audience an of it will amount to something like see and feel and act as the dominating opportunity to ask questions, resulting force his mentality upon his subjects audience was keenly interested, the

occupied by General Rosencrans and physicist of Chicago, will give several of full mental vigor, her voice also be them for the press. They will doubt to have a Temple. We are willing to Lizzie Brewer, W. V. Nicum, Birch General George B. McClellan, while courses of scientific and philosophical ing in the best condition." they were engaged in the battle of lectures upon the data of Spiritualism Cheat Mountain, July 8-13, 1865, which and its phenomena, at Lily Dale this colored population of the hill district and was won by them. The apparitions coming season. These lectures in the some white religious enthusiasts are all seen and heard are of a military nature, | main will be illustrated, and will cover | agog over alleged miraculous faith | 306 Opera House Building, Denver, consisting of drum beats, striking of a wide field of investigation. Season cures performed by Rev. E. M. Collett, Colo. Meetings are held every Wednesgongs, military signals of various and commences July 12, and continues until of North Carolina, in the Mt. Olive Bap- day and Sunday evening. Mr. Walrond sundry sorts and the periodical appear- the close of the camp. Prospectus will tist church, Fulton street. Cripples intends closing at the end of June for

street, Paterson, N. J., where he was miraculous cures alleged to have been killed. Residents of the tenement and performed by Rev. Collett, he attributes Stella A. Fisk writes from Keokuk, nightly to the scene of the murder and Iowa: "The Spiritualists of Keokuk amuses himself by turning on the they are accomplished, the only condi have just been enjoying a rare treat. water faucets and otherwise miscon- tion being that the afflicted one must We have had a two days' meeting with | ducting himself. All the former occu- | believe wholly and unreservedly in the G. W. Kates and wife as speakers. The | pants of the tenement have packed up | power of the Lord or His vicar to cure. and left, and every night a crowd gath. Of the dozen or more cures attributed to Kates' messages were very correct, and ers at the house to try and catch a him, that of little nine-year-old Charlie some of them remarkable in clearness glimpse of the ghost. Rapping on the Williams has attracted the most attenand accuracy. We are only sorry that | walls, overturning of the few articles | tion. Several days ago Charlie's mother we cannot have them always with us. of furniture that remain in the house brought him into the Mt. Olive church Too much cannot be said in praise of and other usual accompaniments of these brave and earnest workers. Ev- | ghostly visitations form part of Peter's

> Georgia Gladys Cooley writes from Columbus, Ohio: "Since leaving Chi cago, May 1, I have found many souls seeking the light, and our cause is drawing the attention of thinking men and women. While at Springfield, Ill. I was entertained by Mrs. Henrietta Lichtig, who is one of those faithful

is president of the society, and is a fine Sunday following, another meeting was held in Champaign, the twin city. Great interest has been aroused in these places, the interested ones being among the leading citizens. I have promised to return to them as soon as such arrangements can be made, as I was compelled ed through the sanctuary." to leave, due to my engagement with the First Spiritual Church of Columbus: Countess Boni de Castellane has just has purchased the Westminister Pres- fellowship with one another. Let us ex-

panied by a brother, but when the latwindow. I supposed that it was my son ously missing. Nothing was heard from of an unknown man found at Bellevue. my son, and my worst fears were realiized when I saw the clothing at Undertaker Cunningham's establishment. The garments are unmistakably those of my poor unfortunate son."

W. F. Ruffle writes: "We had an ex cellent service last Sunday and received many flattering congratulations and indorsements from our convegation. We were ably assisted at the plane by Mrs. Jones, and in vocal solo by our friend who did so much for the Perkinses, Mrs. Stoudt; also by Miss Mabel Le Holy City.' She was followed by Miss Katle Smith, a medium who has most marvelous powers: We prophesy a great future for her. They have promised to assist us quite frequently, and we hope to have them next Sunday. were visited among others by Dr. and In a late lecture here, Col. Olcott said

The New Orleans Picayune says: "A | curable paralytics were restored the use of their limbs in thirty minutes. At the side of the house where I performed these cures I had constructed a passageway which I called the 'race course.' When I had cured several persons of a contest of speed. Such events were quite exciting and astonished the nacures broadcast over the country. Wherever I went after that my way was beset with invalids. I used to think then of the apostle's. Peter and Paul, going about healing the sick which, on occasions, were let down to minds. Hypnotic power has been known | them through openings in the roofs of the houses. I had the same experience

Correspondent writes: "The First mind wills. Not only can the operator in a demonstration of the fact that her present, but he can read their minds questions bringing out much additional

The Pittsburg (Pa.) Leader says: "The The ghost of Peter Panquilli, who was stored to life and vigor, the blind to see neighbors declare Peter has returned to faith in the Almighty. By merely laying on of hands and praying he avers carrying him up the aisle and lifting him up the steps to the pulpit where Rev. Collett stood ready to lay hands on him and pray for his recovery. The lit tle fellow has a grievous spinal affliction which rendered useless his legs and compelled him to always have some body near to support him. If placed on his feet his lower limbs simply sank under him and he came down in a heap. After the evangelist had laid hands on the afflicted parts and prayed fervently for the boy's recovery, the little fellow. hopped down from the pulpit and to the astonishment of all in the church walked unaided down the aisle. Only a slight limp was noticeable in his movements. The scene was electrical. Men. women and children rose as one man and gazed as if dumbfounded. Some fell on their knees and prayed aloud. while shouts of 'Glory to God' resound-

Mrs. Mary C. Von Kanzler writes: " have been interested in the inspired letwealthy Spiritualists of the city, and he | Organize.' Yes, let us come into closer

2, for Blairsville, Ohio, to work in a subjects was one Thomas Bolton, who usual way, but who afterwards proved ter went ashore at Blairsville he learned to be a professional and a fellow travthat William had disappeared from the eler of 'Professor' Barnsworth. Among boat. No one had seen him for an hour, the tricks perpermed at the Woonsocket and his disappearance was a mystery.

Mrs. Valentine's statement was as follows: 'I was awakened early on Thurs
ject after beilt purious sleep by the probody resting wally upon its extremities. William, who was accustomed to doing A stone weighing 355 pounds was then had befallen my son, and I could not son as yet usexplained, when he tried Blairsville that William was mysteri- the stone resting supon him. Farnswas he under hypnotic influence, nor was he unconscious while the trick was being done. During the act, said (who was supposed to be under hypnotic influence) would whisper to the professor, who always leaned over his body to see if anything was wanted."

T. S. Russell writes: "The Englewood Spiritual Union has adjourned for the summer, as many of our people desire to go to the camps, and as this concludes thirty months of continuous meetings, we decided that a little recess would only enable us to gather new forces and power to push this car of salvation still farther into the dark recesses of superstition, doubt and fear. We will no doubt hold special call meet-Our Saturday circle was successful; we lings at intervals during the summer, and will be pleased to hear from high-Mrs. Cross of the First Spiritual class speakers and platform test mediums as to engagements, who could hold his tests which followed each lecture | Wandering Spirit book." our city was heard to say: 'Now that only seek to develop the power which is are equaled by few mediums in the

Dr. G. W. Fowler writes from Lynn, Mass.: "Meetings will be held in Saugus Centre grove every Sunday until Octo- Kansas, and any one desiring an honest will be free, with collections and donations to defray expenses. Contributions sandwiches, ice cream, tea and coffee for a moderate sum, and friends and investigators are cordially invited from surrounding towns to join with us in making these meetings a success. An me filled with so many good things. I upon the bank of which he is an official. paralysis of the legs I would station invitation is extended also to all medicannot begin to tell you the great pleas- The Picayune doubts if the mystery can such at one end of the passageway for ums and platform workers to aid us and the cause with their presence. Any desired information may be obtained by | Campbell street." thoughts and good wishes for your obtained that would assist in securing tives, who carried reports of these writing to our secretary, Mrs. E. P. Averill, 42 Smith street."

C. J. Barnes writes: "I will be at Zoo Park Spiritual camp-meeting, Mo., this season, and would like to make some stops on my way. I would give trumpet seances or tests from platform. I am open for engagements on the route. street, Marion, Ind."

tific, showing much research and care- see our birthright taken from us? captain's estimate, about 100 legitimate | the persons who are being operated on | beautiful light of Spiritualism. After | ful preparation. Clear, concise and accurate in detail, they were instructive | New York City. Let us show the world hear them, and have demonstrated the religion. The Spiritual and Ethical Soability of our brother to be a leader clety has already started a building turnal doings of a ghost, or ghosts, and discover all the facts of which their thought and truth from the storehouse been solicited by many of his hearers to speaker, Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, of knowledge and experience of the have them printed, which he has prom- as treasurer of that fund. Will you once appointed as nominating commit-Prof. Lockwood, the widely known speaker. Dr. Severance is in possession ised to do as soon as he can arrange join us? We are in earnest. We intend tee, Frank Walker, E. H. Kent, Mrs. less be a great power for good."

Captain Geo. W. Walrond's Spiritual listic services have had a most successful run for the past twelve months, at have been made whole, paralytics re- the summer season. During July, August and September he will pay flying visits through Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, and other near states. Societies requiring his services should write at once.

W. H. Walz writes from Joplin, Mo.: "I received the premium books, and I must say they are grand. Every Spiritualist and investigator should have a set of them."

Last Sunday D. W. Hull lectured at Topeka, Kansas. His home address is

Norton, Kansas. T. C. Neal writes from Neoga, Ill.: "The Society for Psychical Research at Neoga, Ill., is now a permanent society. Three years ago Dr. Dougherty. Chas. E. Dugan and T. C. Neal began the investigation of what they pleased to call Occult Forces. They now have a lieve and practice, will be furnished song by Mrs. Fredericks; address by growing society composed of the lead- with a copy of our Constitution and By- Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds; elocutionary ing men of that village and have long Laws, on application. All contributions | reading by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke; adago been branded as Spiritualists. The may be sent to Mrs. Helen Temple dress by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing; song society has just published a 4-page Brigham, after June 15, to her summer by Mrs. Fredericks; tests by Dr. C. H. pamphiet, 'Bible Truth, which will be sent to any one interested, for a 2-cent stamp. Mrs. Maggle Vestal, of Dayton, Ohio, is with the society now. She is an honest daylight frumpet medium. This Fund, John L. Woolf, President 62 W. is her second visit, having served us 22d street, New York City; President of during November, 1900. We shall en- Society, Miss B. V. Cushman, 224 East gage her as one of our regular mediums. | 39th street, New York City; Speaker of We are expecting Mrs. Hattie Tiffany society, Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, with us the coming fall. Her address is | 224 East 39th street, New York City; Alliance, Ohio. Societies will do well if | Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Tuttle, 25 West they can secure her and Mrs. Vestal. 789th street, New York City. We have demonstrated to this people of Neoga that splist return is a fact, and it is now planted here to stay. A good honest materializingomedium will be well received by our society. Fraud must steer clean." .. 9

Correspondent writes: "At the lecture service of the Spiritualist Society of Galveston, Texas, June 2, little Miss Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague are at

at Reissig Grove, Riverside, Saturday except by the most incredulous. But | held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Conference

markable cases. To these seances only ing of the floater found near Bellevue as an itinerant hypnotist, one of the per- connecting with the LaGrange electric | where? How? Is It Infallible? A nesses. It is said that the countess has her grief was inconsolable, when she ing exhibitions of their power to put is also drawn to the fact that direct con- few thoughts on other Bibles." By been invited to lecture before the in- became convinced of the violent death people to sleep and to induce or compel | nection from the city can be made from | Moses Hull. Of especial value and in-

A. Markle writes from Topeka, Kanbrickyard at that place. He was accom- was selected from the audience in the sas: "I desire to say through the columns of The Progressive Thinker that the Spiritualists and citizens of Topeka, Kansas, enjoyed the very best of meetings during the five days the convention was in session. We all expected President Barrett to be here and act as chairman, with his wonderful ability to day morning by rapping sounds on the fessor, is placed upon two chairs, the dispatch business and to lend interest to the cause, but in this we were disappointed; he could not leave Buffalo, N

this upon coming home late at night. I placed upon the cheef of the subject and went at once to the door, but no one was a local black with they the name of but we were agreeably disappointed in there. I at once was seized with the Trask was invited to break the stone the marked ability of the chairman, presentiment that some awful accident | with a sledge hamber. For some rea- | G. W. Kates, in the way he carried forward the business of the convention sleep any more that night, and the next to do this the char broke and Bolton with special dispatch. He was perfect-day I received word from my son at was crushed to death by the weight of ly at home in the chair and had answers always ready to any question worth and Trask are under arrest and asked. The convention was delighted him until I read the account of the body will be tried by the district court. The with his work. Then on the rostrum he evidence before the coroner showed filled the bill to a dot in giving intellectpage are cut down to suit the space we The description given tallied to that of that Bolton had often performed the ual lectures. No doubt your many readtrick in other places and that at ho time lers know of the strength of Sister Zaida Kates in her lectures and spirit descrip- \ address of welcome, and was responded tions, which were of the best. The local society, the Church of Spiritualism, re-Farnsworth in his testimony. Bolton ceived a spiritual baptism last Sunday President's report and resolutions—Rev. evening. Lincoln Post hall was full of intellectual people to listen to a lecture by Mrs. Laura B. Payne, and descriptions by Mrs. Inez Wagner, who has de-

veloped to be not only a first class test | Sargent, Brooklyn; Mrs. Tillie U. Reymedium, but a splendid trumpet medium. With such officers as Brother Daniel Hull as president, and Brother W. E. Bellman as secretary, aided by a corps of earnest workers in the field. Spiritualism in Kansas will come to the Mrs. N. H. Fogg writes from South-

ington. Ct.: "I want to say how much interest I take in Madam -- 's articles, though I have never endorsed theosophical ideas since I have had my eyes opened to the fact that there is no death. I also want to again express my the very successful four days' massone or two meetings in July, August | pleasure at your success in giving the | meeting held in Lyric hall in the city and September. We desire to say that | world such a good paper as The Pro- | of New York. Then followed the report the five lectures just concluded by Bro. | gressive Thinker. I have been very Ainsworth were of a superior order and much pleased and interested in that Mrs. J. A. Shepherd writes from Ar-

cadia, Ind.: "I wish to testify to the merit of Mrs. Mattle Hayden's wonderful power as a medium. She is now in intelligent medium, will make no mistake in securing her services."

Carrie F. Weatherford writes: "I have heen visiting several points of interest sick in India. Persons thought to be in- for the tables are solicited by the ladies | lately in Mexico, and upon arriving at in charge, who will serve chowders, El Paso find many delayed letters and orders for Lessons in Scientific Occultism. The latter will be attended to as soon as I can order a stock. Ethel, my youngest daughter, is with me, and in spite of preconceived ideas we find a very pleasant climate and are enjoying ourselves. I am now lecturing for the El Paso society. My address is 511 N.

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> to all who were fortunate enough to that we still live, and are proud of our among the world's thinkers. He has fund, and has appointed our beloved work hard for it, we do not expect to. erect a grand building, but will be satisfied with a very modest structure, and if we should get more than enough for such an one, we will start another modest one. Our society has long had this in view, and we intend to accomplish it. Now is your opportunity. Spiritualists, to see a Temple dedicated to our grand truth, by helping in this work, according to your means. If you can give only rated society, and are responsible for all Troy; secretary Herbert L. Whitney, for the cause, even though you do not | East Aurora. Trustees: Mrs. S. C. Ellis, live in New York? It will be a satisfac- Auburn; E. G. Reilly, Syracuse; Mrs. tion to every Spiritualist to know that there is at last a meeting-place dedi- | Marie J. Fitz Maurice, New York City. cated to the teachings of Spiritualism, here in New York, where it is needed so also by Dr. G. E. Beckwith-Ewell and much. Give of your means, a small portion, any sum, however small, will be acceptable. If every one who has received comfort through spirit communion would do this, we would have a

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Darkest days must pass away, And when March winds are blowing. We are so much nearer May. With April, only April

Then let us all remember.

To coyly step between. And spread a gay, green kirtle O'er all the enchanting scene. And when 'tis May we're nearing The radiant hours of June, And thus, thro' all life's changes, We may keep our hearts in tune

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# CONVENTION.

New York State Association.

The fifth annual convention of the New York State Association was called at 11:20 a. m., May 24, in the First Spiritual Temple in the city of Buffalo. It being so late, the only business done was the appointing of committee on credentials, Frank Walker, Hamburg; Mrs. Laura A. Holt, West Potsdam; S. A. Niver, Groton, N. Y.; and committee on rules, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy; H. W. Richardson, East Aurora; Birch Ellis, Auburn; after which short addresses were made by the officers, delegates and a number of visitors, and the convention adjourned at 12:30 p. m. Convention called promptly at 2:15

p. m., our president, Carrie E. S. Twing, in the chair. Rev. Moses Hull gave the to by our president. The president appointed the following committees: Moses Hull, Buffalo; Miss Marie J. FitzMaurice, New York City: Frank Walker. On secretary's report, treasurer's report, and auditing-W. Wines nolds, E. G. Reilly, Syracuse.

The president's secretary's and treasurer's reports were then read and referred to their respective committees for consideration.

The chairman of the committee on mass-meetings for the year then presented his report of the work of the year, followed by H. W. Richardson and Mrs. Lizzie Brewer reporting the series of meetings held last September in western New York. Miss Marie J. FitzMaurice and the secretary reported of the delegates.

Resolutions were adopted accepting these reports.

The secretary carrying out the instructions of Mrs. Sophie E. Woodside, of Heuvelton, author of the songs, "Soul of My Soul" and "My Bird and I," presented the convention with 40 copies of these songs to be sold for the benefit of the National and State Associations.

A vote of thanks was extended and the secretary instructed to notify Mrs. Woodside of the action of the conven-

Mrs. Mattle E. Hull, secretary of the Helping Hand society, gave a lengthy and exceedingly interesting report on the work of that society, followed by remarks by Mrs. Mary C. Von Kanzler, of Syracuse, after which the meeting adiourned.

Evening session.—Singing. Invocation by Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds; inspirational singing and playing by Mrs Gage, of Buffalo; address by Harrison D. Barrett, president of the National Association; address by Mr. Wilson, vice-president of one of the Toronto Spiritualist societies; reading by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke, "Bobbie Shafto" and "Watching the Sparking"; address by Prof. W. M. Lockwood; spirit messages by Miss Margaret Gaule, New York City; singing; benediction by H. D. Bar-

Meeting called to order at 10:15 Saturday morning by the president, and Chairman W. W. Sargent reported committee found reports of secretary and treasurer correct, and recommended adoption by convention. Carried. Elocutionary reading by Salem E. Parker, of Versailes, "The Orthodox Team," by Brooks, and "An Irishman's Opinion of the Flags."

on "Our Children." Resolution adopted that Mr. and Mrs. Harrison D. Barrett be made honorary members of our State Association. Saturday afternoon—Convention was called to order by the president, who at

Address by Mrs. Marguerite Barrett,

Remarks by our president, also by Mrs. Mary Von Kanzler and E.

Bond, of Willoughby, Ohio. Elocutionary reading by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke. Communications by Miss Margaret

Gaule. The following officers and trustees were then unanimously elected: President, Rev. Moses Hull, Buffalo; first ten cents (that will buy a brick), give it | vice-president, Carrie E. S. Twing; secwith a God speed. We are an incorpo- ond vice-president, Tillie U. Reynolds, funds intrusted to us. Will you do this | Brooklyn; treasurer, H. W. Richardson, Laura A. Holt. West Potsdam; Miss Remarks by the newly elected officers.

E. F. Butterfield, of Syracuse. Delegates elected to represent the State Association at the next annual convention of the National Association are Moses Hull and Carrie E. S. Twing. Saturday evening—Singing. Invoca-Any liberal-minded person who would I tion by Wm. V. Nicum; a demonstration elocutionary reading by Mr. Swobe, of Lockport, "The Colored Camp-meeting." Sunday morning. - Congregational singing. Address by H. W. Richardson

> "A History of Our Legislative Fight at Albany." Address by Harrison D. Barrett. Address and messages by Dr. G. C. Beckwith-Ewell.

Address by Mrs. Mattle E. Hull, Cultivation of Personal Magnetism 'Children's Lyceums." Sunday afternoon.—Singing; invocation by Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds.

Mrs. Gage. Elocutionary reading, "Laona," and an address by Harrison D. Barrett. Duet by Salem E. Parker and his sister. Mrs. Capitola Parker-Bowen. Elecutionary reading by Mrs. Alfarata Jahnke.

donia. Messages by Dr. C. H. Figuers. Duet by S. E. Parker and Mrs. C. Parker-Bowen. Sunday evening.—Invocation by Mrs.

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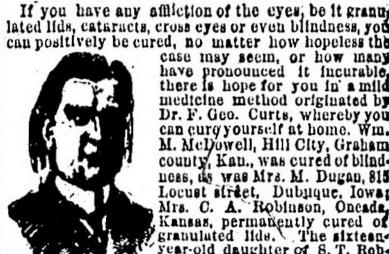
Jahnke, "The Price of a Man." Messages by F. Cordon White. "Dipped in Golden Foam," by S. B. Parker and Mrs. C. P. Bowen. Adjourned:

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ters of inquiry requesting private answers, and while I freely give whatever information I am able, the ordinary courtesy of correspondents is ex-HUDSON TUTTLE. pected.

Lawrence Sheehan wrote saying that the control at his home circle, told them that darkness was necessary for the manifestations, and that the answer given in a preceding number of The Progressive Thinker, affirming that such | ments were prepared by them. When manifestations were possible in sub- it came to signing legal papers, it was dued light was erroneous. In a personal | written by the clerk, and a cross placed reply, it was said that the correspond- above or after. It was used even when ent had misunderstood. Some mediums | the person could write his name. The and spirits might not be able to mani- use became universal, and was a symbol fest in the light, but as others were of an oath, and held as sacred. It gave able to do so, it could not be said that it | rise to the phrase, "God save the mark." D. D. Home, were always in the light, and barons of the medieval ages. Un- active intelligence behind them. and even when unsubdued. He was ad- able to write, and scorning the learning vised, as the control became better ac- of priests and clerks, they smeared the sufficient light to make the manifesta-1 them on the document, exclaiming, tions demonstrative. He applied this "Witness my hand," and fixing their advice with remarkable results as the private scals in yielding wax, it became following extract from his letter shows:

broad daylight in our little circle. One, | that they may have their names signed | a former negro minstrel, came and sang for them. Thus John Smith wishing to beautifully. But it leaves the medium sign a note or deed, and unable to write thoughtful-were dropping under the tion to all honest mediums? (my wife) much more exhausted than his name, called God to witness by "his the dark circles." In reply, this correspondent may be

assured that with each seance the exhaustion will be less apparent, while the manifestations will be come more or Len Wood. Q. It has been stated

that thoughts, sermons, or lectures, associated with or maintaining the de | no two hands are alike in size, form and pravity of man, accomplish no good; is lines of marking. this true?

A. The general application of the above, is: Will good when mingled with error be valueless? The dogma of the depravity of man has been the prolific source of error, and it would appear almost unpardonable to introduce it to cultured minds of the present, so thoroughly has it been proven untrue by the doctrine of evolution. Yet it once was accepted as the corner stone of theology. A long and vigorous warfare has now is a brake on the wheels of advancement, but there was a time when relations between God and man. The

mind of successive generations has been sharpened and broadened by the controversy, and thus enabled to accept the higher statements of true knowledge. We may think that had mankind been created otherwise, the struggle would have been avolded. It might as well be sald that had the tortoise been created with wings it might fly. It was not so created, why, we are not to explain. The fact is there. Man was created, or better, evolved, from the lowest estate. and not only his physical being was an mind, his moral and intellectual percepthat every false belief, and erroneous view of nature and of man should be. as that organs and functions now atrophied, and outgrown, should have been essential. These erroneous beliefs have been stepping stones to the true, as freedom, over the battle-field to peace. Even the obstruction they oppose after having been outgrown by the more advanced; by the contention of radicals and conservatives, which is the ever- | sin. We will hold our first camp-meet- | will at the endeavors of those who are present issue, educates and restrains ing in Wonewoc, beginning August 24. striving to penetrate its mysteries. The until the forward route is safely sur- and closing September 2. Moses Hull man or woman to whom a great and veyed, and every fragment of the past | will be with us the ten days, and all stimulating thought is not a rarity and worthy of preservation gathered up.

Channing Severance: Q. Why do not | success of the camp. There will be sevspirits prevent the premature burial of | eral speakers besides Mr. Hull. but as their friends? I was a believer in Spir- | yet none have been engaged. We hope itualism from childhood until nearly 40 for all phases of mediumship to be rep- When lightly breaks the morning glov years of age, but the fact that the awful resented on the ground, also good mufate of being buried alive was not pre- | sic and entertainments. Some tents will vented, did more to destroy my faith, be for rent, but all who have tents of than anything else. Why should their own are requested to bring them, "guardian angels" remain silent when and their own bedding. As this is the such a burial is about to occur? The first year much will be needed in that only natural solution is that there are direction, and I would like to ask the no guardian angels.

A. This objection not only may be and donate to the association, bedding made in reference to premature burial. for single cots. Cover comfort with but to all the affairs of life. We should cheese cloth or any light material and be warned of dangers, preserved from make for summer use. If the ladles harm in every direction, upheld and pro- | will get together and spend one aftertected. This would not be best for us. | noon, in every place where there is an We are independent individuals, and interest in the work, comforts for the must exercise our own powers for the single cots for transient tents will be complete development of our selfbood, furnished for the association, enabling We should be no more than automatons | the Aid Society of the camp to care for | in the hands of spirits were this guard- all who will want to tent on the ianship maintained. There are absolute grounds, and thus add to the financial signs of death, and there is no necessity | consideration. Any and all donations of the unseemly haste with which the | will be thankfully received. dead are hustled to the grave before | The last days of May I spent in Ripon, these are apparent. Surely the friends | where Dr. Fred L. Mehrtens and his ought to patiently wait for the one cer- good wife are doing a good work not

posed dead are in trance from which I was entertained very kindly in their they may awake, and the guardian spir | home, and held joint services with its knowing this, attempt to save them I them, and alone for one week. I confrom the awful fate, how are they to sider them good, workers, and Mrs. succeed? If there is no sensitive or Mehrtens has organized a Ladies' Aid, mediumistic person present, how are to assist the state association, that will they to manifest? You might desire to be of great benefit I am sure. send a telephone message to a friend. For three days I shall be in Waukesha but although life depended on your so and hold meetings in the G. A. R. hall. doing, you could not unless you had an Max Hoffman will give tests. He is instrument. There are cases recorded well liked wherever he is heard. Last where. Spiritualists have consulted the evening. June 8, he held a scance at the spirits, to know if those they thought home of Mrs. O. L. B. Gault, 213, E-avedead were really so. Such consulta- nue, Wankesha, and did exceptionally tions are rare, and how can the spirits good work. be censured, or one become doubtful of . I would like to hear from all parts of their existence, because not the least the state in reference to the work, and effort is made to give them such condi- any suggestions will be thankfully retions as are absolutely essential? | celved by either the secretary or myself. | Book C. Conger. Excellent for arms At the death of a member of a fam-

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> Lex: Q. What is the origin and meaning of the cross placed by the name of a person who cannot write?

> A. During the Dark Ages, brought on the Roman world by the blight of Christianity, the densest ignorance prevailed. The priests were the only ones who could read or write. Clerk was synonymous with writer, and public docu-

"Witness my hand and seal," which is several spirits have talked right out in the illiterate meaningless it is provided life.

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After all such a hand has one advantage-it could not be counterfeited, as

## WISCONSIN WORK.

A Letter to Wisconsin Spiritualists.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:-It is both | emancipated soul striving for a time to a duty and pleasure for me to report the | continue the old relations of life, opprogress of the work in our state, since | pressed by remorse, longing and all hubeen conducted for its overthrow. It the annual convention in April. Your officers have been busy endeavoring to likely? What more natural? And what outline and put into effect a system of it gave a reason, which these minds re- work that will reach the needs of the beliefs, in the minds of all men, than | Claremont, N. H. ceived as their highest conception of the people and make our Spiritualism | that the spirit, at last convinced that a more practical and far-reaching than | gulf is set between it and the world it ever before.

The committee appointed by the convention for the purpose of soliciting funds for missionary purposes, have misty and wonderful land which we enkept steadily at work, but so far only ter through the gateway of death must, small returns have been made. This is perhaps, always be mere speculation. a matter that should have your atten- Yet it is not wholly certain that at some tion, if you expect your officers to do | time the mists that conceal it may not the work that will carry these grand be in some measure dissipated, nor is it beautiful truths into localities and demonstrated that there is no psychical homes throughout the state and coun- bridge across the gulf. We have now try where no local societies or mediums | evidence not to be lightly set aside of a adaptation to his environment, but his reside. You should do all in your power measure of communication between the to assist them, and a fund to meet the dying and their loved ones at a distions. And it has been, as necessary necessary expenditure is one of the first tance-evidence less weighty, but still considerations. You know you are the not inconsiderable, of communications association, and if you are to send out with the dead. Perhaps all the evidence ition write Mrs. J. D. Palmer, corremissionaries you will feel an interest in is a tissue of lies—but perhaps there is sponding secretary. Willoughby, Ohio. their welfare. If every Spiritualist will in it the fabric of a great truth. send his or her mite to the secretary of the association we will soon be able to worthy of speculation, more worthy of through slavery nations advanced to put on a medium of reputation for thor- thought, more fit for scientific investiga-

a sum; if enough of them are given.

possible has been made to insure the cago American. ladles throughout the state to make up

tain sign, decomposition. Then there only for Spiritualism, but for humanity. Both are healing mediums, and on all But when there is haste, and the sup- sides I heard good reports of their work.

"BEYOND THE GATES."

As Illustrated by the Chicago American.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps has at ily, the relatives and friends are usual. | tempted an audacious feat of imaginaly so disturbed by grief that it is im- tion in a "reading play" which she is possible for the most persistent spirit in- publishing in a current magazine. Her fluence to be transmitted. Thus at a effort is to follow the soul beyond the closed. When the clouds have cleared | ized fashion in which more than one writer, religious or speculative, has ap-In the great majority of cases, death proached that problem, but realistically, comes in unmistakable form, but many if that term may be ascribed to a de-

rion's recent work "The Unknown." But the effort to see the living world as the ghost sees it is distinctly novel, and the conception of the disembodied spirit, still unconscious that it has been rudely ousted from its tenement of clay, still striving to maintain communication with those whose mortal senses are deaf to its words, blind to its ethereal presence, is a brilliant imaginative feat.

It is brilliant because no man may say that it describes an impossibility, while It has about it that air of truth that, if | ments to meet the demand. For proone opens one's mind to the supernatural, almost convinces. What could be more likely than that the world seems. less changed to the suddenly killed being than his dead body does to the world?

There was another form of signing to see-something more than ears to in the presence of the famous medium, names to documents by the rude lords hear. There must be a living spirit, an

Because death comes suddenly to ear, and eye, and nerves, and muscles, it quainted with the process; to demand palms of their right hands and struck does not mean that this spirit that directed and employed them is dead. It long housed it by shock or violence. spared no pains in making this one of of July, at Cedar Vale, Kans. For fur-Homeless it may wander among us, im- the grandest meetings it has ever held, ther particulars address the secretary, "You were right. Darkness is not nec- | yet connected with legal papers, and in | palpable to our blunter senses, but view- | The officers have secured some of the essary. Since we received your letter, this age of education is rubbish. For ing us with even a keener vision than in best mediums in the United States, such

> knife of the guillotine by hundreds, re- Oskaloosa, Ia. peated efforts were made to determine whether death was instantaneous; whether any will power, any individual consciousness remained after the stroke. Promises were made on the scaffold that if life and volition remained It ing August 9, 1901, closing August 26. should be signified by the quiver of an Among the mediums already engaged is eyelid, the curl of a lip. In no case, though the severed head was quickly friends will take due note. For inforand tenderly caught, was any sign ever | mation write to J. D. Reeves, president,

And yet can one belie lant, active minds, quiring spirits the ended that bloody platform were instantly annihilated by the swift blow of the knifethe most sudden death perhaps that man has invented? The idea is as repugnant to reason as to sentiment.

Mrs. Phelps-Ward describes an man sentiments. What could be more more in accordance with the instinctive 1901. Mrs. Addie M. Stevens, president, has known, should begin a struggle upward to a purely spiritual world. Speculation on the nature of that

Surely there can be no thought more Next, a treat is in store for Wiscon. | shallow and the scoffing sneer if they | tion, Ohio. who can come will feel that every effort a shock will wish them godspeed.—Chi-

MY SPIRIT VISITORS.

Up through the Eastern gate, And shades are drifting to and fro And hesitate to wait, I hear their spirit finger tips Tap on my near-laid pen And sense their dear, kind, welcome

lips My brows caressing then. hear their soft and loving rap Close to my pillowed cheek, And rousing from my morning nap Lo! to mine ear they speak: "There is no death, we come, we come! Life ever doth endure-God's universe is still our home-

This truth we would assure. "Still closely drawn unto the love Enkindled while in clay. Its joys and griefs our bosoms move Nor keep us far away; Still watchful of your earthly weal Repeated visits make, Nor do our presence long conceal.

When we the vell may break." When evening draws her curtains down O'er hill and meadowed dale, And the claugor of the busy town In silence seems to fail. Then from the peaceful shores of love My friends passed on before. Drift from their golden day above And enter at my door.

I hear their silken, subtile tread, I catch their whispered tone, I know they are not with the dead, But still my very own; I know that when the bowl shall break That holds me in this clay, shall behold them as I wake To life's immortal day.

B. F. SLITER. Grand Rapids, Mich.

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The Camp Meetings.

Inquiries are already being made in eference to the various camp meetings. The officers of the same will subserve their own interests by sending at once a brief statement, announcing where F. J. Underwood, president; S. A. Haselfull information can be obtained.

Chesterfield Camp, Ind. Chesterfield camp-meeting opens July 18 and closes August 26. The management expect a great increase in the attendance, and tremendous crowds on some days, and are making arrangegrams and other information, address Flora Hardin, Secretary, Anderson, Ind.

Haslett Park Camp, Mich. mond, St. Johns, Mich.

Marshailtown, Ia.

The Central Iowa Spiritual Association will hold its camp at Marshalltown, Iowa, beginning June 23, and closing meeting Association will hold their anhas been driven from the body which so July 7. The Association this year has nual meeting from the 13th to the 29th | neighbors. as Cora L. V. Richmond, Josie K. Fol-During the Reign of Terror in France, som, Mrs. Buchanar and many others. when the heads of the wise and The association extends arkind invita-DANIEL DAVIS.

Kansas.

The First Society of State Spiritualthird annual camp meeting, commenc- Grand Rapids, Mich. Dr. Louis Schlesinger: Fis numerous Asherville, Kans.: J. N. Blanchard. nat the brill- Delphos, Kans.; E. S. Bishop, secretary, ht, alert, in- Glasco, Kans.

Camp Progress, Mass.

Camp Progress Spiritual Association will open its season on Sunday, June 2 at the grounds in Mowerland Park, Upper Swampscott, Mass.

Sunapee Lake, N. H. The 24th annual meeting will be held at Blodgett's Landing, Newhury, N. H., commencing Aug. 4 and closing Aug. 18,

Ashley Camp, Ohio. Camp opens July 14, and closes Aug. , 1901. W. F. Randolph, secretary

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Ia. at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa,

Ashley, Ohio.

cluding August 25.

Lake Helen, Fla. Southern Cassadaga, Camp-meeting opens the first Sunday, in February,

Mantua, Ohio. Camp session opens July 28 and They soon forget that they were poor ough work. Don't hesitate because you | tion than this of the sequence to death. | closes September 2. This is a favorite | And had a tyrant to endure; cannot send large amounts-littles make It is perhaps the one thing to which ev- camp in Ohio. For full program, ad- They soon forget how they once vowed

Cassadaga Camp.

Commences July 12: closes August 25. Speakers: Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Lyman C. Howe, Mrs. Mattle Hull, Rev. Moses Hull, J. Clegg Wright, Prof. Wm. Thomas Grimshaw, Miss Lizzle Har- Has grown apon the same old stand low. Mrs. Clara Watson, Hon. A. B. Where once a hut whose dingy walls Mason, Miss Gail Laughlin. Geo. H. Brooks, of Wheaton, Ill., will be chair- And in the place of children there F. Corden White and others. Write the Is not upon the rich man's brow. secretary A. E. Gaston, Meadville, Pa., for information regarding the camp.

Onset Bay Camp.

Opens July 14 and closes Sept. 1. All For bread upon another's soil. the ablest speakers tendaged. For full But some sweet day will come a time program of this delightful place of re- When face to face the law sublime sort, address the Onset Bag Camp-Meet- | Of retrospection will bring back ing Co., Onset, Masser to

Island Lake, Mich. Island Lake Camp is situated on the Forgotten words and acts once gone Pere Marquette Railford hibout half Will like a whirlwind to the calm way (42 miles) between Detroit and Come back and be a healing balm Lausing. Camp session for 1901 begins Of fire, and that that they forgot July 18, and closes September 2. Geo. Will be eternal as a blot B. Warne, M. D., of Chicago, will be Upon their souls, and all because chairman throughout the entire session. They failed to heed true Justice' laws. Address Ella B. Brown, 1226 Twenty-

first street. Detroit, Mick.

Lake Pleasant, Mass.

Sunday, July 28, and continue for thirty at this office. days, including five Sundays. Circulars "Ine Spiritual Significance, or, Death In turn he was followed by other ture." By Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood. can be had by addressing the clerk. as an Event in Life. By Lilian Whit- "ghostly" visitors, each one known to Prof. Lockwood is recognized as one of Friends desiring circulars or informa- ing." One of Miss Whiting's most sug- the worshipers by name, whose appear- the ablest lecturers on the spiritual rostion regarding the camp, are re- gestive, intensely interesting spiritual ance was the signal for repeated pray trum. In this little volume he presents quested to kindly enclose a stamp with books. It is laden with rich, thought- ers, accompanied with such frenzy that in succinct form the substance of his their, letters of inquiry. Albert P. ful spirituality. For sale at this office, the din was deafening. Blinn. Clerk, 603 Tremont street, Bos- Price \$1. ton, Mass.

Vicksburg, Mich.

Zoo Park Spiritual Camp, Mo. We are progressing rapidly with our camp. We have secured some of the best talent that is to be had. We will have our program out in a short time. tine, vice-president; C. M. Folsom, corresponding secretary; Mrs. B. C. Egbert, recording secretary; J. M. Mitchell, financial secretary; J. C. Matheus. C. M. FOLSOM. treasurer.

Grand Ledge, Mich.

Grand Ledge Spiritualist Camp-meet ing will open July 28, and close August 25. Speakers engaged are A. E. Tisdale, Mrs. Lee Norie Claman, Martha E. Root, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates, Mrs. Catherine McFarlin and Mrs. Carrie E. This camp commences July 25 and 8. Twing, Good mediums engaged, in worshiping numerous gods and del- the village, but takes up abode in a ban-Something more than eyes is needed full particulars, address I. D. Rich- Frank M. Foster. For full particulars and programs write to Geo. H. Sheets, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Arkansas Valley Camp

The Arkansas Valley Spiritual Camp-Leota D. Whartenby, Cedar Vale, Kans.

Briggs Park Camp. Mich. Briggs Park Camp, Grand Rapids, and closes July 28. For programs and information, send postal to Thos. J. ists and Liberals will hold their twenty- Haynes, secretary, 164 Scribner street,

. The Delphi Camp.

The Spiritualists of Delphi, Ind., will hold an eight-day camp-meeting beginning the last Saturday in July. For further information address the secretary, Brown Good, Delphi, Indiana, P. O. Box 110,

Niantic, Conn.

The Niantic Camp, located at a delightful place, Niantic, Ct., commences June 24, and continues until September 9. For full program address the secretary, Mary A. Hatch, South Windham,

Southern Ualifornia.

The Southern California Spiritualist Camp-meeting Association, of Los Angeles, Cal., will open this year, August 11, and close September 11. If there are any speakers or phenom-

enal workers that expect to come to California this fall, there is a good opportunity here, as almost all societies are in need of some good workers, so many of the California mediums going The camp-meeting of the M. V. S. A., to Buffalo, N. Y., to spend the summer, thus leaving the place for new workers. will open July 28, continuing to and in- Nettle Howell, secretary, 139 W. Fifth street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Unity Camp, Mass The Lyun Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday, end-1902. Continues six weeks, with seven ing September 29), at Unity Camp, Sundays. For programs and informa- Saugus Center, Mass. The very best

THEY SOON FORGET.

ery man must look forward. Let the dress Lucy King, Box 45 , Mantua Sta- If e'er they should be wealth allowed And men to work for them, how they Would see that each had ample pay, And half-days off the whole year round They soon forget that they were ground Till life was but an endless pain, When they were young and poor and

> Lockwood, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Since wealth is theirs, a palace grand Richmond, Rev. B. F. Austin Rev. F. E. Stood guard around 'gainst weather squalls,

man again. Many noted mediums will Are servants now whose pains and care be present, including P. L. O. A. Keeler, Bespeak too plain the poor man's vow

> They soon forget how once they · grieved About the salary received When they were poor and had to toll Forgotten vows and deeds of black.

Some other day, when peace should

DR. T. WILKINS.

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sale at this office.

FURY IN DEVIL WORSHIP

ARE SLAIN.

group. There are strange sects on the munity. Islands, and one of the most mysterious is the Davatawi Yesias, a small race numbering several thousand of the most

of Mindanao. great tribes surrounding them, their natives induige in an orgy, gorging bold and warlike nature has preserved themselves afternately with food and them from aggression, and hundreds of strong spirits until pandemonium years they have maintained a unique reigns. This continues until the necesfaith, differing entirely from that of the sary wherewithal to continue has van-other savage tribes of the islands, ished, when the last sacred rite is gone Their chief village is Sheiha, in south- through with in the presence of the enern Mindanao. Few Europeans have tire tribe. During all this period of devisited this mysterious place and fewer bauch sacrifices and prayers have been still have witnessed the strange rites offered to malevolent spirits only, but performed there. Even the barbarous the Yezla is a cautious and crafty mor-

the lesser known islands of the Philip- to be certain of having friends and powpines I was fortunate enough to reach erful spiritual supporters in both this strange city just before the yearly camps. celebration was to take place. The Ye- None of the customs attending the enzias, although fanatically brave when tire ceremony is more imposing, as few their religion is assailed, are a mild and | could possibly be more weird and terripeaceable race of agriculturists, and, ble, than this last rite, the devil dance, after comenting the bonds of friendship which is resorted to in order to obviate with the chief and the head men by a any possible differences with powerful lavish disposal of gifts, we were in- supernatural neighbors of good tendenvited to view the ceremonies.

ARE KIND TO TRAVELERS.

The precepts of this strange sect may well puzzle ethnologists, for whereas all This spirit, according to the popular suthe other Philippine tribes are engaged perstition, does not, however, come into ties and perennially bent in encompass- yan tree in some adjacent plain. Rout the destruction of devils and evil spir- of the spirit can be effected only by its, the Yezias have adopted an antithe priestly magic. tical religion, paying all homage to malevolent deitles, while seeking to destroy all good ones. Yet these people are kind and considerate to the traveler of their huts, out of the streets, out of who may be thrown among them, and he villages come the men, women and generally are superior to their savage

On the third day after our arrival we were led by one of the priests to a small valley lying northeast of the village. This was an idyllic retreat, shut in from the outer world by immense mountain ranges. The hillsides and declivities under the starlit sky, flows the stream Mich. F. A. Baldwin, president; Geo. dark, impenetrable forests which the selected for the rite. Here a fire is Matthews, treasurer; E. E. Carpenter, devils are supposed to inhabit. In the lighted, and the offerings which are to chairman. This camp opens June 30, middle of the glen was a large thatched be made to the officiating priest—the ular devil.

> much-desired evil tendency. The ani- symbols. mals were also forced to drink potent drugs concocted by the witch doctors, self up into a state of intense nervous from the roots of various sacred trees excitement, or else, as is more probable, and plants. The constant cries of the has taken a decoction of some powerful beasts serve to "attract" the devils from | drug in order to produce a condition of

have been provided for them. PURSUE BEASTS IN TUMULT.

When by various subtle conversations and magical machinations the priests are convinced the object has been obtained, word is sent to the various villages of the tribe appointing a night for all to gather in the sacred valley to take part in the great annual celebration. As to side, while he hums or croons some soon as it is dark the priests who have charge of the sacred animals open the door of the pen and allow them to escape into the forest, at the same time the worshipers join in the pursuit.

turned to the sacred pen. more important part of the great func- religious frenzy. tion. The large temple where it takes | Movements of the dancing priest place is really a huge subterranean grow wilder and more vigorous. With which a low, thatched hut has been slashes his body, while his blood spurts erected as an entrance. It was in out upon those near at hand, who press semi-darkness when we entered, and it toward him their offerings and beg to was therefore not easy to determine its be saved from the machinations of the exact proportions, but it appeared to be evil spirit. Wilder and wilder he beabout eighty feet long and forty broad. comes, and at times it has happened each side and were filled with repulsive wound upon himself. If this untoward looking idols, the substantial incarna- circumstance, however, does not detion of the numerous evil spiritual per- velop he dances until the drug has sons who were to be worshiped.

which shed a fitful light over the assem- nothing had happened. bly. At the farther end upreared a But the crowd is happy, the people square stone altar, immersed in gloomy are content. The powerful devils have shadows. On this it was that the devil | been duly worshiped according to the spirits were to manifest themselves to customs of their fathers' fathers, the the awe-stricken worshipers, who, at a good deities have received proper attensignal from one of the "koaks," pros- tion, and life is once more free from trated themselves on the ground, chant- evil in the land until another year has ing in the most dolorous strains and va- rolled around with its necessary rerying this by repeatedly slapping their newal of the sacred rites prescribed by neighbors on the back.

KNIVES.

covered with the skin of a wild beast. The Molecular Hypothesis of Na-

The last of the devils having disap; of Nature; and presents his views as "The Mysteries of the Formation of peared, the sacred animals were brought Lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought Lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought Lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought Lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought Lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought Lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating a scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemonstrating and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific basis of Spire animals were brought lemons and the scientific the Earth, the Rising and Sin ng of in, slaughtered by the "koaks" and itualism. The book is commended to Continents, the Introduction & Man, their bodies placed on top of a huge ful all who love to study and think. For and His Destiny Revealed in Gors Own neral pyre. The flames leaped out, the sale at this office. Price, 25 cents. air again, where they gathered before at this office.

OBSERVER TELLS OF CEREMO-, the small coffin-like structures where NIES IN WHICH HUMAN BODIES the devils were supposed to gather ARE SLASHED AND ANIMALS after feasting on the aulmals which had

been sacrificed in their honor. The functions of the supernatural in-In the ethnic polpourri of the far East habitant of each dwelling were denoted some of the new Philippine citizens are by the fetish sign on the outside. Acextraordinarily bigarre, says a Manila cordingly in front of one supposed to be correspondent of the Chicago Post. And a powerful hunter there gathered the if the globe-trotter, weary of progress warriors and men of the tribe; in front through the stereotyped lanes of travel, of others the women and young chilseeks new fields to conquer and longs to dren praying for long life and success; find a world which even now is almost in front of still others those intent on a sealed book, no region so abounds in bringing the soul to a higher state of the unnatural, the wonderfully strange, spiritual welfare, in agriculture, fishing, the seemingly unreal as some of the spinning, cooking or any of the hundred southern islands of the Philippine other necessities of a well-ordered com-

PANDEMONIUM THE RESULT.

This ceremony, however, by no means fanatical Mohammedans of the Island ends the annual rites. Days and nights all work is abandoned, watchfires are Although numerically inferior to the built on the surrounding hills and the Philippine tribes ascribe a supernatural tal, and, unwilling to take any chances reputation to that land and shun it as of offending good spirits, he is now the abode of devils and malevolent ready and willing to do his share toward placating both parties, and, as During my journey through some of should become a long-headed politician,

> cies. During the horrible orgies of the few previous days the "koaks" have been searching to find some evil spirit whom they may cast out with impunity.

For this purpose a night is fixed, the place haunted by the evil spirit is determined, and at the appointed time out children, all eager to participate in the ceremony, all eager to dethrone the unfortunate devil which has been selected as a scapegoat.

OFFERINGS ARE COLLECTED. Through the darkness of the night,

were wooded and beyond stretched the of humanity to the spot which has been temple surrounded on all sides for sev- fowls, the goats and other dainties—are eral hundred feet by numerous coffin-gathered and made ready, while the shaped structures hollowed out of tree whole community forms a circle around trunks. These had been placed in the the tree. Presently the priest appears. ground in an upright position and cov- On his head is a high, conical cap, from ered with numerous cabalistic symbols the end of which hangs a red tassel. On denoting the residence of some partic- his body is the moki, a long robe, extending from the shoulders to the In the rear of the main temple a series ankles, on which are embroidered in colof sheltered, alcovelike pens contained ored silk figures supposed to represent the sacred animals to be sacrificed dur- the goddesses of smallpox, murder, ing the ceremony. They were tended cholera and other diseases. In one by several of the more important hand he carries a spear and a bow, priests, whose duty it was to seek cer- whose strings when struck emit a low, tain trees in the forest known to be the booming sound, while in the other hand abode of devils, and with their branches is carried a curved, sacrificial knife to chastise the sacred animals in order practically a sickle-on whose blade are that the latter might imbibe some of the engraved numerous mystic figures and

This dignitary has either worked himthe forest to the temple homes which mental exaltation. From one cause or another, however, his gait is invariably curious and staggering. He advances through the crowd into the center of the circle, where he seats himself, while the men and women exhibit the offerings which they are ready to make. Seemingly oblivious of their presence, however, is the half-maddened priest, who sits up, swaying slowly from side

> powerful incantation. BECOMES LIKE A MANIAC.

As the drug begins to exercise a greatraising a wild shout and calling upon er effect his hands begin to twitch and the assembled worshipers to join in the his movements become more marked. pursuit. This is the signal or the start His body seems to ouiver and huge of the celebration. In an instant drops of perspiration stand out upon his torches are lighted, and, in the tumult, skin. All this while the beaters of the ftom-toms and the other makers of barmediums and speakers will be present. | Several days it continues until the un- baric music have been keeping up an infortunate beasts are captured and re- creasing disturbance. The music becomes faster and faster, the whole as-All is now ready for the second and semblage begins to rock and sway with

> vault, originally a natural cave, over the sharp knife he cuts himself and A series of recesses had been cut in that he has even inflicted a mortal worked itself out, or until, through ex-The entrance end of the subterranean haustion, he falls headlong to the temple was occupied by the "koaks" ground. Then he retires, washes his (native priests, bearing huge torches wounds and goes back to his home as if

> tribal custom and the inviolable law of THEY SLASH THEMSELVES WITH precedent. WILLIAM C. J. REID.

"Principles of Light and Color." By Meanwhile several of the priests left E. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL. D. A truly the group and entered the dark recess | great work of a master mind, and one in the rear of the altar to implore the whom Spiritualists should delight to devils to manifest themselves. In a few honor. The result of years of deep moments, with startling abruptness and | thought and patient research into Naaccompanied by the most blood-curdling ture's finer forces are here gathered yells, a strange figure leaped into the and made amenable to the well-being of uncertain gloom of the altar. Immedi- humanity. Medical men especially, and ately the worshipers leaped to their feet scientists, general readers and students in fury, crying out at the top of their of occult forces will find instruction of "A Few Words About the Devil, and lungs and slashing themselves with great value and interest. A large, four-

lectures on the Molecular Hypothesis

The eighteenth camp-meeting will be Way and Time." A work of de p inter- smoke and nauseating odor of burning who Are These Spiritualists and held at Vicksburg, commencing August est, given through the media iship of flesh filled the dingy cave to suffocation what Is Spiritualism?" A pamphlet of 2, and closing August 25. For program Mrs. M. T. Longley, by ar dvanced until with frightful howlings the fren. 40 pages by Dr. J. M. Peebles, the welladdress Jeannette Frazer, Vicksburg, band of ancient spirits. Pr. \$1. For zied enthusiasts were driven to the open known author. Price 15 cents. For

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## ETHIA.

Supreme or Infinite Intelligence.

If ether or the ethereal substance is infinite, omnipresent and eternal, and if of it the world altogether is, it becomes finite intelligence. As we have already pointed out in The Progressive Thinker. intelligent, intelligence being part and worlds, and as there was a time when humanity with irresistible force. the worlds were not, there was a time when the ideals were not. Thus intelliform clothed about it. In our writings, a respectful hearing. I am disposed to and in all other works of art, we necessarily have the ideal before giving it physical expression. But our present purpose is to look at

telligence to finite intelligence. And we don't have to go away out

yonder somewhere in mid-air to find this relation. We find it best in ourgo out to the barn-yard and look at it in the old hen. The old hen knows a few things in her finite way or as an indiworm. But this intelligence is not comegg which will "hatch" and grow into another chick precisely like herself, every feather and color to its place. With this the old hen has remarkably little to do, and we ourselves do not know how it is done. It is the work, not of the egg as a whole, but of its incomprehensible substance, therefore the work

of an infinite intelligence quite supreme

or above cock-a-doodle intelligence and

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seen in man's economy and in its work- supposed, a body encased with a mind and lived true to her religious belief. No ings and adaptations, what must be the which is busy hatching out ideas, but a night was too dark or stormy for her if intelligence which began with the ethe- god clothed by a body to protect it from she could relieve the suffering of any real substance anterior to nebula or the | the rude contact of the currents of life." one. She was full of kindness, and was lively to severe." It is a book to be "without form and void," and from that | The speaker went on to say that the loved by all who knew her. C. M. T. point unerringly built up the world to same power which a snake used to what it is to-day in all its parts, activi- charm a bird, the south sea islander to ties and adaptations? Man believes he | control a shark, the Yogi to conquer the | Cogswell, passed to higher life, May 16, knows exactly what elements constitute | effects of fire, etc., was that which is , a muscle or other tissue and their pro- used in healing of the sick, and "it is as portions, yet he can't make a tissue by little sensible to call it Christian Science | Watson, of Jamestown, N. Y., officiated, | Dr. Austin's life, story of the heresy componding those elements. And if he as it would be to say Christian chem- and her eloquent delivery was apprecicould, the tissue won't act or serve its istry, or Buddhist electricity." purpose; something is lacking, and he "Man is composed of several sheaths without the intelligence as an individual | nize and call the physical comes another to supply the want.

ral and supernatural, so is his intelli- as you will, are wrought. gence both natural and supernatural. All finite intelligence is "inspired," inspired by the infinite intelligence, and throughout the entire body. Ill health necessarily the inspiration comes all is the setting up of a different rate of ways from within and never from with- vibration in some part of the body.

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To the Editor:- I was much interested in Mr. F. J. Ripley's article in a recent issue of The Thursesiye Thinker. I read his book on "Ethianism" when it first appeared some years ago, and I am impelled to say a good word for a good book. I do not know what sales the book had, but fancy it did not meet with the success it deserved. It is in reality an admirable work. The chapter on "Boodles" especially is powerfully written. It is true I do not agree with the author in much that he says. For instance, he classes the Christ along with other "Boodles" that have from time to time appeared in history; whereas to my mind Christ is different in kind from all others who have claimed to be the son of God.

Nor do His miracles seem to me to have anything in common with others eprtinent to ask as to the intelligence of recorded in history. There are too inthis substance and to inquire into the ternal evidences of the truth of the New pertinent to ask as to the intelligence of Testament record which he entirely ignores, if indeed he ever made a careful study of the record. Nor do I at all there are two contentions: One that the agree with him that no testimony is ethereal substance or ethia is inherently strong enough to warrant faith in miracles; for we have only to assume that parcel of her eternal nature; the other, a beneficent creator overrules the physthat intelligence is her first creation or | ical universe and with this assumption self-development which in turn becomes it follows inevitably that he has power the creator of other things, using the and may have the inclination to over ethereal substance as the material of rule, for special purposes, the laws which they are made. In this latter | which he has made. Nor do I share in view the hierarchy runs thus; Above his apparent dislike for the Jews, nor in sensation, thuman knowledge or the in- his terrific onslaughts on Christians tellect) is the soul (the emotional na- Grant, if you will, that they are and ture); above the soul, intelligence (infi- have been misguided, it neverthless renite or supreme); and above intelli- mains true that the most beautiful lives gence, being or the ethereal substance. of which we have any record have been Perhaps after all there is not so very | those of pure-minded Christians, and much difference in these contentions; there is a sublimity in the doctrine of for necessarily ethia has the ideals be- the resurrection, as preached by St

But while my reasoning leads me'to conclusions at variance with those of gence or the ideal comes after infinite | the author, and while I am sure the being, just as our ideals come after our | book will do more harm than good to spiritual form exists before the physical | eral enough to wish the author to have say to all disbelievers in Christianity. "Do the very utmost you can to under mine and destroy it. For if it has the vitality which I think it has, your failthe relation of infinite or supreme in- ure to overthrow it will in the end only strengthen it.'

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E. C. HUFFAKER.

#### Col. Olcott Tells of Phenomena The Minneapolis Times speaks of Col.

Olcott as follows: Last evening at the First Unitarian Church, Colonel H. S. Olcott, the presipith of the subject of his lecture on 'The Divine Art of Healing" by paving at a seance or in the Great Perhaps. the way with recitals of phenomena connected with his own healing and that of other noted men in recent times.

gling to catch the real meaning of Colonel Olcott's explanations of the gaining of occult power whereby the "gods of water," "gods of fire," and "gods of serpents," were conquered. The speaker himself spoke of them sounding like fairy stories, but claimed that in a short lecture it was possible to but touch upon many points, and explain a few.

Reaching his real subject, Col. Olcott asked the old question, "What is Man?" but he asked it for the direct purpose of If such is the "supreme" intelligence stating that man is "not, as generally years. She was a devoted Spiritualist,

knows not what it is and is wholly or bodies. After that which we recogphysical sheath which is less dense. The beginning or foundation principle This we call the astral or double. This of all individual intelligence is the su- body is more easily affected than the preme or infinite intelligence." As the physical, it acts more powerfully than individual is the self-development of the does the physical, it responds to coninfinite ethereal substance, so individ- centrated thought far more vitally than large circle of friends attended. The the Year 200," etc. A condensed stateual intelligence is the self-development | the outer physical, and it is through this of the infinite intelligence. Therefore, astral body that the mental cures, dithe same as the individual is both natu- vine cures or Christian cures, call them

Health, according to Col. Olcott, is the equality and regularity of vibration Cures are wrought by bringing about But in the act of inspiration the infi- harmony of vibration by direct will of concentration, the measure of con-

> proach to the divine. Col. Olcott gave illustrations of how he would cure different diseases, but took pains to say that the will and conwrought. He warned against allowing one, and spoke briefly of unselfish heal- daughters to mourn her loss. ing or white magic and selfsh healing or black magic.

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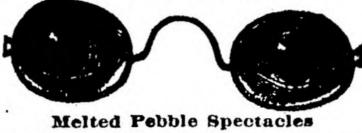
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