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NOT DECLINING.

A Reply to the Philadelphia Spiritualism Is Growing, Not Stronger in Numbers and in Press.

yet Spiritualism flourish mightily such allegations. among those to whom questions of evidence count for nothing." He further unlists are not sufficiently awake yet to cult, Theosophy, have lost all their nov-

Frances E. Willard, Ella Wheeler doing our duty or not. Wilcox and thousands of others who' were doubters as capable of weighing evidence as this unknown writer in the

It is a lamentable fact that dishonest people have practiced fraud in pretended mediumship, but there are quacks in the medical profession, hypocrites in all the churches, traitors in all governments, tricksters in all parties, defaulters in places of trust, rascals in all fraternal societies. It is also true that counterfelt money circulates along with the good, and that every store has on its shelves adulterated and shoddy goods. I freely admit that Spiritualism, under that name has been damaged in the estimation of many honest, intelligent people, by bogus mediums, but the knowledge that man shall live after death and that this fact can be substantiated by evidence, is steadily spreading.

Names count for but little, but Truth is all-important, and the truth of spirit return is as susceptible of scientific demonstration as is the law of gravitation, If the Philadelphia Press man does not know this he, instead of the Spiritualist, is the ignoramus. I personally know eloquent clergymen, able lawyers, conservative logical thinkers. who after years of the most thorough investigation, have been forced to believe in the fundamental doctrine of Spiritualism—the possibility of spirit

every grand discovery, has been ridi- other truth has. culed by egotistical, ignorant men. was denounced.

wisdom. They thought, they investigated, they experimented, they searched the nooks and corners of nature for new truths-they were always persecuted, and sometimes crucified by the rabble, but they were the true saviors of the race.

For ages the fear of death haunted men like a nightmare. They were told by the church that they must have never allow it to perish. faith that their loved ones still lived, but they wanted to know. A tiny rap coupled with intelligence came. They began investigating it. The phenomena deepened and widened. They continued to investigate, and they are still investigating. There are now millions of such seekers for the truth.

The conservative class thundered against these investigations; they denounced the phenomena as from the Devil; they declared that these students of the occult were insane; they said they were heretics; they ostracised them; they reviled them, and had it not been against the spirit of the age, they would have imprisoned or crucified

Spiritualism as an "ism," may decline, for it has never been an organized body, but the answer to the questo all as it has been to millions who betrayers. have partially investigated spirit phe-

nomena. Let the materialist who believes that orthodox who think that all truth has already been revealed anathematize; let the shallow thinker scoff; let the self-righteous egotist misrepresent; let a steady nerve and his face to to front. Man on this earth is still in the cradle of knowledge; he is in the kindergarten of Nature's great school; he has not yet learned more-than the alphabet of the knowledge he will yet acquire. He knows how to send his thoughts on the | Each soul's ideal prophesies wings of the lightning to his brother in | The future heightnat soul may rise. the flesh, but he will in the future For he who loves the good and true freely converse with his loved ones who I in time will reach their stature too. have laid aside the flesh and who are So let your love forever twine

not been opened. Are, thousands do so now. The hon-

THE MUSTARD SEED. NOT ON THE DECLINE.

Declining.

To the Editor:—You ask me to write a short review of an article that appeared in the Philadelphia Press of May 7, in which the writer asserts that "belief in Spiritualism is rapidly declining." The reason he assigns for such decline is that it is all fraud. He such decline is that it is all fraud. He thing that may be written on this sub-thing that may be written on this says: "It is quite conceivable that ject in said issue, I would like to just rett and other members of the National until true Spiritualism is applied in the every medium might be a fraud and enter a protest in advance against all Association of Spiritualists, voiced at daly lives of all. Until that time shall

says: "Moreover its place has been the importance of proper organization, elty, and in doing so have lost all their taken by Christian Science, which is and there are various reasons for this, attractiveness." pens to be the kind of humbug that is fashionable to-day, for there is a fashion in humbugs as there is in over-skirts."

In reply to this 1 will say, Barrett one quotation from President Barrett on any other member of the National President Barrett one quotation from President Barrett on any other member of the National President Barrett on any other member of the National President Barrett on any other member of the National President Barrett Barrett on any other member of the National President Barrett Barrett on any other member of the National President Barrett Barrett on any other member of the National President Barrett B just as certainly a humbug but hap- none of them, however, in my opinion,

formed man as the Philadelphia Press eral thought and opinion on related subject is waning. the face of the fact that it has num- what they were when Spiritualism in- decline? bered among its believers the most dis- troduced itself at Hydesville in 1848, tinguished scientists, lawyers, states and note what Spiritualism has done men and authors of this and past gen- and is doing, and then say it is declin-Astronomer Flammarion, Alfred R. before affirming our doctrines and the Theosophy I care not to speak here. Wallace, Prof. Zellner, Judge Ed- number is increasing in geometrical monds, Prof. Elliot Coues, Prof. Hare, proportion, whether we as a sect are

Ask any one you meet now, professing Christian or Freethinker, what she or he thinks about death, and notice the reply. And the Christlan clergy, when officiating at a burial, almost without exception speak of death in the reports of the Psychical Research and the board decide simply whether natural terms now, adding, of course, here and there, some little of their old orthodox nonsense that fits into and compares with the balance about as a piece of rusty old iron would as an ornament to a beautiful golden chalice. Spiritualism declining! Why, never before has it reached its present place in the public mind and heart; never before has its teachings met with a more respectful hearing when properly and intelligently presented. Secular papers are keen to publish anything reliable on pertinent matters, and it is rare that an educated, well-informed expounder of our philosophy talks to anything else than a crowded house.

We are living in a materialistic time and, assisted by our apparent prosbiggotty," but we are as much innaturally increases as we become more and more enlightened and civilized. Spiritualism offers the only satisfac-

tory revelation on this subject that man has ever received, and the civilized world will never let it decline, besides, Spiritualism has told us the truth and Every great reform, every new truth, it is sure to grow, not decline, as every

burned; Morse was called crazy; Fulton | but that of itself is not evidence of the | Spiritualism. was laughed at and reviled; Harvey | decline of Spiritualism. One reason for | this in my opinion is that we do not they thought they did not possess all and overthrowing all their old and mistaken creeds.

> Spiritualism, like the mustard seed mentioned in the Bible, that from so small a begining grew up to shelter does not merit a reply. man and beast and fowl, has not yet reached its growth, it will take ages for work in the ranks of Spiritualism, asso- organized a goodly number of psychic hearts and consciousness of a naturally quainted with many mediums and wit- ances for Spiritual development, and good and loving multitude who will nessing their manifestations. I can arranged for one grove meeting, to last

> Spiritualism declining? Where? How? When Truth ceases to be appreciated: people. Many of them fill positions of never heard before. They also organwhen Love forgets its longings and Hope departs from the human breast. then, and not until then, shall Spiritual- dium is exposed by the Spiritualists. ism has not lost its attractiveness. ism, the modern evolution and product He is published in the Spiritualistic of all that is best, purest and sweetest | papers; the public press takes up the in human experience and aspirations, be suffered to decline among us, but not J. M. HUMPHREY. Union Hill: N. J.

est Spiritualist who knows this as certainly as he knows any other demonstrated fact, deeply regrets that some ries it out upon the atmosphere, and it dishonest prefenders have brought reproach upon his soul-elevating cause, but he remembers that early Christianity had its Judas: the American tion of Job: "If a man die, shall he Revolution its Benedict Arnold, and live again?" will be sought for, and the that every grand movement in all the problem of life and death will be solved | ages of the past its calumniators and |

Man is immortal. Science has demonstrated that there is no death. All things visible and invisible are inmen are swished out of existence by tensely alive and active. There is ten the field, and should not be continued. death ridicule; let the non-progressive thousand times better proof that our spirit friends live, and love and progress, than that the body of Jesus was | and unjust cry of fraud, go back to the

resurrected. Spiritualism is the profoundest of all who needs not to compete with the the Philadelphia Press rare; but also sciences. Without the light shed by it, world for his or her sustenance with cated at Snowflake, Mich., on the Pere that they had in their ranks millions ular imagination, its weird claims have let the fearless seeker for truth keep the world would be left in midnight mediumship for an occupation. Or go darkness and hopeless despair.

IDEALS.

Alameda, Cal. R. A. DAGUE.

active beings in a sphere now invisible Its tendrils round some dream divine to those whose clairvoyant vision has And if your faith falls not away You may be all you dream some day. CALLA HARCOURT.

Working Force.

The copy of the article published in the Philadelphia Press entitled "The" we accept the invitation to review the

The article named starts out by say ing: "The pessimism of President Bar-

In reply to this I will say, I see but

history. This is shown in the great de-Societies of the world; also in the fact | they are sufficient, and the manifestathat a greater number than ever before | tions are strong enough to warrant of the professors in the numerous their endorsement. universities of learning of the civilized world are studying its philosophy and the matter. A medium may go before investigating its phenomena.

not on the "decline" is visible in the having credentlals from practicing, but fact that a large per cent of said pro- will relieve organized Spiritualism of fessors who investigate it thoroughly, the responsibility now"forced upon it report favorably to the truth of its phe- regarding a class of "fakirs" and nomena, many of them accepting its | "fortune tellers," who advertise to philosophy, thus leading others to in-

Christian Science, Theosophy, etc., to and trailed in the mud the pure banner appropriate portions of its teachings, is of Spiritualism. Let us shake off these proof that it has not,"lost all its attrac- | barnacles.

The further fact that leading minperity, are inclined to be pretty isters of various denominations are trade and in commerce, in politics and terested in knowing what death is and of Spiritualism in their pulpits, either ments. Everywhere may be found demeans to us as ever, and this interest openly or "under cover," in order to Press.

world have accepted Spiritualism as a litical parties, religions, legislatures, legislation against it. This is not a power, honors and glory, eclipse all scientifically demonstrated truth. This etc.? That there is no such thing as is evidence of its "attractiveness." A novel can hardly be made attrac- Such pessimism is abhorrent. tive, since modern Spiritualism became There are many laments because of popular, unless it contains something but is growing stronger in numbers. Galileo was persecuted; Bruno was our failure at sectarian organization, of the phenomena or the philosophy of and in working force daily. The Na-

There are now and always have been | consider the salvation of our fellow | fraud in mediumship," if true, would be | ganized each year. It is now composed two kinds of people in the-world. One creatures at stake; it is not with us a in itself evidence that Spiritualism had of fifteen or more State Associations. class was orthodox. A man of that matter of life in a heaven of bliss, or an not lost either its "novelty" or "attrac- Two were organized and chartered this class thought all the wise men lived in eternity of horrible torture in hell, it is tiveness," for if there were neither of last winter. Many local societies have the past; all truth had been discov- merely a matter of education, and there these qualities in Spiritualism, there been added to it within the year. It ered:—he was satisfied. Any new are so few of us qualified to do this uc- would be no demand for it, and conse- has more missionaries in the field than thought was heresy; every reformer an | ceptably and fewer still who can afford | quently the occupation of "fraudulent | heretofore, and they are doing excellent enemy to good order; every invention a to do this without pay. But this does mediums" would be gone. There are work. I know of two of these missioncunning fraud and every man who not materially affect Spiritualism itself; no doubt many fraudulent mediums, aries who have organized and chartered wanted something better a knave or a | the truth is out and is being thoroughly | but there is not an "enormous percent- | nearly thirty societies in the last seven fool. The other class had their eyes in | well demonstrated by competent me- age" of them. The percentage does not | months, and have prepared one more the front of their heads. While not diums everywhere, and is at home in "approach so near to 100-that it is State for the formation of a fine State sorry it is so, but it is a fact. We are to Either one or the other must go down. despising the wisdom of their fathers, the churches, where it is disrupting doubtful if there be the one white crow. Association. These same two missionthe one genuine medium among all aries in chartering those thirty socieand lot in the Spiritualistic Associa- bers to our organization, besides reachtion." Such insulting language as this ling tens of thousands of people with

> cry. It is heralded all over the civilized world. The people who never saw the the day; for your loyalty to the glorious phenomena nor listened to the philoso- Cause of modern Spiritualism; for the phy of Spiritualism, but who "know it is all fraud," cry out, "I told you so." The new investigator begins to doubt. The old Spiritualist says, "Well, it may paper be multiplied many fold, and may be true," and thus the thought of fraud its editor live many years guiding it of God." is projected, and the psychic wave caris imbibed by every sensitive and through the law of "suggestion" the thought of fraud has been multiplied fault-finding, fraud-hunting, accusing as ever, your friend and coworker, and condemning, is driving some of our finest and most sensitive mediums from

Dear reader, if you have come to be a doubter in consequence of the abnormal home circle, to the dear home medium, to work and unfold your own spiritual gifts, and learn the truth for yourselves, but in heaven's name let us all stop poisoning the air with that fatal suggestion of "fraud.". There may be an increased number of | stop daily at the grounds. The exhibar-

fraudulent mediums to-day, but there ating air, pure sparkling water and are many more mediums than ever before. While the number is constantly increasing, doubtless, the per cent of fraudulent mediums is decreasing; and | convenes August 3 and continues until principally for the very good reason August 25, 1901. For further informathat enlightened Spiritualists have be tion and programs, address come educated to distinguish between the true and the false, and the

"trickster" can make no headway

It is upon new investigators principally that fraudulent mediums thrive. Genuine mediumship is usually accompanied with modesty. Fraudulent mediumship with bombast and assumption. The base frauds who are posing as mediums and sometimes deceiving "very elect," cannot be silenced Decline of Spiritualism" is received and | We have laws against stealing and murder, but still these crimes are being committed daily,

Frauds in mediumship will probably continue, the same as other frauds the New York meeting, is warranted by arrive we would suggest that Spiritualists become thoroughly organized, and phenomenal mediums who are willing to place themselves under proper test conditions be granted credentials. Said credentials will not be infallible, any more than a railroad engineer's or minskirts."

Now, Mr. Editor, to answer such an fundamental doctrines—that they are fundamental doctrines—that they are not now affecting and influencing genwriter has shown himself to be, is a matters as never before, these are all too harsh a thing to say that a man is either egotistical or ignorant or both. either egotistical or ignorant, or both, affirmations, now almost continually after phantoms and have not done fied to terch it; and also to those who asserts that Spiritualism is all a made by the press and preachers, or enough concrete work." This statement | physical mediums who may choose to fraud and a humbug and that "ques- | the wisest of them, concerning death | is true in a measure, no doubt; but does | go before a board, appointed for the tions of evidence count for nothing," in and our future. Compare these with that prove that Spiritualism is on the purpose, and satisfy it that they are genuine mediums. Then said board can As to the statement that Spiritual- say so, by giving them credentials ism and its sister cult, Theosophy, have | which will certify to the same. Such lost all their attractiveness," I will say credentials will be only certificates, erations—such men as Victor Hugo, ing. There are more people than ever this is not true of Spiritualism. Of showing that the board believes in the medium's honesty and the genuineness Spiritualism has not lost attractive of his mediumship. Lethink it highly ness either in its phenomena or its phil- proper that this recognition be granted osophy. More people are studying the to our worthy mediums who desire to phenomena and philosophy of Spiritual- place themselves under conditions that ism to-day than at any other time in its | will exclude the possibility of fraud. This board may not make the test mand for its literature, and the prompt | conditions for any medium. Each mesupply of the same. It is to be seen in dium might make his own conditions,

> There need be nothing compulsory in this board or not, as he chooses. This More evidence that Spiritualism is will not, nor cannot, exclude those not "bring back lost lovers," "tell whether your husband or wife is true to you." The tendency of many cults, such as | etc., etc. This is what has pulled down

There are undoubtedly frauds in al societies and associations. Frauds in preaching portions of the philosophy religion, in churches and in governception and cheat. This being true, is attract larger congregations, would the Philadelphia Press ready to declare seem to contradict the statement of the that "the percentage approaches so near 100 that it is doubtful if there be Numbers of the great scientists of the the one white crow" in all of the pogood government, no true religion?

Spiritualism is not on the "decline," tional Association of Spiritualists is The statement that "there can be no moving steadily forward." It is becomquestion of the enormous percentage of | ing stronger and more!; thoroughly orthose who belong to and have their part | ties added nearly nine hundred memthe "glad tidings" that Spiritualism After nearly twenty years of active freely gives for the asking. They also that but it will never die; its soil is the ciating and becoming personally ac- investigating societies, instituted setruly say they are as true, as honest, as a week, in a community where lectures noble and good, as any other class of on the subject of Spiritualism were honor and all are respected in their ized a fine society in this place; all of home communities. A fraudulent me- which is tangible proof that Spiritual-

In closing I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you, Mr. Editor, for your great work in the reform movements of dear old Progressive Thinker, which has been my faithful teacher since its birth. May the readers of this great safely on to more glorious achievements and still greater success.

Believing that Spiritualism is a fact in nature, and consequently cannot be organized or disorganized by cry of and increased on every hand until fraud or other method; and believing nearly every honest medium is under that Spiritualists should unite their suspicion, and many innocent ones are forces in a working business organiza- gain success by his tricks, or the courts | monotony of heaven" about it; neither | desires. accused. It seems to me it is high time tion, the better to study, teach and pre-were so inclined to recognize true me is it a "cult." It is a revelation of what for Spiritualists to call a halt. This serve pure its great truths, I remain diums as against the fakes.

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Forest Home Camp.

Forest Home Spiritual Camp Association of Northern Michigan, will hold its second annual camp-meeting, lo-Charlevoix, the Beautiful. These grounds also border on the

shores of the Intermediate lakes that afford excellent fishing, Boats will grand natural scenery, makes this a most favored spot for seekers of pleasure, health or spiritual truth. Camp

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THE PRESENT

And the Future of Spirit-

The editor of The Progressive Think er has called my attention to an article in a Philadelphia paper on the decline and downfall of Spiritualism. It may have been written by a Spiritualist, for we have in our ranks those who by nature are croakers, or because of per-

sonal reasons decry our cause. This is not a peculiarity of Spiritual ists. A number of years ago it became a fad among Unitarian ministers to talk and write on the failure of Unitarianism. It was asserted that the Unitarian churches were becoming deserted, that the number of Unitarians was fast decreasing, that Unitarianism had accomplished its mission and that it already was in rapid decline and would soon cease to exist. Notwithstanding these mischievous pessimistic charges the principles of Unitarianism went marching on and the fad finally died

A similar fad is growing up among Spiritualists. It will have its run and spirit return will continue to win its way to the hearts of those who mourn. The triumph of Unitarianism and Universalism is not in the growth of the number of their organizations, for they have but few if any more churches than they had forty years ago when I odist church, which is about the same | ments thereon.

spect which the fact of spirit return is able. receiving from the world at large. This | Everything depends on what he dewhich appear weekly in The Progres- and truth is ignored. sive Thinker are articles taken from | This "decline of Spiritualism" is the spirit return and openly defending it. are being enacted against Spiritualism supported, or the whole fabric falls. and Christian Science because their steady growth is frightening conserva-

Another fact is that no law has been passed against the fact of spirit return, says: "Your claims are unfounded, but only against that phase of Spirit- your creed is absurd and your dogmas ualism known as "healing," and these are false, enslaving the mind. The laws have originated usually among vail that has heretofore hidden the physicians who want them passed to other side of life is rent, and the loved

protect their own pecuniary interests. Spiritualists are not in our organiza- can bring against it will not prevail" growth, and a most wonderful growth, | though her methods are different. long before there was any thought of | The article in the Philadelphia Press organization; and to-day above and in- is a most skillful piece of artifice, as a dependent of the machinery in which careful perusal of it will show. It bewe try to harness it, it has an existence gins in a lugubrious wall to regret "the of its own. It is a movement more than | decline of Spiritualism." The purpose a sect. Its power is not hat of a river is first to secure the sympathy of the bounded by banks which confine it to reader. Then it speaks of "the enormits channel, but it is the power of sun- ous percentage of fraud in medium shine or of moisture universally dif- | ship." This is to convey the idea that fused. It is an inspiration invisible, most mediums are frauds-an impressilent and wide spread.

truths. No unpopular fruth can be 100 that it is doubtful if there be one measured by the number of those who white crow—the genuine medium are willing to stand up and be counted among those who belong to and have in its defense. The feeling of doubt about the Bible being the infallible Association." Doubtful if there be one word of God is wide spread in the orthodox churches and yet if put to an insult to the mediums who stand bevote only a small fraction would stand up and be put on record against the structure of Spiritualism. In the light popular belief in the Bible as the "word of innumerable and well established

Even the fraud in our ranks need not or ignorant. and will not discourage a worker who is wise and thoughtful and comprehen-

a time of sifting would come was inevitable.

Again, Spiritualists falsely claimed Marquette railroad, 188 miles north of upon millions of adherents. When or been wholly discounted; and no longer Grand Rapids, and 20 miles south of ganized Spiritualism reported only interest the general public," and must made. Who does not see how illogical which is just as certainly a humbug. is such a comparison? The millions To declare Spiritualism a humbug is to which were claimed, never existed, and | declare men among the most eminent the 50,000 of organized Spiritualists are in all the walks of life who have, after but a fraction of the whole.

because those who desert them are not to be the victims of humbug, even when still Spiritualists firm as ever, but be- | "the percentage of fraud approaches so cause of false methods and bad leader | near 100 that it is doubtful if there be ship and jealousles and personalities. I one genuine medium." This is absurd. which in time will be corrected.

war in which our forces gained a noted victory, Santa Anna, the Mexican General, said he fairly whipped General Taylor, but Taylor was such a fool he did not know when he was whipped. The facts, however, proved that Santa Anna was mistaken and the very conditions which he thought indicated failure with the Americans, were made steps to success by the perseverance of Taylor. So in Spiritualism to-day in its warfare for truth, there are croakers who, because success does not come along the lines in which they are looking for it and in the way they expect, start the cry that Spiritualism is on the decline. Such a cry is false. It is against facts. Never was the principle | directly and indirectly, that they afford of spirit return making permanent and healthy progress faster than now.
Lily Dale, N. Y. A. J. WEAVER.

Its Course Is Onward and Irre-

To the Editor:-My attention being entered their ministry. These sects as | called to an article in the Philadelphia organizations are to a great extent Press on The Decline of Spiritualism, failures, while in this respect the leth- I am impressed to make a few com-

age and whose principles are dying, has | Spiritualism cannot decline. It has been a great success. The triumph of its foundation on the eternal rock of the two liberal churches has been in truth, as immutable and indestructable the spread of their doctrines, which as the fountain from which it flows. were never gaining ground faster than I If there is any truth in the article, it is they were at that very period when that the people are leaving the spiritual their own ministers were prophesying rapks to join some "fad" or "cult." Why? Because of their lack of appre-So the triumph of Spiritualism is not ciation. In obedience to a fundamental so much in the growth of its organic law of human conduct, man seeks what body as in the constantly increasing re- he most desires if he thinks it attain-

is evident from the attitude of the publisires, and what he desires depends on lic press towards it. Where there is one the status of the man. While the presarticle like that in the Philadelphia tige of truth is supreme, it is not for the paper, there are a score of articles to truth's sake that it is prized—that presoffset it and neutralize its effect. The tige is used in support of some special most, striking psychic phenomena interest inimical to the general interest,

the dally press of Chicago, New York, effect of a series of causes, a brief con-St. Louis and other cities. Were there sideration of which is here presented. not a growing demand for such articles. The history of the world is a history they would not appear in such abun- of struggle and conflict of interest dance. The same fact is proven by the against interest, and will continue until public-libraries, from whose shelves the the gods cease to grind. The church demand for books of a psychic charac- has asserted itself and its interests ter is on a steady increase, and was must be supported. They are great benever greater than to-day. The same is | youd computation. The Pope is the sutrue in the scientific world in which preme sovereign in Christendom; carmen of the highest scholarship are dinals are more powerful than kings; more and more feeling the truth of bishops more zealous and vigilant than the guardians of state, and the priests As a sign that Spiritualism is decay- more devoted. These interests, involving we are referred to the increase of | ing untold millions of wealth, dignity, sign of its decay but of its growth, things temporal. The church has com-Lews are seldom made against a dying | mitted herself to a specific creed, setevil but against a growing one. Laws | ting forth certain dogmas that must be

Hitherto the weapons against her were simple protests and denials-negative in character and ineffectual in effort. Spiritualism comes forward and ones gone before have come back and I fear some of our workers are doing revealed the truth. The fact of spirit just as the world does: that is they return and communion with mortals is measure Spiritualism by its organiza- demonstrated and so firmly established tion. The fact is the greater number of that all the schemes and artifices you tions and perhaps never will be. I am | There is a conflict, a deadly issue. founded like Christianity on an organ- the past. The same motive that ization. It had an existence and a actuated her then actuates her now.

sion most desirable to be made. "In Spiritualism follows the laws of other | fact, the percentage approaches so near their part and lot in the Spiritualistic. genuine medium! This is absurd, and neath and support the entire superfacts, the writer is either mendacious "Since the tawdry monotony of the

heaven of Spiritualism has palled on sive in his views. Never as now were the believers, they seek other and more Spiritualists so hostile to fraud, or so exciting cults that promise more, and well prepared not to be deceived by it, | give results in this world as well as has hitherto been vailed and obscured It is unjust also to conclude Spirit- by the dogmas of theology, "And as ualism is declining because it does not the phantoms have proved very uncreate the enthusiasm which it once reliable, even Caesar and Franklin and did. It was then a craze. Thousands | Lincoln: to say nothing of Moses talkgathered to hear the most commonplace | ing gibberish." This is an artful dodge trance speakers out of curiosity. That I to impress the readers with disgust and smirch the subject with odium; The writer pretends that because

"Spiritualism no longer fires the popabout 50,000 the cry of decline was stand aside for "Christian Science, years of careful investigation, and at If in any part of the country societies | the sacrifice of popular favor, accepted are not prospering, the reason is not and proclaimed its truth to the world, So much in regard to the church. Pessimism among its friends is one of There are other obstacles to contend | Loccher

the worst enemies with which an un- with. Man can respond only to what popular truth has to contend. As in matters of health it is unwise to think about and talk about our weaknesses, so the public worker in our cause who breathes a pessimistic spirit helps to bring on the very misfortunes which he deplores.

At one of the battles in the Mexican war in which our forces gained a noted to the distribution of the dust. If Spiritualism advances, there must be spiritual men and women; and it will advance in just so far as they abound. far as they abound.

In looking over the daily journals, one can see what the Spiritual status is, Commercial advancement, records of crime, the laudation of wealth, accounts of fashion and sensational paragraphs, these are in response to the actual status of the public mind. Not a word regarding man's moral and spiritual interests, save an occasional "spook" story. The tendency is to matters material. With such a tendency, public sentiment could not be otherwise than indifferent to Spiritualism, especially when we take into consideration the methods of warfare employed against it, and the aid of journals, to the church.

So we have an active enemy in the church, and a passive enemy (so to speak) in lack of spiritual appreciation in the people. But Spiritualism is not declining. It is growing and infusing itself in art, literature and science, just in proportion as the people are prepared for it. Its power is onward and irresistible. E. J. SCHELLHOUS.

WHO SAYS \$10?

A Plain Business Proposi-

It seems from expressions made by various parties through the spiritual press that a great many Spiritualists favor organization, and it seems to me the time has arrived when another kind of talk should be inaugurated and a grand start made to accomplish what mere talk has failed to do. Some object to organize under the N. S. A. from the fact that they have annexed a creed to their belief; others object be-

cause of personal reasons. Probably few persons if they would acknowledge their honest convictions really believe in every tenet embodied in the church creed to which they belong. It is generally known that Spirtualists are a scattered, unorganized people, without a tie to hold them together, or that will protect them in their rights and privileges either religlously or financially against the as-

saults of designing persons, As a prelude to what I suggest in this matter of organization, I will relate a little incident. In the state of Ohio a blacksmith's shop together with all his tools were entirely destroyed by fire. A large crowd of men was standing around the smouldering ruins, and first one then another would express his sympathy for the blacksmith who had lost all he had by that fire. One man who had listened to the words of sympathy and sorrow, spoke up in a loud voice, saying, "Gentlemen, I am sorry five dollars. How much are you sorry? In a few minutes enough "sorry" had been subscribed to give the blacksmith a good start again.

Every one knows that it will require funds to start an organization of Spiritualists, and I will make this proposition. I will be one of five hundred in the state of Kansas to subscribe ten dollars to be placed with the State Spiritualists Association for the purpose of sending out one or more missionaries, whose business it will be to organize societies through the state; and I will make the same proposition to the state of California, where I expect to make my future home. These new societies so organized to become auxiliary to the State Association. It is very nice where remember that Spiritualism is not We know what the church has done in societies in large cities are able to hire the best talent by the year, but if all the best talent is so engaged, how will it fare with societies where it is necessary to have our best mediums to start an interest in our beautiful philosophy that organization may be affected?

Where inferior or undeveloped media are used to prove to skeptles the truth of communion between the mundane and supermuniane spheres, only contumely is brought upon the cause of Spiritualism. Could a few more of our best mediums, like Bro. G. W. Kates and wife be given employment by State Associations, it would require but a few years until organization would be effected, and the strength of Spiritualism be a surprise to the world. Who says ten dollars?

B. G. SWEET. Empire City, Kansas.

"Where Am I At?" The Acorn. A designer has a choice of ways by which to control; hence that class of laws that are invulnerable, or unchangable, are not channels through which a designer can operate, or give free conduct to his will.

A universal designer would be one who could operate irrespective of law, or the pretender found it so difficult to in the next." There is no "tawdry or create and annul laws to his use and

A designed law would say to acorn:

What my creator doth decree, Such. O acorn, thou shalt be. A designless law, despotic and invul-

nerable says: My plan no potency can revoke, Thou shalt, O acorn, be an oak.

E. T. MORSE.

Poor Preach, Poor Pay. "Yes, sah, I preached fo' dat con'gation two yeahs, and all I evab got f'm de membahs wuz ten dollahs. Ten doliahs, sah, not a cent mo'."

"That was miserably poor pay," replied the listener. "I don't know," rejoined Uncle 'Rastus, scratching his head reflectively.

Success is full of promise till men get it; and then it is last year's nest from which the bird he flown-H. W.

"Did you ever heah me preach, boss?"

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 SIXTEEN.—Continued.

No; our spirit children grow up, they love, they mate mighty musicians. You may also lead, yourself, if you and marry very much as you do, except that they are taught to whom they rightly belong and make no miser-

able mistakes. A good and pure girl does not marry a vile man. Goodness is matched with goodness and purity with pur-Ity, and that is as it should be on earth.

Why, you ought to see some of the glorious weddings on earth, for there is no sickness among the spirits except we have here. The act of a priest saying a few words | that of the mind. But the hypnotic suggester will have over them does not marry them here.

Now, I don't want to be misconstrued. I don't want in that direction, my good doctors, else you will not be any body to think that this is not necessary on earth. No wanted. And you, creed-bound, orthodox divines and doubt it is, although it does not constitute true marriage; Catholics, better come along with the rest or you will be expressed it; in being yourself, than I progressive mind of this age and era. but, of course, as you are now, it is necessary, at least you left far behind. think it is, and as one thinks so it is; but we do not marry | Now, again, I read in the mind of the medium about an that way here. A patriarch may say a few words of bless- earthly teacher who adopted a little baby girl and taught ing over a young couple; but we celebrate marriage here as | her through what to her meant play or amusement; and on earth, and our celebrations are often most grand and she became one of the most learned of children. That is impressive. I hope to write you about one sometime, but | precisely what we do here, and the way we do it. Every-I will add here that the sole end and aim of marriage is thing that a child or youth learns here is placed before it not propagation. It appears so sometimes on earth, but as pleasing amusement or play, or something that is deyou will soon learn better when you get here. Husbands lightful and beautiful; and that reminds me that you all and wives on earth who have been married a great many ought to buy the book called, "Mary Ann Carew," written years and have ceased to bear children, if they ever had by herself through this medium. You will find it at the any, find that their happiest time has been after they are office of The Progressive Thinker. This lady was the too old to have children; they are more truly united, if mother of Carlyle Petersilea. She passed into spirit life for nothing then. I wish to know why, there is any unity between them at all, than they were in | when he was but three years of age. She had little chil- if from some mysterious cause undertheir younger days; their love for each other is stronger; dren in the spirit world and left two or three on earth. they grow into a oneness, or unity, that they knew noth- In that book she describes how children are educateding of at first; and if they are truly united they go on to- tells of her own and others. The book is an exquisite his- any, do not make an effort to prevent it 'gether in this life, happy and joyful.

Now, Professor Franz Petersilea has told me that he maiden name on earth was, Mary Ann Carew. She was wrote, twenty years ago, about the employments in the first wife of Professor Franz Petersilea; a lovely and heaven. At that time no one seemed to accept it as true, beautiful creature. I have often met this lady here, and not even Spiritualists. He sent the book, which he know whereof I speak. called "The Discovered Country"-for truly he felt that | We have no prisons, no penitentiaries, no police courts, he had discovered a country new to him-by influencing no courts of any kind. All you officers and keepers of his son, to a number of publishers, who, on glancing it | those things, better turn your attention toward educaover, considered that he was losing his mind, and returned | tion, and ameliorating the condition of mankind, so that, it with most uncomplimentary remarks; but the son did after a little you may be able to turn your prisons, jails not lose heart. He knew that the spirit of his father and pentitentiaries into educational halls and institutions wrote it; he had evidence upon evidence of the fact, and of learning; then you will not feel so strange when you sensitives, who claim to be the instru- The subject is in the air and will not he knew, also, that his father was not capable of false- get here, and will find plenty of employment. hood, especially to the son he loved best of all the world; and now see how the world has moved on. Such men as Rev. M. J. Savage and Rev. Heber Newton, and many other divines, not only believe it but preach it from their pulpits; and who now thinks of calling them insane? Nobody. And now nearly all Spiritualists believe it. They are a little more chary about animal life, but let that pass at present, except a word or two.

That great and good man, Dr. J. M. Peebles says, as I _ At this time I wish to write on the marriage question. now read in the mind of the medium, and as Professor | The medium says, "O, Madam! Do not." But I am a Petersilea wrote twenty years ago: "The Spirit World is woman and I will. When a woman says she will, she will; no shadowy realm but real and permanent. ** * * There | and when she says she won't, she wont; be sure of that. are forests, fields, flowers, sparkling fountains, flowing If I write at all I intend to write that which I wish to rivers, pleasant grottos, immense libraries, palatial man- write. I am not writing to please the world, but to give a boom Spiritualism would receive, if hasn't yet learned this, let him inquire sions with gorgeous domes constellated and astral; cot- to the world truthful information on subjects of paratages and princely palaces with tessellated floors, tapes- | mount importance, and if marriage is not an all-important tried walls, diamond pointed ceiling and scenery of tran- subject, surely, what is?

Now I advise every one who has read this in The Pro- free-lovers. We shall have it said of us that we exert a gressive Thinker, to copy it out in large, golden letters, pernicious influence. It will not do to write on the marand hang it in a conspicuous place in their very best room, riage question at all, dear Madam." and read it over thoughtfully every time the eye rests upon it. Professor Petersilea wrote the same thing egotistical egos to hinder me, I think. twenty years ago, but no one believed him.

Now, Dearest Dr. Peebles, I once knew you when I was | the flesh, suffered the most horrible agonies and untold in the form. Perhaps you will remember me and guess fortures from a so-called marriage, a marriage contracted who Lam. I will whisper my name in your ear at home, | in the first flush of my early girlhood, a marriage contractbut it will never do to write it. Those words that you ut- ed when I was an innocent, unsophisticated child, ready tered were the grandest truths you ever uttered; but, dear and willing to trust the whole world, not understanding, honest in a search for the truth. I Doctor, just think for a moment. Would not those forests look a little lonely without a particle of animal life | the egotistical, dominant, domineering qualities that are | Spiritualism or any other ism, but I do there? Animal life is higher up the scale than forest life. Would not those groves and meadows lack something if the world. Of course I mean the earthly world, for it is there was not a bird there to sing? Would not those to those in the flesh I am writing. waters appear void without the beautiful fish? Would If there can be anything more awful and pernicious known his death through some Boston not those cottages and homes look as though they lacked | than a base, false alliance between a man and a woman, I something without a domestic animal pet such as horse, am yet to know it. It is one of the great, black, deadly dog, cow, cat, bird, especially the dear little humming- nightmares under which the world is laboring at the pres- these have a disturbing effect on belief, bird and butterfly; and all these things are higher than the groves, the waters, the mountains, the fields, and so wake up and understand truth as it is, although suffering doubting as naturally as water runs forth. Why did nature, or spiritual law, leave out the in the nightmare's clutch, with faculties all benumbed. higher, or the middle strata of life, and accept, or form the lowest and the highest, the highest being the spirit my statement, also the wretched, suffering wives who are of man, or human spirit? Dear Doctor, remember that spirit is life and life is spirit, no matter what that life may ably well mated; not to those who might be much happier be, or in what form it appears.

I now read in the mind of the medium: "But Dr. Peebles once said, or wrote, of a singing bird in the heavens, or spirit world."

Doctor, if one bird has been permitted to exist in the spirit world will, or may be, if they have not rendered it the Bridgeport explosion. Now if a spheres, how can it be that all others are excluded? If impossible by their own baseness—but to those who are man's life can be saved by a spirit, one bird lives, all must, else it would be a miracle, and irretrievably and entirely miserable; to those where there there are no miracles; and if one bird lives, all animal and lean be no union no matter what methods might be insect life must live also, for natural law could not allow the birds to live and not other animal life as well, for a bird is but a flying animal. O, Doctor, the truth is grander than even you thought it to be-but to go on with my subject.

It is now conceded by nearly all Spiritualists, and taught by many divines, notably Rev. Savage and Rev. Newton, that there are employments in heaven much like 'those of earth; and this is true. Now if there are employments, you must see at once that there must be camusements as well; and this is true; but the cruel sports are all left below and will go out of date there after awhile. People don't go fishing here, for fun, with cruel barbed hook for the poor fish to swallow and then writhe in agony until they die. Men don't go out, here, to shoot poor, little birds, and other small, harmless animals, for fun, and consider it fine sport; neither do they set hounds to chase poor little, defenseless rabbits and hares, that they may, at last, shoot cruel shot into their panting sides. Think of it, ye men who have immortal souls. Put a picture before your eyes of one poor, little, innocent hare, flying for its life before a pack of great baying hounds, and great men on foot and on horseback, the spiritual shall arise and Truth shall take woman by botanical discovery found on the Congo flying after the hounds and rabbit that they may shoot the poor, little, terrified, defenseless mite. Look at yourselves, ye great, egotistical egos, and see how ridiculous you appear, and what horrible ogres you really are.

No; there is nothing of that kind here in the spirit world, but all innocent and harmless amusements and sports we have. Theaters abound in the spirit world, but representations of vice and crime are left out. Our the- hear the cry, from the dominant male, of course, "seethaters are great educators of the spirit people. Many who ing passion!" Why, the seething passion is within me these and hundreds of other cures are would not understand a scientific lecture, would enjoy one who cries; he is looking through his own passions. sworn to before a notary public. So and comprehend the same truths if given in a sparkling play; and, then, our youths and children need them, and they are enjoyed by both the learned and the unlearned and, speaking in earthly parlance, by both young and old then, we have great rejoicings and festivities of all kinds "affinity hunter," is usually he who leers at every woman which are adapted to innocent minds and also wise ones.

If we have water we also have boats, but they are pleasure boats. We do not have locomotives or cars; we do not need them. We do not have mills or factories; we do not need them. But concerts, theaters, lectures, balls, parties and receptions we do have in plenty, and a thousand other things that I cannot describe, for they transcend anything you have upon the earth, consequently I

am not able to give it through the mind of a medium. No need to be reincarnated, my dears. You will find

all that you need without it.

PREMATURE BURIALS And Spirit Power and Revesponsibility.

All you on earth who have aspired to be actors and ac-

tresses, but owing to circumstances could not, will find ample opportunity here. All who have aspired to be

singers and musicians, but were disappointed, will be-

come such here. Why, you ought to hear some of our

follow the calling of a music teacher, such calling you may

follow with profit and pleasure and then give pupils' con-

grades and descriptions, plenty of employment, here. No

spect—but for the old school of doctors there is no em-

All things of this nature that you commence on earth'

MADAM

will reach up into the spheres and you can go right on

LETTER NUMBER SEVENTEEN.

Now the medium says, "O, Madam! We shall be called

not divorced. I am not talking to those who are reason-

men! Be abased and shamefaced, and dare not to speak

And I answer sadly, He is at present. Not because he is

worthy to be, but because he is the positive, dominant

party; he, at present, represents positive brute force.

make one whole! O, horrible!"

with them, much to your delight.

Yours truly,

prima donnas; nothing like it was ever heard on earthand operas glorious! Plenty of opportunity for Wagner With interest and profit I have read and all other great operatic composers. If you want to many of Mr. Hudson Tuttle's replies in certs and other concerts, with grand Rubinstein often as ing for a long time desired to know leader, and as often Wagner, Mozart, and all the other itualist could give in answer to the question, why do not spirits prevent please and are qualified; and for lectures, teachers of all premature burials, the same was promoney in it, of course, but plenty of love, honor and re- No. 608. 94

Disappointment attends his answer, for it is not up to the standard mainployment. You will have to make the most of your time tained by him on other questions. I a good time and plenty to do. Better turn your minds through life; on the contrary I neither | nally intelligent, the self-luminous unido, I would be pleased to meet him. The main point in Mr. Tuttle's reply

insure development; in other words, a football for a great, all powerful king neither lean; on mortals nor spirits, This is something in which I fully concur, but a dead man, or one in a coma- son they could not understand that natose condition so resembling death as ture could just as well always have to deceive friends and physician, is the been. More recently the more rational most helpless thing on earth; and if the portion have grown to admit that there living do not render aid or interfere with the burial no matter how much individuality such a person had when in a conscious state of action, it counts stood by nobody, people are often placed in the grave before the life principle is extinct, that spirits, if there are tory of her own experience in the spirit world, and her There would be no loss or injury to one's individuality to receive aid under | make all truths agree; and on which such circumstances; but it does not and all men can stand and no longer doubt. never did come from spirit source. To T Great truths are of slow growth. A say that a sensitive is necessary for few see them first. They permente the spirits to reach those living in the flesh, mass by almost tedious degrees. we must take for granted the moment a | Brother McFarland can continue as belief is held or accepted in Spiritual- he is and abide the all good time. He ism; but, as Mr, Tuttle seems to think has a brilliant fancy that brings sup-I cannot, that such a sensitive must be plies. He has greater satisfaction in present with the family of the so-con- store. He evidently knows the wisdom sidered dead. There is not a town of of living in the old house till a better any importance or a single city in this is in sight. He is thinking. That is a ments of communication between the down. Evolution moves but one way. two worlds. Let us suppose that spir. When Brother McFarland learns that its see a dear friend being prepared for evolution is of nature and not of that premature burial, and let us also sup- artistically atmosphered fancy king, he pose that their natural inclination- will have taken the first step on that tion would be to prevent it. Is there charmingly scenic, mosaic, and solid no way open to them to do it unless the road that is open before him. family circle has a sensitive?

known by spirits.

medium unknown to the family about served him as well. to bury one of their number, word was sent to delay, as life was not extinct; what excitement would result and what the same was a fact and by delay con- of any number of correctly informed sciousness returned. But such a thing spirits. never yet occurred to my knowledge. What spifft ever returned to tell of premature bhrial and to warn the living in regard to such things? None as far as I know; and yet if there are spirits Won't it? We shall see. It would take a great many how many could and would, if their na- require much special investigation, but tures and human sensibilities have un-As I said before, I am a woman, and when with you in dergone no change, as we are told is

and furthermore am just as earnest and in the least, the base wickedness, the two-faced falseness, have no hobby to ride at the expense of want facts and knowledge that seem possessed by a very large proportion of the male half of impossible to obtain. I have never yet, and did not at the time understand why William Denton did not make sensitive, when three months' time was required for that fact to become known in the usual manner. Such things as ent time, blindly, ignorantly stumbling on, not willing to and the man who thinks will begin down hill. When a believer I never thought that spirits should be held re-I call upon your divorce courts to witness the truth of sponsible for human events of any kind, but I did think and with good reason that much trouble and misery could be averted from their friends with very little effort. I helieve it is together if they but made the effort; not to those who claimed that railroad accidents have might adapt themselves to each other if they would; not been prevented by spirits, and human lives saved on numerous occasions, and to those who desire to be re-united in the spirit world; no, many of us-know that medium Lottie not to any of these-all who wish to be reunited in the Fowler was credited with foretelling what harm results to his development? None, as far as reason can discern, for ing would then and there have ended, Your world is reeling under this stupendous burden, whereas it saved by spirit power he continues to unfold in the flesh. If calling loudly for help, for wisdom, for knowledge on this there are spirits and they can direct a great and all-important subject; but if one dares to rise up man's daily life to the very end, and speak or write on the marriage question, the dogs are should say it would be folly to permit let loose and the hue and cry begins, "Free lover! Affinity such direction, but if they can prevent hunter! Pernicious doctrine! Soul mates! Two halves that accidental death, crippling from injuries, and premature burials that play no part in the soul's development from Keep quiet. Hide your head. Let the dominant male any standpoint, it requires more knowltell you what you ought to write and say; just as Paul did edge that I foresee to see wherein humanity would be losers in any sense if in the days long gone by Cover your heads, O, ye wothey should. Needless suffering is a benefit to no mortal mind or immortal in public or in the church; suffer and be silent, O ye slaves soul, if there be such a thing, therefore and vassals! - Creep home and ask the dominant male, if I must continue to hold that spirits are you desire to know anything, and he will tell you precisely powerless, heartless or non-existent when they make no effort to prevent what he wants to. It is his wishes and desires that you premature burials. are to obey. Dare not to differ from him in anything, for is not his word law? Is he not the ruler of the world?

CHANNING SEVERANCE. Los Angeles, Cal.

Have You Hay Fever or Asthma? Medical Science at last reports a pos-Itive cure for Ashma and Hay-fever But changes are coming to you. Slowly and gradually the hand and lead her forth from her bondage, for man, or River, WestoAfrica. Its cures are really the dominant, positive, egotistical ego has thus far made | marvelous. Hon L. G. Clute, of Greeley, Iowa, testifies that for three years is there is an almost insurmountable her a slave. If Truth points upward and says to her in he had to sleep propped up in a chair in hill looming up before some people her misery, "you are yet destined, in that higher world, to Hay-fever season; being unable to lie which they may climb and they may be united to the other half of yourself, to the one you down night or day. The Kola Plant failed to meet on earth, who will be your loving and joyful cured him at once. Rev. J. L. Combs. of Martinsburg. W. Va., writes that it companion, the completement of your spirit and soul," we cured him ofoAstlima of fifty years' standing. To make the matter sure, Pure, holy, soul love, does not abide with him; and he great is theirifaithe in its wonderful who cries "free love," is usually a free lover in secret, or Co., of 1164 Broadway, New York, to worse. Love is not the word. The other word I will. make it known, are sending out large omit, but it begins with an L. The one who calls out, All they ask im return is that when cured yourself for will tell your neighsend you a large case by mail free. If ly travition and two books

When we are out of sympathy with the young, then I and elevating spirituality of thought

WHERE HE IS AT. In a Charming Castle in the

J. Young McFarland, in The Pro-

gressive Thinker. June 29, asks where your query column, and have consid- he is at. I can tell him. He is where ered him for years as a man with a ra-tional and well-balanced mind; so hav- Greek Christians were and are. He is where the Pagans were and are. He is what possible explanation such a Spir- where primitive man was. He is where the imagination and fancy of all peo-ples have been. He is in just as beautiful and exquisite elysian fields as the pounded to him and received a reply in most luxuriant imagination can picture. He is in a charming "castle in the air." He is where he must and will continue to remain until he attains an acquaintance with the real, the unshifting, the am not one who desires a guardian an- | understandable, the demonstrable, the gel to take me by the hand and lead me all-glorious, the independent, the eterwish to be led or driven. If there is a verse of so-called nature. He is still in man living who believes more strongly the cradle inherited. He is drinking in individuality, or as William Denton from fountains abandoned by the truly The new waters are sweeter, more satfying and less perplexing. is, that being independent individuals

Primitive and subsequent man, knowwe must exercise our own powers to ing nothing of nature, set her down as and magistrate. This king they fancied always was; but with very limited reais a limp in the logic, but they get/over

The more progressive side of Spirit ualism, hand in hand with science, is studying and getting an understanding Every Subscriber to the Progressof nature that is bursting the theological bubbles of the very limited antiquity. A foundation is being laid that will be eternal adamant, that will correctly explain all things; that will clearly

The brother cites great minds believ-It would seem that there is, for no ling wish him to fortify his position. family wherein there is a sensitive, Gladstone was a giant in statesmanship would refuse to convey the warning and a pigmy in theology. He lay back where needed if the same was made on theology as a refreshing soporifie after his other fatiguing labors. An Let us suppose that through some American Indian tradition would have

> The brother quotes Jesus. Jesus was nothing but a medium controlled by orthodox spirits. If the brilliant brother

The brother's other great quotations and we have indisputable evidence that had their then environments and limi-premature burials have and do occur. tations that controlled their thinking

Let Brother Mc. keep on and go far enough and he will learn that there is Read This Carefully Before Reno mind separate from matter. It will he is equal to it. There are certain socalled highly educated mortals, and socalled highly educated spirits that are Brought up in the atmosphere of Spir- | so slow to bring themselves to give up | after, unless the order for it is accompaitualism and grown into that doctrine, the word god. They don't care so nied with a year's subscription to The I was for many years a believer; to-day | much for the substance, but they want the truth-than any definition thus far. Some fancy spirits and some fancy mortals say spirit is not matter. There is time enough for them to learn better. Verona, Wis. E. W. BALDWIN.

Love the Fundamental Law of Life.

In the light of truth and the upliftment of the human race I hold that the position M. E. Conger takes in his article on "Right Generation" is just and tenable. Every right-thinking man or woman should demand protection from the fungus growth of diseased and perverted human expressions of life that so choke and smother out the more promising plants of the human race in its onward development. He is right. The deadening paralyzing influences generated by the poorly and criminally born of to-day (and all down the ages), retard the evolution of the planet and

the races that inhabit it. If the law of Love is the great fundamental law of all life, then love should be the motive underlying any action or law the government might institute. and surely it would be love in its highest sense to save people from the consequences of their ignorance and weakness, and especially those unborn. No one has a right to curtail personal freedom so fan as it pertains to the per-son only, but when it concerns the unborn entitles that have no voice in the matter, then any of the "Powers that be" should exercise whatever power they may have in seeking the highest good of the greatest number.

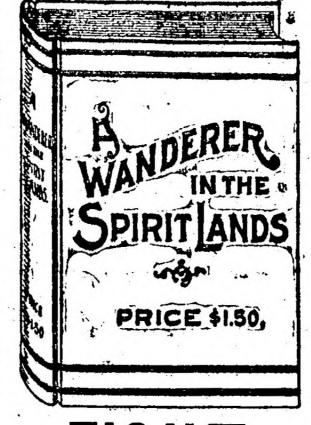
When stock raisers are studying the laws of life on the generative plane and elevating the calibre and status of their animal species, is it not time that the human race should study the same plane? Is not the generative plane absolutely the fundamental plane on which to begin the work of re-genera-

If the race understood and worked in harmony with the law underlying the plane of generation, there would be but a short hill to climb to reach the plane of regeneration. There would be but very little dross

to be separated from the gold; but as it

What we need in the world to-day is less generation and a better quality of human plants. Those that are propagating the diseased, weak species should be guarded, restricted and directed, instead of being allowed roam at liberty and, perpetuate their curative powers, the Kola Importing species. M. E. C. enthrones woman very highly, which is much to his taminated through life, and when men Series 1, 2, and 8; each complete in the are pure in heart, they always reverself. Price, cloth, \$1 per volume. For euce woman as their sister and equal. | will find that all we have left us for

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Young Girl Has Strange F. W. H. Myers' Place in

There is a little miss of this city who, I The Society for Psychical Research by placing her hands upon a table, im- has been holding in London a memorial parts to it a mysterious quality that is meeting for Mr. Frederic W. H. Myers, akin to human intelligence.

a personal investigation of the mystery, fine discrimination, of the place and and at its conclusion was as much puz- power of Mr. Myers, and the address of zled as are the scientists and philoso- Professor James is fairly a commentary phers who, too, have failed to reach a on the new psychology as well as solution in this and similar cases.

street, and her daughter Estelle, the in the future be regarded as the radical not Spiritualists. Dr. Bruce is a prac-ticing physician of the regular school, James, "psychologists are in possession and is very broad in her views of mat- of their full material and mental pheters both religious and scientific, and is nomena are set down in an adequate not at all the woman to take up any of inventory. Meanwhile, descending to the late fads or isms. She has investi- detail, one cannot help admiring the gated Spiritualism in a scientific way, great originality with which Mr. Myers | thought but God's thought, no conbut to her it has nothing substantial wove such an extraordinarily detached enough to warrant belief. The strange and discontinuous series of phenomena power her daughter seems to be en- together. Unconscious cerebration, dowed with she treats with great in- dreams, hypnotism, hysteria, inspiraterest, not as a matter of superstition, tions of genius, the willing-game, plan-but rather as a subject for scientific in- chette, crystal-gazing, hallucinatory terested in such phenomena.

The discovery of Estelle's peculiar in- others by analogy." fluence over inanimate objects was Of the curious apathy prevailing remade about two years ago. A sister-in- garding the most important and de-

her power and was allowed to proceed. 'commission' connected with the chair To the best of the knowledge of those of a certain learned psychologist in a present bonafide messages were re- neighboring university to examine the ceived through the "tippings" from the same medium, whom Mr. Hodgson and

that the table received its force.

In the two years since that event the and friviality of such anecdotes, were girl's strange influence has not been de- it not that they paint the temper of our veloped to any extent, her mother pre- time, a temper which, thanks to Fredferring the building up of her health eric Myers more than to any one, will rather than of something she does not certainly be impossible after this gen-

upon the top, and appears only to fol-tract of mental wilderness and planted low its movements as it is impelled by the flag of genuine science upon it." the unseen force.

Bruce in her demonstration has studied he not devoted his high powers to a the occult science to a considerable ex- work more important than any literary tent, is thoroughly acquainted with the achievement. "His literary sense was "tricks" of the professional Spiritual- almost abnormally acute; but his critiists; in fact, has himself successfully cism always leads up to one great ques-"faked" table tipping for the pleasure tion, by which he judges alike Virgil and mystification of his friends. In this and Mazzini, Victor Hugo, Tennyson, case, satisfied, as he is, that no trick or Marcus Aurelius and Renan-what appliance whatever was used, he must attitude does the poet, the historian, the own that he is as puzzled as are those statesman take toward the great riddle

Stella, as may be imagined, converses action of the world unseen in the things with the spirits of the dead, generally of this life? What lesson has genius, with a younger sister, who died when the 'uprush from the subliminal self, eight years old, and who seems to be brought to man from behind the veil?" always present. In answering the ques- By his essay called "Science and a tions put by any one present one tip Future Life," published in the Ninesignifies "No," two, "Don't know," or teenth Century nearly twenty years "Doubtful," and three "Yes." These ago, Mr. Myers aroused an interest in answers are in the main correct, but the nature of the spiritual life, which sometimes the answers will be errone- has constantly deepened in significance ous. Answers as to the future are an- and continued to touch an increasing swered "Don't know," having more to body of thinkers.-Lilian Whiting, in do with the thoughts and impressions the Inter Ocean. of those present, and family events that have passed. Occasionally the dead child's spirit seems to become mirthful, and one is instantly impressed by the actions imparted to the table that it is playing her favorite childish ditty: "One, two, button my shoe."

Two facts were noticed which held the greatest mystery. At one time the table moved off with a turning motion. Stella's hands, instead of remaining upon the same spot and going around with the table, were kept before her as she followed the table top sliding beneath. The other, when the table tipped slowly over to its side, but one of her hands were lightly touching the top. Upon the table rising she still had but the one hand upon it, and there was nothing upon its feet or upon the floor to which pressure could be applied, and its raising accomplished that way.

Now, on what line is the solution to be worked out? Certain it is that mind is superior to matter, but is a wooden make rates from \$1 to \$1.50 per day, swung it around, backing to the firetable subservient to human will? It is guarantee good accommodations. The place. Saw nothing-heard nothing not a matter of electrical appliance, for grounds are located on a table land, more so I gathered courage to get the the results are the same when both and the view of the surrounding coun- andiron and reconnoitre which I did by Stella and the table experimented upon try is beautiful. There is a well of slinging my iron around me in the dark are insulated. What other theory can science advance?-Cincinnati Enquirer. | complete. Ground rent, if you have a near me, when I found a small coal of

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Psychology.

at which Dr. Oliver Lodge and Pro-An Enquirer reporter was invited to fessor William James both spoke, with tribute to Mr. Myers. Professor James Dr. Clara A. Bruce, of 656 Neave stated that he believes Mr. Myers will

vestigation, and to the end of finding a voices, apparitions of the dying, mepossible solution of the problem she in- dium-trances, demoniacal possession, vites the closest scrutiny of men in- clairvoyance, thought transferenceeven ghosts and other facts more doubt-"Little Estelle, in whom so much in- ful-these things form a chaos at first terest is centered, a stender slip of a sight most discouraging. No wonder girl of fourteen years. Of nervous tem- that scientists can think of no other perament, shy in her attitude to both principle of unity among them than friends and strangers, she is, neverthe- their common appeal to men's perverse less, the one to whom her playmates propensity to superstition. Yet Myers look for a sort of leadership, and has has actually made a system of them, that valued determination to see stringing them continuously upon a perfinished any task she sets out to accom- feetly legitimate objective hypothesis, verified in some cases and extended to

evening of the funeral Dr. Bruce, with science, Professor James has this to cussing the sad taking off of the young of my scientific colleagues severally to woman. In the party was a patient of come to my house at their own time, Dr. Bruce, a Spiritualist in faith, and and sit with a medium for whom the who had developed the art known evidence already published in our among that sect as "table tipping" as a proceedings had been noteworthy. means of conversing with the spirits of Although it means at worst the waste of the hour for each, five of them de-This woman requested a display of cline the adventure. I then beg the I offer at our own expense to send and Several children were in the room at leave with them. They also have to be the beginning of the demonstration, in- excused from any such entanglement. cluding little Estelle, and had become a I advise another psychological friend to triffe, too noisy. To insure quiet the look into this medium's case, but he rechildren were sent to the dining room. plies that it is useless, for if he should There, determined to have a little get such results as I report, he would "game" of their own, they gathered (being suggestible) simply believe himaround a small table, each child with self hallucinated. When I propose as a chubby hands upon the board. To their remedy that he should remain in the consternation the table began to move. background and take notes, whilst his / For awhile they were too frightened to wife has the sitting, he explains that go on with their fun, but finally, he can never consent to his wife's prescourage returning, they proceeded and ence at such performances. This friend had no end of enjoyment over the of mine writes ex cathedra on the subtable's mysterious actions in answer to ject of psychical research, declaring (I their questions. The ladies, when they need hardly add) that there is nothing finally learned the cause of the childish In it; the chair of the psychologist with glee, were as deeply interested as the the commission was founded by a little ones. Experiments were made to spiritist, partly with a view to investilocate the "medium," and it was found gate mediums; and one of the five colthat during Estelle's absence from the leagues who declined my invitation is table it would not move. Further trials | widely quoted as an effective critic of proved that it was through this child our evidence. So runs the world away!

eration. Stella does not move the table that is | Professor James regards the work of used during an experiment. Whether Mr. Myers in this region of psychical it be a small stand that will weigh but research to be similar to that done by a few pounds or one so large that a Cuvier and Agassiz in the animal man would have to use considerable world. "It is a possibility, and I am effort to raise it, with her it is the same. disposed to think it a probability," he Sitting beside it impressively, as though continues, "that Frederic Myers will taking no interest whatever in the pro- always be remembered in psychology ceedings, she places her hands lightly as the pioneer who staked out a vast

I should not indulge in the personality

In literature alone Mr. Myers would The reporter who observed Miss have taken rank and left a name had of life? What sense has he of the inter-

Wonewoo (Wis.) Camp.

"bill board," bring your pocketbook. number will reply, glving full particu- be under the management of an ex-

> CLARA L. STEWART. President W. S. S. A. Fond du Lac, Wis.

REINCARNATION.

The Countess Wachmeister lectured it the Board of Trade rooms last flight on "Reincarnation.". She was atten-

saving in part:

Reincarnation or rebirth is one of the earliest teachings. All Eastern nations believe in this truth and in the West people are beginning to believe in the sermon on reincarnation about three years ago in London. The great diversity in people can only be explained by reincarnation. Some are born as cripples and some born in vice and crime-criminals from birth. We also find those who have every advantage surrounding them. How is it possible that a loving God has created some to-lives of misery and others to ease and luxury? "What a man sows that also shall he reap." You can believe in one life, but not in continuous life. We have people in our society who can remember their past lives. one who has the so-called "power," are leader in mental science. "Through him You cannot have that knowledge until you develop your capabilities of per-

> We call the soul a silver thread with pearls strung on it, the pearls being the different lives. There is but one Godone life-no life but the life of God, no sciousness but that of God, and that is reaches his divinity he becomes one with the Father. Let us look around us and we find people in all stages of development, from the aborigines of Australia, the Maories of New Zealand, and white people with very little intellect.

> to the Emerson, Shakespeare and developed, and then the intellect. The body does not contain a soul, but the soul has a body. The Hindoo does not say "I am tired," but says "This body is tired," "this body is hungry." He never confuses one with the other.

Some begin evolution in the north, which develops their energies, and some in the south, and vice versa. This gives different natures, but as one is born from one zone to the other, different law of Dr. Bruce had died and on the termining new discoveries in psychic qualities are developed. Souls in all several relatives and friends, were dis- say: * * * "For instance, I invite eight | had many lives being more advanced.

a pupil. Life after life he gets his lessons. After death the soul goes to heaven and eventually is born again. this time into a higher class. .Knowledge is gained only by experlence. You can learn from one who has had experience and believe him, but

That is not experience or knowledge. When the soul is first manifested it has to get severe blows to awaken consciousness-the harder the blows the their places of business in Boston and more the reflective nature is developed. how few of them ever impress their When man is first evolved he is very simple and evolves on but one or two lines, but as evolution advances the lines become more complex.

How reincarnation works: Keep in mind that the causes started in one life are reaped in the next. The most important factor is thought. "As a man thinketh, so is he." The thought precedes the act. Take the case of a man who is covetous-always desiring something belonging to someone else. He fills that mould with that thought, and when born again develops into a thief. One who has ambition will be born again with power, but the quality of thought determines whether he will be happy or not. The rich man who has no sympathy for the poor and suffering | indicated, the reporter duly boarded his will be reincarnated in poverty and learn the lesson of misery and suffering to the bitter end, and in the next birth will have sympathy for the unfortunate.

One point that puzzles people regarding reincarnation is that they cannot remember it. No one can remember his

was asked to stop. to vibrations around him.

Crescent, Appleton, Wis.

A Coincidence.

in Philadelphia to spend some time failed to catch your reply. It's very with relatives in Hardeman county, funny, but it sounded exactly as though Tenn. Theirs was a country home and | you had said 'from cows.' " "You heard a neighbor whose name was Redding, me perfectly," replied the gentleman; was said to have consumption of the "that is precisely what I did say. Yes, lungs, but was not confined to his bed. It was from cows, and cows only, that As is common in the country I went to I learned the most precious secret of spend the night with him, and was en- life. While I was sitting in darkness tertained in the usual way until early they were living in the full sunshine." bed-time, about 9 o'clock or after, when "You will pardon me if I say I do not we all retired. I was put in a room grasp your meaning," rejoined the reacross the hall from his family sleeping | porter; "could you not make it a little All who desire tents should notify the | woom. He with wife and two small | clearer?" "Certainly," was the reply. secretary, Nellie Kingsley Baker, Port- | children occupied it. It was a cool. age, Wis., or myself, on or before Au- rainy night and very dark. At that gust 9, as we will hire tents this season | time I was a ready sleeper, but this par- | ment always interests me. So I will of the number required. The rent of reason I could not get to sleep. I heard tents will range from three to five the clock strike 11 and 12, and as I lay dollars, according to size. All who wondering why I could not get to sleep, have tents of their own should bring I was startled by what appeared the them, also their bedding. Remember fall of a heavy body on top of the we are dependent upon donations for house, then a clambering down over bedding for transient beds. We will shingles and weatherboarding to the twenty-five cents per night, and put up | yielding to a heavy - weight falling as other camps do transient tents, or lagainst it, then heavy, hurried footrather tents where men or women can steps to my room door which opened in have accommodations for a single day | the same hurried way. My first thought was of an andiron for a weapon, so I The camp ground is within two or jumped over the foot of the bed toward three blocks of the hotels. They will the fire-place, ran afoul of a chair, splendid water. 150 feet deep, and shade | until I was convinced nothing was very tent, will be nominal. Admission small, fire in the ashes, blew up a light, saw but as there will be expenses not on the loothing, door shut and latched. I opened, looked into the hall. feeling Programmes are not ready yet, as we sure the back doors were open, but they have not closed with phenomenal me- were closed and fastened. Everything To the Friends of Spiritualism in Ne-Idlung whom we hope to secure. As right and perfect quiet prevailed. I rebraska and Iowa:-I have in contempla- other camps are closed by that time, turned to my bed, and as I lay trying to tion a series of grove meetings for the there is no doubt we will have some of solve the mystery, Redding's wife coming fall, to be held where sultable the very best in the public work. The called for me excitedly to "come quick," groves can be secured. I hope a large hotel or restaurant on the grounds will | which I did, and found Redding dead in his bed. Query:-Did one incident have any

connection with the other? J. W. NELSON. Philadelphia, Pa.

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Boston Herald: Once in a while on a railroad ride of a couple of hours a man's attention gets riveted on a fellow passenger across the aisle, whose face continually lights theory. Canon Wilberforce preached a up with a happy smile and who every now and then breaks out in a half audible little laugh. No one is sitting be side him, telling him amusing stories or of which body of water Quset Bay tickling him with facetious jests. He is no fool either, laughing for want of thought. One reads in his mobile, expressive face that he is a man of exceptional intelligence and character. But what a contrast he offers to the vacant or set or careworn or bored looks of the other passengers, anxious only to have the confounded railway ride over. Evidently he does not care how long it lasts. Why should he? Plainly he is in the best of companyhis own company. There he sits all the weary miles from Nashua to Boston, smiling away as pensively as though he were Cervantes telling himself for the first time the whole delicious story of Quixote and Sancho Panza. "Hang him!" exclaims some irate passenger; "is the fellow so conceited over the infatuated idea that he is a our glory. Man is the highest mani- whole library inside of Shakespeare festation of God's work, and when man and Mark Twain as to flatter himself that he stands in no human need of a newspaper, a paper hag of popcorn, a stick of chewing gum or of joining anybody else in a rubber of whist?"

SMILE AT THEIR THOUGHTS. Now there is no use in getting angry over such a man. That were only to Plato; and higher still up to the adepts. betray spite and envy that one has such As evolution proceeds emotions are first a dull, and stupid time in one's own company, and finds one's self so dreary a bore that a column of advertisements of soaps or shoe tags would be a posi tive relief from one's own thoughts. Far better would it be to say: "I wonder whether the fellow could be induced to give a body lessons? He must have some secret it would be worth a round sum to find out. What makes me restless as a flea or irritable as a mosquito affords him positive delight. Idfe is a school, and the soul is like things, at any rate for more than half a minute at a time. One thing is certain. The railway company ought to supply him with free yearly season tickets from Nashua to Boston and back, so as to keep him always on the road to stimulate the rest of the passengers to try to guess his conundrum."

When one reflects how many thousands of people are traveling to and fro every day from no end of towns to fellow passengers with over-addiction to internal smiling, but, on the contrary, to settled habits of yawning, beating tattoes with their knuckles and even overindulgence in popcorn and profanity, it will hardly be wondered at that-in the interest of this restless, shuttle-darting element of our population, which is weaving the fabric of our business prosperity-the Boston Herald should have resolved to send one of its most sagacious and philosophically minded reporters to try to coax an interview out of a prominent specimen of this internally smiling species of the genus homo. A marked instance of itwhose name, however, is, for reasons of delicacy, suppressed-having been train, made an excuse for sitting down beside the man and watched his chance.

HE FOUND A VICTIM. For some time the proposed interviewer said never a word, though be-Traying all the while that he was in a own life up to three years of age. very restless and uneasy frame of ber previous lives is that it is not a legs, shuffled his feet, bought and con- netic physician and test medium. matter of the intellect, but a perfection sumed three several paper bags of popof knowledge, so that one can read the corn and at intervals yawned portenaura that surrounds each one. This tously, "Excuse me, sir; excuse me," aura contains the record of all the lives he finally began. "I fear I annoy you, but railroad traveling and having Madame Blavatsky, with whom the l-nobody but myself to talk to does make speaker lived for years, could read a me nervous as a witch. Doesn't it act person's life history by his aura, and that way on you?" "Why, no!" placidwould narrate events in the life until ly rejoined the unsuspecting victim; the person would beg her to stop. The on the contrary I find it a pleasant speaker's brother met a priest in India | sedative." "A sedative!" was the reply. who offered to read his life. The priest "It makes me seethe and fizz like the began at infancy and continued until he blue and white papers of a seidlitz powder in a tumbler of water." "So it used The world around us is filled with to be, but I have got over that," revibrations to which we cannot respond, plied the unsuspecting gentleman. "Got one!" "Excuse me!" placidly went on but as one develops his capabilities he over? it; I wish to heaven I could!" the gentleman, "man has fifty stomachs will be able to respond more and more quickly interposed the reporter. "You to the cow's one. By degrees I began must have a secret worth knowing. to grasp the secret of my own unhappi-Every day of your lives you are Couldn't you help a poor devil like me ness. I had had no cud to chew. As making character that will determine out of the bog? Pray, from whom did soon as I was alone by myself, my mind what the next life will be. Live so that you learn your blessed secret?" Where- had cast up nothing to enjoy over your next life will be a useful one and upon, to the amazement of the inter- again, to reflect on, to extract the inner help on the evolution of mankind. - viewer, the gentleman in hand simply essences from. I had thought I must smiled a benevolent smile and placidly be continually pasturing and never New Thought. replied, "From cows." "Excuse me, excuse me!" ejaculated

the astonished reporter, "but the train In the spring of 1856 I left my home keeps up such an infernal rattle that I "A young man of your ingenuous turn of mind and avidity for self-improve-

and must notify the dealer in advance, ticular night for some unaccountable open up a little more fully to you the import of my secret. CURE FOR LONELINESS. "Some years ago, while myself still a victim to that state of restless boredom on being left to my own company which you say afflicts you, I chanced furnish good comfortable beds for back hall door, which opened as if by to spend a whole summer on a dairy farm, where I was brought into close association with cows. On enviously watching them as, after cropping the rich pasture a couple of hours, they would lie off reposefully under the trees, rhythmically moving from side to side their jaws, as a poet weaves his lines, and wholly possessed with a feeling of inward self-evolved content, I would often heave a sigh and say: 'I wish I were a com! What keeps them so contented? One day I asked the farmer. 'Oh, they! enjoy chewing the cud, was his reply: As city bred I had only the vaguest idea what that meant: But I began to study into it and soon learned how, after a full meal in the pasture on Julcy, flagrant clover, they could strike work, lie down under the trees and by some singular contrivance of their own bring it seriatim up into illeir mouths again and then lingeringly and contemplatively extract from it the last essence of its fragrance and flavor. 'Does God care for cattle only!' I exclaimed in the language of scripture. 'Under the law of evolutionthough in some higher form-must not

> something analogous to all this exist in the human organism?" FOUND OUT THE SECRET. Just at this point—in his eagerness to

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These days of June are most delightful at Onset. The hot wave that has caused so many deaths and so much suffering in our cities has not reached this place. The sea breezes are very invigorating-and the nights are sufficiently cool for sound and refreshing sleep. The prevailing wind during the summer in this section is south-west, and here it is our most enjoyable wind because it comes to us laden with the ozone gathered from old Buzzard's Bay, forms a part. No more healthful spot could possibly be found to spend the summer. Invalids who come here from inland towns are soon benefited by the air and the magnetic and spiritual conditions. Besides our drinking water obtained from a pond near by is absolutely pure. Also I may say that the fruits and vegetables offered for sale are nearly all raised in this section, consequently are fresh and of most excellent quality.

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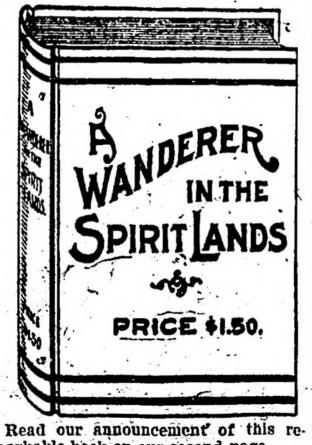
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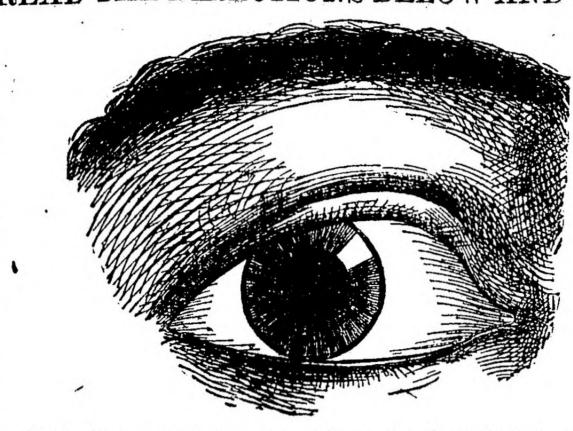
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The Temple of Karnakito Be Restored It was mentioned in these columns were engaged in an attempt to restore the partly fallen Hypostyle Hall of the great Temple of Karnak, in Egypt, eleven columns gave way and fell. This was in October last. Thirteen columns had fallen in ancient times, and it was while preparations were being made that the others fell, and three others were so shaken as to compel re-

moval Our archaeological readers will be delighted to learn that hundreds of Arab laborers, under the direction of able engineers, are now engaged in restoring those ancient ruins, the largest and best preserved of any in Egypt which have reached these times.

All of these twenty-seven columns will be reconstructed and placed in their original position. The uppermost member of each column weighs 1242 tons. The architraves weigh 25 tons

Modern engineering processes are not

equal to the task of reconstructing this

work, so a huge inclined plane, requiring 100,000 cubic meters of earth, after the manner of the ancient artists, will be constructed and removed when the work is finished, which it is expected to be complete by May of 1904. In December last M. Legran, in charge of the work, came upon a wonderfully beautiful bust of one of Egypt's olden gods. Other portions of the statue have subsequently come to light, and it is hoped to find the residue and restore it in its entirety, save, possibly, a small piece to complete one of the legs. This statue, labeled "Khonsu

placed in the reconstructed Temple, and it is expected other treasures of ancient art will be unearthed in the removal of the debris of ages which have accumulated in the ruins.

Dawn of the Millennial Morning.

The long-promised millennial era when Christ is to reign a thousand years on earth," according to second advent theories, must be rapidly approaching. The evidence is found in that rarest of places for common sense-a Christian pulpit.

Rev. R. A. White, so very liable to say sensible things, is reported in a late Sunday discourse to have advocated pool and billiard rooms and dancing | senting American industry, are on sale facilities by the churches as a means of | in the leading cities of Syria, etc. recreation for members. Hesaid:

"The church must stand hand in hand with all forms of good amusement. Its or immoral amusements. The good struction ought to receive the support of the pulpit and of the church people. Physiological and biological science demonstrates that primal and universal desire or tendency on the part of children is to play. This tendency is not the gift of some evil spirit, as parents | are sometimes tempted to think, but as instinctive and necessary a tendency as the tendency to hunger and thirst. This is nature's way of keeping the crude instincts and powers of the child in activity until such time as work and education, systematically directed, shall go on with the task of development. Amusement is the adult's form of play,

and it should be encouraged.' · Cheers, say we: for Dr. White, and for any other brave preacher who carries common sense with him into the pulpit, and teaches it to his people. We need more of it, and less of the blighting. dwarfing creeds, laboring to transform adults into babes, so as to fit them for heaven.

The Revolt Is General.

revolt at the action of the church in | nings and the elements are his grim holding a jubilee demonstration. A messengers for evil or for good. who afterwards paraded the streets shouting 'Burn the Convents.' The crowd hissed the Infanta Isabella. whose carriage was forced to change its countries against priestcraft. The cluded, are subject to changeless, law,

Buddhism in Chleago.

monize with growing intelligence.

A Buddhist nun, Sister Sanghamitta. formerly a Roman Catholic, is now in Chicago, beating up recruits to her new faith. She is holding meetings every Sunday morning in a fashionable fair play, will soon eliminate the pop quarter of the city. She is said to be alar creeds from his theology, with refined, and was once a leader in nothing but this text, which the a master mind. Price \$1.50. For sale laws now on the statute books could Gure. Paper cover, 15 cents. For sale at this diplomatic circles.

Bewildered Churchmen.

On any other hypothesis than inability to determine on a line of policy account for the evidence of unrest we see in all the churches? The truth is, their supports have falled; the foundation was laid in saud; and the structure is ready to fall in ruins. The lamentations of the clergy are only the creakings of the superstructure as its parts give way.

The Baptists lately held a Young People's Union, a State organization, at Mexico, Mo. Rev. Johnston Myers, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Chicago, earnestly ambitious to do something for the upbuilding of Zion, gave a discourse entitled "Sou Winning."

The dominie seemed perfectly be wildered. Starting out with the bold assertion/that God had sent him there to speak to that State Convention of Baptists, he launched out with the

broad statement: "There is something wrong with the church to-day. Our work is worse off than we know, because it is almost impossible to get the truth about conditions. Preachers report the bright side at conventions, because they are afraid their heads will come off if reports show their churches in bad condition. This is why we have Christian Science, faith cures and other strange doctrines. The people are looking for something the church is not affording still covered, but empty, having evi them-a heartfelt religion. A variety of fads has swept the churches, and treasure. They were elaborately carved

preachers in some cases have gone after them, instead of souls. The ministers are in society, some of them They are popular with the people. They are good fellows instead of soul winners."

Now, that is good. The Elder lashed the clergy. They deserved it. If no up to some meanness they were about to be guilty of some misdemeanor or neglect of duty, so, like the naughty boy the parent couldn't punish amiss, it was well to lash them when he had an opportunity.

of the breach made, not only into the walls of the Baptist temple, but into that of all the churches. Every one of them was built on the fable of original sin and total depravity. They thought to cure the ill by making an atonement to God by a human sacrifice. They invented the story of an immaculate son, half God, half man, who should suffer in man's place for the sins of the world. And yet the act was not complete unless man accepted the sacrifice as his.

As men broke away from the leadingstrings of the clergy, and thought for themselves, they saw every claim was false: that there was no fall; no total depravity; no endless hell into which sinners were to be plunged. Their physiological knowledge antagonized virgin-born Gods; they questioned the story of the crucifixion, and denied that of a physical resurrection.

And there is where the people are to-day, and these are the questions the clergy are called upon to combat. Miracles and special providences are like last year's birds' nests. They have served their purpose, and have taken their place with the fabled vampires who feasted on human blood.

American Thrift in the Oright. Yankee thrift has entered the Orient,

and Syria, Palestine, Arabia, are being revolutionized. The railroad from Joppa to Jerusalem paved the way to made travel easy to the most secluded perished. Of course we wept. regions. The result: A new impetus has been given to everything. Wells are being bored, and water is being raised by wind-mills imported from of Thebes, God of the Day," will be Illinois, to furnish pure water for pilgrims to Mecca, and for general use, American flour is on sale in markets. American leather is in great demand, and American watches are driving out inferior grades. Two hundred phonographs are on sale in Damascus and Jerusalem. Flouring mills have been introduced from Chicago, with powerful wind-mills for motor force. And, strange as anything, a steam street roller, costing \$8,800, has been introduced into Beirut, for macadaming the streets. Wire nails, paints, rope, clocks, paper, shoes, bicycles, coal, hardware, drilling machines, electrical novelties, agricultural machinery, canned meats, corn meal, out meal, and nearly everything repre-

Mohammedan laws will exclude intoxicants. If the missionary can be shut out with his sectarianism, comhan must be upon cheap, shoddy, vulgar | merce will rebuild the waste places; industry and science will reclaim her extheater offering amusement and in- hausted soil, and Palestine will enter on an era of prosperity, unparalleled in its history. Its fabled greatness of 3,000 Years ago rested on the dreams of its prophets, and pretended historians, for it never existed in fact.

Christianity will claim credit for all these grand results we have mentioned: whereas, in truth, Commerce is the electrifying agent which is revolutionizing the world, and Syria as well.

A Practical Text.

Here is a text for a sermon: In the storm last week, two churches in Pittsburg were struck by lightning, while a saloon was the only building left in one of the flood-swept West Virginia towns.—Conneautville, Pa., Courier.

The editor of the Courier is a zealous Methodist. He was taught by his parents, and by his church, that all the machinery of the universe is directed by, and is under the special supervision of Providence: that he rewards good actions and punishes bad ones accord-The anti-clerical party in Spain is in ing to their merits, and that the light-

cablegram from Madrid says: "Violent | But this act of destroying churches speeches were made by the anti-clerics, and of protecting saloons the editor thinks is a good object lesson on which sermons may be based.

If our esteemed friend will allow the teachings of natural philosophy, to course to avoid the infuriated people." | shape his judgment, instead of the nar-Such a demonstration in Spain is in- row teachings of his church, he will dicative of the general revolt in all | find that all the elements, lightning inchurch would do well to observe the lm- | and cannot act other than they do act; pending revolution against the tyranny | that they know neither evil nor good, of creeds, and shape its action to har- and never turn aside from their course at the caprice of any God. The saloon not destroyed was not in the path of the electrical current, and had no steeple inviting it to deviate in its course, while with the church the law

> was reversed. A person who will be guided by reason, and will give common sense Courier suggests, to guide him.

Marvelons, Isn't It?

The student of ancient history compiled by Ohristian authors, constantly meets with the announcement of some event antedating Christianity hundreds, perhaps thousands of years, and the

"This is another example of the singular facility Christian history and doctrine was absorbed by and incorporated into Pagan legends."

It is to be presumed the late discovery of the cave in Crete, fabled as the birth place of Jupiter, and lost to the world for more than 3,000 years, will be apologized for as a rude attempt to imitate the birth place of the dear Jesus.

This cavern in Mt. Ida seems to have been closed to the world more than 1,000 years before the alleged birth of Jesus. Dark damp mould covered the floor from five to seven feet in depth. Unburned offerings were-found on the stone altars. A bronze knife whose handle was in imitation of a human head, was a noteworthy discovery. Ivory ornaments from broken sword hilts, knives, axes, bracelets, were scattered around a stone altar three feet in height. Crevice after crevice was found stocked with blades; pins tweezers, and occasionally a votive ax. Many of the bronze objects were found mostly inclosed in stalagmites, which had to be broken to recover the treasure. Immense stone jars, large enough to hide the "forty thieves," were standing in place. They were mostly dently been used in which to store Of the Palace of Minos, with its long corridors, blind galleries, tortuous passages, and spacious underground conduits, with bewildering small chambers, we have the suggestion of a labyrinth, and it may have been such. The non-classical reader will be in terested to learn that Minos, the King of Crete, and known as a great lawgiver, is reported to have been the son of Zeus-Jupiter-and the fair Europa, from whom Europe derives its name. His laws date from B. C. 1406, only a few years later than the period ascribed to Moses. Some writers have suggested that Moses is in fact a reflex of Minos We greatly question if our esteemed transferred to Egypt, Palestine, etc., But we do know it is marvelous that the quarrel between the Sultan of Turkey and the King of Greece, some two or three years ago, terminated by placing the island of Crete in the hands of the British, and the exposure which follows of this great cavern, whose mouth was covered by immense boulders, and whose great depth, 200 feet, with large halls, fretted roofs, a multitude of rooms, antique relics, and well described by the poets of 8,000 years ago as the birth-place of a God, should be revealed to the world just when severe criticism is controverting the birth of another God, claimed to have been born of a mortal maiden in a cav-

> ern, in Bethlehem of Judea. This subject, so full of interest, and so suggestive of corrections of what has passed for history we are unwilling to leave until a train of thought it has evolved is more fully ventilated.

Mean Act of Satan:

As piously instructed in the springtime of life we were reading the holy scriptures the other day. It chanced to be II Samuel, 24:1, and we read: "The anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go number Israel and Judah." Reading on to verse 15, we learned the Lord sent a pestilence on Israel because of that identical act he additional railroad lines which have had ordered, and seventy thousand men

Before the eyes were yet dry we opened to I Chronicles 21:1, and there read an account of the same occurrence, save it was Satan who stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel: but the Lord sent the pestilence, Verse 14, just the same, and the 70,000 of Israel perished. Our grief was accelerated, for we were in doubt which to censure, the Lord or

Not a Pan-Religious Congress.

A Congress of Religions was announced to be held in Buffalo the last week in June, with Dr. H. W. Thomas, of this city, as president. Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones was to give the opening sermon, Rev. R. A. White was announced to talk on "The Relation of the Church to Amusements."

From the absence of leading orthodox names mentioned in connection with of the Christian faith want nothing sends through the mails, it seems local societies strengthened, and mis- sire it, and at some future time The experiences at the Columbian Exposition were not very assuring of pracical benefits to the dominant religion, on the contrary the allowing of all faiths a hearing there militated severely against the interests of those who claimed to be the custodians of all the good there is in the world.

An Old Practice Revived.

A curious instance of religious fanaticism has recently come before the courts of Lemberg, in Austrian-Poland. A wealthy Roman Catholic lady has been tried and convicted and sentenced to three years' imprisonment for kidnaping a Jewish girl and confining her in a convent, where she was baptized against her parents' will.-Chicago Journal.

That kind of "fanaticism" was common all over Europe when Catholicism was supreme. It was one of the methods by which Christianity became dominant. That was a severe blow to the church when the civil authorities refused its aid to enforce the bulls of the Poper . .

Unfortunate in His Method.

Rev. Jo. Cook, of Ticonderoga, N. Y., usually bailing from Boston, best known among Liberals of all schools for his blackguardism, and personal abuse of opponents, died at the place of his nativity, of Bright's disease, on the 25th ult., aged 63 years. Cook was of the Talmagean school of bitterness, mistaking it for religion. He imitated the Master, in his "Woe unto you scribes, pharisees, hypocrites," and in proclaiming the people "wolves," and 'a generation of vipers." He is not wise, whether posing as a preacher, or a God, who deals in vituperation. It is practice not commendable in any age of the world, or by any teacher. The more exalted his position the more the

habit is to be deplored. "Voltaire's Romances." Translated from the French. With numerous illustrations. These lighter works of the brillant Frenchman, an invincible enemy of the Catholic church, are worthy of wide reading. Wit, philosophy and at this office.

THE BOOK OF A TRUE PROPHET HEALERS,

self to the study of truth. A small inheritance was de- which they conceived them to possess; and it was from voted to travel, to historical investigation. He was a pro- them that this art passed, still in an imperfect state, to the found student, an earnest, simple man, a true philosopher. | Egyptians." His arguments were sound. The proof of this may be Diodorus declares that the negroes rightfully believed found in the conduct of that distinguished gentleman, themselves to be the oldest of nations. He says: Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon asked Volney for his "It is probable that born under the sun's path, its frank opinion and got it so truthfully that he kicked the warmth may have ripened them earlier than other men." distinguished writer in the stomach, being able to make | The man fit to teach his fellows is far alread of them in

no other adequate reply. Volney's splendid work, the intellect, and it is possible for him in the realness of scifoundation of much that now passes for original thought, ence and of social questions to play the part assigned to of interest taken by the individual healis based upon an earnest desire to fathom the causes of inspired prophets in the religious world. Lamarck, ers all such movements have proven men's success and failure. He says of himself in his fa- Plato, Aristotle, Goethe, and above all the great genius, mous letter to Dr. Priestly:

resting upon the ruins and meditating on the causes of and veneration as prophets of civilization. the misfortunes of the human race."

two lines at the end of his pamphlet on "The Law of Na- the human race.

live for thy fellow-citizens, that they may live for thee." tianity and sound, benevolent philosophy? It combines his interest so to be." the importance of education with the moral beauty of the

torments of man.

of men's minds begins thus:

"Hail solitary ruins, holy sepulchres and silent walls. limits of the regular authority." You I invoke, to you I address my prayer. While your aspect averts, with secret terror, the vulgar regard, it ex- by a man who lived when a king's power of life and death cites in my heart the charm of delicious sentiments, sub- was undisputed. lime contemplations. What useful lessons, what affecting | Public opinion has reached kings on their thrones, limand profound reflections, you suggest to him who knows iting them to regular authority, and the despots of Vol- own teachings. Magnetic healers how to consult you.'

the neck before its tyrants, you had already proclaimed pets of legislatures and public opinion. the truths which they abhor; and confounding the dust of the king with that of the meanest slave; had announced to brother, Rev. Myers, knows the extent and antedated to make him appear the man the sacred dogma of equality. Within your pale, in and demands it, and my heart attends the cry. the impassioned multitude armed with fire and sword, but fulfilled. under the august aspect of justice, poising in her hand the sacred balance wherein are weighed the actions of men at the gates of eternity."

> Visiting the sandy ruins of Thebes, Volney writes: "There a people now forgotten discovered, while others were yet barbarians, the elements of the arts and sci-A race of men now rejected from society for their sable skin and frizzled hair founded on the study of the laws of nature those civil and religious systems which still govern the universe."

> You will perhaps reject the conclusions of Volney as to the importance of the early negro intellect. His view is strongly supported. Lucian says of the negroes:

"The Ethiopians were the first who invented the science cents. It is a remarkable book.

telling, followed by the apprehension of lation against their clairvoyants, mag-

using the United States mail, is a warn- They yet have redress for their ills-it

judicial tribunal. She declared that the accused parties are guilty

she was not a fortune teller, but that charged. The very next arrest may be

by the spirits-that Spiritualism was honest medium? None whatever, and,

her religion, and she was one of its me- as a matter of fact, she is even at a

diums. This testimony had no bearing disadvantage as compared with the

on the case, and she was found guilty fraud. The former has no organization

as charged. The result will be of in- to help her either with money or sym-

terest to every Spiritualist in the land. Dathy, while the latter is sustained by

for the case will serve as a precedent tions to which our attention has been

in determining the relationship of for- called. Money is contributed freely by

purpose of carrying on his practice of dium that we urge the necessity of

United States Court. If he can and does treasury with the coin of the realm,

rather strange that he should be per- | sionary work carried on. Now is the

secuted and prosecuted for doing good, I time to act! Persecution is at hand-

There is no doubt whatever that the indeed, is even now rife. Get in out

medical fraternity is back of this at- of the rain before it is too late. Sup-

tempt upon the doctor. The members port the N. S. A: and victory is yours.—

port their Cause. Were it not for the ably known in this city as a medium,

become more and more devoted to their to consciousness, but which proved un-

ing much to sustain what they feel to lying at the Morgue, subject to the dis-

be the truth, Spiritualists, on the con- posal of his friends and relatives. He

would find its way into the treasury of By F. E. Titus, Barrister, Toronto, Can-

These self-same Spiritualists would tions into Life, Force and Substance.

even smile complacently at those who and conclusions therefrom. Price 10

tinue to train with the old-parties, pre- Price 25 cents. For sale at this office.

were persecuting them, then go up and | cents. For sale at this office.

of that tyrannical trust would not Banner of Light.

to find support.

should vote as a unit for the principles

that are near and dear to their hearts,

Because they have not done so, they are

reaping just what they have sown.

is organization, and through organiza-

Admitting for argument's sake, that

that of the most reliable medium in the

field to-day. What protection has the

it to the fraud's defense, and the result

is an acquittal, whereas the genuine is

convicted from the lack of proper sup-

port. It is for the sake of the true me-

centre invested with power. Let them

rally around its standard, and fill its

A Great Reform Projected.

a movement is on foot to organize a

Labor Union, allowing only Christians

who do not smoke or drink to member-

If as a prefatory act they apply the

test of the Master as to who are Chris-

it shall not hurt them:" Mark 16:18.

then we apprehend the membership will

It is presumed this test will be

dodged, just as it has been by these

people of large pretensions, ever since

Dr. Willis Edwards.

Dr. Willis Edwards, at one time favor-

committed suicide last week. He was

taken to the Cook county hospital.

where efforts were made to restore him

availing. The body, we are told, is now

was a most excellent medium at times.

but unfortunately he was unbalanced

"The Panthelsm of Modern Science."

ada. A summary of recent investiga-

spondency committed suicide.

be quite limited.

churches were organized.

In one of Chicago's suburban towns

Persecution is Rife.

Dr. J. O. Batdorf, of Grand Rapids,

Mich., on the charge of fraudulently

ing to Spiritualists as to what they may

expect, if they continue in their present

inert condition. Miss Baker was found

guilty, but was recommended to the

mercy of the court. Sentence was sus-

pended, pending an appeal to a higher

she gave only what was given to her

The case of Dr. Batdorf is somewhat

different, as he uses the mails for the

and was victorious in every respect

when the case was brought before the

scruple at anything to secure the over-

throw of a successful irregular prac-

titioner. We are not familiar with the

present charge against Dr. Batdorf, but

it is similar to the one with which he

was confronted in 1895. We have no

hesitation in declaring it without foun-

If Miss Baker and Dr. Batdorf are

frauds, then of course they should be

brought to justice. But the question of

fraud is or seems to be a side issue with

the prosecution. It looks as if their

aim was directed at those who can and

In other words, it is the destruction of

mediumship by prosecution, rather than

the rooting of fraud that concerns the

officers of the law. This is just what

Spiritualists may expect so long as they

refuse to organize and faithfully sup-

suffering it would entail upon innocent

people, general persecution would be

wholesome medicine for all Spiritual-

ists to take. The Christian Scientists!

cause under persecution, even sacrific-

trary, have been in the habit of slinking

out of signt when persecution has come,

of regret, saying, "Worcan do nothing,"

and then put an iron clamp upon their

some organization.

pocketbooks, lest ten cents or a dollar

vote the Republican or Democratic

tickets, regardless of the character and

cast their ballots. Even when the men

they elected to office pass stringent

medical laws, and make our meditins

outlaws, many of the Spiritualists con-

and honor. If the Spiritualists would

and would be repealed. Spiritualists at this office.

do purvey spiritual wares to the public.

and based upon fraud.

dation, having been begotten in iniquity ship.

tune telling to Spiritualism.

The arrest of Miss Etta Baker, of

We advise you to read "Volney's Ruins of Empires." of the stars, and gave names to the planets, not at random Volney was born in France in 1757. He devoted him and without meaning, but descriptive of the qualities

Charles Fourier, made predictions absolutely accurate, own physician, everybody who thinks . "The part which belongs to me is that of a traveler, and verifying events have proved their right to respect

Page after page of admirable writing, beautiful opti-The essence of Volney's philosophy may be found in mism, is filled by Volney with predictions of the future of

"Man's obstacle is his ignorance which misleads him in "Preserve thyself, instruct thyself, moderate thyself, the means and deceives him in causes and effects. will enlighten himself by experience; he will become right Could there be a more admirable combination of Chris- by dint of errors; he will grow wise and good because it is swelled out with a feeling that he or

"Individuals will feel that private happiness is allied to public good. The weak that, instead of dividing their in-"Education, moderation, combined with unselfish in- terests, they ought to unite them, because equality constiterest in other men, will indeed accomplish the true work tutes their force; the rich that the measure of enjoyment of civilization. For causes of evil, there are two: Ignor- is bounded by the constitution of the organs, and that lasance and Cupidity. These are the twin sources of all the situde follows satiety; the poor that the employment of time and the peace of the heart compose the highest hap-The invocation with which he opens his splendid study piness of man. And public opinion, reaching kings on their thrones, will force them to confine themselves to the

There is prophecy in that last sentence. It was written

ney's youth, their wings clipped by the revolution to laughed at every thing but magnetism, "When the whole earth, in chains and silence, bowed which men like Volney gave birth, are now the mere pup-

"The world is waiting for a legislative people; it wishes original. It may be. We don't know. solitary adoration of liberty, I saw her genius arise from | The world is now ruled by legislative peoples. Many will fail where another succeeds, all the mansions of the dead; not such as she is painted by of his prophecies are still to be fulfilled, but they will be will fall sometimes and it is neither to

> A magnificent prophet of hope is Volney, a credit to the human race and to the glorious French nation, which has contributed so much to human welfare. In this prophecy the hope of all humanity is expressed: "The human race will become one great society, one in-

dividual family, governed by the same spirit, by common | hands, through suggestion, prayer, silaws, and enjoying all the happiness of which their nature lence, manipulation or by the use even Read "Volney's Ruins of Empires." In that single book

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Who Can Kindly Assist Him?

To the Editor:-I desire to inform the many friends of Mrs. Perkins that for Baltimore, on the charge or fortune now face to face with unjust class legisthe past week she has seemed to lose netic healers, and mediums. They have all that she has gained and is very feeble and prostrate at present. She only themselves to blame for it, and are is very anxious to go to California to the salt water where institutions of cure can be entered that will revive her and where are many of our friends, ing a congressional investigation into tion, the ballot. When they recognize The drawback at present is the lack of | the various systems of healing, thus letthis fact, they can render every true fluances. If any generous soul having ting the tub stand on its own bottom medium in the United States perfectly the money to lend us will send the safe, and make it impossible for frauds same, Box 64, Rolla, Mo., every dollar will be carefully recorded and returned as soon as I can get to earning some. To our many donors and well-wishing GEO. F. PERKINS.

Box 64, Rolla, Mo.

We hope that Spiritualists generally will kindly send something at once to Mr. Perkins to enable him to go friends in California. Mrs. Perkins is certainly in a most deplorable state. Her physical condition has unbalanced her mind, and she requires constant attention. We will send him at once \$2 and hope that others will follow our example-sending him something, howhealing the sick. About six years ago, lorganization upon Spiritualists. They ever little it may be. We hope that all he was subjected to a similar indignity, have their N. S. A. and its little nucleus who read this, and are blessed with at Washington. It is now their only some means, will respond at once to this call, for this case is most pitiable. Whatever you send him will be considaddresses, etc., it is probable that wing beat the sick by means of what he that true mediums may be protected ered in the light of a loan, if you so deturned. Don't sleep, eat or drink until vou have assisted in this matter, performing a humanitarian, angelic deed, You will be made the richer by the act.

DISAPPOINTED.

There are songs enough for the hero Who dwells on the heights of fame: sing for the disappointed. For those who missed their aim.

I sing with a tearful cadence For one who stands in the dark. And knows that his last arrow Has bounded back from the mark.

tians-"If they drink any deadly thing LI sing for the breathless runner, The eager, anxious soul Who falls with his strength exhausted Almost in sight of the goal:

> For the hearts that break in silence With a sorrow all unknown; For those who need companions, Yet walk their ways alone.

There are songs enough for the lovers, Who share love's tender pain. sing for the one whose passion Is given all in vain. For those whose spirit comrades

Have missed them on the way. sing with a heart o'erflowing, This minor strain to-day.

And I know the solar system Must somewhere keep in space A prize for that spent runner Who barely lost the race. and have folded their hands with a sigh | mentally and morally, and in a fit of de | For the plan would be imperfect

Unless it held some sphere That paid for the toil and talent And love that are wasted here. -Ella Wheeler Wilcox in the Chicago American.

"Principles of Light and Color."

E. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL. D. A truly

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will be delighted with it.

A Matter of Very Great Importance.

If you are not a healer yourself, read this anyhow and call the attention of any healer you may know of, to the following words of timely warning.

With a view to self-protection against unfust persecution at the hands of the medical trust, backed by silly laws enacted and enforced by the same class of creatures who crucified Jesus and burned witches, several attempts have been made to organize the natural healers of this country, but owing to a lack failures. It should not be so. Everybody who wants the right to choose his he knows enough to judge for himself whether or not he needs drugging, and above all the natural healer should take an active interest in any movement that may help him in retaining his natural rights.

The trouble in the past has been that most of our healers have been too conceited and inflated with self-importance to give credit where it was due; she was the only healer because of some phenomenal success, many would turn up their noses and refuse to affillate with those whom they considered their inferiors. Others whose success was limited because of lack of understanding, development or perseverance would denounce the claims of their more successful brethren as humbug, and in turn refuse to affiliate with those whom they through petty jealousy dubbed frauds.

Again classes have been opposed to each other, for no other reason than that they resorted to different means to accomplish a certain work. With Christian scientists everything was fraud but Christian Science. Mental scientists would admit nothing but its Now it is strange that such progressive people should be so very unprogressive. Then there are those who had bigoted notions to the effect that no man nor law-could interfere with them, etc.

All that is nonsense. No one person or class has a monopoly on healing; one the credit nor the discredit of a healer to succeed or fail if he does his utmost. Regardless of what our individual opinions are as to the best means of healing, we must admit that we do not yet know it all, and that it is a divine force (the father in heaven) which does the work be it through the laying on of of drugs. We should remember that we are but instruments through which the Infinite manifests in various ways. intelligently read, there is an education.-New York and instead of fostering feelings of jealousy and disdain, we should have room for nothing but love and encouragement for our co-workers in the vineyard of Let it be so no longer. Let us all

unite in one grand organization, that will cover the entire continent and eventually wind its way across the seas and around the world. Let us have an organization that will offer a solid front to all unjust legislation and persecution, one that will fight every single case for its individual members when they are unjustly brought into courts, and further an organization that will not only be strong enough to effect the repeal of unjust laws and passage of such as are just, but one that will go to the very bottom of the matter by inducand giving the whole people of the country the truth at first hand leaving them to judge them for themselves if they want any more drugs or not. The health of the people of the nation is a friends we extend our heartfelt thanks. | national matter anyhow, and state legislation on the question should be abolished together, as it is not only nonsensical but most always dictated by the medical trust.

> Though somewhat discouraged by the experience in the past, of others in the organization of healers, I am going to make one grand effort to establish an ideal society of the kind and hope I will meet with the proper encouragement from all healers. It is no small task to make a success of the matter, when there are so many diversified opinions, but if everybody will put his shoulder to the wheel we will soon get it rolling. So, one and all of you-every individual who desires to preserve his or her natural rights, to choose your own mode of treatment when ill, to heal, etc.—come into-the fold.

You cannot stand alone. In Illinois

to-day you make yourself liable to the law if you so much as lay a finger on a atient without first standing nation on massage before a gang of political beelers (mind I do not say healers) who know about as much of healing as a pig knows of Sunday-school teaching. You may think you can fight your own battles, but when the officer of the law gets you by the collar and puts you in a dingy hole for curing somebody, all your spluttering will amount to nothing unless you have plenty of money to squander, and then you will not get justice. If you know, what is to your interest, be you a Christian scientist or a hydropath, don't fail to take advantage of this opportunity to get your rights in full. Attempts will be made during the next session of the legislatures of Illinois, Wisconsin. Ohio, Missouri, Florida and Texas to prohibit all but medicinal healing. Even mental or absent treatments are to come under the ban. I know many will say it can't be done. Don't be so foolish. Legislatures have legislative power and they can legislate to suit their own fancies. The medical fraternity are organized and petition for such laws as suit their purposes, while the natural healers being unorganized, can not do anything effective; though they may write a letter to their representative asking for justice, they will only be laughed at for their pains.

My plans in regard to this organization will lead us to success and gain for us our indisputable rights. We will make war on no man and even the progressive medical practitioner may join our ranks, but not the old-time, dyed-inwool quack: we want none of him.

Now in closing, let me ask you not to expect very long personal letters, if any, as my time and means are limited. Will not answer any letters unless stamped envelope is enclosed, and, the nature of the communication requires it. If you are in favor of such an organization as I spoke of, send your name and address and ten cents in silver for prospectus, plans, etc., at once, which I will send you as soon as I can

get them out. Fraternal and progressive periodicals lease copy.

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What Has Spiritualism to Offer Us, in Advance of Other Religions?

The principal predicate of this ad-1 the same light that lighted the people (cago, and scores of others scattered and tyranny. When the bloody-handed every spirit has an equal right to the through and pervades Spiritualism is dress will be, that Spiritualism is val- of Egypt, nevertheless, the sunlight, or throughout the land have absorbed Constantine was converted to Chris- love of the Infinite, and that when for all. nable as a living, present light.

new. "There is nothing new under the nothing to read about it. We have it world that need Spiritualism so much antism it ceased to be the great spirit climb to that height, or gain admittance after. You will live, every human besented to the mind and spirit of man, ever preached from a Christian pulpit, vivifying flame to their teaching con- tended to bear forward, and became the each one must advance upon the ground spirit will live. A knowledge of Spirit-

light, there the inspiration of the Most inspired." High was known; and that ministering presences and powers revealed them- | dead thing of the past, and one of the selves unto those who worshiped on the reasons that Spiritualism is in advance banks of the Nile. We do not deny that | of every other religion of to-day is that In far India those who worshiped at the lit does not dispute and reject spiritual shrine of Brahm, the Infinite, Eternal gifts. There is no church, except in Good, and who believed in the manifes- isolated cases, if we except the Roman tation of Brahm in the threefold pre- Catholic church, that has steadily and sentation of Brahma, Vishnu, Sivi, the persistently kept alive the idea of creator, preserver and destroyer, also, spiritual gifts in all these two thousand in the primal inception and thought of years; and the Romish Church has their religion, received the inspiration hedged it around with such difficulties. and ministrations of the Most High and such penalties, that very few people of angel messengers. We do not deny can practice spiritual gifts, with the able to minister unto others. We do not to practice healing and various other one or all of them? Do you mean the fluence of fear, to drive people, whether Buddhism, were really led by inspira- festations of Spiritualism. More than and the Protestant Church there has the religion of your childhood days. earth in every period of human history; New York, one of the principal priests | Every foot of English soil has been a leyes at night, lest you might awaken in levery kingdom of life, that there has been something to cor- in that diocese received from Arch- buttle ground between two of these the morning in the place of everlasting to-day among all nations and religions, mission to heal in public, because so the various denominations that have dread to meet death, dread to meet the that which relates to the soul. You may

the sign and token in the "burning Dr. Newton to be healed, he being a another to death for heresy, for violat- not be wholesome, cannot be truthful, bush" and "pillar of fire." and in the healer also. tablets upon which were inscribed the | Thus you will perceive that one essenancient law; nor do we deny that the tial proposition is, that Spiritualism is desecrated, when the altars and shrines the Mount of Transfiguration Moses and Elias appeared and held converse with Jesus while the three disciples bowed down in awe and wonder. We do not deny that in various times and places those endowed with gifts of the spirit were seen and heard, and performed the wonders that are recorded.

We would ask every Spiritualist, as well as every church member, to turnto Paul's epistles on "Spiritual Gifts," for they will find it most instructive, even for to-day. Since there is no manifestation referred to, no gift there mentioned that does not find its parallel at the present time in spiritualistic mani-

When Joseph went down into Egypt,

sun;" and there is nothing new, as pre- from one of the most eloquent men that as the clergy; they need it to give a of reformation that Martin Luther in falsely into the state of happiness; that ing will live, every child of earth in concerning the future and concerning who said, placing his hand upon the cerning immortality; they need it to re- means of political feuds, and finally of spiritual unfoldment and progress. | unlism-merely technical knowledgeimmortality, but Spiritualism is the Bible: "This book is not inspiration; store the ancient alters of spiritual wars, the like of which have never been latest evidence; it is the present light | there is no inspiration between the cov- | gifts, which have been so long ne- | heard of. We do not deny that, down in Egypt, the printer, the binder, the compiler and part, at the time of death-so-called- shrines in its lowly places, bearing for- if one possesses this light it is a guide, not help you spiritually. That which Where the light of Osiris shone and the translator; the original manuscripts the message of eternal life; not only ward the message of love and life im- not only to that one but to others. veiled Isis, Mother Earth, gave her were written possibly under inspiration. through faith, but through the knowl- mortal, is something to be valued, some- Then Spiritualism settles the ques- shall be manifested here and hereafter. child Horus to be the representation of If I find inspiration there I must be edge and conviction and the manifest- thing to be prized more than lofty tem- tion, "Where are our departed friends?" The substance of spiritual treasure is

Inspiration is a living thing, not a We do not deny that Moses received many Roman Catholics were going to been at different times ready to put one messengers of the immortal world can-

presence of the angels predicting the There is no evidence cited in all the with each other for two thousand years.

mammon, and to external forms and reading into their Bibles the inspiration ceremonials. We do not deny that upon given them at the present time. In this way they have been able to lead the

Spiritualism supersedes other reigions, not where they are founded in truth as a philosophy, but solely on the ground of its presenting at the present time that which the word needs to satisfy the enquiring mind concerning the continuity of existence; concerning the immortality of the soul. Many who were materialists or agnostics have found that which comforted them in their hour of grief and mourning have sist upon being protected at the point come to Spiritualism to find a broader of the bayonet, when it was against interpretation of the love of God, and as is recorded, and by his wonderful the manifesting power of the spirit and powers became the favorite of the king, angelic presences. Spiritualism, prolicipust? and by his wisdom garnered up the ably, has done more to break down the grain which was to serve in the time of | barriers between the different denomigreat famine, it was the voice of the inations and creeds than any other facspirit that led him. He was inspired so ftor in the world. The Liberal Church than Spiritualism is for the falsehoods unlists, there are no condemned among be given out in piecemeals, it may be to-speak and to act that the king be-leven is not excepted; but through Spir- perpetrated in its name; or than Liberty | the Spiritualists. leved in him. But there is no one that itualism, Universalism, Unitarianism is responsible for the many oppressions. to-day can be fed upon the grain that and independent churches all over the that have been perpetrated under its Joseph hoarded up in Egypt then; there country have been more and more per- name. All truth bears this great per- meet the light of the spirit. That no is no one that to-day can be prevented petunted, enlarged and increased, version: that the moment it is anfrom famine by reading that story. Tet | While in the Congregational and va- nounced there must be attached to the have knowledge for you; that no one you are asked by the clergy to receive rious other churches and denominations truth the foibles, failings and passions can have goodness for you. It would spiritual sustenance by reading of what | Spiritualism has offered the only of men.

ing power of the spirit.

made creeds?

The Sermon on the Mount is the only prophets saw in visions and revelations a living testimony; the fulfillment of creed; the Golden Rule is the only prethe various testimonials that are re- that of which you read in ancient times. | cept. Yet all sects, for the sake of corded in the Old Testament. We do You are required or requested to be- creed and dogma of these various Chris- phasizes the manifesting presence of not deny the manifesting power and lieve that these things do not occur, tian denominations have been at war infinite love in all the works of nature; always the same. We have no different light that was to come unto Judea when pages of the Book that is claimed to be The Prince of Peace brought love and the inspiration and prophecies had been authority on this subject, to show that kindness in his message; yet they wage are not evidences of his revenge; these forgotten, when the temple had been you may not have the evidence to-day. | war against him; wage war in his name | are but the purifying agencies of life. Many Christian clergymen have come to-day. The King of Germany, a Chris- Spiritualism emphasizes the fact that, had been turned over to the worship of to full knowledge of Spiritualism by tian Emperor, praises God that he and although the body dies in some of those God had been victorious against France. Also the Christian nation and

Emperor of Russia starts out to invade China, and all Christian nations seek to join together and do with Gatling guns what the missionaries were not able to do. This is said to be following in the light of the Prince of Peace. Spiritualism says: the weapons of the

spirit are those of love, and repeats and reiterates the Sermon on the Mount: declares again the Golden Rule. If you were in China you would consider that deavor to make converts of you and in- 1 ing the state of the spirit."

for the abuses practiced in its name, there are no "elect" among the Spirit-

While it is the same ancient splendor, Boston, the Rev. Dr. Thomas of Chi- the formulated means of oppression inheritance. Spiritualism teaches that for all, and the light that shines in and of spiritual truth shall set man free!

ing laws shaped by man, and men- cannot be in keeping with the love of

Spiritualism is superior because it emphasizes the love of God, not his anger; his care, not his hatred; it emthe thunder-cloud is not an indication cataclysms of nature, the spirit is provided for and helped in the hour of peril, in the hour of its separation from the body.

"Spiritualism," said Theodore Parker, "is the natural religion of man; though phenomena, I know it is to be the re- but you also must build according to ligion of the future." "Spiritualism." says Heber Newton,

"is the only religion that teaches man the truth concerning the resurrection." "Spiritualism," says Rabbi Well, a found the evidence in Spiritualism that no nation or people had a right to force noted Jewish Rabbi, "is to become the they failed to find in the church. Many their religion upon you. If Chinese religion of the future because it bears that is Eternal Good." One in Arabia who were in the church and had not i missionaries should come here and en- to man the most perfect truth concern-

> religions, not only because it is a living I tion, with the Shastas. Zend Avestas. your wish that they should minister light, because it shines upon you to-day, the Koran and Bible there is but one in your presence, would you consider it because its altars of inspiration are truth: the light of eternal good, the swept, and garnished, and lighted light of eternal love, the immortality Yet Christianity, in its original form lanew every day and hour, but because and statement, is no more responsible it teaches the perfect equality of souls:

> > Spiritualism teaches that every life must grow and advance from within to be preposterous to tell a child: "You do

its manifestation, must be for to-day. from Spiritualism the living evidence tianity, the power of Christianity was there is growth, knowledge and unfold. We do not ask you to be converted or It is not claimed by Spiritualists that spiritual truth is like sanshine and concerning the future life. sealed. When the wicked King of ment every spirit will enter into that be lost; we do not say that if you are Spiritualism in its essential truths is food: men need it continually. It is Why! there is no class of men in the England became converted to Protest-right. But by no subterfuge can one not a Spiritualist you will not live here-

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not only a great leveler, but it strength- | "scientific knowledge," as some of our ers of this book. This is the work of glected and denied; they need it to im- To-day Spiritualism, at its humble ens all things of light and goodness, for friends insist upon having it, that will

ples with organs pealing, with vast Settles it, not by narrow-limits or not in technical knowledge, but in the But faith itself, as defined by Paul in aisles and arches, and windows that boundary lines, but by the broad lines goodness, the charity, the loving the new version of the Bible, is the evi- shut out the light of heaven with many- of the universe. The spirit realm is not kindness. dence of spiritual things. Whatever colored glasses. Oh! we have the sim- a walled in city, not a limited territory. evidence, therefore, can come to one plicity of a primal religion, the sim- The kabalistic and figurative expres- spirit life and he was blind. He was from within and above, that is the only plicity of that which brings to hu- sion in the Bible, the "New Jerusalem," great in earthly knowledge, he had all foundation for faith. Faith is knowl- manity ouce more the inspiration of under the interpretation of Spiritualism scientific love, but he had no spiritual edge based upon higher propositions truth. Like that which came to George | becomes a city of beauty with its beau- perception. We have seen a lowly man than creeds and external dogmas; is Fox and the Quakers; like that which tiful temple of life, for every precious of toll, like any of you who are sitting based upon the living light, upon the came to Mother Ann Lee and the Shak- stone in those sacred walls must be in- here may be, enter spirit life luminous, testimony within the soul, upon that ers; like that which came to John Wes- terpreted to mean a cardinal virtue, a aware, awake, alive, not because he which belongs to the spirit, and is the ley, teaching a milder form of Protest- principle of goodness, a goodly life. So had scientific knowledge and instrucright of each human spirit to know. | antism than had been taught before: | instead of being a narrow and limited | tion of earth, but because he had It is amusing, considering the fact and so through all this Western world, kingdom of heaven, where but a few knowledge of goodness in his heart. that Christianity has been constantly when he formed little "circles" for of God's children can dwell, the walls The great illuming power of the spirit that in India a certain class of men sanction of the Romish Church. Never- dividing into sects and denominations communion, the power of the spirit expand just as spirit qualities grow world is sympathy and love. Go to were called upon to receive spiritual theless, within the past fifty years, and warring among themselves, that came among the primitive Methodists. broad and great. The sky is luminous youder seance room, and what is the gifts; that the yogas and others, setting since Spiritualism has been in the any one should come up and ask us Grown popular now, and worldly, this with worlds and systems peopled with power that is manifest there? Do they themselves from their fellows, received world, the Romish Church has given what Spiritualism has superior to those power of the spirit is well nigh crushed souls like yours. Eternity and immortiell you to read a formula? Do they tell the knowledge of those gifts and were especial dispensations to many priests religious. Which one do you mean? out; or it has turned into a hypnotic in- tality are the rightful inheritance of all. you to bring a book on chemistry, or deny that in China the followers of spiritual gifts lest the people should be Romish Church, from which seas of they will or no, into the kingdom of human beings; makes the mind and the you to sing to harmonize your spirits Confucius, and later those who adopted led away from the church by the mani- blood have been shed; between which heaven through terror. You remember spirit and the heart more receptive and that you may be, with one accord, in susceptible to truth; gives unto each tion-we consider that the ministrations | thirty-five years ago, when Dr. J. R. been perpetual war? Do you mean the Possibly some of you may recall with one the liberty of finding all the knowl- festations. Is it the skilled chemist of spiritual powers have come to the Newton practiced healing in the city of Protestant Episcopal, State Church? what fear and terror you closed your edge that is possible to be found in that makes the manifestations from the

Not only in chemistry, in geology, in respond to the outpouring of the spirit bishop Hughes and from the Pope per- powers of Christianity. Do you mean torment. That which makes children astronomy, in mathematics, but also, in know all that you can and still the universe will be filled with what you do not know.

> It is so surprising that in all other things man considers that the world shall advance, and not be permitted to advance in the manifestation of spiritual truth. Remember primal truth is nathematics from that which Pythagoras knew. The pyramids of Egypt were built upon exact geometrical lines; but we are not to build pyramids always, because the Egyptians required them to protect their records from the inundations of the Nile, because in that form the sacredness of past records could be best preserved. Those temples and sacred monuments were built along geometrical lines; but you are not compelled to build your cities after the have not had time to investigate its | manner of the cities of ancient Egypt, mathematics. So Spiritualism, although it presents a new manifestation of an ancient truth, must be in accordance with that ancient truth.

What is that ancient truth? One in India sald, "There is but one truth, and said. "There is but one truth, and that is Eternal Love." So over all the world, Spiritualism is superior to the other | with the tomes and volumes of inspiraof the soul and the fraternity of man. This is all the truth, but it may be presented in multitudinous ways; it may elaborated and enlarged, the way in which it shall be manifested may be knowledge of immortal life. These are lows, in your darkness and gloom. what Spiritualism offers instead of ritunis, forms, ceremonies and creeds.

Spiritualism is a great leveler; it is will not help you greatly, or the helps each life is that the spirit equally

We have seen a materialist enter

Spiritualism broadens the views of astronomy, or mathematics? They ask that place receptive to spiritual manicabinet? or the skilled mathematician? Ah! it is a greater power than that, it is the power of love that can dissolve substance, and make the thickest wall of adamant as though it were vapor when seeking to manifest to the one it loves. Even human love can surmount all obstacles and barriers, can traverse mountains, scale walls and swim through rivers and torrents to get to the object of its affection.

There is a beautiful story told in the Orient, of two lives placed upon sepa-They remembered one another, yet they could not reach each other. They had great love and great longings for each other. They each resolved to send forth waves of love, until at last, wave upon wave circle upon circle they spanned the spaces that divided and were re-united. What will not the spirit mother do to greet her child? What will not the departed companion do to greet the beloved, or be it a brother, sister or friend? The barriers of human ignorance, of human passion and of human strivings, these are what keep you from your loved ones. The blind eves that will not see, the deaf ears that will not hear, the minds that will not understand this message that is close beside you.

Dear friends, Spiritualism offers that which will spiritualize your lives, will make your bodies less and your spirits more important, will make of your houses of clay but places of habitation, your bodies but instruments to use to fulfill the great work of the spirit. When luminous and full of light the world shall at last rise from its spiritual lethargy and shake off this darkness that has been upon it, how wonderful it will feel to awaken in that realm, that is not far away, and find the loving eyes turned upon you, and the loving voices that have been here all the time. new even to the immortal soul, the com- It is only you that have been away, munion between the two worlds, all laway in your earthliness, in your shad-

Let him who will journey to Jerusa lem, to Mecca or Medina for the prophet We wage no war with any one's re- or the Christ; let him who will go to St. the prophets, seers and ancient teachers illumination they have had concerning Beware of any religion when Kings not need to be a man yourself, your ligion, but If one has fed upon husks Peter's in Rome, or St. Paul's or Westhave given. The sun that shone in future life. The clergyman who appropriate it for the purpose of em- father can be a man for you." Would and prefers grain; if one has been given minster in London, or follow where the Egypt cannot ripen your harvest fields preaches the most Spiritualism in his pire; beware of any religion the mo- the child be satisfied? Would you pre- a stone instead of bread, we say, the multitude worship, but the light of the now, but it is that which will shine to- pulpit is the most popular to-day. The ment it becomes the weapon for politi- vent him from growing, and studying, bread is for you, come and help your- spirit is not there. There will not be morrow. The grain planted all over Rev. Heber Newton of New York and cal or personal power and aggrandize and unfolding because his father had selves bountifully at the table that is release from the shadow and terror of this beautiful State must depend upon the Rev. Minot J. Savage and the Rev. ment, for then it ceases to drink at the knowledge? Spiritualism teaches that spread. The Infinite's love is for all, death, and the grave will not have lost the sunshine of this summer to ripen it. Dr. Bartol, now deceased, formerly of fountains of inspiration and becomes every spirit has a right to its immortal the manifesting power of the spirit is life victory until this luminous splendor

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IS THERE PROGRESS IN HEAVEN?

"In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for but in general he imagines a sort of great paradise made - wou."-John xiv:2.

Of human beings a vast majority believe in heaven.

Somewhere in the Universe permanent, eternal, bliss- the Creator. ful, humanity's everlasting home is located. At first men thought that heaven was just above their heads—and ing over the war stories in Odin's Hall in Walhalla. that the other place, less pleasant to think of, was just below their feet.

The discovery that the earth turned round every day spoiled the up and down theory. It taught men that there is no up and no down in the universe. But somewhere among the stars heaven must be, no

matter how far away in the vast regions. "And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to num-

ber them."-Genesis xv: 5.: Thus the Lord spoke to Abraham.

But as the time has rolled by our ideas of cosmic space and distance have changed.

made up of millions of suns. The tiny group of the pleiades contains tens of thousands of suns, and in the black spaces in the star dust of

the milky way are depths that no telescope can fathom. Light goes around the earth seven times in a second. If our souls left this earth with the speed of light it would take thousands of years for them to get outside of that little corner of the material universe which is visible to us without telescopic eyes.

We are compelled to cease discussing the probable loca-

tion of heaven. Suns and planets like our own, governed by the laws that govern us, confront us and bewilder our feeble minds eternity of change from one great solar system to another? wherever investigation leads us.

But still men delight in speculation as to the reward that is promised them.

The Indian believes that somewhere innumerable hordes of buffaloes and bears are preserved that he may slaughter them through all eternity.

The Eskimo hopes for tall icebergs with seals and walruses in plenty.

The Cingalese expects beautiful forests and gardens with rice and curry and cocoanuts unlimited. The Mohammedan dies fighting the Christian, firmly the promise: convinced that a heaven full-of attractive young women

awaits him.

The Christian of varied intellect has various longings. up of precious materials, a sort of golden gothic cathedral, in which through all eternity he will sing the praises of

Our own Northern ancestors imagined themselves tell-

What is the essential characteristic that intellect would ask for in an ideal eternal abode?

Is is not PROGRESS? By progress we mean growth, improvement, change, Of all horrors known to the human soul, none is greater than the horror of monotony.

Can we conceive of the same songs being sung for ever through endless billions of years? Can we conceive of the same conversations, the same body with the thermometer standing at thoughts, the same mental attitude?

Can we, in short, conceive a condition in which QUES- at least 72 degrees." Thus you see TIONS do not come up for mental discussion? Where cannot conceive eternal happiness without mental activ- cepted everything as it was presented. ity, and hence without growth.

It might be possible to imagine each soul in heaven endowed with absolute wisdom and knowledge, making further progress impossible. But this would be to imagine all equal to the Creator.

-"God set stars in the firmament of heaven."-Genesis Are not those stars themselves, unlimited in number,

the actual heaven provided for us? Are they not the "many mansions" promised by the Savior to His followers?

Would not the human mind above the rank of the Eskimo fisher or Mohammedan warrior view with delight an Could any destiny be more glorious than a constant progress with constant improvement through a universe

eternal and unlimited? How beautiful to find everywhere the rules of God working perpetually and impartially for the improvement of His children, enabling them by their own efforts and

An eternity of change and of progress—it would justify

"Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward -Chicago American. in heaven."-Matthew v:12.

THE HOME CIRCLE.

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I saw in a late issue of The Progressive Thinker a communication stating that Spiritualism could be believed if the phenomena could be produced to them in a way that they would know it people is, they do not make any attempt, or go to any trouble to be convinced. Some time ago I had -a man ask me why it was that mediums al--ways asked the audience to give them wanted the audience to help? What do ness myself, I asked him if he could and believed what I chose; but when I took a room in my own home and papered it complete, with black paper, and a black cabinet, I soon began to have some results that I am willing to swear to. I used, and still use, that room for nothing but to sit in and hold our circle three times each week and we do certainly have grand results. Thus you see I have taken a little trouble to in; vestigate, and if all doubtful ones will do the same, they will beet results in their own home. No one on earth controls the spirit world. My guides go to visit other circles and their guides and friends come and visit? ourst! so you must understand that they will visit About the first of June I thought one

of my guides had gone away for a time as I had not seen her for a few days, and on the 15th of the month, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, I'I felt as though I wanted to write, so I just took a piece of chalk from my pocket, as I. had no pencil, and on an old piece of HENRY W. BLAKENEY.

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What Next? While the Symposium is being digested by the patrons of The Progressive Thinker it may be well to begin to wonder and conjecture upon the question: What Next? Your neighbor's paper. You want one of your own. 2 cents a week.

. GENERAL SURVEY ...

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

CONTRIBUTORS.—Each contributor L. Murphy writes: "The rostrum of is alone responsible for any assertions the Church of-the Spirit Communion, or statements he may make. The editor | Kenwood Hall, 4308 Cottage Grove aveallows this freedom of expression, be- nue, was occupied Sunday evening, lieving that the cause of truth can be June 30, by Rev. J. O. M. Hewitt, best subserved thereby. Many of the whose subject was 'What is Spiritualsentiments uttered in an article may be ism Worth to You? Mr. Hewitt is au diametrically opposed to his belief, yet earnest, forceful, eloquent speaker. He that is no reason why they should be is not only a faithful, zealous advocate suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly in the cause of truth, but he is an honunderstood that our space is inadeto hand, however much we might desire large number of the audience were forto do so. That must account for. the tunately favored by receiving beautiful non-appearance of YOUR article.

WRITH PLAINLY.-We would like to impress upon the minds of our corres 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 inture insertion in the paper, all other re- be at the service of any society in and quirements being favorable, should be about the city. He will also answer written plainly with ink on white paper, or with a typewriter, and only on one side of the paper.

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

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

lage are cut down to suit the space we have to occupy when received.

into the waste basket.

Will C. Hodge will spend the season at Lily Dale, N. Y., and would be glad to receive 1,000 subscribers to The Progressive Thinker. He will act as our Saturday evening meetings at its hall, agent while there. As a lecturer of 1101 Bedford, New Gates avenue, ability, Mr. Hodge is well known in the Brooklyn, during the summer months,

highly appreciated.

the Zoo Park Camp from there.

Briggs Park, Graud Rapids, July 25 to gladdened by the communications re-28, and Chesterfield, Ind., August 4 to 7. ceived from their loved ones. The

Findlay, Ohio, has a hypnotic school teacher, who uses Svengall methods in teaching and in settling school-yard disputes. His remarkable and unique method has attracted attention from educators all over the country.

The Chicago Chronicle says: "The Hotel Racine, Racine, Wis., furnished an interesting sensation to-day, embracing hypnotism and robbery. Martin Beven, alias M. Forester, claiming to have been a war correspondent of the New York Tribune and who has a bullet in his neck as proof that he took part in the South African war, is the hyppolice are looking, and George Johnson, walked into the city 'broke.' Manager its prettlest."

year here in Washington."

The notion that the horseshoe is a noted for his skill in shoeing horses, to must be righted before you can rest in shoe his "single hoof." Dunstan, knowing who his customer was, tied him lightly to the wall and proceeded with so much pain that he roared for mercy. three old-time Spiritualists of Utica are. The saint at last consented to release enter a place where he saw a horseshoe ter, Mrs. Brundage, and Mrs. Englad displayed.

Mrs. Gerda Pease writes: "Mrs. Celia Hughes, the trumpet medium, of Chicago, has undergone an operation at the hospital. She is recovering nicely, but ists, Mr. Henry Cooper and his aunt, will not resume her public work until Mrs. Henry Fenner, of Cold Brook, the first of September."

Dr. N. F. Raylin is now located at 735 West Eighteenth street, Los Angeles, Cal.

A. Munon writes from Medina. Ohio: elicited much comment and a deep interest with many. Both lectures were followed with spirit messages from the platform and all were recognized."

"William Edwards, 635 Ogden avenue, from individuals or societies relative to swallowed carbolic acid; removed to fall and winter work, also for camp the County Hospital, where he died. season of 1902. Mrs. Bonney's work Edwards was a Spiritualist and had consists of lectures, psychometry and acted as a medium. He became so oc- independent tests. She also gives pricupied with the faith he had been un- vate readings. Her work gives general able to earn a livelihood, which caused satisfaction from the fact that she is him to be despondent. Last night he free from sensationalism and thoroughtold William Hennessy, with whom he ly sincere in all she does. She fealizes boarded, he was tired of life, and went the necessity for honesty in mediumto his room. He drank nearly a pint of | ship and conscientious use of her gifts carbolic acid and suffered terribly some for the benefit of her fellow mortals. time before he died." We have been Nebraska and Iowa friends would do told that the above person was Dr. | well to write us in regard to a series of Willis Edwards, who at one time was grove meetings which we have in conquite a prominent worker in this city, templation for the coming fall. We bebut who finally lost prestige as a me- lieve a great and good work can be ac-

These names are an assurance of first- more good music, singing, charity for class lectures and seances. Ladles' Aid our fellow workers, co-operation, public Fair will be held August 16. Contribu-spirit and not so much isolation. Let tions solicited. Association meeting for us get a move on us and show the world the election of officers August 10. Ad- that we still live by an active propadress all mail matter to Blodgett's ganda for the truth we have discov-Landing, N. H."

est, pure minded, spiritual man. A soul-inspiring messages from their loved ones. The conference meetings in the afternoon is very interesting. spondents that The Progressive Thinker There will be regular church services through the summer season. Visitors are cordially welcome."

Harry J. Moore will be located at 6311 Parnell avenue. Chicago, Ill., and will calls to attend funerals.

Mrs. H. R. Edwards, of Chicago, is now at the Marshalltown, Iowa camp. Correspondence with physical medium desired for engagements at the Wisconsin Camp. As it opens about the time other camps close, it will afford ten days' profitable employment to good mediums. Address either Mrs. O. L. Stewart, Fond du Lac, or Mrs. Nellie R. Baker, Portage, Wis., secretary of W. S. S. A. The Evening News, of Lynn, Mass.,

says: "The Massachusetts State Assoclation of Spiritualists meeting at this pears. This rule will be strictly ad- camp, Sunday, June 30, was a pronounced success. Dr. Alex Caird called the meeting to order and introduced J. B. Hatch, Jr., as chairman, who made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, expressing the regrets of Dr. Ful-Bear in mind that all notices for this ler, the State president, at his inability to be present, and presented Charles and Eddie Hatch in a musical duett. The first speaker was Mrs. Hattie C. Take due notice, that all items for Mason, of Boston, who made a very | ive Church. It was dedicated March 3, a taken of friendship and esteem, and nimity." this page must be accompanied by the stirring address. Little Dell Bird, of by Mr. J. F. Carney, of Rising Sun, as an acknowledgment of five months' full name and address of the writer. It Everette, followed with a recitation. Ind.; Mrs. E. A. Kibby, of Cincinnati, faithful services to the society. will not do to say that Secretary or Cor- | She is but four years old. The Unity | and Miss Edna McDonald, of Urbana, respondent writes so and so, without Quartette saug 'Looking This Way.' giving the full name and address of the President of the National Association writer. The items of those who do not Harrison D. Barrett was introduced ture was given through Mrs. M. E. evening we had hall No. 220 nearly comply with this request will be cast and received a very flattering reception. Delegations were present from all the surrounding towns." .

Geo. A. Delere writes: "The Advance Spiritual Conference holds its regular it being the only meeting held through-On July 3, Georgia, Gladys Cooley left out the year weekly. All members of increasing. This week we have two ap-Columbus, Ohio, and last Sunday lec- other organizations are cordially intured in Buffalo, N. Y. About the 15th vited to come and take part in the of July she will be at the Lily Dale meetings. Good speakers and mediums Camp. Her work in Columbus was are always in attendance; among the mediums who generally take part are Mrs. A. Van Over speaks favorably Dr. Wm. Franks and Mr. Morley, of of the manifestations given through C. Manhattan; Mr. Dorn.of Newark, N. J.; J. Barnes at Greenup, Ill. He goes to Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. Thomas. This conference is in a Lyman C. Howe is booked for camps flourishing condition; its meetings are as follows: Lily Dale, July 12 to 18: well attended and many hearts are

meetings are free to all, only a collec-

tion taken to pay hall rent. Come and

hear from the heralds of truth. The

Progressive Thinker on sale." The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald says: More than 500 people attended the opening sessions of the third annual meeting of the Grand Rapids Spiritualist Camp Association at Briggs Park. Dr. Spinney, of Reed City, was the princlpal speaker for the first four days, lecturing each evening, and other Spirit- Ewell. ualists of equal fame will follow. The L Grand Rapids Spiritualist Camp Association is composed of several prominotist and alleged robber for whom the nent Michigan Spiritualists, and the meetings are attended by people from third cook, is the victim. The alleged all over the country. Briggs Park is a

Marshal of the hotel gave him a job. F. L. Bowen writes: "I will give an Johnson, the cook, took him in and be-experience I had with the spirit of a came his bosom friend. Last night he brother-in-law on the night-of Novemtook the man to a show and when they ber 18, 1900. I had just retired when retired for the night Johnson believes I heard three raps. I said: 'Perhaps it he was hypnotized. At any rate when is some spirit friend that wants to conhe arose this morning the 'war cor- verse with me.' Then the spirit said: respondent' and Johnson's money were 'I am Charley Rhodes. I have come to ask, you to forgive me for the mean Mrs. Irene Smith writes from Ta- things I did to you when I was in earth coma, Wash.: " My work as a teacher life.' Then I said: 'Charley, it is all forand'speaker has so far been confined to given, and now don't feel bad about it California, where I developed as a me- any more.' Then he said: 'I do feel betdium six years ago, except this last | ter now, but I have had a terrible hard time since I came to spirit life in settling up the errors and the mean things protection against evil is as old as the that I did on earth.' Now I want to say hills. There is a legend that the devil to all who may read these lines: 'Let one day asked St. Dunstan, who was this be a lesson to you. All wrongs spirit life."

Alice R. A. Kibbe writes from Dolgeville, N. Y.: "Many of your readers will his-job, but purposely put the devil-to be interested to know how well situated Miss Hannah Barden, a former maghim on condition that he never would netic healer and clairvoyant, her sisare living in the Old Ladies' Home, Utica, and seem happy and contented. Also please notice the passing to spirit life of two of the old guard Spiritual-

Mary F. Ayers writes: "The Ninth Annual Delegate Convention of the Michigan State Spiritual Association will be held at Lansing, Tuesday, August 13 at 10:30 a. m., Michigan avenue "Frank T. Ripley has given to the peo- E. It is hoped that a large delegation ple of Medina two lectures, Lune 23 and will be present as much business of im-30, to good audiences. The two lectures portance will come before that conven-

William E. Bonney writes from Lincoln. Neb.! "Myself and Mrs. Bonney are at present located at 1839 E street. The Chicago Tribune of July 2 says: Lincoln. We solicit correspondence complished by a little system and or Addie M. Stevens writes: "The Sun- ganized effort. If you know of a nice anee Lake Camp-Meeting at Blodgett's grove (one of God's first temples) Landing, N. H., commences August 4 which can be obtained free of expense and continues until August 25. Among or for nominal cost of arranging same those to be present are Mrs. Nettie H. for meetings, let us hear from you. We Harding, Miss Lizzie Harlow, Mrs. E. J. need a great deal more open air work Webster, and Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds. than we have among Spiritualists.

Anna R. Seymour writes: "Mrs. J. A. many tests. Her friends here wish to

The Houston (Tex.) Post says: "The Houston Spiritual Society held a very interesting meeting at Caledonian hall yesterday afternoon. Owing to illness in the family, Mrs. M. A. Wilson, was unable to be present. Mr. Harry J. Holton officiated and delivered the discourse on the following subjects, which were presented by those present: 'Phenomena of death;' 'Light on the great future, through the dark valley and in be the same, Oakland Chib Hall." the life eternal;"Can mortals improve, when they have no guide or model but themselves to copy after?'; 'How can many who are in complete ignorance of learn them and understand the phenomena? 12.

Mrs. Alice Gebring, trumpet, test and Grand Rapids (Mich.) camp. The Philadelphia Record says: "After

laughing at her for a long time. W. W. Brannen, a prosperous farmer at Statesboro, Ga., finally took the advice of a mesmerist and dug for hidden gold. Yesterday he found an old fron pot containing \$30,000 in gold coin. Brannen by-chance visited a fortuneteller while in Savannah, and she told him that on his place in Bullock county, at the end of a certain old mill dam. was buried a large amount of money. He quietly went to digging once in a while around this mill site, searching for the hidden treasure. In the meantime a young married woman living near him found that she possessed the power of mesmerism. She one day had one of Brannen's little girls under her influence. The little girl said there was on her father's place, at a certain spot, a large amount of gold buried. Brannen renewed his efforts and made his great find."

Mrs.- Adelia Whaylen writes: "Your valuable paper and premium books received. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude and pleasure in regreatly improved."

Lee Baker writes: "The Spiritualists and Universalists of Farmer City, Ill., have a new church, the Free Progress-Ill. We have had Spiritual lectures nearly every week since. The last lec- our continued success. Last Sunday Skeels, of Onarga, Ill. It received the filled, having vacated No. 218 for Mrs. praise of all present. Mrs. India Hill has lectured a few times—an earnest worker for Truth."

J. A. Fox writes from St. Joseph, Mo .: "The First Spiritualists Association of St. Joseph is holding meetings every increasing interest. Our membership is plicants for membership. Our material side is healthy as our receipts are more than the expenditures. Judging from present signs the prospect for practical and progressive Spiritual unfoldment was never brighter in St. Joseph than at the present time. The attendin our local meetings, but there is a and books. Our work here is reaching the materialists and church alike. In one Protestant church here The Progressive Thinker is taken by a member of the choir, and is read by another member. The sexton is much interested. The interest here is growing broader and deeper."

The following persons will take part in the camp at Freeville, N. Y., commencing July 27 and closing August 18: Moses Hull, Thomas Grimshaw, Mary Elizabeth Lease, J. C. F. Grumbine, Lizzie Brewer and Dr. G. C. Beckwith-

Lake Brady (Ohio) Camp opens July 7, and closes August 25. The following speakers and message mediums are engaged: Mrs. Loe F. Prior, F. D. Dunakin, Dr. J. M. Peebles, Dr. Nellie C. Mosler, D. A. Herrick, Rev. Morgan Wood. war correspondent is an educated must sultable place for such a gather- Hudson Tuttle. Emma Rood Tuttle. Englishman. Several days ago he ing and at this season of the year is at Amanda L. Coffman, Mrs. Ellnor G. Cogswell, and Rev. Frank R. McGee. Mediums who will be present are: Mrs. Hattle Tiffany, Mrs. Helen Robb, Mrs. Mary Murray, Chas. Barnes, Mrs. H. C. Ebertshauser, Mr. H. Stevens, D. A. Herrick, Materialization, John Archer. D. A. Herrick, chairman; A. M. Haun, manager.

> Mrs. S. Snyder writes from Philadelphia, Pa.: "I have started a German spiritual society in Philadelphia, the only one that has ever been started here."

Mrs. M. Creighton writes: "I wish to express a few words of appreciation in behalf of Mrs. Olie Denslow, who is a fine medium. Her phases are psychometric, trance and trumpet. She is residing at 3233 Indiana avenue, Second Flat. Chicago."

Mzzie Harlow writes from Haydenslike to make dates with reliable societies. I shall be in Indianapolis in September, and would be glad to do weekevening work in that vicinity at that time. Terms reasonable."

Alfred Smedley, of Belper, England, writes: "I look forward each week for The Progressive Thinker, as it is a robust and courageous defender of freedom in thought, speech and action."

Dr. W. T. Nichols writes: "The first of a series of lectures on the 'Science of Mediumship,' given by Julia Steelman Nichols, last Sunday night at hall 218, second floor of Atheneum, East Van Buren street, was well aftended and received with marked attention. The address was followed by a full hour devoted to tests and spirit messages, all of which were recognized but two. These meetings will be continued, and each Sunday night the audience may bring sealed photographs, preferably those of their spirit friends. From these Mrs. Nichols will give spirit messages under test conditions. Each Friday afternoon she will hold a special meeting for women, at the same place, who may also bring the photographs."

The Battle Creek Spiritualist Society is about raising funds and books to start a library, and solicits contributions of spiritual, occult and theosophical books, and books of advanced thought. All those having books, and wishing to contribute to this good work will kindly send the same to Archie N. Merchant, Battle Creek, Mich., 30 East Jackson street, Librarian.

The Battle Creek (Mich.) Spiritualist Society holds meetings at Stone Block hall every Sunday at 10:30. Afternoon lyceum at 4:30; evening meeting at 7:30. · Titus Merritt writes from New York: "Miss Maggie Gaule, on the 23rd of June, closed another very successful season with the First Association of Spiritualists: She has had good audiences. 90 per cent strangers and new investigators. Will open meetings again the first Thursday in October.

Mrs. E. C. Burgess writes from Calfornia: "I received the books and have right at the gate. To reach the grove, been very much interested in them, es- take Metropolitan 'L' cars to 48th ave- find some of our most loyal devotees; pecially the 'Wanderer.' I feel truly | nue, then La Grange car running via | Comanche and Petty afford such. thankful to you for them."

Murtha, formerly Mrs. Dr. Philipps, of | Spiritual, Church of Chicago will dis- | getting on the car. Admission to grove, Baltimore. Md., came to Goshen, Ind., continue the services during the months | children over 7 years, 10 cents; adults, about the 1st of June. She held one of July and Augus, and will resume the 25 cents." meeting in the G. A. R. Hall, and gave work in September, beginning with a conference meeting at 3 p. m., on the cordially recommend her to all whom first Sunda in September, and an evening service with Dr. Emma N. Warne upon the rostrum as speaker. The afternoon conference meetings every Sunday, which have been organized in this church, have developed into large and enthusiastic meetings, each speaker being limited to ten minutes. The conference meeting in the afternoon, and evening services every Sunday will bekthe order in our church hereafter. The place of meeting will

D. H. Gould writes: "A large and most appreclative audience listened to a delightful lecture by Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, in Handel Hall, Chicago, Sunthe beautiful teachings of Spiritualism | day night. The lecture was followed by messages, clear cut and no mistakes. The whole evening was a treat indeed. The little lady is on her way to Chesslate-writing medium will attend the terfield Camp, from San Francisco, her present home. Should she lecture again in our city, she will receive a cordial welcome."

P. S. Mackay writes: "In No. 598 of The Progressive Thinker, you publish a beautiful little poem by Ben King, entitled, 'If I Should Die To-Night.' In evidence of the favor with which this poem has been received throughout the country, we note that it has been published in many papers, the Boston Investigator having given it space over 8 years ago, and it is found among the 'Selections from Famous Poets,' in the Arundel Edition, published by Wm. L. Allison Co., New York. This poem is so well known that many readers of The Progressive Thinker must have been, like myself, thoroughly surprised to find it posing as the production of a spirit, Mary Thorpe, in a seance at Dover N. H. If this spirit control cannot stick to to the truth, I would suggest that she select something not so well known, or what would be better, never attempt to control any individual until her disposition to falsify is held in better control."

W. C. Jessup, trumpet and test medium, will be at the Grand Rapids The Unity Spiritualist Society of Mil

wankee, Wis., presented to Mr. Max

W. F. Ruffle writes: "With pleasure we write to inform all interested, of J. Steelman Nichols, who, we are glad to hear, is to occupy it permanently. We believe that competition is helpful to success. Next Sunday we start on the third floor, and look forward with the hope of a still increasing audience. Sunday and Wednesday evenings, with We get many flattering congratulations at all meetings, and are met continually by many old friends and mediums who give us their best wishes. We have been recently assisted by Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Mann, Miss Lemont and Miss Katie Smith, who were all well received and appreciated."

R. W. Barr, M. D., writes from Ellinwood. Kansas: "During last week we ance and interest is growing, not only | had the pleasure of attending several meetings held in this place, with Mrs. growing interest in Spiritualist papers | Inez Wagner as medium. She is a trumpet medium, and her work is good, giving many convincing proofs of the continuity of life. Among the many messages given was one from a Mr. William Erwin, who has been in spirit life many years. He talked to his son and wife, telling them there is no death, and only of private interest and would not

T. J. Barry, trustee of the First Spiritualist Church of Battle Creek, Mich. says: "I see through your columns many encomiums for the different speakers who have lectured for our soclety, but have failed as yet to see any mention of Dr. P. T. Johnson, who has been the old standby for our society and who is delivering some of the most able lectures through his guides that have ever been given here. He speaks in different tongues, and has been known to speak seven different languages, although an uneducated man himself. His improvised poems are grand. He does not pose as a test medium, but when they come to him he gives what he sees and sometimes stops in the midst of a lecture and tells what he gets. Dr. Johnson has been a medium since his childhood, long before they understood what if meant, which was before the coming of the Fox sisters, and he stood persecution and prosecution from people who did not or would not understand. He has stood the test well and at the age of 73 is hale and hearty. He has always been willing to sacrifice his own individual interests, not looking for any pecuniary gain, to advance ville. Mass., to the friends in the West: | the cause of Spiritualism and especially "I shall go that way this fall, and would of our home society. Any camp-meeting or society might feel fortunate in securing his services as a speaker, for one or more lectures."

The Minnesota State Association of Spiritualists will hold their annual convention in Minneapolis, September 6, 7, and 8. Mediums and speakers who can attend will please address D. E. Griffith, Secretary, 58 Royalston ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Laura B. Payne writes: "I shall be at Springfield from the 8th to the 26th of this month; from the 26th to August 6th at Franklin. Neb.: from the 20th of August to the 29th, at Ottawa, Kansas. Am open to engagements for the months of September and October."

T. F. Lee writes from California: "Your editorial in to-day's paper entitled, 'Birth Place of the Gods,' is unique and to the point; 'Life and Experiences in Spirit Land, very fine; 'Man's Aural Self' grand. In fact, the whole paper is loaded with Spiritualistic lore such as emanate from Gods and Godesses."

J. M. White writes from Spring Hill, Kansas: "Ever since-May 16, I have been staying at the home of J. H. Pratt, of this place. Atspresent I am sitting for materiallization, and expect to remain here until fall. As soon as the weather gets cooler I would like to get engagements within a reasonable distance of Spring Hill. Owing to the preiudice of the farmers in this county against Spiritualism, I cannot get labor enough to be of any material help, and I wish to get what I can with my medial powers in Missouri or Kansas."

tice: "Come one, come all, and bring the first pic-nic given by the Spiritual Research, Saturday July 20. You will have a good time. There will be dancing, racing, swinging and games. Prizes will be given to the winners in the races. The grounds will be lit up in the evening, so you can stay all day and evening: those that cannot come carly, can come in the afternoon and stay as long as you like; the cars stop 52nd and 22nd streets, Be sure and

Dr. H. A. Cross writes: "The First take the right car: ask conductor before

J. Madison Allen writes: "Miss Fannie Hendrick and Mr. John H. Wood, both of Springfield, Mo., were united in marriage by me on Sunday, June 30, at the residence of Dr. E. M. Hendrick, father of the bride—an earnest worker for Spiritualism in this community for many years, and one of the founders of the Missouri State Association."

F. W. Martin Writes: "The Progressive Spiritualists Society, of Elyria, O., has had Mr. George Colby, of Lake Helen. Florida, for the last three Sundays in June, and were much pleased with the work he did." Camp Chesterfield has been put in or-

der for the eleventh annual camp-meet-

ing of the Indiana Spiritualists Association, which convenes July 18, and will continue six weeks. An electric light plant is being installed and the beautiful native grove, thirty-two acres in extent, is being put in the best of condition. The scenery is delightful and picturesque. A mile and a half away lie the famous prehistoric mounds, widely known as one of the best preserved reminders in the United States of a forgotten race. Along the northern banks of White River are the ruins of the old State Canal, built fifty years ago, butabandoned after an outlay of \$250,000. Remnants of the dam at Daleville which turned the water of White River into the canal, are yet visible in the bed of this stream. On the banner Sunday last year, when Mary E. Lease was the speaker, there was an attendance of 10,000 on the grounds, but it is expected that that figure will be greatly exceeded this year. An admission fee of 10 cents is charged at the gate, and this pays all expenses of the meeting. Mrs. Harriet R. Edwards writes that

the camp-meeting at Marshalltown, Ia., has been quite successful. She goes from there to Springfield, Mo.

J. Madison Allen writes from Springfield, Mo.: "Our South Side Society holds its . meetings in G. A. R. Hall (largest in town and very pleasant), close to the public square, in the best part of the city, and are attended by ceiving the same. My library is now (Mich.) camp-meeting during its entire intelligent, cultured and progressive people. From the beginning of its existence, years ago, it has enjoyed continuous harmony in its membership; no an exponent of the higher Spiritualism Hoffmann, of Chicago, a gold medal as important steps are taken without una- in its religious and scientific presenta-

> of subscribers from Glenwood Springs. Col. Thanks, Madame, thanks. R. C. Richardson, of Oshkosh, Wis. a

> prominent worker, passed through Chicago last week on his way to Tolo, Ore-Mrs. Ella M. Dole, the well-known

prophetic, psychometric and test medium, at the urgent request of numerous friends will visit Denver, Colo., for the next two months.

Mrs. M. E. Schultz writes from Fort Dodge, Iowa: "I wish to express my ap- demonstrations by well known Spiritpreciation of the article in your issue of qualists. We are fortunate in having July 6, entitled "The Fraud Hunter.' If already secured Rev. Frank E. Mason. all true Spiritualists could find the and Ira Moore Courlis, also Mrs. M. C. courage to tolerate the honest. Fraud | Lincoln, of Buffalo, N. Y., together with Hunter,' the cause of Spiritualism other superior Brooklyn talent in mewould soon grow into one of the grand- dlumship, viz.: Carrie S. Thomas, Tillie est sciences yet demonstrated to the Evans, Beatrice Johnson, Josephine M world. Anything that cannot stand the Sweet, Henry C. Dorn, and Dr. Wm. search light of reason ought to perish. Franks. Invitations have been extend-Truth alone can and will prevail. Of ed to Hon. A. H. Dailey, Rev. Moses all the different magazines and papers | Hull, Helen T. Brigham, Harrison D. read in our family, The Progressive Barrett, and others, all of whom we Thinker is most eagerly read, as it is hope to welcome upon our platform the one paper that fearlessly expresses some time during August. For further progressive thought." E. W. Sprague writes: "While doing missionary work last winter we were

advising them how to live, that they held three meetings, organized and might be happy in the future. Many chartered a little society composed of other beautiful messages and tests 11 members (they now have 17 memwere given." The messages given are ers) and instituted a grove meeting. We are now at Remington, attending interest the public. We are glad to the grove meeting. It will last one week note the good work that Mrs. Wagner is closing July 11. We are holding the All Imperfections of the Eye, Even Blindmeetings in a large tent in the village park. There had never been a Spiritual meeting held here, or a lecture on the subject of Spiritualism given in this vicinity when we first came; now they have a society, and a grove meeting established through which the will educate and enlighten the people for miles around. Spiritualists of other communitles, what is to hinder you from doing similar work? These object lessons in missionary work, showing the value of organization are worthy of the earnest consideration of every true Spiritualist. I hope all such who read this will think and act upon its suggestion. We leave here July 12 for Ashley, Ohio. Our camp-meeting engagements are as follaws: Ashley, Ohio, July 14 to 19; Chesterfield, Ind., July 20 to 23; Ashley, O., July 25 to August 2; Vicksburg, Mich., August 4 to August 9; Haslett Park, Mich., August 10 to August 15: Vicksburg, Mich., again August 16 to 18. After this date we are free to attend other camps or to do missionary work. We desire to hear from localities where there are good prospects of organizing societies. Address, Rochester, Ind. Home address, 618 Newland Avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.

Mrs. Alfred Olsen writes: "I wish to shake hands with J. Young McFarland for the article, 'Where Am I At?' I have been a reader of The Progressive Thinker for two years and always findmany good things and a few otherwise -according to my way of thinking, of course; but they all go together, and I gladly read those I don't agree with for they may be right after all. I am not a believer, but a knower in spirit return, though I have never met a halfdozen avowed Spiritualists in my life. I have had home experiences that are ahead of any that I read of."

John Beyer writes from Sterling,

Kansas: "We have enjoyed a heavenly treat at this place through the mediumship of Mrs. Inez Wagner, of Topeka. She has been developed very recently into a trumpet medium, and as I believe she has given the best satisfaction, and done more good for the cause of Spiritualism than any we ever had here to demonstrate this beautiful truth. Having lost our charming grand-daughter, she was snatched away from us so suddenly and brought such intense grief to those of the family who did not have much knowledge of the truth, but through the mediumship of Mrs. Wagner, the almost unbearable grief has been alleviated and the wounded hearts made glad. The strongest plea that our dear grand-daughter made to her mother was, for her to lay away the black dresses and adorn herself in white, giving her reason that black has a tendency to hold her back from us, on account of some of the dark forces of Roman Catholicism."

Harriet Rogers writes from Elma, Washington: "Henry B. Allen, the me-Mrs. Staner sends the following nodium for physical manifestations, has been with us the past week, giving a children out to Becker's Grove, to the number of seances to the Spiritualists and skeptics. The phenomena is wonderful and convincing to all."

> Texas Notes. The Texas State National Association of Spiritualists is making no marked demonstration of activity, but in a gulet way retains the dignity of the cause and encourages the chartered local societies. In the rural districts we

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being formed in Galveston, for the purpose of presenting mental phenomena over the state this fall. The correspondence of worthy mediums is solicited. Address Thos. Balcombe, S. W. corner 22nd and Broadway, Galveston,

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through the summer, Mr. John W. Ring, Houston has no regular speaker, but

holds meetings and local talent are doing very good work. Dallas and San Antonio are doing similar work.

Many calls come from over the state for missionary work. Some creditable worker will do well to correspond as to John W. Ring, president; D. H. S. Bock, vice-president; Mrs. Nettie M. Wood, secretary, 1821 Washington street, Houston, Tex.; H. A. Landes, treasurer, W. H. Harrall, Chas. W. Newnam, Mrs. F. M. Overman, Mrs. Lou Lang and Mrs. B. Lenox, trustees.

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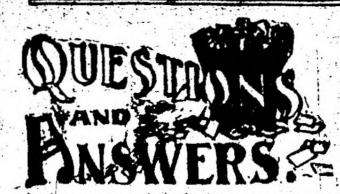
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G. L. David: Q. Can you refer to that part of the Bible where Satan was

thrown into the bottomless pit?

A. Revelations 20:1, 2, 3, is the source of that tremendous fancy, which Milton elaborated in Paradise Lost into the war in heaven and the plunging of Lucifer into the abyss of hell. The passage reads: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomiess pit, and shut him up and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season."

Yet older than the Bible story, the wild imaginings of the author of the Apocalypse, was the mystic war of the pagan gods of high Olympus; the vengeance, and swift launching of the thunder-bolt by the supreme Jove in defense against attacks of lesser deitles, and these myths bear the constant, lingering impress of hero-worship, and nature worship of times vastly remote even when Pythagoras taught in Greece the philosophy he had learned in the East, and the site of the sevenhilled city was a wilderness. A great deal of time and ingenuity

have been wasted in commentaries, and attempts at interpretation of this pas-.. sage, and the "thousand years" been made one of the important data in fixing the duration of "time" and the second coming of Christ. The fact has been apparently overlooked that a "thousand," or "ten thousand," is used in the Bible to represent an indefinite period. The sacred writers were quite reckless in stating the exact truth, as may be correctly said of nearly all ancient historians. Nowhere do we find that the thousand years have come to an end, and hence on Bible grounds we must believe that Satan is yet in the "bottomless pit," where the angel "shut him up and put a seal on him." As in a bottomless pit there would be no tendency to fall anywhere, he can be fancled as suspended in the wide space which has neither top, bottom nor sides, and perhaps forgotten by the angel who set the seal on him. Who knows? If we believe the Bible he is safe, and the talk of pulpit ministers that he is raging around rapping and deceiving, is in

flat contradiction to the divine word. There is no inconsistency in supposing that Satan is yet sealed in the bottomless pit, in vain effort to find the existless bottom. To have the sin, crime and suffering inflicted on the world today by the dominancy of evil, does not necessitate his presence. He was so active before the overthrow he received by the hands of the angel; had so completely circumvented the plans of God, that the world drifted right on to ruin! What would have been the disaster had he not been caught and handled by the angel? The churches are having a hard time in the conflict against the tide of infidelity, what would come to pass if the great captain, who so successfully even-handed defied Jehovah and thwarted all his plans, even to the placing Him in the dire strait of being nailed to the cross to save a remnant of manking whom he created and pro nounced perfect, should escape and again take command.

P. J. C .: Q. Should you undertake to select from a promiscuous assemblage of people, one capable of becoming a medium, all things considered, what age, sex and temperament would you choose?

A. Mediumship is common to such varied temperaments, ages and conditions of health, that it would be, indeed perplexing to make a definite answer to the foregoing inquiry. Actual test by holding seances is the only means of ascertaining positively. The sensitive temperament is indicated by restrained or self-contained manners; which come not from coldness, but shrinking from contact with others. The more perfect the health the more reliable the impressibility. Intensely dark hair and eyes on one side, and light hair and blue eyes on the other, indicate possession of sensitive faculties. The soft, velvety hand indicates healing powers; the cold, impressibility.

Mrs. A. J. Thomas: Q. Can you tell me where I can get a vegetarian cook A. If you will write to the Sanitas

Nut Food Co., Battle Creek, Mich., one will be sent you free. A good book on Fruits and How to

Use Them, was recently written by neighbors' rights. Hester M. Poole, and like everything she writes, of first value. This book can be had of the author, Metuchen, New Jersey.

I. C. Germantown, Pa.: Q. Will the time ever come when there will be no room in the spirit world for the countless millions who seek to enter therein? and religious priests are ready to pay A. The conclusion to which man nat- the servant. urally arrives is that all other worlds If this Republic is to continue, then must be inhabited with beings like it must be by the united efforts of the those on the earth and man at the head. Liberals: Spiritualists should be in the A world without human inhabitants he regards as utter waste. Yet after all the speculations of astronomers and the sess. How much spirituality do you descriptions of supposed people who reside on the various planets of the solar system, the much-talked-of signaling the people of Mars, the conditions known to prevail in the various planets | never be too large. Jealousy and hate, few thoughts on other Bibles." By vakes it impossible for any of them egotism and bigory, fanaticism and Moses Hull. Of especial value and in- 25. For full particulars and arrams, Albert Turner." Of especial interest

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Living beings in some form may exist in many of them, but evolved by such conditions as to make their natures such as we cannot understand.

If we believed all the countless stars of heaven to be suns, with attendant planets, all peopled with human beings, doubt arise as to the capacity of space for the myriads innumerable. Even with this belief, the spaces between the stars is so vast the orbs themselves comparatively occupy an inconceivably small part. The earth itself already come when it will be incapable of supporting human beings. The time will come when all its reserved resources will have been used up, and nothing will remain.

Ernest Cole: Q. Does mineral mag-netism when it enters the human body become animal magnetism?

A. When the early mesmerists experimented they found that they could, by placing their hands in front of the subject's head, attract it, or at other times repel. From the resemblance of this movement to that of iron subjected to a magnet, this was called animal magnetism, and most unfortunately for it is a misnomer, and has been ever since that time a prolific source of erroneous inferences. On this account the term is too objectionable to be retained. The magnetism of the magnet and that of so-called animal magnetism are distinct, and there is no transformation of one into the other.

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Spiritualism is as broad, high and deep as the Universe. She has no creed. In her temples are to be found the Divine Arts, the records of science and histories of a mighty past that had no ism would "flourish like a green bay beginning.

We are but period marks in that mighty Cosmos.

Not long since a lecturer declared there were fifteen million of Spiritualists in the United States. This statement was as untrue as that of a priest of religion who claimed that Christianity is a part of religion or of his creed. Sophists and priests clothe themselves with stolen goods.

Many people are educated, but preclous few have wisdom. I might say it is gratifying to meet a person who is in possession of the salt of common sense. How many among those fifteen million | But she was rescued unburt! are just? Use your fine-tooth comb, Mr. Sophist, and when you have finished, report how many spiritual persons are left. I think you will find a great heap civilization. He gave an interesting of blue bottles in the shape of jeal- | sketch of his life, and is preparing to go ousy, prejudice, avarice, vanity, con- back to India to educate his people in celt, bigotry, etc. Those fifteen million | the Western ideas and civilization, Spiritualists, rotten-egged, locked up and robbed of their liberties, are unable to preserve a union, to unite, to organize; aye, to protect themselves from the helnous legislative acts of priests of medicine, religion and politics. They itualism. He is to give lectures and fling dirt at each other, instead of class lessons during the entire season at sending solid shot into the ranks of Lily Dale, and will be a valuable attracmedical and religious priests and their | tion for thinkers and aspiring teachers ignorant and fanatical serfs. Give me and students of the science of life and fifteen million of spiritual people and I immortality. He is preparing to issue will be able to write the history of a a new book, that will create a sensation Democracy in poetry and song and in scientific circles, if I mistake not. transmit it to the next generation pure He is also after the secrets of nature and just. Not one slave and no child crying for bread.

The offal of religion can never enter the temple of Spiritualism, wherefore I say, disrobe yourselves of all religious clothing, such as hypocrisy, deceit, idolatry, vanity, superstition, avarice, bigotry and much more, and in their the entire anatomy of the human body stead place upon your shoulders the would be pictured, showing bones, etc., cloak of Justice and for once be women and men worthy of the name, practic- without the obscuring shadows of flesh. ing those beautiful virtues that make | That is now a reality. All hail to such character for eternity. Organize; have justice for your code; give and demand

As Spiritualists we are denied the liberty of choosing our own medical atblack and damnable as that practiced in Russia. Yes-and this is called Free America. Not one man but many men, assembled as legislative bodies, pass those acts of tyranny and call them laws. As the people, so too the nation. The passing of helnous acts proves our in trifle extra expense, or from the camp legislators to be unworthy of the name | they can get to the big show and back American. They are hypocrites, knaves | for \$1.15. and thieves. They trample justice under their feet and have their price. Justice and liberty are sold to the highest bidder. Benedict Arnolds are no longer an exception but the rule. No legislator is so boggishly ignorant but he knows when he is voting away his

Evil legislation is dominated by religious and medical priestcraft. Each playing into the hand of the other. They have their dummies in the ranks of the politicians. The lawyer stands ready to frame any act that will defeat justice and rob Truth of her liberty. He too has his price, and the medical

van. You say you are in possession of truths that the other isms do not pospossess to prove that statement. What are you willing to do for Justice and Truth that you may enjoy liberty and be free. A spiritual organization can be inhabited with beings like those ignorance are never allied to Justice or terest to Spiritualists. For sale at this office.

craft, and their followers, and are not a part of the great Spiritual Fact. A medical priest is as unjust, lecherous and cruel as any priest of religion, and no Spiritualist or Liberal can ever expect justice from them. The medical and religious priests are a unit. They are the enemies of Justice and the defamers of Truth and traiters to liberty. DR. GEORJEAN MILLER. Latham, Ark.

The-Lyceum.

I have noted a number of articles on

the Lyceum question in recent issues of The Progressive Thinker, and as I am one of the interested partles would like a word on the subject. To begin with, it is the easiest thing in the world to criticise. Any one can do it. There never was a thing on earth that could not be criticised and ridiculed.

Much has been said regarding what we ought to have for the lyceum. The only thing that is needed is a class of workers who will take hold and do something and not expect someone else to do it all.

For years I have been the advocate of a system of lesson sheets for Spiritualist lycems, modeled after the Berean Lesson Leaf of the Sunday-Schools. There was no way of doing it, and two years ago I stated that if money could be raised to pay the actual cost of printing, I would undertake to do the editorial work, etc., without cost to the Lyceum Association.

This proposition brought out a response from a gentleman in Chicago who donated a check for \$50 to aid it. Other donations brought the sum up to was published for six months.

This lesson leaf had no support from the Spiritualists either financially or otherwise, and after running six months, the money being exhausted and no prospects of any coming in to meet the cost of publication, it sus-

Ouly six people outside of Mrs. Hull and myself sent in a contribution to this paper in the six months in which it lived and one of those was from England.

When the N. S. A. convened in Cleveland last fall the subject was again broached and as it was said that a lesson leaf was not what was wanted but a paper was, and a gentleman of Cleveland offering another check of \$50 to aid it, and some more funds, amounting altogether to \$64.50, given to aid such an enterprise. I again agreed to make the attempt, as many promised to aid the enterprise. The results were exactly what happened before. Less than \$20 in money and very few contributions being received, it has again been necessary to let the venture drop. This time, so far as I am concerned,

If the Spiritualists want a series of lessons, or literature for the lyceum, it will be the ensiest thing in the world It will have to come through the labors of some of those who say they want it. If they don't want it bad enough to take a little interest in it and do a little work and donate a little money, they don't want it very bad. These theories are very nice, but when you are watching all the time and trying to get out something that will answer the purpose and then have to do it for nothing, unless the fault-finding can be considered ous for the two (in this case) who did all the work.

There is only one trouble with Spirit ualism. That is the apathy of the Spiritualists. If some means of ridding ourselves of that could be found, Spiritual. tree" in all of its branches.

W. H. BACH.

Lily Dale Before Camp.

To the Editor:-I spoke here yesterfather's estate, and is now a liberal. His mother was entranced after he was born, and when she awoke the smoke of the fire just kindled was curling around her head on the funeral pile.

He claims that the Sanscrit language is the mother of all languages, and the people that evolved it the source of all especially to elevate the ideals of

women, and motherhood. Prof. Lockwood is a host, and is leading the children of Israel out of Egypt into the free sunshine of scientific Spirstored in her molecular processes, and he believes that some startling discove-

ries await his work in the near future. In 1874 he was lecturing for the Photographic Association of the United States, and in Buffalo made the public statement that the time was near when as they are in the living organism, scientific luminaries as Prof. Lockwood. Such instructions will rescue Spiritualism from the maeistrom of speculative mystery and superstition.

E. W. Sprague was at the Dale Suntendance in time of sickness. This is | dar. I met Mrs. Clara Watson on the not justice but tyranny; tyranny as train. She had been to Laona to serve at the funeral of Anson Reed. The Dale looks like a veritable Para-

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Marshalltown, Ia.

The Central Iowa Spiritual Association will hold its camp at Marshalltown, Iowa, beginning June 23, and closing July 7. The Association this year has tion to all honest mediums. DANIEL DAVIS. Oskaloosa, Ia.

Kansas

The First Society of State Spiritualists and Liberals will hold their twentythird annual camp-meeting, commenc- June 24, and continues until September ing August 9, 1901, closing August 26. 9. For full program address the secre-Among the mediums already engaged is tary, Mary A. Hatch, South Windham, Dr. Louis Schlesinger. His numerous Ct. friends will take due note. For information write to J. D. Reeves, president, Asherville, Kans.; J. N. Blanchard, Delphos, Kans.; E. S. Bishop, secretary, Glasco, Kans.

Camp Progress, Mass.

Camp Progress Spiritual Association will open its season on Sunday, June 2, California this fall, there is a good opat the grounds in Mowerland Park, portunity here, as almost all societies Upper Swampscott Mass.

Sunapee Lake, N. H. commencing Aug. 4 and closing Aug. 18. street, Los Angeles, Cal. 1901. Mrs, Addie M. Stevens, president, Claremont, N. H. if iii

Ashley Camp, Ohio. Camp opens July 14, and closes Aug. Ashley, Ohio.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Ia. The camp-n ng of the M. V. S. A., day. Prof. Lockwood speaks next Sun- at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, Park, Ottawa, Kansas, August 24 to day—and then camp. Last evening I | will open July 28; continuing to and in- | September 2. This is one of nature's heard a Brahmin. He has been eleven cluding August 25. Announcements lovely spots. Large and commodious years in America, converted to Chris- and full information may be had by ad- halls, seance room, good music, good tianity; was cut off from his rich dressing the secretary, Mrs. Stella A. speakers, true mediums. Send for pro-Fisk, 18 N. 11th street, Keokuk, Iowa. gram. H. W. Henderson, president,

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Lake Pleasant, Mass.

first street, Detroit, Mich.

The twenty-eighth annual convocation of the New England Spiritualists' Camp-meeting Association will open Sunday, July 28, and configue for thirty days, including five Sundays. Circulars can be had by addressing the clerk. Friends desiring circulars or information regarding the camp, are requested to kindly enclose a stamp with their letters of inquiry. Albert P. Blinn, Clerk, 603 Tremont street, Bos-

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First we arrived at a planet where the people whom we met wore long white robes, but otherwise looked very much like ourselves, or those of earth who had attained intellectual development of a high degree. The first thing which attracted my attention was a great telescope more vast than ever conceived of by earth man. My guide said, "The study of the heavens marks the progression of man and the nearer he comes to the truth of the celestial worlds, the nearer he comes to the heart of the universe-God. This planet you are upon is peopled by those whose electric and magnetic vibrations are consequently much more rapid," "Is this heaven," I asked. He looked

at me with a slow dawning smile and "Where is heaven? Look about you. Those wanderers whom you see out there in space are bodies who have once not been thrown off with enough force to be projected into another electric current, still they are too light to be affected by the gravitation of earth, that is, they have departed from the former life with the great curse of mankindignorance-upon them, and do not know all they can do is to haunt the children of men and cause a very darkened people to listen to what they suppose to be a message from heaven. This is the planet Mars. Some of its inhabitants. who represent the advanced students, have attained a much higher intellectual development than have any of earth's people. There are some of a grade nearer the central source-sun ('Son of God'). The Arles people are the rulers here; the Pisces and Aquartus people are earth's rulers and the next planet which we will visit at some ful Dale, N. Y. ture time is ruled mostly by the Leo and Cancer people, who have grown a grade nearer to understanding the 'Central Source.' Now these wanderers be- future. fore spoken of, when they have by the vibrations of matter, i. e., refluing force thrown off by earth, gathered enough velocity, will be projected in the direction of that planet which has a similar magnetic current, and like a needle to a magnet will find a resting place, but only until such time as they have absorbed all that is needful, then on to be born again and to taste of death again, which is only one more step in their

I was mute. "As you desire more, place yourself upon the steps of that revolving telescope and await results. You have not the power this morning · to go with me, as the demon fear holds you to that body of clay, so you will re--quire a force outside of yourself to visit ·a planet whose vibrations are much more intense than this, and from which the inhabitants of this planet receive communication and imagine it is from heaven. Be wary and watch results, for this will be knowledge that you can carry back to earth with you. I will meet you there, but I do not need any iron monster to send me."

progression. Now, child, where is

platform and began to ascend a wind- all who knew her. She leaves five chiling stair and the great -machine . re- dren to mourn her loss, but the knowlvolved faster and faster. I arrived at edge of Spiritualism brings a comfort, cloud of ether, then, by my will I shot | higher and better life than this. Servthrough space and with the velocity lices were conducted by the writer. given me, the distance traveled was incalculable.

The planet I reached appeared to be somewhat similar to the one I had left. The people, however, were not veiled, but were surrounded by a band of electric light clearly perceptible to every one, and they seemed to be moving in a great immeasurable globe of clear electric-blue ether. An inner voice said to me (I did not need spoken words), "This is the great 'Central Source.' I wandered the world over while in earthly incarnation seeking for it-or 'God;' sat beneath the 'Buddha tree:' studied with the Brahmins: drank deep of the fountain of Osiris and Isis; traveled the burning sands of Arabia and watched the King of Day' arise in royal splendor in the east, and with abject supplication besought his power; lay with face buried in the burning sand, and while his scorching rays penetrated every fibre of my being, fondly imagined I was nearer understanding Om-Allah-Brahm-Jehovah-God. I scaled to seemingly inaccessible heights of the Himalayas and alone ou -their great snow-capped peaks, nearer, by man's calculation, to the great 'Central Source,' I found coldness and darkness only relieved by the intense whiteness of my home of everlasting snow. There I left my raiment of earth and out I sped to find truly the great source of all life. After leaving the atmosphere of earth, I found light, discernible to material sight, only when I entered the vibrations of different planets, and like a moth to the candle I was attracted for for a time to their glittering display and fluttered around their rays, but only to find once more the great longing for the with music, by C. Payson Longley. | nue. Also a special meeting for women cents. source-of all this. So onward I sped Price by mail, 15 cents. For sale at | will be held in same hall each Friday at | "Lisbeth. A Story of Two Worlds." until I stood where you stand to-day. this office. and here I found the source of all manifested life; and as our great 'Central' Source' holds all his planets in the 'hollow of his hand,' so millions of other For sale at this office. 'Sons' hold their charges, and all are circling around a great common center. 'Where?' I see your soul ask. Are you not tired and willing to rest with your

feet upon this foundation and look, for

a time, around you and learn a little of

the path over which you have come?

ands of years and know little yet."

words, the vibrations continued. "They are going to send a message to the plan-et which you have just left, and as any thought projected with the force which they are capable of using here goes with great velocity, watch and see how it is received all along the line. You will be shown its final destination, and heed it well, O child of earth, and see how one of the most beautiful workings of the 'Central Source' is received by the people of earth."

I saw a drawing in of the forces contained in their bands, which can be better expressed in terrestrial language in this way: Draw in your breath as long as you are capable of doling, all the time holding in your mind the thought you wish sent. Holding their forces, I could see the blue light near the body change to a faint rose color. They seemed to absorb all the electric force, | & blue, symbolical of intellectual inspiration, in the rose color, spiritual inspiration, i. e., love. For one moment they held it, and then simultaneously sent it forth. It sprang into birth like a ball of fire or new planet, of a rosy glow, and it sped through space growing more electric as it progressed. I then saw the planet I had just left and the people manifested great excitement. By the means of their immense telescopes they

had been enabled to herald a "messenger from heaven," Like a rocket it flashed over their zenith and by the electric flashes emitted they were able to read an intelligence in what we call phenomenon of nature. Being an earth child I presume was the reason I could not perceive what the thought was that started it from the "Central Source." I tried then, and have tried since to comprehend it, but have not yet succeeded. I know love was the power, guided by the firm hand of reason; that I read from the colors. As it neared the habitations of earth I saw with surprise and sorrow that it grew smaller and smaller, and as it came within the comprehension of man, it was gathered up and with great care placed under a magnifying glass and

labeled "Dust from a meteor." ESTHER GIDEON THOMAS. Seattle, Wash.

Lily Dale, N. Y.

At this writing our camp is a lovely place, enchanting more fitly expresses it: It is one of the places where nature seems to have done her best, and is still doing, for wherever man has planted a tree or flower, nature steps in and with deft fingers and subtle process makes the work complete. That the attractions of this camp are widely been upon the planet earth, but have known is evidenced by the daily arrival of people from distant States, Canada, and even England being rep-

There have been lectures every Sunday since the picule of June 9. These lectures have been well attended. Prof. Lockwood was the speaker Sunhow to make use of the spiritual gravi- day, the 23d. Lyman C. Howe is to tation, so we call them wanderers; and speak the 30th. All who have listened to these advanced minds in the past, know of what rich food the Lily Daleians are partaking in the present.

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We hope this movement will be liberally supported, as it is made with a view to larger developments in the

Among the recent arrivals we note Mrs. Holland and daughter, Ottawa, Canada; Mrs. Eliza Read Burnham, well known as an old-time medium and resident of this place.

Mrs. Maggie Waite is also located on Cottage Row. The Bangs Sisters will soon be here; they occupy rooms on Melrose Park. The Keelers are in their cottage on Cottage Row. Miss Maggie Gaule will be here, and many others whose names I do not recall. It is certain, however, there will be a feast of good things, and every one can be served to their liking.

CORRESPONDENT.

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E. B. LEYSON.

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