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# National Spiritualists' Association. The coming year, the final class question will be more than half settled. One thing is absolutely certain. We must look elsewhere for support for the N. S. A. than to the local societies, until they are strong in themselves and able to care for their own needs. It is now a constant struggle with them for expectation. October 18 1001 S. F. 54

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To the Officers and Delegates to the by the Constitution, but the returns cause of organization has been greatly Ninth Annual Convention of the have not been as large as in former strengthened at every one of these cen-National Spiritualists' Association,

the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the N. S. A.

THE YEAR'S WORK. land' Ohio, October of last year, the Mayer Fund was filled, the deed to the home in Washington, D. C., presented by Mr. Mayer, and duly recorded in the register's office, thereby stating to the world that at last the Spiritualists of America were in posession of a home of their own through the munificence of their friend and brother, Theodore J. Mayer. It is fitting that due acknowledgment of this unselfish act on the part of Mr. Mayer should be made by this Convention. I therefore recommend an engrossed resolution of thanks be prepared and presented to him in the

Important matters were passed upon trustees of this Association were directed to carry the orders there given into effect. The Jubilee Deficit was ordered settled upon an equitable basis, and I am pleased to report that everything connected with that affair has been adjusted, all claims settled, and that nothing now stands against the fair name of Spiritualism in connection with the well intentloned, but unfortunate celebration in Rochester, N. Y.

name of the Spiritualists of America.

The reports of the last two annual conventions were ordered edited and printed in pamphlet form, the two not to cover more than one hundred printed This was attempted, but was impossible. Your trustees, therefore, voted to secure blank books in which the orders of future Conventions.

Missionary work was authorized and with several parties to take up this important branch of our work. Good results have been obtained from all missionary labors, and the way paved for better work in the future. ports will be made to this Convention by all of your missionaries, and you will have an opportunity to judge first hand of the value of this department of labor. The last annual convention directed that a room should be set apart in the head quarters building for the scientific investigation of the phenomena of Spir itualism. This order yet holds good for your officers have as yet received no applications for work of that character. It was deemed inexpedient by your trustees to advertise the matter widely, inasmuch as space was limited. and such as was not used for office room was needed by the party to whom the remainder of the building was rented. Printed matter was needed in the work of propagandism, and your trus tees put into the form of tracts several valuable articles, one of which was a lecture by Prof. W. F. Peck. These tracts have been sent out quite generally over the country and have done our Association no little good. It would be well to increase the supply of tracts. and have them circulated gratisthrough out the nation. I recommend that a special appropriation be made for that purpose, and the incoming Board of Trustees given directions to act in the tion on the part of the delegates. matter by making such selections as

will best serve the Cause. Two will cases have come before your Trustees during the year, both of which | bills have been duly inspected, properly are being contested before the courts of audited and paid. There are no outthe land. One is the will of the late Horace Butterfield, Lebanon, Kas., who bequeathed a small sum to the N. S. A. The case has not yet come to Treasurer. trial in the higher court to which it has

been appealed. carnestly recommend that the N. S. shall do everything in its power to sustain that will, and urge that funds be set aside for that purpose, both from the Babe Will Defense Fund and from years. Good reports have reached me the General Funds of the Association. de other instance is the will of the William Case, of Lafayette, Indi-who bequeathed three thousand dollars or more to the N. S. A. This but surely winning its way among the will is being contested by the remote masses. Several new papers have been heirs of our arisen brother on the started in foreign lands, all of which ground of unsoundness of mind on the part of the testator. Your trustees the attorney for the defense all evi- resented in nearly all other languages the attorney for the defense all evidence at hand showing that Spiritualism is a religion, and its votaries people of sound minds. This case may be saying that Spiritualism is gaining called for trial at any time, and will probably be sharply contested. I recommend an appeal to the highest court in the land, in case a verdict'is read and I ah assured that Spiritualism is religion, and its follow-fer should have the right to dispose of the brethren on light sides of the line results and the interests of their estates for the hencit of their estates for the hencit of their estates. their estates for the benefit of their are as one. Some new local societies religion, if they elect to do so. I further have been formed in the Provinces, recommend that special appeals be but they by no means indicate the the expenses of this contest in case of Reading circles, circles, for phenome-

Your Trustees have the last annual control true also of many sections of the United vention with regard to raising revenue States.

In this country the summer camps

years, still the revenue from these tres, and the people have received new sources is an item of importance. Mass light on this and other subjects from meetings were instituted in twenty-one the platform. On the whole, the atnual report as your President for the large cities with the hope of securing tendance at all camp meetings was some fluancial returns therefom. In all larger than it has been for two or three compliance with the requirements of cases but three, these meetings were seasons past. The people have been self sustaining, and returned a small carnest seekers for the truth, and the surplus to be divided between the N. element of curiosity, so prominent in S. A. and the auxiliary with which it the days when thousands rushed to was united in holding the meeting. The these centres, has happily disappeared. The past year has been one of un-usual activity on the part of the As-incthods of raising revenues must be sociation. During the eighth annual devised by this Convention. The full seasons, and tell of good work done, convention, which was held in Cleve returns for the year will be made known | Some of them report increased memberto you by the reports of the Secretary

and Treasurer. Under the direction of the N. S. A., the work of organizing local societies has made some progress. One new State Association has been organized, and one reorganized during the year. Between thirty and forty local societies have been formed, the chief promoters of this important work being Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kates, and your President. It is to be hoped that all of these organizations have back of them that degree of strength that will insure their permanency. That they can be made ed that all of our local bodies have so, there is no doubt, provided due done the best they could under the circare is exercised in their behalf by

this Convention. There has been a marked increase in interest in the N. S. A., both on the part of the general public and that of individual Spiritualists during the year. The officers of the N. S. A. have been repeatedly approached by newspaper representatives and magazine editors for statements with regard to the position of Spiritualism and its attitude with respect to certain questions of the day. Articles in defense of Spiritualism have been solicited for some of the leading periodicals of the land, and have been promptly furnished by your President and Secretary. The leaders found to be not only impracticable, but of other denominations have sought our N. S. A. for authentic statements with respect to what Spiritualism is, complete press copies of both reports and its value as a religious cult. There were to be imprinted, the same to be has also been a decided change of front kept on file at headquarters, subject to on the part of certain Spiritualists with regard to the N. S. A. Many who were hitherto opposed to it are now sufficient to meet the requirements of numbered among its friends or have the N. S. A. in varying on its work. instructions given your trustees to place several missionaries in the field for a full year. Contracts were signed are now neutral with regard to it. In all business centres, especially with the four great railroad Associa-

tions of the West, the N. S. A. has ex-cellent standing. Its advice is sought and accepted, and there is no possible cause for complaint with respect to the treatment accorded the N. S. A., or its people, on the part of business organizations throughout the nation. We are everywhere treated with absolute fairness, and given respectful hearings, solely through the fact of our National Association being well established as our representative business organiza-

There has been some persecution in the name of the law, especially in Bal-timore, Maryland and Washington, D. C. In the latter city a law of Congress per capita dues and collections can be imposes heavy burdens upon our mediuns who wish to practice their professions there. The law is most unjust, and the officers of the N. S. A. have exerted themselves to secure either its sum each week as a license fee, it individual donations from parties would seem to be a case that could known to be interested in Spiritualism. well come before this Convention, I therefore recommend that a special committee be appointed to look into this work. He visited a number of socimatter and report at this Convention. The officers of the N. S. A. have labored faithfully in this field, but can only re-

Your Trustees have attended to every will be best adapted for the work in constitutional duty required of them. Your President has filled by appointhand, or the President and Secretary instructed to create such articles as ment the positions of State Agents in all States and Territories in the United States and Dominion of Canada. All standing bills, and a goodly sum remains at interest in the name of the Association in the hands of our honored

SPIRITUALISM IN GENERAL.

Spiritualism in general has made considerable progress throughout the world, although the gain in the United States is not so marked as in former from England, France, Germany, Russia, Spain, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, So. Africa, India and So. America, showing that our Cause is slowly seem to be more than holding their own. For the first time in its history Spirit have endeavored to secure proper legal ualism now has an organ published in and have placed in the hands of the Croatian dialect. It has been rep-

made for funds with which to defray growth of our Cause among the people. Your Trustees have endeavored to velopment are quite common. This is

Our local societies report many hard-ships. A few of them record prosperous ships, while others declare that they have only held their own, and others still report that they have lost. The attendance at some of these meetings has been large and enthusiastic, while others have been supported by the willing few who loved Spiritualism well enough to stand by it at all times. Owing to the large increase of local societ les in Indiana, I am able to report that we have more local societies today than one year ago. A number of societies have disbanded altogether, while others have not kept up their affiliation with the N. S. A. as they should. I am satiscumstances, and am convinced that the aggregate results of their work are

better than they were last year. FUTURE WORK-REVENUE.

The future work of the N. S. A. as power for good to our Cause depends first of all upon the revenue received to support it. The financial question, therefore, is the one to which I first invite your attention. The N. S. A. now has four sources of income, viz., the per capata dues from its auxiliaries, collection from the same, donations from individuals, and bequests by will. The latter is so infrequent and so liable to contest as to make it of little value up to date. A decision from the Supreme Court of the United States may be required to secure to Spiritualism its dues in this

respect. The donations from individuals have lections from local societies, will scarcely more than meet the running expenses of the Association, thereby leaving nothing for field work, and for printing and mailing tracts The per capita dues and collections for the past year do not amount to one thousand dollars. Individual donations, the returns from missionary labors, etc., have furnished the revenues for the expense f the work the N. S. A. has carried on

the past year. Ways and means of raising funds must be provided by this Convention. To that work, I invite your attention, urging you to remember that it is your chief duty at this time. Plans should be made whereby the amount of the increased. Last year I recommended that a special missionary be elected to visit local societies, not as a special solicitor of funds at their meetings, but to strengthen the ties between the N. S. repeal or modification. Inasmuch as A. and the society visited. This mis-it compels our mediums to pay a large sionary was to be instructed to solicit

Your President was elected as such missionary, and sent into the field to eties, and secured a few donations, when his work was diverted, under the direction of the Board, to instituting port progress to date, and ask for action on the part of the delegates.

and conducting mass meetings in the name of the N. S. A. I am yet of the opinion that the N. S. A. should appoint a missionary to visit all of our aux-iliaries, with instructions to labor earnestly to increase the membership of the same, and to prove the interest the N. S. A. feels in its branches. Every person who joins one of our chartered locals adds to the revenues of the N. S. A. through per capita dues and collectlons. This missionary should not solicit funds from the society, but confine his efforts to the work of helping said society in the way named above, and confine his soliciting to such persons as have ample means, and are not overtaxed to support local societies.

Such a missionary would add much to the income of the N. S. A. through donations from individuals, and would also do much to induce the well dis-posed to bequeath certain sums to it by will. This is an important item and needs your earnest thought. In former years I have urged the appointment of special financial agents, who should travel from point to point, soliciting funds for the N. S. A. A number of agents have been appointed in the past, but only two of them have ever done anything of moment for the N. S. A. I now feel that this method should be abandoned and one general solicitor be selected to follow the lines above indicated, helping our auxiliaries, and means who can be reached in no other why. I urge this matter upon you, and most earnestly recommend the election of a special missionary for this important port. important post.

I further urge that each delegate and friend of Spiritualism present at this Convention be invited to become a

borne. I believe that one hundred persons can be found who are willing to give one hundred dollars per year for the support of the N. S. A., when they are given the assignment that the N. S. A. is a permanent institution, and that it will be held to wisely conservative will be held to wisely conservative ends. I recommend this proposition to your favorable notice, and ask the Convention to act thereon. For a period of at least five years, this guarantee should be given so that the N. S. A. may be kept on its feet, financially, yet do the work required of it in meantime.

am inclined to feel that the policy of issuing certificates of contributing membership should be abandoned. The certificates carry little weight, yet they have been used by some who have obtained them to the prejudice of the N S. A. Very few have been issued this last year, and only to persons known to have a genuine interest in the N. S. A. I believe the provision for such indirect membership should be removed from our By-Laws and recommend action ac-

#### MASS MEETINUS.

During the past year, twenty-one mass meetings have been held under the auspices of the N. S. A. and several active State Associations. Eighteen of these gatherings have been affended by your President in person. The attendance has been large and quite enthusias tic throughout the series, with the exception of two cases only. These mass meetings were originally designed as a neans of raising revenue for the N. S. A., as well as of arousing an interest in Spiritualism on the part of the people. They have usually more than paid for themselves, and have been the means of reviving the interest in Spirtualism in many cities where they have been held.

They cost a great deal in the way of time and labor, as well as in money for the defrayal of the expenses of the speakers and mediums who participate n them. The energy thus expended could be turned into channels, that would lead to a far better service of the Cause. Experience of four years convinces me that these meetings seldom add to the membership of local societies, neither do they create a last-ing interest in Spiritualism. The fire burns brightly while the influence of the meeting lasts, then dies away quickly, leaving a greater darkness than there was before. If the labor, devoted to the work of building up a strong local society, I firmly believe that the results would be of a more permanent character.

Yet these meetings have been educational in their general impress, and have been the means of calling the attention of thousands of people to the truths of Spiritualism. Despite this great advantage, the fact that they have a tendency to weaken local societies, and the further fact of their great cost, it would seem as if they had served their purpose, and could be dispensed with to advantage to the N. S. A. They can be handled by our State Associations with less expense and to a far greater advantage than they can by the N. S. A. Holding in mind the great good they have accomplished in the past, I am yet constrained to recommend that the practice of holding mass meetings be abandoned

for the coming year. The N. S. A. is under great obligations to all of the speakers, mediums and local workers who helped to make the mass meetings of the past year so signally successful. I therefore recommend that this Convention returns its thanks for the good work done, to the Spiritualists of the cities and towns in which these meetings were held, also to the speakers and mediums who took part in them. Our Secretary's books and the monthly reports of your President will show who these good friends are and where their unselfish work was performed.

#### MISSIONARY WORK.

The past year has clearly proved that missionary work is the best method of promoting the interests of Spiritualism and of establishing permanent organizations that has thus far been devised. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kates, and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing have been untiring in their efforts to aid our Cause as inlessionaries. The two former have conflued their labors largely to the State of Indiana. where they have organized a goodly number of societies, and repdered faithful service to Spiritualism. They have done nobly and deserve the heartfelt gratitude of every Spiritualist in Am-

erica.

These words apply with equal force to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kates, whose labors have been chiefly confided to the northwest, although they were frequently called to aid the N. S. A. in quently called to aid the N. S. A. in Michigan, Illinois, lower filesouri and Kansas. With four sind workers in the field, the N. S. A. and the field of the N. S. A. and the file of the N. S. A. and the file of the N. S. A. and the file of the second of the N. S. A. and the file of the second of the file of the work, as testify to the value of their work, as testify to the value of the work, as testify to the value of the file of the work, as testify to the value of the file of the work, as testify to the value of the file of the file of the N. S. A. and file of the N. S. A. Twing are sent in-

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Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing was sent into virgin land, so far as Spiritualism is concerned. Her labors were confined to Mississippi and Trinessee. She is for funds with which to defray expenses of this contest in case of the contest in the case of the case of the contest in the case of the case of the contest in the case of the

rotion to the Cause she loved. Your President also engaged in missionary work during the past year. A portion of the months of December and January were spent in the States of Maine, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware, where I visited a goodly number of established local societies, organized a few new ones, and did my

best to further the interests of organization along broadly helpful lines. Of the value of that work I cannot speak. as that testimony should come from others. From Feb. 1 to the middle of May, my missionary labors were wholly confined to the mass meetings to which I have already referred. From the known results of the labors of our missionaries, I am led to believe that the work should be extended and

carried on on a larger scale next year. I recommend that funds be provided for the employment of not less than ten missionaries by the N. S. A., the same to be instructed to work for organization throughout the coming year within certain territorial limits. I have no wish to forestall the action of this Convention, but, in deference to the request of many of our representative laymen, and in harmony with my own inclinations, I venture to recommend the following persons to your favorable notice, as especially adapted to the work in question: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kates, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, George H. Brooks, Moses Hull and Mrs. Clara L. Stewart. Our nation could be divided into sections and each one of the workers named given per-manent fields of labor for the period of twelve months at least.

#### LOCAL SOCIETIES.

This important subject has been extensively discussed during the past year, but of such transcendent value are our local societies to our Cause, I venture to call your attention to them at this point. A-special place for the further consideration of this subject has been made in our official program, and I respectfully urge you to give it your best thought. My experience for the past eight years has taught me the ephemeral character of our local societies, and clearly shown me their weakness. Very few of them are financially prosperous, and fewer still are moving n the direction of providing homes of their own. Charitable work should be done, and an influence in the direction I liberality exercised in every com

munity Comfortable temples or spiritually magnetized halls, appropriate music, and good speakers are necessities, as are also well authenticated phenomena. The best means to obtain these results according to my judgment, is the settle ment of speakers who can do our Cause most excellent service by becoming a time and money they cost were to be part of the social life in the communitles where they reside. I am not unmindful of the good work done by our itinerant speakers and mediums, nor have I forgotten our noble ploneers who blazed a path through the wilderness of bigotry, skepticism and bitter sectarian prejudice, for us to follow. But because of their good work, we should do still better, and pave the way for yet grander results from those who shall come after us. With that end in view, our local societies should be strengthened, our work made permanent, and Spiritualism thereby made a power for good in the land. Once more let me arge the importance of this subject upon you, and ask you to give it your most earnest thought

#### OUR PHENOMENA.

At this point the question as to the use of and proper place for our phenomena naturally arises. The officers of the N. S. A., without exception, feel that the phenomena of Spiritualism deserved an honored place in its economy. They hold that they are all based upon the solld rock of fact, hence deserve the thoughtful atention of all students of occult science. But their relation to our local societies, and especially their presentation from public platforms, are questions of moment to this Convention. No Spiritualist objects to genuine phenomena, but he has a right to ask that these phenomena should be properly presented to the

Our phenonena are too valuable, ave too precious even, to be made the sport of the unthinking and a show for the curious. There are three places where phenomena can be benefically demonstrated to the people of the world. First in the home circle; second in the laboratory of the scientist, and, third, in the communion service The home circle is ever a sacred place from which even the breath of suspicion is removed, and where mortals and spirits can meet in an open exchange of loving thought I hold that we cannot lay too much emphasis upon the value of the home circle, and respectfully recommend that this Convention shall place itself squarely on record in favor of the gen-eral re-establishment of the same. The laboratory of the scientist is the

proper place for trying experiments. The progressive men of science today are qualified to deal with this subject, and the compilation of the results of their labors would be of great value to our Cause. Their work would cover the ground that the Psychical Research Society attempts to occupy, only it would be much broader in character and far more satisfactory in its results, from the fact that many mediums would contribute their demonstrated evidence in place of the one or two up on whom our brethren of the organization named rely It would also be the means of bringing the two bodies that are so near alike in their aims closely together, and, perhaps, in time, make their labors identical. Spiritualism has the facts and is therefore qualified to ald the cause of psychism as is no other cult in existence. It will be a happy day for Spiritualism when the evidence of the psychic laboratory takes the place of the guess work now unhappily in vogue in far too many Spiritualities

The third place in which our phenomena can best serve our Cause has been called the communion service. This and I urge you to give it more than a the camp, and to look out for its interfunction could follow the public lecture, passing thought.

good during that brief period by her de- but from it should be excluded all those who are not spiritually illumined sufficiently to receive the aid it would give them. The curious, the amuse ment hunter, the carping critic, and the cynical doubter would all be wanting here. Our phenomena would be consecrated to the soul-needs of the people secretated to the source of the people fitted to receive them, and the latter would go away soothed and strengthened by the uplifting influence of an hour's communion with their arisen spirit friends. Such a service would render deception impossible, for the psychic could not fail to be touched by the spirit of the hour, and could not but reflect the soul's all perfect light,

> None of these methods would retire our phenomena from sight, nor cast any our phenomena from sight, nor cast any reflections upon their value. They would, on the contrary, double their value by removing them from the realm of doubt into that of certainty This change would take away one of the sources of weakness to our local societles, and give in its stead a pillar of strength. It would make our meetings distinctively religious in their character, and would do away with those elements that delight those who are only in search of amusement. As it is today, our phenomena are questioned by every one outside our ranks. And by very many of those who are within them. This is due to the loose methods that have so long prevailed in dealing with and in presenting our phenomena to the world. Rather than have these dangerous

methods continue, the materialistic tenlency of the same augmented in power, t would be better by far for the movement known as Spiritualism to be split in twain-one portion to follow those ennobling ideals that ever precede the consecration of true phenomena to soul uses—the other to go its own way in the direction of sensual materialism and all things else for which that term stands It is religion, consecration, soul-devotion, growth, and illumination against gain lucre, sense enjoyment, and materialistle considerations. The choice is ours to make, and the time is now here for it to be made. Our decision will add to the popular interest in our phenomena by making them of greater value to all investigators. I recommend action upon this question, and respectfully suggest that the matter be referred to a special committee for full consideration, and a report of their work to be submitted to this body.

in making this recommendation, I must not be understood as opposing our mediums and their work. The course above outlined would greatly enhance their power, and make their work of grater value than ever before. In the nome circle, they would ever be welcome as revelators of the gifts of the spirit, while in the scientist's laboratory they would be invaluable aids to the munion service, they would become like unto the oracles of old, who stood between the visible and the invisible as purveyors of wisdom and consolation from the supernal world. The above plan would exalt mediumship and will make our mediums objects of tender solicitude on the part of all seekers for truth. They could then be cared for in loving kindness and would be compensated for their services in a way that would enable them to live without being in constant fear of coming to want, as they are to-day. Let us honor mediumship and true mediums by giving them this protection of our love, and by placing them in the position where they rightfully belong.

#### CHILDREN'S LYCEUM.

This important branch of our work has been sadly neglected in the past, but has received considerable attention during the year now closing. A special place on the official program of the Convention has been assigned to the Lyceum, when many important facts will be presented for the consideration of the delegates. This topic is of the utmost importance to us all, and I urge it upon the Spiritualists of America as well as upon the Convention, to give it their most earnest thought. I recommend action of a practical nature upon this question, and respectfully urge all Spiritualists to take a deeper inter est in this important subject.

#### HISTORY OF SPIRITUALISM. From year to year for the past four

years I have recommended that steps be taken by the N. S. A. to have an authentic history of Spiritualism prepared by competent parties, under the supervision of the Association. Each year this plan has received the approval of the delegates, but has not been carried out because of the lack of funds. The history is a necessity, and its preparation cannot longer be delayed with safety. Our veteran ploneers are rapidly taking leave of earth. It is to them that we must look for authoritative testimony with regard to the stirring events of the early days of our movement, and of the men and women who testingted in them. An impartial hisparticipated in them. An impartial his tory would sell well in the book world, not only among Spiritualists, but also among the liberal-minded people who are seeking for truth. No better time than the present can be found to undertake this work. Brother Lyman C. Howe has been elected chief historian, with authority to select two aids to assist him in preparing the great work Dr. Dean Clark and Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson were recommended by our last Convention as persons emin-ently fitted to assist him. I respectfully recommend that the action of former Conventions in selecting the three partles named be reaffirmed at this time. and instructions given to our incoming Board of Trustees to see to it that this work is undertaken during the coming year. I am aware that this means the expenditure of money, and realize that that money must be raised by this Convention. I therefore respectfully recommend that a special History Fund be raised by this body of delegates, and plans laid by which it can be augmen-ted during the coming year. This is one of the most important subjects that a direct representative present on that you are to consider at this Convention, day, to acknowledge the courtesies of

AN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SPIRITUALISTS IN ST. LOUIS, MO., IN 1903.

Since our Cleveland Convention, the idea of holding an international Congress of the Spiritualists of the world in St. Louis, Mo., during the World's in St. Louis, Mo., during the World's in St. Louis, Mo., during the World's in the congressity in Fair of 1903, has been constantly in mind. It has been urged upon me by friends in foreign lands, as well as by prominent Spiritualists at home. I feel as if the suggestion is a good one. From advices thus far received, I am quite sure that the leading Spiritualists of Europe, Mexico and South America would gladly take part in such a Convention. Delegates will come from all quarters of the globe, and the Convention cannot fall to do our Cause much good. In order to make it a success, the work connected with it must be at once undertaken There is no doubt but what we can obtain recognition from the Management of the Exposition upon proper application, and be assigned a place upon the official program. I ask you to consider this question at length, and earnestly recommend favorable action thereon.

#### A PSYCHIC QUARTERLY.

Again let me urge upon you the importance of establishing a Psychic Quarterly, to cover the field in our literature formerly occupied by W. T. Stend's great magazine. "Borderland." Such a magazine would appeal to the progressive minds on both continents, and would be sustained by them from the start. Phenomenal facts, scien-tific demonstrations, philosophical deductions, and religious affirmations could all find places on its pages. Such a journal would do the Cause of Spiritualism much good, and would be a constant reminder of the work and worth of the N. S. A. I therefore once more recommend action in this direction.

#### FRATERNITY.

Many Free Thought and Liberal Associations will hold their annual Conventions during the coming year, as will also many reformatory bodies with whose views, in the main all Spiritualists are in accord. I recommend that fraternal greetings be sent to all of them under the scal of this Association. signed by the President and Secretary, and that as far as possible without expense to the N. S. A., fraternal delegates be appointed to represent our organization at their gatherings. We are in receipt of leters of invitation from several organizations to fraternize with them, and surely Spiritualists are broad enough to return the compliment by showing their sympathy with progressive movement laboring to bene-tit humanity. I feel that letters of greeting should be sent to the National Conventions of our brethren across the sea, and every effort put forth to prove our interest in the spreading of the gosnoble art of establishing the truths of | pel of peace over all the earth. To that end let us labor to strengthen the bonds of friendship between those who think allke, and thereby help to establish the universal religion of the brotherhood of the race.

#### OUR DECLARATION OF PRIN-CIPLES.

The many legal complications with regard to the exact status of Spiritualism that have arisen during the past year, render it imperative Declaration of Principles should be very explicit in its every point. In order to maintain our rights as Spiritualists, we must prove to the satisfaction of the court that Spiritualism is a religion, and that we are a religious people. I do not suppose that any well-informed Spiritualist seriously questions the fact that Spiritualism is a religion. Such being the case, there is no reason why we should hesitate to so declare ourselves before the world. If the present Declaration that was adopted at Chicago, III., in 1899 is not sufficiently explicit, t should be made so by this Convention. Men and women of means stand ready to endow the N. S. A. as soon as they are assured that their money will go where they wish it to go, and be sacredly consecrated to the advancement of the Cause of truth. Today several estates are in litigation, owing largely to the fact that we have not had the ourage to declare to the world what we have demonstrated as truths to our souls. The work of building the temple of Humanity and of aiding our fellowmen, is of far greater importance than quibbling over words, or quarreling over non-essentials. I believe in principle, therefore wish to have the wills of all who bequeath property to Spiritualism carried out in full. To that end, I recommend action on this subject.

#### CAMP MEETINGS.

All of the Spiritualist Camps have done good work during the present season, and with very few exceptions, they have all been loyal allies of the N. S. A. In some instances we have been given special days upon the programs where in former years our Association was not recognized. This era of good feeling is a happy augury for the future success of the N. S. A. Its aim is to aid all organizations, and the willingness of other Spiritualistic societies to aid it in its efforts to get upon its feet is certainly indicative of a fraternal spirit that we should recognize and appreclate. I feel that letters of thanks under the scal of the N. S. A. should be sent to the officers of all Camps that have given the N. S. A. hearing during the past season, and recommend ac-cordingly. It would also be well to make application for similar days next year at all of these mammoth assemblies, and I recommend that the incoming Secretary be instructed to open correspondence at once with the Sccretaries of all Camps, soliciting a special day for the N. S. A. on their official programs next season. In this connection It would be well to guarantee that the N. S. A. will furnish all extra talent needed without cost to the several Camps, only asking permission to appeal for funds and to take up a collection. It would also be a graceful thing to promise that the N. S. A. will have ests on that occasion. I have attended

and the financial returns from them all aggregate six hundred dollars for the N. B. A. Such a sum is worth looking after, and can be greatly augmented in the future, if due care is exercised by the N. S. A. The Camps, with perhaps a single exception, are now friendly to our Association, and we should show them that we are thorough believers in occasions. the doctrine of reciprocity by both deed and precept.

THE SECULAR PRESS.

During the past year, Spiritualism has received a great deal of attention from the secular press. Articles for and against it have appeared daily, and so great has been the interest in some articles that the entire issue containing Spiritualism vigorously, and the editors have ever been willing to publish re-joinders from the officials of the N. S. A., or other representative Spiritualists. In view of the increasing frequency of these attacks, I feel that it would be well for the N. S. A. to be authorized to reply to the same. To that end, I earnestly recommend that the Clipping Bureau of Chicago, Ill., be employed to furnish our home office with clippings from all newspapers in the United States and Canada. This will entail an expense of five dollars per month, but the gain therefrom will be greatly in excess of that sum through the placing of our true principles before the masses in the columns of the very papers that attack us. I further recommend that scrapbooks be purchased by our Secre-tary, and these clippings arranged in orderly form therein. They will be of great value to the future historian of our Cause, and can best be preserved in the manner indicated.

#### REFORM WORK.

This is a subject in which all Spiritualists feel a deep interest. Spiritualism is reform in every sense of the sylvania, taking the case through all of word, yet it will do no harm for this the courts of that great Commonwealth, Convention to place itself on record on | There will come the cost of taking the the subjects of capital punishment, case to the Supreme Court of the compulsory vaccination, taxation of United States, but a decision will be so church and ecclesiastical school property, temperance, equal suffrage, direct legislation, war, industrial education, to the friends of liberty. I feel that the and kindred topics. I recommend these several issues to the thoughtful attention of the Committee on Resolutions, voice the sentiments of this honorable body in a fitting manner, concerning all | that now makes the American people

#### EDUCATION.

We must not forget the question of a higher spiritual education for the masses. Our platform must be broad-ened, and our public utterances made to son. To that end, we should give our hearty endorsement to the Training School at Lily Dale, N. Y., under the efficient tuition of our able brother, Moses Hull, and to all other schools designed to give a broad and spiritual education to our people. An educated ministry is one of the main props to Spiritualism, and we cannot do too much to further this desired end. I recommend action with respect to this interesting topic. Cassadaga Camp made an important and valuable de parture in its work during the past season in introducing educational work in the form of classes throughout the sesassembly of like character in the United States. It was a step in the right direction, and should be given the hearty approval of this Convention.

#### PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

Within the past few weeks, our beloved and honored Chief Magistrate, William McKinley, has been stricken ity. Feeling that his loss is personal t every member of this Convention, I recommend an earnest expression of our condemnation of his fearful murder, and of our sympathy with his family every loyal American heart. It was a stroke at our flag through the sacred and exalted office held by our honored President. He was a good man and endenvored faithfully to serve the American people. As Spiritualists, we know of the life into which he graduated, vet we cannot but mourn his violent and most cruel taking off. Let us lay a tribute of love upon the bier of this man of the people, this friend of truth and right, and give him our psychic impress as he takes up his duties in the realms of the soul. All honor to our martyred patriot, William McKinley!

### ALTRUISM.

I feel as if this Convention should make some reference to this most important subject, therefore invite your special attention to it at this time. I means the gospel of love, as against that of selfishness, and concerns the good of all mankind. The good of others rather than individual aggrandizement, is its purpose. We can therefore afford to make it our gospel, and so seek to express it to the world that we may be. able to find the points of agreement in other religions and philosophies, as well as in the thoughts of our fellowmen. By so doing, we will become expounders of the great truths of the spirit, exemplifiers of the gospel of non-resistance, practical examples of the religion of peace, and leaders in the work ism can be our politics, our ethics, our psychic impulse. Then we shall rise to the altitude of the Universal, and be able to show the world the superiority of our thought. I recommend this great question to your thoughtful attention and ask that some expression be given as to the attitude of Spiritual; ism with regard to it.

### STATE ASSOCIATIONS.

It would be well to devote a portion of our time to the question as to the best method of increasing the efficiency, of our State Associations. They are needed as never before, as the history of the past year abundantly proves. Adverse legislation on the subject of the practice of medicine was attempted. score or more of them the attempt was successful. In those States where the monopolists were unsuccessful, their defeat was due to the efforts of our State Spiritualist Associations. Legis lation was also attempted against our mediums in a few States, and those attempts were frustrated only by the eff; forts of our State Associations. In one or two justances our opponents were successful in this direction, thus show-ing us the necessity of having a good working State organization in each State, or a live committee from the N. S. A. to oppose at each State Capital all measures inimical to the best interests of the people. The State Spiritualist by your President and Secretary has Association in Maine defeated the at been cheerfully published by all of the tempt to restore capital punishment in papers, while their editors have spoken that State. The above facts prove the recommend that ways and means be vers if teel that this Association is the provided by which such Associations der great obligations to W. H. Bach, may be formed in every State in the Editor of the Sunflower, to John R. Union. We now have eighteen of them brancis, Editor of The Progressive at work, and with the assistance of the Thinker; to Willard J. Hull and J. B. N. S. A. I believe the other thirty-one Townsend, Editor and Proprietor of the Price \$1. For sale at this office.

twelve camps during the past summer, States and Territories can be brought into line, and when they are, class leg-islation of an unjust character can be averted. When our opponents begin to resort to legislation to injure our true and tried mediums, it is time for every Spiritualist to rise above party ties and support only such men and measures as will defend liberty and justice on all

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Many complaints have reached me during the past year from various sec-tions with regard to the date of our anpual Convention, alleging that it is held. at an inopportune time. Two reasons are given in support of this allegation that I consider valid. The first is the fact that our October date is too soon them has been speedily exhausted, after the Camp-meeting season, and the Many of the articles have attacked second which is the more important of second which is the more important of the two, is that it conflicts seriously with the opening of the season's meet-ings on the part of our local societies. I deem these arguments to be of weight and respectfully urge you as a body of delegates to take steps to secure a Tuesday in January as a date better suited to our needs than the one on which we now assemble,

#### MEDICAL PERSECUTIONS. In view of the numerous prosecutions

of our clairvoyant and magnetic physi-

clans, I deem. It wise to call your attention in a special paragraph to this Important matter. The right to get well by any means that will cure, is or should be, sacred to every man, woman and child on earth. It is now denied in the majority of the States of this nation. I believe restrictive medical laws to be unconstitutional, but they can never be overthrown until a test case is taken to the Superior Court of the United States. I am informed by Hon. A. B. Richmond, of Meadville, Pa., that it will cost about \$300 (three hundred dollars) to make such a test in Penn-sylvania, taking the case through all of N. S. A. should undertake the work of making the test. Good cases worthy of our aid, are to be found in both Ohio and Pennsylvania, and if we can destroy the iniquitous class legislation slaves to medical monopoly, we shall have won a great victory, and shall have made for Spiritualism a record of which all its followers may well be proud. I recommend that the incoming Board of Trustees be instructed to take n test case in this especial field to the stand for scholarship, logic and rea- Supreme Court of the United States at the earliest possible moment. The expense can easily be met. When the N. S. A. shows that it is acting in behalf of clairvoyants and magnetic healers, many of those directly involved will rally to its support, and gladly con-tribute to meet the expenses of the suit. MEDIUMSHIP.

I recommend that a strong statement In behalf of true mediumship be adopted by this Convention. The true medlum is a benefactor to all mankind, and deserves well at the hands of all Spiritualists. The N. S. A. is and ever has been the champion of true and honsion. The results were excellent, and I est mediumship. Never in its history feel that the example of Cassadaga has it as an institution, or have any of could be followed with profit by every its officers, denounced or opposed a true medium. Our N. S. A. is for the purpose of placing mediumship in its true position before the world, hence we should not hesitate to define its position in relation thereto. Our mediums are our oracles with respect to spiritual powers, and should be so circumstanced as to be able to do their best for the world. Personally I owe by the fell hand of an assassin, and much to mediumship, and am prematurely ushered into his immortal- ready to give credit where credit is due. therefore renew my recommendation and urge that resolutions in support of true mediumship be adopted by this Convention. It will be in keeping with the spirit of liberty and truth to and our mourning nation. The hand instruct the incoming Board of Trustees that struck him down aimed a blow at to make a test case of the laws against instruct the incoming Board of Trustees mediums now on the statute books of several States at the earliest possible moment, and I recommend action ac-

### THE HOME OFFICE.

The work at our Home Office has

been performed most expeditiously and

satisfactorily throughout the year by our efficient Secretary, Mrs. Mary T. Or if he wakes to-morrow? Longley. She has endeavored most faithfully to serve the N. S. A. in every way, and has done much to aid the Cause of Truth by her loyalty and conscientious devotion to principle. She has had the constant counsel of our large-hearted Treasurer, Theodore J. Mayer, as well as the timely advice of our other resident Trustee in Washington, Mr. I. C. I. Evans, and their work has been well done. They are towers of strength to the N. S. A., and deserve well at the hands of this Convention. No eulogium of our generous Treasurer, Mr. Mayer, is needed from me at this time. His works speak for him, and ever do they rise to praise him. All of the members of the Board of Trustees have labored with singleness of heart for the good of our Association. The members have been as a unit in their labors to aid the N. S. A., and havet worked in perfect harmony throughout the year. Personally, I am under obligations to them all, and take this opportunity to publicly thank not only those above mentioned, but also of doing good to all mankind. Altru- Bros. Locke, Dewey, Thompson, Pruden, and Stevens for the many favors received at their hands, and for their valuable aid to the N. S. A. They have made our organization strong where it was weak, and have made it favorably known where it was formerly un

#### known. THE PRESIDENT'S WORK.

The record of your President's work is already before you in the history of the mass-meetings and missionary la-bor for the past year. No words are needed further in relation to that part of his labors. In addition to that work, I have had an unusually large corre-spondence, which I have faithfully en-deavored to carry on in the interests of the Nos. A., and have written for all of in a majority of the States, and in a the fending Spiritualist papers such articles as would, in my judgment, aid the N. S. A. I have also written for the secular press in defense of Spiritualism to a greater extent than ever before, and have responded promptly when solicited by the editors of popular periodicals to speak in behalf of our religion. I leave it for others to speak of the results of my labors. I have done my duty as I have seen it, and the record thereof is before you for inspection.

THE SPIRITUALIST PRESS. The N.S. A. has had the undivided support of the Spiritualist press during the entire year. Every article written kindly words of our organization withworth of our State Associations, and I just solicitation on the part of our off-

Light of Truth; to Thomas G. Newman, Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal; to Max Gentzke, Editor of Lichtstrablen; and to the Banner of Light Publishing Company, for the many favors received. I recommend that due acknowledgement be made to each and all of them by this Conven-

#### CONCLUSION.

The work of the past year shows what can be done when proper effort is put forth by those who are truly inter-ested in organization. For the coming year, indeed, for the next five years, we need the same devoted, consecrated spirit in the work of the N. S. A. Eight years of constant labor have brought our organization to a point where it can begin to do effective work for our Cause. Every Spiritualist now sees its value, and recognizes its great utility. Each one should resolve at the opening of the minth year of our work to redouble his efforts to make the N. S. A. a power for good in our land. Let us labor together in love, and prove by our works that we realize the fruth of the adage, "In union there is strength." Let us lay aside all differences of opinion on non-essentials and work with a will to make our Spiritualism stand forth as the religion of humanity and the ethics of the civilization of the soul. Let us lift high and yet higher our banner of co-operation, and win our way through the harmonizing influence of Love and Peace. May this ever be the policy of the N. S. A.! All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRISON D. BARRETT,

### FRIENDLY SPARRING

By a Spiritualist and a Non-Spiritualist.

W. E. Bonney, of this city, sends in an essay on "The Spirit Birth," which is important if true. He says to begin with that "there comes a time in the experience of every individual spirit when the inexorable laws under which we live compel us to vacate the material structure of flesh and blood, bone and sinew, in which the spirit has found an abiding place during the earth-life with its experiences, and find a new home, a different body suited to the change from the earth life to the life of the spirit realms," Continuing along that line Mr. Bonney assures us that the transition from this coarse exstence to one more ethereal, and that fadeth not away, is as natural a pro-cess as any other process of which our material senses take cognizance. Death as understood is a misnomer. Its true significance, if we read the seer aright, is change, and that change is for the better and not the worst. The flesh is a serious handleap to the progress and expansion of the real man, the eternal entity which is to live and thrive and have a good time after the aching bones with which it is here associated have crumbled back to insensate dust. Mr. Bonney says that when we get across the river, and the boatman with his muffled oar returns for another load, we will be met and welcomed by sympathetic friends who will joyfully pilot us to the eternal city and presumably deposit us in the most comfortable corner of Abraham's capacious bosom where we shall rest in peace through everlasting ages in the midst of associations than which none could be more agreeable.

He paints no place of future woe, That mortal man may fear it, But how does Mr. Bonney know So much about the spirit? Has Bonney looked with glad surprise Where flesh were out of order? And can one see with mortal eyes Beyond life's sunset border?

Perhaps, that human happiness May be down here augmented; He ventures thus to file a guess By ancient minds invented. We hope what Bonney says is so— It calls for joy and laughter— But what does Mr. Bonney know Of what may be hereafter?

We know, of course, that life and death Are natural processes— But when a man has lost his breath, How grand the field for guesses. We sit around his bier and weep And wonger at our sorrow. f death is an eternal sleep,

Since time upon this earth began For ages and for ages, That question has been asked of man By prophets and by sages. Great minds have wrestled with thought-

The most supremely trying-But Bonney thinks he has it caught, Or else the man is lying. -Nebraska State Journal, Sept 6.

BONNEY TO BIXBY. Once again I take my pen

In defense of truth and right, And help remove from minds of men Superstitions dark as night,

do not wish to aggravate Or make an enemy of Bix. That Spiritualism is not tricks. once believed as Blxby does,

That men and hogs were all alike, And spirit message never was Since Adam wandered down the pike. But "facts are facts," as Bixby knows, No matter what the preachers say, And Spiritualism ever grows To show the world the better way.

Not like the church does it profess Belief that sometime man will live Beyond the time of nothingness Which is all the grave can give.

Eternity means all the time, And not simply beyond the tomb; This truth is really quite sublime, It robs the grave of all its gloom. We do not fear the change called death. Or worry over helf's hot fire; When we draw our final breath We expect to go a little higher.

Ever onward, looking upward, Is our watchword, Brother Blx, And we hope to see you conquered By the truth with no error mixed. We know that frauds are everywhere

In church, in state and politics; Spiritualism doubtless has its share "There are others," however, Mr. Bix.

Give up your fight against the fact That man is more than a bag of wind, A pile of dust, a souliest hack With scarce a particle of mind. Upon the truth sublime I stand, That life is life, wherever found; Once a life spark has been fanned

It never will stay under ground. So when you leave this rocky shore. To sail on the etherent skies, May you be skeptical he hiore, Or think that I have written Hes.

Lincoln, Neb. W. Da BONNEY.

Lisbeth A Story of Two Worlds. By Carrie E. S. Twing. Richly imbued with the philosophy of Spiritualism.

# GHURGH WHERE ALL WILL BE SILENT.

### Only Voiceless Prayers Will Be Offered.

been definitely accepted or decided upon, but the pe-unwonted atmosphere of all these desirable attributes culiar temple will probably be known as the "Church of and qualities. Silent Demand."

The Prentice Mulford club of Chicago-which began life in June, 1900, as the Auto Life society-is the organization which is to father and erect the silent, voiceless church. John A. Walgren is the President of the club, nearly and minutely as possible. So great has been and Cassius M. Loomis its Vice President, Ida Marie Bergen and R. W. Miller its Secretaries, and Miss May F. Power such place where wearied humans can step aside from the the club librarian. Already a library of over 200 volumes glare and wear and tear of city life and find peace and has been acquired, and the club numbers over 100 memhers. Every one of these members is fully convinced of the power and potency of silent devotion, of concentrated neither advertise, make public announcements, nor seek thought-energy. In the new church or temple the voice or prayer or praise of preaching will never be heard. Silent prayer, praise, and aspiration will ascend continually from within its stately walls, and a fine pipe organ will add to the devotional atmosphere. But no service or audible expression of belief will ever take place within it. the relief and panacea of many of the problems which Mottoes on walls and doors will warn those entering to oppress all humanity, as well as problems peculiar to silence and concentrated devotion. The "autos"-as Chicago. A similar club in London has been productive members of the club still call themselves and each other- of much good work along charitable and philanthropic will strive to be present as much and as frequently as possible. But every silence or peace loving citizen, resident, or visitor of and to Chicago will be made free and welcome of its noiseless seclusion. The "Church of Silent Demand" will be located in the down-town district in order that its peace and restfulness may be as easily available to a great number of persons as possible.

#### WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

The sight of the church has not yet been selected, although a committee appointed by the club is at present considering the question. Meanwhile, and until such time as the stately temple shall have taken definite and concrete form and shape in Chicago, the club is to have parlors in the down-town region, and one of this suite of rooms will be set aside as a temporary church of silence from the first. The location of these rooms has been already decided, and the beginning of October will see this soundless place of worship opened. From the day of its opening until the day when the new and imposing temple is declared ready for use and occupation the silence chamber in the club parlors will not be closed. As in the case of the secred fire and the altar lamps of other religions the burning coals of spiritual fire will never be allowed to die out or grow cold.

LIKE EAST INDIAN TEMPLE. . In appearance the "Church of Silent Demand" will be it. Fine pictures of nature in her perfection, of the perfected and beautiful in human creation, and uplifting suggestions of all kinds will add to its glory. The daylight, in which all the "autos" believe so strongly and devotedly, will flood everything through wide openings in the roof- Beautiful stained glass windows will accomplish the tent of touching everything within the temple's walls with flecks of perfect color. Growing plants will thrive and blossom everywhere. The colors of the inmany of the "autos" to be inspiring

fessed Murderer.

Samuel Bowles, at one time editor of

the Springfield Republican, has given

us a vivid picture of some of the dark

and prostitutes, the abiding places of

minds, who plot to increase sorrow, de-

bauchery, drunkenness, dissension and revenge. He describes the negro hells

and others. His graphic descriptions call to mind the Buddhist hells, of

which there are said to be ten thou-

The New York Journal of September

22, gives the following first-hand testi-

mony of one Henry Taylor, the sek-confessed murderer of Edward Sewell.

He killed Sewell on August 12 by plac-ing his arm around his neck and firing

three shots from his revolver. He says

he has not had a moment's peace from

the time he left his dying victim until

he was behind prison bars. Taylor, who is a negro, told the fol-

lowing story in the station house:
"After I shot Sewell I jumped out of

the saloon and made up my mind to go to Homestead. When I put my hand

on the car I was confronted for the first

time with the presence of Sewell. He

was about to get off the car. I was hor-

"Then I collected myself and said to myself, 'Boy, you are a fool. There is no one there,' I did not take that car.
"The next car came along in a few moments and I took it. I was nervous, When the car, rounded to at Craig street I say that figure of Sewell running alongside of the car. He was pointing at me saying that he would bill me

"In Homestead I bought a hat and

clean black shirt. When I came out of the store Sewell was standing at the door. I went into a saloon and took a

drink. I thought that this would drive

Sewell's Spirit away.
"It did not, I Jimped on a freight train and went to Connellsville. I arrived there, late at night and went to the woods to sleep.

"I found a clump of trees to sleep be-

hind. Just as I stepped around the trees I saw the figure of Sewell again. I

laughed at it and then at myself for be

ing such a fool Allhis did not drive it

away. I simply lay on the ground awake and watched Sewell's figure

"I was glad-when the sun came out.

could not sleep so I went out in the

self in Mordin's Ferry. During this this office.

standing there: he ...

"Then Totallected myself and said to

rified for a moment.

kill me.

Testimony of a Self-Con- would board the train and come close to

conditions in the spirit world. The me. I went to Steelton and got employ-spheres of insurrectionists, anarchists ment in the steel mill.

Chicago is to have something decidedly new and is the color of nature, and the most restful of all. These unique in the way of sucred buildings and organizations, three colors will be so composed as to produce a perfect says the Chicago Tribune. A "Church of Silent Demand harmony. Harmony of all kind, in all ways and places, and Devotion, a "Hall of Concentration," a "Temple of harmony everywhere is the ideal -worshiped, followed the Mind"-ull these names and titles have been dis- after, and desired by the "autos." With harmony comes cussed and considered by the Chicago men and women rest, quietness, health, and serenity. The silent church who are to creet the strange edifice. None of them has is expected to do much toward bringing to Chicago an

#### INDICATIONS FAVOR IDEA.

The temporary church to be opened in the club parlors will follow the lines laid down for the future temple as is the demand for some such retreat or rest station, some quietness, that the club membership is augmenting rapidly, although the members believe in working quietly and proselytes, and the voiceless service is expected to ascend from the interior of the new temple within a surprisingly short space of time.

Mr. Walgren, the President of the Prentice Mulford Club, believes that in the club and its work will be found lines. Mrs. Cooper, a prominent official of this club, is now in Chicago and will shortly address the Chicago or

The aim and object of the Prentice Mulford Club, according to its President, is the bettering of all humanity, through the channels of personal effort and co-operative thought and the reconciliation of the three realms and forces so long considered irreconcilable-science, religion, and the standards of practical, everyday business life and

#### TO ASK SCHOOL BOARD'S AID.

So fully convinced are the club members that they have found the secret of real success and happiness that they are now preparing a resolution to be presently submitted to the Chicago Board of Education. This resolution will request the Board of Education to provide the school children of Chicago with at least a modicum of what Mr. Walgren describes as the "now generally accepted and scientifically provable facts concerning the law of thought." He, together with the other members of the club, is anxious that Chicago children shall be taught to work and expect rather than to fear and worry. The "success circles" in which the club members meet for co-operative thought, for the benefit of themselves and others, also give the pub-lic school children part of their time and attention. Charity work is also carried on generously. In the new magnifident and stately. One of the famous temples of church, as in the new parlors, rooms will be set apart for East India will be copied with more or less exactness and the use and encouragement of Chicago individuals who minuteness of detail in planning its architectural develop- are unhappy, uncomfortably situated, or depressed for ment. Gothic and Greek models do not appeal to the members of the silent conggregation. The exterior of the church will be simple but the church will be sim the church will be simple, but impressive. The interior promptly attempt to render efficient and thoughtful as-will be as heautiful and smooth as art and skill can make sistance. From the Church of Silent Demand a continuous stream of the inaudible, encouraging thought-messages intended to bring about better conditions for humanity will pour forth. Already, at the daily noontide meetings of the club, much earnest work of this kind is

The membership lists of the silent congregation are recruited from among intelligent and thoughtful residents of Chicago, and to these individuals come letters and questions from all parts of the world. The Silent Church of terior decorations will most probably be blue, yellow, and Chicago, judging from the tone and trend of these letters. red-light, occasional touches of the latter to relieve large may not long remain the only one of its kind in the world. masses of the two first named tones. Red is believed by Requests for permission to visit and enjoy the privileges when enjoyed in of the Chicago Church of Silent Demand have already small quantity. Yellow is the color of philosophy. Blue been received from almost every part of the universe.

alongside of the cars and then again it

"I worked for a couple of hours

any I had experienced.

loom of dreams,

him all the time."

it seems,

true.

but I would stand that if the presence

of Sewell would leave me. Why, I see

DAY DREAMS.

With tapestry the rainbow hue,

Though ever so fresh and new.

and fair, Just over the borders of Time,

earthly care,

·love intense,

streams.

roadside and wandered over to the rall-way tracks and took the train. Well, I with Music, by C. Payson - Longley.

wandered and rode until I found my. Price by mail, 15 cents. For sale at

and I dream of a life most wondrous

And the breezes with musical chime

Fill the air of this beautiful clime.

And my dreams are fashioned with a

With thoughts drawn from the soul,

And the patterns are broidered in a

Our good deeds like flowers unroll

and only this world do I see in my

Where radiant scenes and pure purling

Are more than my spirit can hold.

Or the pen of a master hath told. BISHOP A BEALS. Summerland, Cal.

"Longley's Beautiful Songs." Four

world from whence

In the light of a heavenly goal.

dreams. Broidered in silver and gold,

# SPIRITUALISTIC HELLS, or on the flat cars of the freight train, INDIAN LEGEND OF THE MAPLE fore me. Sometimes it

[A recitation by Arzelia C. Clay.]

Mek-se-see, the squirrel red, "Now, mind you, I am not a child. I When the winter's frost had fled, am cool now, and I was then. But the sight of this object was driving me Sporting in the leafless trees, Glad of softer sun and breeze, Saw beneath him, creeping slow, mad. I thought I had better get to work and then it would probably leave Wung-ba-sah, with bended bow. Sitting upright on the limb, Mek-se-see accosted him:-"Shoot not, Wung-ba-sah, I pray,

corrupt politicians and those dark When I would put my hands down to Till you hear what I would say." pick up a piece of fron or steel Sewell Then the Indian lad obeyed, seemed to be standing at the other end. Dropped his arrow's point and said: I kept as cool as I could. I did not care Speak out, quickly, Mek-se-see, to betray myself to the other darkies around me. I tried to sing and forget. Then your spirit I will free." 'Nay!" the squirrel cried, "not so! "I mingled among the boys at night Pluck your arrow from the bow. so that I could drive that spectacle Promise safety unto me But for Hell as it is sometimes antici- away. I was beginning to realize now And to all my family; pated, or experienced in the present that I could not stand this much longer. life, the following personal testimony is The next thing I knew I was arrested, Then a secret I will tell certainly inferesting and to some, will I was glad of it. I wanted to sleep. I That will serve you long and well. thought that if I was behind the bars Every spring shall you rejoice When you hear the squirrel's voice. I could do so. Nothing could get me For such wealth as you shall then. Well, they put me in the station Spare, then, all the squirrel kind. house and told me that I was there on Long the Indian boy stood still, a charge of murder. I admitted it. "Well, that night was about as bad as Fingering his arrow quill. Then he said: "So let it be, I expect to have it go hard with me,

Wizard spuirrel! I agree." Then spake Mek-se-see, and told Of the sweets the maples hold; How the sap, when frosts depart,

J. P. C. Pulses from the maple's heart. Climbs to every twig and bud In a sweet and crystal flood. Then he told the lad beneath Though I broider my thoughts in the How to pierce the maple's sheath, How to shape the alder spill, Yet I know that this world is not what Hollowed like the goose's quill; How to catch the dripping juice, Boll and stir till fit for use. That my dreams cannot always be Wing-ba-sah, all eager went

Took a kettle, and with haste 'Neath a lofty maple placed. Then he pierced the tree's gray skin, Where our thoughts are free from all Drove his slender spigot in, And sat watching, as the tide Tinkled on the vessel's side. Next he took his limpid spoil, Set it o'er the coals to boil But, in doubt, so much its look Like the water of the brook, Added meat, with sbrewd desire Not to waste the mess entire. Left it simmering o'er the dame While he sought for other game. When the Indian lad returned, 2001 Lo! within his kettle burned, Golden-hued, and thick and sweet, Syrup fit for gods to eatlest wall a Byer after that, 'tis said.

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Animal ghosts are rare. During the a few partisans on the negative side of the question.

has succeeded in finding but two or rilegious. The ghosts of pigs, dogs, three phantasms in forms lower than horses, and other beasts so treated are

"I was at Mentone, having left at teries of the mother country. home with the gardener a favorite black and tan terrier, Judy," reports 'Why, there is Judy!'

I went upstairs told my daughter, Mrs. of a child. Wodehouse, what I had seen. The Judy had gone out in the morning well, a harbinger of death of calamity. and had apparently picked up some

daughter of Mrs. Bagot, whom she experiences .- Chicago Tribune, mentions, was resurrected by the psychic researchers. It reads:

"Easter eve. Mentone. Drove with A. and picked anemones. Lovely, bright day. But my head ached too much to enjoy it. Went to bed after tea and read Hettner's 'Renaissance.' Mamma saw Judy's ghost at table

"March 28, Wednesday. Monte Carlo. -Mamma and A. came over for the day. Judy dead, poor old dear."

DOGS ALONE COME BACK.

lives nearest to man.

Here is the ghost of a living dog. Phantasms of living men in distress ber of years has been an overseer at are common. "Last night Megatheri- the works of the Jordan Manufacturing um, a small Indian dog, was sleeping in Company. For five years he has been my daughter's room," reports Mrs. an investigator in the faith of Spiritual-Beauchamp of Hunt Lodge, Twyford, ism, and says that he is gifted with a England. "I awoke, hearing him run phase of what is known as prophetic round my bedroom. I knew his step so mediumship. The message came to him well. My husband awoke too. I said, as he was sitting at his home in comlighted a candle, looked well, there was July 5, 1898. He felt the influence nothing and the door was shut. Then I coming over him and while in that conhad a feeling that something was dition the spirit appeared and comwrong with the dog. It came into my menced to talk. head that he had died at this minute, and I looked at my watch to see the time, and then I thought I must go up daughter in agony.

cried. We flew upstairs. He was lying draped in mourning." on his side like dead—his legs stretched The spirit spoke with an impediment straight out like a dead thing's. Then in his speech and Mr. Lawton states we found he had nearly strangled him- that he had often intended to write to self-got the strap of his coat somehow some member of the family of the Pres- | Eight Days Among the Arcfrom under his stomach and around his ident and ascertain if any of the relaneck. He soon revived and recovered tives of the President who had died when we got it off. I shall always in were afflicted in that manner, but when the future go and see if I have a dis- he thought the matter over he thought tinct feeling about any one. There was he would be set down as a crank, and no other dog in the house that night, for that reason he said nothing about and I could not possibly have heard the matter except to some of his par-Meg from the room where he was, on ticular friends and some of the emanother floor and at another end of our ployes at the mill. Now that he recalls - large, rambling house."

ONE FOUND BY LANG.

Andrew Lang, in all of his ghost these: A lieutenant of one of the British gunboats was visiting a friend in the country. Around a smoking-room fire sat several men and a fox terrier. . The heavy shambling footsteps of an bristled, growled, and followed the vious. sounds of the specter across the carpet.

cated also by the case reported to the prophesied the event and it came true Society for Psychical Research: Aye- as he had said it would. He also cites croft Hall is celebrated in England as a many other instances where he has rehaunted house. In it abides the gaunt ceived messages from the other world phantom of a woman, sometimes white, and the predicted events have come to sometimes black. It disappears through pass at the appointed time. If there is doors and performs other surprising any person who doubts his words are

been followed by a death in either my truth, to call and see him and he will husband's family or my own in every try to prove his assertions to their satiscase," testifies Mrs. Dauntesey, who faction. In conversation he is very dwells in this weird abode. "I had a fa- earnest and his voice has the ring of a vorite fox terrier, who used to sleep in man who is telling as near the truth as a novel. Mr. Blankenship has been in way, in all probability they were dismy dressing-room. She always went possible. up with me, and as a rule made her-- self comfortable at once. But once or Times man he did not make any atthe room, and looked fixedly in one cor- with his story in a straightforward the value of his find, simply saying that head was rocked till he lost consciousner of it, trembling violently all the manner. As to his respectability he retime. On these occasions I always took ferred the reporter to a well-known her away to another room, where she pastor of one of the leading churches of settled down at once."

seen throughout England. It is large, investigation. tail. It is looked upon as a bad spirit ject," he said, "when I wanted to say haunting scenes of evil deeds of future something for the reason that I have no • calamities. Its steps sound like those desire to appear in the eyes of the publifoot dory, and was accompanied by of a person walking in heavy shoes lie as a crank, and I am afraid that is another man as far as Cape Prince of Isara's story. He claims that he did through a sloppy, miry road. It utters what would have happened if I had it retreats, facing its pursuer, and ter. Pa., Times. either sinks into the ground or suddenly dissolves itself into a mist. Weapons pass through it as if it were a shadow. Objections to the Dogmas of Reincar-It frequently appears in Lancashire, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire, It is often seen in a dreary lane in the parish of Overstrand. Spots where it appears are often found scorched and smelling

of brimstone. afraid of the Gwallgi or "dog of dark- bert Turner. This book has for its obness," which haunts their country ject the cultivation of personal beauty, sometimes encountering ice which we roads. This terrible specter has the based on hygiene and health culture. It steered through without mishap. I left form of a mastiff, and blazing red eyes.

DOG HAUNTS THIS CASTLE. by a shagky spaniel, known as the elderly woman should be familiar with vorite haunt was the guardroom of the office ing by the fireside. The guards of the Whiting. Most excellent in their high old edifice went, from this chamber and elevating spirituality of thought, in an easterly direction I would reach rubbed and pounded he began to through the chapel when delivering the Series 1; 2, and 8; each complete in it land, but the sail was of little value, as breathe and soon regained conscious. pliantom dog, they customarily made gale at this office.

this trip in pairs. It was their superstition that something dreadful would befall him who ventured upon this errand alone. One dark night, according Instances of their Apparition, to tradition, one of them, drunk, made it a brag that he would brave the "dog of darkness" without companionship. present revival of the "Do-animals- alarmed the soldiers. They sought the have-souls?" problem the alleged fact daring guard, and found him dying that the shades of departed beasts do "with distorted features, in violent

It was an ancient English custom to bury animals alive in the churchyards The Society for Psychical Research for the purpose of scaring away the sacthat, of man. This is the most striking said to still haunt the ancient ceme-

#### LAMB GHOSTS IN CHURCHES.

The early founders of Christian Mrs. Bagot of the Palace. Hampton churches in Sweden burned a lamb uncourt, England, "I was sitting at the der the altar of each new church. In table d'hote with my daughter and hus- many parts of Sweden to-day it is said band and suddenly saw Judy run across that when one enters a church out of the room, and I suddenly exclaimed, service time he is apt to see the ghost of a little white lamb spring across the "There was no dog in the room or ho- choir loft and vanish. One of these. tel. But I distinctly saw her, and when seen in a graveyard, betokens the death

The ghost of a pig, buried alive in next letter from home told me that Kroskjoberg, frequently reappears as The doorstep of a certain ancient poison, as she was taken ill and died in house in Washington is said by many half an hour. She was almost a human to be haunted by a cat's ghost. Guest dog, so wonderfully intelligent and de after guest stumbles over this shade as he enters, and yet no live cat is ever The diary of Mrs. Wodehouse, the seen fleeing from the spot after these

That is What a Man Did.

THOMAS C. LAWTON, OF EAST TWELFTH STREET, TELLS HOW A MESSAGE FROM THE UNSEEN WORLD CAME TO HIM.

Thomas C. Lawton, of 301 East its urgent demands for attention. The only animal spooks of which Twelfth street, makes the claim that there are any apparently definite rec- three years ago he was informed from ords in psychic literature are those of the spirit world that there was a grave dogs. To those who really believe in calamity hanging over the head of "materializations" of the dead, this President McKinley and that the nafact may be significant. It has been tion would be plunged into the depths said that if the soul is to be sought in of sorrow. At the time he told several any bestial body it must be looked for persons of what he had heard and now first in the dog, which, of all animals, refers to them as witnesses to corroborate his story.

He is an Englishman and for a num-'listen.' He said, 'It is Meg.' We pany with a friend on the evening of

FORETOLD THE CALAMITY.

"I am going to tell you something," and see about him. It was so cold and said the spirit, "and it is remarkable. it seemed so silly, and while I was It is that Mr. McKinley, President of thinking I fell asleep. It must have the United States, will have a terrible been some time afterward when some calamity during the month of Septemone knocked at my door, and it was my ber. There will be great sorrow in his household; it will also be a national "'O, mamma, Meg is dying!" she calamity and the national flag will be

the incident those whom he told of the message remember the occurrence and it now comes vividly to their minds.

Mr. Lawton says that he discovered hunting, appears to have found but one his power five years ago and since that animal spook. The circumstances were time he has been investigating the subject fully and has found that it is a wonderful gift.

SAYS IT IS A SACRED GIFT.

old dog and the jingling of his collar turns," said he last evening. "I look and the "Progressive Thinker Club" were heard coming up-stairs. "Here's upon it as a sacred gift and my belief will make special effort to have it a old Peter," said the lieutenant. "Old is that it should be treated as such, success. Peter's dead," said the host. The During the first year of my experience same sounds were heard to enter the I foretold the death of my brother in room through the closed door. The in- England a year in advance, and have is my pleasure to inform you that I visible dog shook itself upon the hearth had many such experiences. During fought and won the battle, and was not rug, jingled its collar vigorously, and my five years of investigation I have arrested either. At the present time tay down before the fire, as had been learned more of spiritual enlighten there are four mediums in Nome, as 'old Peter's" custom. The fox terrier ment than I did in the thirty years pre- follows, all doing good work in their

true he extends an invitation to those "The appearance of this ghost has who do not believe he is telling the

During his conversation with the the Atlin district, but this is his first a gummy substance, was bent back so twice she showed a perfect horror of tempt at exaggeration but went on this city and said that he would be A terrible dog spook is frequently pleased if any person would make an

shaggy and black, with long ears and "I have often been quiet on the suban indescribable screech. If followed, spread broadcast the prophecy."-Ches-

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Rings the Bell of "No. 31."

MYSTERIOUS RINGING OF AN NUNCIATOR BELL CAUSES A SENSATION BUT NO ONE CAN

ASCERTAIN THE CAUSE. Has any one lost a spook lately? If the Casa Palma and take him home before he gets into trouble. At present he is only amusing himself jingling a in the direction I should go. her bell now and then, but when a good healthy, active spook becomes weary of so simple a job and it ceases to amuse him, he is liable to break out in a new spot that may bring discredit upon him-

self or his owner.

the lonely watches of summer nights, ing, he is regularly startled by hearing the annunciator ring and see the indicator point to room No. 31. At first he would grasp a pitcher of ice water, a few matches and a Santa Fe time table and rush to "No. 31," only to find the room empty, locked and dark. Then he would go down and look to see where the mistake came in, but in vain. There was the indicator pointing like the finger of Fate to No. 31. Then he would visit all the surfounding rooms, only to find that no one had sprung No. 31 call, and he would return to his Ibsen or Browning, as the case might be, and muse on the uncertainties of life, and wonder if the spook was really in need of ice water or a few matches for starting a fire, or desired to be called for an early train.

This has been going on all summer, and now when the bell rings and the indicator swings slowly up to No. 31, the impassive night clerk merely shrugs his shoulders and wonders if a former occupant of the doom dld, as is reported, really give up the ghost from old age while waiting for a bell boy with a pitcher of ice water, and now, finding that he still needs the cooling beverage, cool his parched tongue." Then the night clerk turns again to his book and forgets the affair until a third sharp ring, sometimes repeated a third time. recalls him to the fact that "No. 31" is

drummer snored peacefully on, all un-

would remark, there was the same Butsu (Buddha.) mournful ring of the annunciator bell. As a result of a ten days' conference The overworked night clerk merely re- in which the bonze ate and slept in the marked, "there goes his nibs again," Obanta home, the boy was turned over and made no move to respond to the to him and taken away. call for ice water, but closed his eyes and let his thoughts revert back to his eastern home, where awaits his comthis fair vision takes his departure, exorcised for the nonce, but only to return each recurrent night with the same demand from "No. 31." Investigation has shown that no tricks are being play on him, but that it is a real, first-class, genuine spook that rings the fateful bell night after night.-Enterprise, Riverside, Cal.

tic Ice Floes.

GOLD HUNTER'S TALE-STRANGE EXPERIENCES WHILE LOST ON THE ARCTIC OCEAN-ONE OF THE DISCOVERERS OF CANDLE CREEK TELLS AN INTERESTING STORY.

To the Editor:- I want to thank you for publishing my "call" for back numbers of The Progressive Thinker, and also the king friends who contributed so liberally. I have received something over one hundred copies in the last three months. Through the kindness of Mr. R. W. Silver a nice reading room "I am not after any financial re- has been fitted up here for the winter,

In my last letter I related some of my dificulties with the "license fiend." It particular lines or phase of medium-He also says that ten days before the ship: "Maud Lord Drake, Mrs. Allen, I send you a clipping from the Nome

News to give you an idea of the kind of work I am doing, and I would like to call your attention to the fact that this man was not a Spiritualist at the time he had the experience with the spirit. MRS. L. S. NAGELL. Nome, Alaska.

he has found good prospects. and experiences that led to the dis- put into his nostrils, hot wax that covery. Before proceeding on the trip hardened there so that he could not he consulted Mrs. Nagell, a well known | breathe. Isara does not understand psychic of Nome, who directed him to hypnotism, but the probability is that three places, one of which was on the he was put into what the American Keewalik where the strike was located. | scientists have recently-discovered, the He started north June 9 in a twenty- fourth stage. fourney was made alone, although he where he will not say, 0 maintains that during the most perilous days of the trip his deceased father-inlaw was constantly with him and

helped him to steer the boat through

narrow channels of floating, grinding

"When I left Nome," said Mr. Blankenship, "the ice still clung to the shore, extending in places several miles into Bering Sea. We kent out pretty well. Cape Prince of Wales alone on the 27th of June, and did not reach the mouth of the Kugruk river until July 16. I en-

keep wide awake and on the alert." There was danger of balls nipped. It was during this part of the voyage and for eight days that my father-in-law was with me constantly. I could see him as plainly as I ever saw him in life. He would sit in the bow of the vessel, and by a motion of the hand would indicate how I should steer. His directions piloted me through some tight places. I never got into a place when there was danger of, being nipso, they would better apply at once to ped-and there were plenty of themwithout seeing the old gontleman in the bow on the lookout, quietly motioning

"When I reached land it was at the mouth of the Kugruk River. I found friends here, and after taking some food, slept for sixteen hours. I went on to the Keewalik, and arrived on Candle Creek July 26. There were two The night clerk of the Casa Palma | men on the creek when I got there, but does not lead a very active life during | they were out of provisions. I prospected the creek for thirteen miles, and as he settles down to chapter 13 of found gold, and staked thirty-three some exciting work of Ibsen or Brown- claims, remaining on the stream until the 23d of August."

He Was Eleven Days With Butsu.

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ened and as soon as he had a chance

he ran away and five years ago came

THE OCCULT.

served a New York physician, "One of

case, that of a young lady walking

tense cold as well as intense heat,

would awaken the sleep-walker, but in

these cases, which are well authenti-

cated, it appears that this opinion,

while correct, possibly, in the main, is

In my early days when attending lec-

tures at a medical college in Baltimore

I. with some other medical students,

She had lost a canary bird the after-

It was given up. The girl went to bed,

and during the night left her bed and

returned to the market house and

This in itself was not a difficult task,

to it. She walked the entire length of

one side of the market, along the ex-

it seemed she would step over the edge,

and had she done so she would likely

the leading physician of Charleston,

S. C., climbed to the roof and seized

the girl. She awoke the instant he

touched her, and it was with the great-

est difficulty that he could keep her

from falling, for, while in her sleep she

ran along the roof and where it was

found a few minutes afterward. Sleep-

walking is much more frequent than is

generally understood, though as a rule,

it is confined to children. I have known

of several cases of adults who would

Human Monkey of Java.

Professor Hackel's latest publication

contains some curious information

about the human monkey of Java, a

it utters. When standing it is scarcely

head is comparatively small, and it has

sults of a crash. Distrust of the oa to-

ward all' white Europeans is very no-

ticeable. On the other hand, he was on

terms of intimate friendship with the

Malays in our household, especially

with the small children. He never

crawled on all fours when tired of run-

ning; but stretched on the grass be-

neath the tropical sun with one arm

his reach he cried, just like a naughty

child, 'Hulte, huite,' a sound altogether

expressed various emotions. He had a

third and more shrill sound when he

with a number of repetitions. They

"My specimen liked sweet wine. He

grasped a cup in both hands and drank.

like a child. He peeled bananas and

do, holding the fruit in his left hand.

Most of the Malays do not regard the

and the latter criminals who have been

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under his head.

take walks in their sleep as often as

"Our party divided up, and one, now

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had been thought dead for eleven days and he was brought back to life. There is a part of the story which he never tells, and that is where he dwelt during continues to ring, "just for a drop to the eleven days his body had been made as if dead by a fanatical Buddhist priest.

When Isara was a tiny child his father dreamed a dream one day while asleep on a cutwa of kansashi grass, or still making the night air tremble with hairpin grass as it is called by the foreigners in Japan. He dreamed that One night a drummer-one with a Isara should go to Ise and become a clear conscience, a rara avis-was priest of the Way of Gods or Shinto. placed in the room as an antidote, but | New Ise is very far from Hizen, where the bell rang just the same and the the family lived, and in time the prejudice in favor of the City of Temples for mindful of mundane or other affairs, the boy's education was overcome; The annunciator was opened and its finally, when a mendicant bonze came multitude of wires were each carefully by repairing the shrines and collecting examined and found to be in perfect or- the money in the immediate vicinity of der with none crossed or in any man- Isara's home, he was told by the elder ner out of place, but last night, just be- Obanta that he had dreamed his son fore the midnight hour, "when church | should be a priest and the bonze conyards yawn, and hell itself-breathes out | vinced the father that the boy should contagion to the world," as the bard be a follower of the great and holy

witnessed one of the famous sleepwalking cases that is quoted in many of the standard books. One night we were passing along Lexington street where the Lexington street market is located. One of our party called attention to a moving figure clad in white on

years of age.

climbed to its roof.

have been killed.

FAREWELL TO HOME

Little Isara was not quite 12 years of ing a pretty-village lass with blue eyes | age when he said farewell to the hills and curly hair, and the spook before and sunny gardens of Hizen and he has never seen them since. If his family is alive he knows not, for he was never allowed to go back.

The bonze took him to a Buddhist monastery, if such it may be called, where the boy was schooled in all the mysteries of the shadowy religion of the Hindoos. He was given excellent training for his body and grew to be strong and sturdy.

At the age of 16 he was ready to be admitted to the full orders of the bonse-uru, or priesthood. There were a number of other lads who were to be advanced a step at the same ceremony, and in honor of the occasion some great priests from some temples in some other provinces were present to conduct the ceremonies. One of these was a Buddhist itinerant, who was famous for his occult abilities. He was the greatest convert maker of all the island, by reason of his ability to go among the people and perform miracles. MESSAGE TO BUTSU

He desired, as nearly as Isara can tell, being outside the councils, to perform the feat of sending a messenger to Butsu and having him return with inspirations and messages. The experiment was to be tried on some one of the novices, and Isara was selected because of his excellent physique and health.

One night there was a great procession through the monastery and the gardens about it, with much chanting once a week."-Toledo Bee. and burning of fires, breaking of vases and incense boxes. At the end of it he was laid on a stone slab, stripped perfectly naked and his body covered with a sticky oil heated as hot as he could bear it. When it cooled it formed compelled to lie perfectly motionless watched by Professor Haeckel at his and How the Spirit Body Grows. By M. Faraday. So as not to crack it, and then, though own house in Java. The species is Price, 10c. For sale at this office. orifices of his body except the mouth bates leuciseus. The natives call it oa and nostrils, were closed with hot wax, on account of the characteristic sound not hot enough to burn and blister, but so warm as to cause great pain to the taller than a child of six years. The tender tissues.

STRANGE INCANTATIONS.

Then the great Hindoo priest magician took charge of him. Amid songs H. O. Blankenship, one of the dis- and incantations his eyes were bound coverers of gold on Candle creek, tribu- with oiled silk bandages so that no tary to the Keewalik, tells a story that air could get to the lids, and his jaws would make an interesting chapter in were forced open till something gave Alaska four years. He made a stake in located, and his tongue covered with strike in Northwestern Alaska. And that it closed up the throat, all except withal, he is modest in his estimate of lenough for him to breathe. Then his ness of what was going on about him, But the story is the circumstances except that he remembers wax being

Here is where the break comes in was suddenly frightened. The speech of these human monkeys has not many Wales. That point was reached on the not lose soul consciousness, but was out different sounds, but they are modu-27th of June, and the balance of the of the body and was somewhere else, lated and altered in tone and strength He saw them take his seemingly also use many gestures, motions with dead, motionless body, With ho pulse their hands, and grimaces, which are or breath, and lay it lil a stone case, so expressive in manner that a careful where no air could get to it. observer can detect their different

> fledged bonzes. ELEVEN DAYS IN TRANCE.

Then the priests went on with the

making of the young lads into full

Eleven days later Isara was brought back to life. The Hindoo priest had been driven from the temple as the result of some jealous quarrel and had believe the former are bewitched men gone without an effort to bring Isara back to life. As a desperate resort one countered a great deal of ice, and was of the older priests, who knew somecarried by currents thirty or forty miles thing of the Hindoos methods, had "mauthe doog." In olden times its fa- its contents. Price \$1. For sale at this out to sea. My first realization that I Isra immersed in very hot water, I was drifting out in the Arctic Ocean | which removed the gummy coat. Then castle, where it was commonly seen ly- "The World Beautiful." By Lillan was the sight of a whale that came up in order to take the waxen plugs out, hear the boat. I knew that by steering his nostrils were slit. After being heys to their captain. Fearing the self. Price, cloth, \$1 per volume. Fo there was no wind to speak of. hess. It was months before he could Other Essays. By Charles Bradlaugh, phontom dog, they customarily made gale at this office. The floating ice made it necessary to use his tongue after it had been loos. Paper, 50 cents. For sale at this office.

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#### Words of Wisdom.

. He who dares to see a Truth Not recognized in Creeds, must die the But noon-day never stayed for bats and

And Truth's clear lights shall yet arise

-Lizzle Doten. If ever prophet was inspired it was the author of the above lines. Each page and stanza of her "Poems from the Inner Life." as also her "Poems of Progress," teems with revelation. She saw when she wrote forty years ago, that the reign of creeds was nearing its end, and that the reign of Truth was to follow.

What was a prophetic vision to Miss Doten is fast becoming an accomplished fact with us. There is not a church in all Christendom, however loud its boast, which is secure in its creed. The leaders may resolve and reresolve daily if they will, but the age is too intelligent to accept belief, without question, in the absurdities of their

And if it was not such a serious matter it would positively excite a smile, to see some Spiritualists, only half way out of the church, clinging to features of the old creeds, stolen from Paganism and re-vamped during the Middle Ages for Christian use.

A jealous, angry, vindictive God; a son born of a Jewish maiden; and a Holy Ghost, sired by moonshine for aught we know to the contrary, are no more remarkable than a hundred other senseless propositions woven into populectation of the faithful. We repudiate all of them, and build in the primary rock of Nature, confirmed by revelations from the spirit world, which no Pope, Ecumenical Council, Presbyter or Synod has had the bravery to fully

Priestly Imposition.

accept.

"What ignorant people do not understand designing men palm off as a miracle and draw people closer to their form of belief."

So wrote some body, we don't know who, to the Weekly Times, of Tokyo, Japan, showing how the ancient Buddhist priests preyed on the susceptible. But the same remarks are just as applicable to Christian priests as Buddhistle. The winking, blinking, blood-sweating, and tear-shedding Jesuses, though exhibited as miracles, are as gross frauds as any practiced by any other system of religion. Old bones, the remains of executed mirderers, are exhibited as sacred relics of saints with healing virtues. The populace accept the frauds for what the cleries represent, and pay generously for the deception.

The whole system of Catholic guile is reproduced on a smaller scale by Protestants. If the latter do not sell their prayers to get souls out of purgatory, they do pray for reward to prevent their going there, at the same time knowing there is no such place, and that their prayers have no virtue.

It is only in degree and opportunity that the modern pulpiteer falls short of the cruelty of the priests of the Middle Ages. If the civil law would permit the Inquisition would be in full force to-day, with its stake, and dyngeon, and torture chamber. These were the instrumentalities that gave us the dominant religion, and Catholic priests do not hesitate to say that the restoration of those barbaric acts are needed to revive and perpetuate the Christian

#### Buxley on Intoxicants.

The distinguished scientist, to whom the world is indebted for the application of the title Agnostic to those who "don't know" in regard to a God, or a future life, was interrogated as to his views of alcohol as a stimulant to the

brain in mental work. He responded: "Speaking for myself, and perhaps I may add for persons of my temperament, I can say without hesitation that I would just as soon take a dose of arsenic as I would of alcohol under such circumstances. Indeed, on the whole, I should think the arsenic safer, less likely to lead to physical and moral degradation. It would be safer to die in iniquity." outright than to be alcoholized before death. If a man cannot do brain work without stimulants of any kind, he had better turn to hand work. It is an in-dication on Nature's part that she did not mean him to be a head worker. The circumstances of my life have led me to experience all sorts of conditions in regard to alcohol, from total absti-nence to nearly the other end of the scale, and my clear conviction is, the

A Relie of Buddha.

The Nineteenth Century Magazine announces the finding of a relic of Gautama, the Buddha, in the form of a faith, is of incalculable interest. First n great ball nine to ten feet in diameter, was found at Bhattiprolu, bearing traces of heavy gliding. Extreme importance was attached to this find, clear Asokan characters was discovered cut on the inner surface of the bisection, by which the mass fell apart on the application of pressure. This inscription stated, among other data that prove the identity and intention of the original preservers, that the bone of the Master lay within. In the center of the outer ball, in a carefully hollowed recess, a second and much smaller ball, shout six inches in diameter and nine inches in height, was found. This in turn opened and disclosed a small, clear and transparent box of pure white crystal, circular in shape and about two and a half inches in diameter, wherein the precious morsel, evidently cut from the head of the thigh-hone,

The date of the inscription, B. C. 250, says the Nineteenth Century, carries us back to the council of Pataliputra, or Patna, and to within 150 years-according to Professor Rhys Davids-of the death of Gautama, and is, in fact, contemporaneous with the earliest records yet accessible to us, which, however unreliable in some respects from the overgrowth of miraculous accretions, state definitely that, by his own reuest, parts of Buddha's body were disributed after his death among the

The strength and cost of the protecting casings, and the district in which the relic of Buddha was found, add to its importance, and render it more than probable the relic is genuine.

No relic of Jesus' person remains to us, though Catholics exhibit what they claim were his cast-off swaddling clothes and tunic. This, we suppose, because his romancer sent him bodily to heaven, and of course he could not part with any of his bones, so we have only fragments of his grandmother's wrist bone to supply the omission, enough if all were joined to make a very lengthy arm, else the priests lie in regard to the matter, a thing priests should not do.

Shadows on the White House Porch.

The shooting of President McKinley recalls to superstitious minds, says the Washington Evening Star, the shadows that have appeared in recent years on the large columns of the north or main porch of the White House. During the winter months these shadows are more distinct than in other months and appear near the top of the columns around the midday hours. It is recalled now that last fall a shadow appeared that had never been seen on the column before. It required no effort of the imagination to recognize it as a human forearm and hand, with bent finger upheld in the attitude of warning. It appeared and disappeared each day for a fortnight or more. Some time after this, when the san's position had changed, a shadow of nondescript form appeared on the great pillar at the extreme northwest corner of the portico. It soon took on definite shape, and at 1 o'clock in the afternoon represented the face and shoulders of President McKinley in profile. The silhouette was so striking as to attract the attention of many people, who remarked that a more correct profile drawing could hardly be made by an artist. The likeness was not a correct one for more than a few minutes and then it changed with the altering position of the sun and ten minutes later had assumed a remarka-bly perfect likeness of the late Queen Victoria, even to an object on the head old woman with one hand resting on an object resembling a spinning wheel.

Cliff-Dwellers from Asia. A scientist, representing the Mexican

government, has been exploring the ruins of the cliff-dwellers in Mancos canyon. He has reached the conclusion that those ancient people were of Asiatic origin; for he claims to have found baskets and trinkets of Asiatic and Japanese design, among the debris of those dwellings.

The Mormons have reached the same conclusion, and are laboring with increased energy to advance their faith on that account.

The Book of Mormons was originally Israel escaped from Babylonian slavery and made their way to Bering Straits, which they crossed; thence down the coast to a warmer climate; and thence were diffused over the continent, their leaders reaching Western New York, where old Mormon wrote out an account of their journeyings on copper plates, which Joe Smith found, and gained possession of after a little contest with the devil, and subsequently

translated and published.
It is by no means impossible, or even very improbable, that the cliff-dwellers were descendants of a straggling people from Asia; but the fictitious account of the "Lost Tribes" cuts no figure in the premises. The geological evidence is very strong that North America and Asia were connected in the long ago by an isthmus, possibly by an elevated mountain chain, now- submerged, of which the Alcutian Islands are but remains of elevated plateaus and towering peaks.

Imitating Their Gods.

We wrote the other day that people are no better than the gods they worship. In "The Religions of the Ancient World," by Prof. Geo. Rawlinson, Alden's edition, p. 154, discoursing on the "Religion of Ancient Greece," the author says: -

"According to Plate the number of those who had any deep sense of their guilt was few: Most men, whatever crimes they committed, found among the gods examples of similar acts, and thought no blame would attach to them for their misconduct. At the worst, if the gods were angered by their behavior, a few offerings would satisfy them, and set things straight, leaving the offenders free to repeat their crimes and so grow more and more hardened

Had the Professor been writing of the dominant religions of to-day, he could not have stated the facts better as to the influence of their pernicious teaching them in the large transfer in teaching, than in the language he employs in regard to the Greeks.

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Stolen from Egyptian Monuments. If an apology is needed for the length and character of this article it is found in the fact that the parallel to this bone, which, to the members of the Egyptian story, stelen from the monuments, and imposed on the world as the 'Word of God," has been doing service as such for lo, these many centuries. It has found a place in the school books, and is doing service in Sunday schools, from the fact that an inscription in showing how good a man was the

Hebrew Joseph, when the king of Egypt "made him overseer in his house, and over all he had." Will the reader be so kind as to turn to Gen. 89:2 to 20, and read the story just as it was inspired by God, as it is alleged all Scriptures were so written; then open the "Records of the Past, Vol. 2, pp. 139 to 142; but if the book is not accessible, turn to p. 120 of "Egypt and Babylon, from Sacred and Profane Sources," by Geo. Rawlinson, M. A., one of the learned professors in Oxford University, Alden's edition, and read "The Story of the Two Brothers," written by the illustrious scribe Enna, for the delectation of Seti II, whose reign was a little later than that the

THE STORY OF THE TWO BROTHERS.

Bible credits to Joseph.

Passing over three paragraphs wherein it is stated Anepu and his younger brother Bata were children of one mother and of one father; that the former had a house and wife; that the younger brother served the older, and and general supervision of affairs; that both were plowing in the field, when the elder brother sent the younger, saying: "Go and fetch seed for us from the village," and then: -

"The younger brother found the wife of the elder sitting at her tollet; and he that I may go back with it to the field, that I may go back with it to the held, because my brother wishes me to re-turn without delay.' She said to him, 'Go, open the bin, and take, thyself, as much as thou wilt, since my hair would fall by the way.' So the youth entered the stable, and took a large vessel, for he wished to take back a great deal of seed; and he loaded himself with grain, and went out with it. And she said to him, 'How much have you?' And he answered, 'Two measures of barley, and three measures of wheat-in all, I have five measures on my arm.' Then she spake to him saying, 'What great strength is there in thee! Indeed, I notice thy vigor every day.' . . Then she seized upon him, and said, 'Come and let us lie down for an instant.' The youth became as a panther with fury, on account of the shameful words she had addressed to him. She herself was alarmed exceedingly. He spake to her, saying, 'Verily, I have looked upon thee in the light of a mother, and on thy husband in the light of a father. What great abomination is this thou hast mentioned to me! Do not repeat it, Verily, I will not permit a word of it to

escape my mouth to any man.'
"Bata took up his load, and went
forth to the field. He rejoined his elder brother, and they accomplished the ask. When the time of evening arrived, the elder brother returned to his house. His younger brother [tarried] behind his cattle, laden with all the things of the field. He droye his cattle pefore him, that they might lie down in helr stable.

"Behold, the wife of the elder brother was alarmed at the discourse she had held. She made herself as one who had suffered violence from a man: for she designed to say to her husband, 'It is thy younger brother who has done me

"Her husband returned home at even-

ng, according to his daily wont. He came to his house, and found his wife lying as if murdered by a ruffian. She did not pour water on his hands, according to her wont; she did not light resembling a crown. Sometimes the the lamp before him; his house was in shadows present the bent form of an darkness. She was lying there, all uncovered. Her husband said to her, Who is it that has been conversing with thee?' She replied, 'No one has been conversing with me except thy younger brother. When he came to fetch seed for thee he found me sitting alone. He said to me, "Come and let us lle down for an instant." That is what he said to me. But I did not listen to him. "Behold, am I not thy mother; and thy elder brother, is he not as a father to thee?"-that is what I said to him. Then he became alarmed, and did me violence, that I might not be able to report the matter to thee. But if thou lettest him live, I shall kill myself.' . . Then the elder brother became like a panther; he made his dagger sharp, and took it in his haud. And he put himself behind the door of his stable, in order to kill his younger written to show that the lost tribes of | brother, when he returned at even to bring the cattle to their stalls."

In a note Rawlinson says: "Bata, after his many transmigrations, is finally reborn as the child of an Egyptian princess." tian princess, and rules Egypt for thirty years," In the text he says: "Anepu was prevented from killing his brother." Then he goes on to say: Potiphar, with a moderation which seems to argue some distrust of his wife's story, is content to imprison Joseph. Innocence in both cases suffers, and then triumph in the Egyptian tale is effected by metampsychosis, and therefore diverges from the Mosalc

listory. Rawlinson, a Christian, and writing for Christians, suggests the Egyptian, novel was based upon some traditional knowledge of the ordeal through which Joseph passed. Though it is clearly apparent this story, like scores of others found on the monuments, were made to do service in the compilation of the Bible, yet the pirated production is classed by the professor as "history" while the original presentation is a

'novel."

For centuries, we don't know how many, the story of a Greek translation of the Old Testament occurred at Alexandria 280 years before our era. We have just shown by quotations from Christian authority, that there was no such translation; that the authorities giving detailed accounts of such translations are forgeties. lations are forgeries; we have showed that very many of the Munchausens found in the Bible were clearly compiled and adapted to make up what prolessed to be an inspired history of the Jews; and here is another of the originals from which the inspired plagiarists copied, and to which in the after history of Joseph large additions were made to round out an account of the Jews in Egypt, an occurrence that is believed to have never happened.

"The Spiritual Significance, or, Death "The Spiritual Significance, or, Death as an Event in Life." By Lilian Whites an Event Miss Whiting's most sugney. One of Miss Whiting's most sugney. One of Miss Whiting's most sugney. It is laden with rich, thought ful spirituality. For sale at this office.

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# RELIGIOUS WAR IN FRANCE

grace expires and the new French'law of associations will hood has also migrated and is now established at Cowes. some into force and all religious confraternities which will be dispersed. Tuesday is therefore expected to in- which the Paris newspapers have christened "L'Exode augurate one of the most bitter struggles seen in France des Congregations." n recent years.

Many religious orders declare that "Authorization"entailing as it would the right of government officials to possible for them to live according to their vows.

their interests in France.

The force of this will be easily recognized when it is

MANY ARE LEAVING FRANCE.

A Despondent Bishop.

has made the startling discovery that

Hindu and Mohammedan students lose

all religious belief as their education

advances. He says, as reported in the

"The problem of religious education in India cannot be solved by missionary

institutions, nor by the government. The solution must be in the hands of

the people themselves, and especially

in the hands of their religious leaders.

It is they who must face the attacks of

criticism and establish religious belief

The same instrumentality employed

to Christianize Europe, and, later, to

preserve it, would spread the system

over India and China as well. The

power of the sword subdued Europe.

It will crush any country. And the In-

quisition would perpetuate the victory.

Religion in the Schools.

Religionists are determined to over-

ride the civil authorities by persistent

importunities, and gain control of the

public schools. The last dodge is an

appeal of a Catholic priest, to use the

Linne School building of this city, in

Sundays, with a Sunday school attach-

Once in possession they would de-

mand as a right the privilege of teach-

ing the weekday school, because of the

large number of Catholic scholars con-

house to one denomination, say they,

and every other denomination will de-mand like privileges. No consent will

Difficult to Understand.

What had the trees done at Wald-

wick, N. J., that they were torn up by

the roots and burled with violence on

a Catholic church? The wind is very

freaky at times, but we are told

Jehovah holds them in his fist, and

sends them forth to execute his will.

We can well understand why he de-

sired to crush a Catholic church, whose

teaching is dishonoring to any God, even a barbaric one, but it seems cruel

to destroy historic trees, the pride of

that whole region for more than a cen-

THE WORLD IS GROWING BETTER.

This world is growing better!

The hand of sturdy labor

Thought takes a wider sweep;

With a friendly hand we greet; We will not drink the bitter

In wealth brought from the earth-

But, better far, with treasures found

For noble deeds are honored more

When so little makes it sweet.

The world is growing richer

In mines of sterling worth,

Than simple claims of birth.

The world is growing better!

With fewer musty creeds, With more of human strivings

With precious harvests garnered

As the growth of precious seeds.

A Rare Woman Gone.

It was my privilege to know Mrs. Sheets, of Grand Ledge, Mich., who

passed to the higher life September 13,

She was one of those rare women

with sterling qualities which but few

possess. She and her husband, who

passed out several years ago, were early ploneers in Modern Spiritualism

in Ohio, having formed the second cir-

cle ever organized in the State. In

their home was fitted up a fine spirit

room, with table and musical instru-

ments suspended from the ceiling. A

fine medium was developed there and marvelous results obtained. Opposition

was so great and excitement ran so

high their lives were often endangered.

They both developed as mediums, he a

wonderful healer, she with rare clair-

She leaves three children, all firm be-

lievers in Spiritualism for the truths

of this glorious philosophy have been taught thein from childhood.

Mrs. Abbiesi Sheets, the eldest

daughter, who ranks among our first

speakers and teachers, who has for five

years presided over Grand Ledge Camp

and carried it forward to success, had

been very ill for ten days and was still

confined to her bed. All of the night

preceding the funeral her guides were

preparing ber, leven to the extent of

bringing her mother to her bedside,

where she smilingly stood in silent en-

When the hour arrived she was

dressed by her faithful nurse, led to the

parlor and supported while the spirits

September 10 the mother's remains

ANDREW B. SPINNEY, M. D.

band's, to Detroit for cremation.

voyant gifts. if

for more than twenty-five years.

To answer human needs,

be granted by the Board.

which to give religious instructions on

London Times:

on the rock of truth."

THE NEW CODE REGARDING ASSOCIATIONS GO-1 themselves in other countries within the last month or ING INTO EFFECT IS EXPECTED TO INAUGU- two. The Benedictines from Havre and St. Malo have RATE ONE OF THE MOST BITTER STRUGGLES already established themselves at Appuldurcombe House, Isle of Wight, which they acquired a month ago, and which, strangely enough, was the site of a Benedictine Paris, France.—On October 1 the three months of monastery in the middle ages. The Benedictine sister-

The fact is that there has been for weeks a constant and have not applied for, or failed to secure authorization, extraordinary stream of religious bodies from France,

JESUITS HAVE TO GO.

Of course the Jesuits, Assumptionists, and other orders enter monasteries, examine the accounts, inquire into the which know they have not the slightest chance of obtainsources of income and the disposition thereof, and even ing authorization, have not and will not apply for it, and to interfere in acts of the chapters-would make it im most of them, indeed, have already left French territory. But a large number of orders which have not applied for Up to the present time twenty-seven male orders and authorization intend to resist the law on the ground that 220 female orders, aggregating 2,300 establishments, have they are associations and not religious orders. The wellapplied before Tuesday, finding it impossible to abandon known clerical Deputy, Comte de Mun, is the champion of this movement.

It will be an interesting point to see what attitude the remembered that Marists, or Little Brethren of Mary, state will regard the orders that have already fled, a movehave 600 educational establishments. The Cistercians ment which was not forseen by the authors of the new have one of the largest printing offices in France, and the law. The authorities who present themselves at the de-Premontres have an enormous grocery business in the serted monasteries will be received by new proprietors, men of straw, to whom the buildings have been nominally transferred. They will be expected to lead to endless law-Many orders have been quietly preparing homes for tion, and will keep the law courts busy for years to come.

gressive Thinker will be especially brilliant.

will be unusually attractive and instructive.

Moses Hull. It will make most excellent read-

ing for fall and winter evenings, and we are not

sure but what it will so scintillate with the fric-

tion of happy hits on both sides that lights can

be dispensed with while reading it on a cloudy

evening. We are sure that every Spiritualist.

Freethinker and Materialist will want to read

request them to send to this office at least 25

credness of the marriage tie, as well as believers in temperance. The magazines carried by Mr. Gillilan that night were numbers of the Theosophical Review, the American edition of the magazine edited by Mrs. Annie Besant and G. R. S. Mead. They were six in number, February to July of 1901 inclusive. Most of the articles contained therein relate to theosophy. There are some short stories of a rather emotional type, but the articles generally are such as would naturally be found in a magazine devoted to oc-

cultism.

No Part of Theosophical

Soon after the inquest over the re-

mains of John J. Gillilan it was talked

about town that one of the magazines he carried under his arm on the fatal night contained an exaltation of the doctrine of free love and when the

theory that there was a woman in the case found some strengthening evidence this was brought forward as confirma-

the magazines upon the subject. Lead.

ing members of the Theosophical So-

clety resent the implication with some

warmth that they are believers in any, such doctrine of promiscuity. Theoso-

phy is a religion and teaches the main-

tenance of the marriage relation. Its

adherents are firm observers of the sa-

The story that free love was exploited in the magazines had its origin, doubtless, in the fact that in two of the numbers are articles on "Love," by W. C. Ward. These are purely ethical dis-sertations. The first is a translation The Bishop of Madras, East India, Our Fall and Winter Gampaign. into English of the fifth book of the third ennead of Plotinus, a Greek writer of ancient times. It is a development of Socrates' ideas in The Banquet of Plato. It is intended to be The Fall and Winter Campaign of The Proa "profound and beautiful interpretation of the myth of the birth and parentage of love." It proceeds to relate that the gods gave a great feast to celebrate the birth of Venus. This was before the days of wine, but nectar was will lead you on to a higher plane. It will make just as capable of sending the justy gods under the table. Plenty was among the crumbs and dainties that were there in abundance. She became you happier, wiser and better. It will blossom into something brighter, fresher, and more startenamored of the sleek god of Plenty, and desiring through her indulgence to have a child with him, artfully lay, down beside him after he had retired to ling, and will be a surprise to you in a variety the gardens to sleep off his potations. That child was called Love, and being born upon the same day as Venus the of ways. Among the many attractions will be the debate between the brilliant Materialist, W. double title of Goddess of Beauty and Love was bestowed upon her. This is F. Jamieson, and the profound and eloquent the famous old legend of Diodonia.

The other article is a philosophical examination into the origin of love and is a scholarly analysis of the matter. There is no touch of bestiality or suggestion of any carnality in either article. They are both disquisitions upon the subject from an unusual standpoint, and mythology and philosophy are the depths the intellectual plummet sounds. The author takes the same ground as the ancient Greeks that love the desire for beauty implanted or pre-existing in the human soul. The temperate enjoyment of beauty is without sin, but the lapse into carnality is sin. The language employed is of the type used by Theosophists in the discussion of Kronos and Karma, an Eng-lish not in ordinary use and which re-Tell your Spiritualist friends of this debate and quires very close reading to follow the

writer's meaning.

It was not to read these articles upon love that Mr. Gillian borrowed the magazines from Mrs. Maloney, but for cents for a three months' subscription to The the purpose of perusing an article on "Thought Control," which runs Progressive Thinker. No Spiritualist can afford through the entire six numbers.—News,

She Doesn't Like Some Things.

Our three days' State convention has

come and gone, with many pleasant It is a question, however, in my mind, whether a State or National organization is conducive to the unfoldment of Spiritualistic gifts. While the main feature seems to be to raise funds to keep first-class missionaries in the field and to make our meetings so popular and respectable that undeveloped mediums are not admitted to the platform, and none except such as have credentials to present to organized bodies whose prerogative is to sit in judgment upon them. In heaven's name, where shall we find fully developed me-

shall never be fully developed in this or any other sphere. In the early days of Modern Spiritualism many were called, and some were chosen to take their lives in their hands and go forth without scrip, purse or even credentials, and a few heard them gladly. To-day there are many who are capable of imparting truth to the masses if they could gain a hearing, or even had a little encouragement from those who stand as spon-

diums? I have never yet seen one. We

sors for them. Spiritualism came not to the world through legislative action, and it behooves us to lay no barriers in the way of its chosen instruments, however humble or unlettered they may be. If my physical strength would permit I would buckle on the armor and go forth again from town to town, and from state to state, and establish meetings where all could participate, and where the greatest liberty would be given to all to speak their best thoughts and though they might differ from my preconceived ideas, I would treat them with courtesy and allow the audience to

without argumentation or contradiction. I might possibly take my ordination papers and a few of the many credentials furnished gratuitously by principals of colleges (yes, and of the clergy, even,) but these dwindle into insignificance compared with the commission by the angels to go forth and lead the

digest or assimilate according to their.

people into the light.

If I should gain a new lease of life in the form, I am liable to swoop down upon any town not too far remote, whether commissioned by a society or otherwise, and thus fill up the measure of my days with usefulness with as little formality or superficiality as possible, but aspiring to more spirituality. MRS. F. A. LOGAN.

Alameda, Cal.

"Humanity, Its Nature, Powers and Possibilities." A concise, masterly, presentation of the facts and philoso-phy of Spiritalism. For sale at this office. Price 25 cents.

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## IS HE INSANE?

He Reasons with Considerable Force.

YOUNG MAN AT THE INSANE HOS-

Young Reeves is quite active in there he has evidently been musing culated to make us one grand brother with the muses and furnishes us with and sisterhood, one in our grand cause an original poem, which he requests us to publish, which we do for the pur-

a poet: An orthodox preacher was he; He preached us a doctrinal sermon

He told us about Father Adam-Also about Mother Eve;

And while the good preacher was preaching, How the bones in my body did quake;

I wonder how long It did take. By the aid of that wonderful snake?

Come out with his gun or his knife, And boldly defend that fair damsel, That would soon be his good wife? With either a spade or a shovel,

And the race of sorrow and pain. But the strangest port of the story, We ever in sorrow must tell, all persons who cannot believe it, Must suffer forever in hell.

Now, listen, God, the Almighty, When Satan the victory had won, Determined the fate of poor Jesus-His only begotten, dear son.

done. Could only be sllent by shedding

Fulfilled by the will of God, He laid down his life for the people, And poured out his most precious

gave of their beautiful inspiration to the waiting people. That night she too was near the border land. According to heaven's decree, were conveyed, as had been her hus-The devil and the snake go free. www.no are These Spiritualists and

# to be without this remarkable debate.

The School Board takes a sensible this debate, and thus become wiser and better.

PITAL, VICTIM OF THE MUSES. The Morning American of Creston, Iowa, published the following:

A few weeks ago the insane commission of this county sent Mr. C. C. Reeves, a young farmer, to the hospital for treatment.

pose of showing the commissioners that Mr. Reeves is a genius, as well as

Last Sunday I heard the preacher-That startles such as mc.

All about that old serpent. That came to beguile and deceive.

To think the belle of fair Eden Would sit down and talk with

snake. O! wonderful, wonderful story! For the devil to compass our ruln.

O! why didn't Old Father Adam

He could the evil monster have slain And saved the defeat of Jehovah:

PART SECOND.

It seems that the wrath of the Father When he learned what the Devil had

The blood of his innocent son. Then meekly to earth on his mission,

And thus is the wrath of Jehoyah, All turned upon the innocent Jesus;

Incredible, piteous storyl It saddens this poet's poor heart; What Is Spiritualism?" A pamphlet of 40 pages by Dr. J. M. Peebles, the well-O! why didn't God slay the devil, And clean up the snakes in the start?

But hearken and listen-

For more did the good preacher de-All persons are booked for damnation Who cannot this story believe.

Yours truly, C. C. REEVES.

MOSES HULL.

I need not enumerate the necessary qualifications in a man to be president, but will make one quotation: "And 1, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Let us have a man who is not repulsive, but one who has the intelli-gence and magnetism to draw to our mind as well as body, and since going ranks and unite our forces, and one calfor humanity. In Moses Hull, we have the man, and as he has been our champion in the past, let him be honored with an election to the highest position we can give him. Then the delegates to the N. S. A. will do honor to them selves, honor to the cause we represent, and honor him. I suppose, to be demo cratic, we must make a change, if possible. Let us have the best we can get. A better one than Mr. Barrett as a presiding officer may not be procured. If Moses is not willing, or cannot be prevailed to accept, G. W. Kates would be O. K. J. WILLIAMS.

PICTURES OF GOLD.

Covington, Ky.

God gives us his gold in the springtime, and gold in the fall,
And scatters it broadcast, in beauty, for one, and for all.

The sunshine of glory and promise we Shat mingle and meet, on the moun tain, and hillside, and lea. The sunflower is regal in splendor, and

stately in grace, And glowing, and smiling, it seeketh the sun in its place. The golden-rod bending, and bowing, in mendow and field

Is gracious, and joyous, expressing the beauty revealed. The seasons proclaim, in their lan-guage, and letters and lines, Life's truths and its glories, through colors, and symbols, and signs.

The glow of the autumn, its fruitage, its pictures of gold, Its harvests of plenty, too large to be measured or told,

Appeal to the spirit, whose vision is open and free, And lift it aloft, to the heights of life's real destiny. ELLA DARE.

Austin Station, Chicago.

"The Mysteries of the Formation of the Earth, the Rising and Sinking of Continents, the Introduction of Man, and His Destiny Revealed in God's Own Way and Time." A work of deep interest, given through the mediumship of

Mrs. M. T. Longley, by an advanced cents. band of ancient spirits. Price \$1. For sale at this office. "The Spiritualism of Nature." By Prof. W. M. Lockwood. Price 15 cents.

For sale at this office.

Dr. Fiske strikes the keynote of his subject in the

#### DEATH MAY BE AWAKENING.

words:

"Who can tell but this which we call life is really death from which what we call death is an awakening?" He proceeds: "From this vantage ground of thought the human soul comes to look without dread upon the termination of this terrestrial existence. The failure of the bodily powers, the stoppage of the fluttering pulse, the cold stillness upon the features so lately wreathed in smiles of merriment, \* \* \* : the breaking of the ties of love.
\* \* All this is seized upon by the sovereign imagination of man and transformed into a scene of transcendent being quickly led to some metaphysical problem which terize scholars and scientists who are as able, as learned, glory, such as in all the vast career of the universe is re- you can neither solve nor evade. It was in order to setion and steadiness to survive the dissolution of the flesh, and assert an individuality untrammeled by the limi-placently ignored—much as the ostrich seeks to escape

not a punishment inflicted upon man, but the supreme mind and builds as far as he may, leaving the rest to God." is the one thing that makes this world inhabitable for our reasoning processes to be warped by our feelings. world. beings constructed like ourselves. The destruction of this Nevertheless in steering clear of Scylla it would be a pity

ginnings were lowly. He reviews the crude thought of mility; so that now, at the end of the greatest and most that are seen. the savage, touches on the old theological systems, and bewildering of centuries, we may fitly pause for a moment In an age were lowly. outlines the belief of the Buddhist. He continues:

played such a leading part in men's minds as in the making his appearance on our planet? And what has the 3,000 miles of the Atlantic; when the wireless tele- called the majority; a thousand or more on every spot in twelfth and thirteenth centuries of our Christian era, in science to say about that time-honored belief that the huthe age that witnessed the culmination of sublimity in man soul survives the death of the human body?" church architecture, in the society whose thought found as the thought of our times is expressed in Spencer's

#### UNSETTLING EFFECTS UPON BELIEF.

"In the sixteenth century came Copernious and ad- into oxygen and hydrogen? ministered such a shock to the mind as even Luther's "Sq far as our terrestrial experience goes there can be defiance of the papacy scarcely equaled. In recent but one answer to such a question. We have no more novations, so that they did not disturb us. For its un- hydrogen and oxygen." settling effects upon time-honored beliefs and mental Dr. Fiske did not, however, I venture to think, adehabits the Darwinian theory is no more to be compared quately realize the recent higher spiritual development simply revolutionized all previous fundamental concept- become a spirit "by the process of death," has he "no to the Copernican than the invention of the steamboat of humanity. For he says: "We are all agreed that life ions of physics." Every physical phenomenon runs at organ or faculty for the perception of soul apart from the is to be compared to the voyage of Columbus. We are in beyond the grave would be a delusion and a cruel mock- least into an inexplicable, into an ether question," Pro- material structure and activities in which it has been manno danger of overrating the bewilderment that was ery without the continuance of the tender household af- fessor Dolbear has said, and this scientific testimony in- ifested."

one of the series in the George Goldthwait Ingersoll lec- conservative Spain scarcely a century ago the University the tones of the loved voice, or the renewed touch of the spiritual are terms that merely denote difference of detureship of Harvard university, which was founded to of Salamanca prohibited the teachings of the Newtonian long vanished hand, is something quite beyond our power. gree, as ice, water, steam, and gas are differences of degree give one lecture a year on the general subject, "The Immortality of Man." Those who are already familiar with Dr. Fiske's line of argument, as presented in "The Idea seemed to cast discredit upon the whole theology that asof God," "The Destiny of Man," and "Through Nature to sumes man to be the central object of the divine care.

God," will be especially interested in this latest-and "This unsettling of men's minds was, of course, inlast-contribution of Dr. Fiske to the subject, a contri- definitely increased by the revolt of Descartes against the yourself into a world that does not announce itself into mation of force into heat and light, was for seven years bution characterized as an intense force of mature con-scholastic philosophy, by Newton's immense contributions to physics, and by such discoveries as those of Harvey, Black, and Lavoisier, which showed by what methods truth could be obtained concerning nature's operations, and how different such methods were from those by which the accepted systems of theology had been built up. The not announce itself through sense impressions." result has been wholesale skepticism directed against everything whatever that now exists or has ever existed in he shape of an ancient belief."

#### WORLD OF UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENA.

Dr. Fiske notes that we live in a world of unexplained as they are baffling. As I once heard Herbert Spencer in which the existence of all such problems was to be commore reverent and justifiable spirit the agnostic like Hux-

and ask how fares it, in these exacting days, with that un- of a Roenigen ray; when the human voice is carried to a of it. Now suppose that all this world were crowded "At no other time, perhaps, has the unseen world seen world which man brought with him when he was first distance of 1,000 miles and is anticipated to sound over with disembodied souls, an infinite throng most aptly

Examining the scientific position, Dr. Fiske says: "The comprehensive expression in the 'Summa' of St. Thomas, position that science irrevocably condemns such a belief seems at first sight a very strong one, and has unquestion-First Principles,' in an intellectual atmosphere, which, ably had a good deal of weight with many minds of the just as it was about passing away, was depicted for all present generation." And he asks: "After the nervous coming time in the poem of Dante. we to suppose that consciousness survives, any more than

days, when Bishop Wilberforce reckoned without his host, warrant in experience for supposing consciousness to exin trying to twit Huxley with his monkey ancestry, our ist without a nervous system than we have for supposing minds were getting inured to all sorts of audacious in- the properties of water to exist in a world destitute of

of sensation, you soon get into unmanageable difficulties. or ethereal is the subtler and finer one. It is all a matter The furniture of your mind consists in a great part of of what Swedenborg terms "discrete degrees." Joule, the sensual impressions, and you can not in thought follow great scientist, whose work demonstrated the transforyou through sense impressions."

great part of sensual impressions," and who can-and do-follow themselves in thought "into a world that does

#### DIVIDING LINE OF INTELLECT

It is just here that, as I was constrained to note in my real and substantial and significant; that the experience as printed at the top of the first page, letter on this able and distinguished thinker, at the time previous to the change we call death (which liberates of his lamented death last July-it is just here that we the real man into the more real world) is but the initial, find the dividing line between the able and finely trained the experimental, experience, as childhood and early youth phenomena. "The world is full of questions as pressing intellectual power of Dr. Fiske and that infinitely higher are the initial and experimental and preliminary states power of intellectual inflorescence that is transformed leading up to the deeper significance of manhood and say, You cannot take up any problem in physics without into that spiritual perception and intuition which charac- womanhood. as great, and even greater, than Dr. Fiske. We need not ual perception agree in their postulating and conceiving served for humanity alone. In the highest of creatures cure philosophic peace of mind that Auguste Comte un- go further than the limits of Harvard university to find, a world or state of being that does not "announce itself to the divine immanence has acquired sufficient concentra- dertook to build up what he called positive philosophy, in a late colleague of Dr. Fiske, such a man. I allude sense impressions." to Professor William James, who is held in both Europe and America to stand at the head, and as the acknowtations which in the present life everywhere persistently from dilemma by burying its head in the sand. In a far ledged leader, of modern psychology. The learning, as the limits of our experience, and when that experience An Interesting Story of Two well as the philosophic grasp, of Dr. Alfred Russel Wal- has never furnished us with the materials for framing a "Upon this view, death is not a calamity, but a boon; ley or Spencer acknowledges the limitations of the human lace could not be questioned in the world of scholars, conception we simply cannot frame it. Hence we cannot and he has abundantly testified in books and magazine conceive of the conscious soul as entirely dissociated from manifestation of his exceptional prerogative as chief among God's creatures. Thus the faith in immortal life of doubt that this rigid and vigorous scientific temper is verse that does not "announce itself through sense imis the great poetic achievement of the human mind; it is in the main eminently wholesome and commendable. In pressions." St. Paul has outlined very clearly and im- is as real as the physical body—and more real because of all-pervasive; it is concerned with every moment and the interests of intellectual honesty there is nothing which pressively in that wonderful fifteenth chapter of Cor- a more permanent nature. every aspect of our existence as moral individuals, and it we need more than to be put on our guard against allowing inthians the real and substantial nature of the unseen Dr. Fiske himself almost approaches this realization.

"There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body, sublime poetic conception would be like depriving a to stumble straight into the maw of Charybdis, and it he says; not, there shall be a spiritual body in some vague radiant forces has furnished us with a suggestive object planet of its atmosphere; it would leave nothing but a behooves us to ask just how far the canons of scientific and far off and incomprehensible eternity, but, there is lesson. The luminiferous ether combines properties moral desert, as cold and dead as the savage surface of method are competent to guide us in dealing with ulti- a spiritual body. Elsewhere he alludes to it as the "sub- which are inconceivable in connection. How curious to mate questions. Science has given us so many surprises stantial" body, and both Jesus and his apostles constantly think that we live and move in an ocean of ether in which What felicity is in the phrasing of Dr. Fiske when he that our capacity for being shocked or astonished is well- reiterate, all through the New Testament, the substantial the particles of all material things are floating like islands! characterizes the belief in immortality as "the supreme nigh exhausted, and our old unregenerate human nature and permanent nature of things unseen in emphatic con- But how amazing to learn that this ocean of ether is also poetic achievement of man." He points out that its be- has been bullied and badgered into something like hu- trast with the illusory and temporary nature of the things an adamantine firmament! Is not this sheer nonsense?

when telepathy is scientifically recognized as a fact—in such a day to assert that man cannot clearly conceive of Dr. Fiske thus answers his own question: "Clearly in a world that does not "announce itself through sense impressions," Sir Humphrey Davy postulated the existence ception of soul apart from the material structure and acof an ethercal element which could never be evident to the tivities in which it has been manifested throughout the senses, but which bears the same relation to heat, light, and electricity that these bear to gases. When the wave theory of light was first conceived, it was at once seen that here? What is all intellectual direction but spiritual life?

The Houghtons, says The Inter Ocean, publish John wrought by the discovery that our earth is not the physical fections which alone make the present life worth living: dicates the nature of the ethereal universe into which the physical fections which alone make the present life worth living: dicates the nature of the ethereal universe into which the physical fections which alone make the present life worth living: dicates the nature of the ethereal universe into which the physical fections which alone make the present life worth living: dicates the nature of the ethereal universe into which the physical and structure in which we have known soul from the physical tissues that "clothes upon" it during man's terrestrial habitat. We need not wonder that in to be manifested, apart from the look of the loved face, its sojourn in the physical world. In fact, physical and

The physical is the cruder and denser state; the spiritual refused a place in the Royal society, because that society On the contrary, there is a vast and a very rapidly in- did not accept his theory—which has now become a comcreasing body of people, whose mind does not "consist in monplace affair of daily life.

#### REAL TRUTH ABOUT LIFE.

The real truth regarding the nature of life, in its continuity and entirety, here and hereafter, is that it is this ethereal world and the ethereal body which are the more

And so, both scientific advance and quickened spirit-

'Our powers of conception are narrowly determined by

Nor do we need so to conceive of it. The ethereal body

He notes this fact:

"Within the past century the study of light and other an ocean firmament of ether-adamant! Yet such seems In an age when we see through a solid wall by means to be the fact, and our philosophy must make the best graphy transmits messages without visible mechanism; space as broad as the point of a cambric needle, in what

that the wetness of water should survive its separation its transmission must depend upon a medium. Science Is there any life apart from that informed by spirit—in thus expressed her prevision of the logical necessity of the lesser and greater and all varying degrees of manifestaether before its existence was discovered, as astronomers tion, it is true; but can we conceive of a human body have postulated stars long before the telescope or the moving about the world that is not informed by and spectroscope discovered and located them in the heavens. directed by its spiritual self? What is the human body Not only light, but all electrical and magnetic phenomena but the instrument of the spiritual man, the mechanism demanded this mechum; and its universal value has led by means of which the spiritual man relates himself to the Professor Dolbear to assert that "all physical properties material universe during his temporary sojourn in it? are modes of motion, and this discovery of the other has And, as he is a spiritual being, now and here, and does not

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### GODS AND GODS.

### Pantheism.

"Oh, the wicked, despicable Atheist! The bold, bad Infidel! There is or ought to be damnation for him." This was the quality of thought that came to me from some persons on reading my essay, "Theism and Atheism," as soon as The Progressive Thinker con-taining it was mailed to its readers. Such cold, corroded, hateful thoughts hurled against me by a considerable number of individuals, for several days, caused me intense suffering.

Friends, do you know that when you send out your thoughts to a person (no matter if that person be near by or ten thousand miles away) they will reach the one for whom they are intended and have some effect upon her or his life? This is a principle in psychology and a fact in nature. There is another fact in relation to this matter: the adverse thought of dislike or hate will recoll upon the one who sends it forth and he or she will be injured by it even worse than the one to whom it is sent.

Who is the Infidel? The Presbyterian is infidel to the Methodist, the Methodist is infidel to the Catholic, and all these are infidels to the Mohammedans. I am insidel to Theism—an Atheist or disbeliever in gods, willing to take the chances on damnation. I know that in the essays "God and Man" and "The-ism and Athelsm" I expressed the true sentiments of a great number of Spiritualists, if we may judge by what they have said and written for many years. Some there are holding strong senti-

ments against Theism, who have not the courage of their convictions, who do not care to face a frowning world or meet the ban of the popular mind by being called Infidel or Atheist. Spiritnalism calls for brave souls who dare to do right-dare to be true to their honest convictions and express their oppo sition to error in all its ramifications, and so help to purify the world. He who maintains his convictions of right, truth and duty, must expect to meet the opposition or opprobrium of his fellow mortals.

We observe that the god-ldea still lingers in our latest literature, in vain repetitions of old platitudes, in some of the unknown gods. To write or read the fictions of Theism is a waste of time. Those who write it have been imbued with the god-iden from childhood; and while some have rejected nearly all the old false ideas, legends vagaries of religious beliefs that cluster around this central idea, yet they cling devotedly to the unknown

The play upon the word God is like the play upon a musical instrument on which each one plays his own tune. God says so and so—God does so and so-God is this or that-anythingeverything, until we have nothing but a maze of errors, fables, vagarles, and baseless assumptions. People who are sound and sensible on other subjects are insane on this one subject. Argument, reason and knowledge are in-admissible. They claim to know much about the delty, and the more they talk',

or write, the more convinced we become that they know absolutely nothing; the more they say, the more confused is the sum of the whole. Some Atheism, Polytheism, and are everlastingly bringing in something from the old Jewish and Christian legends in support of their beliefs. This is a good and sufficient reason for re lecting them.

Out of the remote ages of antiquity came the idea of gods and of worship. How this idea first originated we can not say. It spread over the earth until the gods of Theism multiplied into thousands, yet each devotee believes that the particular god that he recog nizes is the one only and true god, and

another class who went beyond all pre Pantheism, the theory that the entire universe la God.

It seems as if man, in search of a god to suit his fancy, could not find one in all the pagodas and pantheons of idolatry, in all the realm of Polytheism, and so he invented one that takes in and absorbs all other gods, in Pantheism. This is the height of absurdity-"confusion confounded" - "darknes that may be felt"-"god intoxication." Panthelsm means all things-it takes

It seems that no doctrine can be in

the ranks of Spiritualists. Some Theists claim that all things are parts of "God, creator and cause of all things that exist;" then in defining and describing the delty, they name only his good parts and qualities, such as are nice, good, beautiful, grand, important, pleasant, etc. Why do they. never mention attributes and elements that are bad, evil, adverse, disagreeable, etc.? Things of this class are as much parts of things that exist as are the better parts and qualities. If we strenuously preached is true, Judas was ascribe bad things to their God, they say he has no such attributes; and if that is so, he is not creator and cause of all things.

It is all well enough for people to have beliefs and opinions of things of which they have no certain knowl edge-in fact we all have them. But when men set up opinions and theories as tenets and dogmas and say we must believe them or be damued, then we object and reject. Such men believe their own theories until they positively assert them as facts, and so boldly affirm many things that we know are eternal torment. My heart bleeds for utterly false. People must think for themselves, use their own reason and judgment, and not follow the blind lead of priests that are able to play on their

"When will this plodding world out- forgiveth all, like a mother's love.

that all others are false. The time once was when each nation had its own god, different from all others. From this arose the doctrine of many gods in what is called Polytheism, in which people worshiped great numbers of imaginary gods. For a time the climax seemed to be reached in Polythelsm; but finally there arose vious conceptions, in what is called

the whole dictionary to define it—it takes in all ideas of the human mind. What can be the object of reducing or converting all things into one thing and calling it God? It serves only to mislead and confuse the human mind. vented in the line of Theism so absurd that it will not find believers and credulous followers. We need not go far to find a Panthelst-we can find them in

sympathies and emotions.

The dogmas of the past? Seek fearlessly the truth to know, And dauntless hold it fast?

'Tis when from myths and legends free-Rubbish of long ago-They cease to search on withered tree

Where fruit has ceased to grow." A. H. NICHOLAS. Summerland, Cal.

### The Lash for Anarchists.

Now, after the great indignation and great grief of this great nation, result ing from the assassination of our great and good President, has somewhat subsided, it may not be amiss to take a retrospective view of the wherefore

such a lamentable tragedy obtained. Anarchy and assassination are clear a product of hereditary monarchia tyranny, and yet in all ages among all peoples experience has taught that where two or more live together an agreement of right is indispensable.

In this representative government of free education and free ballot in the choice of rulers, there is not a semblance of cause for anarchism.

An American born anarchist is unknown." An avowed allen born anarchist should be admonished with the lash, and speedily deported. Imprisonment and fine is futile to rid us of such pests. The lash is a sovereign remedy

Forty-nine on the raw-save one in consideration of dominant environments-would leave an indelible cutical and mental impress never to be erased, and a sure guarantee that no subse quent conduct shall hazard or invite a However, by far the saddest side for

contemplation is the degenerate himself. Is he a product of his own free will or a creature of prenatal and subsequent environments over which he never had the least control? Czolgosz's great crime makes him the most pitiable object on all the earth,

and yet the press and pulpit apply to him the vilest epithets, regardless of mitigating conditions. Some clergy rate Coolgosz and his crime with Judas. Ah, there, Mr. Preachers, go slow and draw it mild even on Judas. If God foreordained whatever cometh to pass it were not possible for either to evade fulfilling every jot and tittle of God's decrees. If the plan of salvation so an indispensable factor. What an awful predicament we all would be in, if Judas had failed to enact the part assigned him to save us from eternal damnation!

Furthermore, 'tis very sad indeed to contemplate that Infinite-Intelligence. implying Omnipotence, could in no way devise a plan to save us from everlasting flames without consigning poor Judas to eternal agonles. Jesus fered, and as compensation imme dintely entered into glory. Judas suf-fered and immediately entered into you, oh; Judas and Czolgosz.

This theme is too and for prolonged contemplation. Let us seek refuge and solace in charity, sweet charity; that suffereth all; that endureth all; that GEO. M. RAMSEY.

### NAUSEATING.

#### Medical Ignorance-Medical Trusts.

The reading public has been made well-nigh sick of late, with the almost nauseating repetition of the wonderful advance made in medical science(? during the past quarter of a century. Especially has it been so informed by the newspaper press when commenting upon the so-called able manner, the superior skill which President McKinley received at the hands of the half dozen physicians who attended him, in contrast with that given to President Gar-

field, under similar circumstances. What could add to the general feeling of distrust-not to say disgust-on the part of the average lay mind, towards a profession which claims to be scientific, when its leading representatives after an autopsy had been made, should so totally disagree among themselves as to what really caused the death of say that it did not.

our President. It will be remembered that the official Wasdia says it looks to him like poison over the sophomores in a "bloody bulletins issued by these physicians up from a poisoned bullet. The others struggle," which is said to have lasted to the day before the President's final think not. exit. were more and more reassuring,

all indicating his rapid recovery. We quote from the bulletin of September 11, 9 a. m.: "His condition this morning is excellent." Just as this bulletin was being issued and Dr. Park clated Press, it is said that Mayor Diebl condition of affairs. "It could not be flesh there before sewing it up again.

the President could be moved, said: "If rare case, others that it had few extra- mages Arthur Durkee had his leg it were necessary, he could be moved ordinary features. to-day.

doing so well that it would not be surprising if we let him have a cigar before long." The 11 p. m. bulletin of the same day said: "The President's condition con-tinues favorable. He is able to take

the doctors, on leaving the house, gave an extremely gratifying report of their patient's recovery. no da Dr. Mynter is reported as saying: "Good news; nothing but good news We have washed and fed the Presiden and moved him to another bed. His

condition is still improving; and we feel

that we (all the physicians) can announce definitely that there is not the least indication of blood poisoning." Dr. Wasdin, on being asked why a count of the President's blood was made, replied: "To verify the fact that blood poisoning did not exist, of which we felt certain, but to remove every shade of doubt. The result is that we feel safe in saying that not a trace of blood poisoning, peritonitis, or inflam-mation, exists. The test could not have One can bu

apparently felt very much elated over the progress being made toward recov ery. In response to an inquiry as to out the States are doing their utnost to etc., with choice matter in poetry and whether he believed the President establish a Medical Trust, to pass prose. Specially designed for the use would recover, replied smilingly, "Oh, monopolistic laws in their own special of the Spiritualist and Liberal ministry."

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been more satisfactory."

#### yes." Yet it is now said, "he died of interests, making it a criminal offence blood poisoning.' The next day's bulletin said: "The President spent a quiet and restful night, and has taken much nourishment. He feels better this morning

than at any time." This was only one day before he died. once began openly to disagree.

Dr. Matthew D. Mann, who performed the operation on the President; Dr. Roswell Park, Dr. Herman Mynter and Dr. Eugene Wasdin were inter viewed by an Evening World correspondent. Their statements agree only on the one point, that the case was hope less from the beginning.

### POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT.

The disagreements among the sur reons can be summed up as follows: As to the track of the wound made by the second bullet, Dr. Park says that It penetrated the pancreas. The others

creatic fluid is responsible for the gan- ticipants." As to the extent of the gangrene, Dr.

inches in diameter. This disagreement is of such a serious specifically charges that the surgeons who operated on Mr. McKinley and conducted the case until its lamentable

railed in their diagnosis. skill and tact.

tient's continued high temperature and rapid pulse, that he would recover. Were satisfied concerning the nature of a wound of which "they obviously knew nothing about."

ferred "to guess rather than be sure." not extracting the second bullet, even

One can but wonder what would have been said and done in a case of this Yet the medical profession through-

for any one to practice the healing art unless conforming to their prescribed rules and arbitrary methods. One can scarcely conceive of legislative burlesque on justice going any

LILIAN WHITING.

further. In the name of that Liberty which has repeatedly baptized As soon as the disclosures of the our country in its richest blood; in the autopsy were over, the physicians, who name of personal freedom guaranteed before had apparently been a unit in by our Magna Charta; in the name of their treatment of the President, at human rights, we protest against such outrages being committed under the sanction of law and the aggrandizement of a single class.

Are the rights of the people, than

which there is nothing more sacred nothing to be more jealously guarded, to be sacrificed to the selfishness of those who because of their position have the power to dictate legislation? Are justice and greed to be forever at war? GEORGE A. BACON. Washington, D. C.

### "College Pleasantry."

To the Editor:—The freshman class, 133 students, at Case school, Cleveland, O., on Friday, Sept. 20, says the Plain As to the cause of the gangrene, Dr. Dealer, demonstrated its superlority over two hours; and "was remarkable Dr. Park says he thinks the pan- for lack of serious injuries to the par-The struggle was one of the grene. The others deny that the pan- fiercest in the history of the school. A creatic fluid escaped from the pancreas. 20-foot flag-staff, of iron gas-pipe, surmounted by an iron flag; the Mann says he found gangrene in the smeared with grease, was the bone of surface of the wound made by the sec- contention. "For more than two hours ond bullet when he opened it on Tues- the members of the two lower classes drove up and enquired as to the real day, and that he cut away the mortified rolled upon the ground, mauled each other with the ferocity of tigers." batbetter," answered Dr. Park, in the most Dr. Park says there was no gangrene tered heads and "slugged" as though found there at that time. As to the the future of the country depended Dr. McBurney on being asked when case in general, some say that it is a upon the result. In one of the scrimturned and the ligaments torn loose at Furthermore, it has now come out the knee. It is feared he will remem-Dr. Mann said: "The President is that underneath the skin where the ber the day with sorrow for some time, cheerful and confident. In fact, he is first bullet struck and made a slight "The fight was exceedingly good naabrasion they found at the autopsy a tured," says the indifferent newspaper; large patch of gangrened flesh several but the bellicose students would brook no interference from the outside.

character that the eminont Dr. Shrady, paper and fills me with disgust. It has editor of the New York Medical Record, no word of deprecation for this "mere in its last issue, has criticised their ac- bit of college pleasantry." Some of the more nourishment and orelish it." At tion in terms of no little severity. He sophomores "were bound hand and the conclusion of the night's conference and other hand and the conclusion of the night's conference and other hand and the source of the night's conference and other hand and the source of the night's conference and other hand and the source of the night's conference and other hand and the source of the night's conference and other hand and the source of the night's conference and other hand and the source of the night's conference and other hand and the source of the night's conference and other hand and the night's conference and the night's were soon rendered hors du combat.

Of course, the good Ohristian teachers, who draw big salaries, as such, in the Case school, "of applied science," Lost an Opportunity to exhibit true will hardly worry themselves over poor Arthur Durkee, who is probably crip-Used their best judgment, but erred pled for life. If these teachers were to use their influence to abolish such "col-Prophesied, in the face of their pa- lege pleasantry" in Cleveland schools, it would be much better for the cause of education, as well as the cause of Christ, of which they profess to be the of a wound of which "they obviously followers. They are the exemplars of Christianity that we read of, who ferred "to guess rather than be sure."

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senting the ideas of his guide. Thursday some of the men began to Fairbault."

Anyone thinking it does not require un- as uscless and cruel as the old Jewish may be coming into our vicinity during and 20, June 1 and 8. I am engaged at bounded patience to meet people in all God!"

Anyone thinking it does not require un- as uscless and cruel as the old Jewish may be coming into our vicinity during and 20, June 1 and 8. I am engaged at the season. If any such will kindly Hyannis, New Bedford and Newburythe various walks of life, ought to take Spiritualism. No person living can go during October; Philadelphia, Noveminto a town or city, for a day or a week, ber; Pittsburg, December. good at designing they may block out a and wife held very interesting meetplan, give a form on paper, but that ings in the First Spiritual Church, Buf-don't constitute an overselver of the constitute on overselver. don't constitute an organization. It requires the work of years to develop a real organization.'

The trustees of the church in Colum- Kates are each forcible speakers, with work this winter in connection with bus, Ohio, express their high apprecia- an eloquence that impresses and holds the Children's Lyceum under the effition of the work of Mr. Ripley for the close attention. Mrs. Kates gave some clent leadership of Miss Jessie Howk. months of September and October. The Mr. Ripley can be engaged for lectures personality. She lectured at the morn- fail." and tests week days within one hun-ing session upon 'Spiritualism a Reat No. 134 West Rich street.

CONTRIBUTORS.—Each contributor farmer named Isaac Miller. No one put s alone responsible for any assertions in a claim to any of the property, and or statements he may make. The editor the right of the widow to the whole allows this freedom of expression, be estate was never questioned. Soon lieving that the cause of truth can be after the second marriage a trance mebest subserved thereby. Many of the dlum appeared at Frankfort. A. H. sentiments uttered in an article may be Bolden, an attorney at Frankfort, atdiametrically opposed to his belief, yet tended one of his sennees and asked that is no reason why they should be the medium to call up one of his suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly friends. In response to the request a understood that our space is inade- voice, purporting to be that of Judge quate to publish everything that comes James D. Suit, who had died three or to hand, however much we might desire four years before, answered and talked to do so. That must account for the of many things that had occurred during his practice and when he presided as Judge of the Circuit Court. Among other things he said that he had writ-

ten a will for Hiram Bradley; that the will had been duly acknowledged in the presence of two witnesses, and it would be found in a certain law book in the Speaker's library. In the meantime Judge Suit's library had been sold, but the book indicated was found, and in it was a will, attested by two witnesses and signed by Bradley. It bequeathed the bulk of the decedent's property to ITEMS.—Bear in mind that items for the local commandery of Knights Temthe General Survey will all cases be plar, and made some minor bequests to adjusted to the space we have to occu- other persons. Mrs. Miller resisted the py, and in order to do that they will probating of the will on the ground that generally have to be abridged more or it was a forgery, but one of the witless; otherwise many items would be nesses was still alive and testified that he signed it and saw Bradley affix his He has done a magnificent work in Wissignature. The will was probated and consin. suit was entered by the Knights Templar Commandery. To-day, upon facts

W. D. Noyes writes from Cleveland, this office, for they will not be returned Ohio: "Spiritual societies are opening for winter work. The East End So-Bear in mind that all notices for this ciety is in a prosperous condition, Mr. page are cut down to suit the space we and Mrs. C. H. Figures, pastors. The society will open its lyceum October 16.

Miller not to appeal the case."

agreed to by both sides, the court held

that the will was valid. The com-

spondent writes so and so, without They will open their lyceum October 13. comply with this request will be cast president, C. F. Hunger; it has to-day treasury department. over one hundred membership. It is in good financial standing. We will finish from Kenton, Ohio: "A curious combi-Dr. Louis H. Freedman writes: "I our engagement with the German Sohave returned to Chicago, and have clety October 6. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, taken up permanent residence at 3036 physical mediums, have done noble Indiana avenue, where I have nicely work in building up the German Sofitted up the rooms for regular practice ciety. Mrs. Noves and self are open for in all modern methods. Mrs. Freed- engagements for November, December man will give sittings to visitors who and January. Address us for October at general delivery, Pittsburg, Pa."

Va., offers \$2.500 for a genuine test of ville, Ky.: "At the First Spiritual spirit presence. Will some slate-writ- Church for the month we have had ing medium attend to his case and get with us Mrs. A. Annabil, of Indianapo- alleys with exactly 13 feet of space on lis, Ind. She is a first-class lecturer either side. The damage was settled Memorial services for President Mc- and test medium, also a magnetic for \$1,975.15, all odd numbers with the Kinley were conducted in the Odeon healer. She has given general satisfacentertainment hall under the auspices tion while here, and it is with regret of the First Spiritual Association of St. | we close the engagement with her. She Louis, Mo. Thomas Grimshaw, the so- is an earnest worker in the cause." clety's lecturer, delivered the culogy. Mrs. Sadie Herrick, of Alliance, Ohio.

"President McKinley is dead; but the writes: "Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carpenter real William McKinley, William Mc- are our first speakers for this season at Kinley the spirit, is alive, and he will the Independent Church, commencing live forever. In spite of this, though, Sunday, October 6. We hope for a

that grieved soul who was his com- dians,' told a friend the following perpanion. Assassination freed him from sonal experience a few weeks before the pangs of the flesh, but it stung her. his death: The bishop's first wife be-She needs our prayers, our sympathy. Heved in dreams. She seldom dreamed, As we believe in the power of thought, but when she did the dream came true. let us pour out our grandest, most sym- on a Sunday morning in October, at not the time to go into details in refer- the bishop and told him that her son, ence to the perpetrator of that awful the bishop's stepson, who was then in crime. Perhaps it is best to extend our New Mexico, was dying. She had seen pity to him. Perhaps we would dis-him in a dream and there could be no cover, as we become more exalted in mistake about it. She described him Spiritualism, that all criminals are dis- as-he lay on a hard bed in a miserable November 29, 1896: Meeting of F. C. S. eased. Perhaps this was born in him adobe but and declared that his serious as a little child." Mr. Grimshaw sug- condition was due to inattention. She Subject taken by Mrs. Klein's control, gested that he conclude and allow his urged the bishop to proceed without de- The Religious and Political condition guide to speak. He reclined on a chair, lay to New Mexico and rescue the boy. of the World.' After the discourse, and while the singing and organ music A few hours later Bishop Whipple, Mrs. Klein and Mrs. Edson became proceeded, relapsed into what the at-obedient to his wife's wishes, was fly-clairvoyant and saw in a vision what tendants said was a state of trance, ing southward as fast as steam could was shown two years ago in regard to given one week's notice; and will anand walking to and fro across the stage take him. He followed directions to the a national tragedy. At that time they swer calls to officiate at funerals. with his eyes closed, he rendered an letter and reached his stepson's side saw the funeral and obsequies of some address on death, his statements repre- just in time. The scene was just as prominent man for whom the nation Mrs. Whipple had described it. It was | would mourn, as at the death of Presi-The St. Louis Republic has the fol- apparent that the boy could scarcely dent Garfield. This evening when seelowing: "Angelus Donati, residing in survive another day in such surround- ing the same event again, they saw the Collinsville, was killed Friday in the ings. Bishop Whipple had left in such | danger threatening Mr. McKinley, that mine of the Consolidated Coal Company a hurry that he had neglected to bring he would be the victim. Mrs. Edson at San Diego, Cal.: "It is with pleasure at Hentz Bluff. Donati had a pre- any more money than he needed for his said she could see him in the coffin and monition that death was near and had bare traveling expenses. In his dilem- recognized the face with which she bidden many of his friends good-by. ma he went to the bank and told his was acquainted, having/seen and heard Mr. Donati, who was one of the best- story to the cashier. The cashier was him speak here in Van Wert during the regret her departure from our midst, known citizens, had a dream on Satur- impressed with the bishop's recital. campaign. At that time the vision day night of last week in which it was 'Anyone could tell by looking at your caused us sorrow, for our circle was all made apparent to him that he would face said he, that you are a bishop of in sympathy with the President-elect. be killed in a mine soon, and even the the Church of God and that you speak and when the news of his attempted manner of his death was shown to him. the truth. I will be glad to accommo- assassination came we knew there was Donati was terror-stricken by the date you. How much do you want? no hope. At the close of the vision two have her with us again in the good dream and narrated it to all his The bishop drew on the bank for \$500 of us were told to make a record therefriends. So vivid was its portrayal and land he and the sick man were soon on of which we did, and here give but an so strong a hold did it take upon his their way north. The mother's dream outline of it. mind that he did not enter the shaft saved the boy's life and the loan was Monday, nor Tuesday or Wednesday, repaid as soon as the bishop reached ive Spirituansts Society of Elyria, O.,

Thursday some of the men at last chaff him, and their banter at last than a hundred mediumistic and astro-vices every Sunday, to which all are ing day a 1,000-pound clod fell from the logical prophecies of McKinley's pre- welcome. The admission fee has been roof and crushed him to death. The mature taking off have been sent you,-- discarded, as we think that all should case was reported to R. Grabuck, of since the tragedy. Those spirits were have the opportunity of learning some-Edwardsville, County Mine Inspector, far-seeing enough to foresee the premaand he considers it the most remarka- ture death of our President weeks and months beforehand, but right on the oc-"Sunday, the 27th of September, closed | some service to mankind, they couldn't an eighteen months' constant work in see enough to notify the police or some public and private for Spiritualism by other party so as to prevent the horrible correspond with some first-class speakyour correspondent in Syracuse, N. Y. deed. Verily all those spirits must be

G. W. Kates and wife may be perupon themselves the task of organizing manently addressed at 1744 Natrona a society and educating the people into street, Philadelphia, Pa. Mail will be a spiritual understanding of what it promptly forwarded to them. They will means to constitute a true disciple of serve the New York State Association

Correspondent writes: "G. W. Kates was the general verdict that they have | S. J. Kimball and Miss Elizabeth Hart, greatly improved since former visits, as of Oberlin. Our society is growing lecturers and mediums. Mr. and Mrs. slowly, and we expect to do a good positive and convincing spirit descrip-

properly be called an oration at the Wis., in his article appearing Septem-The Chicago Record-Herald has the evening session upon 'Haunted Houses her 21, hits the nail squarely on the piece of fancy work ever seen. The following from Indianapolis, Ind.: "The and Haunted Lives.' Prof. Lockwood head, in describing the foolish teach-Frankfort Knights. Templar Com- was present and followed with some in- lngs of the old-time clericals, and while of this beautiful design belongs to Mrs. mandery has just been awarded a be-teresting remarks. F. Cordon White many believed what they preached, M. Theresa Allen and Mrs. M. Cadwal- ago, for swindling Luther C. Marsh, "It quest of \$18,000 through a queer com- gave some descriptions. We had a this is now too enlightened an age for bination of circumstances, in which, it grand Sunday in this Temple, where we people to listen to that old-time religion. is alleged, a trance medium figured always have splendid meetings. The The general run of people who make up cause in Springfield, Mo., and else postures similar to those which she prominently. Hiram Bradley, a pros- Y. P. S. I. held an open meeting Tues- the congregations no longer are inter- where. The entertainment opened practiced on Mr. Marsh. perous farmer of Clinton county, died day evening as a reception to Mr. and ested, neither believe any part of the with a carefully prepared program of The public prosecutor in London some four years ago. No will was Mrs. Kates. We had excellent exer-dogmatic fallacles coming from the pul-music, recitations and tableaux, all of when the prisoners were first grand, and his wife administered the cises. Mr. Kates organized the Y. P. pit. Thanks to the Father of all truth, which were well rendered. The clos-raigned, said their real name were Mr. estate, and two years later married a S. I., and he had a glad welcome." ... that I now see and understand, where- Ing tobleaux, entitled The Spirit Sere- and the later married a S. I., and he had a glad welcome."

Dr. Geo. B. Warne writes: "The new South Side meeting at Mackinac Hall, 200 East Forty-third street, one block from Cottage Greve avenue, holds its sessions every Sunday afternoon and evening. It bids fair to become a new and creditable center for the Spiritualists of that part of Chicago, Mrs. Isa Cleveland and Mrs. A. Bestor have the movement in charge and are efficient and honorable medlums. Mrs. Cleveland's psychometric circles at 4308 Langley avenue, on Tuesday and Fri-

day evenings, are characterized by work of such positiveness and accuracy as to startle the stranger, set the skeptic to thinking and cheer the heart of the believer. Readings from articles whose ownership is unknown to the medium are not apt to be of the 'cut and dried' order."

Association at Washington. H. H. Brigliam, M. D., gives his views briefly: "I find many people who object seriously to the term Infinite Intelligence,' as incorporated in the declaration of principles of the N. S. A., and I am one among that number. I would suggest 'knowledge' in place of 'intelligence,' for the following reasons: First, intelligence presupposes an intellect, an organization and locality. Knowledge does not; knowledge is universally diffused, and all organizations are the expression of knowledge. Knowledge exists in the atom, and directs the union of atom with atom to form an organization, no matter whether that organization finds its expression in the mineral, vegetable or animal kingdom, Knowledge is infinite, and finds infinite expression in all that exists, be it spirit or

Moses Hull passed through the city last week on his way to Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Clara Stewart, the efficient president of the State Association of Wisconsin. passed through the city last week on her way to the Pan American. She will attend the N. S. A. Convention cision, and the agreement binds Mrs. at Washington.

C. H. Mathews writes: "I rather like the way A. H. Nicholas, of Summerland. Cal., touches up the inscription on the silver dollar. 'In God We Trust.' His criticism is very pertinent. Now, inasmuch as a large portion of the paper money in circulation is redeemable The Progressive Thought Society was in these same 'Almighty' silver dollars, reorganized and chartered under the and the greenback notes (about \$345,full name and address of the writer. It O. S. S. A., September 29. Mrs. Noyes 000,000) in gold dollars, how would it cause has prospered, and many having will not do to say that Secretary or Cor- and self were their workers that day. do to inscribe on the next issue of 'paper promises,' the words, 'I know that giving the full name and address of the The German Society, not one year old, my redeemer liveth? Respectfully writer. The items of those who do not is under the management of its able submitted to Secretary Gage of the The Toledo Blade has the following

> nation of the number 18 is connected with the burning of a large barn belonging to J. F. Andrews, west of the city. There were several insurance policles on the barn, but the first of these was taken out on the 13th of the month and was for \$1,300. The barn was insured on the 13th of September, which Mrs. W. McAboy writes from Louis- was also an unlucky day, Friday. When the insurance was settled, it was found that the barn stood between two exception of one. When the sum is divided by 13 the answer is in odd numbers with a 13 in the remainder, 1.573 5-13. As the barn was burned to the ground with all of its contents, 13 is and \$21.30. Thanks! Thanks! certainly a hoodoo in this instance, at

Robert J. Hewitt writes: "The Kalamazoo (Mich.) Spiritual Association held its first meeting successfully at the Auditorium building, Portage street, on Sunday afternoon and evening. September 29. Dr. W.O. Knowles, of Grand Rapids, lectured and gave a number of very successful tests. Meetings will be held regularly. Some speakers are being corresponded with and the board is determined to elevate pathetic, best thoughts for her. I have Fairboult, many years ago, she aroused spiritual philosophy in the minds of the I have met. Her whole soul is in the

Orah C. Rose writes from Van Wert, Ohio: "I here submit to you a synopsis of notes made at a meeting of our society at our home on the evening of Society at home of Mrs. O. W. Rose.

F. W. Martin writes: "The Progresshas opened its doors to the public and outside talent from time to time to keep street, Indianapolis, Ind." up the interest, and we would like to ers and platform test mediums that the board of trustees. At our recent an- | Marlboro, Mass." nual meeting the - following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. W. Martin, president; Mrs. Annie Baird, vice-president; C. D. Van Housen, secretary and treasurer. The above officers also serve as trustees in connection with Mrs. S. J. Howk and

Mr. W. H. Tucker, of Elyria and Mrs. We feel that there is harmony and

in I was once in darkness, believing mythical things of the Bible without applying mg reason."

Lars C. Gurtson writes from Idaho "I have never had a chance to see anything phenomenal. I see there is a number among Spiritualists who consider phenomenal manifestations of little importance. Take that out of Spiritualism and I would not give the snap of my fingers for the whole of it. Spiritualism without this material manifestation would simply be nothing but another sect, and may the powers save me from joining another one of them.'

Friends in Chicago have just been ap-

prised of the death, on August 7, at

Mahowar, near Bombay, Indla, of Virchand R. Gundhi. At the age of 28 Mr. Gandhi canie to America as delegate to the parliament of religious, represent-G. H. Brooks will attend the National | ing the Jain sect of India, and was the guest of Dr. Barrows. After the parliament he was the guest for over a year of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard, of Chicago, during which time he visited Washington, Boston, New York City and other points East, lecturing. Mr. Gandhi made a second visit to America in 1805, by request of friends, bringing his family with him. He divided his time between the East and West, lecturing and holding classes, teaching a pure'philosophy, a high morality and a wide tolerance of things religious. His daily life was a constant example of one living the Christ-like life in the Hindu faith. Every one who came in familiar contact with Mr. Gandhi learned to love the ever-self-sacrificing, gentle and sympathetic Oriental. Mr. Gandhi had spent most of the past four years in studying to pass the bar-rister's course in London, a task which he accomplished in June with honors. His London physicians had ordered him home months before, but he held out to the end, reaching home only in time to leave the physical body in India. Mr. Gandhi left a wife, one son, Mohan, aged 13, and his aged mother.

B. Frank Schmid writes from Indianapolis. Ind .: "The season's work in Indianapolis began with the first Sunday in September, and the First Spiritualist Church is entering upon its twelfth year of uninterrupted work. There are very few organizations in the land that can hold up their hands and say, 'We, too, are among the number.' In years gone by all of the leading speakers and many of the prominent test mediums have served our organization, and the ism. Our church stands as a monument to well doing of its workers and supporters. September found us with subjects in an attractive manner with deserts? language good, yeln of thought and her subject well in hand.'

Laura Matlock writes from Owosso, Detroit, will do missionary work for quences. the M. S. S. A. during the month of November, and wish to hear from every Spiritualist throughout the state. Write them at once, so they may arrange their circuit to reach as many as possible, as it is their earnest desire to organize new societies and stimulate the old. Address them at 58 Columbia street, W. Detroit, Mich.'

R. C. Richardson, Oshkosh, Wis., sends to this office a club of subscribers

While in California, Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner wrote: "Once more, before I start out again, I give a few lines from San Diego. I am stopping at the New York Hotel, 6th and D streets, kept by two sisters, Spiritualists, cousing of our old friend. Dr. Bushnell. They make it like home to all who come this way. Of the society here, it has a fine hall on one or two of the workers. Mrs. Beck and for the good of the speakers and mediums. He is an upright, honest man, true to the cause of Spiritualism. They work in harmony. Each seems to

try to help the other.' Mrs. Alice Baker, trance lecturer and message medium, will answer calls to lecture and give spirit messages within one hundred miles of Cleveland, if. Home address, Room 9, 261 Pearl street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner has returned from California. She did a good work there as set forth in the following, by C. A. Buss, vice-president of the society that we offer our testimony in behalf of Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner in her good work in the interest of humanity. We she coming to us for a brief stay of three weeks after her engagement at Sycamore camp. We have enjoyed her philosophical teaching and phenomenal manifestation, and sincerely hope to work in the no distant future."

Mr. Westerfield, a prominent Spiritualist, passed through the city week on his way to his home in St. Paul, Minn. He will attend the N. S. A. convention.

Mrs. Virginie Barrett writes: would like to correspond with societies | chartered with the State. While we | desiring a speaker and test medium. I will have an independent slate writing medium follow each discourse. I will thing of our beautiful philosophy with- be in Michigan and Indiana for Octoout being asked to pay for it. While ber. Will make terms very reasonable. our own people are carrying on the Write early for an early date. Address Mrs. Mary C. Von Kanzler writes: casion, when they might have been of work largely, we want to employ some all letters to me at 819 East Sixteenth

> Mrs. B. W. Belcher writes: "I bave the following open dates: October 27. January 26, February 9 and 16, April 6 correspond with any officer of the so- port, the five Sundays of December. ciety, their letter will be submitted to Address me at No. 293 Pleasant street,

> > Captain Geo. W. Walrond, the old Spiritualistic veteran of Denver. Colo., has been laid up, dangerously ill with congestion of the liver. He is slowly recovering, and trusts to be able to renew his Sunday and Wednesday evening meetings, beginning on Sunday, the 18th day of October. Mr. Walrond's twenty-two years of military service in doubt that they are both mesmerists. tropical lands is manifesting itself in impaired health. Correspondent writes: "A grand so-

seats in this church are free to all, and tions and messages. She is certainly a carnestness of purpose in our midst, enjoyed by a large gathering of Spirit- sistance against the woman. Probably the best people attend the meetings. splendid psychic and is charming in her and with such conditions no society can | unlists on October 2, in G. A. R. Hall, there also will be charge of felony and tests week days within one huning session upon 'Spiritualism a ReN. A. Stevens writes: "The philosodred miles of Columbus. Address him ligion." Mr. Kates gave what could pher, Hop. D. K. Tenney, of Madison, was declared by many that this quilt the case, so youminous is the evidence. was the richest and most handsome credit for the inception and execution

nade,' was exceptionally fine and impressive. At the close of program, re-freshments were served. Then followed the drawing. Mrs. M. Vosburg was the owner of the lucky number for the quilt, and Mrs. S. H. Charles won the pillow."

State Federation of Women's Club

The State Federation of Women's Clubs, which meets in Decatur in October, will be the largest gathering of women during that month. A matter of importance which will come up relates to the nomination by the Federation of women candidates for position as trustees of the State University. Heretofore the women candidates have been suggested by organizations not representative of the educational interests of the State nor of the patrons.

As the State Federation and the various local clubs have educational departments where the members plan to help the school system of the state, and the State organization has a special committee which looks after the interests of the University, there is no group of Illinois women who in such great numbers have the knowledge and interest which would secure the best candidates. The leaders of the various political

et and have, heretofore, given that place to whichever woman seemed to be the choice of a considerable number of other women. The plan, to be discussed by the Federation, contemplates the selection of

parties seem to have conceded the right

of the women to one place on the tick-

these women candidates for all the parties by the Federation, and basing the selection on the ground of ability only, not partisan activity. The committee having the matter in

charge are Mrs. Eugenia M. Bacon, of Decatur; Mrs. Mary E. Holmes, and Mrs. Mary Plummer, of Chicago. Miss Emma Goldman, the anarchist, does not believe in women voting. She

believes, like the other anarchists, in using her influence. The assassin in Buffalo, now condemned to die, said he was influenced to his crime by her lectures.

But what of her, the moving power, if his statement is true? Will she receive a similar punishment? Probably not. The safety about this influencing busi-

If she had been a noble woman and deeds, he would have been the one hon- the science for your self-protection! ored, and she forgotten. If it is true Miss Lizzie Harlow, of Haydenville, claim, would it not be wiser to make Mass., a great credit to our cause. She | them responsible for this influence and presents the philosophical side of all punish or reward, according to their Irresponsible influence is liable to

line of argument perfect, and holding abuse. If the Emma Goldmans and the other anti-suffragists had to take the consequences of their own influencing, Mich.: "Mr. and Mrs. E. Carpenter, of there would be less of such conse-The "Chicago Eye" says concerning

Women's Clubs: "A glance at the outlines of several calendars shows an increase of interest in things near home. State history is receiving attention. Better citizenship is everywhere needed and even if women have not all the privileges of citizens, they make better members of society when they understand civic and political conditions." CATHERINE W. McCULLOCH.

The Meeting in Wheaton, Ill.

The two-days' meeting held in Wheaton, Ill., has come and gone, and only lives in memory. Saturday evenin the Universalist Church, and gave of life. the opening address; the response was given by Dr. G. B. Warne, president of the ground floor, large and easy to talk | the State Society. His remarks were in. As usual, the whole work falls on | timely and to the point, and were well received. Mrs. Warne followed with a makes one of the best presiding officers | few remarks, then gave song readings, which were good.

ture and some readings. The afternoon lectures were given by Dr. Warne and | She also pretended to do missionary his wife. Both of their addresses were work among the poor. September 9 of A LIBRARY OF SPIRITUAL practical and full of suggestions of how best to work as a body of people and unfold as souls. Mrs. Weaver, of Chicago, was present and followed the address with some very fine tests. Mrs. Weaver is not a public test medium, her work is done mostly in private, but have been carried there in a pine box she bids fair to do a most excellent and to have been released in the semiwork in that direction.

given by Dr. Warne and wife, and I she told a weird story of abduction. closed the meeting with a few remarks. Her identity as Diss De Bar was estab-The hour was late, so no readings were | lished and she again disappeared.—Chi-

The attendance was good, not only from the city, but here. While I should have been glad to see more, yet there was as many out as I expected, and more. Dr. Houghton was unable to be present, much to our regret. He was called away at the last moment to

if all the places in the State would only go to work and do something, get up a meeting of some kind, and once in a while a State meeting, our cause in this State would take a leap forward far beyond the most sanguine. Truly your city can be no more opposed to Spirit-ualism than Wheaton. So go to work, friends, and organize and do something shall not hold many public meetings. we shall hold our parlor meetings, and create a fund and a growth, and in that way we shall do a work that I believe will be effectual. The good work is going on and the truth is spreading. Wheaton, Ill. G. H. BROOKS.

Diss De Bar, the Fraudulent Me-London, Oct. 5 .- Detective Inspector

Kane, who has charge of the prisoners giving their names as Theodore and Laura Horos, who are in custody here on the charge of conspiring to defraud women of jewelry and money by fortune telling, said this evening: "There is no doubt that Laura Horos

s the former wife of General Diss De Bar, though she is married now to a man named Jackson, with whom she has been living for some time in England and on the continent. There is no They could not otherwise have obtained the influence they had over their English victims. We have a mass of A Series of Illustrated Lectures ciable and drawing of a \$100 silk auto- evidence, including a charge of assault on St. Louis street, headquarters for forthcoming. The magistrate has New York, Oct. 5.—Ann Odella Diss

De Bar served a term on Blackwell's Island, New York, about thirteen years lader. Both of these sisters in Spirit- is said that she has since been in nris ualism are untilling workers for the on at Joliet, Ill., and in Italy for in-

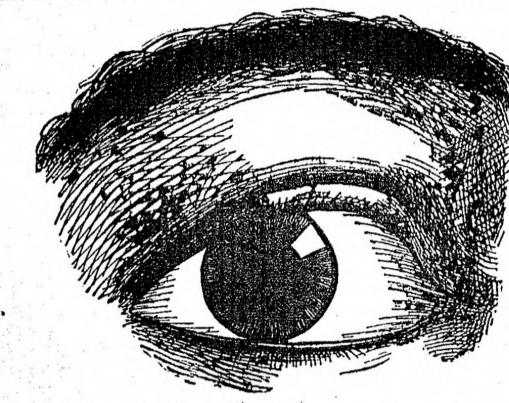
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five minutes, if your eyelids feel heavy or tired: if you feel slightly drowsy; if you have a peculiar sensation in the head; or if you feel during the time an inclination to wink the eyeurged him to high and meritorious lids, you are quite susceptible to hypnotic influence, and you should at once learn

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the name will not be published. The correspondence of this department has become excessively large, especially let-

C. G. Stofford: Q. Does the deficiency of the organ known by phrenologists as spirituality, affect the spirit in future

A. The spirit remains the same after death, but it is self-evident, a spiritual being without spiritual perception, in the spirit-world, is more incongruous

Mrs. C. H. Stevens: Q. Why so much greater progress in the past 50 years than in the thousand before? As I am 03 I have lived to see the change

and hence fully appreciate it.

A: The horticulturist plants a tree, and year after year he cares for it, yet it gives no fruit. He does not become impatient, for he knows that it is send ing its roots deep down into the earth stretching them away in the soil, adding strength to its trunk and branches, and broadening its foliage. Then comes a year when it expands in bloom, and is loaded with luscious fruit. Why has the tree this year after all these of barrenness, come to bearing? Plainly because it has become capable by the preceding years of preparation.

Thus with mankind. The present is the age of fruitfulness, to which the apparently barren ages of the past have been preparatory.

H. A. Bradbury: Q. (1) In regard to solvents in the human body, is not distilled water a powerful one? (2) When a slight scratch causes ex-

ensive inflammation or blood-poisoning, what is the cause?
(3) What is the difference between

mental healing as claimed by the mental scientists, and psychic healing by the psychic scientists? and how ex-

economy. The purer it is, the greater its solvent power, and hence distilled water is an active agent. Any pure, environments and highest teachings for spring water, is nearly as efficacious, and by being saturated with air to be

In the case to which this refers, a solvent for uric acid in the system. It will be readly understood, that unless the source of supply be cut off, if the food is constantly yielding more of this poison product than can be eliminated, pressed in the answer to the question presence of ureates in the blood, rheumatism, gout, gravel, etc., rests in the

(2) In all cases such slight wounds inflame, because certain germs have been introduced. They may be those of ordinary suppuration, gaugrene, tetanus, or acute blood-poison.

The vital force in all such cases at-tempts by the congestion of the surrounding tissues to wall in the poisonous germs, and if the system be 'in limited area, where they spend their force, and then the affected part sloughs off, and the wound heals; but if restraining walls are broken through, the blood is filled with these germs and blood-poisoning, in its varied manifestations, ends in death.

By the immediate application of antiseptics, the danger can be averted, and as no one knows what may be the result of the slightest abrasion, it is well ness. Diluted carbolic acid, euthymol, and peroxide of hydrogen are among day. We shall endeavor to test the the best and may be freely used as law soon and see whether we have any

Turpentine is to be highly recom-

pus shows the presence of the germs of again.

JULIAN W. SMITH, which it is a product, and it is entirely Tacoma, Wash. State Secretary.

absent if the sutleeptic treatment is sufficiently thorough,

(8) "Mental healing," "psychic healing," "mind cure," healing by "Christian science," "magnetic healing," etc., are all names for the same thing. Whatever good results come from them, are referable to mesmeric or hypnotic influence, "Absent treat nent" depends on suggestion for its efects mainly, but it may also be explained by the laws of thought transerence, and by invoking spirit aid. As illustration, a patient from a distance writes to a practitioner of one of these methods for "silent treatment." The

reply assures him that he will receive such treatment. The suggestion has inhave called forth such a host of respondents, that to give all equal hearing compels the answers to be made in the most condensed form, and often clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this drift of the mind, and confidence is forced by such that some degree of confidence in his ability was entertained. In many allinents simply changing the clearness is perhaps sacrificed to this drift of the mind, and confidence is forced brevity. Proofs have to be omit-ted, and the style becomes thereby as-sertive, which of all things is to be dep-fected. Correspondents often weary mony with the practitioner he will be capable of receiving the magnetic waves which the latter throws out to him, as a receiving instrument of a wireless telegraph receives the waves and hence there is unavoidable delay.

Every one has to wait his time and place, and all are treated with equal in their superlative advertisements. In their superlative advertisements. In fact it is the exception, as is proven when the most accomplished hypnotist dress must be given, or the letters will made, the name will not be read. If the request be made, ner to his influence and manmer to his influence, and a portion of these at least, are "suggestive" subjects. The influence of spirit friends may at all times be predicated, but that ters of inquiry requesting private and they can be sent by "healers," to abswers, and while I freely give whatever information I am able, the ordinary courtesy of correspondents is expany courtesy of correspondents is expected.

The reputation for "cures" of all peeted.

The reputation for "cures" of all these "healers," and of all quacks and

pretenders, and doctors may be also in-cluded, depends on the fact that nearly all diseases are self-limited; that is they have a fixed time to run their course, and then if the patient retains sufficient strength he recovers. Thus typhoid fever has a limit of three weeks; its more virulent form of typhus of two weeks, at the end of which than while in the mortal body. It is gins recovery; small-pox has a period of not essential that a man have spiritual fifteen days to the crisis; mumps six perception to touch the physical world, days, etc. It makes no difference what but it is essential that he have this fac- treatment is given, the diseases will ulty if he advances in spirit life, and take their course, and whatever remenot until its acquisition by growth and culture can there be desirable progress made.

Interpretation of the patient recovers, will reprayer, if the patient recovers, will reprayer, if the patient recovers, will reprayer, if the patient recovers, will represent the course As in celve the credit of the cure. As in cases of sickness, the presumption is on the side of recovery, and as when death

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occurs there is silence, while recovery

is well advertised, the remedy and treatment are made the more conspicu-

The fifth annual State Convention of Spiritualists completed a three days' session Sunday evening in Unity Hall with an overflow meeting. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as

President, P. C. Mills, Edmonds; first vice-president, R. T. Little, Seattle; second vice-president, R. T. Little, Seattle; second vice-president, A. E. Hall, Edmonds; secretary, J. W. Smith, Tacoma; treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. S. McCall, Tacoma; trustees; George Knolund, Trene Smith, Mrs. W. O. Lovejoy, of Tacoma; P. D. Hibner, of Seattle; Harriet Rogers, of Elma.

A resolution was read and started

A resolution was read and adopted as

"We the State Spiritualist Associa-tion of Washington, do resolve to abide and be guided by the rules and decisions of the National Spiritualists' Association.

"Resolved, That we, as a Spiritualist body, believe there is no limit to progress, and, as the soul of man is a part plain "absent treatment" of both?

A. There can be no doubt that pure power that controls the universe; and, water is the one and only normal solution.

"Whereas, The soul in its earthly ex-

"Resolved, That we demand the best

all humanity; and, genuine mediums. "Whereas, All whatever phase they may possess, stand in the same relationship to the Spiritual Church as the ministers do to the orthodox churches: therefore be it consideration and respectful treatment for our mediums as ministers as is acdisease must follow. Hence, as ex- corded the orthodox clergy. We believe and assert that Spiritualism is the true referred to, the expectancy of cure of religion of humanity, taught and prac-all forms of disease indicated by the tited by the same Christ of the orthodox churches, and that any suppression or restriction by any kind of law is to trample upon the rights and liberties of the whole people, and more especially upon the hundreds of thousands of Spiritualists living under this government. And that we protest against all such laws, declaring them in direct op-

position to the constitution of the position to the constitution of the United States. Further be it "Resolved, That in this hour of the nation's sorrow do we sympathize with the constitution of the particular than the constitution of the position of the position of the constitution of the position of the constitution of the position of the constitution of the position of the pos health, succeeds in confining them to a and send our best thoughts to Mrs. McKinley in her hour of grief, and that we abhor the act, and as a body we protest against all acts of violence to the health is not good, presumedly if life and property, believing that the the white corpuscies of the blood are best results are to be attained through not active and normal in number, the peaceful methods, and would urge a more rigid enforcement of the immigra-

tion laws," We had a good convention, repre sented by six societies, we also issued one new charter with twenty charter members, showing that the Spiritual-lsts are still progressing in this State with all State and municipal laws against us. In Scattle mediums have to pay \$10 a month; in Tacoma \$5 a rights as a religious factor or not. It does not seem possible that the con-Turpendine is to be highly recommended, and after application the surface of the wound should be protected by some sterilized cloth or cotton. In absence of such, any soft cloth may be used after being saturated with an antiseptic.

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CHAPTER NINE.

Medical Limitations.

In spite of Carlisle's assertion that In spite of Carlisle's assection that consisting of his fellow the population, consisting of his fellow practice. Certain indications, such for countrymen in the British Isles, is mostly fools, Nature insists that even mostly fools, Nature insists that even the registration of practice. Certain indications, such for concentrated force is directed to but the vertext savage is by no means a cate great danger, and demand must one end, the production of phenomena, fool. That barbarian uses reason to the extent of his experience; his descendant of the 20th century can do no more. However cruel the treatment by the nature, whether savage or civilized. And any law that attempts to prevent the fire is dying out clsewhere, are each mortal man. The universal tendency the man of to-day from claiming and likely to have a small flame of about that seems marvelous to God, devil or is a violation of human right, and will surely fail, save as an occasional means of individual persecution.

We noted that the savage can only

exactly alike. Treatment by physicians the surgeon's kulfe for its removal by trained in one special school of practice what is called a skiliful and successful operation, and from which the patient record of deaths is kept in every hospital. If more recover than die under edy, and the total result be an improvevictim has no right to complain because nt least 51 got well, and only 49 dled. What more could he ask or expect?

But the weak who are left do object, and claim their right to try some other seems to cure one leaves another to die.

And when a loved one has died out of any home there is always the dread feeling that some other kind of treatment might have prevented the cruel becays werenest. So new methods of that district route is for a number of years Mrs. E. J. Demorphism of the control of

The man with a new drug, whose one object is money, is usually both ignorant and reckless as to the mischlef he do. He always lies to the public

relieve human suffering, that it deserves and receives the warm commen-dation of every thoughtful mind, It tistles show that his life is shorter than from contact with disease, and often sinks exhausted for lack of needed rest. He is perpetually seeking for causes sweep myriads to premature emphatically gives his patient the best he has, or knows, and year by year grows more impatient of the prescription of dangerous drugs. The student who leaves college certain of all that he knows becomes, too soon, certain of that only which he does not know.

physicians have evolved such differences of opinion on many methods of medical treatment of disease that various so-called "schools" have resulted. and the public is expected to take its a bound, mortal man will become mascholce. The public, like the savage, ter of his surroundings to a degree now judges by results. The writer rememulation will become mascholce. bers watching the country practice of was the personal friend of a large district while this epidemic was raging. So far as a layman might judge his practice differed only in the application of hot water instead of cold. But more of his patients recovered. The public, not mostly fools as Carlisle asserted

in the practice of these differing small voice within the rendest have schools, but which may not exist to day, for even schools change their practice under pressure of experience. But there was no exact science at the base cretion, by his own divine right.

This concentrated operate has been described as the concentrated operate has been described. say the individuality of the religious are restored, and his vibrations return each and all refusing to be reduced to their healthful activity.

the common level of an exact sclenes. This religious from the highest

ease rather than to the cure, and its suggestive power almost beyond honorable success has been the glory of Western Imagination. The physical

urgent treatment. The symptoms and psychical and physical, largely useless the treatment alike suggest danger, not merely to the mind of the doctor, but However cruel the treatment by the through him to the patient. There is, other world ideals, and by counting the medicine man, or mystic the rites by of course, a hope of recovery, but the present life as of little consequence, which it is accompanied, he watches to vibrations are those of a dangerous disage becomes a heretic, a disbeliever in the means employed, and in the mean who practice it. Yet more, if there are who practice it. Yet more, if there are who different systems practiced by different medicine men he will distinguish between them by watching their success or failure. Such is human pattern where the success or failure. Such is human pattern where the distinct the control of the drug are "directly" attempting to a religious enthusiast by a process of auto-suggestion that declares such religious frenzy to be the only road to happiness.

Passing by the myriad results of religious frenzy among peoples savage and clyllized in various climes, we note that the life intestines, the liver the kid. coaxed to remain perfectly quiet while considered to be beyond the power of

use his reason to the limit of his experi-ence. And every rational action is derstand them. So we have attempted beyond that of humanity. It is prefounded upon experience. Chief of all cures by water, by sunlight, and cisely the same as if a load of coal that is the experience that progress and im- latterly, by literal roastings in a special- now yields but one hundred pounds of provement come by trying something ly prepared furnace. Among the regu-new. If experiment fail 90 times out lar schools the Homeopathic finds favor known cause, to evolve ten or twenty of a 100 there is an advance by so much as that once proves to be a success.

The treatment of the sick has always the school is also popularly because its accustomed power. The ignormal and without the usual infernal flavor of the old time orthodox prescription. That school is also popularly because its accustomed power. The ignormal and would shout miracle, and praise flavor of the old time orthodox prescription. That school is also popularly because its accustomed power. The ignormal in the internal flavor of the old time orthodox prescription. been more or less of an experiment, for lieved not to be quite so ready to ac outside power, would place manhood no two human beings are constituted cuse some unfortunate organ, and use upon the throne.

the administration of some new rem- the outside practitioners apparently that it has been the custom to call show as many cures as those whose miraculous, until that word has become diplomas entitle them to write a legal disreputable amongst intelligent people drug or that treatment is at once en-dorsed. It is a majority rule that possible to prove that a patient would nies the fact, or if such denial become pushes the weak into his grave. The or would not have recovered under absurd, he talks of the great but unsome other treatment by another physi-known power of a vivid imagination clan. The point for the reader to note He is so far right, for it is both a great is that every case is accompanied by and an unknown power which now de symptoms which are nature's assertion mands our most careful examination. that the vibration in one or more or treatment. If all had recovered neither gans has become inharmonious, and the savage nor his civilized descendent that the whole body is becoming would have wanted any other remedy. But, at the best, the treatment which the successful practitioner must restore

bereavement. So new methods of that claims to change these vibrations weeks to several months. She has treating the sick are invented and practive without the use of herrible drugs that made a favorable impression on many derange organs which had nothing to of the best people here, many of whom do with the disturbance. Except some Let us remember that the majority as a clairvoyant and test medium has afforded much satisfaction to the Yadas

every such case, insuring a verdict of chance to clean house, and the sickness manufacilities. The doctor, the drug, the disappears. The doctor, the drug, the point which will end in a lawsuit: The medical faculty of the civilized attendants, have each been a suggestrained and educated, and for the most pected the case to end fatally, part labors with such unselfish zeal to We have thus noted the presence of suggestion as: a prime factor in effect- me she had never been a Spiritualist,

may be said to labor unceasingly and, suggestion is itself only the active ex. years ago, I think it was in '90, I called A. There can be no doubt that pure water is the one and only normal solvent in the animal as well as yegetable economy. The purer it is, the greater its solvent power, and become distilled.

A. There can be no doubt that pure power that controls the universe; and, as a whole, unselfishly for the prevent pression of intelligence, in other words, the power of mind, it would see the some direct process. But human nature the night by having melted lead poured in almost any other of the trades or does not even walk; she only crawls in his ears, and was wrapped in a shirt professions. He is in constant risk towards a knowledge of her own inher- and buried in the yard near the house.

the boller, but there is no steam. The be found still preserved, and by pertwain lie idle till someone ignites the sistence you will succeed in getting an death. He calls a willing silence to his coal. Yet further, for ages there was order from court to have the body ald, yet has utterly failed to reduce his the fire, the fuel, the kettle and the taken up." own practice to a scientific level. Of escaping steam, each and all suggestcourse, surgery, which is an exact sci- ing the presence of power that could be obtained from the court at Marietta for ence, is not included in this criticism. utilized. At last comes the engine, and an exhumation of the body. At the He knows that his profession has, a little, a very little of that power is time of disinterment, Dr. Scott and throughout the ages, been unable to put to use. More than ninety per cent undertaker Martin, of Watertown, 0., formulate any lasting system, and he is of it is still unsaved. When the dynamo were present and all was found to be usually ashamed of much of the prac- has been created no more of the power tice of a score or two of years ago. He is captured, but that actually used is put to better use than before, and now

called electricity.
Nature is still offering man her unused power, sufficient to shape the des-tiny of Homo. She holds it every day in her outstretched hand, to be had for pieces of lend that had been melted the taking. But an Edison, a Tesla, a were found in the skull. These conscientious, highly trained Marconi utterly fail to interpret her vibration and harvest the suggestion. Some day the problem will be solved- interment his remains were buried in probably a step at a time—until the principle has been grasped, when, with

Such is a picture of physical progress an old school physician, most highly and a type of mental growth into a from the rightful heirs. esteemed, and who, for a generation, mental power that man of the past and the present has failed to grasp. At trict, where he was almost without a every step his body has turnished the rival. In an epidemic that flashed energy through which the presence of through the land the orthodox treat-ment included liberal applications of strated. He has as with coal, utilized cold water. The disease was virulent, his ten per cent, and the rest lies idle and the deaths many. A student of one wasted. The doctor, the drug, hygiene, of the new schools, deemed lierefical water, air, sunlight and colored ray by the old physician, settled in the dissmall percentage of this suggestive energy, cast out into space with every passing moment. The rest, like the unused power in the coal, is a fift offered by Santa Claus that Ignorance some-times plays with, but ignally does not

sadly left their life-long old doctor and personal friend, transferring their confidence to the new, who, in this particular class of cases, had proved more successful. Presently it was noticed that one gave stimulants in fevers, and allowed the natient to delak all the hold line of the new of th even recognize. allowed the patient to drink all the cold water he desired. The practice of the other was exactly the opposite. Again the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result, and set he desired the public watched the result. so much was at that time a difference a the practice of these difference small reference in the practice of these difference small reference in the practice of these difference in the practice of the pr

of either or any of these treatments. This concentrated energy has hitherto Not merely were different patients unable to bear the same treatment in all in the shape of religious freazy. The cases, and take the same prescriptions, Hindu recluse, the faking the medicine cases, and take the same prescriptions, but doctors of the same school constantly differed both as to the nature of the disease, and the method of the treatment. The tendency of all alike is to use drugs less and tess, and to trust to nature more and more. So we have the individuality of the dictor, the shall dividuality of the patient, and we may almost instantly, his fleeting energies by this mental concentration of their unused energies become human dynamos. Each has a magnetic field, within the increased force. Place the sick man within that field and, sometimes and within that field and, sometimes and most instantly, his fleeting energies and respectively all the side of the increased.

the common level of an exact science. This rengious items, in its inglies. The practice thus remains, as it very old manifestation, is witnessed in the Hin-physician knows and acknowledges, one du fakir, who can at hist hidlet cruel of experiment in each separate case; of experiment in each separate case; wounds upon himself, limit lient them the great effort of the profession in instantly by this personal energy complater years is to the prevention of dis-bined with that of his fellows into a

the 19th century.

Having thus accorded all honor to the trained professors of unscientific medicine we have the right to analyze their practice. Certain indications, such for tells the tale of psychic dissipation. The

the spirit world. The mystic devotee Most naturally the nublic is attracted by treatments without, or nearly without drugs, and favors all attempts at fixed is repeated and the church glori-

Coming back to the public's only test suggestive healing. Anything beyond

(To be Continued.)

An Unusual Case. To the Editor:-Please allow me to

epidemic is raging, the great majority afforded much satisfaction to the Judge on sick folks get well, whatever the may do. He always lies to the public, and deserves whatever fate the law treatment. A few days abstinence from stomach might well be a witness in page of bad habits, give Nature a seem destined to meet with facts of a very painful nature. Here is a case in Hearing a little about the matter,

called at 137 Lancaster street, to see we have thus noted the presence of bright young lady, who politely told ing any and every change of vibration but she said: "When Mrs. Demorest, within the human organism. Since the medium, was in the city, over two

ent powers.

He says to you, by having the body
Here is coal in the furnace, water in lifted the shirt he was wrapped in will

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To the Editor:-Kindly grant me space for a brief consideration of a matter that concerns organized Spiritualism more than anything that now confronts it. A letter from the treasurer of the N. S. A., appearing in your columns on September 28, coming as it does from such a high source leads me, least of all the apostles to speak. Careperusing the letter for the third time, I find the reasons for a change in nation, spiritual as well as intellectual time, I find the reasons for a change in the chief office of the National Association, as given by Mr. Mayer to be:
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tion for eight successive years, and now, let us give some one else a chance." "Let us give the N. S. A. an emportunity to see what can be accomopportunity to see what can be accomplished under a new President." I would need no better reason for voting against the proposed change than the next statement in Mr. Mayer's letter. "Brother Barrett has done well in the past; take it all in all, he has done better than any one else could have done in the position up to date." Second: "We can all see that an ed-

itor of a paper should not be the president of the N. S. A. As president it gave him many advantages which other papers did not have, and which may have been used to their disadvantage." Unless it can be shown that as editor he has taken advantage of his position to further the interests of his own paper, I can see no reason for experimenting with a new president when it is conceded, while he was editor, "Taking it all in all, he has done better that any one else could have up to date. I know this, that while president and editor his paper has given space to the interests of the N. S. A. that at low rates would have cost thousands of dollars. So persistently was the mat-ter of the Mayer offer for the N. S. A. Home urged upon the readers of Mr. Barrett's paper that a stream of protest poured in from his loyal subscribers, and to the Banner's loss he continued the plea until the Home became a fact.

If, as the article goes on to say, "Mr. Barrett has been bitterly opposed to the Republican administration of this nation," I can see no reason for the N. S. A. undertaking to use a party whip for the discipline of her officers. It is not even suggested party politics have been discussed from the N. S. A. platform by the president nor the office in any way used to further party ends, and it would seem, in my humble judgment, beyond our province to undertake to instruct this man in the management of his paper, much less should the N. S. A. organization arrogate to liself the right to discipline her highest officer in matters of his personal business, The very thing for which we are criticising him as an editor, we should be guilty of as a religious organization. Mr. Barrett seems well able to take care of himself as an editor; and, as a humble but sincere friend of the N. S. A., I would urge that we "bew to the line."

The article does not make it plain to me, at least, that "we need a change in the presidency of the N. S. A.," and if it is true, that, "take it all in all, Mr. Barrett has done better than any one else could have done up to date," It would seem to me toying with fate if, at this crucial time in the work of an organization, when for the first time we have something like an equipment for progressive effort in behalf of our cause, we turn our backs on the man under whom as president "we were able to walk out of the last convention worth fineal estate and cash in hand thoughtwenty five thousand dollars," and put ly his place at the very best an

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### THE PRESIDENCY

Of the National Spiritualists Association.

To the Editor:-Under the caption of "Letters from the People," in Banner of Light, dated September 28, I read an article from our worthy brother worker and treasurer of the N. S. A., in which he sets forth his reasons for a change in the presidency of that honorable body. As our brother has expressed his opinions, I would like also to express mine. In the first place, had the editor acted under the suggestions of Brother Mayer and not permitted any politics to enter his paper, his ar-ticle would certainly have been con-signed to the waste basket, as it teems with politics from beginning to end, and find after a very careful perusal that he makes politics a chief reason for a change in the presidency, in this that he assumes that Brother Barrett is not a Republican and therefore does not believe in some of the tenets of that

So far as being Editor of the Banner of Light is concerned, I fail to see when It has detracted from his worth as president of the N. S. A. He has spared no pains to wield his pen in favor of organization and the N. S. A. It would have cost the N. S. A. considerable money for the advertising that it has received free through the Banner of Light. Every Spiritualist paper should be broad and liberal enough to admit to its col-umns all that is for the betterment and uplifting of humanity. The philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism are all there and embrace everything.

President Roosevelt, in my mind, committed a great error when as Vice-President of this United States, he left the bedside of a mortally wounded President and went off hunting in the Adirondack wilderness. The grave nature of the case demanded his being present in Buffalo, as at any moment he might be called upon to accept the office of Chief Magistrate of this nation. Every man is liable to err under the impulse of the moment, but a careful reading of Brother Barrett's article of September 14, will show to any man or woman that he was referring to the Vice-President in a spiritual way. The greatest intellectual men in the world may be beggars spiritually, and I agree with Brother Barrett that it is now the latter of the latt men. Brother Mayer states that Mr.
Barrett has spared no time or pains to
ventilate his views in his paper. This
is an extreme view of the case and is
not at all warranted by the facts.

I have from time to time noted the good work done by Brother Sprague, and was proud that we have had such an efficiently able man in the field as missionary of our cause, and I believe in keeping him where he has manifested such an ability for the work. It speaks well for Brother Barrett that, commencing with nothing he was able through his very efficient presidency, as well as the great liberality of our treasurer, to leave the last convention with about \$25,000 to its credit. I have been present at a great many massmeetings and certainly Brother Barrett has done himself great credit in begging for the funds with which to offset the donation of the house by Brother Mayer.

Through the kindness of Mr. Barrett,

Brother Mayer is permitted to election-eer for Brother Sprague for the presidency about a month before the convention. I would prefer that no one be put in nomination until the time provided in the By-Laws of the N. S. which is on the floor of the convention assembled, but, as Brother Mayer has set the gait, I would as delegate from the F. M. S. S. C. A., nominate the pres-ent incumbent, Brother H. D. Barrett, as candidate for re-election to the office of President of the N. S. A. In so doing I have not only the hearty co-operation of members of that Association. but also of the yast majority of the Spiritualists of the Pine Tree State. Brother Barrett has sought to rid Spiritualism of its barnacles. He is a clean, pure man, morally and spiritually, and a grander, nobler worker for our cause never graced a Spiritualist platform. I respectfully ask my fellow delegates on the floor of the Convention to vote for Brother H. D. Barrett as our next president. May he and Brother Mayer long live and work for our beloved cause until it shall occupy its rightful place in

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